

## **Culpable Unbelief**

*Romans 10:18-21*

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### **Introduction:**

## **Why did Israel fail to believe Messiah?**

- I. **Not because they didn't hear (Romans 10:18; Psalm 19:4).**
- II. **Not because they didn't understand (Romans 10:19-21).**
  - a. **They understood God's employment of Gentiles to provoke them (Romans 10:19; Deuteronomy 32:21).**

b. **They understood their own history (Romans 10:20; Isaiah 65:1).**

c. **They understood God's relentless merciful invitation (Romans 10:21; Isaiah 65:2).**

**Israel's failure to believe Messiah is not a failure to hear or understand, but an obstinate refusal to believe and obey.**

Resources for further study in Romans 9-11:

on the doctrine of election:

*Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God*, by J.I. Packer.

*The Five Points of Calvinism*, by Steele, Thomas, and Quinn.

*The Bondage of the Will*, by Martin Luther.

*Spurgeon Versus Hyper-Calvinism: The Battle for Gospel Preaching*, by Iain Murray.

on the future of Israel:

*Has the Church Replaced Israel*, by Michael Vlach.

*Israel and the Church*, by Ronald Diprose.

*Amillennialism and the Age To Come*, by Matt Waymeyer.

*The Justification of God*, by John Piper