

Welcome to the Worship Celebration of



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The image is a composite of two parts. The top half shows a close-up of a massive, intense pillar of fire rising from the ground, with bright orange and yellow flames reaching into a dark, cloudy night sky. The bottom half shows a wide-angle view of the Tabernacle, a large rectangular structure with a white roof and blue and white striped curtains, surrounded by numerous tents and a large crowd of people. A fire is visible on the roof of the Tabernacle. The scene is set in a desert landscape with mountains in the background.

**Let's Prepare Our Hearts to Worship
our HOLY and AWESOME GOD**

Now let's Listen to God's Holy Word →



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New LIFE Fellowship Announcements:

LIFE GROUP – this week at 6:30 pm

Wed. evening @ the Thomas'

→ End Time Prophecy Series ...

The Israeli Biblical Feasts

& their Prophetic Significance



THE BOOK OF

ROMANS

God, Israel, The Messiah & the Gospel of Christ – Part 5

- 1. Romans 1 thru 8 → The Gospel in all its dimensions**
- 2. Romans 9 thru 11 → Israel and the Gospel**
- 3. Romans 12 thru 16 → How we are to live out the Gospel is our lives**

God, Israel, The Messiah & the Gospel of Christ – Part 5

Let's Recap what we've learn in that Last few weeks: ...

1. God has Compassion and Love toward Israel, and so should we... we should pray for them to come to their Messiah and be saved ... see Romans 9:1-5 & Romans 10:1-4

2. God is Sovereign in His Election/Choosing of Israel to be His Chosen People.

God is the owner of the Universe, it is His Universe, He is the King - His purpose of choosing Israel was so that the Gentile Nations can be saved through Israel → through their Messiah - Jesus Christ

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3. Gentiles were being saved while a majority of Israel was not being saved. Why?

Gentiles were receiving the Gospel of Jesus Christ by Faith, whereas Israel was sticking to its traditions, its rituals, its own way of establishing her own righteousness instead of submitting to God's Righteousness fully revealed in Christ Jesus

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Romans 9:30-33: ³⁰ What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness of faith; ³¹ but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness. ³² Why? Because they did not seek it by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law. **For they stumbled at that stumbling stone.** ³³ As it is written: “Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense, and whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame (not be disappointed).”

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Romans 10:1-4: Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. ² For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³ For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. ⁴ For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

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4. There are a few overarching Principles that God is following in regards to the relationship of Israel to the Gospel of Christ:

- a. God keeps His Promises, His Covenant, and He is Faithful. God is NOT Capricious or Arbitrary - He deals with Israel based upon His Covenant(s), based upon His Revealed Word**
- b. God Opposes the Proud, but Gives Grace to the Humble (James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5 and other passages that describe this same principle in the O.T.)**

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4. There are a few overarching Principles :

c. God punishes sinners, only, after they commit the crime, NOT before (as in the case of Pharaoh and of Israel, etc...)

d. God's Goal is Salvation of the lost, lost Israelis and Gentiles, both. God does not want to send anyone to the Lake of Fire (to hell) ... (but He will ... because He is Just)

e. Humans are not unthinking Robots ... we are sinners in need of salvation that God has categories for ...

→ such as “the Wicked” and “the Elect”, etc.

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ROMANS 10:19-21

(speaking of the coming New Covenant, the Gospel ...)

But I say, did Israel not know? First Moses says:

“I will provoke you to jealousy by those who are not a nation, I will move you to anger by a foolish nation.”

²⁰ But Isaiah is very bold and says:

“I was found by those who did not seek Me; I was made manifest to those who did not ask for Me.”

²¹ But to Israel he says:

“**ALL DAY LONG** I have **STRETCHED OUT** My hands to a **DISOBEDIENT** and contrary people.”

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ROMANS 11:1-15

I say then, has God cast away (i.e. abandoned) His people? **CERTAINLY NOT!** For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has **NOT** cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying, ³ “LORD, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life”? ⁴ But what does the divine response say to him? “I have **RESERVED** for Myself seven thousand men who have **NOT** bowed the knee to Baal.”

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⁵ Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant **ACCORDING TO THE ELECTION OF GRACE.** ⁶ And if by grace, then it is **no longer of works**; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work. ⁷ What then? Israel has **NOT** obtained what it seeks; but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded.

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We know that any sinner is saved by Jesus Christ, because of God’s Grace ... received through Repentant Faith in Christ and in His Finished Work of Redemption (Crucifixion, Death, Burial and Resurrection), since Christ’s Resurrection. So, regarding those 7000, that remnant, in a sense, they too, had to be “saved” by God’s Grace, humbly following God instead of following Baal, right?

God did not cast God-haters under some sort of zombie spell and they woke up being close God-followers, correct? There is no pattern of God every doing that in the Bible.

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Why does Paul contrast “works” with “election” & “grace”?

We know that Israel sought to Establish their Own Righteousness based upon their own works (or self-effort) God has Elected to use His Grace to Save Sinners ... this is TRUE, beyond a shadow of any doubt. And sinners receive God's Grace (His Salvation) by Faith – Ephesians 2:8-9 and Romans chapters 1 thru 8. So, what we are reading here cannot negate or undermine what we've already learned in the whole Bible up to this point.

That's the point ...

**Self-righteous works are in direct Opposition to God's Grace
God has ELECTED this to be so**

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We see in the Old Testament, many times in which God has to do something OUT of the ORDINARY and Intervene to save the day, so to speak. This is what God is referring to here. God had to stop the Rebellion, put a stop to it ... and without violating people's ability to have choice, was able to stop folks from following Baal, and preserve 7000 God Followers in Northern Israel during Elijah's day. It may be, that is the best he could do, see the kind of folks He had to deal with. Why not 20,000? There weren't that many left who would be able to be humble enough to follow God

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God Opposes the Proud, but Gives Grace to the Humble. This principle never changes ... and in this case only 7000 people were remaining and God “stopped the bleeding” so to speak in some out of the ordinary, extraordinary ways. Again, God did not go out and make people into God-Zombies and force people to go against their will. He worked with people, to convince, to humble, to bring them to faith ... those that would allow Him to, at the time. 7000 out of almost a million people ... not a lot of people, right? It was a time a great rebellion against God. God stopped it.

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We see that Proclamation of God's Word happens and then people are allowed to choose

→ think of Jonah to Nineveh ... that great city REPENTED in sackcloth and ashes before God

Again, we are not talking about Robots or Zombies or people put under a Spell of some sort, but God's Miraculous Work of Conviction, Convincing, Persuasion, and His Miraculous Work of Grace ... NOT everyone will be Convinced, though

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God's Grace is in direct Opposition to Human Self-Righteousness ... (that is anti-humility)

Israel, on a national level, at the time of Jesus Christ, would NOT submit to God's way of receiving His Righteousness through the New Covenant of the Messiah, but they sought to Establish their Own Righteousness, in their own way, with their own efforts ... with the aim of earning their right to be righteous before a Holy and Righteous God, the God of Israel.

God's verdict is that they were a Failure and His Response to them is giving them partial hardness of heart, partial blindness, partial deafness, and stupor (staggering / weakness)

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Let's continue, starting with verse 8 thru 15

⁸ Just as it is written: “God has given them a spirit of stupor, eyes that they should not see and ears that they should not hear, to this very day.”

⁹ And David says: “Let their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a recompense to them. ¹⁰ Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see, and bow down their back always.” ¹¹ I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? **CERTAINLY NOT!** But through **THEIR FALL**, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles. ¹² Now if their **FALL** is riches for the world, and their **FAILURE** riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!

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¹³ For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, ¹⁴ if by any means I may **PROVOKE TO JEALOUSY** those who are my flesh and **SAVE SOME OF THEM**. ¹⁵ For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but **LIFE FROM THE DEAD?**

Notice Paul's heart in verses 13-15. He is reflecting God's heart for Israel. **Salvation in the AIM**. As Gentiles are being Saved and Trusting In and Following the God of Israel through Israel's Messiah, God will use **us** to provoke some Israelis to jealousy which will lead them to repentance unto Salvation

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God's Goal with Israel was to create a nation, a people, that would bring forth the Messiah, the Savior to the World.

God has not Abandoned Israel (**lest we Gentiles think God favors us over them**) ... and since Christ's Resurrection, God is using the **church** (composed, now, mostly of Gentiles) to provoke Israelis (Jews) to come to Faith in their Messiah, Israel. **God is FAITHFUL.**

→ This is a part of our Gospel **MISSION**

We are NOT to persecute the Jews (Israelis) or hurt them or despise them, etc... but we are to pray for them and seek to win them to Christ, just like any lost people

See y'all Next Time we Gather...
@ LIFE Group and/or Here Next Week



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