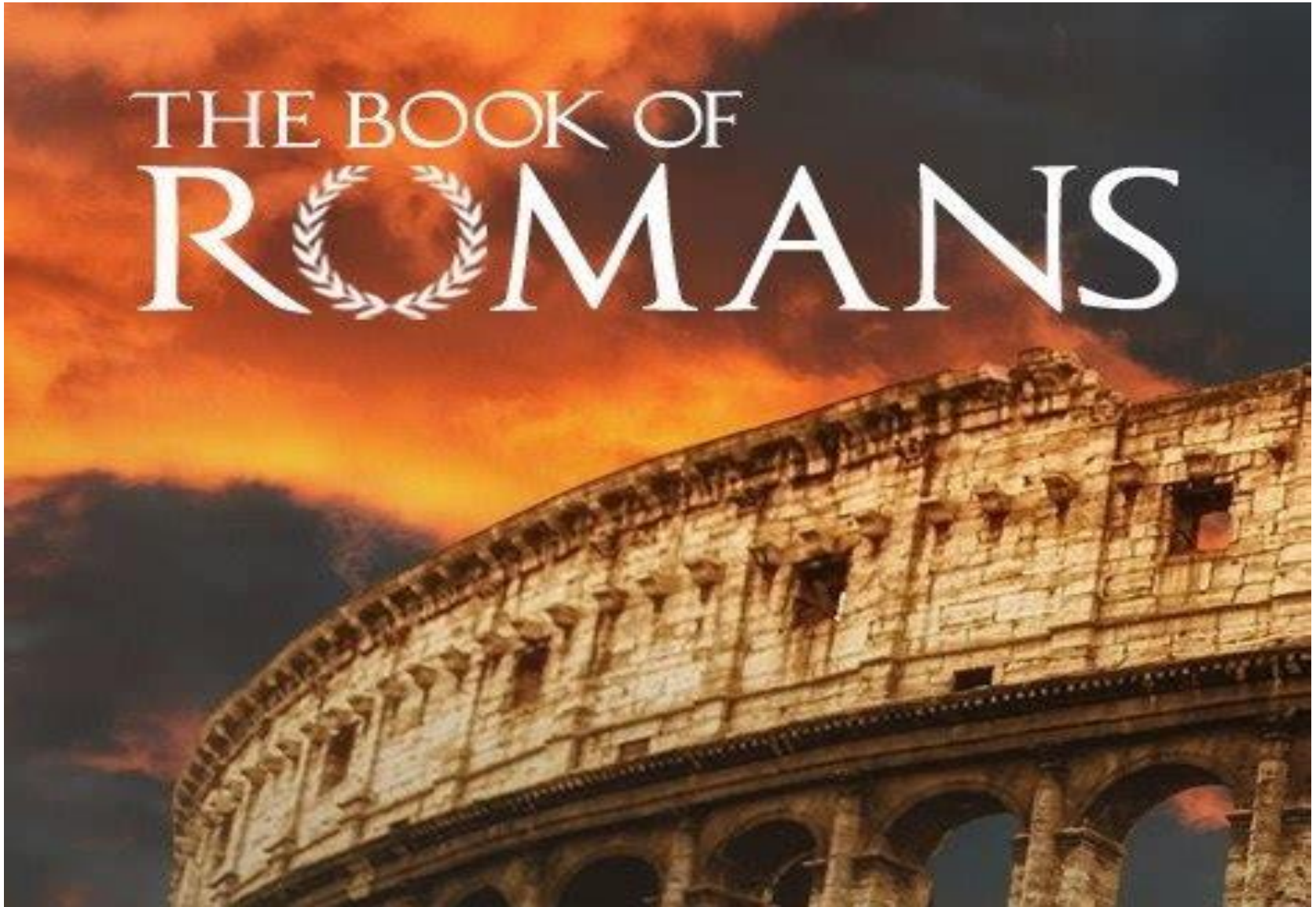


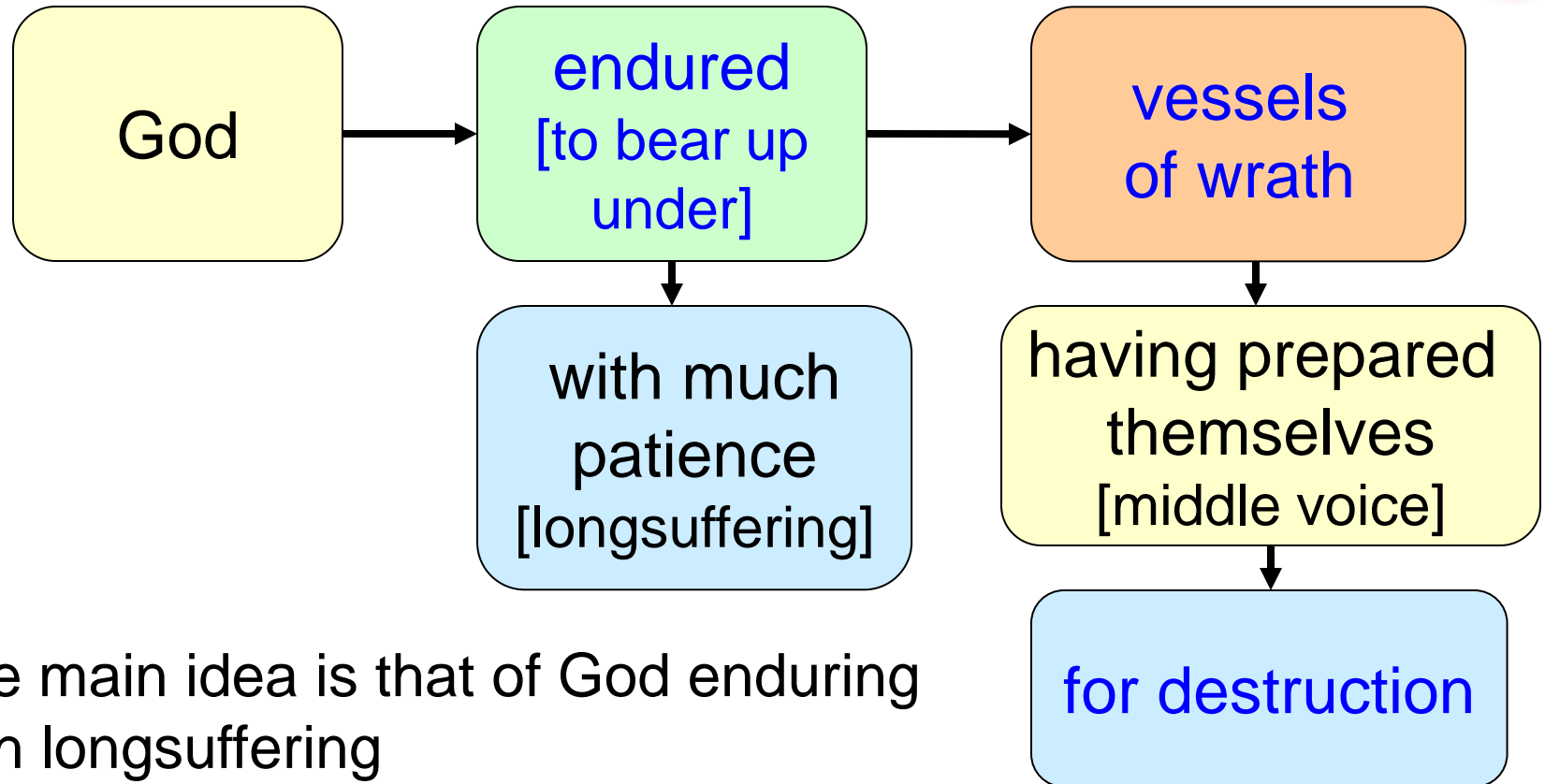
Rom 9:25-29 The Gentiles and The Remnant



Background for verses 25 to 29



22b [God] endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction

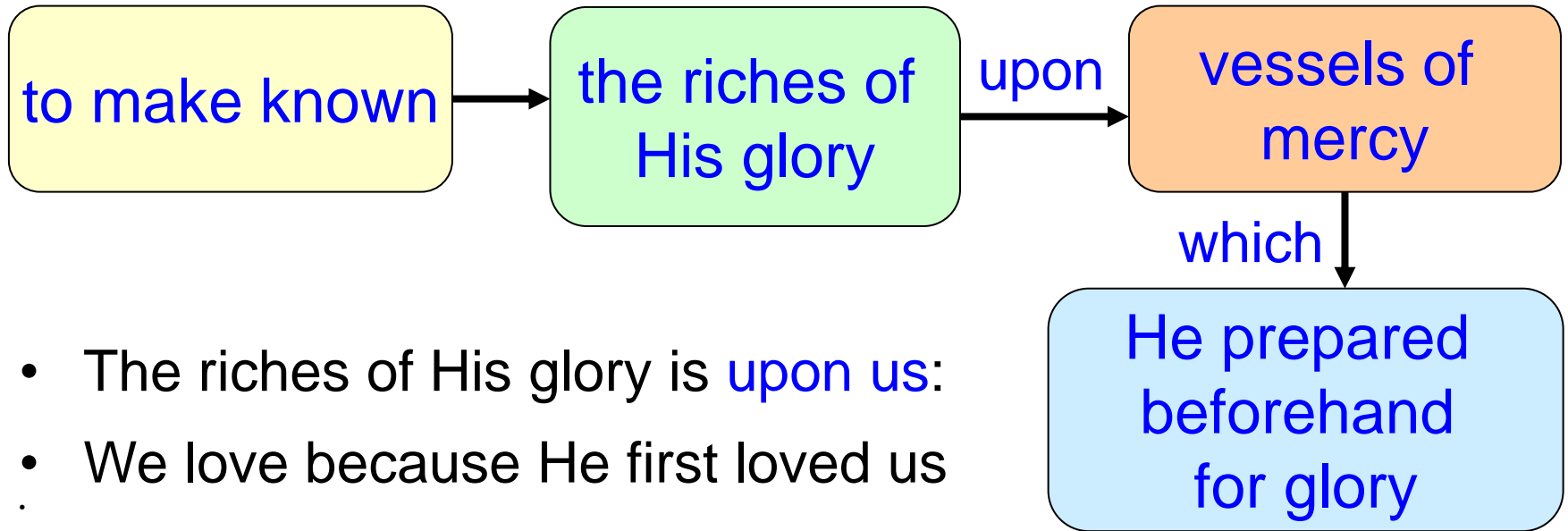


- The main idea is that of God enduring with longsuffering
- The **vessels of wrath** are responsible for their actions – rejected divine revelation (edited Merryman)
- God is not causing this action



²³ And *He did so* to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory,

and *He did so* – what follows is God's purpose

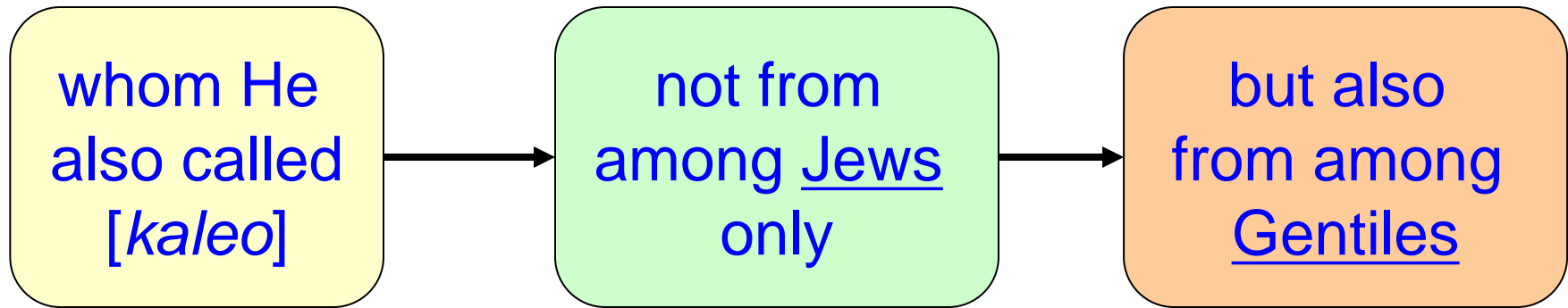


- The riches of His glory is upon us:
- We love because He first loved us
- Contrast: man prepares himself for destruction vs.
- God preparing man for glory beforehand

²⁴ *even us*, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.



even us [Church-age believers]



It [*kaleo*] is used particularly of the Divine call to partake of the blessings of redemption

Vine

Gal 3:28 *There is neither Jew nor Greek*, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; *for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

Gentiles are also included among the vessels of mercy

Merryman

Overview of Rom 9:25-33*



- Prophecy of Hosea applied to the Gentiles v:25-:26
- Prophecy of Isaiah concerning the remnant of Israel v:27-:29
- Righteous relationship with God only obtained by faith v:30-32a
- Israel stumbled over the stumbling stone v:32b-:33

* McCalley

Today's Verses



25 **As He says also in Hosea**, "I will call those who were not My people, 'My people,' and her who was not beloved, 'beloved.'"

26 "And it shall be that in the place where it was said to them, 'you are not My people,' there they shall be called sons of the living God."

27 **Isaiah cries out concerning Israel**, "Though the number of the sons of Israel be like the sand of the sea, it is the remnant that will be saved;

28 For the Lord will execute His word on the earth, thoroughly and quickly."

29 **And just as Isaiah foretold**, "Unless the Lord of Sabaoth had left to us a posterity, we would have become like Sodom, and would have resembled Gomorrah."

25a As He [the Lord] says also in Hosea

- Paul will now take what was said to Israel and apply it to the Gentiles [i.e. Hosea 2:23] Merryman



25b I will call those who were not My people, My people

- Hos 1:9a And the LORD said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are **not My people**.
- Hos 1:9b I am not your God [lit: I am not I AM to you].*
- So the Lord declares Israel as "**not My people**" because of their forsaking Him and their harlotry
- Now, the Gentiles were once "not God's people" either!
- Matt 15:24 But He [Jesus] answered and said, "I was sent only to **the lost sheep of the house of Israel**."
- Paul declares that the Gentiles can now be called "**My peoples**" just like the remnant will be "**My peoples**"

25c and [I will call] her who was not beloved, 'beloved.'

and the one not having been loved, having been loved

Interlinear




- “the one” by Paul’s declaration now includes both the future remnant of Israel and the Gentiles

Wuest

having been loved – is the perfect passive form of *agapao*

So Paul is saying;

- the one “was” in a permanent state of not having been loved
- now the one “is” in a permanent state of having been loved
- Eph1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love

²⁵ As He says also in Hosea, "I will call those who were not My people, 'My people,' and her who was not beloved, 'beloved.'" 

Peter confirms Paul's statement above:

1 Peter 2:9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE,
A royal PRIESTHOOD,
A HOLY NATION,
A PEOPLE FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION,
so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who
has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

¹⁰ for you once were NOT A PEOPLE,
but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD;
you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY,
but now you have RECEIVED MERCY. from Hosea 2:23

²⁶ "And it shall be that in the place where it was said to them, 'you are not My people,' there they shall be called sons of the living God."



- Now again Paul takes another prophecy by Hosea concerning Israel [Hos 1:10] and applies it to the Gentiles
- Paul saw an analogy between God's present calling of Gentiles and His future calling of Israel [remnant] Constable
- John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become **children of God**, *even* to those who believe in His name.
- Paul extracts a principle of divine action: Gentiles who had never been a people of God, hence no claim on His covenant mercy were acknowledged as "**sons of the living God.**"

27 Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, "Though the number of the sons of Israel be like the sand of the sea, it is the remnant that will be saved;



Isaiah cries out concerning Israel

cries - *krazo* - an impassioned utterance, mostly an inarticulate cry

- this is a cry on behalf of Israel
- It is God crying out through Isaiah Merryman
- *Krazo* is used in Gal 4:6b God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, **crying**, "Abba! Father!"
- We will see the same idea in: Rom 10:21 But as for Israel He [Isaiah] says, "**ALL THE DAY LONG I HAVE STRETCHED OUT MY HANDS** TO A DISOBEDIENT AND OBSTINATE PEOPLE."

27 Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, "Though the number of the sons of Israel be like the sand of the sea, it is the remnant that will be saved;



Though the number of the sons of Israel be like the sand of the sea

- The 27th verse is from Isaiah 10:22. Some estimate the Jewish population as 20,000,000 Newell
- The last part of this verse [below] is in contrast with this large population of Israelites

The remnant will be saved

Interlinear

- **remnant** – *katáleimma* – what left, a remainder
- future tense – to be fulfilled by end of the Tribulation
- Israel's election as a nation did not preclude God's judgment of the unbelievers in it*
- His mercy and faithfulness are observable in His sparing a remnant*

* Constable

28 For the Lord will execute His word on the earth, thoroughly and quickly.



This is a quote from Isaiah 10:23

For the Lord will execute His word on the earth

- subject is **the Lord** - followed by what He will do
- verb is **will execute** - *poieo* – to do, to work, to accomplish
- direct object is **His word** – on the earth [i.e. with man]
- Isaiah 55:11 So will **My word** be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.
- The last two words tell us more on how it will be executed
 - **thoroughly** – to accomplish, to perform
 - **quickly** – to bring to an end speedily
- *It will be* completely and without delay and rigorously cutting it short in His justice.

Amplified



²⁹ And just as Isaiah foretold, "Unless the Lord of Sabaoth had left to us a posterity, we would have become like Sodom, and would have resembled Gomorrah."

And just as Isaiah foretold [from Isaiah 1:9]

- Paul now gives us the words of Isaiah on the posterity [remnant] of Israel

unless – or except - It's only by God's mercy!

the Lord of Sabaoth [Host]

- **Sabaōth** is the transliteration of a Hebrew word which denotes "hosts" or "armies"
- It was used as equivalent to "the Lord all-sovereign" in the prophetic books of the OT Septuagint. Vine

had left - *enkataleipō* - to leave behind – aorist, active, indicative

- It's a fact that God has done this with the nation of Israel



29 And just as Isaiah foretold, "Unless the Lord of Sabaoth had left to us a posterity, we would have become like Sodom, and would have resembled Gomorrah."

to us - Israel

a posterity – *sperma* – a seed

- The next part of the verse tells us what would have happened if God had not preserved a posterity

1st point - we would have become like Sodom

- The verb here is *ginomai* – to come into a new state of being that we never were before
- like [as] Sodom
- *sódoma* – from the word for burning - its history is one of great wickedness and terrible punishment Zodhiates



²⁹ And just as Isaiah foretold, "Unless the Lord of Sabaoth had left to us a posterity, we would have become like Sodom, and would have resembled Gomorrah."

2nd point – [we] would have resembled Gomorrah

- the verb is *homoioō* - being made like *gómorra* - Gomorrah meaning submersion. One of the five cities in the valley of Siddim destroyed for its wickedness
- 2 Peter 2:6 and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, **having made them an example to those who would live ungodly lives thereafter.**
- Jude 1:7 just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, **are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.**

Summary Points Rom 9:25-29 *



- It is God's sovereignty that saved any Israelite down through the centuries (as is also for the Gentiles)
- God's immutability (faithfulness) is emphasized in these verses (9:25-29)
- God is faithful to His promise of preserving a seed (remnant) to fulfill His promises to Israel
- Again we see the compatibility between God's sovereignty and man's volition (God extends mercy to the Jew – some respond positively)