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SERMON SERIES

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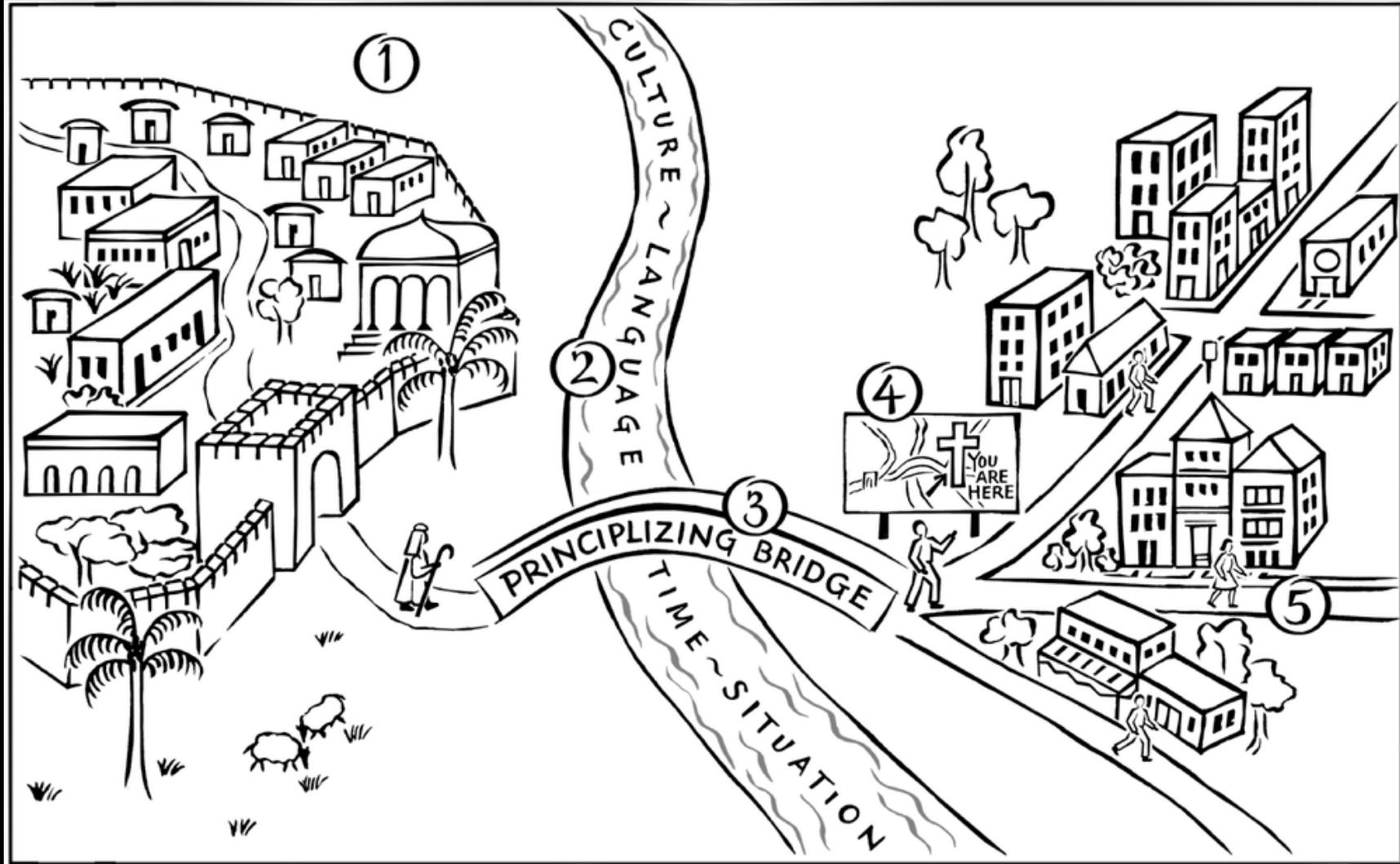


THE GOOD NEWS

Previous Two Weeks

“Paul & Rome”

Romans 1:1 & 7



Romans 1:1

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Romans 1:7

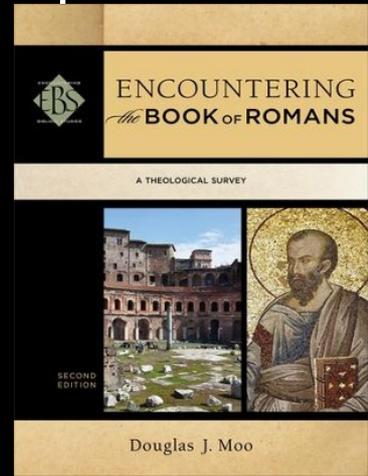
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**How did these churches get planted in
Rome?**

These circumstances are a recipe for divisions along social and/or theological lines. Moreover, the decentralized nature of the Jewish community from which the Christian community sprang would also make it likely that the Christians in Rome were grouped into several house churches. Confirmation that this was the case comes from Rom. 16, where Paul seems to greet several different house churches. It is possible, then, that different house churches aligned themselves more or less with one group or the other.

Douglass Moo, *The Letter to the Romans*, pg. 3-5



THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA ♦ 5

THE
VOYAGE
OF THE DAWN
TREADER



C. S. LEWIS

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This Weeks Sermon
“The Gospel Beforehand”
Romans 1:1-7

Romans 1:7

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Romans 1:7

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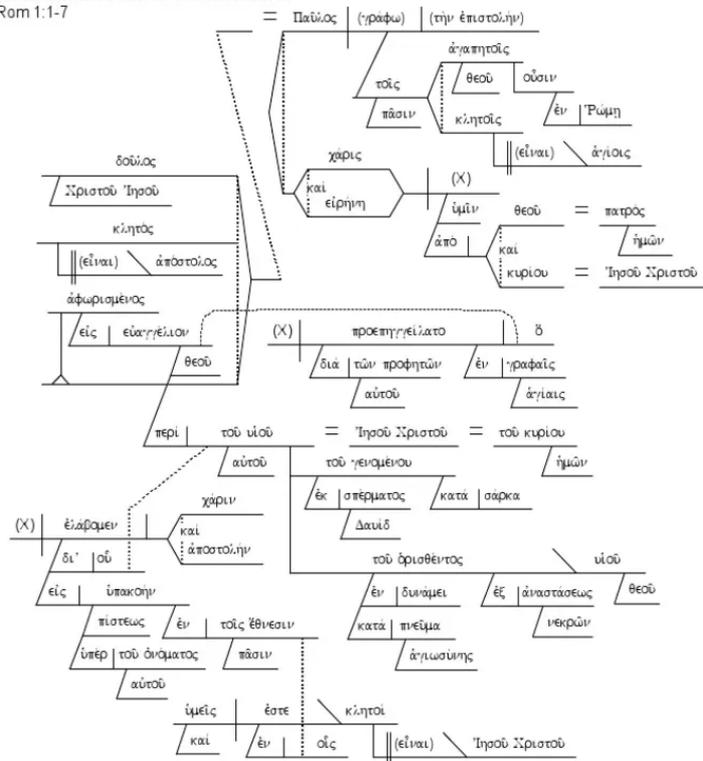
Paul’s Question:

“How can a just God allow anyone in heaven?”

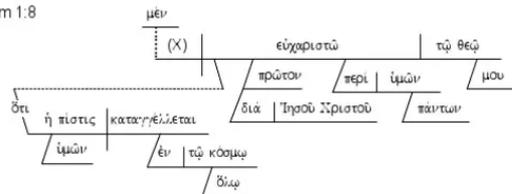
Yet despite its status in the church and its importance for Christian thought, life, and proclamation, Romans is probably the most difficult of all the NT letters to analyze and interpret. It hardly can be called a simple writing. In the winter of 394–395 Augustine began to write a commentary on Romans. But after commenting on the first seven verses of chapter one, he felt unable to proceed, saying that the project was just too large for him and that he would return to easier tasks.

Richard N. Longenecker, *The Epistle to the Romans: A Commentary on the Greek Text*, ed. I. Howard Marshall and Donald A. Hagner, New International Greek Testament Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2016), xiv.

Rom 1:1-7



Rom 1:8



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Romans 1:2 & 5

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Romans 16:25-26a

²⁵ Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶ but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations,



LANGUAGE

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PRINCIPLIZING BRIDGE

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CROSS

YOU ARE HERE

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Not Paul's First Rodeo

Acts 13:13-41

“We preach to you the good news of the promise made to the fathers” - 32

“the utterances of the prophets which are read every Sabbath” - 27

“From the descendants of this man, according to promise, God has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus” - 23

Romans 1:1-5

“The gospel of God” - 1

“through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures” - 2

“who was born of a descendent of David according to the flesh” - 3

Acts 13:13-41

“God has fulfilled this promise
to our children” - 23

“You are my Son; Today I have
Begotten You” - 33

“that He raised Him up from the
dead, no longer to return to
decay” - 34

Romans 1:1-5

“He promised beforehand
through His prophets in the
Holy Scriptures” - 2

“declared the Son of God with
power” - vs 4

“by the resurrection from the
dead” - 4

Psalm 2

Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?

² The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,

³ “Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us.”

Psalm 2

⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.

⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,

⁶ “As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”

Psalm 2

⁷ I will tell of the decree:

The Lord said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.

⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

Psalm 2

¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the Lord with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

¹² Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Descendant of David

Romans 1:3

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2 Samuel 7:12-13

¹² When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

Ps 110:1

A Psalm of David

¹ The LORD says to my Lord:
“Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

Declared in Power

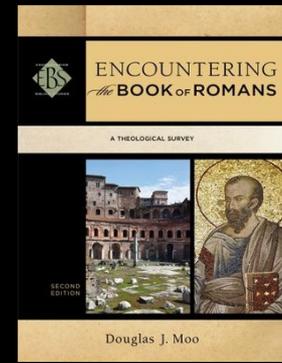
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“The phrase could modify either “declared” — “declared with power to be the Son of God” — or “Son of God” — “declared Son-of-God-in-power” (NET). But the need to demarcate the second occurrence of “Son of God” from the first — “his Son” in v. 3 — strongly favors the latter connection. What Paul is claiming, then, is that the preexistent Son, who entered into human experience as the promised Messiah, was appointed on the basis of (or, perhaps, at the time of) the resurrection to a new and more powerful position in relation to the world. By virtue of his obedience to the will of the Father (e.g., Phil. 2:6–11) and because of the eschatological revelation

of God's saving power in the gospel (1:1, 16), the Son attains a new, exalted status as "Lord" (v. 4b). Son of God from eternity, he becomes Son of God "in power," "able [*dynatai*] to save completely those who come to God through him" (Heb. 7:25). The transition from v. 3 to v. 4, then, is not a transition from a human messiah to a divine Son of God (adoptionism) but from the Son as Messiah to the Son as both Messiah *and* powerful, reigning Lord.

Douglas J. Moo, *The Letter to the Romans*, ed. Ned B. Stonehouse et al., Second Edition., The New International Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2018), 46–47.



A meme featuring a man in a dark suit and tie, smiling and making a peace sign with his right hand. He is crouching in a cemetery, with a large, grey, rectangular tombstone behind him. The tombstone has a cross on top and the word "JESUS" written on it in large, white, bold letters. In the background, other people in dark clothing are visible, some appearing to be in a state of grief. The overall scene is outdoors on a grassy area.

JESUS

ALSO JESUS

Obedience of Faith

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You Who Belong to Christ

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Gospel Application

You are God's beloved – you belong to him, you are loved by him, you are seen by him.