

[19] You will say then to me, “Why does he still find fault? For who has resisted his plan?”<sup>1</sup> [20] Yet indeed, O man, who are you who answers back<sup>2</sup> to the God? The thing formed will not say to the one who forms, “Why did you make me this way,” will it? [21] Or, does not the potter have authority over the clay, out of the same lump, to make the one indeed for honor, and the one for dishonor? [22] And if the God, willing to demonstrate the wrath and to make his power known, endured in much long-suffering vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, [23] and that he might make known the wealth of his glory upon vessels of mercy, whom he prepared beforehand for glory, [24] whom also he called us, not only from Jews, but also from nations?

[25] As also in the Hosea he says, “I will call the people not of me, my people, and her not loved, loved.”<sup>3</sup> [26] And it shall be, in the place where it was said to them, “You are not my people,” there they will be called sons of living God.

[27] And Isaiah cries out concerning the Israel, “If the number of the sons of Israel were as the sand of the sea, the remnant will be saved.”<sup>4</sup> [28] For finishing a word and cutting short in righteousness, because Lord will make a short word<sup>5</sup> upon the earth. [29] And just as Isaiah foretold, “Unless Lord of hosts<sup>6</sup> left behind to us a seed, we would have become as Sodom, and we would have been made like Gomorrah.”<sup>7</sup>

[30] What then shall we say? That nations who are not pursuing righteousness attain righteousness, even the righteousness out of faith, [31] and Israel pursuing a law of righteousness, did not arrive unto a law of righteousness. [32] Because why? Because not out of faith, but as out of works of law, for they stumbled over the stumbling stone, [33] just as it has been written, “Behold, I place in Zion a stumbling stone and a rock of offense,<sup>8</sup> and everyone who believes upon him shall not be ashamed.”

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1 βουλήματι (boulêmati) “plan”; YLT “counsel”; NKJV “will” - see Acts 27:43 (TT) “plan” w/related verb “planning.” Only other time this noun is found is in 1 Peter 4:3 CT “desire” (NAS), MT & RT θέλημα (thelêma) “will” (NKJV).

2 ἀνταποκρινόμενος (antapokrinomenos) “answers back” NAS; “reply against” NKJV – found also only in Luke 14:6.

3 Hosea 2:23

4 Isaiah 10:22; Hosea 1:10; Romans 11:5

5 “in righteousness, because . . . a short word” - MT & RT, not found in CT.

6 Σαβαώθ (Sabaôth) “hosts” Green; “Sabaoth” (transliteration) NKJV, same word as in e.g. 1 Samuel 1:3 “hosts” LXX.

7 Isaiah 1:9

8 σκανδάλου (skandalou) “offense”- see footnote for Luke 17:1.