

# **Romans**

**The Righteousness of God  
proven through Messiah,  
King Jesus**

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*Chapters 1-11 – God’s righteousness is on trial:*

*1) Is He really fixing life?*

*2) Has He done what He said He would do?*

- *If Israel isn’t believing in Messiah Jesus in Mass then what gives?*
  - *What was on God’s mind when it came to Israel & the history of humanity?*
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You have misunderstood what God promised:

- *There is an “Israel” and an “Israel”, “children” and “seed”*
- *Do not mistake salvation FOR Israel with Israel’s ROLE in salvation history*
- *God has always chosen to act thru a portion of Abraham’s offspring to save mankind*
- *Ethnic Israel like the Gentile world is sinful & thus guilty before God & if God left Israel & salvations history to itself not only would they have ceased to exist but the promises of God along with them to reach the world*

**Covers the Patriarchs thru the Exodus to the Exile of Judah**

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God has done what He always promised He would do in Deut. 30:

*a) IF Israel walked away from God, they would be exiled*

*b) But after exile, He would restore "Israel" enabling them to keep Torah in a new way*

Israel of the FLESH never grasped this

*1) They missed how God had been trustworthy all along to fix life*

*2) And they missed how He had come thru on what He promised*

- That Torah never could produce life
  - That relationship with God was always thru faith
  - The covenant family God was building always meant Gentiles too
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And who is the “RENEWED ISRAEL” that God has been faithful to restore?

*Children of Faith – Both Jew & Gentile*

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Main POINT = The Gentiles are sharing Israel's blessing and it is designed to make them jealous and thus draw them to salvation

Romans 11:14 *in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them.*

Romans 11:25-26a *Lest you be wise in your own conceits, I want you to understand this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And in this way all Israel will be saved*

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So what has Paul argued so far?

*1. He has addressed the renewal of the covenant that God made with Abraham*

*2. He has defined this covenant family by faith (i.e. not race, privilege, works)*

*3. He has shown that not all descendants of Israel are children of the promise...rather children of faith*

*4. And He has listed Jesus the Messiah as the crowning privilege above all else with Israel*

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Paul introduces this next section with two main questions:

*1. Romans 11:1 - Has God forsaken His people (ethnic Israel)? i.e. can any ethnic Jews be saved simply because of their heritage?*

*His answer is an emphatic NO!*

*2. Romans 11:11 - Has ethnic Israel stumbled so as to fall? i.e. can any MORE ethnic Jews be saved?*

*His answer is an emphatic YES!*

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1. Has God forsaken His people (ethnic Israel)? i.e. can any ethnic Jews be saved? Romans 11:1-2a

Ethnic Israel looks like it has basically completely failed God

*a) They sin like pagans*

*b) On top of that chapter 2 says they are morally judgmental*

*c) Then to top all that off they failed in their Divine role or calling to reach the world*

*d) And worst of all they failed in mass to believe in their long awaited Messiah*

*e) And NOW Gentiles are coming in*

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## Romans 11:1-2a

*Romans 9:27 And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: “Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved,*

I Sam. 12:22 “God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew”

### Background on verse:

*1. Samuel is promising them that he will never stop interceding for Israel despite their utter sin*

*2. And at the time God had provided a King in Saul*

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## Romans 11:2b-6

*There is a small remnant Paul says, that he himself now belongs to, that believed on Jesus, and it happened just like Abraham...thru faith as a gift from God*

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Romans 11:7-10



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Romans 11:7 – God “hardened” = holding back immediate judgment

*1)Pharaoh has made his decision to sin & not listen to God & not let Israel go*

*2)Instead of immediately judging Pharaoh & pulling Israel out God delays & brings the 10 plagues to display His Essence*

*3)God delays His deserved judgment in order to give time to repent AND to display His majesty*

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## Romans 11:8-10

- 1) *Deut. 29 – Moses is looking at Israel and seeing nothing but rebellion*
  - 2) *Isaiah 29 – Speaks of God pouring out a spirit of stupor for their obstinacy*
  - 3) *Psalm 60 – Messianic Psalm about the suffering Messiah, those that mock Him will receive judgment*
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Closing Reflections:

*1) Even in Judgment God is creating space for mercy!*

2) God has indeed kept His Word – He has saved a remnant and Paul stands as His example... God is faithful and can be trusted to keep His Word

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