THE QUESTION

Why did God harden Pharaoh's heart (Romans 9:17–18)?

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The short answer *Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words*

The early writers say God hardened Pharaoh as a judgment on a man who had already chosen unbelief. Irenaeus says God gave him over to the unbelief he chose. Origen says the same signs that moved others exposed a hardness Pharaoh formed through his own wickedness, and God used it to show His power.

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God gave Pharaoh over to his chosen unbelief

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Irenaeus links Pharaoh to all who refuse to believe. God, who knows all things ahead of time, leaves such people in the darkness they picked for themselves. He sees Pharaoh's hardening as the same kind of judgment, not as God forcing an innocent man into sin.

1

> "If, therefore, in the present time also, God, knowing the number of those who will not believe, since He foreknows all things, has given them over to unbelief, and turned away His face from people like this, leaving them in the darkness which they have chosen for themselves, what is surprising if He also at that time gave Pharaoh over to his unbelief, since he never would have believed, along with those who were with him?"

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book IV* (c. 175–202 AD)
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The same light blesses some and blinds others

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Irenaeus answers people who used Pharaoh's hard heart against God. He compares God to the sun: the same light that helps healthy eyes hurts weak ones. God gives fuller understanding to those who follow Him, while those who scorn Him are left blind.

2

> "The same God who blesses some also causes blindness in those who do not believe and disregard Him, just like the sun, a creation of His, affects those who, due to a weakness of the eyes, cannot look at its light."

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Like sun on wax and mud

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Origen uses a picture: the sun's one heat melts wax but hardens mud. In the same way, the one set of signs God did through Moses showed how hard Pharaoh already was. Origen says this hardness was something Pharaoh formed by his own wickedness.

3

> "In the same way, one and the same working on the part of God, administered by Moses in signs and wonders, made Pharaoh's hardness plain, a hardness that he had formed in the intensity of his wickedness."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 1 (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 8, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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Pharaoh was not born unable to obey

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Some groups claimed Pharaoh had a ruined nature that could never be saved. Origen argues back: if Pharaoh could not obey by nature, there would be no need to harden him again and again. The repeated hardening shows he was able to yield.

4

> "And if this was his condition by nature, what further need was there for his heart to be hardened, and this not once, but several times, unless indeed because it was possible for him to yield to persuasion?"

later in the same passage

> "Nor could anyone be said to be hardened by another, except one who of himself was not obdurate."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 1 (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 10, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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The signs did move Pharaoh a little

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Origen notes that Pharaoh gave ground bit by bit as the plagues came. He reads this as proof the wonders reached him. He also compares the phrase to a kind master who says he spoiled his servant, meaning God's patience was the occasion, not the cause, of the hardness.

5

“And the brief statement that Pharaoh's heart was, as it were, softened, when he said, "But you shall not go far: you will go a three days' journey, and leave your wives," and anything else that he said, yielding little by little before the signs, proves that the wonders made some impression even on him, but did not accomplish all that they might.”

later in the same passage

“For good masters often say to their slaves, when they have been spoiled by their kindness and forbearance, "I have made you bad, and I am to blame for offenses of such enormity."”

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God used Pharaoh's stubbornness to save many

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Origen suggests one purpose behind the hardening. Since Pharaoh could have obeyed, God let his disobedience grow so that His mighty works would be shown for the good of many people. This fits Paul's point that God showed His power in Pharaoh.

6

“Unless perhaps, since it was possible for him to obey—in which case he would certainly have obeyed, as not being earthly, when hard pressed by the signs and wonders—God needs him to be disobedient to a greater degree, in order that He may show His mighty deeds for the salvation of the multitude, and therefore hardens his heart.”

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Pharaoh perished because his heart stayed hard

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Clement of Rome uses Pharaoh as a warning. He says Pharaoh and his army died in the Red Sea for one reason: their hearts stayed hard after so many signs. He urges readers to admit their sins rather than harden their own hearts.

7

"For it is better for a person to acknowledge their transgressions than to harden their heart, like those who stirred up rebellion against Moses, the servant of God, and whose condemnation was evident to all."

later in the same passage

"Pharaoh, with his army and all the princes of Egypt, and the chariots with their riders, were sunk in the depths of the Red Sea and perished, for no other reason than that their foolish hearts were hardened after so many signs and wonders had been performed in the land of Egypt by Moses, the servant of God."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Rome,** *First Epistle to the Corinthians* **Source 17, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**
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Stay soft clay in God's hands

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Irenaeus turns the lesson toward the reader. He pictures God as a potter still shaping us. He urges us to keep our hearts soft and willing, so we do not harden and lose the marks of His hands, as stubborn people do.

8

"Offer Him your heart in a soft and willing state, and preserve the form in which the Creator has shaped you, keeping yourself pliable, lest you become hardened and lose the impressions of His hands."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book IV* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 3, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages do not explain every verse of Romans 9 line by line.
- They do not fully settle how God's foreknowledge of Pharaoh's unbelief relates to the moment each hardening happened.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 17 early Christian passages and 112 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–17, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 18–105, in Bible order), then 24 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF’s updated English unless marked “1885 English” (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). “… [continues online]” marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *17 passages from 7 writers*

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 1–4*

1 *Against Heresies: Book IV* **Quote 2, page 2** “they say, "God hardened the heart of Pharaoh and his servants." Those who bring up such challenges do not read in the Gospel the passage where the Lord answered the… [continues online] **read ›**

2 *Against Heresies: Book IV* **Quote 1, page 2** “darkness which they have chosen for themselves, what is surprising if He also at that time gave Pharaoh over to his unbelief, since he never would have believed, along with… [continues online] **read ›**

3 *Against Heresies: Book IV* **Quote 8, page 5** everything at the right time, in due time for you, whose creation is ongoing. Offer Him your heart in a soft and willing state, and preserve the form in which… [continues online] **read ›**

4 *Against Heresies: Book III* by dividing God into two, claiming one to be good and the other judicial, essentially denies deity to both. The one who is judicial, if not good, cannot be God… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · source 5*

5 *Against Marcion* 14 (1885 English; on point 1) “hardens the heart of Pharaoh. He deserved, however, to be influenced to his destruction, who had already denied God, already in his pride so often rejected His ambassadors, accumulated heavy… [continues online] **read ›**

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Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 6–12*

6 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 1 **Quote 6, page 4** “Let us begin, then, with what is said about Pharaoh: that he was… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 1 (1885 English; on point 4) “now, the statements regarding Pharaoh have troubled many, respecting whom God declared several times, I will harden Pharaoh's heart… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 1 **Quote 3, page 3** one and the same working on the part of God, administered by Moses in signs and wonders, made Pharaoh's hardness plain, a hardness that he had formed in the… [continues online] **read ›**

9 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 5, page 4** “even this would not have happened, if that which is supposed by the many — the hardening of Pharaoh's heart — had been produced by God Himself… [continues online] **read ›**

10 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 1 **Quote 4, page 3** us begin, then, with those words which were spoken to Pharaoh, who is said to have been hardened by God, in order that he might not let the people go… [continues online] **read ›**

11 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 1 (1885 English) “let us ask such in what manner they consider the heart of Pharaoh to have been hardened by God— by what acts or by what prospective arrangements… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 1 honor, and another unto dishonor?" For it will be said: If the potter of the same lump makes some vessels unto honor and others unto dishonor, and God thus forms… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · source 13*

13 *Epistles* (1885 English; on point 7) “instance of this we see in the king Pharaoh, who, having struggled long, and delayed in his perfidy, could resist and prevail until he came to the water… [continues online] **read ›**

Archelaus, *c. 270–300 AD · sources 14–15*

14 *Disputation with Manes* 1 (on point 2) said may be enough to show that it is not without reason that the veil is said to be put upon the heart of certain persons in the reading of… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *Disputation with Manes* 1 (1885 English; on point 7) “also Pharaoh, not knowing the strength of sin, transgressed in the way of afflicting the children of Israel with unrighteous burdens, and despised the Godhead, not only himself, but also… [continues online] **read ›**

Anonymous · *source 16*

16 *Treatise Against the Heretic Novatian* 1 (1885 English; on point 5) “to Pharaoh himself, resisting with sacrilegious boldness, when formerly he was stricken with plagues from heaven, and, turning to Moses and to his brother, said, Pray to the Lord for… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Rome · *source 17*

17 *First Epistle to the Corinthians* **Quote 7, page 5** “with his army and all the princes of Egypt, and the chariots with their riders, were sunk in the depths of the Red Sea and perished, for no other reason… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *88 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

18 **Genesis 40:2** Pharaoh was angry with his two eunuchs, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, **read ›**

19 **Exodus 4:21** And the Lord said to Moses, “As you go and return to Egypt, see that you do before Pharaoh all the wonders that I have put in your hands. But I will harden his heart, and he will by no means send the people away. **read ›**

20 **Exodus 7:3** But I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and I will multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt. **read ›**

21 **Exodus 7:13** And Pharaoh’s heart grew strong, and he did not listen to them, just as the Lord had commanded them. **read ›**

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22 **Exodus 7:14** Then the Lord said to Moses, “Pharaoh’s heart has been hardened, so that he will not send the people away. **read ›**

23 **Exodus 7:22** But the enchanters of the Egyptians did the same with their sorceries; and Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, just as the Lord had said. **read ›**

24 **Exodus 8:11** The frogs shall be removed from you, from your houses, from the farmsteads, from your servants, and from your people; only in the river shall they be left.” (Septuagint Exodus 8:7 (Exodus 8:11 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

25 **Exodus 8:15** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

26 **Exodus 8:28** Pharaoh said, “I am sending you away; sacrifice to your God in the wilderness, only you shall not go very far away. Pray, then, for me to the Lord.” (Septuagint Exodus 8:24 (Exodus 8:28 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

27 **Exodus 8:32** But Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also, and he would not send the people away. (Septuagint Exodus 8:28 (Exodus 8:32 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

28 **Exodus 9:7** When Pharaoh saw that not one of all the cattle of the children of Israel had died, Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he did not send the people away. **read ›**

29 **Exodus 9:12** But the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he did not listen to them, just as the Lord had commanded. **read ›**

30 **Exodus 9:34** But when Pharaoh saw that the rain, the hail, and the thunder had ceased, he went on sinning; and he hardened his heart and the hearts of his servants. **read ›**

31 **Exodus 9:35** So Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he did not send away the children of Israel, just as the Lord had said to Moses. **read ›**

32 **Exodus 10:1** Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Go in to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his servants, so that these signs may come upon them one after another, **read ›**

33 **Exodus 10:20** But the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he did not send away the children of Israel. **read ›**

34 **Exodus 10:27** But the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he was not willing to send them away. **read ›**

35 **Exodus 11:10** Moses and Aaron did all these signs and wonders in the land of Egypt before Pharaoh; but the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he would not listen so as to send the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt. **read ›**

36 **Exodus 13:15** When Pharaoh hardened himself against sending us away, the Lord killed every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of men to the firstborn of beasts. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord every one that opens the womb, the males, and every firstborn of my sons I will redeem.’ **read ›**

37 **Exodus 14:4** And I will harden the heart of Pharaoh, and he shall pursue them; and I will be glorified in Pharaoh and in all his army, and all the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord.” And they did so. **read ›**

38 **Exodus 14:8** The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt and of his servants, and he pursued the children of Israel; but the children of Israel were going out with a high hand. **read ›**

39 **Exodus 14:17** And behold, I will harden the heart of Pharaoh and of all the Egyptians, and they shall go in after them; and I will be glorified in Pharaoh and in all his army, and in his chariots and in his horses. **read ›**

40 **Exodus 20:6** and showing mercy to thousands, to those who love me and to those who keep my statutes. **read ›**

41 **Exodus 33:19** And the Lord said, “I will pass by before you in my glory, and I will call by my name, ‘The Lord,’ before you; and I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” **read ›**

42 **Numbers 24:24** And one shall come out from the hands of the Kittim, and they shall harm Asshur, and they shall harm the Hebrews, and they too shall perish together.” **read ›**

43 **Joshua 11:20** For it was from the Lord that their hearts were strengthened to come against Israel in battle, so that they might be utterly destroyed, that no mercy might be given them, but that they might be utterly destroyed, as the Lord had said to Moses. **read ›**

44 **1 Samuel 6:6** Why do you harden your hearts, as Egypt and Pharaoh hardened their heart? When he mocked them, did they not send them away, and they departed? **read ›**

45 **Job 21:20** May his eyes see his own slaughter, and may he not be saved by the Lord. **read ›**

46 **Psalms 13:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

47 **Psalms 76:10** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

48 **Isaiah 2:16** and upon every ship of the sea, and upon every sight of beautiful ships. **read ›**

49 **Isaiah 8:9** Know, O Gentiles, and be defeated; listen, to the end of the earth; you who have grown strong, be defeated; for if you grow strong again, again you shall be defeated. **read ›**

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50 **Isaiah 10:25** For yet a little while, and the anger will cease, but my wrath will be against their counsel. **read ›**

51 **Isaiah 30:14** And its fall will be like the breaking of an earthenware vessel, like small pieces of a jar, so that no shard will be found among them with which you could take up fire, or with which you could scoop a little water. **read ›**

52 **Jeremiah 7:14** therefore I also will do to the house that is called by my name, in which you trust, and to the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I did to Shiloh. **read ›**

53 **Jeremiah 30:23** For the anger of the Lord has gone out in wrath; a whirling anger has gone out; it shall come upon the ungodly. (Septuagint Jeremiah 37:23 (Jeremiah 30:23 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

54 **Jeremiah 32:5** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

55 **Lamentations 1:14** Nun. Watch has been kept over my ungodly deeds; they are twined together in my hands; they have come up upon my neck; my strength has failed; for the Lord has put pains in my hands; I shall not be able to stand. **read ›**

56 **Lamentations 3:32** Kaph. For he who has humbled will have compassion, according to the abundance of his mercy; **read ›**

57 **Ezekiel 5:2** A fourth part you shall burn in the fire in the midst of the city at the fulfillment of the days of the siege; and you shall take a fourth part and burn it up in its midst; and a fourth part you shall cut down with the sword all around it; and a fourth part you shall scatter to the wind; and I will draw out a sword after them. **read ›**

58 **Ezekiel 9:4** and said to him, “Go through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who groan and who grieve over all the iniquities that are done in their midst.” **read ›**

59 **Ezekiel 20:28** And I brought them into the land concerning which I lifted up my hand to give it to them; and they saw every high hill and every shady tree, and they sacrificed there to their gods, and set there a pleasing aroma, and poured out their drink offerings there. **read ›**

60 **Ezekiel 21:30** Turn back; do not stay in this place where you were born; in your own land I will judge you. (Septuagint Ezekiel 21:35 (Ezekiel 21:30 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

61 **Ezekiel 27:34** Now you have been broken in the sea; in the depth of the water is your mixed trade, and all your congregation in your midst; all your rowers have fallen. **read ›**

62 **Ezekiel 31:3** Behold, Asshur was a cypress in Lebanon, beautiful in its shoots and lofty in stature; its top was among the clouds. **read ›**

63 **Ezekiel 37:13** and you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves to bring my people up out of the graves. **read ›**

64 **Ezekiel 41:14** And the breadth in front of the house and the remaining spaces opposite, a hundred cubits. **read ›**

65 **Daniel 11:17** And he shall set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, and he shall make all things straight with him; and he shall give him a daughter of women to ruin her; but she shall by no means remain, and she shall not be his. **read ›**

66 **Amos 5:20** Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light? And is it not thick darkness, with no brightness? **read ›**

67 **Amos 5:22** For even if you bring me whole burnt offerings and your sacrifices, I will not accept them, and I will not look upon your splendid peace offerings. **read ›**

68 **Amos 6:6** who drink strained wine and anoint themselves with the finest ointments, and have suffered nothing over the ruin of Joseph. **read ›**

69 **Micah 5:9** Your hand shall be lifted up against those who oppress you, and all your enemies shall be utterly destroyed. (Septuagint Micah 5:8 (Micah 5:9 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

70 **Malachi 1:9** And now, appease the face of your God, and plead with him. By your hands these things have been done; shall I accept your persons from you? says the Lord Almighty. **read ›**

71 **Tobit 13:2** For he whips and has mercy; he leads down to Hades and brings up again; and there is no one who will escape his hand. **read ›**

72 **Wisdom of Solomon 5:20** and sharpen stern anger into a sword, and the world will join him in the fight against the senseless. **read ›**

73 **Wisdom of Solomon 5:22** and hailstones full of wrath will be hurled as from a catapult; the water of the sea will rage against them, and rivers will overwhelm them without mercy; **read ›**

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74 **Wisdom of Solomon 6:6** For the lowliest may be pardoned in mercy, but the mighty will be mightily examined. **read ›**

75 **Wisdom of Solomon 18:25** To these the destroyer yielded, and these they feared; for the mere trial of the anger was enough. **read ›**

76 **Wisdom of Sirach 5:6** And do not say, “His compassion is great; he will make atonement for the multitude of my sins”; for mercy and anger come from him, and his wrath will rest upon sinners. **read ›**

77 **Wisdom of Sirach 16:12** As great as his mercy, so great also is his rebuke; he judges a man according to his works. **read ›**

78 **Wisdom of Sirach 18:11** Therefore the Lord has been patient with them, and has poured out his mercy upon them. **read ›**

79 **Wisdom of Sirach 18:13** The mercy of man is toward his neighbor, but the mercy of the Lord is upon all flesh, rebuking and disciplining and teaching, and turning them back, as a shepherd his flock. **read ›**

80 **Wisdom of Sirach 18:14** He has mercy on those who accept discipline, and on those who are eager for his judgments. **read ›**

81 **Wisdom of Sirach 28:4** On a man like himself he has no mercy, and he prays about his own sins! **read ›**

82 **Wisdom of Sirach 32:20** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

83 **Wisdom of Sirach 39:18** At his command is all his good pleasure, and there is no one who will lessen his salvation. **read ›**

84 **Wisdom of Sirach 39:28** There are spirits that have been created for vengeance, and in their wrath they have made their whips firm; and in the time of the end they will pour out their strength, and will calm the wrath of the one who made them. **read ›**

85 **Wisdom of Sirach 39:29** Fire and hail and famine and death, all these have been created for vengeance; **read ›**

86 **4 Maccabees 8:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

87 **1 Enoch 1:14** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

88 **1 Enoch 96:8** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

89 **1 Enoch 101:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

90 **Matthew 1:15** Eliud became the father of Eleazar. Eleazar became the father of Matthan. Matthan became the father of Jacob. **read ›**

91 **Matthew 5:7** Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. **read ›**

92 **Romans 9:15** For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” **read ›**

93 **Romans 9:16** So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who has mercy. **read ›**

94 **Romans 9:17** For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very reason I raised you up, that I may show my power in you, and that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth.” **read ›**

95 **Romans 9:18** So then, he has mercy on whom he desires, and he hardens whom he desires. **read ›**

96 **Romans 9:19** You will say then to me, “Why does he still find fault? For who withstands his will?” **read ›**

97 **Romans 9:22** What if God, willing to show his wrath and to make his power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, **read ›**

98 **Romans 9:23** and did so to make known the riches of his glory on vessels of mercy, which he prepared beforehand for glory— **read ›**

99 **Romans 11:32** For God has bound all to disobedience, that he might have mercy on all. **read ›**

100 **2 Corinthians 2:2** For if I make you grieve, then who will make me glad but he who is made to grieve by me? **read ›**

101 **2 Corinthians 4:11** For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus’ sake, that the life also of Jesus may be revealed in our mortal flesh. **read ›**

102 **James 2:13** For judgment is without mercy to him who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment. **read ›**

103 **Revelation 8:9** and one third of the living creatures which were in the sea died. One third of the ships were destroyed. **read ›**

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104 **Revelation 11:18** The nations were angry, and your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, to give the reward to your slaves the prophets and to the saints and those who fear your name, small and great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.” **read ›**

105 **Revelation 15:7** One of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever. **read ›**

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2 Timothy 1:16

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