

## 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

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

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
<b>I. BAD NEWS: JUDGMENT (1:1-3:20)</b>				
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
<b>II. GOOD NEWS: JUSTIFICATION (3:21-4:25)</b>				
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
<b>III. MUCH MORE GOOD NEWS: VICTORY! (5:1-8:39)</b>				
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
<b>IV. GOOD NEWS: SUMMARY (9-16)</b>				
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
<b>OVERVIEW BIBLE STUDY: Review Of Section I</b>	157-58	(2)		<b>1:1-3:20</b>
<b>OVERVIEW BIBLE STUDY: Review Of Section II</b>	159-60	(2)		<b>3:21-4:25</b>
<b>OVERVIEW BIBLE STUDY: Review Of Section III</b>	161-63	(3)		<b>5:1-8:39</b>
<b>OVERVIEW BIBLE STUDY: Review Of Section IV</b>	164-65	(2)		<b>9-16</b>