

Upcoming Events that are noteworthy

8/1

TOUCH A TRUCK

8/2

PROMOTION SUNDAY

8/10

JOYFUL NOISE

8/11

SEW & KNIT

8/12

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES BEGIN

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Aug 19 Marty

8/13

IGNITE MEN'S DINNER★

8/14 & 8/15

PLACE WEEKEND EXPERIENCE

8/23

ALL THE PRAISE NIGHT OF WORSHIP★

8/29

MIDDLE SCHOOL ONE DAY

8/30

LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR

8/30

KEN BOA ECHOES OF THE CREATOR★



[Prophecy Summit Registration](#)



Logos Class

Book of Romans Ch 2

Class for Aug 9, 2026

Rooms 123/124 Adult Ed Building

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *July 26, 2026* *Book of Romans, Intro and Ch 1A*
- ✓ *Aug 2, 2026.* *Romans Ch 1B*
- ✓ *Aug 9, 2026* *Romans Ch 2A*
- *Aug 16, 2026.* *Andy Kumar teaching for me*
- *Aug 23, 2026* *Romans Ch 2B*
-  *Aug 28, 2026.* *Ice Cream Social at the Steinke's*
- *Aug 30, 2026.* *Romans Ch 3*

Quick Update ...ICYMI

Middle East

- ***Ceasefire between Hamas / Israel/ US – many issues but a positive***
- *Some new talk about another deal...remains to be seen*
- ***US/World***
- *The Russia-Ukraine war is going nowhere towards an end. NK sending troops*
- *Cozy relations/arms between Russia, Turkey, Iran, and China troubling but prophetic*
- ***Earthquakes, Floods, volcanic eruptions, famine, and disease. Wars and rumors of wars. California fault lines are under the most pressure in hundreds of years***
- ***Many signs of the Tribulation are appearing with more frequency***
 - *Natural Disasters, Isolation of Israel, Antisemitism, Apostasy in the church, **Peace in Israel to presage the Antichrist**, Scoffers of Prophecy, and deniers of God. Time of Noah and time of Lot prophecies—continuation of the Aliyah to Israel. **Isolation of Israel, and end-time coalitions forming. Christian Apostasy and Lack of Unity. One World Religion***
 - ***Substantial European acts to move away from Western values and embrace one-world ideas.***
 - *Remember, Israel is God's timepiece for the End of Time. Israel is the hour hand, Jerusalem is the minute hand, and the Temple Mount is the second hand*

The Pattern

Ancient letters followed a well-used pattern.

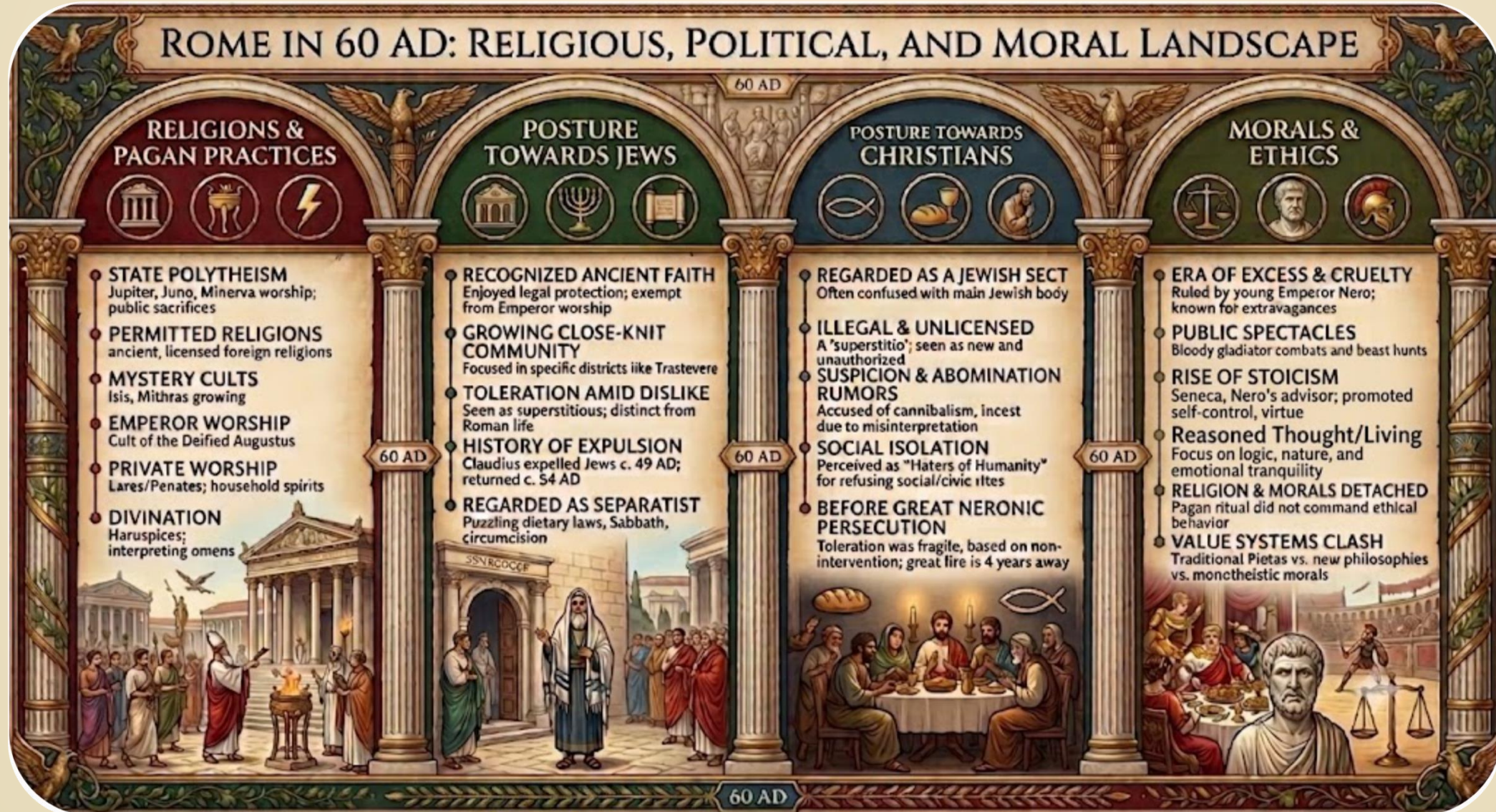
- ✓ *Greeting: (Romans 1:1)*
- ✓ *Prayer for grace: (Romans 1:7)*
- ✓ *Thanksgiving: (Romans 1:8)*
- ✓ ***Main body of letter** (reason for writing)...Ch 2*
- ***Special salutations and Personal Greetings: (Romans 16)***

There are several unique elements of Paul's letters

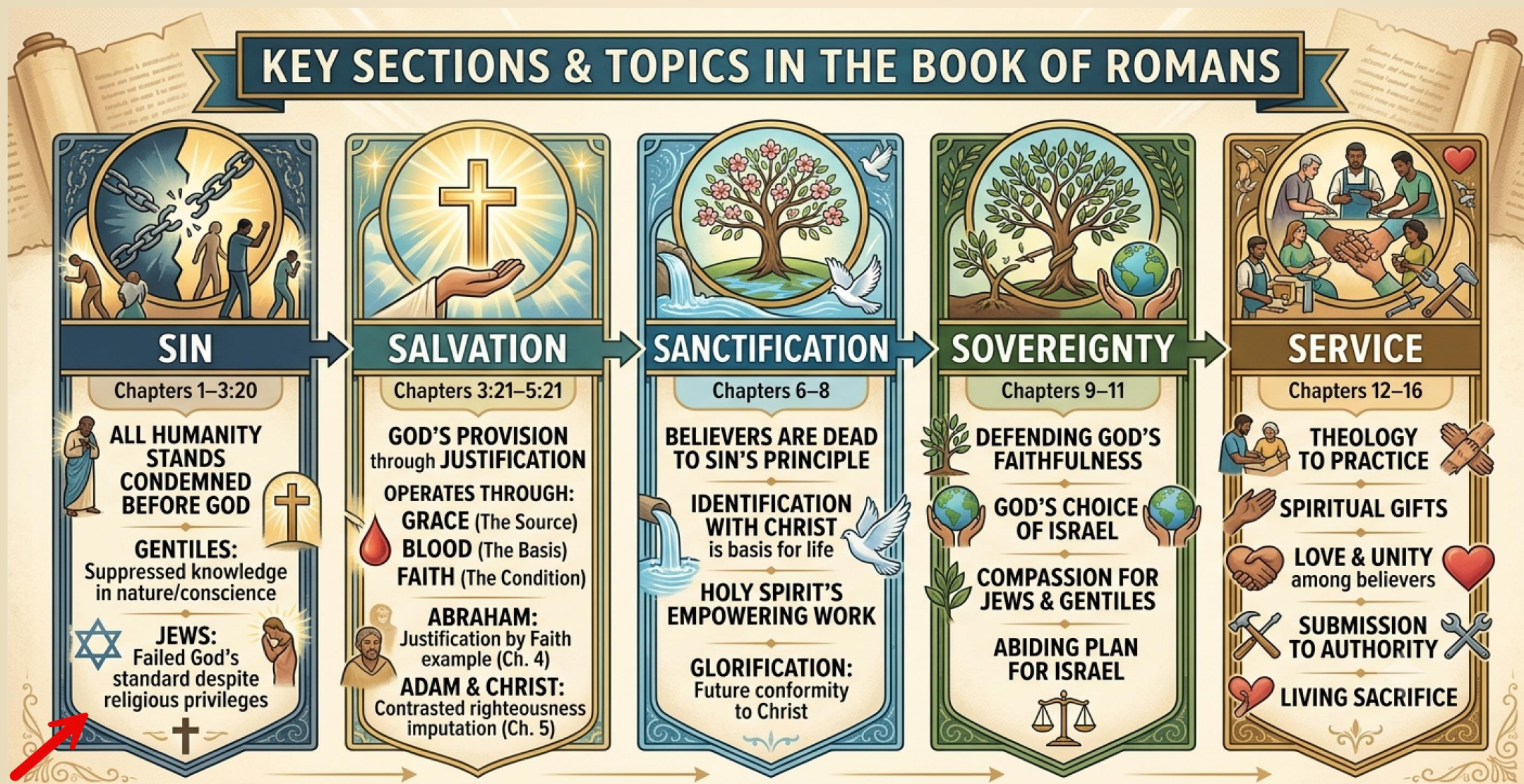
- *The way they are created*
- *The flowing style as the spoken word*

Roman Landscape in 60 AD

This city was the most powerful city in the world at that time, in the mighty Roman Empire. The city was beautiful and totally pagan



Visual Overview of Romans contents



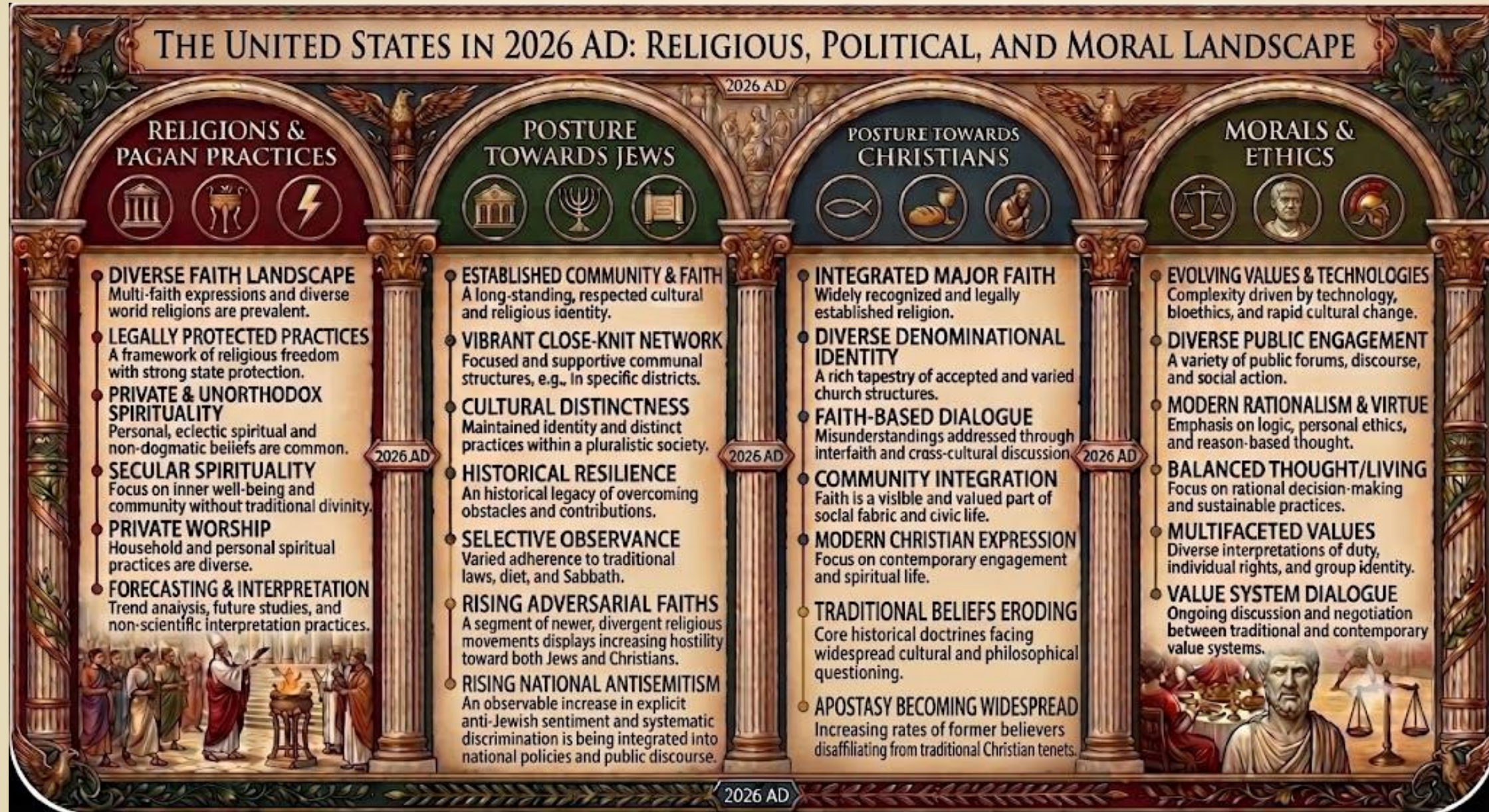
Romans Ch 1 - Summary

- *Romans 1 opens with Paul's greeting and frames the gospel as God's saving power for salvation.*
- *Its theme, set out in Romans 1:16–17, is that the righteous live by faith.*
- *Paul then shows humanity suppressing truth and sliding into idolatry and depravity under God's wrath, which establishes universal guilt and the need for a righteousness received through faith.*
- *Structurally, Romans 1 proves that all people are sinners in need of salvation, then explains how salvation comes through faith in Christ, grounded in His death and resurrection, before describing the resulting life of holiness and Spirit-empowerment.*



The chapter establishes the foundation for everything Paul develops throughout the letter: humanity's universal guilt before God and the necessity of divine righteousness received through faith.

As we looked at Rome in 60 AD...America 2026



*Rising
Disbelief
Apathy,
Hostility
Leads to large-
scale apostasy*

*And weak
Proclamation
of the Gospel*

Romans Ch 2:1-5 God's Righteous Judgment

***2** Therefore **you** have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things.*

***2** We know that the **judgment of God** rightly falls on those who practice such things.*

3** Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that **you will escape the judgment of God?

4** Or **do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that **God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?**

5** But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are **storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed

Who is Paul addressing, and what does it mean?

Paul is addressing the Jews in Rome, who were creating a bitter dispute with the gentile believers regarding adherence to the law.

So, what is the connection here? In Ch 1, Paul laid out the absolutely terrible situation in Rome in Ch 1. The Jews would have said “Amen” on every word of his letter.

The issue Paul is addressing is the overwhelming idea that the Jews considered it a Gentile problem, since they were the “chosen” of God. They had special treatment and dispensation from judgment. Read v 3 again...

³ Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God?

There is a deeper discussion to be had around this topic, and I want to provide the briefest of highlights of it. Some commentators do great expository work on this idea and where it came from.

Deeper dive on this topic

In Alexandria around 20 BC, a Jewish deuterocanonical set of books was written and adopted by some of the Jews, and then these ideas moved to the early church through Jewish believers. These books are: The Wisdom of Solomon, Wisdom of Sirach, Ecclesiasticus. Not in Jewish or protestant Bibles

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- **The Wisdom of Solomon**, also known simply as the **Book of Wisdom**, is a deuterocanonical **book of the Bible**, traditionally attributed to King Solomon. It is included in the Septuagint and the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox biblical canons but is considered apocryphal by most Protestant traditions.
- It was written by a Jew in Alexandria around 20 BC and held the ideas that God was the father of Jews, and He admonished them, but 1000 times worse for Gentiles. Also, that Jew had a divine exemption from judgment because they were Jews...the chosen people of God

Romans 2:4-11 So, what does Paul say to them?

⁴ Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

⁵ But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are **storing up wrath** for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed

⁶ He will render to each one according to his works:

⁷ to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life;

⁸ but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.

⁹ There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek,

¹⁰ but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek.

¹¹ For God shows no partiality.

Rom 2:1-11 Key takeaways

Paul reminded them of 4 things:

- 1. They were trading on the mercy of God (v4). His kindness, forbearance, and patience. **R C Sproul story** (grace versus justice)*
- 2. They were **taking the mercy of God as an invitation to sin, rather than a guide to repentance***
- 3. In God's economy, there is no "favorite nations" clause*
- 4. Having Faith must lead to "works", not for salvation, but for validation*

For God shows no partiality.

Rom 2:12-16 The Unwritten Law

¹² For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law.

*¹³ For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, **but the doers of the law who will be justified.***

¹⁴ For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law.

*¹⁵ They show that the work of the law is **written on their hearts**, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them*

¹⁶ on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

 ***What saved them, and what saves us, is not the Law, but Grace through Faith***

Romans 2: 17-21. *But if.....*

¹⁷ *But if* you call yourself a Jew and rely on the law and boast in God

¹⁸ and know his will and approve what is excellent, because you are instructed from the law;

¹⁹ *and if* you are sure that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness,

²⁰ an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth—

²¹ *you then* who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal?

Remember v12? “...and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law.”

Romans 2:22-24 A Jewish “Come-Uppance”

²² You who say that one must not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?

²³ You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law.

²⁴ For, as it is written, **“The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.”***

**Isa 52:5 – Paul takes a verse from Isaiah and changes it from a corporate act by the Jews causing captivity and disrespect to God, to a personal act of the Jews themselves, who also bring disrepute on the name of God.*

Remember that to a practicing Jew, the law was everything, and adherence to the Law was more important than the intent of the Law.

Romans 2:25-19 A Hypocrite's life is a Judgment

*²⁵ For circumcision indeed is of value **if you obey the law**, but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision. (of no value)*

*²⁶ So, if a man who is **uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law**, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision?*

*²⁷ **Then** he who is physically uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law.*

*²⁸ **For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision (only) outward and physical.***

²⁹ But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

What are the key takeaways from Rom Ch 2?

- *Don't judge others for doing what you do yourself—you condemn yourself in the process.*
- *Don't assume God's patience means you'll escape judgment; a hard heart stores up His wrath.*
- *God rewards those who do “good” with eternal life and punishes those who do evil with wrath.*
- *God shows no favoritism—this applies equally to Jews and Greeks. (Gentiles)*
- *Knowing the law doesn't make you righteous; only doing it does. Likewise, knowing Scripture does not make you a faithful follower. (Satan knows the Law)*
- *Even without the written law, people have God's law written on their hearts through conscience.*

Next week

*We will pick up where we left off; we will see a discussion of God's righteous judgment upheld. **Read Romans Ch 3***

➤ *Pray for our Nation and its leaders*

- *Pray for both the Iranian War and the Russia/Ukraine wars to come to an end*
- *Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and Peace for Israel*

➤ *Our State and its Leaders, and the elections to come, for God to give us Godly leaders*

➤ *Our Church, the Pastors and Leaders*

➤ *Pray for the needs of our class members and families*

Thank God for his mercy and grace for each of us as we struggle with life

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem to come to the world