

Paul's Letter to the
Romans

Ch. 9:6-13 Part 4



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“He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.”

Eph 1:4

2 FOUNDATION BIBLICAL TRUTHS



1. God is Sovereign.
2. We are held accountable for our actions.

SOMETIMES FOUND WOVEN THROUGH SEVERAL CHAPTERS

Genesis 45:4-5 “Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Please come closer to me.” And they came closer. And he said, “I am your brother Joseph, whom **you** sold into Egypt. “Now do not be grieved or angry with yourselves, because **you** sold me here, for **God** sent me before you to **preserve life**.”

Genesis 50:18-20 “Then his brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid, for am I in God’s place? “As for you, **you** meant **evil** against me, but **God** meant it **for good** in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.”



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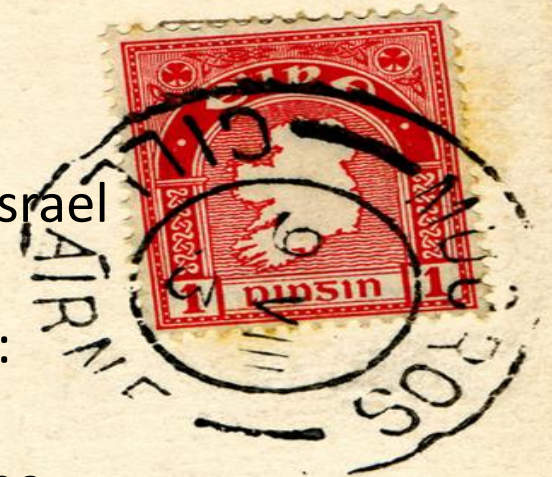


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- 9 For this is the word of promise: "AT THIS TIME I WILL COME, AND SARAH SHALL HAVE A SON."
- 10 And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac;
- 11 for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls,
- 12 it was said to her, "THE OLDER WILL SERVE THE YOUNGER."
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QUESTIONS ANSWERED



What is our Context?

- ❖ The salvation of Jewish individuals and whether or not God's promise to Israel has failed.

Who is Israel?

- ❖ Israel (not the church)

Who are "children of God/Promise?"

- ❖ Believers, but Paul is specifically talking about Jewish believers.

Paul's point in quoting OT passages?

- ❖ He's putting on display God's sovereign prerogative to choose.

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Καλέω: "To identify by name...to call, to choose for a special benefit, summon." BDAG

CALLED/NAMED

Romans 8:28-30 “And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.”

Romans 4:17 “God, who gives life to the dead and **calls** into being that which does not exist.”



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WHO'S WHO?

Abraham

Sarah (Gen. 11:29)

married

Hagar (Gen. 16:3)

sons

Ishmael

Keturah (Gen. 25:1)

Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, Shuah

CHOSEN

Isaac

Isaac marries Rebekah

Twins

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Esau

1st born
Greater

Jacob

2nd born
Lesser

CHOSEN



ROMANS 9:11-12



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WHY DOES GOD CHOOSE JACOB OVER ESAU?



- ❖ To secure and establish His own purpose according to HIS will.
- ❖ The ALL-wise, ALL-righteous, and ALL-knowing God of the universe decides what is best for what HE purposes to do.

HIS PURPOSE!

Definition: “That which is planned in advance, purposed, resolve, will.”

- The same word we see in Romans 8:28

Eph 1:11 “also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,”

2 Tim. 1:9 “Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,”

Eph. 3:11 “This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,”



“God did not choose both sons to continue the physical line of promise but sovereignly elected Jacob and passed over Esau before they were even born. And just as He chose them without any regard for what they would do in their lives, but purely that God’s purpose...might stand with no regard for any human work, so God has chosen some Jews, not all, for salvation.” *MacArthur Bible Commentary, Romans*



Unconditionally, and completely apart from any consideration of human merit, God elects those who will become His heirs of promise. Jacob and Esau not only had the same father and mother but were born at the same time. Technically Esau was born slightly ahead of Jacob, but God purposely disregarded that fact, telling their mother that, contrary to the custom of those days, the older will serve the younger (cf Gen. 25:23).” MacArthur Bible Commentary, Romans



PSALM 2:10-12



“Now therefore, O kings, show discernment; Take warning,
O judges of the earth. Worship the LORD with reverence
And rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, that He not
become angry, and you perish in the way, For His wrath
may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge
in Him!

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2 Thess. 2:13 "But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.



1 Peter 1:3-5 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

Titus 3:5 "He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Spirit."

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