

HAS GOD'S WORD TO THE ISRAELITES FAILED? NO!

PAUL ARGUES HIS CONCLUSION FROM SIX FACTS:

I. God's promises to Israel were given only to the remnant. vs. 1-9

- Not all physical Israelites are spiritual Israelites. vs. 1-6

²⁸ For he is not a Jew who *is one* outwardly, nor *is* circumcision that which *is* outward in the flesh; ²⁹ 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

²⁷ Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel: "Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, the remnant will be saved. Romans 9:27

- Not all of Abraham's children are physical Israelites—only those born through Isaac, the promised son. v. 7
- Only those children of Abraham who trust in God's promise are children of God. v. 8
- Abraham believed God's promise. All who trust in the promise of Christ are the seed. (The saved.) v. 9

II. God does not have the same purpose for everyone. vs. 10-13

²⁶ "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. Luke 14:26

And the LORD said to her: "Two nations *are* in your womb, two peoples shall be separated from your body; *One* people shall be stronger than the other, And the older shall serve the younger." Genesis 25:23

The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi. ² "I have loved you," says the LORD. "Yet you say, 'In what way have You loved us?' *Was* not Esau Jacob's brother?" Says the LORD. "Yet Jacob I have loved; ³ But Esau I have hated, and laid waste his mountains and his heritage for the jackals of the wilderness." Malachi 1:1-3

"For violence against your brother Jacob, Shame shall cover you, and you shall be cut off forever. Obadiah 1:10

III. God is a God of mercy. vs. 14-16

- A. Israel deserved to be destroyed. Exodus 32:9-10
- B. Moses had free will and he prayed. Exodus 32:11-14, 31-32
- C. The Israelites had free will and they repented. Exodus 33:3-7
- D. God in His sovereignty has determined to give grace and mercy to those who humble themselves and repent. Exodus 33:12-19, II Chronicles 7:14, James 4:6

IV. God is a God of Wrath. vs. 17-18

⁹ and said to the men: "I know that the LORD has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you. ¹⁰ For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, Joshua 2:9-10(a)

- A. God's wrath is seen in that He hardened Pharaoh's heart. Exodus 4-14
 - God hardened Pharaoh's heart. (10 times)
 - Pharaoh's heart was hardened. (6 times)
 - Pharaoh hardened his heart. (3 times)
- B. God has also hardened national Israel.

But he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity. Proverbs 28:14(b)

¹¹ "But they refused to heed, shrugged their shoulders, and stopped their ears so that they could not hear. ¹² Yes, they made their hearts like flint, refusing to hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets. Thus great wrath came from the LORD of hosts. Zechariah 7:11-12

³⁷ But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him,
³⁸ that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?"

³⁹ Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again:

⁴⁰ "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts,
Lest they should see with *their* eyes,
Lest they should understand with *their* hearts and turn,
So that I should heal them." John 12:37-40

V. God is sovereign and can do with us as He pleases. vs. 19-29

VI. God has determined that salvation is by faith. vs. 30-33