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- **Rom 9:25,26** NIV – *“As He says in Hosea: I will call them ‘my people’ who are not my people; and I will call her ‘my loved one’ who is not my loved one, and, it will happen that in the very place where it was said to them, You are not my people, they will be called sons of the living God”*
  - *Hosea 2:23 – “And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to [them which were] not my people, Thou [art] my people; and they shall say, [Thou art] my God.”*
    - Hosea here refers to the ten tribes - and Paul applies the principle stated to the Gentiles?
      - Perhaps, but in context this almost certainly applies to the believing Jews – see *Hosea 2:14-23, I Pet 2:7-10*



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Now v 26, that also references the prophet Hosea

- *Hosea 1:10* “Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.”
  - Enter the Gentiles – let’s look back at *Rom 9:24*
    - Also *Acts 15:17, Rom 1:16*
    - **And now reflect on *Gal 3:26-29***
- ***Rom 9:27,28* NJKV** – “*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. For He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness, Because the LORD will make a short work upon the earth.*”



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- *Isaiah 10:22,23* “For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, [yet] a remnant of them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness. For the Lord God of hosts shall make a consumption, even determined, in the midst of all the land.”
- The remnant presumably refers to the 144,000
    - *Ezekiel 20:33-38* may be helpful here
  - ‘*overflow with righteousness*’: the promises to be fulfilled
    - *Zech 8:6-12, Micah 5:3-8*
  - ‘*consumption*’: complete destruction, annihilation
    - *Isaiah 28:22, Dan 9:26,27*
  - Why this sequence of events?



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These verses sequentially and collectively continue the theme of the **Sovereignty of God!**

- And is not this all **God's Grace?**
  - Let's skip ahead a bit here – still speaking to Israel
    - *Rom 11:4-6 – “But what saith the answer of God unto him (Elijah)? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.”*
  - **Rom 9:29 ASV** “*And, as Isaiah hath said before, Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had become as Sodom, and had been made like unto Gomorrah.*”



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- This is from *Isaiah 1:9*
  - ‘*Lord of Sabaoth*’ = ‘*Lord of Hosts*’
    - Also in *James 5:4*
    - Of angels, of spiritual agencies – armies of heaven
      - » Refers to warfare and service
      - » The **Lord All-Sovereign** perhaps fits the description best
  - What does *Sodom and Gomorrah* say to you?
    - Iniquity and damnation
    - *II Pet 2:6, Jude 1:7*
  - Yet the remnant will be preserved and spared
- **More evidence of God’s amazing Sovereignty and Grace!**
- **Rom 9:30,31** NKJV – “*What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness of faith; but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness.*”



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- How incredibly beautiful and consistent is this passage - **The vehicle here is faith not works**
  - And remember it was intended to be so
    - *Rom 9:26, Hosea 1:10*
  - Religion gets you no where with God
    - we must turn to *Acts 13:44-50*
    - Is not this the same Law of their members we see in us? – *Rom 7:23*
    - *Gal 3:10,11* “For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.”
  - Could the Israelite have pursued after righteousness under the Law system?
    - *Gal 3:8* “And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.”



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– *Heb 11:7 “By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.”*

- ***Rom 9:32,33 NKJV – “Why? Because they did not seek it by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone. As it is written: Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense; and whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.”***

– Again, the OT – *Isaiah 8:14* and *28:16*

- The Jew is stumbled



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- *To stumble* - proskopto {pros-kop'-to}
  - » Literally to strike against
  - » Aorist active tense
  - » *Isaiah 8:14,15* “*And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.*”
  - » *1 Peter 2:7,8* “*Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.*”
- To the Gentile the cross is foolishness
  - *1 Cor 1:23* “*But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;*”





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- I think *John 11:9.10* applies to both Jew and Gentile
  - “*Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him*”
- The humble mind comes in faith
  - **but this remains our responsibility!**
- The natural mind ignores the sovereignty of God and works it all out on his/her terms
  - *Phil 1:20* “*According to my earnest expectation and my hope, **that in nothing I shall be ashamed,** but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.*”



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### A brief review of God's Sovereignty

Man was lost, guilty, of/in the world, and not seeking God

God knew beforehand about man

God chose to overcome the resistance of man -

*Creation, Conscience (Law) → Christ*

God extended His Grace so that all might be saved

God's withholding His Grace is His business