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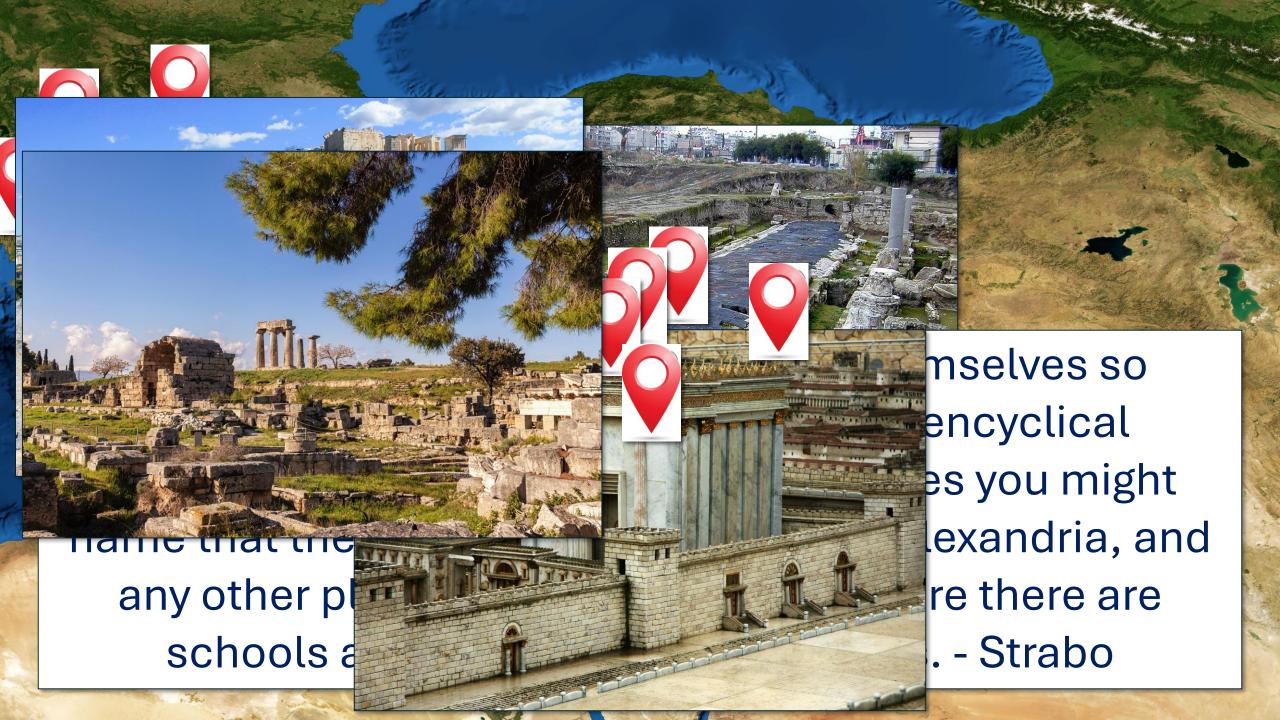
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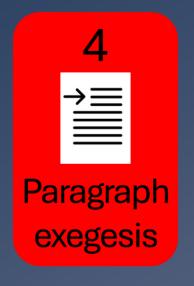


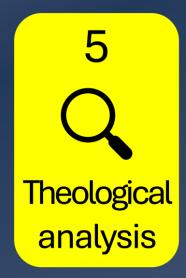
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Historical context

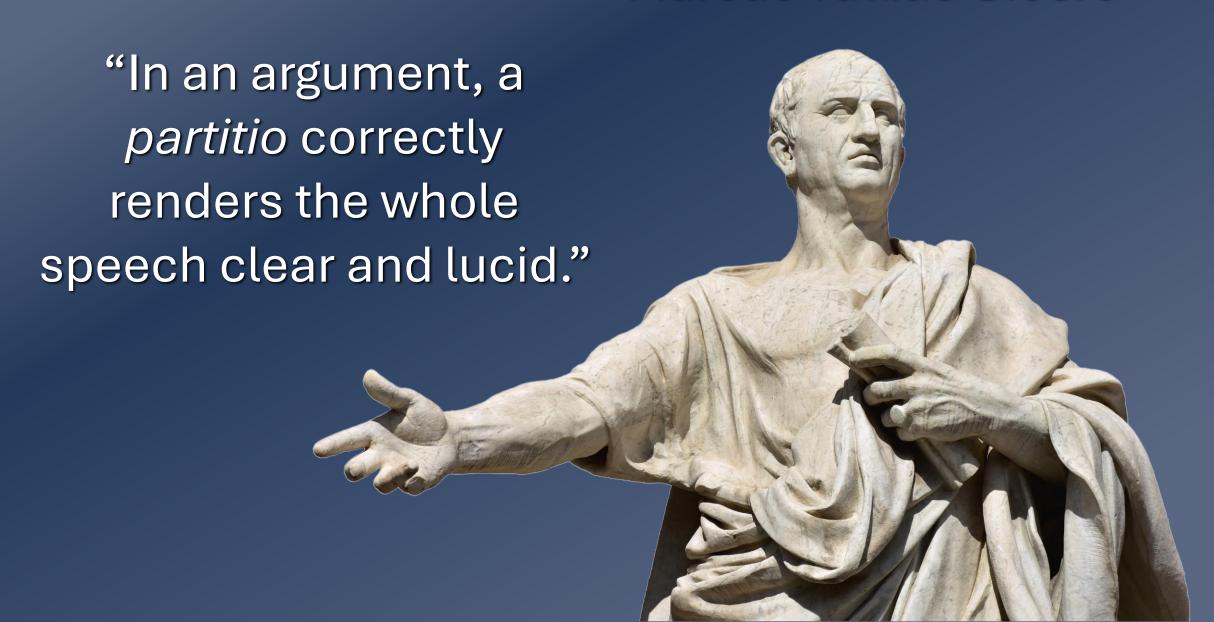
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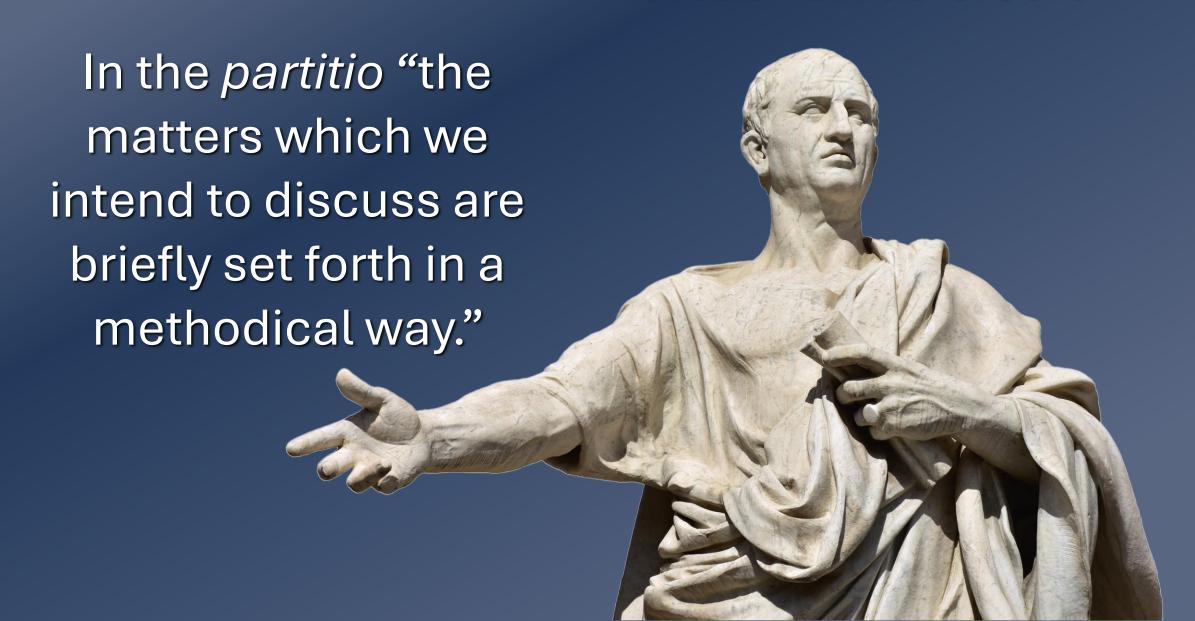
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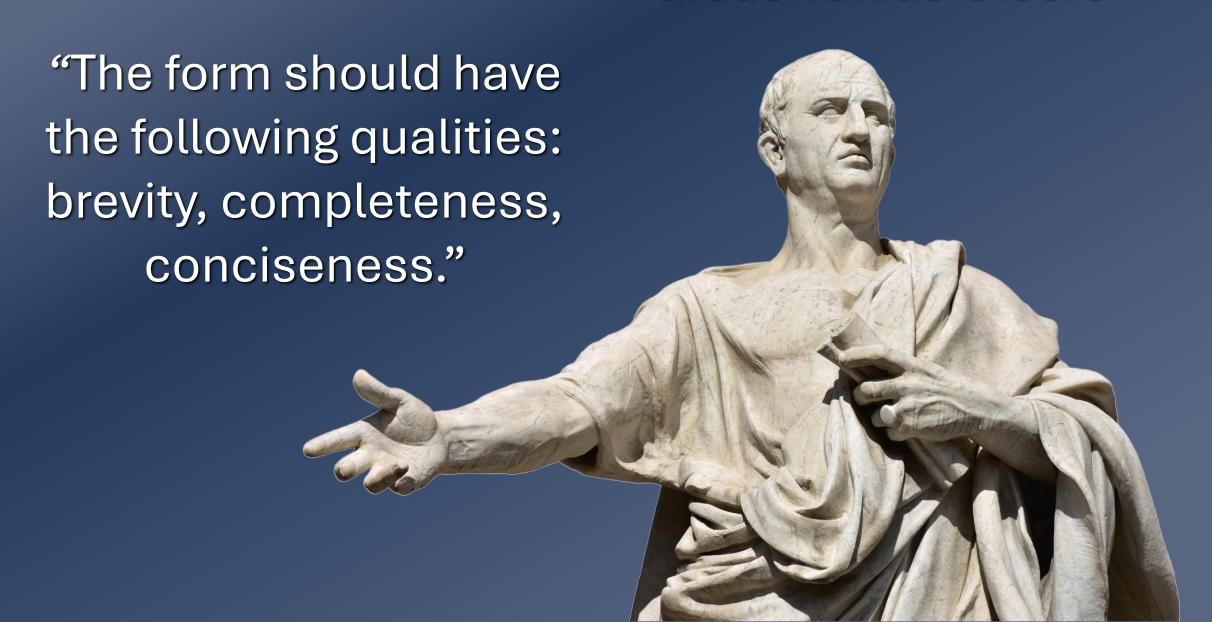
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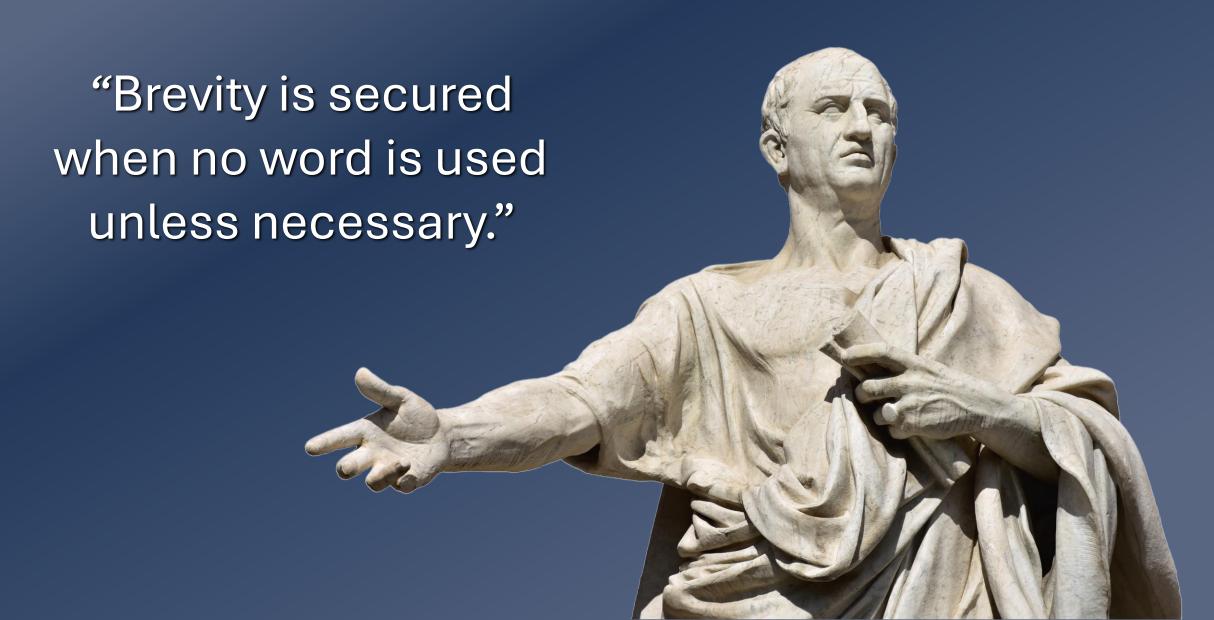


Literary context









"The matters which we intend to discuss are briefly set forth in a methodical way"

It has "brevity, completeness, and conciseness"

Romans 1:16-17 is Paul's *propositio*.

"No word is used unless necessary"





The literary context of Romans 1:16-17



Dissecting Romans 1:16-17

Rom. 1:1-2

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures,

Rom. 1:1-2

Παῦλος δοῦλος Χριστου 'Ιησου, κλητὸς ἀπόστολος ἀφωρισμένος εἰς εὐαγγέλιον θεου, δ προεπηγγείλατο διὰ τῶν προφητῶν αὐτου ἐν γραφαῖς ἁγίαις

Rom. 1:3
concerning his Son, who
was descended from
David according to the
flesh

Rom. 1:3

περὶ τοῦ υἱοῦ αὐτοῦ τοῦ γενομένου ἐκ σπέρματος Δαυὶδ κατὰ σάρκα,

and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,

Rom. 1:4

τοῦ ὁρισθέντος υἱου θεου ἐν δυνάμει κατὰ πνεῦμα ἀγιωσύνης ἐξ ἀναστάσεως νεκρῶν, Ἰησου Χριστου τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν,

through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations,

Rom. 1:5

δι' οὖ ἐλάβομεν χάριν καὶ ἀποστολὴν εἰς ὑπακοὴν πίστεως ἐν πᾶσιν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν ὑπὲρ τοῦ ὀνόματος αὐτοῦ,

including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

Rom. 1:6

έν οἷς έστε καὶ ύμεῖς κλητοὶ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ,

To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rom. 1:7

πᾶσιν τοῖς οὖσιν ἐν Ῥώμη ἀγαπητοῖς θεου, κλητοῖς ἁγίοις, χάρις ὑμῖν καὶ εἰρήνη ἀπὸ θεου πατρὸς ἡμῶν καὶ κυρίου Ἰησου Χριστου.

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world.

Rom. 1:8

Πρῶτον μὲν εὐχαριστῶ τῷ θεῷ μου διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ περὶ πάντων ὑμῶν ὅτι ἡ πίστις ὑμῶν καταγγέλλεται ἐν ὅλῷ τῷ κόσμῳ.

For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you

Rom. 1:9

μάρτυς γάρ μού ἐστιν ὁ θεός, ῷ λατρεύω ἐν τῷ πνεύματί μου ἐν τῷ εὐαγγελίῷ τοῦ υἱοῦ αὐτοῦ, ὡς ἀδιαλείπτως μνείαν ὑμῶν ποιοῦμαι

always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you.

Rom. 1:10

πάντοτε ἐπὶ τῶν προσευχῶν μου δεόμενος εἴ πως ἤδη ποτὲ εὐοδωθήσομαι ἐν τῷ θελήματι τοῦ θεοῦ ἐλθεῖν πρὸς ὑμᾶς.

For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—

Rom. 1:11

έπιποθω γὰρ ἰδεῖν ὑμᾶς, ἵνα τι μεταδω χάρισμα ὑμῖν πνευματικὸν εἰς τὸ στηριχθῆναι ὑμᾶς,

that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

Rom. 1:12

τοῦτο δέ ἐστιν συμπαρακληθῆναι ἐν ὑμῖν διὰ τῆς ἐν ἀλλήλοις πίστεως ὑμῶν τε καὶ ἐμουῖ.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles.

Rom. 1:13

ού θέλω δὲ ὑμᾶς ἀγνοεῖν, άδελφοί, ὅτι πολλάκις προεθέμην έλθεῖν πρὸς ύμᾶς, καὶ ἐκωλύθην ἄχρι τοῦ δεῦρο, ἵνα τινα καρπὸν σχω καὶ ἐν ὑμῖν καθὼς καὶ έν τοῖς λοιποῖς ἔθνεσιν.

I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.

Rom. 1:14

Έλλησίν τε καὶ βαρβάροις, σοφοῖς τε καὶ ἀνοήτοις ὀφειλέτης εἰμί,

So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. Rom. 1:15

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Leon Morris 1914-2006

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1 Cor. 15:1-4

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you... that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day

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Γνωρίζω δὲ ὑμῖν, ἀδελφοί, τὸ εὐαγγέλιον ὃ εὐηγγελισάμην ύμῖν... ὅτι Χριστὸς ἀπέθανεν ὑπὲρ τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν ἡμῶν κατα τὰς γραφὰς καὶ ὅτι ἐτάφη καὶ ὅτι ἐγήγερται της ἡμέρα τη τρίτη



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Rom. 1:16

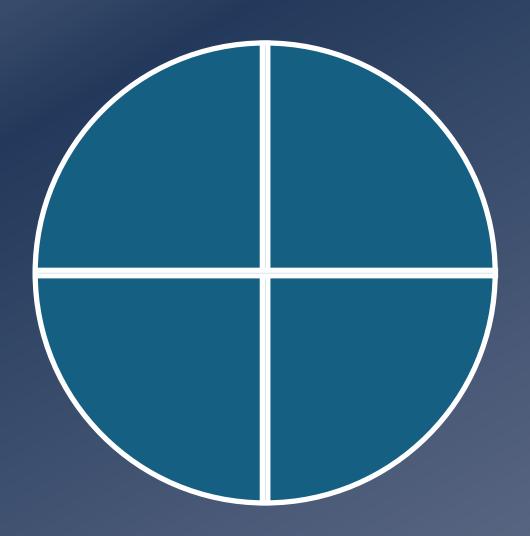
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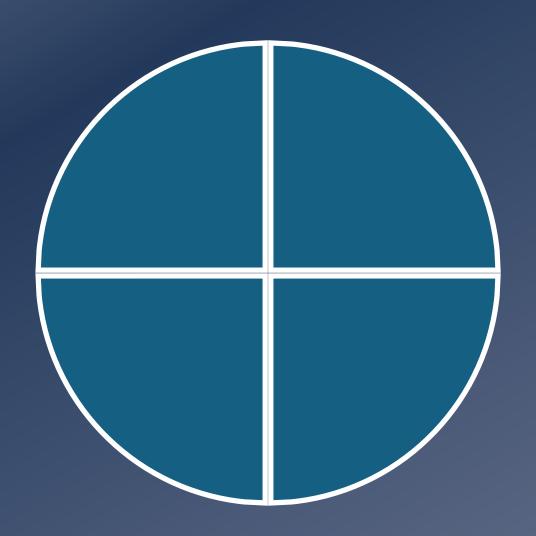
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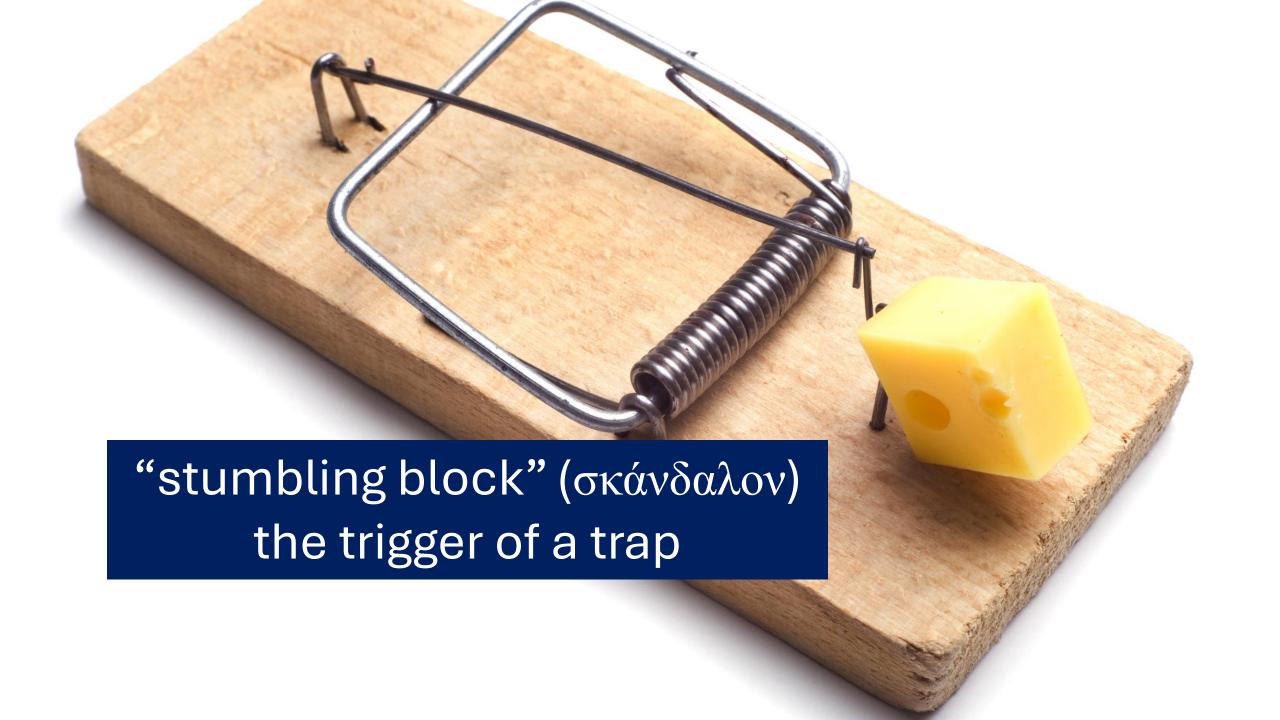
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"stumbling block" (σκάνδαλον) the tripping hazard

The crucified Messiah impeded their abilities to accept him

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"stumbling block" (σκάνδαλον) the ultimate scandal

THAT shouldn't be how God acts!

How embarrassing!!!

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For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Cor. 1:18

Ό λόγος γὰρ ὁ τοῦ σταυρου τοῖς μὲν ἀπολλυμένοις μωρία ἐστίν, τοῖς δὲ σωζομένοις ἡμῖν δύναμις θεου ἐστιν.

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I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your wonders of old.

Psalms 76:12-16

έμνήσθην τῶν ἔργων κυρίου, ὅτι μνησθήσομαι ἀπὸ τῆς ἀρχῆς τῶν θαυμασίων σου

Psalm 77:11-15
I will ponder all your work,
and meditate on your mighty deeds.

Psalms 76:12-16

καὶ μελετήσω ἐν πᾶσιν τοῖς ἔργοις σου καὶ ἐν τοῖς ἐπιτηδεύμασίν σου ἀδολεσχήσω.

Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God?

Psalms 76:12-16

ὁ θεός, ἐν τῷ ἁγίῳ ἡ ὁδός σου τίς θεὸς μέγας ὡς ὁ θεὸς ἡμῶν;

You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples.

Psalms 76:12-16

οσὺ εἶ ὁ θεὸς ὁ ποιῶν θαυμάσια, ἐγνώρισας ἐν τοῖς λαοῖς τὴν δύναμίν σου·

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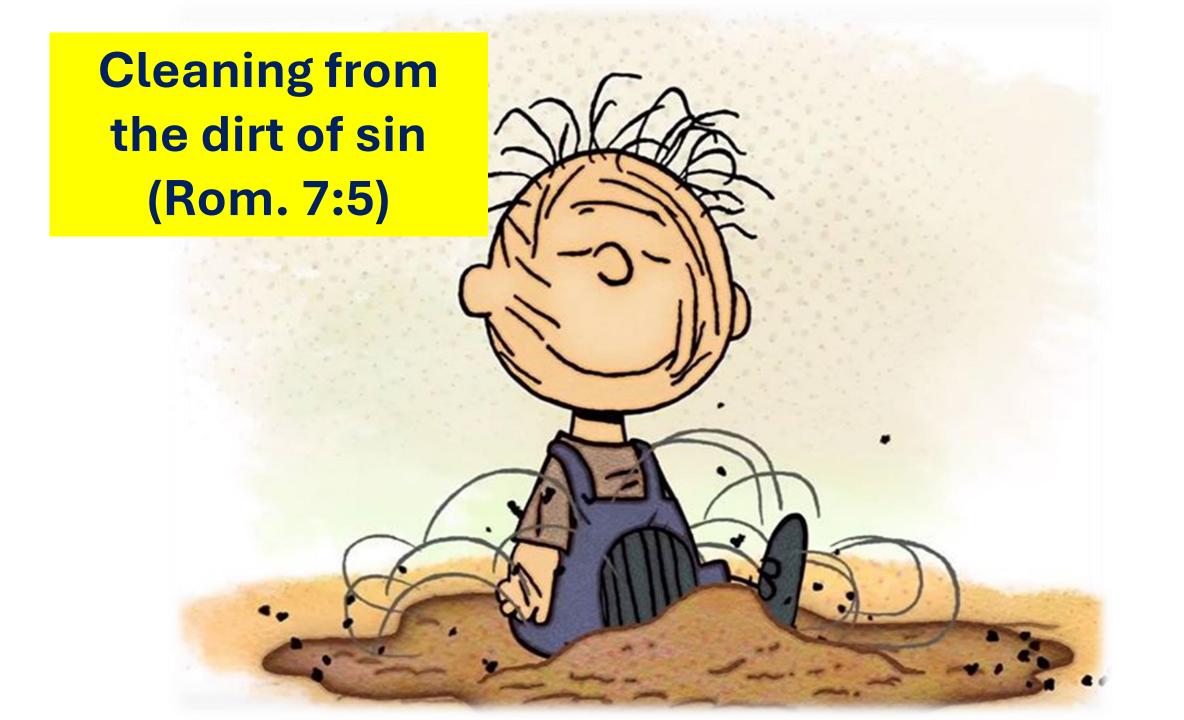
You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.

Psalms 76:12-16

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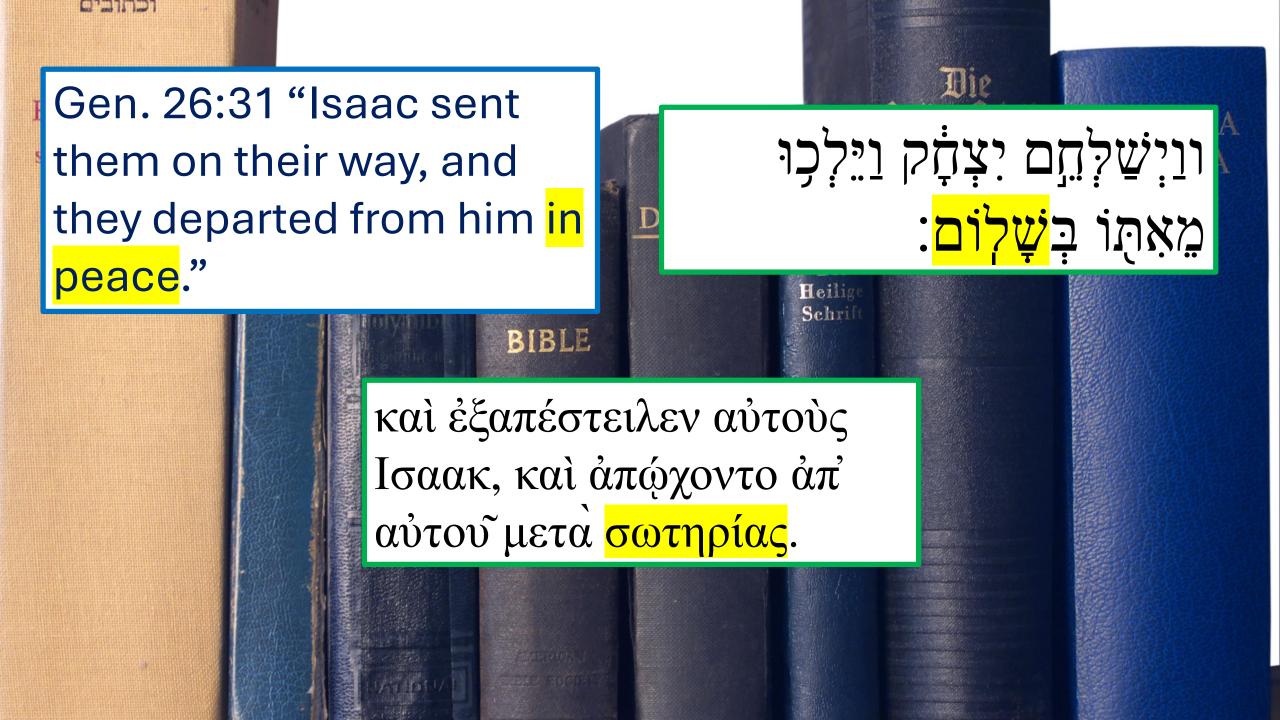
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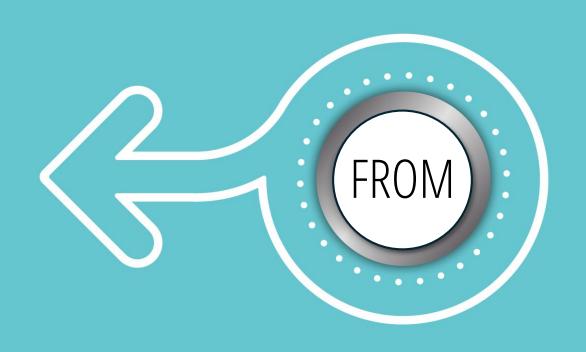
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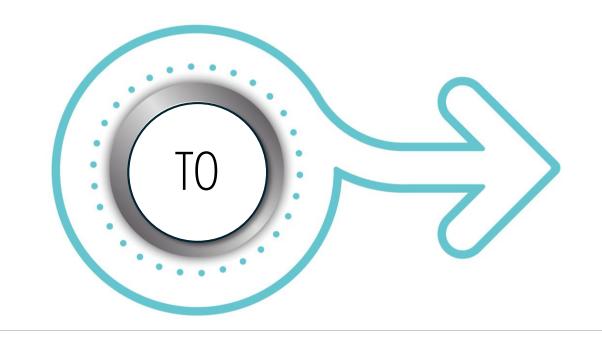
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Many potential meanings

1) The righteousness God has

2) The righteousness we have before God

3) The righteousness God gives

4) The righteousness God owns

5) The righteousness God establishes

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