



GOD AND ISRAEL

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Lesson 1

GOD AND ISRAEL IN THE PAST

NOTE TO THE TEACHER

The Righteousness of God is the theme of the book of Romans. (Have you observed how often the word “righteousness” appears in Romans?)

We have already seen that God is righteous in condemning sinners. He is righteous in justifying those who trust in His Son. And He is righteous in sanctifying (setting apart) His own people.

Again in chapters 9, 10 and 11 the Apostle Paul stresses the righteousness of God. These three chapters relate particularly to the nation of Israel—its past, present and future. They show that God is righteous in all His dealings with Israel.

It is important that your students understand that in the Bible the Jewish people are usually referred to as Israelites and Hebrews. Paul used each of these terms when speaking of himself. (See Acts 21:39; Romans 11:1; Philippians 3:5.) Jews are descended from Abraham.

If you live in a part of the world where there are few Jews, you may be tempted not to teach this volume. That would be a great pity, since so much of Bible history and prophecy (and today’s news!) has to do with the Jewish people. Study carefully and pray earnestly that these lessons may be used to meet the needs of those you teach.

Scripture to be studied: Romans 9

The aim of the lesson: To show the blessings God gave to Israel because of His love for them.

What your students should know: Even though Israel refused to receive Jesus Christ, God still loves Israel and offers salvation to both the Jews and us.

What your students should feel: A desire to place their trust in the Lord Jesus.

What your students should do: Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and receive Him.

In the past, Israel (the Jewish people) received seven love gifts (blessings) from God (Romans 9).

Lesson outline (for the teacher’s and students’ notebooks):

1. God “adopted” Israel as a son (Exodus 4:22; Romans 9:4).
2. God’s glory—His presence and power—were with Israel (Romans 9:4).
3. God made covenants (agreements) with Israel (Romans 9:4).
4. God gave His Law to Israel (Romans 9:4).
5. God gave the Israelites a special service of worship (Romans 9:4).
6. God gave the Israelites His promises (Romans 9:4).
7. God gave the Israelites fathers (ancestors) (Romans 9:5).

The verse to be memorized:

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Romans 10:13)

REVIEW

1. What is the book of Romans about? (*The righteousness of God*)
2. God is righteous in condemning the world. What does condemnation mean? (*To declare guilty of sin; to prove guilty of sin; and to pronounce the penalty for sin*)
3. How many have sinned? (*All*)
4. What is the punishment for sin? (*Eternal death—separation from God forever*)
5. What does justification mean? (*To declare righteous*)
6. How can God, the righteous One, declare righteous those who trust in His Son? (*He can declare them righteous because the Lord Jesus bore the penalty of sin on the cross and God now sees believers as being in His Son. Romans 3:21-26.*)
7. What does sanctification mean? (*To be set apart by God for God*)
8. How many people are sanctified? (*All who have their trust in Christ*)
9. When is a believer sanctified? (*The moment a person places his trust in the Saviour, God sets him apart for Himself.*)

THE LESSON

Whatever God does is right, whether or not we understand what He does. It was so in the long ago. It is so today.