

Romans 1:18-32

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“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.”

601 [e]	1063 [e]	3709 [e]	2316 [e]	575 [e]	3772 [e]	1909 [e]	3956 [e]	763 [e]	2532 [e]
Apokalyptetai	gar	orgē	Theou	ap'	ouranou	epi	pasan	asebeian	kai
18 Ἀποκαλύπτεται	γὰρ	ὀργή	Θεοῦ	ἀπ'	οὐρανοῦ	, ἐπὶ	πᾶσαν	ἀσέβειαν	καὶ
is revealed	indeed	[the] wrath	of God	from	heaven	upon	all	ungodliness	and
V-PIM/P-3S	Conj	N-NFS	N-GMS	Prep	N-GMS	Prep	Adj-AFS	N-AFS	Conj

-----> ἀποκαλύπτω **apokaluptó** = "To take off the cover, Disclose, Reveal"

93 [e]	444 [e]	3588 [e]	3588 [e]	225 [e]	1722 [e]	93 [e]	2722 [e]
adikian	anthrōpōn	tōn	tēn	alētheian	en	adikia	katechontōn
ἀδικίαν	ἀνθρώπων	, τῶν	τὴν	ἀλήθειαν	ἐν	ἀδικία	κατεχόντων
unrighteousness	of men	-	the	truth	by	unrighteousness	suppressing
N-AFS	N-GMP	Art-GMP	Art-AFS	N-AFS	Prep	N-AFS	V-PPA-GMP

“For” connects the following text to 1:15 where Paul says he wants to preach the Gospel in Rome also.

1:18-3:20 = sin, wrath, judgment

- 1:18-32 = Natural revelation revealed to people in general. (some say only Gentiles are in focus)
- 2:1-3:8 = Special Revelation, recorded Scripture (2:12-13; 2:17-19). Focus is on the Jews

Before Paul continues with the discussion of the Gospel he presents the world's need for the gospel. Part of presenting the gospel is presenting the need for the gospel. Without a knowledge of holiness of God men will live in their darkness without knowledge of their darkness.

1:17 – the righteousness of God is revealed (Now in time and eschatologically)
1:18 – the wrath of God is revealed (Now in time and eschatologically)

God has revealed his righteousness through acts and words in history.
 Yet God's full manifestation of righteousness has not been seen.
 When he returns, he will reveal his righteousness and it will have an effect.
 Even today we can respond to the righteousness of God already revealed.
 Today God reveals righteousness for us to respond to.

This is also true of God's wrath.
 God has and is revealing his wrath against sin in history.
 He will continue to reveal his wrath until it ultimately and finally is revealed in the end upon his return.

God's judgment in history as time progresses not only includes his active participation, but more so, as described in these verses as "**paradidonaī**" – "**to give over**" (1:24)

- 1:24
- 1:26
- 1:28

Responding to "God's wrath with "faith" or "repentance" does NOT remove "swath" from history, man's fleshliness, or sin nature.

- Job 19:11
- Psalm 88:16
- 2 Samuel 24 and 1 Chronicles 21
- Individuals Romans 6-8
- Jews and Gentiles Romans 9-11

But, it does place man by faith in a place of dependence as a creation (creature) on God the creator. In this way the "wrath" becomes part of the larger process of man's liberation and redemption leading to man's deliverance, salvation and glorification.

"From Heaven" - απ ουρανου

There is a "wrath" that is built into the creation.

When you live in rebellion to the laws that God has established things naturally punish us.

Here the wrath is described as being directly from heaven.

This speaks of a wrath that is by God's direct intervention.

The object of this divine wrath is:

1. all the godlessness or men – this is discussed in 1:19-27
2. all the wickedness of men – this is developed in 28-32

"Godlessness" – means not having fear or reverence for God.

1. It places man's views and values in contrast with God's plans and purposes.
2. This can not only be passive neglect but must manifest as open rebellion.
3. This is an attitude and an act towards God.

"Wickedness" – is injustice and is expressed in the way men treat each other.

This is an attitude and an act toward mankind.

From the giving of the Law of Moses through Jesus teaching these are the focus of right living:

1. Fear God
2. Kindness to Men

JESUS:

Which is the greatest command? (Matthew 22:36)

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it:

'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

MOSES:

#1 – Deuteronomy 6:5 – “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.” (Dt. 6:12 – “. . .do not forget the Lord. . .”

#2 – Leviticus 19:18 – “You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord. “ (Lev. 19:1-19 –

- respect
- leave gleaning for the poor – Lv. 19:9 – “*When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest.*”
- do not steal
- do not lie
- do not defraud
- do not hold back wages
- do not curse the deaf
- do not pervert justice
- judge fairly
- do not spread slander
- do not endanger your neighbor
- do not hate
- rebuke frankly
- do not seek revenge
- do not bear a grudge

THE PROPHETS:

Prophets brought the same message of fearing the Lord and performing social justice. Immorality in life is a result in the corruption and lack of doctrine.

“The truth in unrighteousness hold” - την αληθειαν εν αδικια κατεχοντων

Suppression of the truth shows that they have knowledge of the truth.

This will be explained next in 1:19.

Truth is:

1. Absolute and independent of people’s support
2. Will result in action and lifestyle when believed.
3. To suppress the truth will result in false (wrong) actions

Fourth Generation – Proverbs 30:14 – “*There are those whose teeth are swords, whose fangs are knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, the needy from among mankind.*”

Romans 1:19 -

“For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. “

1360 [e]	3588 [e]	1110 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	5318 [e]	1510 [e]	1722 [e]	846 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	1063 [e]
dioti	to	gnōston	tou	Theou	phaneron	estin	en	autois	ho	theos	gar
19 διότι	τὸ	γνωστὸν	τοῦ	Θεοῦ	, φανερόν	ἐστίν	ἐν	αὐτοῖς	, ὁ	θεὸς	γὰρ
Because	the	known	-	of God	manifest	is	among	them	-	God	indeed
Conj	Art-NNS	Adj-NNS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	Adj-NNS	V-PIA-3S	Prep	PPro-DM3P	Art-NMS	N-NMS	Conj

846 [e]	5319 [e]
autois	ephanerōsen
αὐτοῖς	ἐφάνέρωσεν .
to them	has revealed [it]
PPro-DM3P	V-AIA-3S

Point:

- 1) men suppress the truth through unrighteous thoughts and unrighteous actions
- 2) people who suffer God's wrath are responsible for the wrath they receive

Four basic arguments for the absolute need for God to exist:

1. Creation
 - a. Since there is a universe, it had to have a creator.
 - b. You cannot have a watch without a watch maker
 - c. Paul uses this in Romans 1:19-20
 - d. Plato developed this as the immovable mover.
 - e. Follow the Kalam Cosmological Argument
2. Design– all design implies a creator
3. Moral law– describes what ought to be seen among men but is not always there.
 - a. It is a standard of behavior that exists because of God.
4. Being– The human concept of perfection exists, yet it is not seen in creation.
 - a. Since we strive for perfection in all areas but have never seen it then perfection must exist.
 - b. The concept of God encompasses the concept of perfection.

Romans 1:20

“For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.”

3588 [e]	1063 [e]	517 [e]	846 [e]	575 [e]	2937 [e]	2889 [e]	3588 [e]	4161 [e]	3539 [e]	
ta	gar	aorata	autou	apo	ktiseōs	kosmou	tois	poiēmasin	nooumena	
20 τὰ	γὰρ	ἀόρατα	αὐτοῦ	ἀπὸ	κτίσεως	κόσμου	, τοῖς	ποιήμασιν	, νοούμενα	,
the	indeed	invisible qualities	of Him	from	[the] creation	of [the] world	by the	things made	being understood	
Art-NNP	Conj	Adj-NNP	PPro-GM3S	Prep	N-GFS	N-GMS	Art-DNP	N-DNP	V-PPM/P-NNP	

2529 [e]	3588 [e]	5037 [e]	126 [e]	846 [e]	1411 [e]	2532 [e]	2305 [e]	1519 [e]	3588 [e]	1510 [e]	846 [e]
kathoratai	hē	te	aidios	autou	dynamis	kai	theiotēs	eis	to	einai	autous
καθορᾶται	; ἡ	τε	αἰδῖος	αὐτοῦ	δύναμις	καὶ	θειότης	; εἰς	τὸ	εἶναι	αὐτοὺς
are clearly seen	the	both	eternal	of him	power	and	divinity	for	-	to be	them
V-PIM/P-3S	Art-NFS	Conj	Adj-NFS	PPro-GM3S	N-NFS	Conj	N-NFS	Prep	Art-ANS	V-PNA	PPro-AM3P

379 [e]											
anapologē tous											
ἀναπολογήτους											
without excuse											
Adj-AMP											

God's invisible qualities have been revealed through the physical world.

This way natural man can understand qualities of the immortal God.

His invisible attributes are summed up in two phases:

- “his eternal power”*** – he is divine, he is beyond our universe, he is the creator, he is the judge, he is the alpha and the omega
- “his divine nature”*** – his character of righteousness, holiness, justice, love are all revealed in the creation. His Reality. His Truth.

Summary:

Section One 1:18-20 – God’s existence, his righteousness and his wrath have and are revealed.

Section Two 1:21-31 – Describes how people suppress and exchange God’s revelation of existence, his righteousness and his wrath (judgment)

Verses	People do:	God does:
1:21-24	People “exchange” the truth for idols	God “hands them over”
1:25-26a	People “exchange” the truth for a lie	God “hands them over”
1:26b-31	People “exchange” natural sexual practices for unnatural	God “hands them over”

Section Three 1:32 - Combines 1:18-20 with 21-31 to form the conclusion:

- They know requirements
- They know the penalty
- They continue to sin
- They approve of those who join with them

Romans 1:21-

“For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.”

1360 [e] 1097 [e] 3588 [e] 2316 [e] 3756 [e] 5613 [e] 2316 [e] 1392 [e] 2228 [e] 2168 [e] 235 [e]
dioti gnontes ton Theon ouch hōs Theon edoxasan ē ēucharistēsan alla
21 διότι γνόντες τὸν Θεὸν , οὐχ ὥς Θεὸν ἐδόξασαν , ἣ ἡὺχαρίστησαν ; ἀλλὰ
For having known - God not as God they glorified [him] or were thankful but
Conj V-APA-NMP Art-AMS N-AMS Adv Adv N-AMS V-AIA-3P Conj V-AIA-3P Conj

3154 [e] 1722 [e] 3588 [e] 1261 [e] 846 [e] 2532 [e] 4654 [e] 3588 [e] 801 [e] 846 [e]
emataiōthēsan en tois dialogismois autōn kai eskotisthē hē asynetos autōn
ἐματαιώθησαν ἐν τοῖς διαλογισμοῖς αὐτῶν , καὶ ἐσκοτίσθη ἡ ἀσύνετος αὐτῶν
they became futile in the thinking of them and was darkened the foolish of them
V-AIP-3P Prep Art-DMP N-DMP PPro-GM3P Conj V-AIP-3S Art-NFS Adj-NFS PPro-GM3P

2588 [e]
kardia
καρδία :
heart
N-NFS

“having known” in the sense of general revelation

We are not talking about a saving knowledge and other information that is attained by special revelation through the word of God and its understanding the empowerment of the Spirit

Romans 1:22 –

“Claiming to be wise, they became fools,...”

5335 [e]	1510 [e]	4680 [e]	3471 [e]
phaskontes	einai	sophoi	emōranthēsan
22 φάσκοντες	εἶναι	σοφοὶ	, ἐμωράνθησαν ,
professing	to be	wise	they became fools
V-PPA-NMP	V-PNA	Adj-NMP	V-AIP-3P

Romans 1:23 –

“and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.”

2532 [e]	236 [e]	3588 [e]	1391 [e]	3588 [e]	862 [e]	2316 [e]	1722 [e]	3667 [e]	1504 [e]	5349 [e]
kai	ēllaxan	tēn	doxan	tou	aphthartou	Theou	en	homoiōmati	eikonos	phthartou
23 καὶ	ἥλλαξαν	τὴν	δόξαν	τοῦ	ἀφθάρτου	Θεοῦ	, ἐν	ὁμοιώματι	εἰκόνης	φθαρμοῦ
and	they changed	the	glory	of the	immortal	God	into	a likeness	of an image	of mortal
Conj	V-AIA-3P	Art-AFS	N-AFS	Art-GMS	Adj-GMS	N-GMS	Prep	N-DNS	N-GFS	Adj-GMS

444 [e]	2532 [e]	4071 [e]	2532 [e]	5074 [e]	2532 [e]	2062 [e]
anthrōpou	kai	peteinōn	kai	tetrapodōn	kai	herpetōn
ἀνθρώπου	, καὶ	πετεινῶν	, καὶ	τετραπόδων	, καὶ	έρπετων .
man	and	birds	and	quadrupeds	and	creeping things
N-GMS	Conj	N-GNP	Conj	Adj-GNP	Conj	N-GNP

Romans 1:24 –

“Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves...”

1352 [e]	3860 [e]	846 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]	1939 [e]	3588 [e]	2588 [e]	846 [e]
Dio	paredōken	autous	ho	Theos	en	tais	epithymiais	tōn	kardiōn	autōn
24 Διὸ	παρέδωκεν	αὐτοὺς	ὁ	Θεὸς	, ἐν	ταῖς	ἐπιθυμίαις	τῶν	καρδιῶν	αὐτῶν ,
Therefore	gave up	them	-	God	in	the	desires	of the	hearts	of them
Conj	V-AIA-3S	PPro-AM3P	Art-NMS	N-NMS	Prep	Art-DFP	N-DFP	Art-GFP	N-GFP	PPro-GM3P

1519 [e]	167 [e]	3588 [e]	818 [e]	3588 [e]	4983 [e]	846 [e]	1722 [e]	846 [e]
eis	akatharsian	tou	atimazesthai	ta	sōmata	autōn	en	autois
εἰς	ἀκαθαρσίαν ,	τοῦ	ἀτιμάζεσθαι	τὰ	σώματα	αὐτῶν	ἐν	αὐτοῖς ;
to	impurity	-	to dishonor	the	bodies	of them	between	themselves
Prep	N-AFS	Art-GNS	V-PNM/P	Art-ANP	N-ANP	PPro-GM3P	Prep	PPro-DM3P

Sexual impurity is mentioned here and again in 1:26, 27. In both cases “God gave them over”.

Why is sexual impurity mentioned twice?

In 1:24 it is in reference to cultic practices in pagan temples that goes along with idol worship. In 1:26, 27 it refers to immorality in society and culture in ordinary life.

This is an example of false religious beliefs and false religious practices infecting the lives of the people and destroying their culture.

Romans 1:25 –

“because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.”

3748 [e]	3337 [e]	3588 [e]	225 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]	5579 [e]	2532 [e]	4573 [e]
hoitines	metēllaxan	tēn	alētheian	tou	Theou	en	tō	pseudei	kai	esebasthēsan
25 οἵτινες	μετήλλαξαν	τὴν	ἀλήθειαν	τοῦ	Θεοῦ	ἐν	τῷ	ψεύδει ,	καὶ	ἐσεβάσθησαν
who	changed	the	truth	-	of God	into	the	falsehood	and	reverenced
RelPro-NMP	V-AIA-3P	Art-AFS	N-AFS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	Prep	Art-DNS	N-DNS	Conj	V-AIP-3P

2532 [e]	3000 [e]	3588 [e]	2937 [e]	3844 [e]	3588 [e]	2936 [e]	3739 [e]	1510 [e]	2128 [e]	1519 [e]
kai	elatreusan	tē	ktisei	para	ton	Ktisantā	hos	estin	eulogētos	eis
καὶ	ἐλάτρευσαν	τῇ	κτίσει	παρὰ	τὸν	Κτίσαντα ,	ὅς	ἐστίν	εὐλογητὸς	εἰς
and	served	the	created thing	beyond	the [one]	having created [it]	who	is	blessed	to
Conj	V-AIA-3P	Art-DFS	N-DFS	Prep	Art-AMS	V-APA-AMS	RelPro-NMS	V-PIA-3S	Adj-NMS	Prep

3588 [e]	165 [e]	281 [e]
tous	aiōnas	amēn
τοὺς	αἰῶνας !	ἀμήν .
the	ages	Amen
Art-AMP	N-AMP	Heb

2 Thessalonians 2:3-12 this same pattern repeats itself for the final time.

It involves idol worship, honor of a man above God, a strong delusion, God giving the people over to their sin and ultimately destruction for the people involved.

1:26 –

“For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature;”

1223 [e]	3778 [e]	3860 [e]	846 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	1519 [e]	3806 [e]	819 [e]	3588 [e]	5037 [e]	1063 [e]
Dia	touto	paredōken	autous	ho	Theos	eis	pathē	atimias	hai	te	gar
26 Διὰ	τοῦτο	παρέδωκεν	αὐτοὺς	ὁ	Θεὸς	εἰς	πάθη	ἀτιμίας	· αἱ	τε	γὰρ
because of	this	gave up	them	-	God	to	passions	of dishonor	-	both	indeed
Prep	DPro-ANS	V-AIA-3S	PPro-AM3P	Art-NMS	N-NMS	Prep	N-ANP	N-GFS	Art-NFP	Conj	Conj

2338 [e]	846 [e]	3337 [e]	3588 [e]	5446 [e]	5540 [e]	1519 [e]	3588 [e]	3844 [e]	5449 [e]
thēleiai	autōn	metēllaxan	tēn	physikēn	chrēsin	eis	tēn	para	physin
θήλειαι	αὐτῶν	, μετέλλαξαν	τὴν	φυσικὴν	χρησὶν	, εἰς	τὴν	παρὰ	φύσιν
females	of them	changed	the	natural	use	into	that	contrary to	nature
Adj-NFP	PPro-GM3P	V-AIA-3P	Art-AFS	Adj-AFS	N-AFS	Prep	Art-AFS	Prep	N-AFS

“Women” is the Greek word **“thelus”** that means “female”.

It is not the word **“gune”** /gun –ay/ which is usually used for “women”.

In 1:27 the word for “man” is not **“anthropos”** or **“aner”** which refers to a male member of the human race but is the word **“arsen”** which refers simply to a male as distinguished from a female.

This is because the only distinction these people make is the sex.

A true man is a man for more than the fact he is male.

A true woman is a woman for more than the fact she is female.

But, these people are only distinguishable from each other because they are physically of a certain sex. Otherwise, their manhood and womanhood has been destroyed and they are indistinguishable.

Because of their actions in verse 24 and 25 God gave them over again.

The first time he gave them over to false religion or false philosophy,

They did not reject the lies of false religion and false philosophy but instead embraced them.

Because they embraced the lie God gave them over to the fruit of those false views which is immorality.

The Pattern:

1. Reject the Obvious Truth (1:18-20)
2. Replace the Emptiness (Vacuum) for false philosophies (1:21-23)
3. Engage in worship of idol and advancement of false philosophy (1:24-25)
4. Incorporate the values and practice the morals and ethics of the idols in society.
5. They are left to live without restraint of the sin nature.

Only God's grace, God's Spirit and God's word can save a man's spirit, soul and body from the decaying effects of the sin nature.

If man rejects the revelation of God he is doomed to the sin nature.

1:27 –

“and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.”

3668 [e]	5037 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	730 [e]	863 [e]	3588 [e]	5446 [e]	5540 [e]	3588 [e]	2338 [e]			
homoiōs	te	kai	hoi	arsenes	aphentes	tēn	physikēn	chrēsīn	tēs	thēleias			
27	ὁμοίως	τε	καὶ	οἱ	ἄρσενες	,	ἀφέντες	τὴν	φυσικὴν	χρησίν	τῆς	θηλείας	,
	likewise	moreover	also	the	males		having left	the	natural	use	of the	female	
	Adv	Conj	Conj	Art-NMP	N-NMP		V-APA-NMP	Art-AFS	Adj-AFS	N-AFS	Art-GFS	Adj-GFS	

1572 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]	3715 [e]	846 [e]	1519 [e]	240 [e]		730 [e]	1722 [e]	730 [e]	3588 [e]	
exekauthēsan	en	tē	orexei	autōn	eis	allēlous		arsenes	en	arsesin	tēn	
ἐξεκαύθησαν	ἐν	τῇ	ὀρέξει	αὐτῶν	εἰς	ἀλλήλους	--	ἄρσενες	ἐν	ἄρσεσιν	--	τὴν
were inflamed	in	the	desire	of them	toward	one another		males	with	males		the
V-AIP-3P	Prep	Art-DFS	N-DFS	PPro-GM3P	Prep	RecPro-AMP		N-NMP	Prep	N-DMP		Art-AFS

808 [e]	2716 [e]		2532 [e]	3588 [e]	489 [e]	3739 [e]	1163 [e]	3588 [e]	4106 [e]	846 [e]	
aschēmosynēn	katēgazomenoi		kai	tēn	antimisthian	hēn	edei	tēs	planēs	autōn	
ἀσχημοσύνην	κατεργαζόμενοι	,	καὶ	τὴν	ἀντιμισθίαν	ἣν	ἔδει	τῆς	πλάνης	αὐτῶν	,
shame	working out		and	the	recompense	which	was fitting	of the	error	of them	
N-AFS	V-PPM/P-NMP		Conj	Art-AFS	N-AFS	RelPro-AFS	V-IIA-3S	Art-GFS	N-GFS	PPro-GM3P	

1722 [e]	1438 [e]	618 [e]	
en	heautois	apolambanontes	
ἐν	ἐαυτοῖς	ἀπολαμβάνοντες	.
in	themselves	receiving	
Prep	RefPro-DM3P	V-PPA-NMP	

“Burned” or “inflamed” is the word for “burned out” which refers to excessive lust which results in being consumption by it (or, “burned out”).

- “Kaio” means burn, or to light.
- Here the word is “**exkaio**”.
- The “ex-“ prefix intensifies the word.

“Indecent” means “want of form, disfigurement, deformed, one’s nakedness, shame.” “due penalty” means “recompense” or the “reward given”

Man is not presented here as a victim.

- Man is responsible for his own overthrow because he rejected the answer.
- Man rejected the light, no matter how small it was, in the dark cave of sin.
- Sin comes from the nature of man.

- Man's judgment is perverted.
- Man is then abandoned to that perverted mind. (This is the punishment, or retribution)
- The result: man is destroyed by his own actions

1:28-32

Describes the total corruption of any human relationship among men
who have abandoned God.

1:28 –

“And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.”

2532 [e]	2531 [e]	3756 [e]	1381 [e]		3588 [e]	2316 [e]	2192 [e]	1722 [e]	1922 [e]		3860 [e]	846 [e]
Kai	kathōs	ouk	edokimasan		ton	Theon	echein	en	epignōsei		paredōken	autous
28 Καὶ	καθὼς	οὐκ	έδοκίμασαν	,	τὸν	Θεὸν	ἔχειν	ἐν	ἐπιγνώσει	,	παρέδωκεν	αὐτοὺς
And	as	not	they did see fit	-	God	to have	in [their]	knowledge			gave up	them
Conj	Adv	Adv	V-AIA-3P		Art-AMS	N-AMS	V-PNA	Prep	N-DFS		V-AIA-3S	PPro-AM3P

3588 [e]	2316 [e]	1519 [e]	96 [e]		3563 [e]	4160 [e]	3588 [e]	3361 [e]	2520 [e]	
ho	Theos	eis	adokimon	noun	poiein	ta	mē	kathēkonta		
ὁ	Θεὸς	εἰς	ἀδόκιμον	νοῦν	, ποιεῖν	τὰ	μὴ	καθήκοντα	;	
-	God	to	a depraved	mind	to do	things	not	being proper		
Art-NMS	N-NMS	Prep	Adj-AMS	N-AMS	V-PNA	Art-ANP	Adv	V-PPA-ANP		

Notice: Man did not “approve” of God, so God gave them over to a mind that was not “approved.”
(Notice underlined Greek words)

“**dokimazo**” means to approve or to test.

The human race had put God to the test and did not approve,
thus the word “**edokimasan**” or “**adokimzo**”. They disapproved of God.

“Not Fitting” was a technical term for the stoics.

This is the third time that “God gave them over.”

1st time he gave them over to the lie and to the practices of idol worship (1:24)

2nd time he gave them over to lusts and immoral acts (1:26)

3rd time he gave them over to a depraved mind. (1:28)

- 1- Reject God
- 2- Accept lie
- 3- Given to lie to practice it
- 4- Given over to lusts
- 5- Given over to a depraved mind
- 6- Result is personal, family, social and cultural chaos

1:29-31 –

“They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.”

“Being Filled” is a perfect participle.

The perfect tense means this is a completed action in the past but yet having present results in the present.

Those who “disapproved” of God and exchanged the truth for a lie in the past are now in the present completely filled with these 21 sins.

It is difficult to find structure in this list.

Many words overlap in meaning and many are synonyms.

The best break down is this. The list falls into three parts

1. **“filled with all manner of”:**
 - a. Unrighteousness
 - b. Evil
 - c. Greed
 - d. Wickedness
2. **full of:**
 - a. envy
 - b. murder
 - c. strife
 - d. deceit
 - e. malice
3. **(the rest)**
 - a. Gossips
 - b. Maligners
 - c. Haters of God
 - d. Proud
 - e. Arrogant
 - f. Devisers of evil
 - g. Disobedient to parents
 - h. Without understanding
 - i. Without faithfulness
 - j. Without affection
 - k. Without mercy

A General Sequence

1. First Four are general nouns
2. Next five are about envy and the result of envy

3. The final twelve:
 - a. Two words about slander
 - b. Four about arrogance
 - c. Six unrelated
 - i. These are basically social evils
 - ii. They are not sexual sins
 - iii. They are not sins against God
4. The point of the list is to show that the result of being given to **a depraved mind is the destruction of society by man**. This is damaged mankind destroying other people.

Romans 1:32 -

“Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.”

“God’s righteous decree” is not linked by Paul to the Law of Moses but again to general revelation referred to in 1:18

The Light will draw all men!

“And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” (John 12:33)

But, will all men come to the Light?

1. The Light of Creation
2. The Light of Conscience
3. The Light of Christ - the person, the Word, the Gospel

You are without excuse before God.