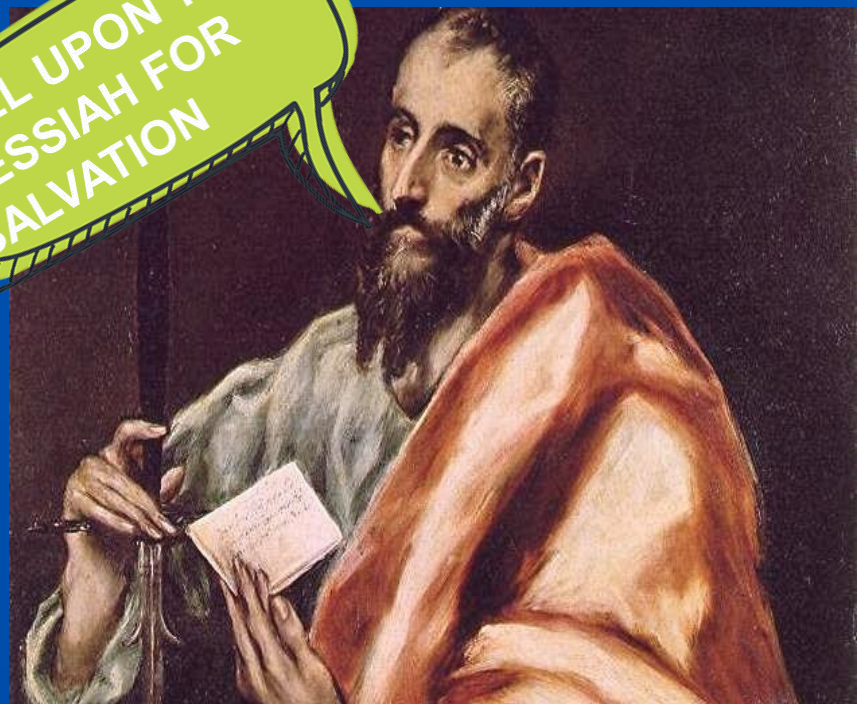




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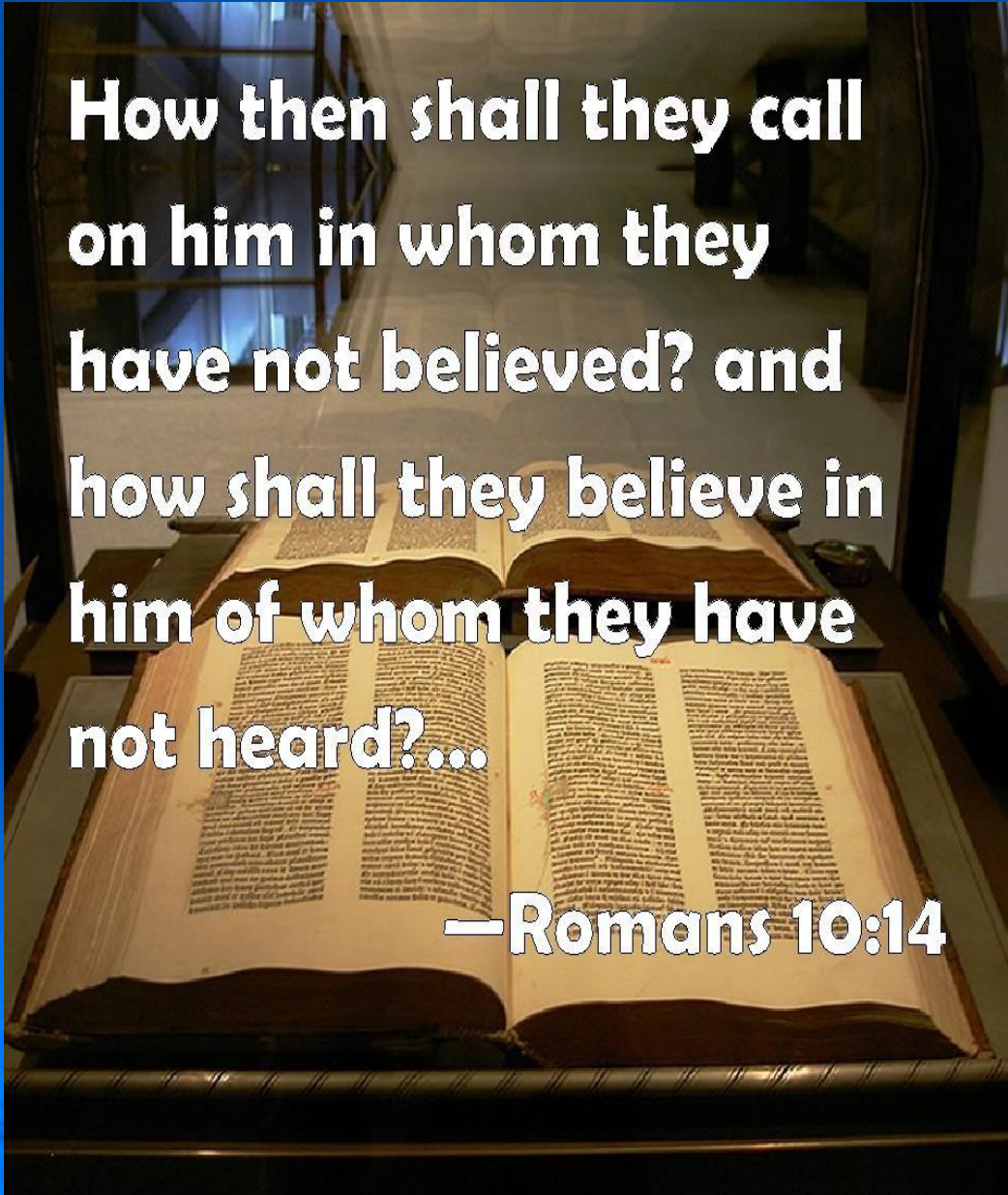
CALL UPON THE  
MESSIAH FOR  
SALVATION



- The great debate between Paul and his straw man
- 4 Questions from the straw man: Romans 10:14, 15
- The straw man is Paul's foil, always opposing
- Pattern: Straw man asserts, Paul refutes, it repeats
- Paul's invented straw man is not meant to fool the recipients of his letter: it is common rabbinic technique

# PAUL REBUTTS THE STRAW MAN

- 1) The only way to be right with God is to call upon Messiah's name
- 2) How can someone trust in a Messiah they haven't heard about?
- 3) How can someone hear about Messiah if no one proclaims Him?
- 4) If God doesn't send someone, then knowing Messiah is impossible
- Paul says Israel HAS heard the Good News, but they paid no attention to it

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**How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?...**

**—Romans 10:14**

# IS THE NATION OF ISRAEL THE SUFFERING SERVANT ?

WHO IS HE?

THE MYSTERY OF  
ISAIAH 53



- Isaiah 53 is Paul's rebuttal to Israel not knowing about the Good News
- The claim of Israel as the suffering servant is preposterous
- But...the reason for it is that Jews don't want to hold a similar view on the matter as do Christians

# PSALM 19

- Intermediate step between the Good News being spoken and later believed, is that it must be “heard”
- **Shema** = hear and do
- Paul says Israel DID hear and uses Psalm 19 to prove it
- Israel heard it in 2 ways: 1) through God’s Creation, and 2) through Moses
- Psalm 19 has a strong Messianic overtone
- Rock, Redeemer = Messiah



# THEY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND?

- Paul responds ONLY with Scripture
- Deut.32:18 – 31
- The Rock is the Redeemer
- God says because the Israelites will rebel, He will take the Gospel to a non-people (gentiles)
- Isaiah 65:1 – 7
- God's people CHOSE to be disobedient
- Israel rejected God; He did not reject them

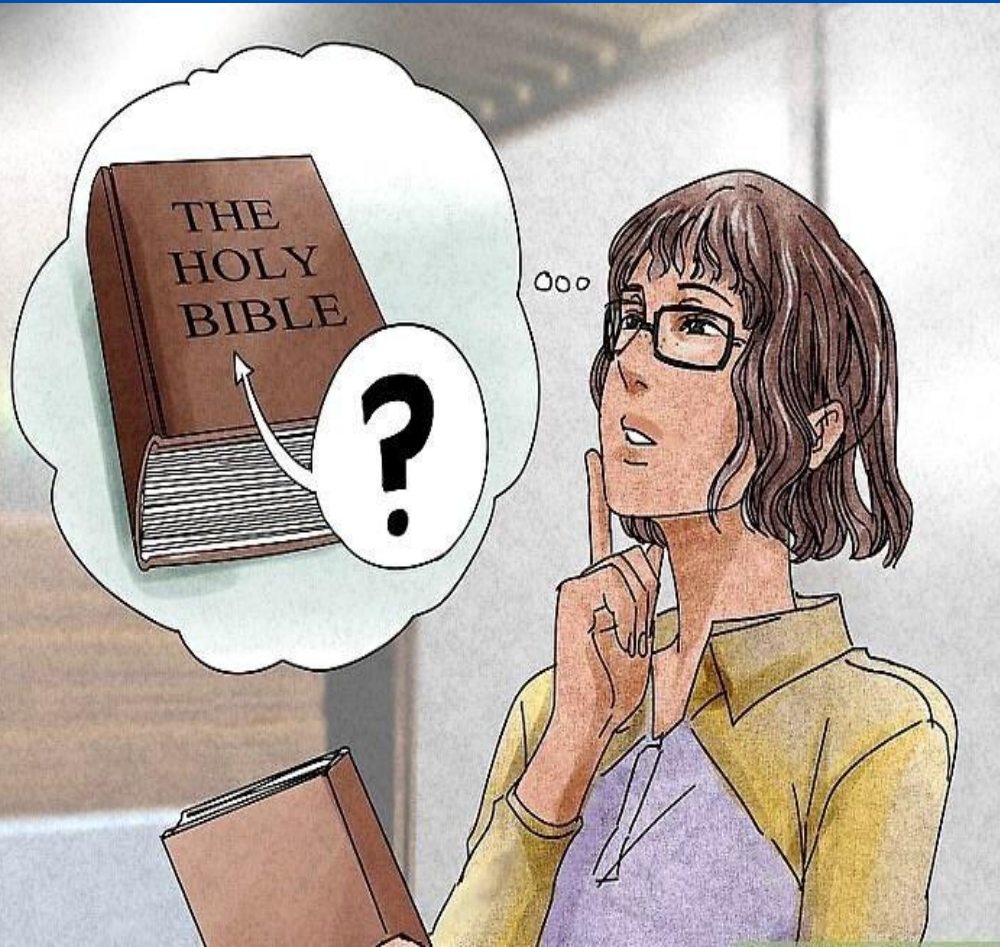
## The Song of Moses

DEUTERONOMY 32



I Am Your **ROCK**  
*2 Samuel 22:47*

# THE UNANSWERED QUESTION



- If Israel is guilty, and God is ready to destroy them due to their apostasy, has He closed the book on Israel and moved on?
- Has God taken on a new elect...gentile Christians?
- The question will be answered in Romans 11
- This might be the most important chapter in Romans

# ROMANS CHAPTER 11: THE REPUDIATION OF REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY

## ➤ THE QUESTION

➤ “*Has God....repudiated His people..?*”

## ➤ THE ANSWER

➤ Paul: “*Heaven Forbid!*”

➤ Paul says the proof is that he is an Israelite, seed of Abraham, tribe of Benjamin

➤ Meaning: Paul is a blood descendant of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob



Has God  
rejected  
his people?

**NO WAY!**

Romans 11:1



**GOD ALWAYS KEEPS**



**HIS PROMISES!**

- The debate between Paul and his straw man is crucial
- God promised to never reject Israel
- 1Sam 12:22
- Psalm 94:14
- Jeremiah 33:23 – 26
- Has God transferred His covenants with the Hebrews to gentiles?
- If God broke His promise to Israel, why would He keep it with Christians?





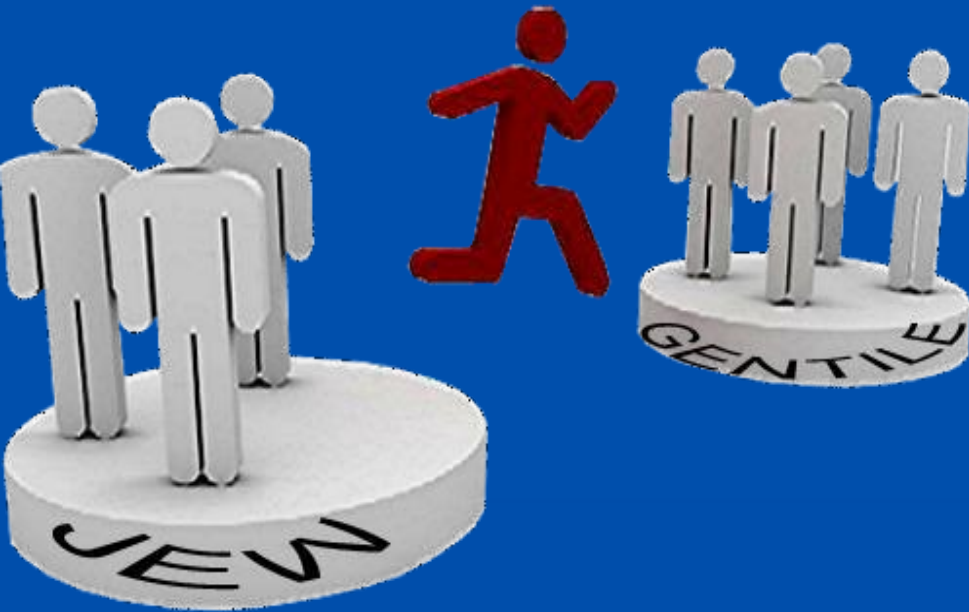
# THE SAME PROMISE GOD MADE TO ISRAEL !

"I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU  
NOR FORSAKE YOU"

{HEB. 13:5}

- Romans 8:35 – 39
- Is God's promise to Christians a better promise than to Israel?
- Christians claim Jews rejected as a group
- Not all Jews rejected Yeshua
- Not all gentiles have accepted Christ
- So why isn't the gentile group in danger?
- Praise God! He did NOT reject Israel, He keeps His promises!

# UNLEARNING & RELEARNING



- Jewish Christian seen as an oxymoron
- In the Church's eyes, Christians are gentiles
- The natural opposite of Jew is NOT Christian; it is gentile
- All of this misunderstanding has been caused by some of the early Church Fathers (all gentiles)
- Paul is trying to help us unlearn wrong doctrine, so we can relearn right doctrine

