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FOCUS	REVELATION OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS			VINDICATION OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS			APPLICATION OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS	
REFERENCE	1:1 - - - -	3:21 - - -	6:1 - - - -	9:1 - - - -	9:30 - - -	11:1 - - - -	12:1 - - -	14:1 - 16:27
DIVISION	NEED FOR GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS	IMPUTATION OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS	DEMONSTRATION OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS	ISRAEL'S ELECTION	ISRAEL'S PRESENT: REJECTION	ISRAEL'S FUTURE: RESTORATION	CHRISTIAN DUTIES	CHRISTIAN LIBERTIES
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- Review
 - Paul's heart and concern for brethren – verses 1-3
 - God's blessings directed to Israel – verses 4-5
 - The adoption
 - The glory
 - The covenants
 - The law
 - The services of God
 - The promises
 - The Patriarchs
 - The Christ
 - Difference between 'natural Israel' and 'spiritual Israel' – verses 6-7
 - the 'nation' of Israel is not the 'spiritual' Israel



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- Two questions to consider:
 - What is the difference between ‘natural Israel’ and ‘spiritual Israel’?
 - How did and do the Jews become part of spiritual Israel?
- Not children of the flesh who are the children of God – verse 8
 - The fact that one is an Israelite (natural Israel - physical seed of promise) does not necessarily make one an Israelite spiritually.
- But the children of promise are regarded as descendents.
 - A true Israelite, spiritual Israel, is one who is both physically and spiritually an Israelite, i.e. one whose physical father is Abraham and one whose spiritual father is Abraham and God.



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- What or Who began the spiritual Israel? – verses 9-13

Abraham – unconditional covenant
from God (Gen.12:1-3)

Isaac – spiritual descendents named
through him (Gen. 21:12)

Jacob – chosen by God
(Gen. 28:13-14)

- God chose seed from Abraham and Sarah – Isaac, not seed from Abraham and Hagar – Ishmael
- God chose one of two twins – Jacob not Esau
- Verse 11 – for though the twins were not yet born, and had not done anything good or bad, in order that God's purpose according to His choice might stand not because of works, but because of Him who calls



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- How did and do the Jews become part of spiritual Israel?
 - It's God's purpose according to His choice, not because of works, but because of Him who calls
- God's purpose
 - Purpose – the setting forth of the purpose of God – God, intentionally thinking through an action with the determination and power to carry it out
 - Used in Romans 8:28, Eph. 1:11 & 3:11, 2 Tim. 1:9
 - What is God's purpose in Rom. 9:11?
 - Here it is referring to God's purpose for the nation of Israel
- According to His choice/election might stand, $\epsilon\kappa\lambda\omicron\gamma\epsilon$ - eklogēe – choice and KJV translates election
 - The verbal form is to select out from a number
 - The noun form means, the act of picking out or choosing (here is used as a noun)
 - Also used in Acts 9:15, Rom. 11:5 & 7 & 28, 1 Thess. 1:4, 2 Peter 1:10
- Greek order of the words comes across like this;
 - the according to selection out purpose
 - “The phrase signifies a purpose so formed that in it an election is made. The opposite of one founded upon right or merit.” Kenneth Wuest



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- Not according to works
 - God made His decision before Jacob and Esau were born.
 - God in His sovereign freedom is totally free to do what he wants
 - God cannot be charged with electing Jacob based on any merit or obligation on His part
 - Romans 11:6
 - Verse 12 & 13 – the older will serve the younger, Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated
 - Hate is not referring to literal hatred, but of loving less
 - Jacob I loved but Esau, I loved less
- Because of Him who calls
 - This election takes place because of God who is operating in His complete freedom to call whom he wants
 - Calls here is referring to appointing one to salvation
 - God's purpose of intentionally thinking through an action with the determination and power to carry it out includes His election and calling



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Conclusion – 3 major principles regarding God’s choice of Israel (by Hal Malloy)

- Principle #1 - The effectiveness of God’s Word toward Israel
 - The bottom line question: “Didn’t the Word of God fail since the Israelites are not now in possession of their Messiah (Christ) & all the associated promised blessings?”
 - The bottom line answer “Categorically NO!”
 - The failure of most of the Israelites in not possessing Christ & the associated blessings – does not imply that the Word of God has failed (Rom. 9:6a)
 - The failure is on the part of man in not believing in God’s Word & Christ (Rom. 3:3-4)



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- Principle #2 - Concerning God's physical seed
 - God in His sovereignty makes plans & promises which are consistent with His essence & included a chosen seed (Israel). The fulfillment of His plan & promises are not dependent on man (his ability, his merit, his works, etc) but God Himself. (Rom. 9:6-13)
 - God's entire plan for mankind is through a particular physical seed (Abraham) & nation (Israel) who He sovereignly chose. The specific physical seed is Abraham - Isaac – Jacob – Christ Rom 9:7-13
 - Being a natural descendent is no guarantee that one is a child of promise (e.g. Ishmael - Rom. 9:8-9; Esau – Rom. 9:10-13)
 - The fulfillment of God's promises are independent of man's ability or inability (e.g. Sarah's inability to bear children.) The fulfillment of God's promises depend totally on His essence (His power) Rom. 9:9; Gen. 18
 - The fulfillment of God's promises are independent of man's claims of merit or works – but dependent on Divine election (choosing) out from the sovereignty of God.– Rom. 9:11



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- Principle #3 - Concerning God's Spiritual Seed
 - The fact that one is an Israelite (physical seed of promise) does not necessarily make one an Israelite spiritually (Son of God) – Rom. 9:7
 - A true Israelite is one who is both physically & spiritually an Israelite, i.e. one whose physical Father is Abraham & one whose Spiritual Father is Abraham & God. John 8:37-44
 - A Gentile can never be an Israelite but is a son of Abraham (spiritually) thru faith in Jesus Christ. Gal. 3:6-9