

Study in Romans

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God's Wrath for the Rest of Israel
Romans 11:7-10

This passage of Scripture is under the shadow of 10:21, "All the day long I have stretched out My hands to a disobedient and obstinate people," which Paul quotes from Isaiah 65:2. Can Israel really expect that their holy God will forever ignore their disobedience with no response? Of course not. In the prior verses, Paul reminds us that some Jews are faithful. In these verses, we learn that there are two groups of Jews: the remnant and the rest. For the remnant, we see that God has graciously chosen to operate in their lives for salvation. In this passage, we see that God's wrath is poured out on the rest in response to their disobedience and stubborn refusal to accept His plan of righteousness by faith in Jesus.

1. Summary of the two groups (v. 7)
 - a. Remnant obtained grace
 - b. Rest obtained hardening
2. Their Scriptures show this has been God's plan all along (vv. 8-10)
 - a. The spirit of stupor (cf., Deut. 29:4; Is. 29:10)
 - b. The table of retribution (cf., Ps. 69:22-23)