

**"God's Relationship with Israel"**

**Romans 9-11**

**Part 6**

**Introduction:** As we come back to Romans 9, we are again looking at the rich information which Paul is laying before his readers concerning the Nation of Israel. Paul is referencing 8 distinct privileges that God has given to the nation. Paul is pointing to this treasure of knowledge in order to lay the foundation of what he is going to teach us in Romans 9-11. Paul is going to show us three things in these chapters:

1. Israel's relationship with God in the past.
2. Israel's relationship with God in the present.
3. Israel's relationship with God in the future.

Ultimately, Paul's goal is to prove to all of his readers that God has NOT cast Israel away. They were His elect in the Old Testament, they have temporarily been set aside in the present age and after the rapture of the church God will go back to work with them again and in the future He will fulfill the covenants which He had given to them.

**Notice Romans 9:3-5**

Here in verses 4 and 5 we find the list of eight privileges given to Israel. Paul is very brief in his description of each because his readers would have had far more background than we do so we are looking in detail at each of these. We are currently looking at the covenants which God made with the nation. These covenants are so very important because they help us to understand that God has a plan for Israel in the future. So far, we have looked at two of four covenants that we are focusing on.

**I. The Abrahamic Covenant**

This covenant which God made with Abraham was both unconditional and it was eternal.

**Genesis 17:7-8**

*<sup>7</sup> And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.*

<sup>8</sup> And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

It has two major points of interest:

### 1. The Land

**Genesis 15:7, 18**

<sup>7</sup> And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

<sup>18</sup> In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

### 2. The Seed

**Genesis 22:17-18**

<sup>17</sup> That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

<sup>18</sup> And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

## II. The Land Covenant

The Land Covenant reaffirms the land promise in the Abrahamic Covenant. We looked at the details of this covenant in Deuteronomy 30:1-10.

There are two main reasons for the Land Covenant:

1. In Deuteronomy Israel has come to the end of the wilderness wanderings. Moses will die and Joshua will take over and lead them into the land. But the land is occupied by their enemies and the enemy is determined to hold to their land. So, the question is, "Is the promise God gave to Abraham still in effect?" The Land Covenant will confirm the covenant is still effective.
2. Another reason for the confirmation is because here in Deuteronomy Israel is now under the Mosaic Covenant and the Mosaic Covenant was conditional. Israel had failed to walk in obedience to the Mosaic Covenant and so the question would then be, "Did Israel's disobedience disqualify them from receiving the land?" The

confirmation of the Land Covenant made it clear that Israel would still inherit the land even though they were disobedient.

Land Covenant had 7 main features:

1. Israel would be plucked out of the land for disobedience.
2. There will be a future repentance of Israel.
3. Israel's Messiah will return.
4. Israel will be restored to her land.
5. Israel will be converted as a nation.
6. Israel's enemies will be judged.
7. Israel will receive her full blessing.

So, the Land Covenant confirms the promise of the land in the Abrahamic Covenant. Now we come to the third covenant.

### III. The Davidic Covenant

This covenant will enlarge and confirm the seed promises of the Abrahamic Covenant. We can see this in the following verses:

#### 2 Samuel 7:12-13

<sup>12</sup> *And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up **thy seed after thee**, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.*

<sup>13</sup> *He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.*

<sup>14</sup> *I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:*

<sup>15</sup> *But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.*

<sup>16</sup> *And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.*

#### Psalm 89:3-4

<sup>3</sup> *I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant,*

<sup>4</sup> ***Thy seed will I establish for ever**, and build up thy throne to all generations.*

#### Jeremiah 32:22, 25-26

<sup>22</sup> As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.

<sup>25</sup> Thus saith the LORD; If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;

<sup>26</sup> Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.

There are 5 provisions to be seen in this covenant:

1. David would have a son who would succeed him and establish his kingdom.
2. His son would build the temple instead of David.
3. The throne of his kingdom would be established forever.
4. The throne would not be taken away from his son (Solomon) even though his sins would justify doing so.
5. David's house, throne, and kingdom shall be established forever.

I want to stop here and point out that this throne and kingdom which is promised to David is literal. I point this out because the Kingdom of God exists today as Jesus reigns in the hearts of His people. But some people teach that is the KINGDOM and there will be no literal earthly reign of Jesus Christ. But there are many verses that [point to an earthly reign of Jesus Christ.

➤ **Creation waits for the Kingdom.**

### **Romans 8:19-22**

<sup>19</sup> For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

<sup>20</sup> For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

<sup>21</sup> Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

### **Isaiah 11:6-9**

<sup>6</sup> The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

*7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.*

*8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.*

*9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.*

➤ **Life in the Kingdom will be longer and peaceful.**

### **Isaiah 65:20-25**

*20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.*

*21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.*

*22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.*

*23 They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.*

*24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.*

*25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.*

These are just a few of the verses that point to an Earthly Kingdom ruled by Jesus Christ.

The Davidic Covenant has several implications that are prophetic. Let us notice 5 prophetic implications as pointed out by Pentecost:

**1. Israel must be preserved as a nation.**

This Kingdom is promised to the nation of Israel and it is an eternal covenant.

**2. Israel must have a national existence and must be restored to the land of inheritance.**

Jesus will reign from Jerusalem.

**Psalm 48:1-2**

*Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.*

<sup>2</sup> *Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.*

3. David's son, the Lord Jesus Christ, must return to the earth, bodily and literally to reign over David's covenanted Kingdom.
4. A literal earthly Kingdom must exist over which the returned Messiah will reign.
5. This Kingdom **MUST** become an eternal Kingdom.

**Conclusion:**

Now we can better understand why there is so much hatred toward Israel today. It is stirred by Satan because of these promises. Let me show you some thoughts through some verses.

**2 Corinthians 4:4**

<sup>3</sup> *But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:*

<sup>4</sup> *In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

Satan is the god of this world. The earth was entrusted to man after creation to exercise dominion over it, but man failed and lost it to Satan. Now Satan is the god of this world. It has come under his control. He has great influence over the minds of the unsaved.

**Ephesians 2:2-3**

<sup>2</sup> *Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*

<sup>3</sup> *Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.*

When Jesus returns Satan's rule will end.

**Revelation 20:1-3**

*And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.*

*<sup>2</sup> And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,*

*<sup>3</sup> And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.*

Now since the promise of Jesus' earthly return and the Kingdom is to the Nation of Israel, Satan has set his sights on the Jews to destroy them to keep Jesus from returning. If he could stop the return of Jesus, then Satan believes he could rule the world forever. His attack will reach its pinnacle in the Tribulation at the mid-point.

**Revelation 12:7-9, 13, 17**

*<sup>7</sup> And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,*

*<sup>8</sup> And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.*

*<sup>9</sup> And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

*<sup>13</sup> And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.*

*<sup>17</sup> And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.*