Romans Chapter 2

1. vv 1-5 Humanity is universally and unconditionally condemned.
    Neither Jew nor Greek can escape this: it is an absolute
    Judgment is not something we like to think about in any age
        Q: Only God can judge me
        A: And now does that not scare you?
    There is no favored nation with God, nor preferred race or
government
        God is patient and merciful – but for a reason – to lead to repentance

2 vv. 6:11-16 : What will this judgment be like?
    For the wicked there is punishment
    for the just there is a reward
        Bottom line: we will get what we deserve
        The Condemnation: wrath, tribulation, distress fury
            Thebsis: compress, pushed down, as in eng. Smashed
            down
            Choros: to separate, as in divide
            Thumos: to cross the line
            Orgia to flee to another place, to be outside oneself
            (orgy)
        The prize: glory, honor and peace *(doxia, time, erenis)
            Doxia: the uncreated light of God
            Time: the honors paid to heroes and gods (ref. Homer)
            Eirini (Irene) original a Greek goddess, a guardian of the
    gates of heaven along with Themis (justice at the hands of
    Zeus) In this period carried shalom (which is not just pax)

3. vv. Vv.17-29
        V 17: All of these sins listed are commands of the Torah
            Define Torah 613 Mitzvot
        While many of us know that there are 613 mitzvot, (248 do's, and 365 don'ts)
it is less widely known just how many mitzvot we can actively apply in our time,
outside of Israel, when the Temple no longer stands. For example, all the various
sacrificial offerings are no longer able to be brought. Of the 248 positive commands,
only 126 are currently applicable. And of the 365 negative commands, only 243 are
still applicable. So in total, nowadays, 369 mitzvot are still operative. (Chabad) But
270 is more accurate but these include things which are rare

25: the bottom line: circumcision; the moment you become subject to the commands of the Torah – it was a symbol of the whole of the Torah

*Karit brit: a cut deal
*the mark of the Covenant: you are now inside
*Abram becomes Abraham, a chosen vessel of God