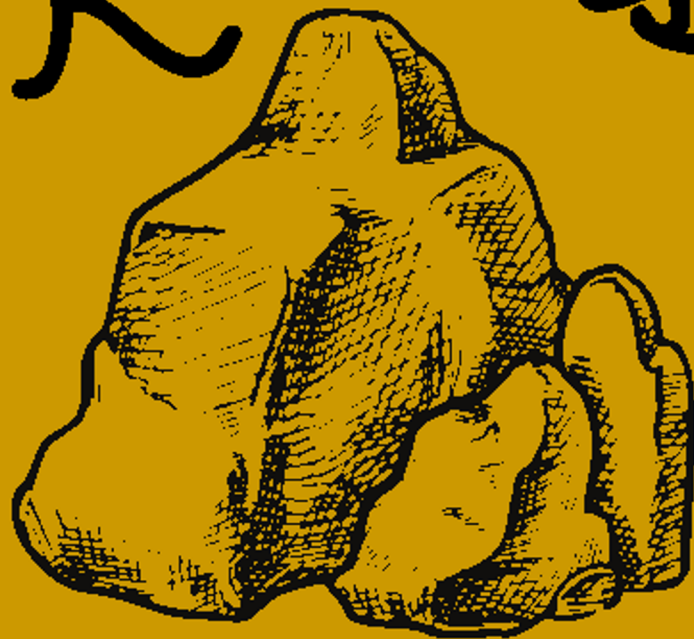
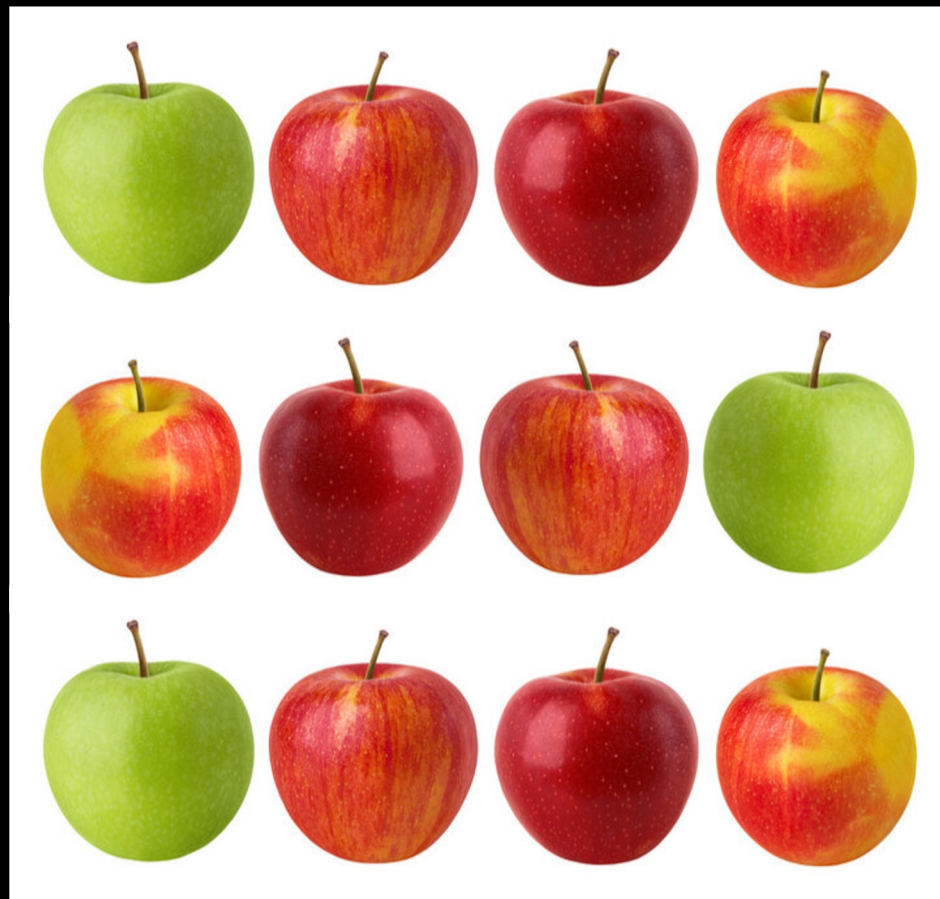


Romans



DID GOD'S
PLAN FAIL?

CHAPTERS 9-11



MAIN POINT: God's Word has NOT failed!

Romans 9:6a

⁶ But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷ and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸ This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹ For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.”

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Romans 9:30–33

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The Identity of the Stone Revealed

Acts 4:8–12

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a disabled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead – by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹ Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.” ¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to humankind by which we must be saved.

The Stone of Scripture Flips Fortunes

1. Why is Jesus compared to a stone?
2. How is it that Jesus, as this stone, will cause offense and stumbling?
3. Why does believing in him prevent future shame?

#1 – Why is Jesus compared to a stone?

Jesus is like a chosen and precious cornerstone

1 Peter 2:4–6

⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

#1 - Why is Jesus compared to a stone?

Jesus is like a tested stone, a sure foundation

Isaiah 28:16

¹⁶ Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation:
"Whoever believes will not be panic-stricken.""

Israel's Mistakes



Jesus is the chosen and precious cornerstone. He is a sure foundation.



Adoption, divine glory, covenants, receiving the law, temple worship, promises, and patriarchs are our sure foundation.

Our Mistakes?



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NOTHING =**

EVERYTHING

#2 – How is it that Jesus causes offense/stumbling?

Jesus disregards their religious distinctions

Galatians 5:3–6

³ I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. ⁴ You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵ For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

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The Flip of Fortunes Benefits “Sinners”

Matthew 21:31–32

³¹ Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.”

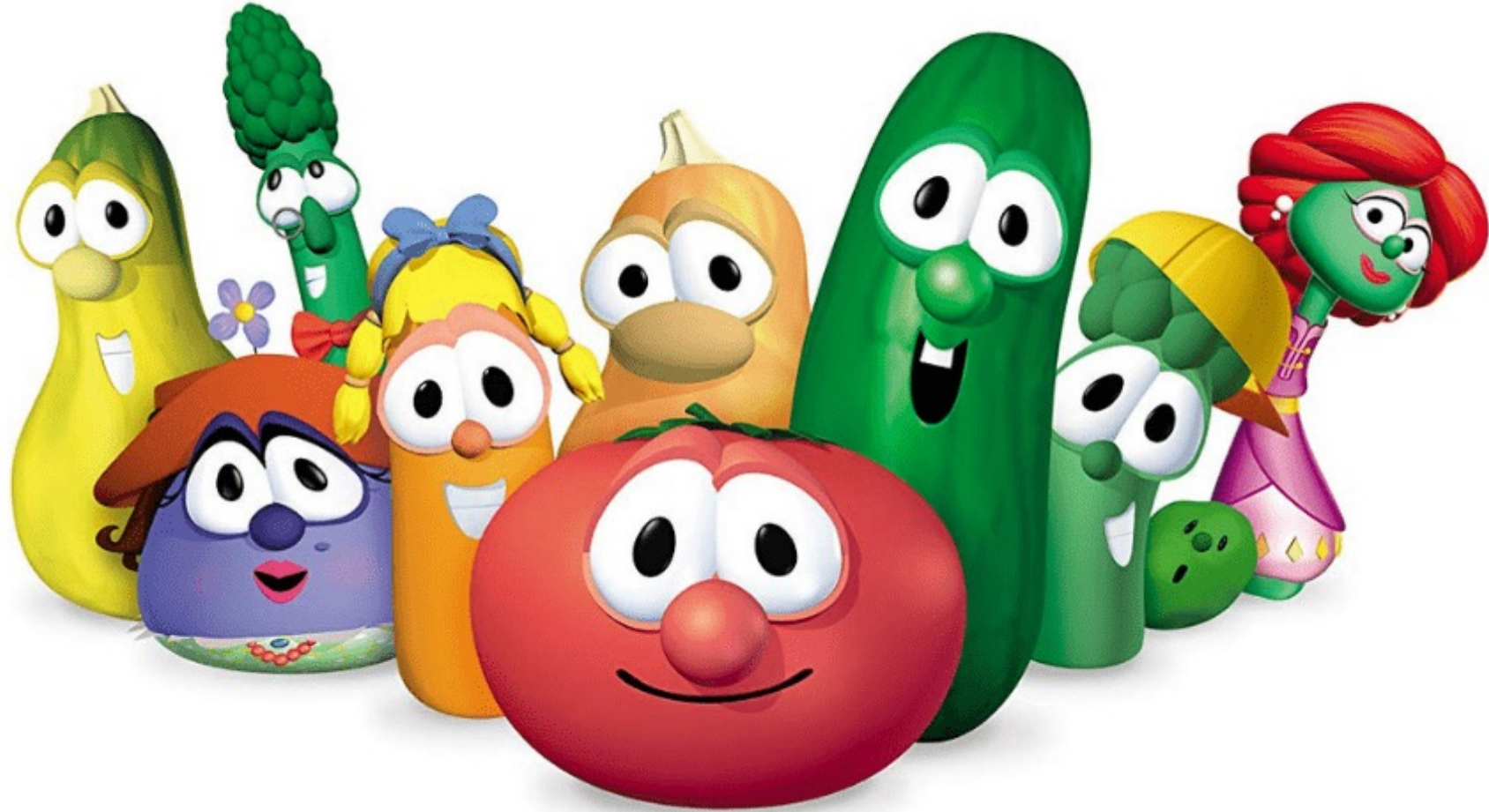
Israel's Mistakes Our Mistakes?



Pursue God based
on faith



Pursue God based
on works



“Wait a minute, did I just spend 10 years persuading kids to behave Christianly without teaching them Christianity? And that just stopped me in my tracks...I can't just tell kids to behave like Christians. I have to teach them the tenants of the faith.”

~Phil Vischer

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#3 – Why does believing in him prevent shame?

Jesus takes our shame upon himself

Hebrews 12:2

² For the joy set before him Jesus endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

#3 – Why does believing in him prevent shame?

God promises to never put his people to shame

Isaiah 45:16–17

¹⁶ All the makers of idols will be put to shame and disgraced; they will go off into disgrace together.

¹⁷ But (believing) Israel will be saved by the LORD with an everlasting salvation; you will never be put to shame or disgraced, to ages everlasting.

Why do we recall sins that
The LORD has forgotten?

Israel's Mistakes Our Mistakes?



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Flip of Fortunes