

SERIES: GOD IS . . .

God is RIGHTEOUS

ROMANS 9:1-15

2 Peter 3:14-16

Romans 9:14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? Certainly not!

Why is Paul asking this question? Because Paul assumes the Gentiles in the church at Rome are asking it.

Romans 9:1-2

Romans 9:3 For I could wish that I myself **were accursed** from Christ for my brethren, **my countrymen according to the flesh**,...

Romans 10:1-2, 21; **Luke 19:41-42**

Paul wished he could be cursed for Israel, his brethren, but let's not forget **Jesus did become a curse for Israel and the whole world as He hung on the cross.** Galatians 3:13-14

Romans 9:4-5

Romans 9:6a But it is not that **the word of God has taken no effect.**

Why is it the overwhelming majority of Israel oppose you, Paul, as you preach salvation in the Name of Jesus the Messiah?

Romans 9:6b-8

Romans 2:28-29; **Romans 3:1-2**

Romans 3:3 For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect?

Romans 9:6 But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect.

Romans 9:9; **Galatians 4:21-24**

Every Israelite needed to ask themselves: "Are we children of the flesh symbolized by Ishmael, or are we children of the faith as symbolized by Isaac?"

Romans 9:10-12

What purpose was God's choice or election of Jacob for?

God's purpose was to have a nation come from Jacob to fulfill the promise that God had made to Abraham that he would become a great nation, and that through him the whole world would be blessed. **Genesis 12:1-3**

How do I know Paul, in Romans 9:11-12, is speaking of nations? Genesis 25:22-23

Genesis 25:23

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.**"

Malachi 1:2-4

Obadiah 1:10 "For thy violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off forever."

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Romans 9:15 For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion."

Exodus 32:31-32; **Exodus 33:1-3;** **Exodus 33:15-19**

God will not fail to fulfill His promise to Abraham to bless all the nations of the world with the provision of a perfect savior. He would do this by sending His Son the Messiah through His chosen nation Israel, even if they were rebellious.