

INTRODUCTION

PAUL'S LIFE-AMBITION

PAUL'S SHORT-TERM DESTINATION

How does Rom 15:20 relate to Paul's **LIFE-AMBITION** and to his **SHORT-TERM DESTINATION**?

Paul aimed to preach where Christ was not named. 15:20

That aim had hindered him from coming to Rome until now. 15:22

When he goes to Spain, he plans to stop in Rome. 15:24

The take-away from Romans 15:20 _____

To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called saints [corrected translation of Rom 1:7]

Why did Paul want to go to Rome?

HISTORICAL CONTEXT: A CLARIFICATION

AD 33: The cross, resurrection, and Pentecost

Acts 2:10 mentions visitors from Rome to Jerusalem for Pentecost

AD 49: The Edict of Claudius, expelling Jewish-Christian leaders from Rome

Winter AD 56-57: Paul wrote Romans (He was in Corinth at the time of writing)

Paul indicated that he had never been to Rome.

Late February AD 60: Paul's first Roman imprisonment began

March AD 62: Paul was released from his first Roman imprisonment

July 19-27 AD 64: The Great Fire of Rome and Nero's persecution

Why is the fire important to us, since it was seven years after the epistle of Romans?

BIG OR LITTLE? ESTIMATION

Many think the book of Romans told a small group of people how they could get eternal life

That view led to the so-called Roman Road to Salvation

That view presupposes that Romans is an elementary book, written to _____

I believe that Romans told a large group of Roman believers how to become rewardable

This view leads to the *Roman Road Revisited*

This view argues that the Roman believers already had a good foundation

CLUES ON SIZE FROM THE CONFLAGRATION

Tacitus says that Nero killed a huge crowd (*multitudo ingens*) of Christians after the AD 64 fire
In AD 49 Emperor Claudius evicted Jewish-Christian leaders (incl. Priscilla and Aquila) from Rome

What do these two events say about Christianity in the city of Rome?

Persecutors target those who _____

OTHER CLUES

People of Rome that Paul had met (but not in Rome) or ones that he knew about

¹Priscilla, ²Aquila, ³Epaenetus, ⁴Mary, ⁵Andronicus, ⁶Junia, ⁷Amplias, ⁸Urbanus, ⁹Stachys,
¹⁰Apelles, ¹¹the *household* of Aristobulus, ¹²Herodion, ¹³the *household* of Narcissus,
¹⁴Tryphena, ¹⁵Tryphosa, ¹⁶Persis, ¹⁷Rufus (and his ¹⁸mother), ¹⁹Asyncritus, ²⁰Phlegon,
²¹Hermas, ²²Patrobas, ²³Hermes, ²⁴Philologus, ²⁵Julia, ²⁶Nereus (and his ²⁷sister), and
²⁸Olympas.

For Priscilla and Aquila, see Acts 18:2. He met Epaenetus in Achaia (southern Greece).

Clues that Paul personally knew many of these people appear in Rom 16:3-15.

The fifteen uses of *Greet* in Rom 16:3-15 = fifteen _____

A little archaeology: Roman *insulae* (apartments) in Ostia, Italy, dating from 200 BC

Growth of Christianity in Rome

In AD 49 (Claudian Edict) its numbers probably were in the _____

In AD 56/57 (Writing of Romans) it probably _____

In AD 64 (Rome's fire) its numbers were _____

By AD 313 its huge numbers caused Constantine to _____

How did this occur?

How it did not occur

How it occurred

Application

PAUL'S CONCERN

CONCLUSION

A Bird's-eye sketch of Steve Elkins, *The Roman Road Revisited:*
New Vistas on the Road to Resurrection Living

	Read	Pgs.	Rom	Key Verses
I. BAD NEWS: JUDGMENT (1:1-3:20)				
1. God's Wrath	16-20	(5)	1	1:18
2. Judgment	21-24	(4)	2	2:1-2
3. Universal Standard	25-28	(4)		2:15
4. Rationalization	29-33	(5)	3	3:8
5. Lying	34-38	(5)		3:4
6. Powerless	39-43	(5)		3:20
7. Death	44-47	(4)		3:23
II. GOOD NEWS: JUSTIFICATION (3:21-4:25)				
8. Justification	50-53	(4)	3-4	3:24
9. Grace	54-59	(6)		3:24
10. Redemption	60-63	(4)		3:24
11. Propitiation	64-66	(3)		3:25
12. Righteousness	67-70	(4)	4	4:5-6
13. Faith	71-77	(7)		3:21-22
14. Substitution	78-83	(6)	5	5:6-8
III. MUCH MORE GOOD NEWS: VICTORY! (5:1-8:39)				
15. A "Much More" Salvation	84-88	(5)	5	5:9-10
16. Dead, Buried, Risen	89-93	(5)	6	6:4
17. Freedom, Fruitfulness, Failure	94-97	(4)		6:18, 21
18. Having Eternal Life; But Experiencing Death	98-101	(4)	7	7:11-24
19. Victory!	102-06	(5)	8	8:1-2, 4
20. Walking According To The Spirit	107-10	(4)		8:5-6, 13
21. Led By The Spirit...Into Suffering	111-16	(6)		8:13-14, 17
IV. GOOD NEWS: SUMMARY (9-16)				
22. Preface To Romans 9-11	118-21	(4)	9	
23. Prognostication	122-27	(6)	10-11	11:25
24. Election	128-33	(6)		9:11-13, 15-18; 11:7
25. Confession	134-39	(6)	10	10:9-10
26. Presentation	140-44	(5)	12	12:1
27. Transformation	145-49	(5)		12:2
28. Application	150-56	(7)	12-16	12:2
OVERVIEW BIBLE STUDY: Review Of Section I	157-58	(2)		1:1-3:20
OVERVIEW BIBLE STUDY: Review Of Section II	159-60	(2)		3:21-4:25
OVERVIEW BIBLE STUDY: Review Of Section III	161-63	(3)		5:1-8:39
OVERVIEW BIBLE STUDY: Review Of Section IV	164-65	(2)		9-16