

"IS GOD'S WORD TO ISRAEL A FAILURE?"

ROMANS 9:6-13

I. ONE MUST UNDERSTAND THE DISTINCTIONS THAT GOD MAKES BETWEEN PEOPLE (9:6-7)

- A. Distinctions Between National And Spiritual Israel (9:6)
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- A. Illustrated In The Case Of The Sons Of Abraham (9:7-9)
 - 1. Which Clarifies Who Is Not A Child Of God
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 - 2. Paul Pinpoints The Timing And Purpose Of God's Statements To Rebecca (9:11)

DISTINCTIONS AMONG ISRAELITES

NATIONAL VS. SPIRITUAL ISRAEL

John 1:47 "Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!"

Galatians 6:16 "And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God."

ABRAHAM'S SEED ("SPERMA" [σπέρμα]) VS. ABRAHAM'S CHILDREN ("TEKNA" [τέκνα])

John 8:37, 39 "I know that ye are Abraham's **seed** ("sperma"); but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's **children** ("tekna"), ye would do the works of Abraham."

Romans 2:29 "But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God."

Romans 9:7 "Neither, because they are the **seed** ("sperma") of Abraham, are they all **children** ("tekna") ..."