

# Israel Hath Not Attained

“But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.” - Romans 9:31

## 1. Promises to the fathers

- a. Abraham was promised **land**, a **seed**, a **blessing**. (Gen 12:2-3)
- b. Abraham believed God and He counted it to him for righteousness. (Gen 15:6)
- c. Was Abraham counted righteous in circumcision or uncircumcision? In uncircumcision. (Rom 4:10)
- d. Abraham is the father (here, a pattern of faith) of all who **believe**. (Rom 4:11)
- e. Abraham → Isaac → Jacob - Promises made to all. A promised **inheritance**. (ex Ps 37:11)

## 2. The law entered

- a. Israel is God's firstborn son. The chosen nation. (Ex 4:22-23)
- b. Four hundred and thirty years after promises were made to Abraham the law entered. Israel said, “It shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments...” (Deut 6:25)
- c. The law is Israel's, 613 laws were given to them. Chief of them: “Love the Lord thy God...” (Deu 6:5, Lev 26:3-12, 14 Mat 22:34-38)
- d. Loving the Lord with all thy heart, soul, and mind is the chiefest and most difficult. This is not revolutionary during Jesus's earthly ministry to Israel.
- e. The law of Moses is holy, just, good.. But is called the ministration of death (1 Cor 15:56, 2 Cor 3:7, Gal 3:21)
- f. Israel needs a better covenant if they are to be a blessing to the world. God knew this. (Deu 30:1, 6, Jer 31:31, Ez 36:23-28)

## 3. Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision

- a. Jesus came unto his own, the “lost sheep”. (Jn 1:11, Jer 50:6, Mt 10:5-6, 15:24)
- b. Note: Even as far as Acts 11, they are **not routinely** going to Gentiles! Who is? Paul.
- c. Israel is the only nation that God has ever chosen (his first born). **Israel** is to whom pertaineth the **adoption**, **covenants**, and **promises**. (Rom 9:4-5)
- d. Israel would need to be “born again” to receive their **inheritance**. (Is 66:8)
- e. To those who received him... power to become the sons of God (Jn 1:12)
- f. How did Israel miss it (righteousness)? They sought it not by faith. (Rom 9:31-32, 10:4)
- g. God always requires faith. The positive response to what God says. (Hab 2:4)
- h. All of Israel shall be saved. The law cannot disannul, God made promises. (Rom 11:2-27)