



# The People` Bible, Vol. 26 : Discourses Upon Holy Scripture (Classic Reprint)

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Excerpt from The Peoples Bible, Vol. 26: Discourses Upon Holy Scripture [Note. - The Epistle to the Romans was addressed to the Christians residing in the metropolis of that great empire, whose dominion then extended over almost the whole known world. At what time or by whom the Gospel was first preached in the Imperial City is unknown. That it was at an early period may be inferred from the circumstance that, when Paul wrote this Epistle, the faith of the Roman Christians was spoken of throughout the whole world (chap. i. 8). It is probable that some of those strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, who were present at Jerusalem on the great day of Pentecost, Acts ii. 10 carried back to that city the knowledge of the Gospel. And it is not improbable, also, considering the constant intercourse between Rome and the provinces, that some of the numerous converts to Christianity in Judaea, Asia Minor, and Greece, might soon have found their way to the capital. That some of the persons concerned in the establishment of the Church of Rome (two of whom Paul mentions as having been converted earlier than himself) were Paulas particular friends, with whom be had met while preaching in Asia and in Greece is evident from the form of the salutations in chap. xvi. 3-16. The date of this Epistle is very precisely fixed by the following facts. Paul had not yet been to Rome (i. 11, 13, 15).He was intending to visit it, after first visiting Jerusalem (xv. 23-28), and this was his purpose during his three months residence at Corinth, Acts xix. 21. He was about to carry a collection from Macedonia and Achaia to Jerusalem (xv. 26, 31): and this he did carry from Corinth to Jerusalem at the close of his visit, Acts xxiv. 17. When he wrote the Epistle, Timothy, Sosipater, Gaius, and Erastus were with him (xvi. 21, 23). Gaius was his host, and resided at Corinth, 1 Cor. i. 14. Erastus was himself a Corinthian, and had been sent shortly before from Ephesus with Timothy on their way through Corinth to Macedonia, Acts xix. 22: 1 Cor. xvi. 10 11 and the first three are expressly mentioned in Acts xx. 4 as being with Paul at Corinth. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at [www.forgottenbooks.com](http://www.forgottenbooks.com) This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

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