



# Paul's Epistle to the Romans

- Greatest Gospel Tract Ever Written by the Holy Spirit through the Heart of Paul

# Romans - Background

- Explosion of Churches across the Roman Empire
  - Writes Romans from Corinth in 57 AD at end of 3rd Journey
  - Paul had not planted the church of Rome but knew many saints from there and also their struggles
  - Acts 19.21 Paul's measure and rule keeps growing as he makes extensive travel plans to visit Rome on his way to "the uttermost parts of the earth" (Spain) after bringing offering to Jerusalem
  - Paul has seen that Rome is a strategic center for the global expansion of the Christ's Kingdom
  - Paul's vision at this point is also expanding beyond his charge of building the church ('tent' making) to being a steward of a prophetic revelation of the Father's eternal plans for the whole re-created universe as Heaven and earth become one
- Reasons for writing
  - Rom.1.5 To fulfill his primary stewardship of bringing gentiles into the "obedience of faith" of the Kingdom
  - Rom.1.14 Under debt of obligation to share with the church in Rome the full gospel of Christ as the foundation in light of this church's global influence throughout the world
  - 1.16 "Not ashamed" of the gospel to the gentiles whose validity was being questioned by some leaders who challenged Paul's apostleship as well as his "gentile revelation"



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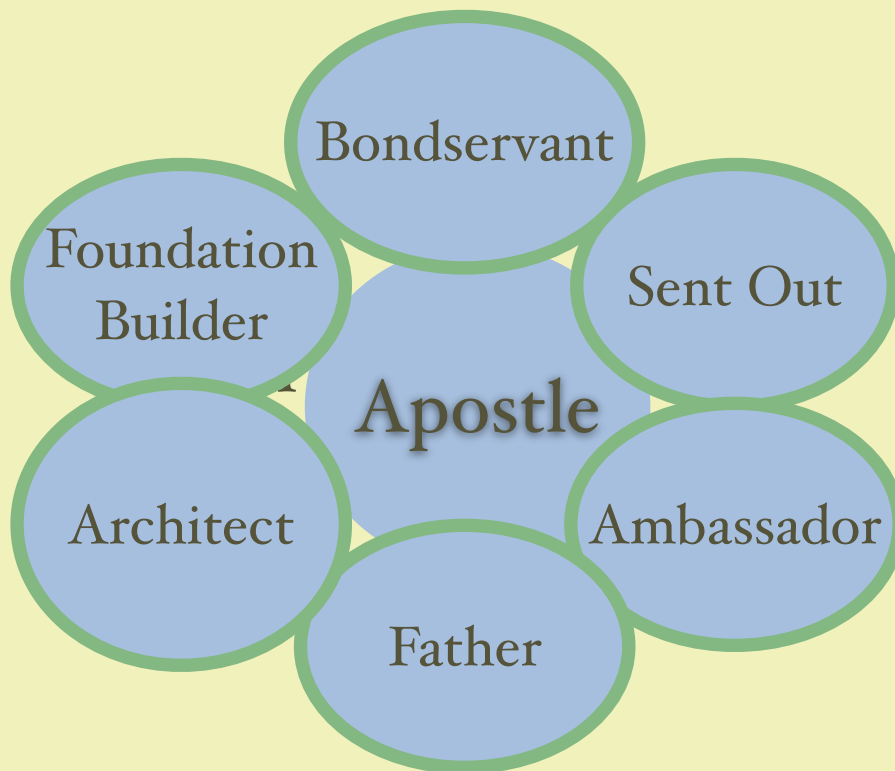
- Before Paul develops his gospel revelation of “the Righteousness of God by faith”, he begins by finding common ground regarding righteousness upon which all thoughtful men can agree
  - Rom 1.18-20 - **Creation** reveals to every man that God does things “right” (Ac.14.15-17)
  - Rom 2.14-17 **Conscience** reveals that all men “know” right from wrong and are therefore accountable under God



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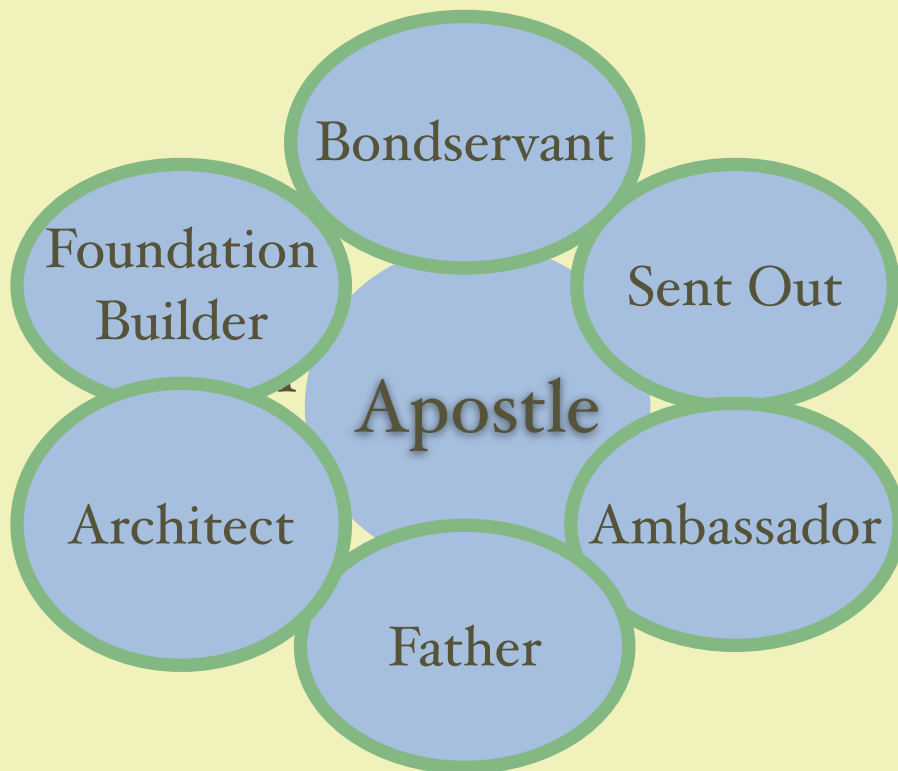
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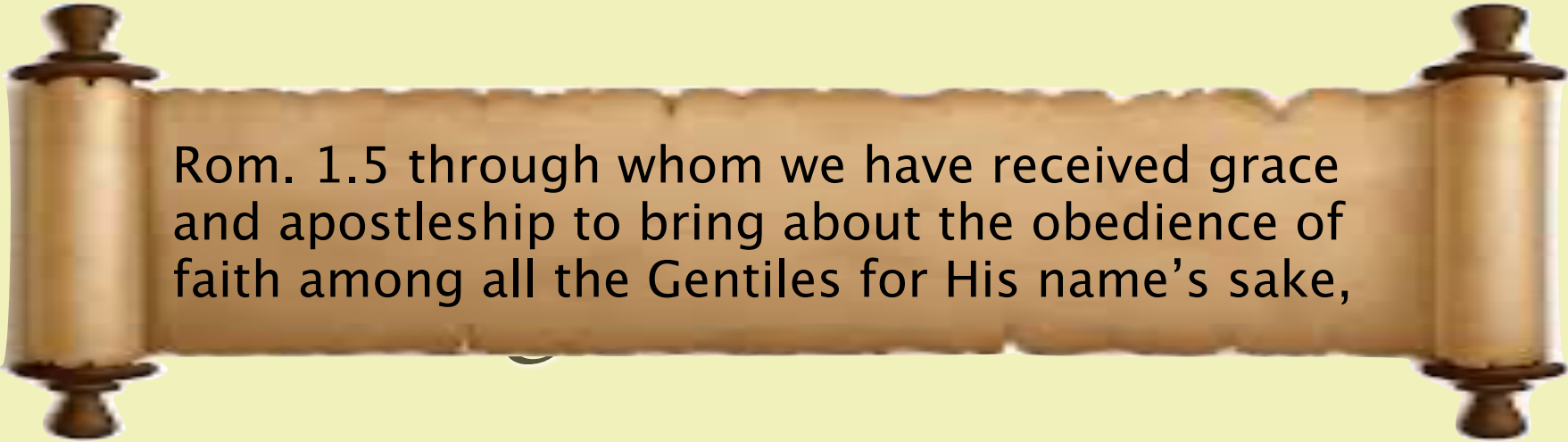
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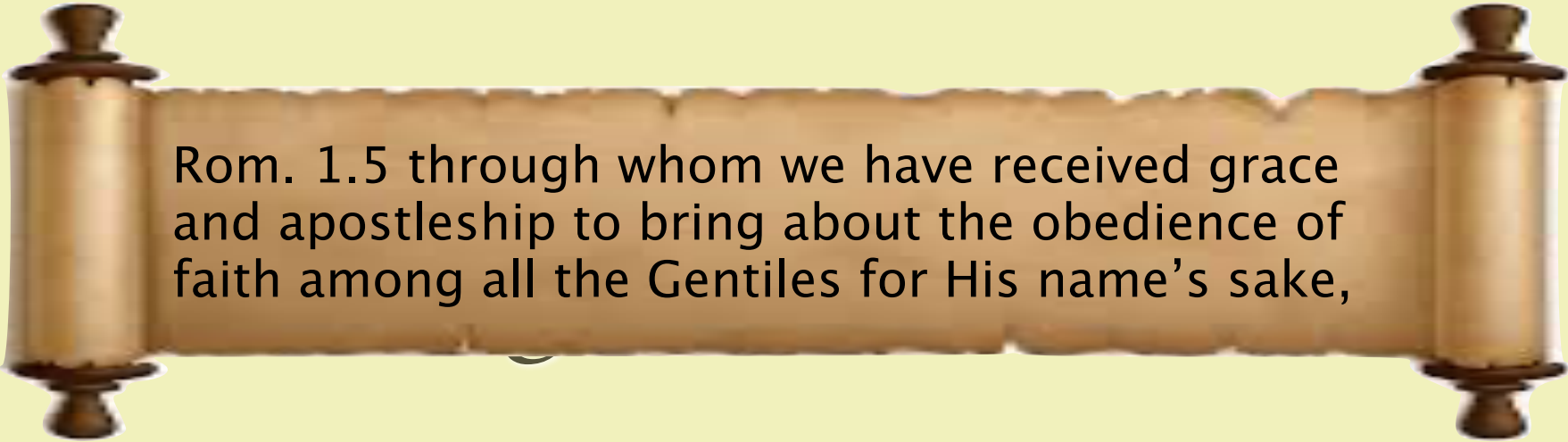


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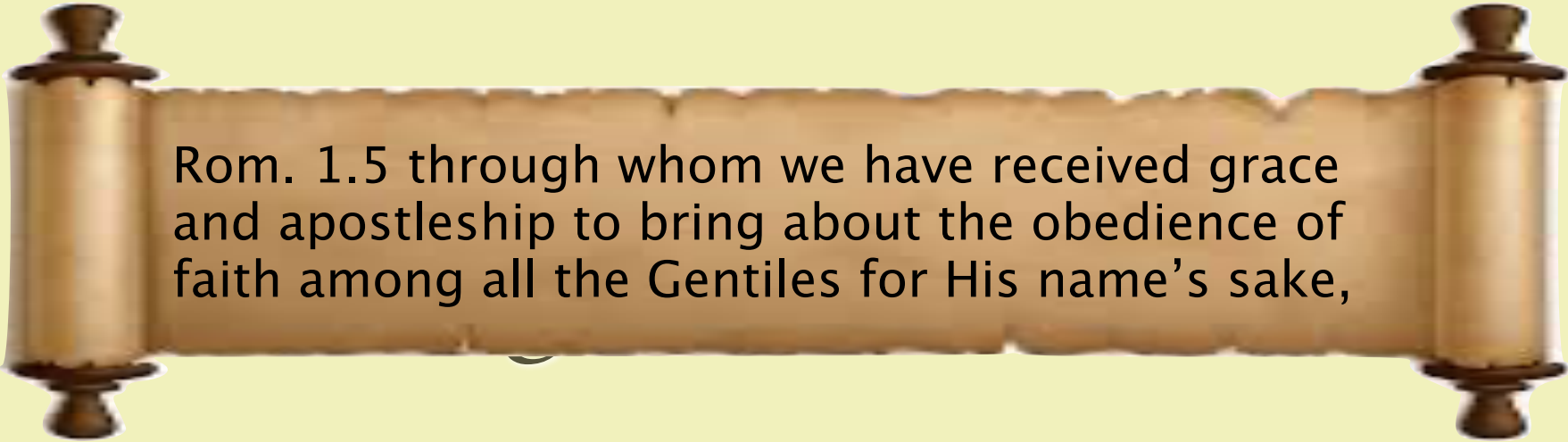
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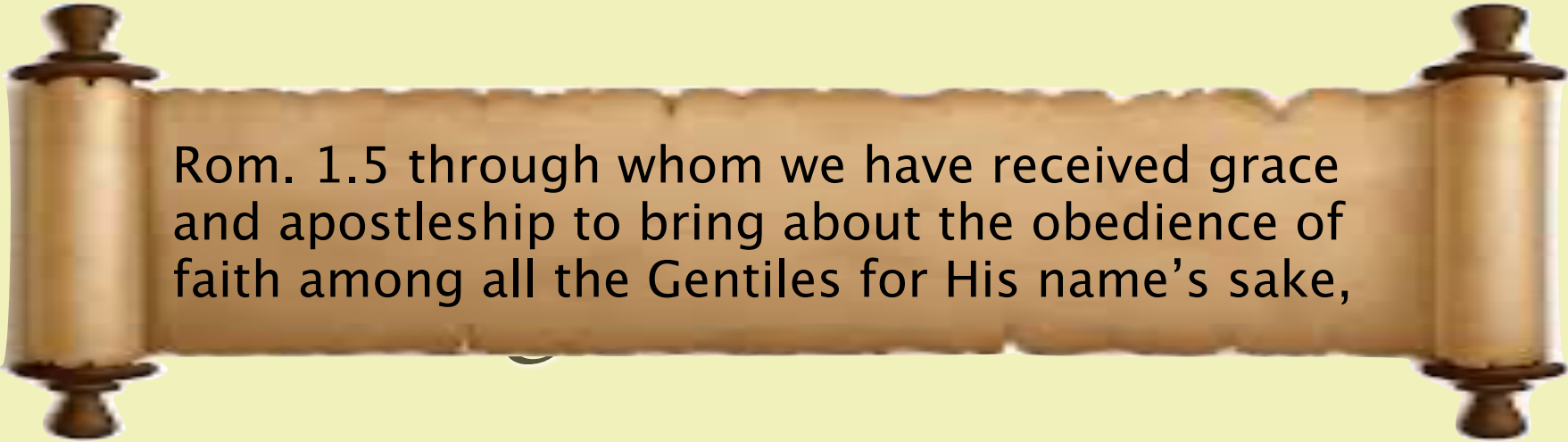
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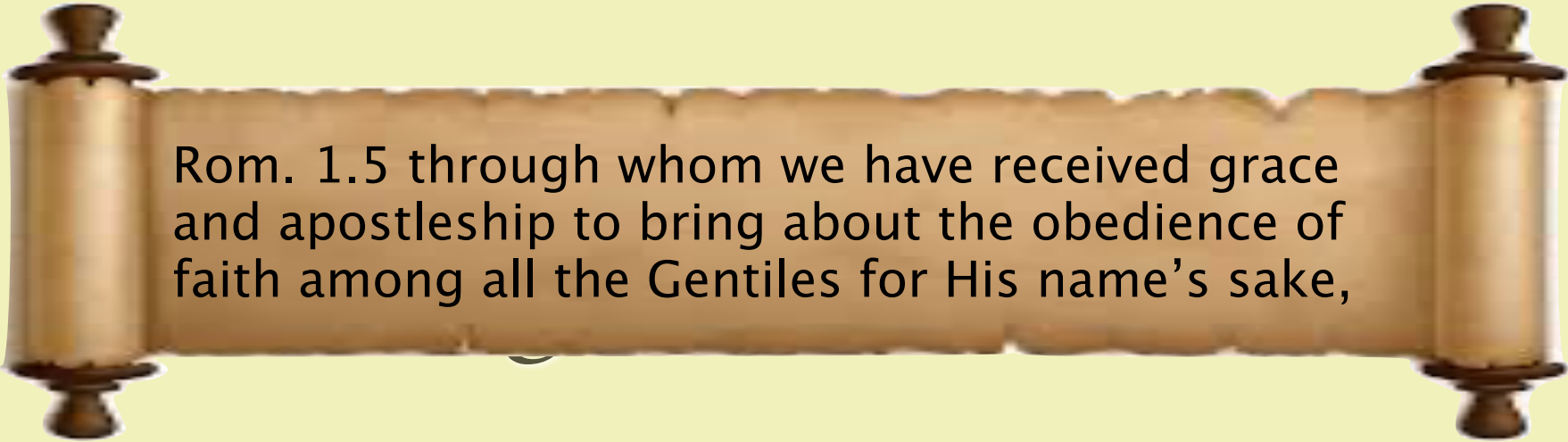
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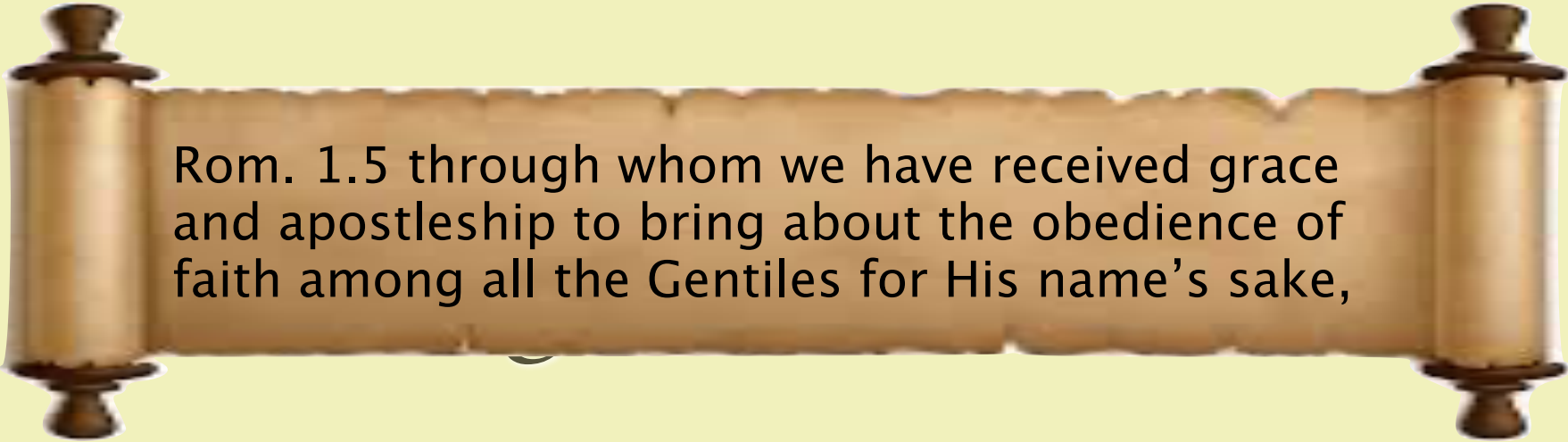
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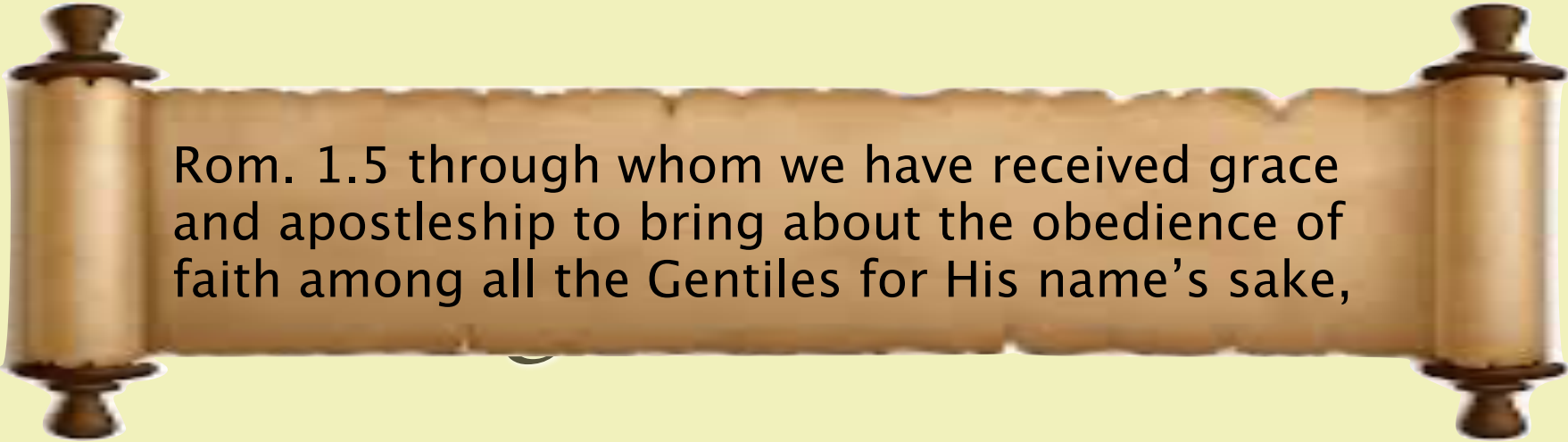
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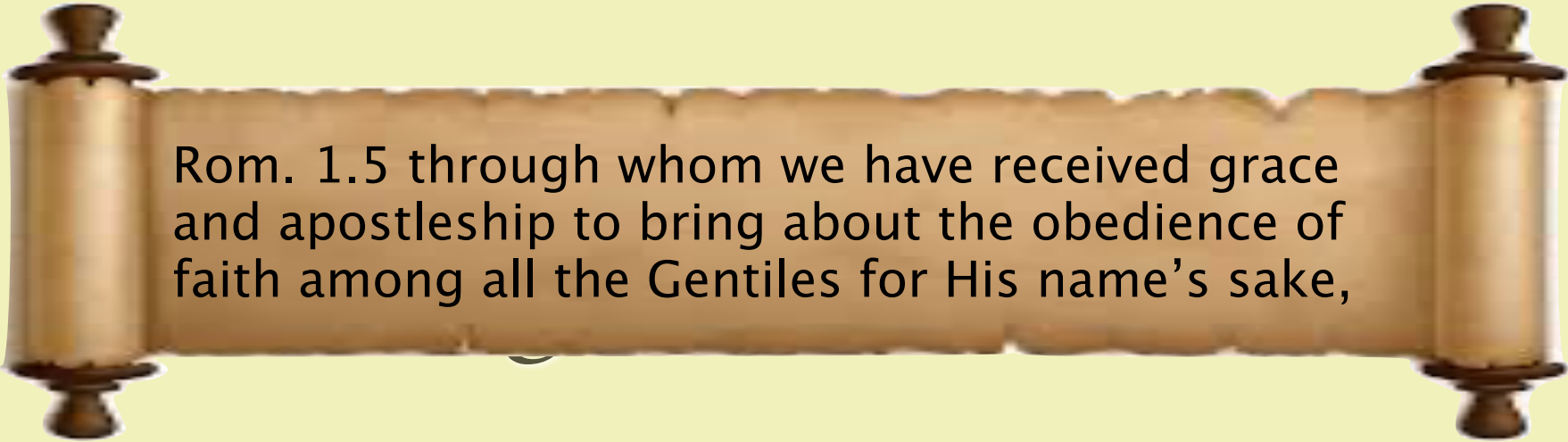
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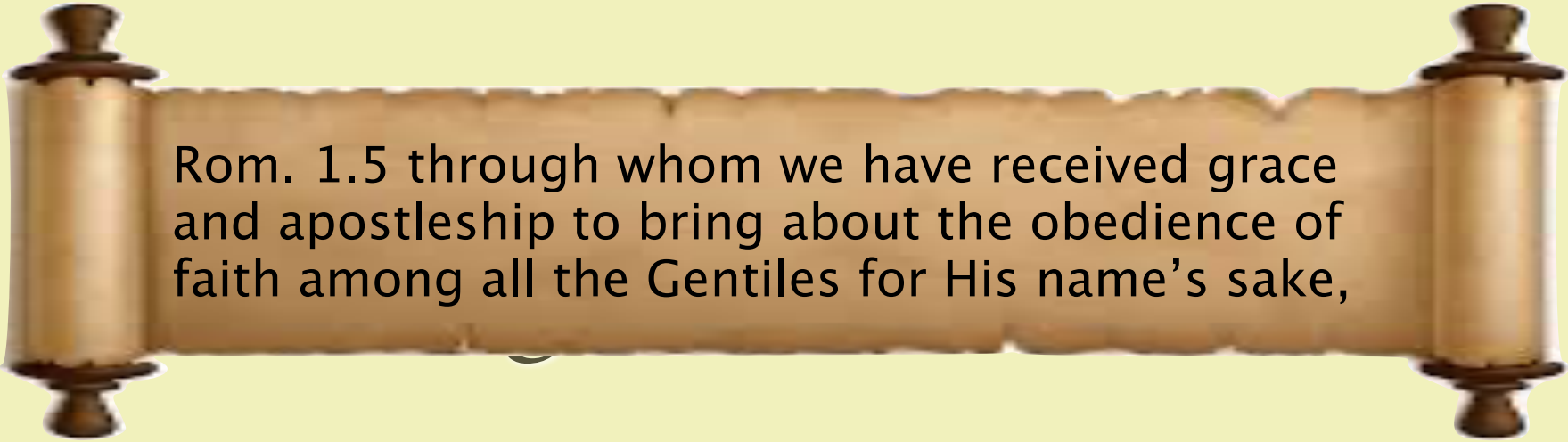
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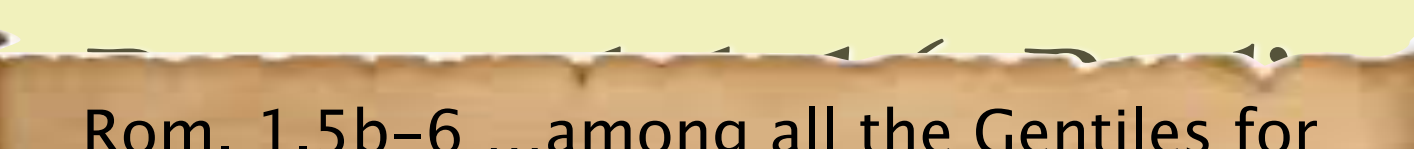




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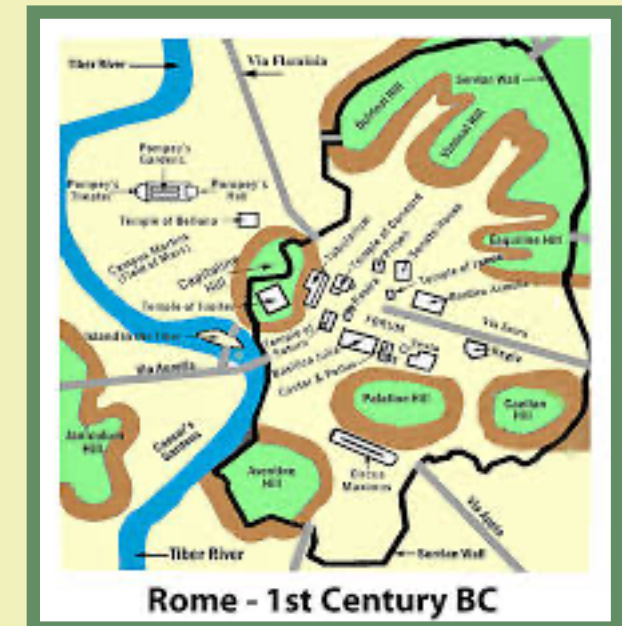
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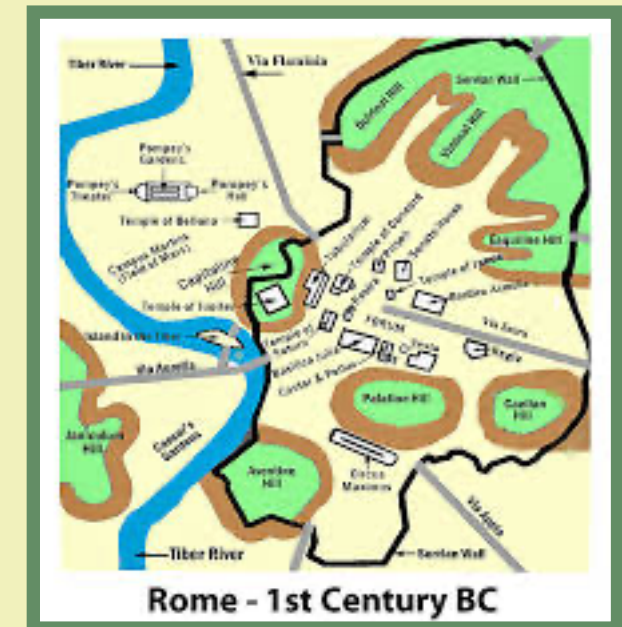
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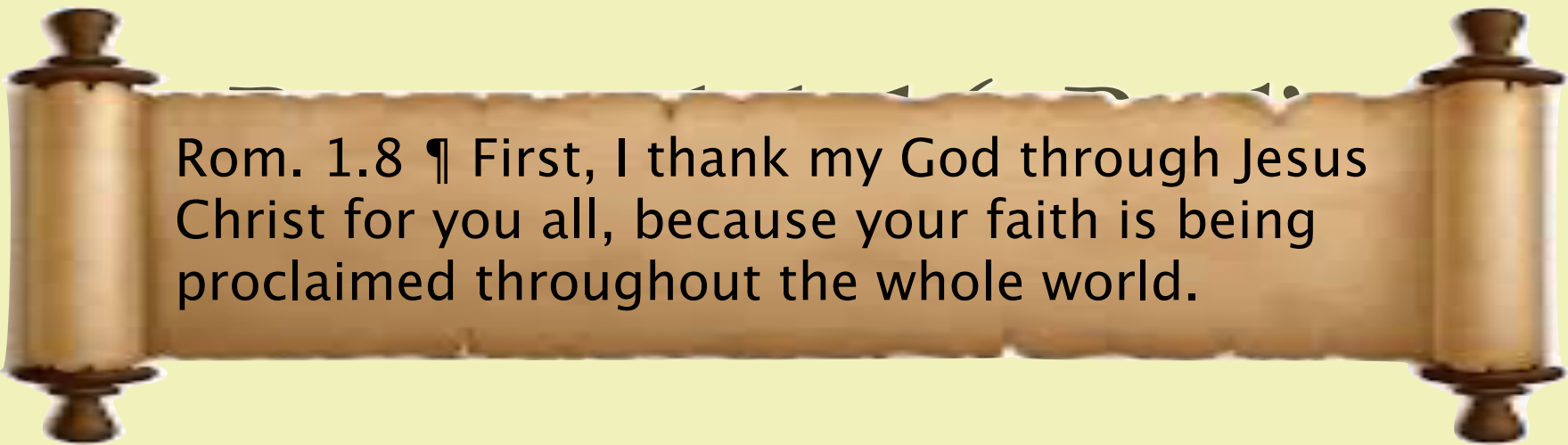
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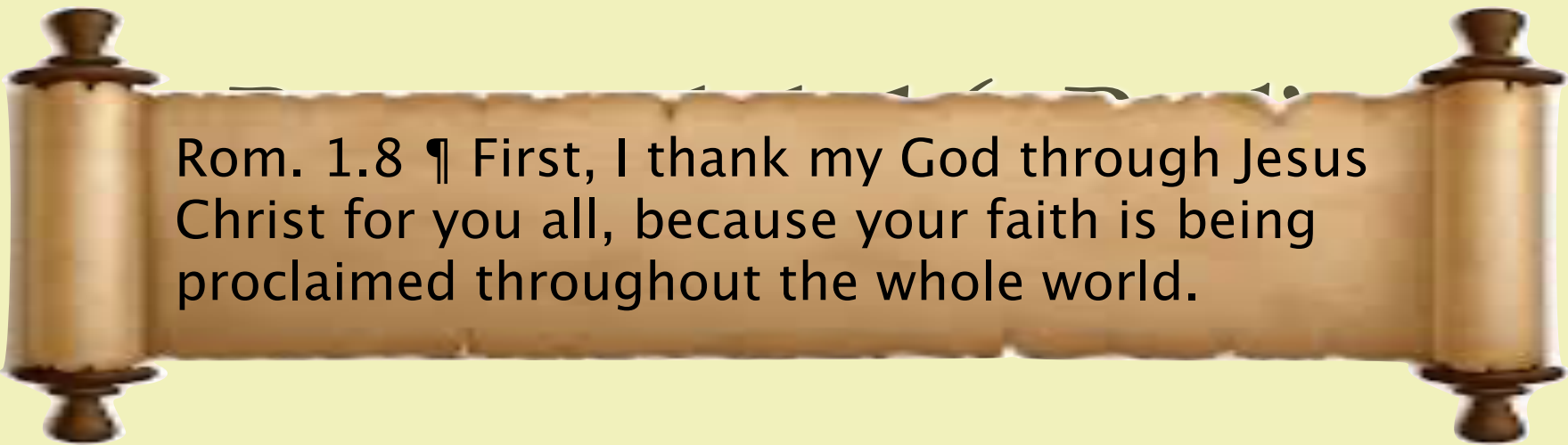
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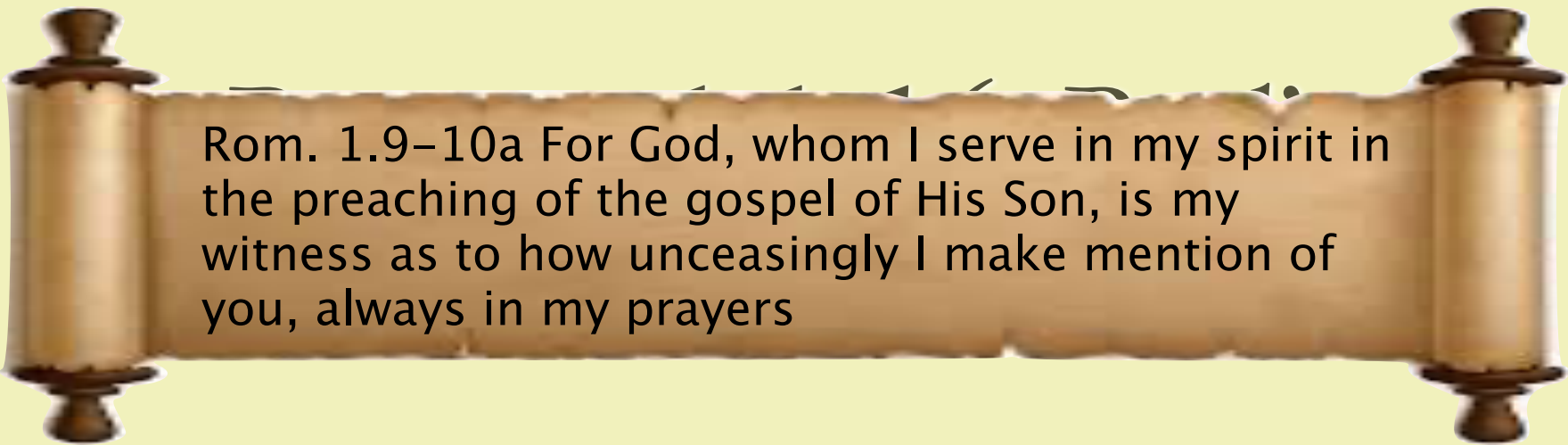


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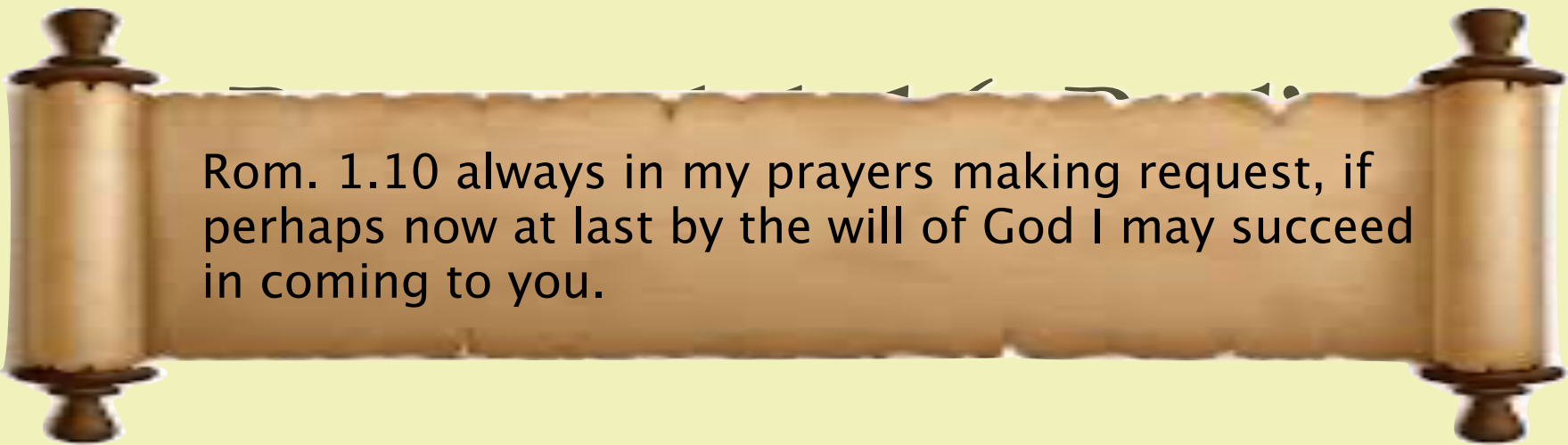


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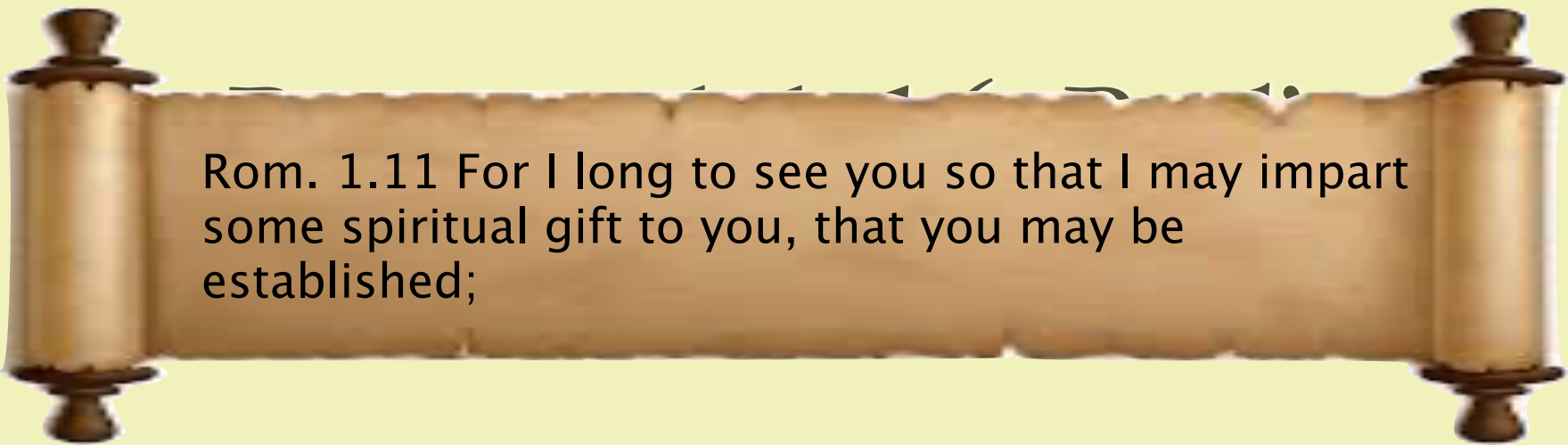
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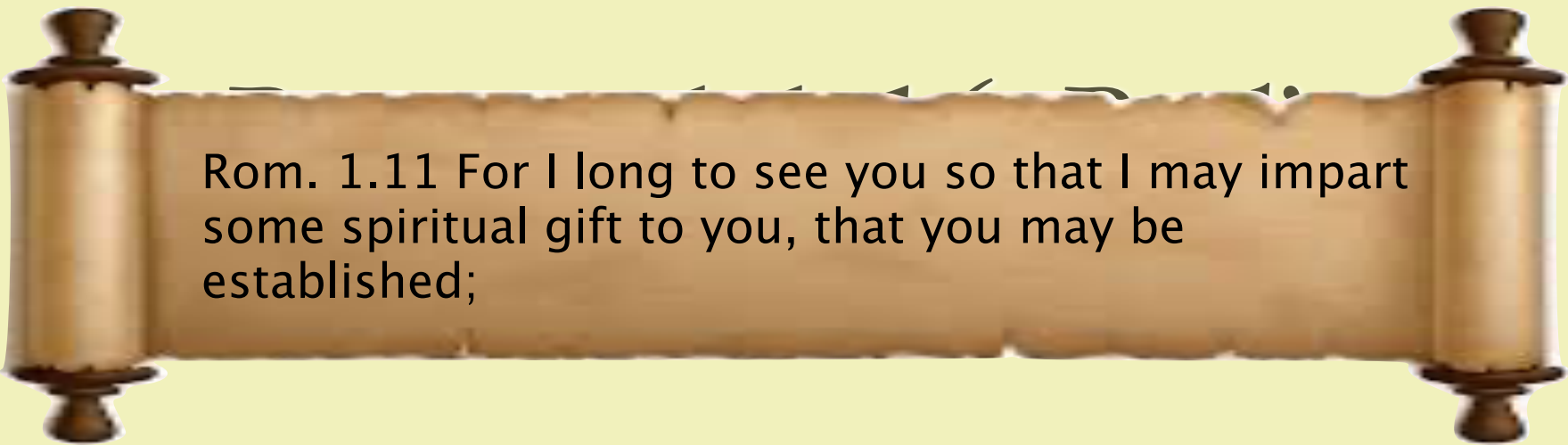
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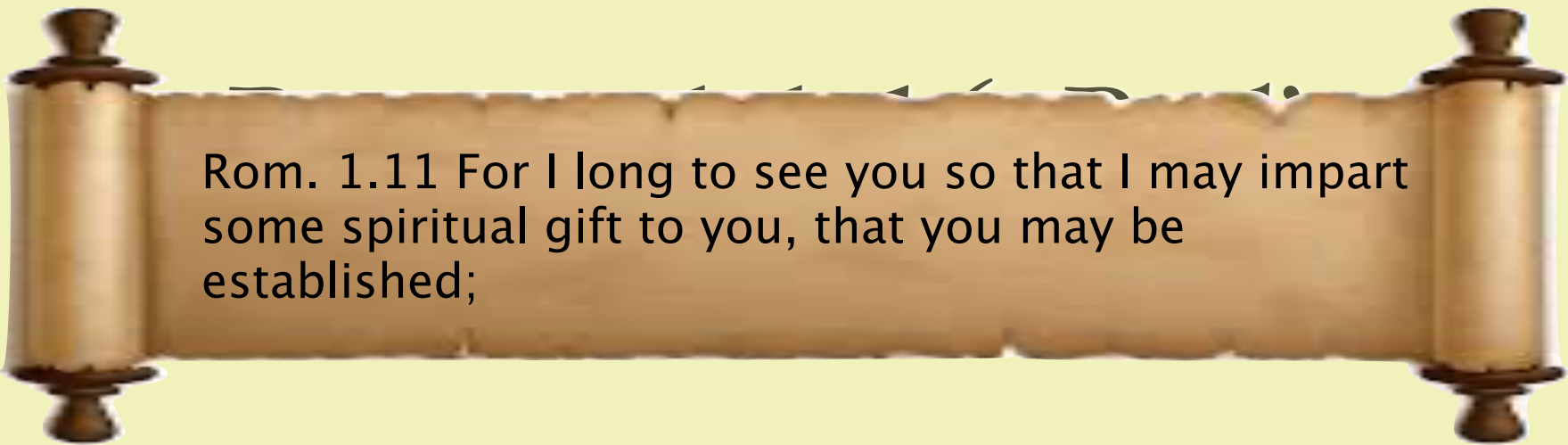
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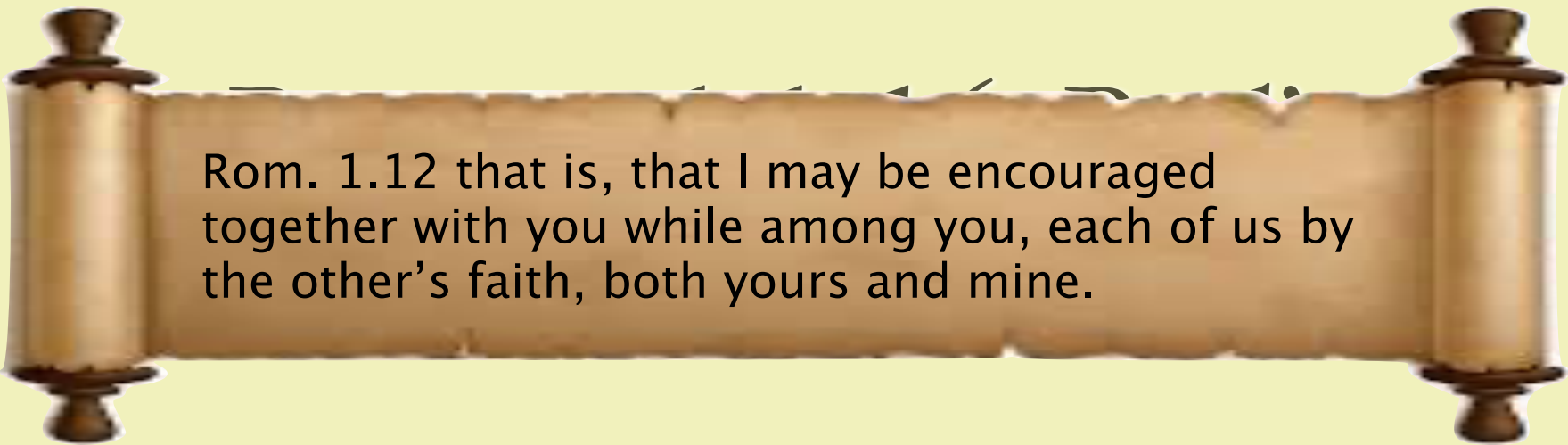
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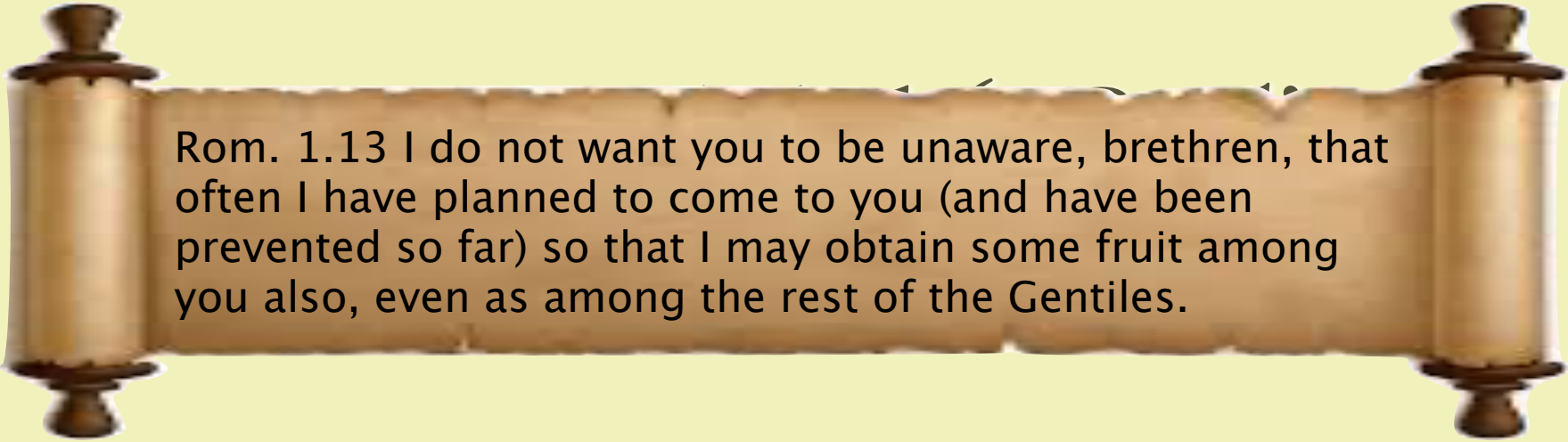
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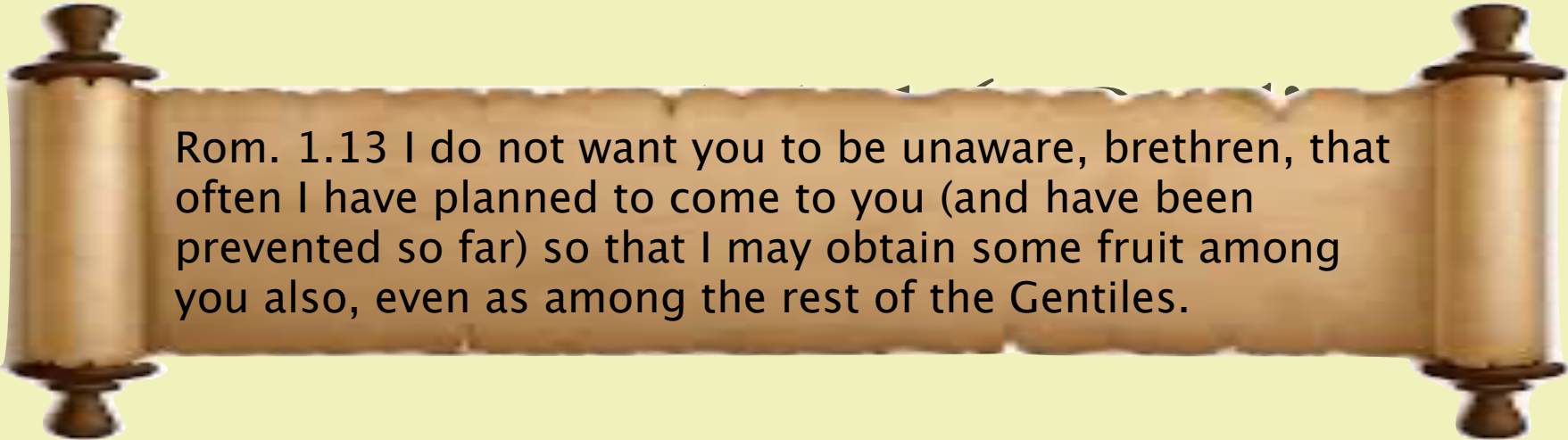
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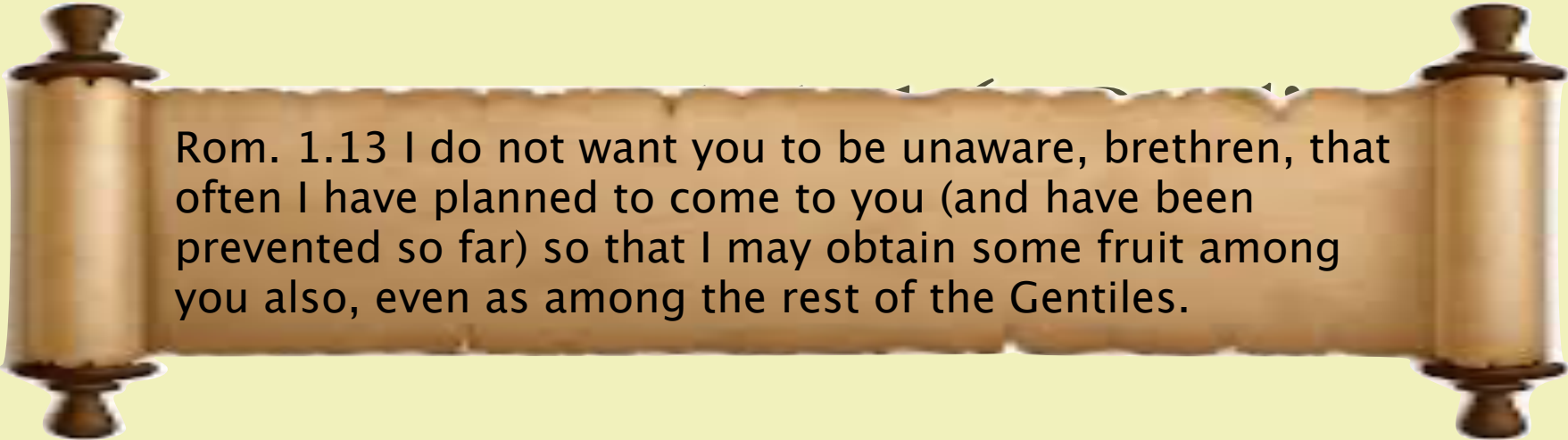
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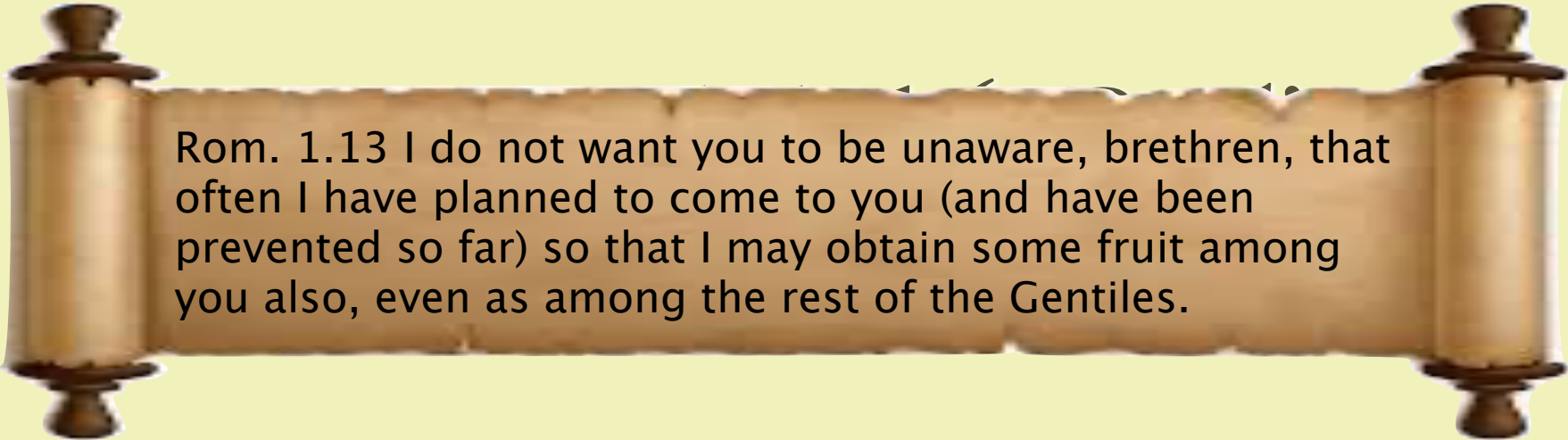


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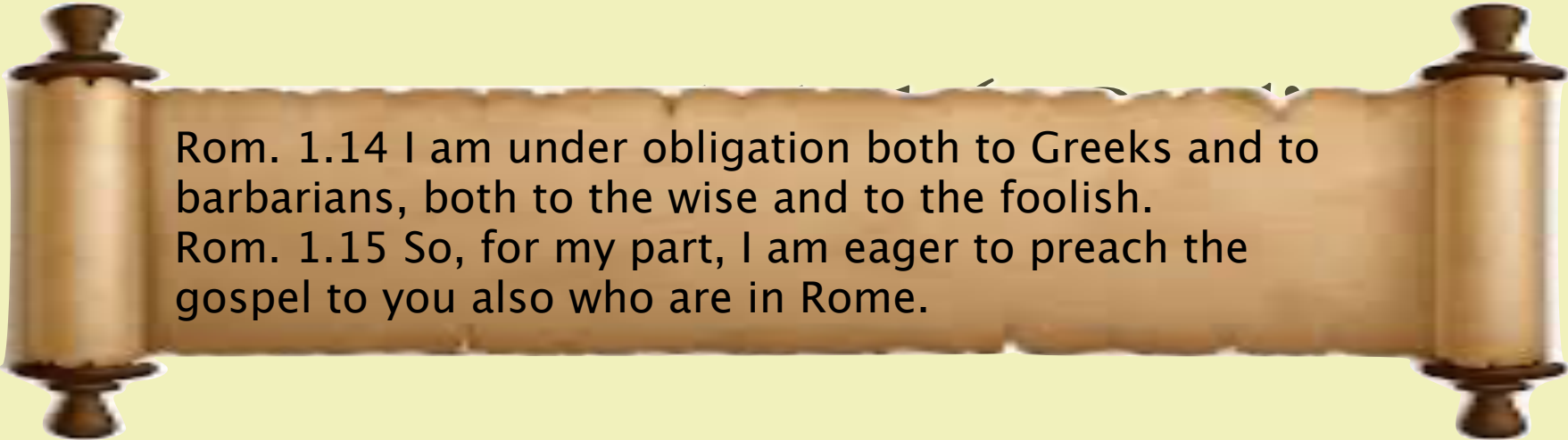
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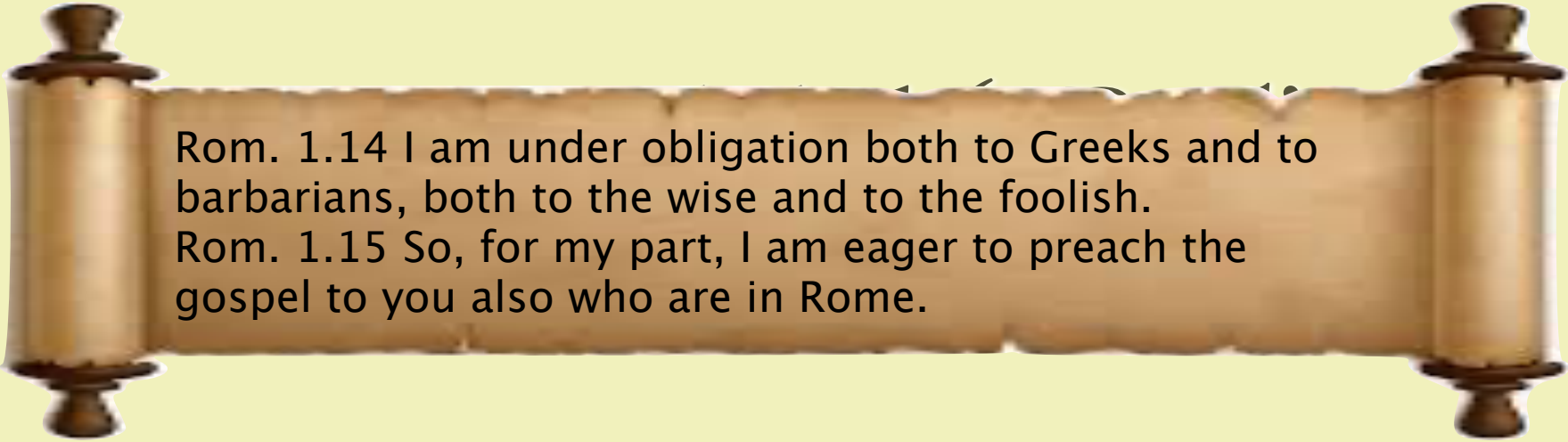
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