

# ROMANS 37 – 9:25-33

## *The Remnant*

### 1. 9:24

- a. *“not of the Jews only”* – which had always been the case – Gen 12:3
- b. There were vessels of mercy that were Gentiles: Rahab, Ruth, Sheba, Ninevah
- c. Jesus said don't go to Gentiles/ stay in Jerusalem for a reason – Mat 10:5, Lu 24:47
- d. We are learning lessons about Israel's program that will help us in Romans 11

### 2. 9:25-26

- a. When prophecy is quoted: get the context of the prophecy, and the quote
- b. The last thing this could be is the church, but it is called of Rom 9:7, 11, 24
- c. Hos 2:23 is God fulfilling his promise to call back his people Israel in Hos 1:10
- d. There is a vessel of wrath (Israel), and a vessel of mercy (Judah) – Hos 1:6-7
- e. In Hosea the wife represents Israel, the children of Israel are the *“not my people”*
- f. The Israel that is, is not always God's people, as Peter testifies – 1 Pet 2:5-10

### 3. 9:27-29

- a. *“also crieth concerning Israel”* – The topic is still God's purpose with Israel
- b. Only a remnant of faithful Israel will return to God and the land - Isaiah 10:17-22
- c. *“a short work”*- God lops off some boughs - Isa 10:23-25, 33, Mal 3:5, Eze 6:6-8
- d. *“Sabaoth”* – it means Lord of hosts. We know b/c Paul is quoting Isa 1:9
- e. *“left us a seed”* – by mercy a remnant of Israel gets the promise that will bear fruit
- f. God gave Sodom and Gomorrah a chance for mercy, and they rejected it
- g. God's purpose and promises to Israel will be fulfilled in the remnant.

### 4. 9:30-33

- a. *“what shall we say then?”* concerning Israel and God's purpose for them
- b. Answer: Israel stumbled at the Rock, there were Gentiles that did not stumble
- c. Israel with law was unrighteous; Gentiles without were righteous – Rom 2:10-15
- d. The stumbling stone is faith in their Messiah, not law, or circumcision - John 3:18
- e. See Gentiles get into the kingdom → Luk 7:5-9, Mat 8:10-12, 15:26-27, Acts 11:18
  - i. Note that these Gentiles are NOT the church, the Body of Christ
- f. Righteousness has always been by their faith, for Jews and Gentiles – Rom 1:17
- g. The promises to Israel were through faith not law – remember Romans 4:11-15
- h. Remember the audience could be Cornelius, Priscilla/Aquilla, Andy & Junia, etc.
- i. Members of the remnant in Italy – Heb 13:24, Acts 2:10, 10:1, 18:2, Rom 16:3, 7
- j. Paul is explaining God's rejecting Israel and accepting Gentiles into the remnant