

# ROMANS

Protests - 3:1-8

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**
- d. Protests of the Jews** **3:1-8**
  - 1) 1<sup>st</sup> Objection** **3:1-2**
    - a) Issue** **3:1**

# 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**



**3:1-2 Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? 2 Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God.**

# **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**

# **IMPLICATIONS**

- 1. Many advantages**
- 2. Israel still instrument**
- 3. Church age yet advantages**
- 4. Still Church/Israel distinction**

# **SUPERSESSIONISM**

- 1. Israel rejected Messiah & judged**
- 2. Began early in church history**
- 3. Has persisted thru church history**
- 4. Is majority view of church**
- 5. Has led to anti-Semitism**
- 6. Used by Hitler during WWII**
- 7. Is a false doctrine**

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- 6. Ministry a great privilege**

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

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**Rather, let God be found true, though every man be found a liar, as it is written, “THAT YOU MAY BE JUSTIFIED IN YOUR WORDS, & PREVAIL WHEN YOU ARE JUDGED.”**

# μη γένοιτο (me genoito)

✓ “away with the thought”

✓ “banish the thought”

✓ “let not such a thing be considered”

✓ “let it not be conceived of”

✓ “perish the idea”

✓ “be it not so”

✓ “impossible”

✓ “good heavens no”

✓ “are you crazy”

✓ “absolutely not”

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# GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

1. Does not lie - Num 23:19
2. OT - Deut 32:4, Ps 33:4,  
Ps 89:2, 8, 33
3. NT - 1Cor 1:9, 2Tim 2:13,  
Heb 10:23, 1Pet 4:19

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# Ps 51

1. David after sin with Bathsheba
2. Mercy based on grace of God - 51:1
3. Request for restoration - 51:2
4. Confession of sin - 51:3-4
5. God justified in judgment - 51:4
6. 1<sup>st</sup> direct quote of OT

# Ps 51

Ps 51:4 Against You,  
You only, I have  
sinned And done what  
is evil in Your sight, So  
that You are justified  
when You speak And  
blameless [vindicated  
or victorious] when  
You judge.

Rom 3:4 ...  
“THAT YOU MAY  
BE JUSTIFIED IN  
YOUR WORDS, &  
PREVAIL  
[vindicated or  
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YOU ARE  
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# **FAITHFUL TO ISRAEL**

- 1. Supersessionism a false doctrine**
- 2. Faithful to all His promises**
- 3. Legally bound to His Covenants**
- 4. Israel has great future**
- 5. Fulfillment in Millennium**
- 6. Church a parenthesis**

# Sea of Galilee

**A proper view of God's nature  
corrects most faulty doctrines!!!**