

**Chapter 9** - Israel’s past election, **Chapter 10** - Israel’s present rejection, **Chapter 11** - Israel’s future restoration

Sovereignty is generally defined as “the absolute rule over an area” or “being free from any external control.” **When applied to God, we can say that sovereignty is “the right of God to do as He wishes (Ps. 50:1; Is. 40:15; 1 Tim. 6:15) with His creation. This implies that there is no external influence upon Him and that He also has the ability to exercise His right according to His will.”**

God’s sovereignty and human responsibility:

**Is. 10:15-19; 1 Kings 8:35-36, 57-60; Acts 2:22-23**

**God chose Israel (9:1-5)**

**Deut. 7:6-8**

**God chose the progression of the line of Israel (9:6-23)**

**Though He chose, God...**

- **Is still fair (9:14)**
- **Is still merciful (9:15,16)**
- **Has a perfect purpose (9:17-23)**

**God hardened Pharaoh’s heart” (Ex. 4:21; 7:3; 9:12; 10:1, 20, 27; 11:10; 14:4, 8, 17)**

**Pharaoh hardened his own heart (Ex. 7:13, 14, 22; 8:15, 19, 32; 9:7, 34, 35; 13:15)**

**Ezek. 33:11; 2 Pet. 3:9**

**God chose to include the Gentiles in His Kingdom (9:24-33)**

**1 Cor. 1:22-23**

**Israel depended upon the law, not faith, for righteousness (10:1-18)**

**God chose to use the Gentiles to provoke Israel to jealousy (10:19-21)**

**God has not rejected Israel entirely but has partially hardened them (11:1-8)**

**God's reasons in His choices are ultimately for redemption (11:9-32)**

**God's ways are beyond our understanding (11:33-36)**