

INTRODUCTION TO ROMANS 9—11

1/26/25

I. MAJOR THEMES

- A. The Issue of the Jews Unbelief — 9:1-3; 9:31-32; 10:14; 10:16; 10:17-21; 11:7; 11:20; 11:23; 11:30.
- B. The Faithfulness of God — 9:6; 10:21; 11:1-2; 11:26-27

II. KEY WORDS

A. Mercy & To Have Mercy

- 1. To have mercy — 8 x's; Rom. 9:15-16, 18; 11:30-32; 12:8.
- 2. Mercy — Rom. 9:23; 11:31; 15:9.
- 3. Summary: a) Total use — 11 x's; 9 x's in Rom 9-11. b) Distribution: 9:14-23 (15, 16, 18, 23); 11:28-33 (30, 31, 32).
- 4. Related Terms: a) Compassion — 9:15 (Quotation from Ex 33:19 [LXX]). b) Endure & Longsuffering — 9:22

B. Faith, Believe, Belief (unbelief, disobedience)

- 1. "Faith" — 40 x's in Romans, 6 x's in 9-11; 9:30, 32; 10:6, 8, 17; 11:20.
- 2. "Believe" — 21 x's in Romans, 8 x's in 9-11; 9:33; 10:4, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16.
- 3. "Unbelief" — 4 x's in Romans, 2 x's in 9-11; 11:20, 23.
- 4. "Disobedience & Disobedient" — 10:21; 11:30, 31, 32.
- 5. Summary — in Rom 9-11 20 x's.

C. Israel / Israelite

- 1. Reason: only used in chapters 9-11. Elsewhere Paul uses "Jews."
- 2. References (9:4, 6, 27, 31; 10:1, 19, 21; 11:1, 2, 7, 25, 26).
- 3. Summary: 12 x's
- 4. The significance:

III. THE USE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

A. Old Testament Quotations and Allusions in Romans

- 1. The Number and Frequency of Old Testament Quotations and Allusions.
- 2. Quotations — There Are About 63 Quotation From the OT in Romans.
- 3. Allusions — There Are About 96 Allusions to OT Passages

B. Quotation and Allusions Based on the OT — Gen 26, Ex 14, Lev 6, Num 3, Dt 17, 1Sam 1, 2Sam 1, 1Kgs 2, 2Chr 1, Neh 1, Job 3, Ps 34, Prov 6, Eccl 3, Isa 29, Jer 9, Ezk 3, Hos 3, Joel 1, Amos 1, Mic 1, Nah 1, Mal 1 = Total 168.

IV. THE ARGUMENT / OUTLINE

A. Paul's Concern. 9:1-5

- 1. A Solemn Truth. 1
- 2. A Heart Felt Grief. 2
- 3. An Self-Sacrificing (Though Impossible) Desire. 3
- 4. The Subject of Paul's Grief. 4-5

B. Paul's Answer to the Unbelief of the Jews. 9:6-11:32

- 1. God's Narrowing / Remnant Principle Based Upon his Own Choice. 9:6-13
- 2. God's Freedom in Operation in the Exercise of Mercy. 9:14-29
- 3. Israel's Failure. 9:30-10:21
- 4. Israel's Future. 11:1-32 (the Unbelief of Some Doesn't Rule Out a Future for Israel)

C. Paul's Conclusion. 11:33-36

- 1. That God Is a God of Mercy Is Amazing.
- 2. He Is Merciful to the Gentiles.
- 3. And He Is Merciful to Jews Who Have Rejected Him.