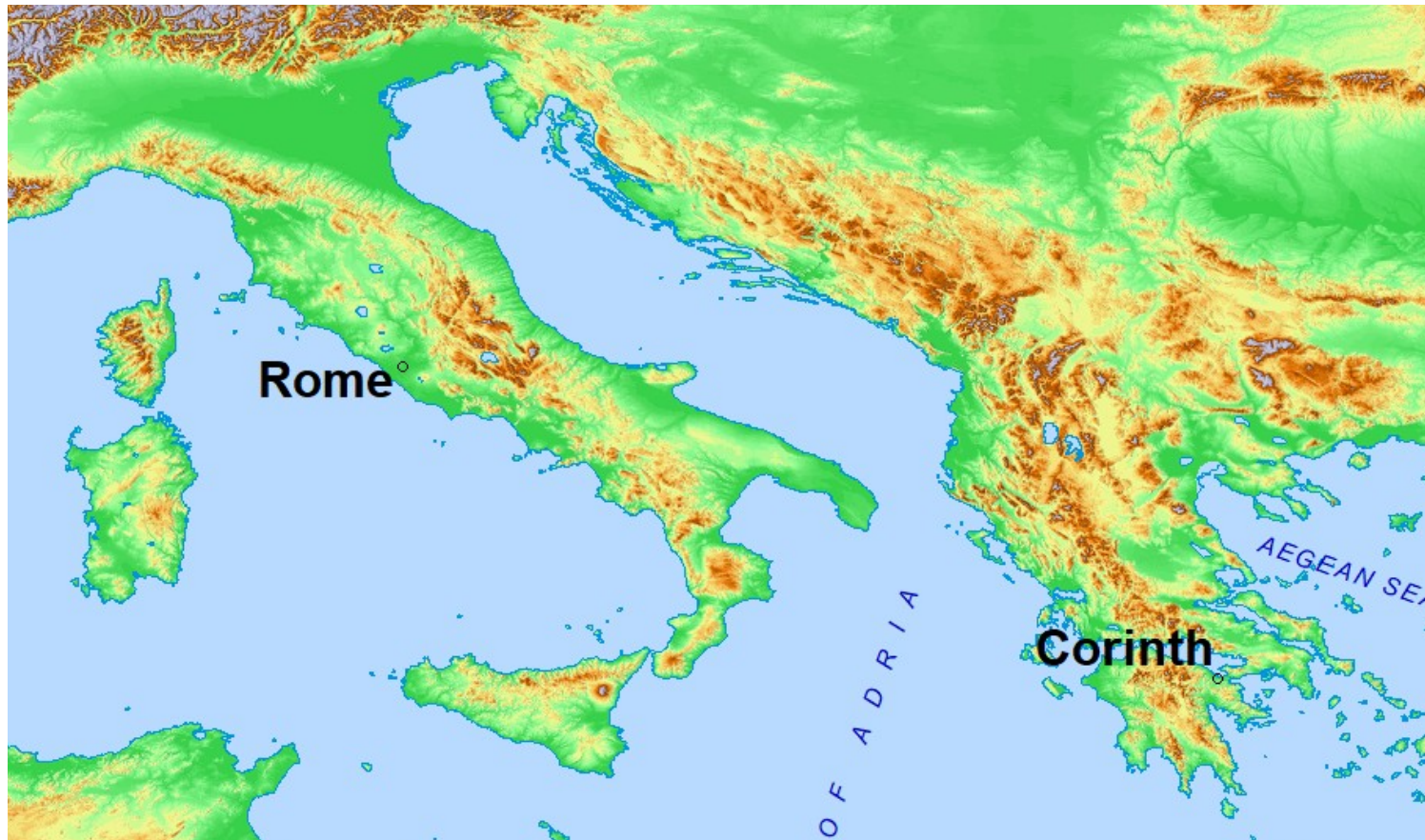


Treasure Hunt

- Why is Paul's epistle to the Romans relevant to the book of Hebrews?
- What event might have stimulated Paul to write Romans?
- How does that event explain the book's emphasis on the Jews?
- What two kinds of Jews were there in Rome, and where is each discussed in the book?
- Why did God allow the Jews to become jealous of the Christians?
- Why does Paul pick the two issues of food and special days in Romans 14?
- What two principles does he lay down for believers observing Jewish practices?
- How does the story in Galatians 2 illustrate the principles of Romans 14?

Rome, Jews, and Hebrews



Act 28:16 And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him. 17 And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called **the chief of the Jews** together: and when they were come together, he said unto them, Men and brethren, ... 29 And when he had said these words, **the Jews departed**, and had great reasoning among themselves.

Heb 13:24 They of [from] Italy salute you.

Act 18:1 After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; 2 And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them. 3 And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.

Epistle to the Romans

1:1-7, Formal Opening

1:8-15, Personal Notes

1:16-11:36, Doctrinal Exposition
1:16-18, Summary

1:18-2:9, The **Wrath** of God
1:18-32, on the **Gentiles**
2:1-29, on the **Jews**

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4:1-11:36, The **Righteousness** of God
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9:1-11:36, on the **Jews**

12:1-15:13, Practical Exhortations
12:1-2, Summary
12:3-13, **Life in the Body**
12:14-21, Toward **Persecutors**
13:1-14, Toward **Government**
14:1-15:13, **Life in the Body**

15:14-29, Personal Notes

15:13-16:27, Formal Closing

Structure of Romans

Summary in 1:16-18

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the **Jew** first, and also to the **Greek**.

17 For therein is the **righteousness of God** revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

18 For the **wrath of God** is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Summary in 12:1-2

Relation to **God**:

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

Relation to the **world**:

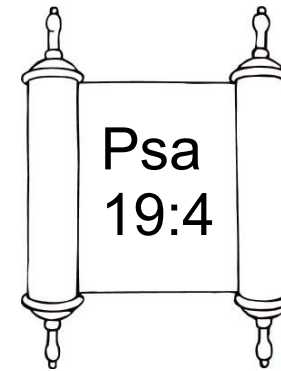
2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Israel's Jealousy Explained

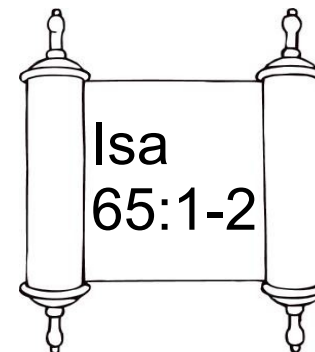
Rom 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. 18 But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, "their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world."

Rom 10:19 But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, "**I will provoke you to jealousy** παραζηλω by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you."

Rom 10:20 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." 21 But to Israel he saith, "All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people."



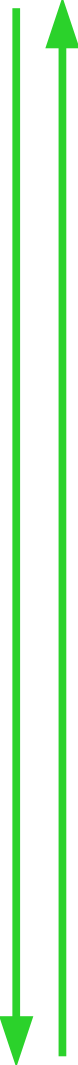
Deu 32:21 They have **moved me to jealousy** with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will **move them to jealousy** with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.



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Structure of Rom 14:1-6

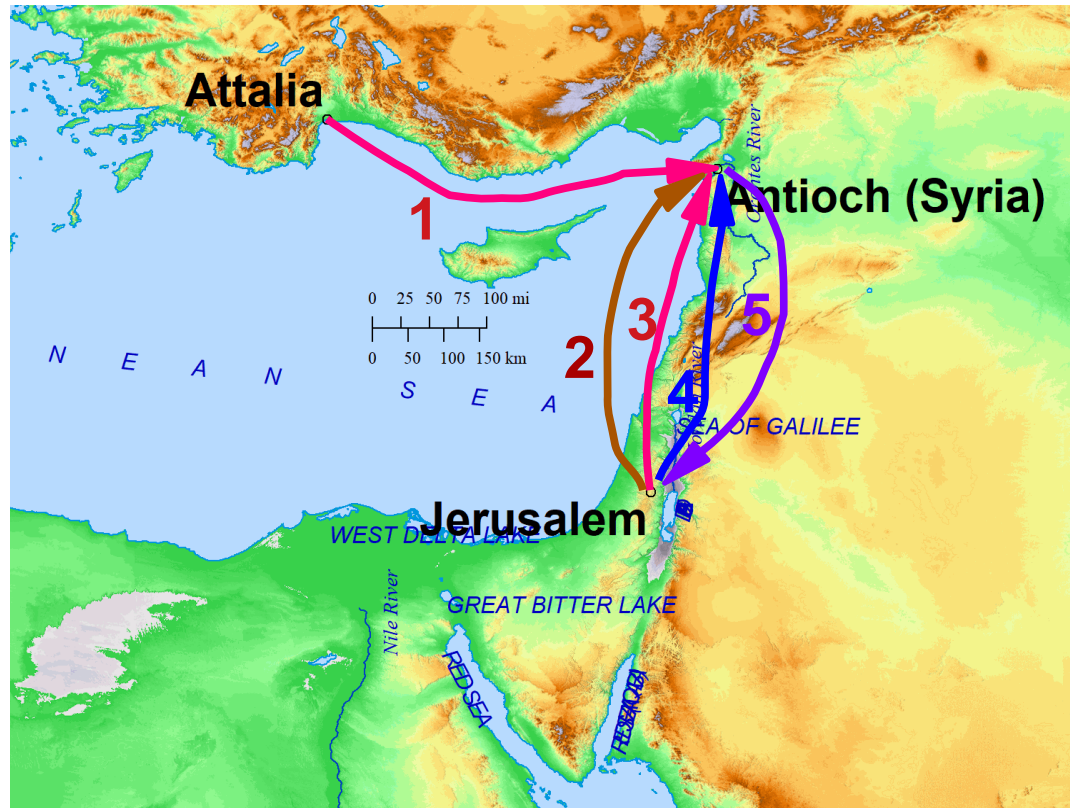
		Defined	Resolved
Issues:	Clean & unclean food	2 For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs. 3 Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him. 4 Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.	6b He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.
	Holy days	5 One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.	6a He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it.



Paul's Attitude toward Jewish Practice

1Co 9:20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; 21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. 22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. 23 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.

Acts 14-15 and Galatians 2



1. Act 14:25 And when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down into **Attalia**: 26 And thence sailed to **Antioch**, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled. ... 28 And there they abode long time with the disciples.

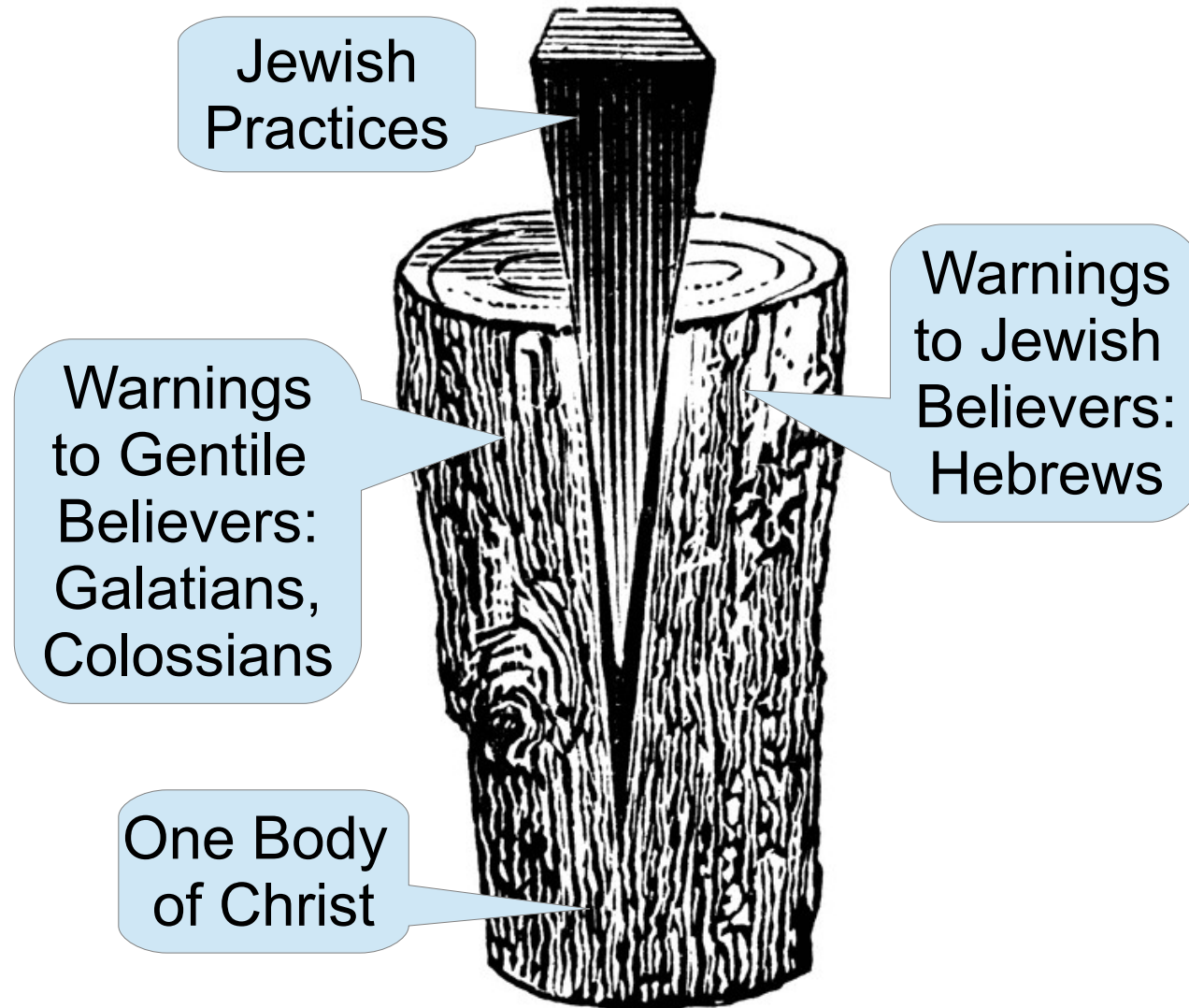
2. Act 15:1 And certain men which came down from **Judaea** taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

3. Gal 2:11 But when Peter was come to **Antioch**, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. 12a For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles:

4. Gal 2:12b but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision. 13 And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation. 14 But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?

5. Act 15:2 ... they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to **Jerusalem** unto the apostles and elders about this question.

The Jewish Problem in the NT



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