

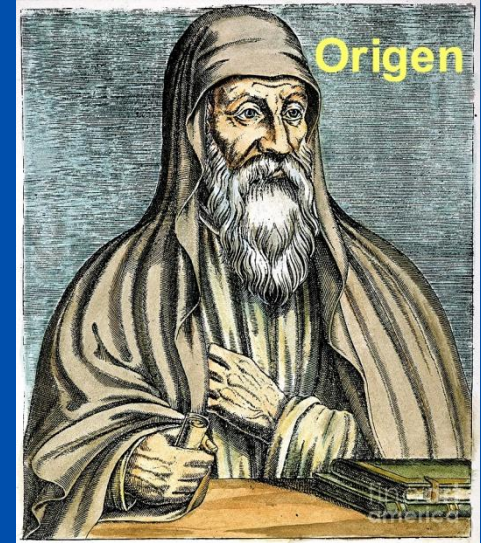


# The History of the book of **Romans**

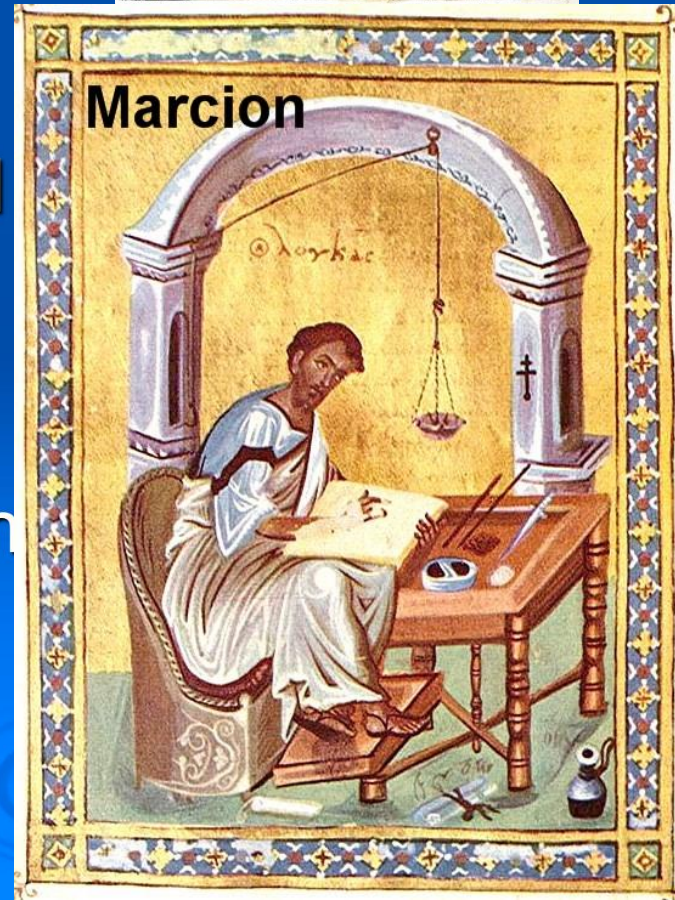
- Chapters 15 & 16 are controversial
- Some say Paul wrote neither
- Various of the ancient Greek NT manuscripts are different from one another
- Some do NOT have chapters 15 & 16, some do
- Controversy among Commentators is mainly because of Paul's heavy emphasis on OT Scriptures
- Paul also insists that it is God the Father who is to be glorified



# MARCION THE HERETIC



- Origen tells us that it was Marcion who first removed chapters 15 and 16 from Paul's letter to the Romans
- Marcion proposed creating a new Christian Bible, but at first the Church opposed the idea
- 200 – 220 AD the Church changed its mind and created the New Testament
- Human beings with differing agendas decided upon the creation and make-up of a New Testament
- Romans 16 mainly personal and has little theological value







- Paul writing from somewhere in Achaia
- Felt he had fulfilled his mission to evangelize in the east
- Ready to move his mission field to the west
- Paul never got any further west than Rome



# PAUL A PLANTER...NOT A PASTOR

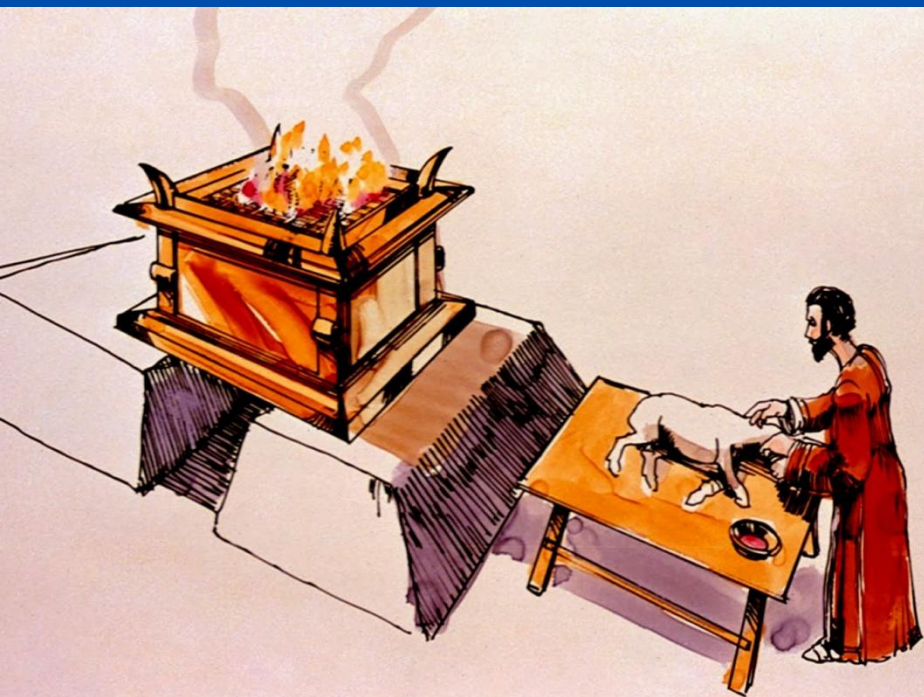


- Paul's interest was to pioneer new areas for the Gospel
- Easier for a gentile who attended a synagogue and knew the Bible to come to the Lord than a gentile who was pagan
- Paul began a congregation, set up leadership, and moved on
- He kept in contact through letters



- Paul intends to go to Spain, but also to Rome
- Spain viewed as one of the furthest places on earth
- Acts 1:8 ***“...you will be my witnesses....to the ends of the earth...”***
- Paul asks for help from the Believers in Rome to get to Spain





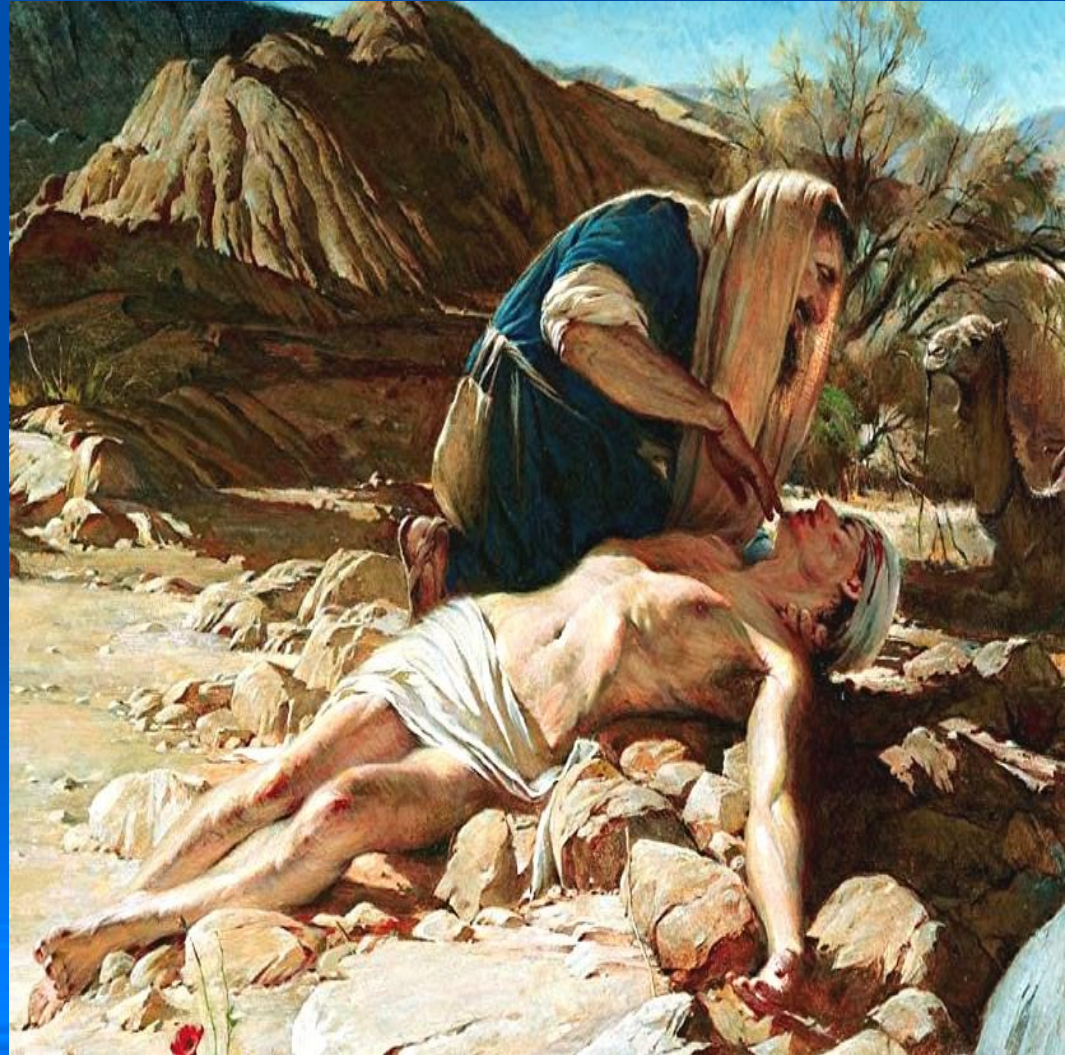
# FIRST TO JERUSALEM

- Paul wants to take aid he's been collecting for the poor in Jerusalem and sacrifice at the Temple
- He wants to do this at the time of Shavuot
- Acts 24:17 – 18
- 1Corinthians 16:1 – 8
- All of Paul's letters must be taken together to form the context for his meaning



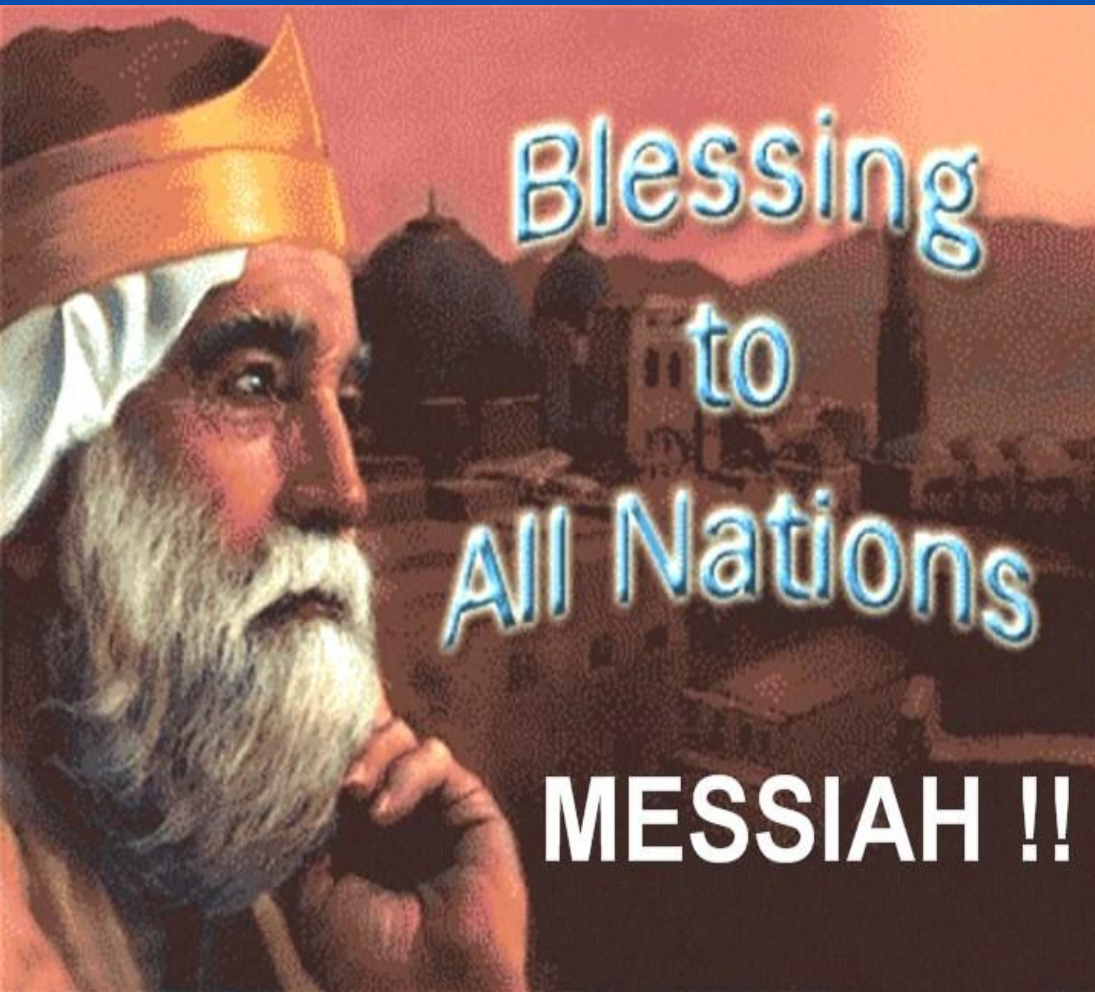
# PAUL CONTINUES TO HIGHLIGHT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

- Paul says gentiles owe material help to Jews, because of sharing in the Jews' spiritual heritage
- Gentiles do NOT have their own separate spiritual heritage
- By trust in Christ, gentiles get to share in the spiritual heritage God gave to the Jews





***“..the full measure of the  
Messiah’s blessings.....”***



- Only after going to Jerusalem would Paul focus on going to Spain
- “The Messiah’s blessings” refer to the Abrahamic Covenant
- Paul explains better in Galatians 3:13-16



# PAUL HAS CONCERNS ABOUT HIS JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

- Paul asks for prayer for protection against un-Believers in Judea
- Paul NOT hated because of his belief in Yeshua
- It was because he befriended gentiles
- Zealots were radical militants who wanted to fight Rome
- They branded all gentiles as oppressors





# PAUL SEEN BY ZEALOTS AS A POLITICAL TRAITOR



- Paul also offering unclean gentiles to participate in Jewish religious ideals, but without circumcision
- Paul hopes his “service” will be acceptable
- This means his Temple service (sacrifices)
- Paul wants to be seen as a good, loyal Jew