Bible Study Through

ROMANS

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F.I.O. Bible Study

INDUCTIVE

- ALWAYS ASK "WHY" SPECIFIC DATES, PLACES, TIMES, NAMES, SEASONS, RULERS, COUNTRIES, KINGDOMS, EVENTS IN THE BIBLICAL NARRATIVE.

- PROBE DEEPER ON DETAILS THAT AT FIRST GLANCE MAY SEEM TRIVIAL, BUT BRING AMAZING PERSPECTIVES TO THE BIBLICAL RECORD.

- WHEN SPECIFIC DETAILS DO SHOW UP, IT IS THERE WE MUST ASK: "WHY DID THE HOLY SPIRIT INCLUDE THIS?" LET'S FIGURE IT OUT.

TONIGHT'S PLAN

- Get to Know Saul of Tarsus
- Rome in the 50s
- Outline of the Letter
- Intro CAPITVLVM I

SAUL of TARSUS

- Tarsus seaport, Cilicia Province nicknamed "Little Athens"
- Knew Greek art, poetry, music [Acts 17:28-29 *on Areopagus*]
- Free-born Roman [Acts 22:28]
- Father is a Pharisee [Acts 23:6] at ex-pat Jewish synagogue
- Tarsus apprentice "tent-making"
- Age 14 to Jerusalem, Gamaliel
- Pinnacle of "devout-religious" yet also "chief among sinners" [1st Tim. 1:15]

SAUL'S Timeline

9 AD	Born in Tarsus of Cicilia
23	Jerusalem age 14, to study with Gamaliel to be a Pharisee like his father. [Acts 23:6].
29	Six years into studies age 20 as Jesus begins His ministry in September at 30 [Num 4:3, Luke 3:23]
32	Zealous Pharisee age 23 when Jesus crucified on Passover in April. No doubt in Jerusalem 7 weeks later for Pentecost when 3,000 believers baptized.
32-34	First few years after Jesus' resurrection, age 23-to-25 actively hostile toward new religious movement. Likely the window of time when present at [approved] stoning of Stephen [Acts 7:58].
34-36	Next few years age 25-to-27 built reputation round up, arrest, put to death believers/followers of Jesus.
36 AD	The 27-year old goes to Damascus with letters from Sanhedrin.
36-39	Does not immediately go into ministry. 3 years in Arabia, then Tarsus, then back to Damascus until Paul turns 30.

46-47	***Mission Trip #1***
51-54	***Mission Trip #2***
54-57	***Mission Trip #3***
57	Corinth [3 months] writes to Rome
61-67	*Prisoner in Rome*
64	*Rome fire, Nero blames Christians*
67	*Beheaded by Caesar Nero*

SAUL'S Resumé [see Acts 22]

Named: ***Shaul*** **"Asked For" Israelite King [NOT David]** ***Paulus*** [Latin] ***Paulos*** [Greek]
Acts 13:9 on Cyprus Luke first writes: *"Saul, also called Paulos" [least, little one]*

Born: **IX AD in Tarsus, Cilicia** *"brought up in Jerusalem"* [Acts 22:3]
"I am one untimely born" [1st Corinth. 15:8]

Circumcised: **Day VIII** [Philippians 3:5]

Nickname: **"Hebrew of Hebrews"** [contranym of Philippians 3:5]

Nationality: **Israelite. Tribe of Benjamin. Roman Citizen.**

Education: **Gamaliel School** [Acts 5:33-40 "Theudas had 400; if this is of God…"]
BA in Pharisaical Studies. Private tutoring: Damascus, Arabia, Tarsus

Languages: **Latin, Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek, some Arabic**

Personal: **Overly Zealous for Mosaic-Levitical Laws in Torah.**
Sister and nephew in Jerusalem [Acts 23:16]
Kinsmen: Andronicus, Junias [Romans 16:7 "believers before him"
Once married, now widower [1st Corinth 7:8 "unmarried"]
"Widows who lost husbands stay single, *even as I have remained single".*
1st Corinth. 9:5 "right to take on a believing wife, like other Apostles"
ALSO: *Sanhedrin members required to be married.*

SAUL *the Pharisee*

[contranym "Hebrew among Hebrews"]

Begins with rabbi-Pharisee father - Shabbat, Feasts, Dietary, Cleansings, Prayers

SPRING: *Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, Pentecost*

FALL: *Yom Teruah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot*

WINTER: *Egkainia - Feast of Dedication* [John 10:22 "winter"]

8 days Chislev 25 [mid-December]

No specifics on Saul, *per se*. Acts 26:5 "lived according to strictest sect"

Gal. 6:12-14 "*even the Jews cannot keep the entire Law, yet want a good showing*"

But, Jesus describes Pharisees [Mark 7:1-8] ***so He's describing Saul***

- Worship God in vain
- Ceremony wash before eating
- Teach their precepts as doctrine
- Observe elders' "traditions"

Matt. 15:11 *"not what goes in that defiles, but what comes out"*

Halakha: *oral traditions, written 1st - 2nd centuries Rabbis Akiba, Meir*

SAUL *the Pharisee* [contranym "Hebrew among Hebrews"]

Luke 18:9-14 *compare Pharisee to publican tax-collector*

- Pharisee "not like him"
- Tithe [from surplus]
- Fast twice weekly. Strain a gnat
- Tithe mint, dill, cumin. [justice? mercy? faithful?]

Matt. 6:16 *fasting for "outward appearances"*

Matt. 23:25-27 *Robes, pray in public, greeted with reverence, best seats, Self-indulgent "Full of Themselves"*

- WORRIED ABOUT CLEAN CUPS/DISHES

- OUTSIDE WHITEWASHED, INSIDE DEAD BONES

Luke 20:46 *Devour homes of widows. Manipulate assets to benefit themselves.*

Deut. 26:12 - James 1:27 - Matt 12 widow felt obligated to give?

Isaiah 10:1-3 *Pharisees KNOW Scriptures but not penalty for hurting widows.*

John 5:39 *"You search Scriptures, obey = life.* ***BUT the Scriptures speak of Me."***

ROME in the 50s

1st Century AD "***All Roads Lead to Rome***" Julius Caesar 1st Emperor.
Great nephew Caesar Augustus at Jesus' birth 2 BC [Died 14 AD]

Tiberius Caesar to 37 - Emperor Caligula to 41
Claudius became Caesar in 41.

Adopted his 4th wife's son [Domitius Ahenobarbas] 50 AD - the next Caesar.
Claudius poisoned October 54.

Caesar Nero age 16 ruled when Paul wrote Romans in the late 50s.

has Peter crucified upside down 64
has Paul beheaded 66 or 67
commits suicide 68 AD

ROME in the 50s

Paul writes to Rome from Corinth, Achaia 57 AD - after 3rd mission trip.
Had not been to Rome - ***NO Apostle had yet.***

Well-established ***churches*** in Rome - 1M people 40,000 expatriate Jews.

Paul stayed in Corinth with Aquila and Priscilla [making tents].
Aquila ex-pat Jew from Pontus, north coast Asia Minor Black Sea.

In 52 AD Emperor Claudius expelled Jews from Rome.
Acts-18 Aquila and Priscilla to Corinth after decree, ***now back in Rome***,.

Church in Rome is ***several churches*** - Paul addresses "saints" not "a church"
"To ***ALL the beloved of God in Rome*** called to be saints"
Writing to **BELIEVERS**

ROME in the 50s

Jesus crucified Passover 32 AD [Nisan 14, April 10] - Ascends 40 days later May 20
Holy Spirit - Jerusalem - Pentecost May 30 [50 days after Passover].
Acts 2: "Jews and proselytes from: Parthia, Media, Elam, Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia Pontus [Aquila was born] all Asia Minor, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, Libyan-Cyrene [Simon carried Jesus' cross] Crete, Arabia, ***and Rome***!

After Peter's sermon 3,000 believe in Jesus as Messiah/Savior.
15+ locations average 200 people = at least 100 back to Rome with Gospel and Spirit
Logical church started in one or more synagogues in Rome summer of 32 AD.

Paul writes 25 YEARS after Pentecost. Churches established/known around Mediterranean:
Corinth, Philippi, Thessalonica, Ephesus, Smyrna, Colossae, Philadelphia, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Berea, Derbe, Iconium, Lystra, Laodicea, Galatia, Macedonia, Pisidian-Antioch, Syrian-Antioch, Salamis, Paphos, Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria.

Paul has been to virtually all of these cities, ***but not yet to Rome***.

ROME in the 50s

Paul writes to churches with three groups:

1] Ex-pat Jews [slaves or free] business/trades purchased citizenship

2] Proselytes to Judaism with faith in Jesus

3] Gentiles: *Romans, Hellenist-Greeks, Arabs, North Africans, other Europeans*

Paul well-versed "Roman", free Roman citizen Tarsus of Cilicia.
Paul understands "Hebrew", father a Pharisee, he also a Pharisee [Rabbi Gamaliel].
Paul grasps Greco-Roman religion, art, music, poetry, science, philosophy with Judaism.

Socrates [470-399 BC executed] to student Plato [424-327 BC] in 404 BC:

"It may be perhaps that a Deity can forgive sins, but I do not see how."

*BUT our sin was **NOT** forgiven - it was **PAID FOR** [1st John 1:9 after Calvary]*

- Paul artfully used by God to pen BEST systematic theology anywhere in the Bible.
- Cosmopolitan, ethnic diverse capital city.
- Consider these 30 individuals Paul names

PREVIEW

WHO ARE THESE ROMANS?

- Phoebe from Cenchrea
- Aquila and Priscilla [now back in Rome]
- Epaenetus [first convert in **Asia Minor**] Which city?
- Mary [worked hard]
- Andronicus and Junius [fellow prisoners]
- Ampliatus
- Urbanus and Stachys
- Apelles
- Entire household of Atistobulus
- Herodion
- Entire household of Narcissus
- Tryphaena and Tryphosa [husband and wife]
- Persis
- Rufus along with his mom ***and my mom***
- Asyncritus Phlegon Hermes Patrobas Hermas
- Philologus and Julia [husband and wife] Nereus and his sister
- Olympas

PREVIEW

PAUL'S COLLEAGUES IN CORINTH

- Timotheus [from Lycaonia – either Lystra or Derbe
  mom is Eunice a Jew – dad is Greek]
- Lucius
- Jason
- Sosipater

- Tertius [from Iconium - Paul's amanuensis] 16:22
  Not Titius Justus [Corinth in Acts 18:7]
- Gaius [Paul staying with him and Tertius]
- Erastus [Corinth's city treasurer]
- Quartus

WHO'S IN SANTA BARBARA?

- Bonnie from Goleta
- Janice and Steve [now back in L.A.]
- Johnny Rodriguez [first convert in **Summerland**]
- Christy [works hard]

- Luis and Bramsen [my fellow bikers]
- Jef [who was at one time near death]
- Mario and Carlos
- Horace

- Entire household of Rowbottom
- Roberta and Debi
- Entire household of Shellebarger
- Billy and Heather [husband and wife]

- Mitch
- Tommy along with his mother
- Rich Annie Raymond Ralph Cyndi
- Dave and Jane [husband and wife] Jerry and Gail
- Douglas

PREVIEW

PAUL'S KNOWLEDGE OF THOSE BELIEVERS ACROSS ROME MEANS . . .

There must have been 25 years worth of letters and in-person visits to Rome by MANY others from Christian churches all across Mediterranean, including Aquila and Priscilla from Rome to Achaia and then back - so Roman churches are well-known stand for Jesus in Capital.

ROME in the 50s

Trade + Travel relative safety across Mediterranean Basin

- Well-constructed roads.
- Well-mapped shipping routes [120 seaports]
- Iberian Peninsula to North Africa to Alexandria, Egypt
  edge of Arabian Peninsula, north along Assyrian-Parthian border
  into Asia Minor [modern day Turkey], border Black Sea into Europe
  what is now France and Britain.

Perfect time/setting for Gospel to spread easily from Jerusalem across Empire.

This setting we study Paul's letter to overall churches in Rome in the 50s.

Caledonia
Hibernia
BRITANNIA
Germania Inferior
Germania Magna (lost in AD9)
Sarmatia
Oceanus Atlanticus
Belgica
Lugdunensis
GALLIA
Germania Superior
Rhaetia
Noricum
Pannonia
Oblia
Tyras
BOSPORUN KINGDOM
Aquitania
Alpina
Gallaecia
Nabonensis
Dalmatia
Illyricum
Moesia Superior
Moesia Inferior
Pontus Euxinus
Lusitania
Tarraconensis
Corsica
ITALIA
Thacia
Bithynia
Pontus
Armenia
Sardinia
Macedonia
Baetica
Balearic Is.
Epiru
Galacia
Cappadocia
ASIA
Assyria
Sicilia
Achaea
PARTHIAN EMPIRE
Mauretania Tingitana
Mauretania Caesariensis
Africa Proconsularis
Lycia
Cilicia
SYRIA
Numidia
Creta
Cyprus
Mesopotamia
Mare Interum
JUDEA
Arabia Magna
Cyrenaica
Arabia Petraea
Aegyptus

ROME in the 50s

Social class-system: lineage, wealth, citizenship, and freedom.

Languages: **Latin - Greek**

Clothing let everyone know your social status.
Caesar "royal" purple. Senators purple trim.

40% ***plebeians*** serve ***patroni*** of rulers, politicians, high military rank, wealthy, business, property owners, philosophers, artists.
Today we have **"patrons"** of the arts.
Ivy League + Military entry-level **"plebes"**

Wealthy lived and ate well. Beautiful homes. Many slaves.
Middle class tended shops, ports, markets, farms.
Military leaders lived as patroni. Roman cavalry and foot-soldier quartered in barracks.

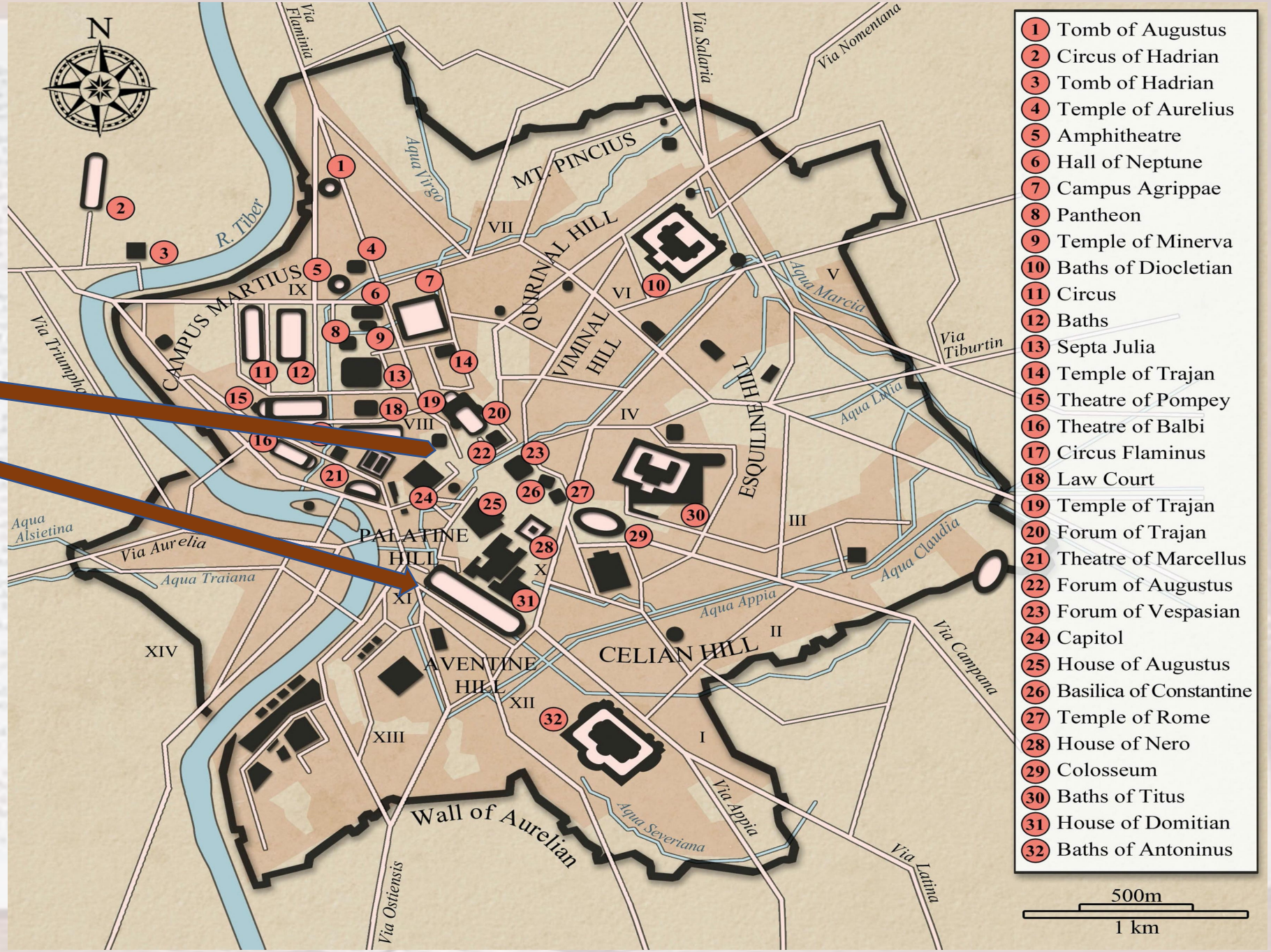
Colosseum ["Colossus" = massive] not built for another 15 years by Vespasian [70-72AD]

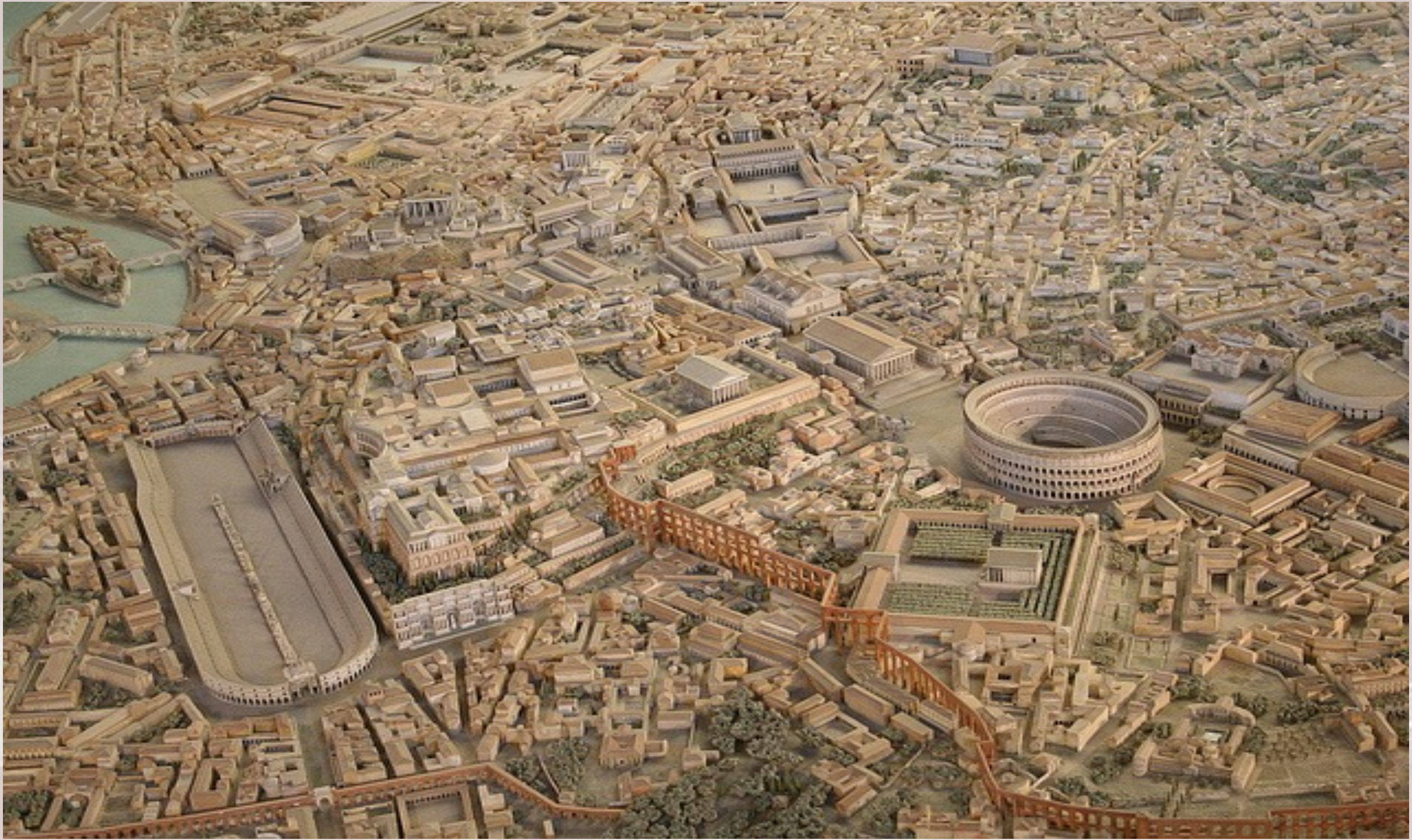
FORUM [Augustus 29 BC] ***busy every day with political speeches, election voting, trials for criminals, gladiator games***.

ROME

1st Century AD

- 16 sq.miles
- 11 miles walled
- Forum
- circus Maximus
- public baths
- paved streets
- theaters
- aqueducts
  [Claudius]
- 6am to 12noon





ROMANS *The Gospel According to Paul* H.A. Ironside

Romans - Galatians - Hebrews: Habakkuk 2:4 ***"The just shall live by faith".***

Paul opens [Romans 1:16-17] *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, it is the power of God unto salvation to all who believe, the Jew first also the Greek, for in that the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, as written . . .*

WHO are the Just? [Romans 1:17] **HOW they live?** [Gal 3:11] **FAITH** [Heb. 10:39]

Many propose this inspired Protestant Reformation.

1513-1516 Professor Martin Luther lecturing Romans at U-Wittenberg breakthrough in Catholic perspective re: **"How a person is saved?"**

Churches in Rome doing fine. No doctrinal correction.

Epi-skopas [over-seers, "elders"] at various fellowships spread across the city.

*Paul's letter no doubt copied **MANY times** for wider distribution.*

OUTLINE

Chaps 1-8 **FAITH**

1-3 Recognize our sin

4-5 How is one saved

6-8 Process of sanctification

1: Pagan Person
2: Moral Person
3: Religious Person
ALL FALL SHORT!

Chaps 9-11 **HOPE** Can God love us without rescinding His Holy nature?

9 Israel's past history

10 Israel's current situation

11 Israel's future

Chaps 12-16 **LOVE** The ***process of sanctification*** in our lives.

12 Service to others

13 Respect government

14-15 One's conscience

16 Greetings/salutations

ROMANS 1 *Intro-Preview*

The Gospel is NOT another Law, code of morality - rules to live by
roadmap for how one gets to God.

The Gospel IS: Sinners have NO way to God, so God provides a single sacrifice to PAY FOR ***"the wages of sin being death".***
God does not forgive our sin. **Sin was PAID FOR.** J.M. Boyce

Jesus did not come to make us "good" people.
Jesus came to bring life to those who were dead.

Luke 15 Prodigal: NOT that my son has became "good" . . . .
But my ***son who was dead*** is now alive again.

Romans 1:14
Paul's Apostleship has "indebted" him to preach the Gospel worldwide.

ROMANS 1 *Intro-Preview*

Key Message: Paulos is NOT ashamed of **THE GOSPEL**

GOSPEL is 1st Corinth. 15:3-4 *Jesus died for sins **according to the Scriptures***
*He was buried, raised on 3rd day **according to the Scriptures***

Roman church started from Peter's Acts 2 sermon *Jesus died on cross* [verse-23]
Jesus raised and we are eye-witnesses [verses 24, 32]

Paul's summary before Agrippa [Acts 26] *The Christ **had to suffer and die*** [verse-23]
His resurrection is light to Jews and Gentiles [verse-23]

ROMANS 1 *Intro-Preview*

Paul in Thessalonica [Acts 17] *Jesus is the Christ who **had to suffer and die*** [verse-3]

Jesus to Emmaus [Luke 24] *"Don't be foolish, slow in heart to believe the prophets was it not **necessary for The Christ to suffer and die*** [verses 24-25] *Starting with Moses and ALL prophets Jesus explained these things concerning Himself in ALL the Scriptures* [verse 26-27]

Luke 16:19-31 *Rich man and Lazarus.*
"Abraham, **send someone from dead to warn my family***"*
Abraham replies: If they don't listen to Moses & prophets, they won't be persuaded by one raised from dead.

Next Monday
June 14th

ROMANS

CAPITVLVM I

Your Word is power - is life for me - is healing it's peace - your Word.
Your Word is living - will light the way - is sovereign, it's good your Word
The anchor for my soul, the only hope I know,
It's reviving me forever changing me, the Word of God