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The Epistle to the ROMANS

Children: Esau, Jacob and Election Romans 9:6–13



Romans 9:5, "of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen." Rom. 9:6, "But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For they are not all Israel who are of Israel,

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not all of Abraham's physical children (seed of Abraham) are considered the "seed," which goes through Isaac only.

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<u>children of God</u>: not a term for regeneration, but those born through divine intervention with barren mothers (Sarah, Rebekah). Romans 9:9, "For this is the word of promise: 'At this time I will come and Sarah shall have a son.'"

<u>children of promise</u>: The promise given to Abraham and Sarah in Gen. 17

Gal. 3:14, "that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

Gal. 3:17, "And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect.

Gal. 3:18, "For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise." Romans 9:10, "And not only this, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac" Romans 9:11, "(for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls),"

Romans 9:12, "it was said to her, 'The older shall serve the younger.'"

Romans 9:13, "As it is written, 'Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated.'"

Gen. 29:30, "Then Jacob also went in to Rachel, and he also loved Rachel more than Leah. And he served with Laban still another seven years.

Gen. 29:31, "When the LORD saw that Leah was unloved [literally, hated], He opened her womb; but Rachel was barren." Genesis 25:22, "But the children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If all is well, why am I like this?' So she went to inquire of the LORD."

Genesis 25:23, "And the LORD said to her: 'Two nations are in your womb, Two peoples shall be separated from your body; One people shall be stronger than the other, And the older shall serve the younger.'"

Hebrews 12:15, "looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;" Hebrews 12:16, "lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright." Hebrews 12:17, "For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears."

The Restoration Period (POST-Exilic: 538 BC–430 BC)



Mal. 1:1, "The burden of the word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi. Mal. 1:2, "'I have loved you,' says the Lord. 'Yet you say, "In what way have You loved us?" Was not Esau Jacob's brother?' says the Lord. 'Yet Jacob I have loved;' "

Mal. 1:3, "But Esau I have hated, and laid waste his mountains and his heritage for the jackals of the wilderness."

Mal. 1:4, "Even though Edom has said, 'We have been impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places,' Thus says the Lord of hosts: 'They may build, but I will throw down; They shall be called the **Territory of Wickedness, and the** people against whom the Lord will have indignation forever.' "