P.T. BIBLE SURVEY

Paul's Epistle to the Romans

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- Who wrote it?
 - Paul is the writer of this epistle.
 - Paul wrote this letter to prepare the Roman church for his future visit, and to explain the basic gospel, God's plan of salvation and righteousness for all mankind; Jew and Gentile alike. (1:9-17)

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- Timing of Events:
 - The book of Romans was written near the end of Paul's third missionary journey, which culminated in his arrest in Jerusalem.
 - Paul dictated this letter to a secretary named Tertius (16:22).

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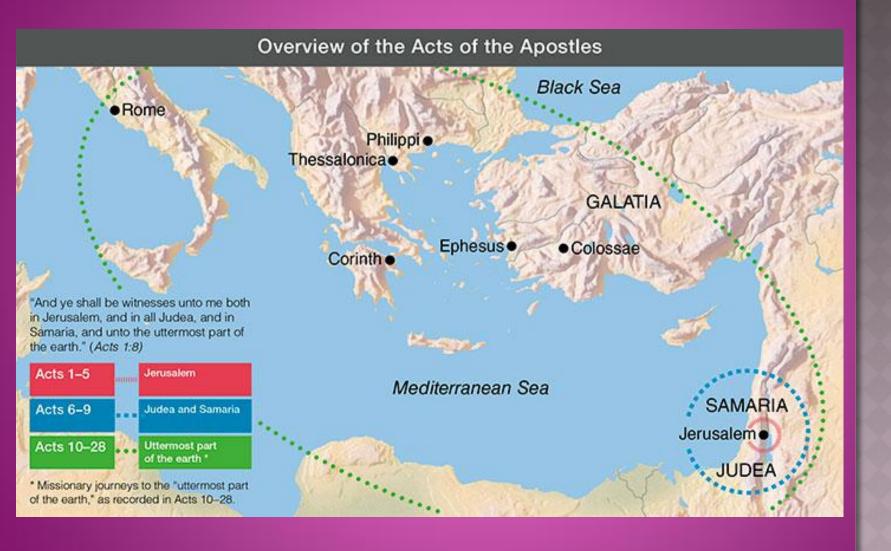
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• Location of Events:

 Paul most probably wrote Romans from the city of Corinth during the end of his third missionary journey.



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II. Vindication of the Righteousness of God (9:1-11:36)

- Israel's Past: The Election of God
- Israel's Present: The Rejection of God
- Israel's Future: The Restoration of God

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III. Application of the Righteousness of God (12:1-16:27)

- Righteousness of God Demonstrated in Christian Duties
- Righteousness of God Demonstrated in Christian Liberties
- Conclusion

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- Summary in 10 words or less:
 - Sinners are saved only by faith in Jesus Christ.

- Cast of Characters:
 - God: loves the church in Rome
 - Jesus: the Spirit of Life who set Paul free
 - Paul: a servant of Jesus; spreads the gospel to the world
 - The Jews: Paul tells them not to rely on the Law and circumcision, but on God and Jesus
 - Phoebe: from the church in Cenchrea; personally recommended to the Romans by Paul

- Cast of Characters continued:
 - Epenetus: the first Christian convert in Asia Minor
 - Timothy: a fellow worker with Paul; recipient of a letter from Paul
 - Tertius: writes the letter to the Romans under Paul's instruction

Verse to Remember

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."

(Romans 1:16)

• Interesting Facts:

- Romans is one of only two letters Paul wrote to churches he had not visited. Colossians is the other.
- The Roman Road to Salvation is a great tool.
 - Romans 3:23
 - Romans 5:8
 - Romans 6:23
 - o Romans 10:9-10, 13
- Each of the following words appear at least sixty times each in the Book of Romans:
 - o Righteousness, Faith, Law, All, Sin

- What is my take away?
 - I desire to live out Romans 12:1, 2 daily in my life.

- Home Study
 - Read a couple chapters daily in 1
 Corinthians this week.
 - Review your One-Sentence Summaries.
 - Recite your memory <u>verses</u>.