

Israel's Past

Romans 9

1. Intro

1. Next three chapters Paul talks specifically about Israel.
 1. Chp 9 looks at their past; Chp 10 is their present; Chp 11 is their future.

2. God Chooses

1. Israel chosen (4)
2. They were children of promise through Isaac (10-13)
 1. Rebekah had twins – only through Jacob (God calls)
3. God shows mercy to whom He chooses. (15)
 1. We struggle with this
 1. Yet we do not seek out God (Rom 3:11)
 2. Pharaoh used by God (Ex 9:13-18)
4. God chooses people and nations to further His plan of salvation. (Big picture)

3. He Is Creator

1. Are we robots? (19)
 1. We have a free will; yet we are used as He sees fit.
 1. Some seek, but in the wrong place (Acts 17:22-23)
2. Can the created argue with the Creator? (20)
 1. He chooses so His glory will shine (23)

4. Seeks Out All People

1. His plan included the Gentiles (25)
2. Yet from His people only a few will be saved (27)
3. Coming to know God is by faith (30)
 1. Abraham
4. No law will bring us to God (31)

5. Stone of Stumbling

1. Jesus is this stone (33)
 1. To Jews (I Peter 2:5-8)
 2. To the others (gentile), foolishness (I Cor 1:18)

6. Conclusion

1. God has chosen you and me. How will He use us?
 1. Do I hold on to what He has done for me, just to myself?
 2. Will I take what He has given me and show that to others?