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Still, T. (Ed.). (2017). *God and Israel: Providence and purpose in Romans 9-11*. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press. 190 pp. \$34.95. ISBN 9781481307024

In light of the grace shown to Gentiles, Israel, God's chosen people, and her eternal salvation have been hotly debated since the time of the apostles. When writing Romans, a letter written expressly for Gentiles, in chapters 9–11, Paul discusses Israel in relation to the salvation brought through Jesus Christ.

The topics discussed in this work include Paul's view of time, how God's faithfulness and providence work within His covenant promise, Paul's use of rhetoric with respect to grafting, how God's love of Israel connects to His election of the Gentiles, the role of Jesus Christ with respect to the nation of Israel, and the hope for Israel's full inclusion in grace. Each topic is a separate chapter and connects to other Scripture and ancient texts (when applicable).

The providence of God is the topic of the series of essays found in this scholarly work. Written for those who may be researching some new and different interpretations of these three chapters, this work provides essays by six leading Pauline scholars. Within each essay are discussions of the Greek text of Paul's writings and extensive footnotes. Additionally, to assist a researcher in using this work effectively, an index of Scripture and ancient sources is provided at the end. This work is useful for scholars conducting research regarding these three chapters of Romans and those attempting to understand God's purpose for Israel.

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