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The Epistle to the

Romans

Israel: Present
Chapter 10

Design in the Structure

- **1 - 8** **FAITH** **DOCTRINAL**

- 1-3 Sin: (the most complete diagnosis)
- 4-5 Salvation
- 6-8 Sanctification

- **9-11** **HOPE** **DISPENSATIONAL**

- 9 Israel - Past
- 10 Israel - Present
- 11 Israel – Future

“one of the most important trilogies in the Scripture”

Dr Chuck Missler

- **12-16** **LOVE** **PRACTICAL**

- Encouragement and closing remarks

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17

- Paul is making the point that if Israel had loved the Word of God, they would have heard
 - They didn't have to go across the sea to find it
 - Nor go up into heaven to bring it down
 - It was right there with them
- Had they heard, it would have produced faith
- It was by faith that righteousness came
 - This was the lesson taught by Abraham & Moses

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- For us, this lesson is vital as we are told to
 - “walk by faith” – 2 Cor 5:7
 - “live by faith” – Rom 1:17
 - “stand by faith” – Rom 11:20
 - “be sanctified by faith” – Acts 26:18
- But what is faith?
- Why is *“The origin of faith is hearing, and the channel by which we hear, the Word of God”*?

What is Faith?



~~A Blind Leap?~~



What is Faith?



- Why do we so readily take medication prescribed by a Dr?
- Because you have faith that their years of training has taught them more than you know!
- Faith is confidence based on evidence

What is Faith?

- H. L. Mencken naively said:
 - *“Faith may be defined as an illogical belief in the occurrence of the improbable”.*
- A more accurate description of Faith is encapsulated in the words of Dr George Eldon Ladd:
 - *“Faith does not mean a leap in the dark, an irrational credulity, a believing against evidences and against reason. It means believing in the light of historical facts consistent with the evidences, on the basis of witnesses”*

“I’m not a Christian today because I was raised that way or because it satisfies some need or accomplishes some goal.

I’m simply a Christian because it’s evidentially true.”

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EVIDENCE

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Expert Testimony

- Professor Robert D Wilson
 - Scientific Investigation of The Old Testament
 - He could read & write 45 ancient Semitic languages
 - At 25 yrs old he could read the NT in 9 languages
 - He had memorised the NT from Matthew – Revelation
 - He also had many of the OT book memorised in Hebrew

Expert Testimony

“For 45 years continuously I have devoted myself to one great study of the Old Testament. In all of its languages, in all of its archaeology, in all of its translations.

The critics of the Bible who go to it in order to find fault claims to themselves all knowledge, all virtue, all love of the truth. One of their favourite phrases is ‘all scholars agree’. Well, when a man says that I wish to know who the scholars are and what they agree on? Where do they get their evidence? I defy any man to make an attack on the Old Testament on the ground of evidence that I cannot investigate.”

Expert Testimony

“After I learned the necessary languages, I set about the investigation of every single consonant in the Hebrew Old Testament – there are about one million, two hundred and fifty thousand of them.

It took me many years to achieve my task. I had to observe variations in the text, in the manuscripts, notes of the masorites in all their various versions, parallel passages, and contextual emendations of critics; and then I had to classify the results of every character, every consonant, to reduce the Old Testament criticism to an absolutely objective science, something that is based on evidence and not opinion.

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The result of those 45 years of study which I have given to the text has been this:

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"I can affirm that there is not a page of the Old Testament concerning which you need have any doubt!"

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GENESIS 5

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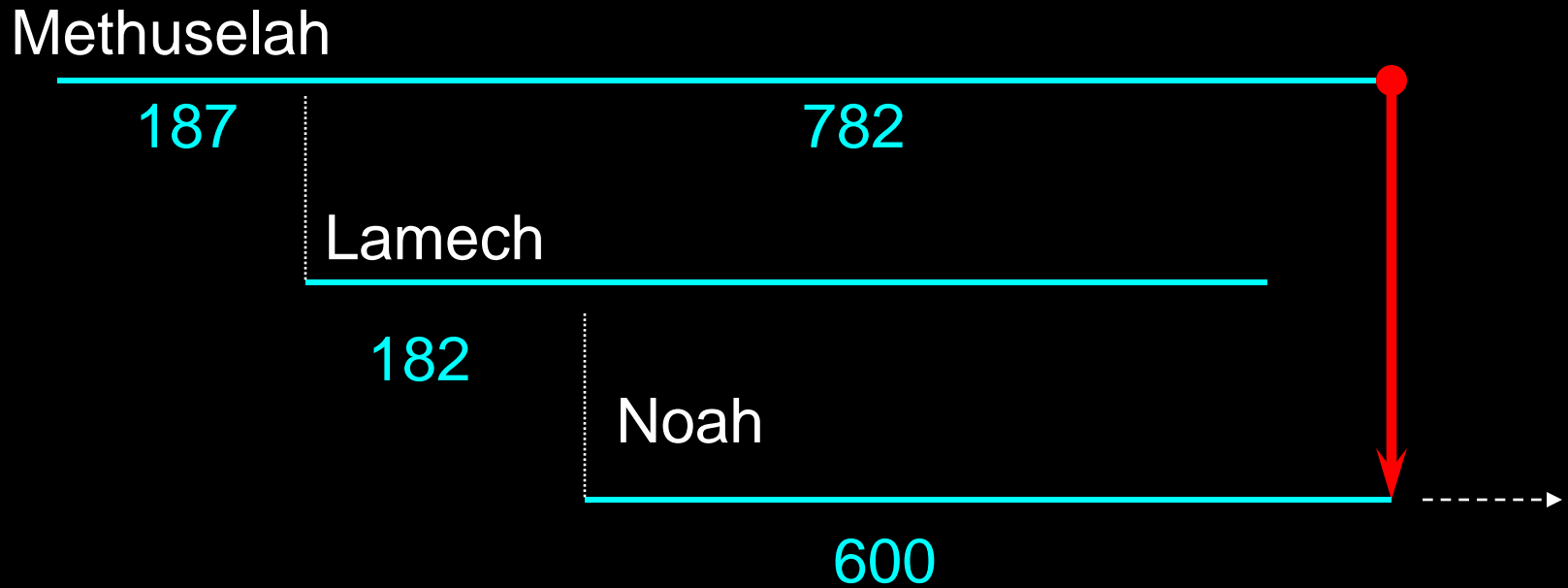
Methuselah

tAm *muth*, a root that means “death”

xlv *shalach*, which means “to bring,” or
“to send forth.”

“His death shall bring.”

His Death Shall Bring?



The Year of the Flood!

Genealogy of Genesis 5

- : Adam* - *'Man'*
- : Seth* - *'Appointed'*
- : Enosh* - *'Mortal'*
- : Cainan* - *'Sorrow'*
- : Mahalaleel* - *'Blessed God'*
- : Jared* - *'Come down'*
- : Enoch* - *'Teaching'*
- : Methuselah* - *'His death shall bring'*
- : Lamech* - *'Despairing'*
- : Noah* - *'Comfort'*

Genealogy of Genesis 5

*Man (is) Appointed Mortal Sorrow; (but)
(the) Blessed God Shall Come down
Teaching (that) His death shall bring (the)
Despairing Comfort, Rest*

- This is the Christian Gospel, concealed in a genealogy 2500 years before Jesus came!
- Rabbi's and Scribes would not (and could not) conspire to do this!
- This is undeniable evidence of the supernatural origin of the Bible

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THE BOOK OF RUTH

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The Book of Ruth

When *Elimelech* married *Naomi*, they brought forth *Mahlon* and *Chilion* and were forced to leave *Bethlehem-Judah*. *Elimelech* died and *Naomi* became *Mara*. Later, both *Ruth* and *Orpah* (gentiles) had the chance to return to the God of Israel. *Orpah* turned back and sought false gods. *Ruth* returned to the God of Israel. *Ruth* found grace in the eyes of her kinsman redeemer who then purchased her and she was joined to *Boaz*. (What the *near kinsman* could not do her *Boaz* did). *Ruth* married her *Boaz* and brought forth *Obed*.

The Book of Ruth

<u>Names</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
Elimelech	= God is my king
Naomi	= Pleasure
Bethlehem-Judah	= The house of bread and praise
Mara	= Bitterness
Mahlon	= Sickness
Chilion	= Pining
Ruth	= Beauty
Orpah	= Double minded
Boaz	= Strength
Near kinsman	= The Law
Obed	= Worship

The Book of Ruth

When *God is my king* married *pleasure*, they brought forth *sickness* and *pining* and were forced to leave *the house of bread & praise*. *God is my king* died and *pleasure* became *bitterness*. Later, both *beauty* and *double-minded* (gentiles) had the chance to return to the God of Israel. *Double-minded* turned back and sought false gods. *Beauty* returned to the God of Israel. *Beauty* found grace in the eyes of her kinsman redeemer who then purchased her and she was joined to *strength*. (What the *Law* could not do her *strength* did). *Beauty* married her *strength* and brought forth *worship*.

The Nation of Israel

Naomi as a type of Israel - Summary:

- Abandoned the God of Israel
 - Jeremiah 3:20-23
- Driven to the Gentiles & suffer great loss
 - Deuteronomy 28
- Re-gathered in unbelief
 - Ezekiel 37
- Re-introduced to Kinsman-Redeemer
 - Hos 6:1-3/Zech 12:10
- Land and blessings restored
 - Amos 9:11-15

The Church

- Gentiles married to 'sickness' Ephesians 2:1
- Converted to the God of Israel through Jewish witness Rom 3:2
- 'Happen' on the field of the Kinsman John 15:16
- Introduced to the Kinsman by and un-named servant Jn16:13
- The Kinsman leaves 'handfuls of purpose' Romans 8:28
- She recognises her poverty before Him Romans 3:23-24
- *"Why have I found Grace in Your sight?"* Ephesians 2:8
- She is to wash and cleanse herself before meeting her Kinsman Ephesians 5:25-26
- She finds Him at the threshing floor Matt 13:30
- She willingly comes under His authority 1 Cor 6:20
- She simply rests, knowing that He will complete everything Phil 1:6/Col1:13-14

The Kinsman-Redeemer

The Kinsman-Redeemer

- He knew all about her
 - Revelation 17:8
- He gave up His reputation
 - Philippians 2:7-8
- He overcomes the ‘obstacle’
 - Galatians 3:13
- He gave Himself for His bride
 - Ephesians 5:25-27
- He buys the field to get His bride
 - Matthew 13:44
- He purchases the bride publicly
 - Luke 23:35
- He provides out of His abundance
 - Philippians 4:19

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Joshua

- Joshua dispossessing the usurpers from the Land

- 10 nations, 3 fall leaving 7

- Joshua sends in two 'spies'

- Commander of the Army of the Lord fights the battle

- 7 trumpets blown

- 'Adoni-Zedek' sets himself up as king of Jerusalem

- At the battle of Beth Horon 'signs in the Sun, Moon & Stars

- The people hide themselves in caves to flee from God's wrath

- The book ends with a covenant with God who'd delivered them

Revelation

- Yeshua dispossessing the usurpers from the Land

- 10 nations, 3 fall leaving 7

- Jesus sends in two witnesses

- Jesus fights the battle

- 7 trumpets blown

- Anti-Christ sets himself up as 'king' of Jerusalem

- Rev 6:12 'signs in the Sun, Moon & Stars

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THE 12 TRIBES

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The 12 Tribes

- Leah:** Gen 29:32 Reuben “Behold a son”
Gen 29:33 Simeon “Heard”
Gen 29:34 Levi “Joined to”
Gen 29:35 Judah “Praise”
- Bilhah:** Gen 30:6 Dan “Judge”
(Rachel) Gen 30:8 Naphtali “Wrestling;” “Struggles”
- Zilpah:** Gen 30:11 Gad “Troop;” “fortune”
(Leah) Gen 30:13 Asher “Happy”
- Leah:** Gen 30:18 Issachar “Recompense”
Gen 30:20 Zebulun “Exalted”
- Rachel:** Gen 30:24 Joseph “YHWH has added”
Gen 35:18 Benjamin “Son of the right hand”

In Egypt?

Reuben	Looked, affliction	Moses: Ex 2:25 looked..affliction 3:7
Simeon	Hearing; Heard	"Heard my cry" Ex 3:7
Levi	Husband; joined	When was YHWH "joined?" Passover, Jer 31:31,32
Judah	Praise	Ex 5:11; Ps 106:11,12

In Wilderness?

Dan	Judged; judgment	Wilderness: Meribah
Naphtali	Wrestlings; prevailed	At Amalek Ex 17:11

In the Land?

Gad	Troop cometh	Nations oppose Israel
Asher	Happy	Overthrow
Issachar	Hire; service	Occupation
Zebulun	Dwelling	Occupation

Kingdom?

Joseph	Adding	
Benjamin	Son of my right hand	

Listing of the 12 Tribes

Genesis:

- 29-35 Origin; natural order of Jacob's 12 sons
- 46 Entering Egypt
- 49 Jacob's Prophetic Blessing

Exodus:

- 1 Entering Egypt (Joseph omitted, being in Egypt.)

Numbers:

- 1:1-15 Leaders (Levi omitted)
- 1:20-43 1st Census (Levi omitted)
- 2 Order of the camp (Only order given three times: 2, 7, 10)
- 7 Offerings
- 10 Order of March
- 13 Spies (Levi omitted)
- 26 2nd Census (Levi omitted)
- 34 Dividing the Land (Eastern tribes omitted)

Listing of the 12 Tribes

Deuteronomy:

- 27 Blessings and cursings
- 33 Blessing of Moses (Simeon omitted).
Order is geographical: Benjamin is before Joseph.)

Joshua:

- 13-22 Allocation of territories. (In four groups to furnish cities for four classes of priests.)

Judges:

- 5 Song of Deborah. (Judah and Simeon omitted.)

1 Chronicles:

- 2:1,3-8 Genealogies. (Zebulun omitted; Dan in v.7?)
- 12, 27 Officers under David (Gad and Asher omitted in 1 Chr 27.)

Ezekiel:

- 48 Kingdom Divisions, Millennium

Revelation:

- 7 Sealing of 12,000 from each tribe. (Dan omitted)

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Revelation 7

Judah Praise the Lord,
Reuben He has looked on my affliction (and)
Gad granted good fortune.
Asher Happy am I,
Naphtali my wrestling
Manasseh has made me forget my sorrow.
Simeon God hears me;
Levi has joined me,
Issachar purchased me, (and)
Zebulun exalted me (by)
Joseph adding to me
Benjamin the Son of His right hand.

Scientific Verification

- The Bible makes many statements that we can test to prove its validity
 - It claims there was a ‘beginning’
 - Verified by science
 - It claims the Earth hangs on nothing in space
 - Verifies by science and observation
 - It claims the Sun and Moon mark our seasons
 - Verified by science, observation & experience
 - It claims there is a hydro-cycle
 - Verified by science
 - It claims ‘the life of the flesh is in the blood’
 - Verified by science

Scientific Verification

- It claims there are pathways in the sea
 - Verified by science
- It claims the human race is degenerating
 - Verified by science
- It claims life appeared suddenly on Earth
 - Verified by science
- It claims the Earth is unique
 - Verified by science
- It claims that everything reproduces after it's kind
 - Verified by science
 - Consider the 'alternative' view of our origins (Evolution) that is completely contrary to science and observation!

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17

- We can trust the Bible!

- We can trust what it says about what *has been*
- So, we can trust regarding what it says *will be*
- We can trust God's character because the Bible shows Him to be faithful
- We can trust His promises
- We can have faith because our foundation is His Word, unchangeable and unshakable.

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Israel: Present
Chapter 10

The Law

- The Law could not of itself provide righteousness before God for individuals; cf.
Rom 3:20; 7:7
- But Christ fulfilled the Law Matt 5:17-18
 - By keeping it perfectly during His sinless life
John 8:46
 - Then gave His life in payment for the penalty of sin and the broken Law Eph 2:15; Col 2:13-14
- The Law then pointed to Him as the Source of the God-provided righteousness it could not supply
Gal 3:24

Salvation by Faith Taught by Moses

- If a Jew were to receive righteousness by keeping the demands of the Law,
 - That would be human achievement; and not from God.
 - However, a Jew would need to keep the entire Law perfectly all his life - an impossible task **James 2:10**
- Paul quotes Moses to support his righteousness-by-faith position centered in Christ as “the end of the Law” and the means by which righteousness is available for everyone who believes.
 - The quotes in **Romans 10:6-8** are taken from **Deut 30:12-14**

Salvation by Faith Taught by Moses

- These quotes from Deuteronomy were part of Moses' charge to the generation of Israel about to enter the land of Canaan.
 - This exhortation was the conclusion of Moses' prophetic description of God's dealing with Israel.
 - Blessing was promised for faith and obedience, and
 - Chastisement would result from rejection and disobedience
- If Israel forsook God, Moses said, she would face worldwide dispersion and affliction.
 - When the people then finally do turn to God in faith, He will restore them to blessing, prosperity, and prominence among the nations

Deut 30:1-10

Salvation by Faith Taught by Moses

- The point of Moses' exhortation is that the generation to whom he was speaking had the message Deut 30:11
 - *But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.*
Deut 30:14
- Since the Israelites in Moses' day had the message,
 - They did not need to ask that it be brought down from heaven or that someone “cross the sea to get it” Deut 30:13

But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily,
their sound went into all the earth, and their
words unto the ends of the world.

Romans 10:18

- Some might insist that the Jews were not given adequate opportunity to hear the message
 - He then quoted **Psalm 19:4**, concerning God's general revelation in the cosmic heavens **cf. Rom 1:18-20**
 - However, this psalm also discusses God's special revelation in the Old Testament **Ps 19:7-11**
- Paul's answer is that Israel had ample opportunity
 - By general and special revelation to respond to God. Certainly she heard.

But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you.

Romans 10:19

- The apostle anticipates another objection. Someone might argue,
 - *“Yes, Israel heard but she did not understand that God purposed to offer righteousness by faith to all mankind, including Gentiles.”*
- His answer was from two OT quotations, one from **Moses**, and one from **Isaiah**

Moses Prophesied Gentile Salvation

They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

Deuteronomy 32:21

But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me.

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I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation that was not called by my name.

Isaiah 65:1

But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

Romans 10:21

- Concerning Israel, God has been gracious in spite of her disobedience quoting **Isa. 65:2...**

I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts;

Isaiah 65:2

- God has not withheld salvation from Jews;
 - He held out His hands, imploring them to return to Him.
- Israel's continuing rebellious and unbelieving disobedience was judged by God's turning to the Gentiles

Rom 10:20; cf. Acts 8:1-8, 10

The Outline of History

- Israel's past, present & future are outlined in Jesus' words in the summary of the nation He gives us in **Matt 23:37-39**
- Chuck Missler describes this as the *purpose*, *tragedy* and *triumph* of all history

Israel Past

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *thou* that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under *her wings*...

Matthew 23:37

Israel Present

and ye would not!

Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

Matthew 23:37,38

- This is the underlying theme of Romans 10
- The 'present distress' of Israel

Israel Future

For I say unto you,

Ye shall not see me henceforth,

till ye shall say,

Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the
Lord.

Matthew 23:39

- Jesus left the nation with a promise & hope

The image shows the interior of the Colosseum in Rome, Italy, at night. The structure is illuminated from within, highlighting the arches and the tiered seating areas. The top section of the arena is visible, showing the upper tiers of the amphitheater. The text "The Epistle to the Romans" is overlaid on the image in a bright yellow color. The word "Romans" is written in a large, stylized, cursive font, while "The Epistle to the" is in a simpler, sans-serif font.

The Epistle to the

Romans

To be continued...