

## **Romans 9:25-29—Inclusion of the Gentiles; Exclusion of the Jews**

TSK, GreekLexicon, Gaebelin, Family, Rienecker, Henriksen, Henry, Vincent, Robertson, Trapp, Poole, PNT, Newell, JFB, Geneva, Godet, Calvin, Beloved in the Lord: **The Jews believed they were the chosen ones of God because they were in covenant with God and that gave them the certificate to act however they wanted.**

They were wrong!

**Hear today how Apostle Paul set them straight.** He told them, “God **included many non-covenant Gentiles to his family** and **excluded many covenant Jews from his family.**”

Our headings are:

**Jesus Included Gentile Children into his family**

**Jesus Excluded Jewish Children from his family**

Our goals are: **That you will be forever grateful God graciously predestinated you, Gentiles, to eternal life in Jesus, and you will praise him for doing so.**

### **Jesus included Gentile children into his family**

25 As He says also in Hosea: "I **will call them My people**, who were not My people, **And her beloved**, who was not beloved." 26 "And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not My people,' **There they shall be called sons of the living God.**"

**1. Hosea and other Old Testament prophets confirmed there would be an increasing number of Gentiles coming into God's house and becoming his children.**

Isaiah 54:1"Sing, O barren, You who have not borne! Break forth into singing, and cry aloud, You who have not labored with child! **For more are the children of the desolate Than the children of the married woman,**" says the LORD. <sup>3</sup> For you shall expand to the right and to the left, And your descendants will inherit the nations, And make the desolate cities inhabited.

This was repeated many, many times.

Psalm 72:8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth. 9 Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him, And His enemies will lick the dust. 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles Will bring presents; The kings of Sheba and

Seba Will offer gifts. 11 Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; **All nations shall serve Him.**

So much for Muslims saying “River to the Sea” applies to them.

Genesis 17:6 "I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and **I will make nations of you,** and kings shall come from you.

Zechariah 2:11 "**Many nations shall be joined to the LORD** in that day, and they shall become My people. And I will dwell in your midst. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you.

**2. Apostle Paul declared (in 3 ways-for confirmation) those prophecies were fulfilled before the eyes of the Jews in Rome.**

**Those Gentiles who were not God’s people** had become God’s people.

**Those Gentiles who were not beloved of God** were now beloved of God.

**Those Gentiles who were not God’s sons** would be called “sons of the living God.”

**3. This quote in V25 refers to the time of Hosea when God’s bride (Israel) was a compromising woman and God commanded Hosea to marry a prostitute to teach Israel an important object lesson.**

**One of his sons from that marriage to the prostitute was “Lo-Ami,” which means “not my people.”**

God taught the Jews **who were his covenant people, they were not his people anymore.**

Now Apostle Paul (and Peter in 1Peter 2:10) used that story to apply it to the Gentiles in a reverse way...**that Gentiles, who were not his people, Lo-Ami, were going to be his people.**

**4. Lessons-5:**

**a. God chose (elected) Gentiles to become part of his family, but not because they were good, but because he was good.**

**God gave them the faith** to receive what Jesus did for them.

**b. The doctrine of election is despised by many because it strikes at human ego.** If something doesn’t fit in to our heads, we instinctively think it can’t be true.

But that's our problem, not God's.

If you want to fix your ego, you have to come to God's Word in humility and accept his doctrine.

**And when you fix this problem, it will bring you joy and contentment.**

**c. If God did not elect you to salvation, you would have no hope of salvation.**

You would not seek God.

You would never find God.

You'd be lost in hell forever.

(You chose him because he chose you first.)

No election, no salvation!

**d. God's promise to include the Gentiles is coming true before your eyes!**

It started in the Old Testament and it continues to today.

**Look around you!** Praise him for choosing the one next to you.

**e. As a Gentile convert, don't be complacent.** It is sin to say you are elected and therefore you can live however you want.

That was never true for the Jews and it surely isn't true for you, a Gentile.

Romans 11:22 Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.

**Jesus excluded Jewish children from his family**

27 Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel: "Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, The remnant will be saved. 28 For He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness, Because the LORD will make a short work upon the earth."

**1. Hosea and other prophets confirmed Israel would be reduced to a small nation because of their sins; God predestined this!**

**But what was caused the diminishing of the nation?**

*Israel was predestined to destruction because their focus was on money, not Yahweh.*

Because they focused on money, they abused widows, orphans, and foreigners.

Because they focused on money, they abused the Sabbath for work and stopped worshipping the true God.

Because they focused on money, they abused God and worshiped idols.

Everything had looked good at that time for Israel. Wealth was flourishing. Wars were won.

**But worms were inside!** The termites were on the inside. Their lusts were eating them alive. So they became small!

*2. Israel was like the sand by seashore at Mt. Sinai but they would be reduced to very low numbers.*

**When did** this reduction happen?

*a. In 722BC God sent Sennacherib to Israel and reduced her numbers significantly, and he killed, captured, and scattered the Jews all over the world and brought non-Jews to live in Israel and mix with the remnant of the covenant people.*

Isaiah 10:5 "Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger And the staff in whose hand is My indignation.

*b. In 586BC Nebuchadnezzar came and finished-off the work, capturing the remaining 1½ tribes, making them small.*

Sennacherib and Nebuchadnezzar's men would be God's tools – his whip!

*3. Look how small Israel became for her lack of faith in God and living for herself!*

Isaiah 1: 9 Unless the LORD of hosts **Had left to us a very small remnant**, We would have become like Sodom, We would have been made like Gomorrah.

Isaiah 11: 11 It shall come to pass in that day That the Lord shall set His hand again the second time To **recover the remnant of His**

**people who are left**, From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea.

Isaiah 10: 22 For though your people, O Israel, be as the sand of the sea, **A remnant of them will return; The destruction decreed shall overflow with righteousness.** 23 For the Lord GOD of hosts Will make a determined end In the midst of all the land.

**4. “Finish **the work**” V28, meant “God will finish the destruction” against Israel.**

The emphasis was **God’s quick work of destruction**. We say, “The attacker finished him off.” That means he killed him.

The better translation is “**execute the Word**.”

**5. God “in his righteousness,” meant God had to act as the evidence was clear.**

His judgment and destruction of the Jews was righteous. You see this clarified in Isaiah 10:22b above.

29 And as Isaiah said before: **“Unless the LORD of Sabaoth had left us a seed,** We would have become like Sodom, And we would have been made like Gomorrah.”

**6. In fact, the next use of words “the Lord of Hosts” (Lord Sabaoth), the judgment name for God, confirmed Apostle Paul was speaking of the violent exclusion of many Jews from God’s family.**

“Lord of Hosts” means the “Lord of Armies.” (**“No faith” always means judgment.**)

A remnant returned by the grace of God or the Jews would have become like Sodom.

**God kept his promised to Abraham, Issac, and Jacob, though their children failed.**

**7. Even after the remnant (the seed) returned, and after the True Seed came and tried to restore the Jews to God, they returned to their old ways, loving money and doing whatever they could to get more money, so the Lord of Hosts acted one more time and destroyed the Jews in AD70.**

**Lo-Ami came true again!** The Jews had rejected Jesus and were even tried to

destroy his church.

## **8. Lessons -5:**

**a. While Israel's judgment was predestined by God, God was not the cause of sin. God does not sin. God does not make people sin.**

So who caused this expulsion of the Jews?

The Jews were **100% responsible for their destruction!**

**God even judged the Assyrians and Babylonians for their sins!** This confirmed God was not responsible for their sins.

**b. Don't count on your church membership, baptism, or even your verbal profession of faith to save you.**

They are not strong enough.

**Your church may have great form and little substance.**

Don't count on your wealth to save you.

**You may have a beautiful house with termites in the walls, or the government might come up a new currency and steal all your wealth.**

Don't count on your family relationship to save you.

**Your relatives may smile on the outside but they have sins of their own.**

Don't count on your country to save you. **Our country can't even save itself.**

**If you do these wicked things, you will only be disappointed and face God's judgment.**

It doesn't matter if you are like the Jews who suffered, or like the Assyrians, Babylonians, and Romans who made God's people suffer.

Any sin will be judged by God... **and the sinner is totally responsible for it.**

**c. Instead of trusting in these things, count on Jesus to save you.** He lived and died for sinners.

Come in like the Gentiles! God is gracious.

*Romans 10: 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."*

**d. Don't blame your sins on God and say: "I am sinful because I am not elect."**

Don't say, **"I'm not saved because I am not elect."**

Don't say, **"I walked away from the church because God did not help me."**

You are sinful and unsaved because of your sins.

You reject salvation of your own accord.

God never turns a sincere person away.

You are not saved because you reject God! God hates pride!

**e. God's divine judgment is always accompanied with great mercies, so God will still save the Jews even today, if they turn to him to be saved.**

Romans 11: 5 Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

### **Conclusion:**

**God predestined many Gentiles to become his children**, none of whom was interested in serving God at all.

God worked in them so they responded in faith, which God gave them, and they were saved.

**God predestined the Jews to destruction**. God worked in them in such a way they rejected the word of God of their own free will walked away from it.

They rejected the faith he offered for them to receive Jesus.

**How God predestined everything for the Jews and Gentiles and yet they would repent or reject him of their own free will, I do now know and I don't want to know.**

I accept this is true because the Bible says so.

Brothers in the Lord Jesus:

**1. Rejoice! You were saved by grace, through faith, in Christ.**

There is no other way to be saved!

You have a new and faithful father.

You have a mother.

You have many brothers and sisters!

**2. Remember your duties:** Don't get complacent.

Remember what happened to the Jews.

Worship your Savior.

Attend worship regularly.

Worship with your family.

Worship privately. Tell of his goodness.

Let the light of Christ shine through you in your words and works.

**Finally:** Nothing in this world, not people, not money, not power, can save you.

You are only saved by receiving what Jesus did!

Please look to Jesus and not to yourself to be saved.

Don't wake up in eternity and find yourself lost in hell forever.