THE THEME OF THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

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TWO MAJOR DIVISIONS IN THE LETTER

- Chapters 1-11
 - Argumentative
 - Justification by faith
- Chapters 12-15
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ROMANS 1:18-20 GOD'S WRATH AGAINST UNGODLINESS & UNRIGHTEOUSNESS IS JUST

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{19} because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.

{20} For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,"

ROMANS 1:21-23 THE ROAD TO RUIN

"because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

- {22} Professing to be wise, they became fools,
- {23} and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things."