

Israel's Failure, Part 7

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 10.

B. Israel was meant to witness to the unity of God, transmit Scripture and be a channel for Messiah. (Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 23:37)

C. Israel is described as rejecting the things of God in the Old Testament. (Deuteronomy 9:13, Isaiah 6:9)

D. Israel was ignorant of the things of God.

E. The message that is brought to the world is beautiful. (Isaiah 52:7)

II. The real problem is that Israel has become disobedient to the saving message.

A. A great number of Jews was "obedient to the faith," which means salvation. True faith is obedient faith. (Acts 6; Romans 1:5; 6:17; 2 Thessalonians 1:8)

B. The gospel is preached to all but it is not believed by all. (Isaiah 53)

1. Knowledge precedes faith.

2. The gospel is available to the seeking and available heart. (Psalm 19, John 1:9, Matthew 24:14, Colossians 1:6, John 7:35)

III. Israel was ignorant of the predictions of Scripture.

A. Paul argues that the Jews knew that Gentiles would be accepted into the faith. (Deuteronomy 32:21)

B. The acceptance of the Gentiles would provoke Jews to jealousy. (Isaiah 65:1)

Application Questions:

1. How can salvation be considered the “obedience of faith” and not come from obedience? Explain.

2. How would you respond to someone struggling with the idea of those people who do not have the opportunity to hear the gospel?

3. What can we learn about evangelism from the jealousy of the Jews over the Gentiles if anything? Explain.
