

Paul's "brothers" according to race, who as the people of "Israel" have all the privileges that God has promised them in His Word, but have for the most part rejected Christ and are cursed to eternal separation punishment apart from Christ.

The Jews are Israel, God's chosen PEOPLE— according to Deuteronomy 7:6; Genesis 35:9-15

➤ To whom belong the **PRIVILEGES**

- 1) The **adoption as sons of God**—Exodus 4:22-23; Deut 14:1; 32:6; Hosea 1:10; 11:1
- 2) The **glory of His presence in His eternal kingdom** —Ex 16:10; 24:16-17; 25:22; 33:22; 40:34-38; 1 Kings 8:10-11; Ezekiel 43:1-6; 44:4
- 3) The **covenants with Abraham, Moses, David, and the New Covenant** —Gen 12; Ex 19; 2 Sam 7; Jeremiah 31-32
- 4) The **giving and safe-keeping of the Law**—Exodus 20:1ff.
- 5) The **temple service**—Ex 12:25-26; 13:5; Joshua 22:27; 1 Chronicles 28:13
- 6) The **promises, especially concerning the coming Christ**— see God's many promises, pictures, and predictions in the OT

➤ To whom belong the **PATRIARCHS**—according to God's promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

➤ From whom is the **PROMISED** One—according to God's promise and fulfillment in Jesus Christ who they have rejected!

- 1) They **expected** His humanity. "...and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ..."
- 2) They **denied** His deity. "...who is God..."
- 3) They **rejected** His sovereignty. "...over all, blessed forever. Amen."

In spite of God's many promises and Israel's many privileges, the plight of most Jews is that they are eternally separated from the salvation of their Christ, so Paul's pain is great for his fellow Jews.

3. PROMISES BROKEN? The Wrongful CONCLUSION concerning God and His Word *Romans 9:6*

"But it is not as though the word of God has failed." ESV

"Well then, has God failed to fulfill his promise to Israel?" NLT

- Has God **FAILED** to keep His promises to Israel?
- Has the Church **REPLACED** Israel as God's chosen people?
- Is Paul a **TRAITOR** to his people?

The Answer Is Found in the Mystery of God's Majestic Mission of Mercy?

