

V19 ONCE AGAIN PAUL ANTICIPATED THE QUESTIONING RESPONSE OF HIS READERS THEN WHY DOES GOD STILL BLAME US
WHY DOES HE STILL FIND FAULT WHO CAN RESIST HIS WILL IF GOD MAKES THE CHOICES HOW CAN HE HOLD MAN
RESPONSIBLE

V20 ON HE CONTRARY WHO ARE YOU O MAN TO ANSWER BACK TO GOD MAN THE CREATED ONE HAS NO RIGHT TO
QUESTION GOD THE CREATOR THE THING MOLDED WILL NOT SAY TO THE MOLDER WHY DID YOU MAKE ME LIKE THIS WILL
IT

V21 THEN PAUL ANSWERS THE QUESTION DOES NOT THE POTTER HAVE A RIGHT OVER THE CLAY TO MAKE FROM THE SAME
LUMP ONE VESSEL FOR HONORABLE USE AND ANOTHER FOR COMMON USE THE SOVEREIGN CREATOR HAS THE SAME
AUTHORITY OVER HIS CREATURES ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF MANS ORIGIN FROM DUST GENESIS 2:7

V22 HAVING STATED THAT GOD IS LIKE A POTTER PAUL NOW APPLIED THIS ILLUSTRATION TO GOD'S SOVEREIGN PURPOSE
FOR DIFFERENT PEOPLE

WHAT IF GOD ALTHOUGH WILLING TO DEMONSTRATE HIS WRATH AND MAKE HIS POWER KNOWN ENDURED WITH MUCH
PATIENCE VESSELS OF WRATH PREPARED FOR DESTRUCTION THE OBJECTS OF GOD'S WRATH ARE THE UNSAVED ROM 1:18

THEY WILL SUFFER ETERNAL JUDGMENT JOHN 3:36 GOD HAS PATIENTLY ENDURED THEIR ANTAGONISM TO HIM BUT THEIR
JUDGMENT IS COMING THEY ARE STORING UP GOD'S WRATH AGAINST THEMSELVES ROM 2:5

THOSE PREPARED FOR ETERNAL JUDGMENT ARE NOT BECAUSE GOD DELIGHTS TO DO SO BUT BECAUSE OF THEIR SIN GOD
IS WILLING TO EXHIBIT HIS WRATH AGAINST SIN AND HE WILL DO SO AT THE PROPER TIME

V23 THE OTHER ALTERNATIVE IS GOD'S VESSELS OF HIS MERCY TO MAKE KNOWN THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY WHICH HE
PREPARED BEFOREHAND FOR GLORY

V24 EVEN US GOD NOT ONLY CHOSE THEM BUT HE ALSO CALLED THEM JEWS AND GENTILES THE POINT BEING THAT GOD'S
SOVEREIGN CHOICE WAS MANIFESTED NOT ONLY IN JEWISH ANCESTRY BUT ALSO IN PAUL'S GENERATION AND TODAY

V25-26 PAUL THEN QUOTES TWO VERSES FROM HOSEA TO CONFIRM GOD'S CHOICE OF THE GENTILES YET GOD DOES SAVE
A REMNANT OF ISRAEL V27-29

V30 PAUL THEN ASK HIS FAMILIAR QUESTION WHAT SHALL WE SAY THEN THE GENTILES WHO DID NOT PURSUE
RIGHTEOUSNESS ATTAINED RIGHTEOUSNESS EVEN THE RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS BY FAITH

V31 BUT ISRAEL PURSUING A LAW OF RIGHTEOUSNESS DID NOT ARRIVE AT THAT LAW THEY SOUGHT TO ATTAIN
RIGHTEOUSNESS BY KEEPING THE LAW

V32-33 NOT BY FAITH IN THE WORK OF CHRIST THEY PURSUED RIGHTEOUSNESS BY THEIR WORKS THEY STUMBLERED OVER
JESUS THE MESSIAH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST THE STUMBLING STONE DID NOT CONFORM TO JEWISH EXPECTATIONS SO
THEY REJECTED HIM INSTEAD OF RESPONDING TO HIM BY FAITH

TO SHOW THAT GOD ANTICIPATED THIS PAUL QUOTED FROM ISAIAH 8:14 AND 28:16 COMBINING THE TWO STATEMENTS
TO INDICATE THE CONTRASTING REACTIONS BY MEN TO THE STONE THAT GOD PLACED IN ZION

ISRAEL'S REJECTION OF JESUS WAS NOT AS THOUGH THE WORD OF GOD HAD FAILED IT WAS ALL A PART OF GOD'S PLAN
FOR REDEEMING HIS CHILDREN