

IMPORTANCE OF ROMANS 9-11 TO PAUL'S ARGUMENT

| PRIOR VERSE | ARGUMENT QUESTIONS |
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| <p>“To the Jew first and also to the Greek” (Ro.1:16; 2:10) <i>Jew First</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus said, “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Mt.15:24). • If the gospel was primarily to the Jew and the early church is primarily made up of Jews, how does this square with the present unbelief and apostasy of national Israel? • “Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, “It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles” (Ac.13:46). |
| <p>“The name of God is blasphemed among the gentiles because of you” (Ro.2:24) <i>God Blasphemed Because of Israel’s Unbelief</i></p> | <p>? How can it be that Abraham is the father of the faithful when the children of Abraham do not even believe this message?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ⁴⁷For so the Lord has commanded us: 'I HAVE SET YOU AS A LIGHT TO THE GENTILES, THAT YOU SHOULD BE FOR SALVATION TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH. ⁴⁸Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed” (Ac.13:47-48) |
| <p>“For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh” (Ro.2:28) <i>Jew Inside and Out</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Israel's fall leads to the Gentiles' salvation (Mt.8:11-12; 21:43; 22:1-14; Ac.13:46-47; 28:25-28). ? If Abraham is the father of those who are truly saved, how can Abraham's descendants reject the message? ? If Paul's message is the true message, why are those who are supposed to accept that message, reject it? |
| <p>“Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness” (Ro.4:3) <i>Descendants of Abraham</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ? If Abraham is the father of those who are truly saved, how can Abraham's descendants reject the message? ? If Paul's message is the true message, how come the one who is the father of all those who are supposed to accept that message finds that his descendants reject it? • The message was for Israel, but they refused to believe it (Ro.9:11, 30). |