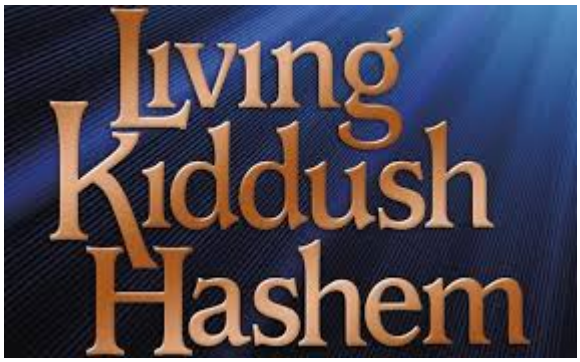
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The theme of unity looms large in the early part of this chapter with parallel themes of encouragement and endurance. **Paul** demonstrates that unity between the strong and the weak, between Messianic Jews and Gentiles, can be achieved in and through **Yeshua Messiah**. However, there can be no unity as long as believers cling to attitudes that cause tension. **Paul** reminds all the believers in the church at **Rome** that **Yeshua** was One who chose NOT to have **His** own way, though **He** could have, but chose to serve those around **Him**. **Messiah** is our example of how to nurture unity and peace. **Paul** also lifts up the Scriptures as a source of encouragement and hope for the believing community. The last part of the chapter focuses on personal matters that **Paul** believes are of interest to the church at **Rome**.[375]