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“Thus says the Lord, ‘If the heavens above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out below, then I will also cast off all the offspring of Israel for all that they have done,’ declares the Lord.”

Jer. 31:37

“For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number...but because the Lord loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers...”

Deut. 7:6-8

“Blessed be the Lord your God who delighted in you to set you on the throne of Israel; because the Lord loved Israel forever, therefore he made you king, to do justice and righteousness.”

1 Kings 10:9

“Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it. Yet on your fathers did the Lord set His affection to love them, and He chose their descendants after them, even you above all peoples, as it is this day.” Deut. 10:14-15

“But Zion said, ‘The Lord has forsaken me, and the Lord has forgotten me.’ ‘Can a woman forget her nursing child, and have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, but I will not forget you. Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; your walls are continually before Me.’” Isa. 49:14-15

“When Israel was a youth I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son.” Hosea 11:1

“Oh, how can I give you up, Israel? How can I let you go? How can I destroy you like Admah or demolish you like Zeboiim? My heart is torn within me, and my compassion overflows. No, I will not unleash my fierce anger. I will not completely destroy Israel, for I am God and not a mere mortal...” Hosea 11:8-9 (NLT)

The burden which Paul carried for others:



1. TRANSPARENT AND TRUE. Vs. 1

“I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit.”

“But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy, and began contradicting the things spoken by Paul, and were blaspheming.”
Acts 13:45

“But the Jews who disbelieved stirred up the minds of the Gentiles, and embittered them against the brethren.” Acts 14:2

“But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having won over the multitudes, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead.”

Acts 14:19

“But the Jews, becoming jealous and taking along some wicked men from the market place, formed a mob and set the city in an uproar...” Acts 17:5

“But when the Jews of Thessalonica found out that the word of God had been proclaimed by Paul in Berea also, they came there likewise, agitating and stirring up the crowds.” Acts 17:13

“And he entered the synagogue and continued speaking out boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. But when some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the multitude, he withdrew from them and took away the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.” Acts 19:8-9





2. SORROWFUL AND SEVERE. Vs. 2

“That I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart.”

“...‘You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials which came upon me through the plots of the Jews.’” Acts 20:19

“Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears.”

Acts 20:31

“For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many tears...that you might know the love which I have especially for you.” 2 Cor. 2:4



“He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised and we did not care.”

Isa. 53:3 (NLT)



3. SACRIFICIAL AND SIGNIFICANT. Vs. 3

“For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh.”



4. MIRRORED GOD'S PASSION AND PLAN. Vs. 4-5

“Who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the temple service and the promises, whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.”

Israelites

Adoption

Glory

Covenants

The Law

Temple service

Promises

Fathers

Christ

APPLICATION FOR ME:

“He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe on His name, who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.” John 1:11-13



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