

**The Rejection of Israel:
God's Right to Show Mercy and Justice as He Wills
Romans 09: 25–33**

1. *God has identified the chosen long ago in prophecy*

a. They are from other nations as well as from Israel

b. They are the small remnant of Israel

1) God will finish the work — fulfil His promise to Israel

2) God will leave believing descendants in Israel

c. They are the pursuers of true righteousness by faith (in Christ)

d. They are not the pursuers of righteousness by the works of the law — as Israel was

e. They are not those who stumble over the Stone (Jesus Christ) as Israel did

f. They are the persons who believe in Christ

25 As he says in Hosea:

“I will call them ‘my people’ who are not my people; and I will call her ‘my loved one’ who is not my loved one.”

26 And, “It will happen that in the very place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ they will be called ‘sons of the living God.’”

27 Isaiah cries out concerning Israel:

“Though the number of the Israelites be like the sand by the sea, only the remnant will be saved.

28 For the Lord will carry out his sentence on earth with speed and finality.”

29 It is just as Isaiah said previously:

“Unless the Lord Almighty had left us descendants, we would have become like Sodom, we would have been like Gomorrah.”

30 What then shall we say?

That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith;

31 But Israel,

who pursued a law of righteousness, has not attained it.

32 Why not?

Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the “stumbling stone.”

33 As it is written:

“See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

**The Tragic Mistake of Israel:
Missing God's Righteousness
Romans 10:01–04**

**1. *Paul's desire
and Israel's mistake***

- a. Paul's desire
for Israel's salvation
- b. Israel's mistake:
They have zeal,
but not based on
correct knowledge
 - 1) They seek
their own righteousness
 - 2) They do not submit
to God's righteousness

**2. *God's righteousness
is Jesus Christ***

- 1 Brothers,
my heart's desire and prayer to God
for the Israelites is
that they may be saved.
- 2 For I can testify about them
that they are zealous for God,
but their zeal is not based on knowledge.
- 3 Since they did not know the righteousness
that comes from God
and sought to establish their own,
they did not submit to God's righteousness.
- 4 Christ is the end of the law
so that there may be righteousness
for everyone who believes.