

SMALL GROUP LESSON  
MAY 13, 2018

**MODERN ISRAEL: MIRACLES, MYTHS AND GOD**  
ROMANS 15:14-33

Our pastor's sermon, the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Israel, and the passage of Scripture from Romans 15:14-33 all fit together in a rather unique and special way. Let's take a look at what they have to say to us.

1. Were you aware of all the information that was provided to us within the four myths about Israel in our pastor's sermon? Most of us know something about Israel and the Middle East because this part of our world seems to be always in the news. But let's be honest! Most of our knowledge is rather superficial. So now would be a good time to do a little research. Our pastor has provided us with some great information. Dig a little deeper and see what else you can come up with.
2. In Romans 15:14-22 Paul describes his calling. To whom did Paul feel called to preach the Gospel and why? What verification did God provide to prove he was divinely appointed for this mission?
3. In Romans 15:23-33 Paul expresses his desire and intention to visit the church in Rome.  
What does he intend to do first before coming to Rome? What does he ask the church in Rome to pray for with regards to his life and ministry? Besides Rome, where else does Paul desire to visit?
4. In verse 27 Paul speaks of the spiritual blessings that God has bestowed upon the Gentiles and the material blessings that the Gentiles should bestow upon the Jews. What are these spiritual and material blessings?
5. Read Romans 11:11-24. In these verses Paul talks about the special relationship that Jewish and Gentile believers possess. What illustration from gardening does he use to describe this relationship? In light of the fact that just about everything that we know about God came from the Jewish people, including the Messiah, Jesus Christ, what kind of a relationship should we strive to build with Jews, the nation of Israel, and especially those fellow believers known as Messianic Jews? Take a few moments to review the recommendations that our pastor has listed at the end of his sermon.