

The Sorrowful Unbelief of Israel, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 9.
- B. Paul is addressing the question whether Israel has been cast off from blessing. (Romans 1:16)
- C. Salvation has always been by faith. This is not new.
- D. God has not set aside the true Jew and there has always been a remnant by faith.

II. Israel has been set aside because of their unbelief.

- A. It was sorrowful.
- B. It was planned.
- C. It was justly handled.

III. Paul loved the nation Israel because of...

- A. His personal connection with them.
 - 1. Paul prayed for Israel unceasingly. (2 Corinthians 1:23)
 - 2. Paul's conscience was clear. (2 Corinthians 1:12)
 - 3. If we loved like Paul loved, we would turn the world upside down.
- B. His divine connection with them.

Application Questions:

1. What does it mean that Israel has been cast off from blessing?

2. What is in store for the nation of Israel in the future?

3. How is Paul's love for Israel a model for us? Explain.
