

UNBELIEVING ISRAEL – PART 2

ROMANS 9:6-13

- As Paul presents the unbelief of Israel, it is hard to reconcile with the promises God made to the patriarchs—that is a fact.
- God is God and does not need to explain everything He does! His ways are above our ways. **ISA. 55:8-9**
- The Bible does contain some hard sayings—many of which came from Jesus Himself, like the one in **JOHN 6:56-64.**



The synagogue at Capernaum. Jesus preached the message in **JOHN 6** right here!

SOME HELPFUL HISTORY OF THE MODERN STATE OF ISRAEL

- May 14, 1948—Israel becomes a nation and returns to the land promised to Abraham.
- On June 7, 1967, the Jews liberated the Old City of Jerusalem, taking the Temple Mount.
- Ten days later Moshe Dayan gives the Temple Mount back to the Supreme Muslim Council—the (Jordanian) Waqf—as a gesture of peace.
- The Rabbi Rebellion of August 15, 1967

THE CURRENT SITUATION IN JERUSALEM

The Temple Mount was a political issue as far back as 1930 when the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem—Haj Arain El-Husseini—turned Solomon’s Stables under the Temple Mount into a shooting range over Jewish prayer at the Western Wall.

- The current Palestinian authority-controlled Supreme Muslim Council looks to a 1931 decision that the Temple Mount is exclusive Waqf property.
- Enter President Trump and the U.S. embassy move.

SO HAS GOD FORGOTTEN ISRAEL?

SHORT ANSWER, NO. But here's the problem: The modern state of Israel is not a theocracy as God commanded them to be, with God as its sovereign Lord, or even a nation ruled by God-serving leaders.

- Some Israelis are openly atheistic
- Many more are agnostic
- Some even believe Israel itself is the Messiah

So, unfortunately, Israel has largely forgotten God.

THE LORD IS STILL ON THE THRONE v. 6

The Lord had not invalidated the ultimate fulfillment of His unconditional promises/covenants to the Jews.

- **Through Jeremiah**, He had long ago assured His people that, *“just as I brought all this great disaster on this people, so I am going to bring on them all the good that I am promising them.”* **JER. 32:42**
- Chastening and punishment are elements of His divine faithfulness, integrity, and love, and are not to be questioned or viewed as abandonment.

PAUL SAYS, “LET ME EXTRAPOLATE!”

Paul continues to explain how Jewish unbelief does not discredit God’s Word, as he writes in **verses 7-13**.

- In other words, not all physical Israelites are true heirs of the promise. Only believers in the promise could be true sons/daughters—***the role of faith***.
- *It was not the children of the flesh, Abraham’s other children by Hagar and Keturah, but the children of Isaac, the child of promise, who were the **DESCENDANTS OF THE PROMISE**.*

JUST IN CASE YOU STILL DON'T GET IT!

Paul continues with a second illustration of this truth; but there was also Rebekah when she had conceived twins—***Esau and Jacob***—by one man, our father Isaac.

- Out of Esau comes the modern Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan today; and these brothers are still in conflict, especially over the Temple Mount.
- Through the illustrations of Isaac and Jacob, God says out of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob would come an elect remnant of redeemed Jews—by faith!