

FACTS SHOWING THE ISSUES — ROMANS 9-11

FACT 1: The Israelites are God's chosen people (Du.7:6, 7, 8, 9; Ro 11:28)

FACT 2: God promised His chosen people that they would enjoy a glorious kingdom under their Messiah (Da.7:13, 14; Is.2:1, 2, 3,4, 5; 9:6, 7; 11:1-9; Je.23:5, 6, 7, 8; 31:31-37; 33:14, 15, 16; Lk.1:32, 33)

FACT 3: The nation of Israel (at least the majority) rejected their Messiah when He came (Jn.1:11; Mt.12:22-24; 21:33-46; 27:22-25; Jn.19:15; Ac.22:22; 1Th.2:14-15)

FACT 4: When the church began it was made up entirely of Jewish believers (Ac.2). This changed as more Gentiles and less Jews entered the church (Ro.11:25)

Fact 1 and 2 seem to be contradicted by fact 3 and 4

ISSUES

Thought of a first century Jew:

1. The gospel Paul preached IS NOT true, thus Jesus is not the Messiah. They must wait for the true Messiah to come to setup the kingdom.
2. The gospel Paul preached IS true and Jesus is indeed the Messiah.
 - Then why is there no kingdom?
 - Has God cast away His people?