

# The Israel of God 2

## Romans 9

3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:

4 Who are Israelites (L); to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;

5 Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

6 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel (S), which are of Israel (L):

7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

9 For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son. (Gen. 18:10,14)

10 And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac; (Gen. 25:21)

11 (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose (q4286 – intention) of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

**Note: The word foreknow comes before predestinate.**

## Romans 8

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

## Isaiah 45

4 For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel (S) mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.

**Jacob is a symbol of literal Israel who has not yet wrestled with the angel.**

**Compare Gen. 32:24-30 with Hosea 12:3-5**

## Isaiah 9

8 The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel (S).

*Isaiah 14*

*1 For the Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel (S), and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.*

*Romans 11*

*5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.*

*2 Peter 1*

*10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:*

*12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. (Gen. 25:23)*

*13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. (Mal. 1:2-3)*

**Verse 13 is written as a proof text for verse 12. Malachi was written hundreds of years after the birth of Jacob and Esau.**

*14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid.*

*15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.*

*16 So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy.*

*17 For the Scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might show my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.*

*18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.*

**Example of Christ showing mercy: John 16:12**

**Example of Christ hardening hearts: Matthew 23**

*19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?*

*20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?*

*21 -- Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honor, and another unto dishonor?*

*2 Timothy 2*

*19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from **iniquity.***

*20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor, and some to dishonor.*

21 If a man therefore purge himself from **these (iniquities)**, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

22 What if God, willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

24 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

25 As he saith also in Hosea, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved. Hos. 2:23

26 And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God. Hos. 1:10

27 Isaiah also crieth concerning Israel (L), Though the number of the children of Israel (L) be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved (S):

28 For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth. Is. 10:22,23; Hos. 1:10

29 And as Isaiah said before, Except the Lord of **Sabaoth (g4519 – armies)** had left us a seed, we had been as Sodom, and been made like unto Gomorrah. Is. 1:9

#### The Gentiles Are Called

30 What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.

31 But Israel (L), which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.

32 Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;

33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Zion a stumblingstone and rock of offense: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.