

“Journeying with the Jews: When God Cuts the Work Short”

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- In mercy God calls a _____ for His mission, when in reality He doesn't _____ them for His mission at all.

- Romans 9
 - ◆ vv 1-5: “The chosen ones—my people—are lost.”

 - ◆ Richard John Neuhaus: “God’s chosen ones live out the drama and destiny of God himself. It is a fearful thing to be _____. It is as though God enters history through his chosen ones.” (*Death on a Friday Afternoon* 13)

 - ◆ Is there another people who consider themselves “the chosen ones” because they have it all:
 - The corpus of _____ .
 - The eternal _____ .
 - The holy _____ .
 - The promises, the _____ .
 - The patriarchs and prophets and kings and “Desire of Ages.”
 - Even the Messiah—“the testimony of _____ .”

 - ◆ v 16: Only the mercy of God can save the _____ .

 - ◆ v 27: Jacques Doukhan, *The Mystery of Israel*—“The remnant are the faithful who within the chosen people will survive the test of God’s judgment and who will ultimately enjoy the eschatological reward of salvation. We should not, however, identify the ‘remnant’ with the ‘chosen people.’ Not all of the Israelites were a part of the remnant (I Kings 19:18), and not all of the remnant belonged to the chosen people of Israel (Isa. 46:3; 45:20; 66:19).” (15)

 - ◆ vv 30-33: The remnant are saved by _____ through _____ in Christ _____ .

- Romans 9:28 NKVJ—“For _____ will finish the work and cut *it* short in righteousness, because the LORD will make a _____ work upon the earth.”
 - ◆ Will God personally finish His work on earth?

 - ◆ Consider the numbers, if He doesn't do so:
 - Every second ____ babies are born on earth.
 - Every same second ____ human beings die.
 - That's a net growth of ____ people per second on earth.
 - Or, a million new human beings every ____ days.
 - Or, 60 million every _____ .

 - ◆ *How will the work of God be finished in the end?*
 - “Hebrew divine passive” = when God is portrayed as the completer of the action

(Matthew 24:14, Rev. 14:6)

- “I saw that the quick work that God was doing on the earth would soon be cut short in righteousness, and that the messengers must speed swiftly on their way to search out the scattered flock.” (CET 107)
 - “The work will soon be cut short in righteousness. We must become more persistent and more devout in our efforts to carry it forward to completion. The time has come that we must not only be active, but we must concentrate that activity so as to make it tell.” (AUCR, October 1, 1906)
 - “Let me tell you that the Lord will work in this last work in a manner very much out of the common order of things, and in a way that will be contrary to any human planning. . . . God will use ways and means by which it will be seen that He is taking the reins in His own hands. The workers will be surprised by the simple means that He will use to bring about and perfect His work of righteousness.” (TM 300)
 - “There will be a series of events revealing that God is master of the situation.” 9T 96
 - “Great changes are soon to take place in the world, and the final movements will be rapid ones.” 9T 11
- ◆ vv 27, 28—F. F. Bruce: “The ‘saved’ remnant would thus be also a ‘saving’ remnant.” (*Romans* 192)

**“WE WILL SETTLE FOR NOTHING LESS THAN
GLOBAL DOMINATION FOR CHRIST.”**

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