

ROMANS

A very significant feature about the book of Romans has to do with Paul's reference to his own people, the Jews, or Israel.

He referred to **the Jew**, or **the Jews**, in the following verses: **1:16; 2:9, 10, 17, 28, 29; 3:1, 9, 29; 9: 24; 10:12** – 11 times..

He referred to **Israel**, or to **the Israelite(s)**, only in chapters 9 through 11: **9:4, 6 (2x), 27 (2x), 31; 10:1, 19, 21; 11:1, 2, 7, 25, 26** – 14 times..

Thus, we can see that:

- 1) He mentioned his people, the Jew, or the Jews, eleven times, but only in chapters **1** through **10**.
 - 2) He mentioned Israel, or the Israelite(s), only fourteen times, but only in chapters 9 through 11. In addition:
 - 3) He mentioned the Gentiles in chapters 1 through 16: **1:13; 2:9, 10, 14, 24; 3:9, 29 (2x); 9:24, 30; 11:11, 12, 13 (2x), 25; 15:9 (2x), 10, 11, 12 (2x), 16 (2x), 18, 27; 16:24** – a total of twenty-six times.
 - 4) He mentioned the Gentiles as Greeks, or Greek, only three times: **1:14, 16; 10:12**.
 - 5) At least twice Paul used the words, “the world,” to refer to the Gentiles: **11:12, 15**.
- Therefore, it appears that he had the individual Jew in mind when he used “Jew” or “Jews,” but that he had the nation in mind when he spoke of “Israel” or “Israelite” or “Israelites.”