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The Past Paradox of Isra'el

9: 1-33

How can the Messiah come, but most of Isra'el not follow Him? That doesn't make sense.

This is the past paradox.



In **Chapter 9 Paul** discusses **God's** sovereign choice and **Isra'el's** past paradox. **The Jews** glorified in the fact that, as **Israelites**, they were **God's chosen people (Deuteronomy 7:6; Romans 2:17-20 and 3:1-2)**. But now, in **YHVH's** means of salvation through trusting in **Yeshua Messiah**, the number of **Jews** being saved paled in comparison to the number of Gentiles being saved. Had **Ha'Shem**, then, abandoned **the Jewish people? Heaven forbid** (Hebrew: *chalilah*, meaning *that's a contradiction, it makes no sense*)! This is ultimately explained by **ADONAI's** sovereign choice, a principle that has always been in operation even among the **Israelites** and between **Isra'el** and other Gentile nations.²⁴⁵ But now, because **the middle wall of separation** has been broken down (see the commentary on **Acts, to see link click Cn - Paul's Advice from Jacob and the Elders at Jerusalem**), this principle operates in **God's** purposes for the Universal Church, make up of **Jews** and **Gentiles (Ephesians 2:13-14)**.

*Dear Heavenly **Father**, With all the problems of life, how comforting to have **You** as our **Father** and know that **Yeshua** is preparing an eternal home in heaven for all who love and follow **Him** as Lord and Savior. **Do not let your heart be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me. In My Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? If I go and***

prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to Myself, so that where I am you may also be (John 14:1-3).

Many people act as if they are entitled to do or say anything they wish, but that is not what **You** say. No matter what nation someone is born into, still you say that they must choose life by loving and following **You**. **Therefore, choose life so that you and your descendants may live, by loving Adonai your God, listening to His voice, and clinging to Him. For He is your life (Deuteronomy 30:19c-20b).** It is not any nation that entitles a person to enter heaven; but what is the key to heaven is having a personal faith that loves and follows **You** as **Lord** and as **Savior**. **Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28).** Praise **You** for opening the door by the key of loving faith (**Ephesians 2:8-9**) in **Yeshua (Romans 10:9-10)** to everyone, **Jew** or **Gentile**, who chooses to love and to follow **You**. **You** are so worthy of each of our love! In **Your** holy **Yeshua's** name and power of resurrection. Amen