

HAS GOD CAST AWAY HIS PEOPLE, ISRAEL?

Has God Turned Away From Us?

Many read parts of a scripture ignoring the rest of the topic. To understand the Bible we must accept there are some errors that are there by the translators, but we know God did not contradict Himself. To solve this problem we look for scriptures that support each other. In this study we find there are two groups of people being discussed, Gentile and Israel. It is important to know the difference, and to know that the group of people the message is being given to are Gentiles. Paul was called to be the apostle to the Gentiles, not to Israel. For one to be an Israelite he has to be descended from one of the 12 sons of Jacob, (named Israel). All others are Gentiles (nations).

Rom 10:4 For Christ [is] the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth. 5 For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, that the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

// If one depends solely on his own ability to be righteous, he must keep every law perfectly.//

6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down [from above]:) 7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) 8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, [even] in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; 9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed."

//We all know the "heart" is a body part just as our kidneys or liver is. Think about it, our hearts do not take the place of the mind. This word heart was put in place of mind and/or spirit. If we are not aware of these little errors, we may become easily misled.//

"12 ¶ For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? 17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. 18 But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. 19 But I

say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by [them that are] no people, //Gentiles// [and] by a foolish nation I will anger you //Israel//. 20 But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them //Gentiles// that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me. 21 But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gain-saying people."

//To read the other side of faith read James 2:10-25. Also our study "Are We Saved by Our Works?"

"11:1 ¶ I say then, Hath God cast away his people //Israel//? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, [of] the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, 3 Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. 4 But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to [the image of] Baal. 5 Even so then at this present time also there is a //or was a// remnant //of Israelites// according to the election of grace. 6 And if by grace, then [is it] no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if [it be] of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. 7 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath //has pas-tense// obtained it, and the rest //pas-tense//were blinded 8 (According as it is written, God hath given them //Israel//the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day. 9 And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumbling-block, and a recompence unto them: 10 Let their //Israel's/// eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back alway. 11 I say then, Have they stumbled that they should //forever// fall? God forbid: but [rather] through their //Israel's// fall salvation [is come] unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them //Israel//to jealousy. 12 Now if the fall of them //Israel// [be] the riches of the //rest// world, and the diminishing of them //Israel// the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fullness? 13 For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: 14 If by any means I may provoke to emulation [them which are] my flesh, and might save some of them. 15 For if the casting away of them [be] the reconciling of the world, what [shall] the receiving [of them be], but life from the dead?

//Read about their resurrection in Eze 37, and the study "The Rest of the Dead"// on our web page "www.foust.info", also read "Who Are You"//

//We continue on with the analogy of the two type of Olive Branches//

16 For if the first fruit [be] holy, the lump [is] also [holy]: and if the root [be] holy, so [are] the branches. 17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou //Gentiles//, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the

olive tree; 18 Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. 19 Thou wilt say then, the branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. 20 well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not high minded, but fear: 21 for if God spared not the natural branches, [take heed] lest he also spare not thee. 22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them //Israel// which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in [his] goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. 23 And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. 24 For if thou //Gentiles// wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural [branches], be grafted into their own olive tree? 25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.

//This is still a mystery to most, both Israel and Gentiles. However it is clearly explained in the List of Studies, on our web page "www.foust.info"//

26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: 27 For this [is] my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

//Read about this in Eze. 43:7-11// //After reading Rev 17 and 18, it is clear that this does not happen at the end of this age.//

28 As concerning the gospel, [they are] //Israelite// enemies for your //Gentile// sakes: but as touching the election, [they are] beloved for the fathers' sakes. 29 For the gifts and calling of God [are] without repentance. 30 For as ye //Gentiles// in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their //Israel// unbelief: 31 Even so have these //Israelites// also now not believed, that through your //Gentiles// mercy they also may obtain mercy. 32 For God hath concluded them //Israelites// all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all."

"33 ¶ O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable [are] his judgments, and his ways past finding out! 34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counselor? 35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?"

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