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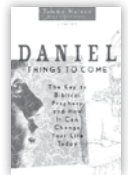
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## About Song of Solomon

Hudson Productions exists to create tools and resources to encourage and teach Biblical truths to individuals and churches. Our four goals are to:

1. Edify the Body of Christ.
2. Equip churches with quality resources to help affect life change in their ministries.
3. Equip Christians with personal Bible study tools that will help them engage with Scripture.
4. Develop resources to help churches, ministries and individual Christians reach those who are searching for Truth.

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# Volume Two

BEFORE YOU GO ANY FURTHER...READ THIS!

If you are a small group leader, thanks for taking the opportunity to shepherd others along the way. And if you are using this series for personal study, get ready for a life-changing experience you will want to share with others! Here are a few tips as you get started with the series:

- This study was designed with small groups in mind. So put a small group together and get started.
- The series is also perfect for individuals or couples who are looking for ways to deepen their devotions or find practical ways to apply the timeless truths of Scripture.
- Volume Two is designed to be used as either a 10-week or a 5-week study. Each DVD session is approximately 30 minutes. The sessions are designed to be used as follows: watch each session and then discuss the questions in the Study Guide.
- Depending on the length of your meeting time, you can watch two sessions per meeting to make Volume Two a 5-week series.
- Volume Two covers Romans 9-16.

## A WORD TO SMALL GROUP LEADERS

There is no separate leader's guide. Leaders are facilitators of the material: Answers to Text Questions are in the back of Study Guide.

Before each session we encourage leaders to:

- Pray – ask the Lord for guidance on how to lead the members in your group. Pray that He will show you ways to stimulate genuine, dynamic and open communication.
- Preview – it will be very beneficial for you to watch the session before you share it with your group. You will notice the key points from each session and you can better facilitate the discussion questions within your group.
- Prepare – a small group will only go as deep and be as transparent as the leader. If a leader or facilitator is not willing to get personal, then the group will float on the surface. Let God speak through your own struggles and weaknesses.

# About the Speaker



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# One

## ISRAEL'S REJECTION OF GOD

Romans 9

Israel is rejecting God. Just because one is a descendant of Israel does not make them a covenant child of God. Why does God endure them everyday? Who is being saved? Judgment will come upon the Jew. Is it God's mercy that any one will go to Heaven? Some will love Him some will hate Him. Jesus will be the separation.

### CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup>I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit,

<sup>2</sup>that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart.

<sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh,

<sup>4</sup>who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the temple service and the promises,

<sup>5</sup>whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

<sup>6</sup>But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel;

<sup>7</sup>nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: "THROUGH ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL BE NAMED."

<sup>8</sup>That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants.

<sup>9</sup>For this is the word of promise: "AT THIS TIME I WILL COME, AND SARAH SHALL HAVE A SON."

<sup>10</sup>And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac;

<sup>11</sup>for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls,

<sup>12</sup>it was said to her, “THE OLDER WILL SERVE THE YOUNGER.”

<sup>13</sup>Just as it is written, “JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED.”

<sup>14</sup>What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be!

<sup>15</sup>For He says to Moses, “I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION.”

<sup>16</sup>So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.

<sup>17</sup>For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE I RAISED YOU UP, TO DEMONSTRATE MY POWER IN YOU, AND THAT MY NAME MIGHT BE PROCLAIMED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE EARTH.”

<sup>18</sup>So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires.

<sup>19</sup>You will say to me then, “Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?”

<sup>20</sup>On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, “Why did you make me like this,” will it?

<sup>21</sup>Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use?

<sup>22</sup>What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction?

<sup>23</sup>And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory,

<sup>24</sup>even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.

<sup>25</sup>As He says also in Hosea,

“I WILL CALL THOSE WHO WERE NOT MY PEOPLE, ‘MY PEOPLE,’ AND HER WHO WAS NOT BELOVED, ‘BELOVED.’”

<sup>26</sup>“AND IT SHALL BE THAT IN THE PLACE WHERE IT WAS SAID TO THEM, ‘YOU ARE NOT MY PEOPLE,’ THERE THEY SHALL BE CALLED SONS OF THE LIVING GOD.”

<sup>27</sup>Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, “THOUGH THE NUMBER OF THE SONS OF ISRAEL BE LIKE THE SAND OF THE SEA, IT IS THE REMNANT THAT WILL BE SAVED;

<sup>28</sup>FOR THE LORD WILL EXECUTE HIS WORD ON THE EARTH, THOROUGHLY AND QUICKLY.”

<sup>29</sup>And just as Isaiah foretold,  
“UNLESS THE LORD OF SABAOTH HAD LEFT TO  
US A POSTERITY, WE WOULD HAVE BECOME LIKE  
SODOM, AND WOULD HAVE RESEMBLED  
GOMORRAH.”

<sup>30</sup>What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue  
righteousness, attained righteousness, even the righteousness  
which is by faith;

<sup>31</sup>but Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not arrive at  
that law.

<sup>32</sup>Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as  
though it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling  
stone,

<sup>33</sup>just as it is written, “BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A  
STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF  
OFFENSE, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL  
NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.”

## Text QUESTIONS



1. In verses 4-5 what belongs to the Israelites?

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2. Verse 6 states that they are not all Israel who descended from Israel. Who are they that are not blessed?

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3. Does being a child of Abraham give you all the spiritual promises of God? Verse 7.

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4. In verse 7 which son's descendants are the blessings for?

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5. Verse 10 is another illustration of God choosing. Who are the 2 sons?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_

6. In verse 11 why was one saved?

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7. Whom did God love and whom did He hate (not put blessing on)?

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8. On whom will God have mercy and compassion?

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9. In verse 17 who did God use to show His power?

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10. In verse 22 what is one way God makes His power known?

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11. According to verse 23 why doesn't God take all sinners out now?

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12. Will any Jews be saved? What are they called? Verse 27.

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13. In verse 32 how are we to pursue Christ?

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14. In verse 33 what happens to those who believe in Him?

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UNPACKING *text*

**Patience** - *macrothomea, much pain*

## *Application* QUESTIONS

1. If you are a Jew do you get a free pass to Heaven?

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2. Has the word of God failed if the unbelieving Jew goes to hell?

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3. Can we do anything to influence God on whom to save? See verse 16.

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4. If all are guilty why shouldn't all go to hell?

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{ "God created us in His image and man has never since returned the favor." *Voltaire* }

5. Is God cruel?

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6. How does the fact that God can save whomever He wants settle with our society today?

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7. The Jews stumble over Jesus. Who else stumbles over Him and why?

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8. Does our society rationalize the Bible? How?

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9. Do you have preconceived notions of who God is? What are they and how can this become an area of struggle?

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10. Why do we want to make God look a lot like us?

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11. Will God use a nonbeliever for His own purpose?

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12. What do you think about the possibility that someone like Manson is in heaven (Verse 13)? Why did the Jews reject Christ?

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## MEMORY VERSE

*Romans 9:33*

<sup>33</sup>just as it is written, "BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."



## PRAYER REQUESTS

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## NOTES

# THE MOST IMPORTANT WORDS EVER WRITTEN

The most important idea in the Bible is how a Holy God can get a sinful man into Heaven and not compromise who He is. Romans tell us just that! It sits as Master of the House before all of Paul's writings. It is the Bible in miniature. It is the most important singular document ever penned by man and only inspiration could make it so.

In our study in Romans we will look at Paul's unfolding logic and incisive reasoning as to the divinity and holiness of the Christian gospel. When this book has been understood, reformation and new life follow shortly.

## STUDY GUIDE CONTAINS:

- All Biblical Text For Each Session Like A 'Wide Margin Bible' For Note Taking
- Text Questions
- Application Questions
- Key Memory Verse
- Covers Romans Chapters 9-16



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- Song of Solomon - Student Series
- Ecclesiastes (A Life Well Lived)
- Daniel
- Romans, Volume I

