

Session 8

An Overview of Romans 9 – 11

A. Introduction

1. Romans 9 – 11 give us the basic and foundational doctrines in understanding God's heart and purpose for Israel based on Scripture. They are the starting point of the journey to grow deeper in knowledge and understanding of God's heart for Israel
2. This is a passage of Scripture pertaining to the heart and purposes of God for Israel that is necessary for Gentile believers to know.
3. These chapters need to be read and studied together in one continuous flow in order to understand God's heart for Israel.

B. A Brief Outline of Romans 9 – 11

Romans 9: The Divine Election of Israel

1. Apostolic zeal and burden for Israel based on the Word of God (v.1–3);
2. Eight-fold divine entrustments to Israel (v.4–5);
 - a. The adoption (Ex. 4:22);
 - b. The glory (Ex. 19);
 - c. The Covenants: Abrahamic (Gen. 12; 15), Mosaic (Exo. 19; Deut. 28 – 29), Davidic (2 Sam. 7:1–17), New (Jer. 31:31–34);
 - d. The giving of the Law (Ex. 20);
 - e. The service of God (temple ministry and the priesthood);
 - f. The promises (Isa. 60 – 66);
 - g. The fathers and the Patriarchs (the Old Testament);
 - h. The lineage through which Christ would come.
3. The presumption by Israel concerning her divine election (v.6–13)
 - a. Election not based on natural descent but faith in God (v.6–9);
 - b. Election not based on human merit, but the sovereign will of God (v.10–13).
4. The mystery of election (v.14–23)
 - a. The election of Israel reveals the righteousness and mercy of God (v.14–16);
 - b. The election of Israel reveals the sovereignty of God (v.17–21);
 - c. The election of Israel reveals the justice and glory of God (v.22–23)
5. The divine plan of God for the redemption of the world (v.24–26)

6. The prophecy pertaining to the remnant of Israel (v.27–29);
7. The cause of Israel's stumbling and rejection (v.30–33).

Romans 10: Israel's Present Rejection of Yeshua

1. The reasons for Israel's present rejection of Yeshua (v.1–13)
 - a. Israel did not see a need for salvation (v.1);
 - b. Israel's misguided zeal for God (v.2);
 - c. Israel's pride and self-righteousness (v.3);
 - d. Israel misunderstood the Law of God (v.4–13).
2. The remedy for Israel's present rejection (v.14–17)
3. The results of Israel's present rejection of Yeshua (v.18–21)
 - a. Israel is guilty before God (v.18);
 - b. The Gospel has gone to the Gentiles (v.19–20);
 - c. However, God still yearns for His people (v.21).

Romans 11: The Eventual Restoration of Israel

1. The rejection of Israel by God is not total (v.1–6)
2. The blindness of Israel is partially pre-ordained by God (v.7–10)
3. The rejection of Israel by God is not final (v.11a)
4. The fullness of Israel will lead to God's glory filling the Millennial earth (v.11b–15)
5. The promise of the future restoration of Israel (v.16–24)
6. Five dimensions of the Mystery of Israel (v.25–29)
 - a. The blindness of Israel is partially pre-ordained by God (v.25);
 - b. The fullness of the Gentiles (v.25);
 - c. All Israel will be saved (v.26);
 - d. Israel is still the beloved of God (v.28);
 - e. God's call for Israel is irrevocable (v.29).

7. Two litmus tests of understanding the mystery of Israel (Rom. 11:33–12:1):
 - a. It must awaken awe in us for God and cause us to worship God (Rom. 11:33–36);
 - b. It must awaken us to live recklessly abandoned lives for Jesus (Rom. 12:1).

C. Conclusion

1. Romans 9 – 11 is the starting point for any serious student of the nation of Israel.
2. In this day and hour, it is crucial for Gentile believers to cultivate understanding of God's heart and plan for her in order to align and respond appropriately to God.