



Overarching Theme of Romans 9-11

- Romans 8 – Nothing can thwart God’s promises.
- Romans 9-11 – What about the promises to Israel?
- Will Israel still inherit the promises?
- Is God faithful to His promises?

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Outline of Romans 9-11

- Rom. 9:1-5 Introduction to Jew’s failure
- Rom. 9:6-29 “God’s word has not failed”
- Rom. 9:30-10:21 The reversal in salvation history
- Rom. 11:1-32 Affirmation of Israel’s future
- Rom. 11:33-36 Praise to God for His ways

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Paul's Grief Over Israel

Romans 9:1-3 I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit, 2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh...

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The People of the Promises

Romans 9:4-5 ...who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the temple service and the promises, 5 whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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Romans 9:4

The (hiothesia) adoption as sons
The (nomothesia) giving of the Law

The (doxa) glory
The (latreia) the temple service

The (diathekai) covenants
The (epangeliai) promises

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Applications

- We should understand the privileged status of Israel above all other nations.

Grace given to the Patriarchs
Covenants
Sonship
Glory

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Israel's Unique Status

God's glory uniquely dwelt with Israel:

Exodus 40:34-35 Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. 35 Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

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Israel's Unique Status

God made Israel His son:

Exodus 4:22 Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD, **Israel is My son**, My firstborn.'

Israel's Unique Status

God gave Israel the covenants and promises:

Genesis 15:18 On that day **the LORD made a covenant with Abram**, saying, "To your descendants I have given this land, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates."

Israel's Unique Status

God graciously chose the patriarchs:

Genesis 28:13 And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; **the land on which you lie, I will give it to you and to your descendants.**
