Romans Series
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The Epistle to the ROMANS

God's Righteousness Toward Israel

Romans 9:1-6 (Introduction)



Rom. 8:36, "As it is written: 'For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.'"

Psa. 42:23 in the Hebrew Bible

Psa. 44:22 in the English Bible

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ἀνάθεμα *anathema* nom neut sing that which has come under God's judgment Gen. 12:1, "Now the LORD had said to Abram: 'Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you.

Gen. 12:2, "'I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.

Gen. 12:3, "I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."



The Joseph Lookout point

From this location, one can see biblical Shechem (Tel Balata) and Joseph's tomb. Tel Shechem spreads out over 40-50 dunam and contains remains of a settlement from the middle Canaanite period to the Roman period (2,000 BCE - 70 CE). The Tel was excavated by a number of expeditions during the years 1913-1964. The excavations revealed remains of a fortified city that included walls, gates, a temple and more. The Bible and other historical sources describe Shechem numerous times, as an important central city that controlled the junction where the central hills road met the road that ascends from the Jordan valley to the coastal plain. All of the beginnings of the nation of



Israel occurred at Shechem. Here Abraham received the original promise that he would inherit the land (Genesis 12:7). Here Jacob purchased the "part of the field" where in the future Joseph his son would be buried (Joshua 24:32). At Shechem the Tribes of Israel preformed the first ceremony of the covenant upon their entrance into the Promised Land (Joshua 8:30-35). At the end of Joshua's life he made a covenant with the nation at Shechem where they then placed a large stone (Joshua 24:26) which stands until this day.

וכש יעקב אבינו וכש יעקב אבינו בשכם מקיימים בטחת (יהושע ח, ום אבן גדולה Gen. 12:6, "Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites were then in the land.

Gen. 12:7, "Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, 'To your descendants I will give this land.' And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

Gen. 12:8, "And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel on the



