

Romans 10:18-21

But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for “Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.”¹⁹ But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says, “I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry.”²⁰ Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, “I have been found by those who did not seek me; I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me.”²¹ But of Israel, he says, “All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people.”

Evidence in Psalm 19

- 19:1-6 - God’s revelation through nature (General Revelation)
 - Creation reveals that there is a God
- 19:7-11 - God’s revelation through His word (Special Revelation)
 - Biblical truth proclaims knowledge about God

Colossians 1:23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Israel decided to continue to do things their own way...

Romans 9:31-32 ...but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law.³² Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone

Israel failed yet God fulfilled His promise through Christ

“The spiritual condition of Israel does not come from a lack of opportunity to hear the gospel or a lack of understanding of its content, but must be traced to a ‘disobedient and obstinate’ spirit such as cropped up in the days of Moses and the days of the prophets. It is the more grievous now because God has spoken his final word in his Son and yet has been rebuffed by those who should have been the most ready to respond.”¹

“Often people who have all these natural kinds of goodness cannot be brought to recognize their need for Christ at all until, one day, the natural goodness lets them down and their self-satisfaction is shattered.”²

Acts 13:44-46

The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. ⁴⁵ But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. ⁴⁶ And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, “It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.

Acts 13:48-49

And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. ⁴⁹ And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region.

Application

1. Importance and Unity of the Bible
2. Our ultimate guide should be God’s Word

¹ Harrison, E. F., & Hagner, D. A. (2008). Romans. In T. Longman III & Garland, David E. (Ed.), *The Expositor’s Bible Commentary: Romans–Galatians* (Revised Edition) (Vol. 11, pp. 165–166). Zondervan.

² Lewis, C.S. *Mere Christianity*, p. 214.