

# ROMANS

Protests - 3:1-4

Colosseum





**Arch of Severus,  
Arch of Titus in  
distance**

**Predicament of  
Self-righteous**



**2:1**

**Principles of  
Judgment**



**2:2-16**

**Proof of Jews' Guilt**



**2:17-29**

**Protests of Jews**

**3:1-8**

# OUTLINE

- I. Introduction 1:1-17**
- II. Prov. of God's Righteousness 1:18-8:39**
  - A. Condemnation 1:18-3:20**
    - 1. Guilt of Humanity 1:18-32**
    - 2. Guilt of Jews 2:1-3:8**
      - a. Predicament of Self-Righteous 2:1**
      - b. Principles of God's Judgment 2:2-16**
      - c. Proof of the Jews' Guilt 2:17-29**

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- c. Proof of the Jews' Guilt** **2:17-29**
  - 1) Failure of Inconsistency** **2:17-24**
  - 2) Failure in Circumcision** **2:25-29**
    - a) Complaint** **2:25**

**2:25 For indeed circumcision is of value if you practice the Law; but if you are a transgressor of the Law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision.**

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**2:26 So if the uncircumcised man keeps the requirements of the Law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision?**

# CIRCUMCISION

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**2:27 And he who is physically uncircumcised, if he keeps the Law, will he not judge you who though having the letter of the Law and circumcision are a transgressor of the Law?**

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**Looks like a Jew, goes  
thru all ritual,  
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**Looks  
like gold,  
feels like gold  
but only fool's gold**



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    - a) Issue** **3:1**

**“Does this Jewish Christian, this ‘completed Jew,’ to use contemporary language, think that the God-oriented distinction between Jew and Gentile has been obliterated? Is the OT, so full of the promises of earthly spiritual blessing for Israel and so beautifully expressed that it often appears that the psalmists and the prophets dipped their pens in a rainbow to proclaim them, really a gigantic collection of false hopes? ...**

**... Or, can it be that the Christians think their God is unwilling, or better, unable to carry out this grand scheme of a program for the nations and the ages, as well as a program of personal, individual spiritual life?”**

**SL Johnson**

# ISSUES

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- 1. Is it disadvantage to be Jew?**
- 2. Is Jew reduced to Gentile?**
- 3. Is OT a false witness?**
- 4. Is Abrahamic Covenant broken?**
- 5. Is God unfaithful?**

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    - b) Answer** **3:2**

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# **ORACLES OF GOD**

- 1. Lexicon - sayings, utterances**
- 2. Usage - only 4 times in NT**
- 3. Views on reference**
  - Special disclosures of God**
  - Law**
  - Whole OT**
  - Messianic promises to Israel**

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- 3. Church age yet advantages**
- 4. Still Church/Israel distinction**
- 5. Not ownership but entrusted**
- 6. Ministry a great privilege**

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  - 2) 2<sup>nd</sup> Objection** **3:3-4**

# Sea of Galilee

**We are entrusted  
with God's Word!!!  
Study it, learn it,  
live it, teach it!!!**