

# ROMANS



Justification -  
3:21-26

Colosseum





**Circus Maximus  
eastern seats**





**Circus Maximus  
from east**

**3:21-24 But now apart from the Law *the* righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even *the* righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; ...**

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# MERCY SEAT

A golden Mercy Seat (ilasterion) with a cherubim on top, set against a dark background with a bright light source.

ιλαστηριον (ilasterion) -

21x in LXX

ιλασμος (ilasmos) -

1Jn 2:2, 4:10

# MERCY SEAT

- **Redemption with His Blood**
- **Place of atonement**
- **Satisfaction of God's legal requirements = Propitiation**



# KEY TERMS

- **Law -** OT & Pentateuch
- **Righteousness -** right standing before God
- **Justification -** forgiveness of sin & declaration of righteousness
- **Grace -** undeserved favor
- **Redemption -** buying out of slavery
- **Propitiation -** God's justice satisfied



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# OUTLINE

- I. Introduction 1:1-17**
- II. Prov. of God's Righteousness 1:18-8:39**
  - A. Condemnation 1:18-3:20**
  - B. Justification 3:21-5:21**
    - 1. Provision of Justification 3:21-26**
      - a. Display of Righteousness 3:21-24**
      - b. Demo. of Righteousness 3:25-26**
        - 1) Content of Demonstration 3:25**
        - 2) Past Purpose of Demonstration**



**3:21-  
26**

**Display of God's  
Righteousness**

**Apart  
From Law**

**3:21**

**Witnessed  
By OT**

**3:21**

**For  
Believers**

**3:22-23**

**By  
Grace**

**3:24**

**Thru  
CJ**

**3:24**

**3:25-26**

**Demonstration of  
God's Righteousness**

**Propitiation**

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**“For 4000 years the spectacle presented by mankind to the whole moral universe was, so to speak, a continual scandal. With the exception of some great examples of judgments, divine righteousness seemed to be asleep; one might even have asked if it existed. Men sinned here below, and yet they lived. They sinned on, and yet reached in safety a hoary old age! ... Where were the wages of sin? It was this relative impunity which rendered a solemn manifestation necessary.”**

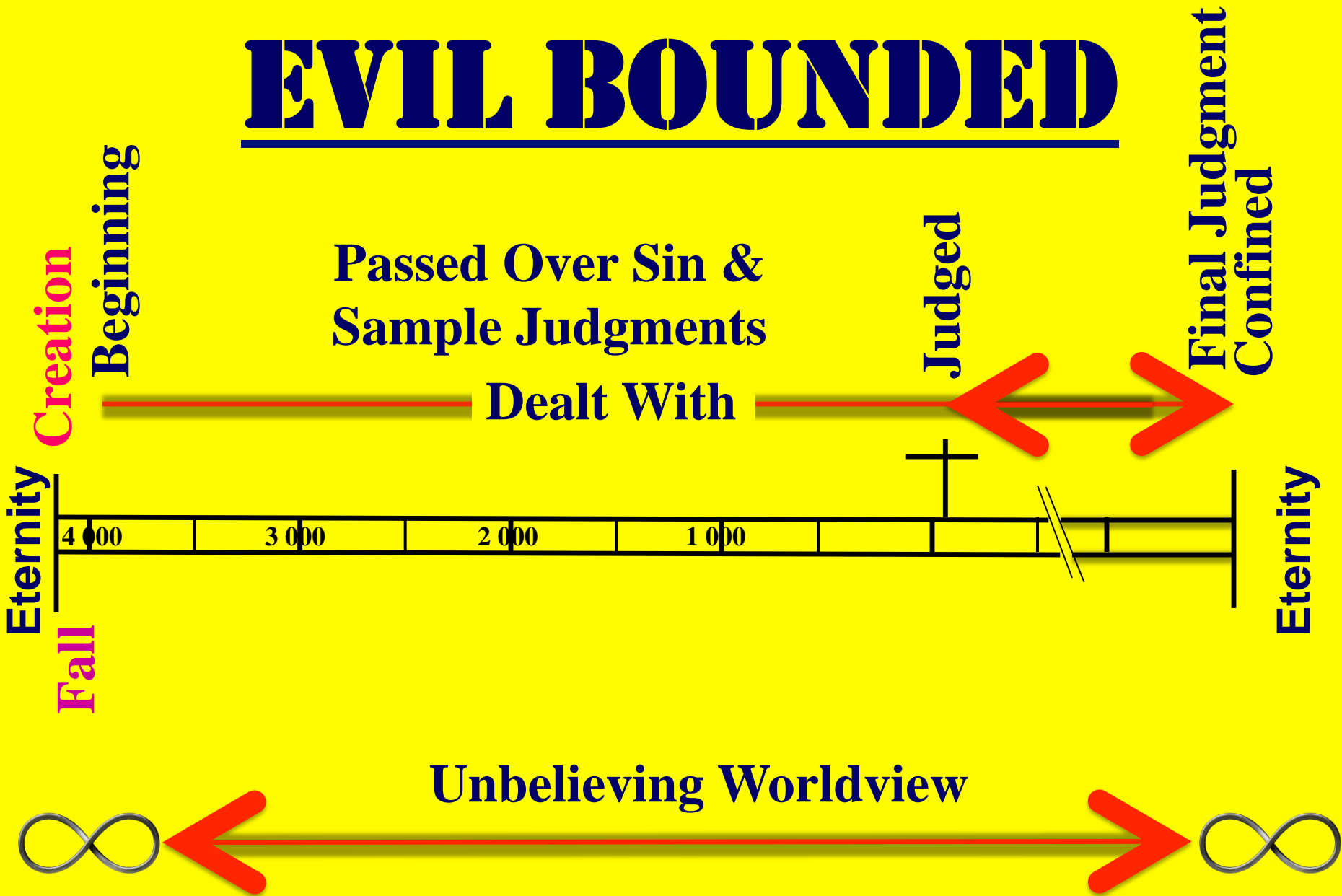
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**Gen 2:16-17 The LORD God  
commanded the man, saying,  
“From any tree of the garden you  
may eat freely; 17 but from the tree  
of the knowledge of good and evil  
you shall not eat, for in the day that  
you eat from it you will surely die.”**

**Gen 3:15** And I will put enmity  
Between you and the woman, And  
between your seed and her seed; He  
shall bruise you on the head, And  
you shall bruise him on the heel.”



# EVIL BOUNDED





# GLORY OF GOD

- 1. Righteous - 3:21-22, 25-26**
- 2. Grace - 3:24**
- 3. Sovereignty - 3:25**
- 4. Patience - 3:25**



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- 1) Content of Demonstration** **3:25**
- 2) Past Purpose of Demonstration**
- 3) Present Purpose of Demo.** **3:26**
- a) Present Proof**

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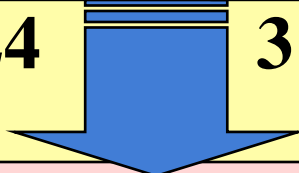
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**Justifier**

**3:26**

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# **DEMONSTRATION**

- 1. Past -            passing over sin  
                         all sins of past history**
- 2. Present -        God's righteousness  
                         God's greatest display of love =  
                         Justification**

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- 5. Love - 3:25**
- 6. Justice - 3:26**

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## **1. Terms -**

**δικαιος (dikaios) - righteous, just**

**δικαίωω (dikaiōō) - to declare  
righteous, justify**

## **2. Play on words - noun & participle**

**righteous & righteous-fier**

**righteous & one who declares  
righteous**



# Sea of Galilee

**God displays His Glory on the cross,  
both His Love and Justice!!!**