

## **Jesus Is the Hope of Israel**

**1. Paul Is Representing the Hope of Israel (17-22).**

**2. *Kingdom of God* Is Accepted by Some, Rejected by Others (23-27).**

**3. Jesus Continues to Expand His Kingdom Unhindered (28-31).**

CONCLUSION: King Jesus sent His Holy Spirit to empower His people to serve as His witnesses throughout the entire world. We have seen how He faithfully deployed them from Jerusalem all the way to Rome. Now the critical question is how will we, by His grace, continue to testify to the King of Kings wherever He sends us?

## **Ezra 10:1-5**

While Ezra prayed and made confession, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, a very great assembly of men, women, and children, gathered to him out of Israel, for the people wept bitterly. <sup>2</sup> And Shecaniah the son of Jehiel, of the sons of Elam, addressed Ezra: “*We have broken faith with our God and have married foreign women from the peoples of the land, but even now there is hope for Israel in spite of this.*” <sup>3</sup> Therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all these wives and their children, according to the counsel of my lord and of those who tremble at the commandment of our God, and *let it be done according to the Law.* <sup>4</sup> Arise, for it is your task, and we are with you; be strong and do it.” <sup>5</sup> Then Ezra arose and made the leading priests and Levites and all Israel take an oath that they would do as had been said. So they took the oath.

## **Jeremiah 14:7-9**

“Though our iniquities testify against us, act, O Lord, *for your name’s sake*; for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against you.

<sup>8</sup> O *you hope of Israel*, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler who turns aside to tarry for a night?

<sup>9</sup> Why should you be like a man confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot save?

Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not leave us.”

## **Jeremiah 17:12-13**

A *glorious throne* set on high *from the beginning* is the place of our sanctuary. O Lord, *the hope of Israel*, all who forsake you shall be put to shame; those who turn away from you shall be written in the earth, for they have forsaken the Lord, *the fountain of living water.*

## **John 7:37-39**

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, *let him come to me and drink.*” <sup>38</sup> Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘*Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.*’” <sup>39</sup> Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.