

So, just to sum up a little bit of chapter 9, because I said this in the beginning, Romans is a really, really interesting book. It's like a Bible within a Bible. It's broken down into different sections. And the section we got into the last time in chapter 9, chapter 9, 10 and 11 are three full chapters that are written to the tribes of Israel in diaspora. And the strongest proof we find in the Brit Chadashah for the Ephraimite theory, you can call it, it's right here in Romans 9, 10 and 11.

So, here it is. Paul is in a very interesting situation, because you're looking at somewhere around 58AD. So you're looking at close to 30 years after Yahshua's death and resurrection and ascension. And Paul is in the ... he's writing to the Romans, but you still have a nation of Israel there. It's before the Romans came in and destroyed YAHWEH's sanctuary and destroyed Jerusalem.

So, they're still there. They're not sovereign at the time, of course, but they're still a nation there. So, by 28 years, pretty much you see the people that were going to become believers. We're past at very beginning part where thousands are coming to faith and then you're having all the ones that are setting up for Rabbi Akiva in modern Judaism on the other side. So here it is. Paul is making this comparison in 9, 10 and 11, of the physical nation of Israel that's there, compared to the spiritual nation that's coming around the world, because this is the first time this has ever happened.

Remember, Abraham starts out as a stranger in his own land. He's a person. He's not a country. He's not a nation, although it's prophesied he would be that. But then when Israel comes and Israel is a nation, they're totally introverted. You never see where YAHWEH tells any of the kings of Israel to go to Babylon or go to Persia and convert these people or conquer them and make them part of a bigger kingdom. You just don't see it happening.

What you see is that YAHWEH is telling Israel to stay away from these people. And that's the reason when they first come into the land and there are people there that are pagans, that at times He says, yes, wipe out man, woman and child in the land of Israel [Jos 8:2; 1Sam 15:3], because He doesn't want the mixture of paganism coming in with His truth. But you never see that YAHWEH is ever going beyond the borders of Israel and what He has.

But now we're seeing for the first time in the plan of YAHWEH that two things are happening. Number one, the nation pretty much has rejected YAHWEH, right? By this time, the nation ... that's why the nation is going to get destroyed in 70AD, yes, there are some believers in Israel. By the end of the century very few Jews are left in the land of Israel, but what we're seeing is... now we're seeing that this message is going worldwide.

So, this is where Paul is comparing the physical nation of Israel that's rejecting the message at present, to the spiritual nation of Israelites that are living abroad. And that's why, if you're looking for proof of the Ephraim theory, you don't have to go any further than Romans 9, 10 and 11. So I'll start here in chapter 10. He says:

Romans 10:1 *Brethren, truly my heart's desire and prayer to Elohim on behalf of Israel is for it to be saved.*

So again, he's praying again for Israel, for the nation, including the House of Israel abroad.

Romans 10:2-7 *For I testify to them that they have zeal to Elohim, but not according to knowledge. For being ignorant of the righteousness of Elohim, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, they did not submit to the righteousness of Elohim. For Messiah is the goal of the Torah for righteousness to everyone that believes. For Moses writes of the righteousness which is of the Torah: "The man doing these things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith says this: "Do not say in your heart, Who will go up into Heaven?" (that is, to bring down Messiah); or, "Who has descended into the abyss of Sheol and brought up Messiah from the dead."*

Romans 10:8-13 *But what does it say? "The Word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the Word of faith which we proclaim) Because if you confess the Master Yahshua with your mouth, and believe in your heart that YAHWEH raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For the heart which believes in Him shall be declared righteous, and the mouth that confesses Him shall live. For the Scripture says, "Everyone believing in Him shall not be ashamed." For there is no difference both of Jew and of non-Jew, for the same Master YAHWEH of all is rich toward all the ones calling on Him. For everyone, "whoever may call on the name of YAHWEH will be saved."*

Romans 10:14-17 *How then may they call on One into whom they have not believed? And how may they believe One of whom they have not heard? And how may they hear without a preacher? And how may they preach if they are not sent? Even as it has been written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news of peace, of those preaching good things." But not all obeyed the good news, for Isaiah says, "YAHWEH, who has believed our report?" Then faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the Word of Elohim.*

Romans 10:18-21 *But I say, Have they not heard? Yes, rather, "into all the earth their voice went out, and to the ends of the world their words." But I say, Did not Israel know? First, Moses says, "I will provoke you to jealousy by a non-nation, by an unwise nation I will anger you." But Isaiah is very bold and says, "I was found by those not seeking Me; I became known to those not inquiring after Me." But to Israel He says, "All the day I stretched out My hands to a disobeying and contradicting people."*

So again, we see the contrast to the nation, the physical nation of Israel, to the spiritual nation. And here we are 2000 years later and it's no different. We have a physical nation of Israel today that is still primarily the seed of Judah, but there's also other tribes that are living here in the land. Most of them, probably 95% of the people living here in the land, they are non-believers in Messiah. And yet, as we're going to see in chapter 11, YAHWEH hasn't given up on these people yet. But yet, there's a spiritual nation of hundreds of thousands, if not into the millions, around the world of Israelites who have come to faith in Messiah that are not living in the nation, but are living in diaspora.

So, he starts out telling this, that it's his heart's desire and prayed to Elohim on behalf of Israel to be saved. So, it's very clear that, yes, was Paul a missionary to the nations. Of course he was, but at the same rate he was a rabbi of rabbis. He never forgot his people. He wasn't forgetting his people as he went to them. And he testifies that they have zeal to Elohim, but not according to knowledge. So, there's a zeal that's there just like today. We see a religious zeal, but not to knowledge. They don't have it, the knowledge. Why? Because for whatever reason they're not accepting Messiah and they're not accepting YAHWEH's message.

Romans 10:3 *For being ignorant of the righteousness of Elohim and seeking to establish their own righteousness. They did not submit to the righteousness of Elohim.*

We see it today, the oral law that started back then at this time, is still here today and many of the Jews are just ingrained in this oral law that's filled with tradition, paganism, mysticism and everything else. And yet, they think it's sacrilegious to talk against any part of the oral law, but at the same rate they'll break the Torah very easily by following the oral law.

Then verse 4, which is a very important scripture, because in most Bibles, King James, NIV and these other ones, it talks about Messiah is the end of the law for righteousness to those who believe. But we see from even the Greek manuscripts, this is not just from the Aramaic, but from the Greek, it's the same,

Romans 10:4 *For Messiah is the goal of the law ... Yahshua is the purpose, He's the end result ... of the Torah to righteousness for everyone that believes.*

So, logically if you're looking at this in context, because let's look at both sides of it. Is he saying that Yahshua did away with the Torah or is he saying that Yahshua is the goal of the Torah? Well, like we said, in the very beginning it would be kind of ironic that if the Torah was done away with at Yahshua's death, here we are almost 30 years later and there's 80 quotes from the Torah just in this one letter.

So would that make any sense whatsoever? You know that, oh, this is done away with. It's done, it's over, but I'm going to quote it over and over and over again to the people. It's totally illogical. And right here, after he says *Messiah is the goal of the law*, what does he talk about yet?

Romans 10:5 *for Moses writes in the righteousness of the Torah the man doing these things shall live by them.*

So how would he be saying, no the Torah is done away with, but yet, if you do them there for righteousness he would be totally contradicting himself. And then he quotes out of all scriptures *Deuteronomy 30 verse 12 to 14*. So, let's go to *Deuteronomy 30 and verse 12 to 14* to see what it says. *Deuteronomy 30 verse 12* [verse 11] it says:

Deuteronomy 30:11-14 *For this command which I am commanding you today is not too wonderful for you, nor is it too far off. It is not in the heavens that you should say, Who shall go up into the heavens for us, and bring it to us, and cause us to hear it, that we may do it? And it is not beyond the sea that you should say, Who shall cross over for us to the region beyond the sea and take it for us, and cause us to hear it, that we may do it? For the Word is very near to you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.*

Deuteronomy 30:15-17 *Behold, I have set before you today life and good and death and evil, in that I am commanding you today to love YAHWEH your Elohim, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes, and His judgments, and you shall live and multiply, and YAHWEH your Elohim shall bless you in the land where you are going in, to possess it. But if you turn away your heart, and you do not listen, and are impelled to, even bow down to other gods, and serve them;*

Deuteronomy 30:18-20 *I have declared to you today that you shall certainly perish. You shall not prolong your days in the land to which you are crossing the Jordan, to go in there to possess it. I call Heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Therefore, choose life, that you and your seed may live, to love YAHWEH your Elohim, to listen to His voice, and to cleave to Him. For He is your life, and the length of your days so that you may live in the land which YAHWEH has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give it to them.*

So, out of all scriptures that he is going to quote, right after he says, *Messiah is the goal of the Torah for righteousness* [Rom 10:4]. He would never be saying, “Yeah, Messiah is the end of the law. The law is done away with it.” And then he is going to quote *Deuteronomy 30* that is basically saying if you do not keep the law, you’re cursed. It would be totally illogical.

So, you do not have to be a rocket scientist to figure this part out. It is so simple what Paul is trying to say. He is trying to say that, just like Yahshua said, Yahshua did not come to do away, annul the Torah, He came to magnify it, to make it larger. [Mat 5:17] And that’s what Paul is trying to tell us, He is the goal of the Torah. That we need to look past just the letter, we have to keep it in letter of course, but we also have to keep it in spirit. We have to look at Yahshua's example that He gave to us and we have to believe it and we have to do it in faith. And then in verse 9:

Romans 10:9 *Because if you confess the Master Yahshua with your mouth, and believe in your heart that YAHWEH raised Him from the dead, then you will be saved.*

Now some people will use this verse to say you do not have to be baptized. You do not have to... but again, they are taking it out of context. He is never saying you don’t have to be baptized or whatever. He is basically just saying of course the prerequisite to baptism is belief. No one is going to be baptized. That is why we counsel with people. You do not just baptize people.

It is not like the guy, what’s his name... [Reinhard] Bonnke, who goes to Africa and saved a million people in one night. Wow that is a pretty big job. How are you saving a million people? What he meant to say is a million people signed a piece of paper that said whether I accept Jesus in my heart or whatever, but that is not the case, because if we look at Acts 2. Reinhard Bonnke, I think his name is. When... here it is, Peter is preaching on the day of Shavuot, the first Shavuot of the New Testament congregation and he is telling the people that Yahshua is the Messiah and David is not the Messiah, but he is dead and buried and then he is touching to their heart in verse 37...

Acts 2:37-38 *And hearing, they were touched in the heart, and they said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men, our brothers, What shall we do? And Peter said, Repent and be baptized, each of you in the name of Yahshua Messiah for the forgiveness of sins, that you may receive the gift of the Spirit of Holiness.*

Of course when he is saying *if you confess the Master Yahshua with your mouth, and you believe in your heart that YAHWEH raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.* [Rom 10:9] Of course, but no way does it nullify baptism. Matter of fact, when Paul is in prison in the book of Acts and here it was, he was beaten, when he is bloodied up. He is in the prison and he is singing at midnight. There is a cherub that comes and makes a great earthquake. All the prisoners are thought to have left. The head of the prison is ready to kill himself. Paul is telling him, “No, no, no, don't do it.” He is seeing this miracle. What happens right then in the middle of the night? All this is going on. He wants to be baptized as he is believing. [Act 16:25-33]

So again, baptism of course is the way we know from the New Testament... You have to put all the scriptures together. Here a little, there a little, line upon line, precept upon precept [Isa 28:10], but of course the prerequisite to even baptism is faith, repentance and belief. So, this wouldn't nullify that in the least, *Because if you confess the Master Yahshua with your mouth, and believe in your heart that YAHWEH raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.* [Rom 10:9]

And that is exactly what we do at baptism. We ask the person "Have you repented of your sins" and they say, "Yes". And we say, "Do you believe that the Son, that Yahshua the Son of YAHWEH, died for the forgiveness of your sins?" So, they are confessing it with their mouth publicly in front of witnesses, when they are being baptized. He says:

Romans 10:10-12 *For the heart which believes in Him shall be declared righteous, and the mouth that confesses Him shall live. For the Scripture says, "Everyone believing in Him will not be ashamed." For there is no difference both of Jew and of non-Jew, for the same Master YAHWEH of all is rich toward all the ones that He is calling.*

And maybe I will just read the note here. He says: In the New Covenant although it is still with the House of Israel and the House of Judah [Heb 8:8] a gentile can join this covenant as an equal full member of the YAHWEH family being grafted in by the blood of Yahshua (Gal 3:29). That is why a gentile does not need to be circumcised, which was the sign of the first covenant, as every covenant is ratified by blood (Heb 9:19-22) and if a gentile was circumcised to join the covenant he would be joining by his own blood and not Messiah's (Col 2:11-14) which he cannot pay the penalty for his own sins. Circumcision is a moot point for Israelites as according to clean and unclean laws (Lev 12:1-3) all Israelite males are circumcised on the 8th day of life.

And that is why it is not a problem coming up for Jews, because all children were automatically circumcised on the 8th day. It was not something that was new only for non-Israelites. So we see here also that Paul, again, is still confirming there is no class structure in the new covenant and it does not matter whether someone is Israelite born or they are of the nations and grafted in. Everybody has equality through Yahshua, in verse 13.

Romans 10:13 *For everyone, "whoever may call on the name of YAHWEH will be saved." (Joel 2:32)*

And again showing the importance of the family name of YAHWEH in the end times, because when you look at *Joel [verse] 32* where is YAHWEH dwelling? He is dwelling in Jerusalem. Where is salvation? Salvation is in Mount Zion and all those who call on the name of YAHWEH. Verse 14 says:

Romans 10:14-15 *How then may they call on One into whom they have not believed? And how may they believe One of whom they have not heard? And how may they hear without a preacher? And how may they preach if they are not sent? Even as it has been written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news of peace, of those preaching good things."*

And sometimes people will say, "Where does it say in Scripture about judicial order?" Here is a very good scripture that shows it. When I return from Africa next month, I plan on giving a two part series on judicial order in faith that I think will be a really good message. But everywhere you look... For people that say, "Well, there is no judicial order. It does not matter, you do not need it."

I had somebody who wrote me a little while back, who again, an American, who claimed he was a prophet and this person just going around telling everybody how they are wrong and even going to all the colleges and telling everyone they are wrong and I had a very simple question for him. Who gave you this authority? Where did you get this authority? Because when you look in Scripture, even Yahshua, the Son of YAHWEH, who... He's got the authority from YAHWEH.

And that is what He said. "If you do not believe Me, believe Me for the works [Joh 10:38]. Even Yahshua was baptized by John. And He did not have to do it, John said, "You should be baptizing me." [Mat 3:14-15] John... the law, the Torah and the prophets weren't till John. John is the last Old Testament prophet, but what does Yahshua say? Do it to fulfill all righteousness [Mat 3:15], for judicial order. John is in line to be the last high priest and even with Yahshua, there is an orderly changeover of the passing of the guard, from Levi to Melchizedek.

So, when somebody just comes and they do not want to listen to anybody and usually these people have very bad habits of all kinds of things, some of them even domestic violence. Like in the case of this one fellow who was even arrested for

domestic violence on his wife and his family, but they are going to say they are prophets of YAHWEH and they are not. And YAHWEH's Word is very, very clear... *Jeremiah 23, Ezekiel 34*, the YAHWEH says you are not a prophet of mine. And they spoke in My name saying, thus say YAHWEH, when I never spoke. And the way we know it, it has to be confirmed by the Word. So we see very clearly here, yes, there is judicial order, because he is saying how are people going to hear unless somebody comes.

Romans 10:15 *But how will they preach ... verse 15 ... if they are not sent.*

See, when you are an ambassador and we know this in Ambassador 101 ... I think most people in this room have been to the Ambassador programs and when you learn about an ambassador you find out an ambassador just do not go out. An ambassador does not say, "I am going to do this." An ambassador is sent, there as a delegation. An ambassador goes forth, he's sent. And we are sending elders now to Malaysia. We are sending elders to Indonesia. We are sending elders to Nigeria. We are sending elders to Costa Rica and Panama, in all different places. They do not go on their own, because it would not be judicial order. They are sent. They are trained as ambassadors and then they are sent.

And it is very interesting that, this is always been the rule of ambassador, that ambassadors are not ... even in America and countries that are democracy, ambassadors are not voted on. People don't vote and say, "Yeah, we are going to vote. We want him as our ambassador." The ambassador in every country in the world, is named by the leadership. The leadership appoints an ambassador and only can the leader pull back an ambassador.

So, first Paul is telling you very clearly how will they hear unless there is a preacher?

Romans 10:15 *But how will they preach if they are not sent. Even as it has been written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news of peace, of those preaching good things."*

Isaiah 52:6 through 7. We will see, because this again, one of the verses that comes from the Tanakh, *Isaiah 52:6 and 7:*

Isaiah 52:6-7 *So My people shall know My name thus in that day; for I am He speaking. Behold Me!*

Remember what I just read from verse 13 [Romans 10] *For everyone, "whoever may call on the name of YAHWEH will be saved."* And then right after that he says well how will they call into Who they don't know and how will they know unless somebody is sent? So, here he says:

Isaiah 52:6-7 *So My people shall know My name thus in that day; for I am He speaking. How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him proclaiming good news, making peace heard, bearing tidings of good, making heard salvation (Y'shua*), saying to Zion, Your Elohim reigns.*

So again, we see coming from here also, Nahum, the prophet, *Nahum 1 in verse 15.* I'll go there, verse 15 says:

Nahum 1:15 *Behold! The feet of Him bearing good news is on the mountains, making heard, Peace! O Judah, celebrate your feasts; fulfill your vows; for the worthless will not continue to pass through among you; he is completely cut off.*

So we see the feet is what takes you everywhere you go. Your feet go first. Your feet give you directions. They're the rudder of your body so to speak and that's why it says *how beautiful the feet of those who preach the good news of peace* and the other scriptures said *on the mountains*. Mountains signifying high places, large landmasses, preaching to many. And what are they preaching? They're preaching peace. We know Yahshua is the King of peace and we know for an ambassador the greatest job we have is to be a peacemaker. That's our number one job. Is our delegation to go and be a peacemaker and then verse 16 says:

Romans 10:16 *But not all obeyed the good news, for Isaiah says, "YAHWEH, who has believed our report?"*

And again, where does that come from? That comes from right at the beginning of Isaiah 53. What is the report? The report of Yahshua being the Messiah. So, *Isaiah 53* starts out with the suffering Servant, starting out *Who has believed our report* [Isa 53:1], because in that day, remember *John 1:11, He came to His own. His own rejected Him.* Most didn't believe the report. So...

Romans 10:16-17 *But not all obeyed the good news, for Isaiah says, "YAHWEH, who has believed our report?" Then faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the Word of Elohim.*

Faith comes by hearing and hearing through the Word of Elohim. So again, we see that it comes down to a matter of faith. Judicial order is faith, hearing is faith. Coming and preaching is faith and believing is faith. You have a world out there today where you have two million different religions, different groups, different people. And quite often, probably every week, we'll get questions that come into the website on different things about the name of YAHWEH, the name of Yahshua, baptism, all kinds of things.

And somebody will inevitably always say, this ministry says this and this guy said this or wrote something like this. And as a policy, we never will answer concerning that, because there's two million people out there. If I'm just looking at what other people are saying, then I'll never get to the truth.

The bottom line is, what does Scripture say? What does it matter what somebody else says or what somebody else teaches? What matters is what the Scripture says and that's why he says, [verse 17] *then faith comes by hearing and hearing through the word of Elohim*, but I can say... a lot of times I refer people to our book, the new book, *The Gates of Hell Will Not Prevail Against Her*, because the doctrine we have is a doctrine that's been here for 2000 years.

It's not a new doctrine and that's why, like it says, that somebody has to be a preacher. *How can they hear unless there's a preacher* [Rom 10:14] and the preacher has to be trained and the preacher has to be ordained and *the preacher has to be sent out* [Rom 10:15]. And this has been happening for 2000 years. *Mark 3 verse 14*, Yahshua ordained the 12, who ordained others, who ordained others and we have the history from 2000 years of all these ordinations that have been going.

So, if people simply followed in that line and when they're brand new, when they're just coming to the truth, instead of running out and writing articles and sending things to other people from the internet, if they would learn the doctrine from Yahshua that He's given to His ordained eldership, you wouldn't have these problems. So, we're not here to fight and argue with two million other religions that believe differently. Leave it be. That's up to Yahweh, but we're going to teach the truth and we have something to back it up.

Romans 10:17 *Then faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the Word of Elohim.*

We have that history to back up our belief. First, we have the belief from Scripture and then we can show the history that this belief came from Yahshua, all the way until we have it today. I don't know if you've heard? There's a news article that just came out into the last couple of days, that they found the oldest New Testament from the book of Mark. Very small, but where did they find it? They found it on a mummy.

They found it from papyrus from a mummy and they said they found hundreds or maybe even in the thousands, not only Bible things, but other things from these mummies. From their head casing and very interesting this would be, because even the Aramaic is second century, there's nothing we've had yet today and they're claiming they're carbon dated it and it goes back to 90 AD, from the book of Mark. It would be really, really amazing if that happens, because it's proof. You're going back right over to the original.

So, that's why, as much as I'm excited for all these things, I love archaeology, I love to hear these things and they're exciting. For me, that's why having the proof of history that we have, starting with Yahshua through the apostles, through Polycarp, Polycrates, all the way through, there's no missing link in our history. There's nothing that we could say. "Oh, in 1350 we don't have anything till 1450." That Yahweh had actually provided for us the original history, starting with Yahshua, all the way till today and it's still going. It's a living history, the book of Acts is still going.

So, at the end of the day though, people can believe it or they don't believe it, that's up to them, but YAHWEH also says, like He's saying here, this isn't rocket science. It's not up in the heavens, it's not across the sea, this is so simple. It's so logical, because it's all based on the Scripture, but *faith comes by hearing and hearing through the word of Elohim*. So, where your faith is going to come by is getting into the Scripture and looking at it. It's not going to come by dreams and visions or this people had a dream or he had a vision. And this is why we believe this or believe that. It's going to come by the Word, he says,

Romans 10:18 *But I say, Have they not heard? Yes, rather, "into all the earth their voice went out, and to the ends of the world their words."*

The great commission, *Matthew 28:18 through 20*. Take this good news into all the earth and then in the end will come.

Romans 10:18-19 *Have they not heard? Yes, rather, "into all the earth their voice went out, and to the ends of the world their words." But I say, Did not Israel know? ... and now he's getting back to the nation .. Did not Israel know? First, Moses says, "I will provoke you to jealousy by a non-nation ... Like we said, first you have the physical nation. Like there's here today and now you have the spiritual nation. So, he's ... going to provoke them to jealousy by a non-nation, by an unwise nation I will anger you.*

And it's very interesting, I know I've had this said to me probably at least a hundred times in the 15 years I've been here, I'm pretty sure you guys ... some of you have said the same thing, that people will say, "Wow, you're more Jewish than I am", because of the things we're doing. We're doing all these things and it's in a good way. We're provoking them to jealousy by a non-nation. We're not a nation, we're strangers in our own land. We've left our homelands, we're looking for a place, like it says in Hebrews 11.

If we didn't have faith in that Kingdom of YAHWEH, maybe we'd have an opportunity to return like it says, but who wants to return when we're looking ahead to the Kingdom of YAHWEH? So, in a good way we're provoking the people here to jealousy. That they're looking and they're saying, "Wow, you know you guys are not even Jewish and you're doing this. I want to be like that, I need more zeal."

Romans 10:20 *But Isaiah is very bold and says, "I was found by those not seeking Me; I became known to those not inquiring after Me."*

Who's he talking about? He's talking about the lost tribes, because part of the plan was, don't go the way of the Gentiles or the Samaritans, but go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel [Mat 10:5-6]. So, they weren't looking for Him. Most of them didn't even know who they were or they were living lives and whatever, but He sure knew them. So, as the disciples went around the world, the same as us and boy, we weren't looking for YAHWEH, but He knew us. He knew our backgrounds and like He says ...

Romans 10:20b-21 *"I was found by those not seeking Me, I became known to those not inquiring after Me." But to Israel ... to the nation ... He says, "All the day I stretched out My hands to a disobeying and contradicting people."*

So, in 2000 years not much has changed. It's the same thing, the same as when this message was going out in the first century. It's the same as we're seeing today, only on a much larger scale, because now Israel is a sovereign nation and they are whatever it is, the fourth or fifth strongest military in the world and their leaders are like a hearth of fire and yet, He's still stretching His *hands to a disobeying and contradicting people* that will be punished if they don't change.

There is no sovereign right just because they're an Israeli. There is no sovereign right. It's the same as before, you reap what you sow, you're blessed if you're obedient, you're cursed if you're disobedient. That's the way YAHWEH has it. So, here it is, the last two verses of this chapter, he says that. He's found by people not seeking Him, the Ephraimites, the Israelites, but to the nation He stretch out His hands to a disobeying and contradicting people.

And the next time we'll get into the crescendo. You could say of at least this part of the book of Romans, where he's going to say then, did He throw away the nation? Of course not. And He's going to give us a warning not to get too proud and simply because He has given us this truth and we do have His Spirit.

Don't get proud against the nation, because if the nation doesn't stay in their hardened state and they turn and repent toward Him, then they can be grafted back into their own tree. So, we'll build it all up to the next time, but like I said, what great chapters. I'm so happy, if we didn't have Romans 9, 10 and 11 in our Bible here, what a missing brick it would be in the Ephraimite story at least.

So, very good. I think I will stop there and I will open up if there's any comments or questions on Romans 10. Shabbat shalom.