

Rome The Italian city-state which eventually came to rule most of the ancient world, Rome was located on the seven hills surrounding an important ford of the Tiber River. By the 2nd century BC, Rome controlled most of the Mediterranean basin, including Palestine.

Rome is mentioned and alluded to throughout the New Testament. Jesus' birth in Bethlehem rather than in his parents' home of Nazareth is attributed to a Roman census (Luke 2:1). The Sanhedrin's condemnation of Jesus was due in part to their fear that he would stir up trouble with Rome (John 11:48). Jesus was tried and sentenced to death by Pontius Pilate, Roman governor of Judea (Matthew 27:11-26; Mark 15:2-15; Luke 23:1-7, 11-25; John 18:28-19:16). Visitors from Rome were present at Pentecost (Acts 2:10). Paul was a Roman citizen (Acts 16:37-38; 22:25-29; 23:27). Priscilla and Aquila were expelled from Rome because they were Jews (Acts 18:2). Paul was determined to preach the gospel in Rome (Acts 19:21; 23:11; Romans 1:15) and was eventually imprisoned there (Acts 28:16). According to tradition, both Paul and Peter were martyred in Rome under Nero's persecution. Rome is clearly alluded to and condemned in the book of Revelation (Revelation 17:8-9, 18).



Remains of the Circus Maximus of Rome

Baldwin Hills Baptist Church
Sunday, November 14, 2021
Sermon Outline

**“God Reveals Through Paul
Major Teaching!” Pt. 5**

**Sub Title: God Reveals Through Paul
His Redemptive Program With Israel**

- Roman 9:1-33 -

(Character Study Sermon --Paul)

- I. PAUL GRIEVED OVER THE LOSTNESS OF HIS PEOPLE, v-1-3
 - A. He Was Telling the Truth About How He Was Feeling, v-1
 1. Satan attacked Paul's credibility whenever he could, Cf. 1 Tim. 2:7
 2. Paul Didn't Lie, 2 Cor. 11:31
 3. God asks us not to lie, Col. 3:9; Eph. 4:25
 - B. He Had Great Sorrow Over Them, v-2a
 - C. He Was Constantly Grieving Over Them, v-2b
 1. Paul was giving us a picture of God's grief over His people, Cf. Lk. 19:41-44
 - D. He could Wish that He Would Be Lost In Their Place, v-3 --Not possible of course!
--Their lostness was real!
- II. GOD HAD GIVEN ISRAEL GREAT SALVATION PRIVILEGES, v-4, 5
 - A. The Adoption As Sons Was Theirs, v-4a
 - B. They Were Destined For Eternal Glory, v-4b
 - C. the Covenants And Law Were Theirs, v-4c
 - D. The Worship And Promises Were Theirs, v-4d