

Romans #140

“God’s Sovereign Working throughout Human History.”

Romans 9:15-26 Jeremiah 18:1-10

Our context in Romans 9 is NOT personal salvation but God’s dealings with Israel as a corporate body regarding blessing and cursing.

One sure way to misinterpret Scripture is not understanding the subject matter and audience; like thinking what’s stated has something to do with salvation rather than sanctification.

When we received the imputation of Jesus Christ’s righteousness and are declared righteous by God the Father; that is justification.

Romans 9 is talking about God's plan for Israel as a nation.

God's plan for Israel will not be dictated by Moses but by God's omniscient will.

Moses is upright, walking with the Lord and receiving fantastic blessings from Him but even that doesn't influence God's plan which is not based on man’s decisions or will.

Paul is not saying in Romans 9, that ‘God can do whatever He wants in saving some and condemning others because everyone deserves Hell.’

Pharaoh reigns in Egypt and he’s an idolatrous polytheist who has not listened to the still small inner voice of reason that tells all normal human beings that there’s a Mastermind behind all this.

Egypt’s gods:

Ra, the god of the sun; Geb and Nut, the god of the earth; Shu, the god of the air; Osiris, the god of the underworld; Isis, the goddess of magic; Set, the god of the desert, storms and evil; Nephthys, the river goddess; Horus, Bast, the goddess of cats; Sobek, the god of crocodiles; Serqet, the goddess of scorpions; Anubis, the god of funerals; Bes, the god of dwarves; Khonsu, god of the moon; Nekhbet, the goddess of vultures; Babi, the god of wild baboons and Tawaret, the goddess of hippos.

God has the authority over creation to set His plan in motion and select His nation for His purpose and another nation for another purpose, just as the potter has right to shape a lump of clay for one purpose or another.

The *great patience* indicates that God is giving them time to individually respond to general revelation in creation and whatever special revelation they might have, even though they might be in a nation that is doomed to judgment.

God is repeating His promises to Abraham that he will have descendants as numerous as sands of the seashore and God will not forsake them.