

Is Israel's Unbelief Inconsistent with God's Plan? Part 1

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 9.

B. The Jews believed that Messiah would come, but they rejected Jesus Christ as Messiah.

C. Paul gives reasons why Israel's unbelief does not violate God's character.

1. The unbelief of Israel is not inconsistent with God's person.

2. The unbelief of Israel is not inconsistent with God's prophets.

3. The unbelief of Israel is not inconsistent with God's prerequisites.

II. The unbelief of Israel is not inconsistent with God's promise.

A. God cares for Israel and gave them much.

B. Rejection is still consistent with God's faithfulness. (Jeremiah 32:42, Isaiah 52)

C. Spiritual Israel is contained within ethnic Israel. There is a difference between religion and righteousness. (Hebrews 11:4, John 1:48, 8:39, Galatians 3:6-9, 29, Isaiah 9:29)

D. God has preserved a righteous remnant among the Jews. Not all who are from Abraham are part of the promise. (Genesis 21:13)

E. The one that God chose demonstrated that he was chosen and the one that God did not choose demonstrated that he was not chosen. (Genesis 18:10; 25:23, II Chronicles 25, Numbers 20:18, Amos 1, Obadiah, Malachi 1, Psalm 5, 11:5, 26:5, Proverbs 6:16, Jeremiah 34:4, Hosea 9:15, Amos 5:21, Zechariah 8:17, Malachi 2:16)

F. God chooses to glorify Himself.

G. Everyone is chosen by God before He is born as a mystery.

H. God calls effectually for salvation. (John 8:30, 9:27, I Corinthians 1:29, 7:15, Galatians 1:6,-15, 5:8-13, Ephesians 4:1-4, Colossians 3:15)

Application questions:

1. How can it be shown that God is faithful to the promises that He gave to Israel when ethnic Israel is not saved?

2. How does Scripture show that God cares for ethnic Israel?

3. What is God's purpose in His salvation plan? Explain.
