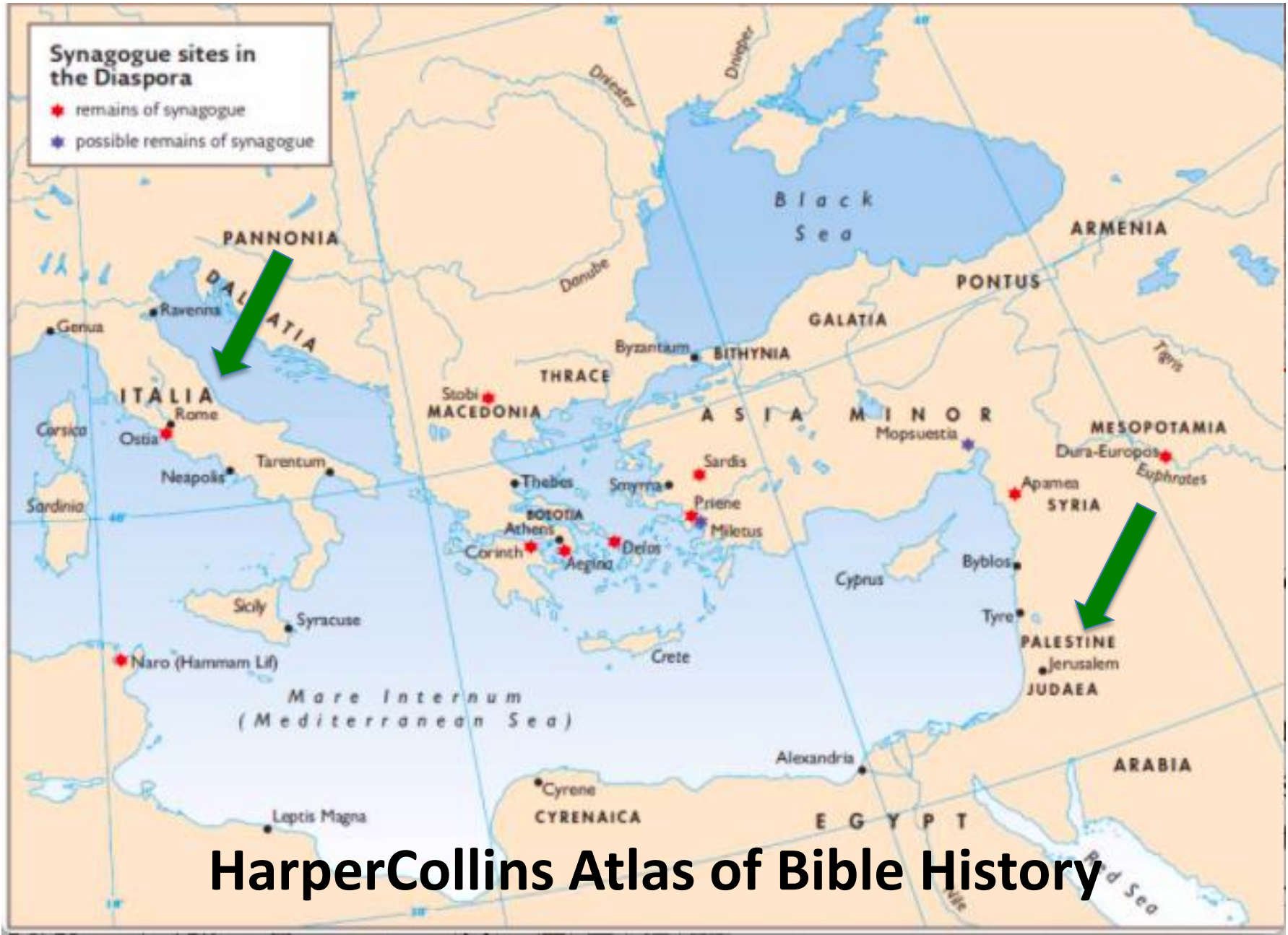


Paul's Letter to the Romans

Introduction and Chapter 1:1-17

All Roads Lead to Rome



Augustine of Hippo Despairs...

Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires....

Romans 13:13-14 (ESV)

Martin Luther Despairs...

the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Romans 1:18-20 (ESV)

The Reformation

“the righteous shall live by faith”

The Christian Life is:

-  Not based on works
-  Based on trusting the completed work of Jesus

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to boldly go where no apostle has gone before

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To deal with people who misrepresented him
and his understanding of the gospel

*“Unless you are circumcised according to the
custom of Moses, you cannot be saved”*

Introduce himself and the gospel to the church

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**Go and declare..
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Proclaim the good
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How Do You Relate to the Lord Jesus?

Price

His precious blood..
His death on the cross..

Message

About the good news
from God through Jesus
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Response

Obedience of faith..

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Paul's Recipients

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First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you always in my prayers....

Ro 1:7-10 (ESV)

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Are you a person of prayer?

Do we make the effort and take the time to join with our brothers and sisters in Christ for prayer?

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... always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you — that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and with mine. I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

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- Paul's calling in life
- the only way, that God saves people from eternal condemnation
- the summary and the means by which we learn of salvation
- is the power of salvation
- the message of eternal life
- nothing to be ashamed of
- something to be shared with everyone

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- Far more than strict justice
- involves mercy and grace
- must be revealed
- learn about it through faith, through believing the gospel

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keep reading / stay tuned to see how Paul explains it...

Summary

- Are you aware of the calling on your life to belong to Jesus Christ?
- If you have not yet - make this time the time you surrender to Him by faith
- If you belong to the Lord:
 - do you recognize that He is your Lord and Master
 - How is your Lord calling you right now, expecting you to obey?
- Do you make time for daily prayer?
- Do you make time and make the effort to join with others for prayer?