

## Summary of Romans 9-11

**Chapter 9** Though God chose Israel to bless the entire world and to bring the gospel to the entire world, Israel rejected God. Israel rejected God by pursuing salvation through works.

**Chapter 10** Salvation is always through faith.

**Chapter 11** God's purpose was for Israel to have faith and obedience and therefore, to bless the world and bring the gospel to the world. Israel rejected God. However, God in His sovereignty chose to use Israel's rejection of Him to bring the Gentiles to faith.

In the last days (when the fullness of the Gentiles has come in) God will use the salvation of the Gentiles to make the Jews jealous, resulting in the salvation of the Jews.

### I. The Agonizing Question: "Has God's Word to Israel Failed?"

A. A painful question. vs. 1-3

B. A deep mystery. vs. 4-5

### II. The Biblical Answer: "No!"

A. Not all physical Israelites are spiritual Israelites. v. 6

<sup>32</sup>And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

<sup>33</sup>They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How *can* You say, 'You will be made free?'" John 8:32-33

<sup>28</sup>For he is not a Jew who *is one* outwardly, nor *is* circumcision that which *is* outward in the flesh; <sup>29</sup>but *he is* a Jew who *is one* inwardly; and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise *is* not from men but from God. Romans 2:28-29

Romans 9:27

B. Not all of Abraham's descendents are physical Israelites. vs. 7-9

C. God, in His sovereignty, does not have the same purpose for all children. vs. 10-13

D. God gives mercy to those He chooses to receive mercy. vs. 14-16

<sup>19</sup>Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." Exodus 33:19 (based on Exodus 32-33)

E. God hardens the hearts of those He chooses to harden. v. 17

<sup>34</sup>And when Pharaoh saw that the rain, the hail, and the thunder had ceased, he sinned yet more; **and he hardened his heart**, he and his servants. <sup>35</sup>**So the heart of Pharaoh was hard;** neither would he let the children of Israel go, as the LORD had spoken by Moses.

<sup>10</sup> Now the LORD said to Moses, "**Go in to Pharaoh; for I have hardened his heart** and the hearts of his servants, that I may show these signs of Mine before him, Exodus 9:34-10:1

**III. God is the potter. We are the clay. vs. 19-29**

**IV. What shall we say then? vs. 30-33**