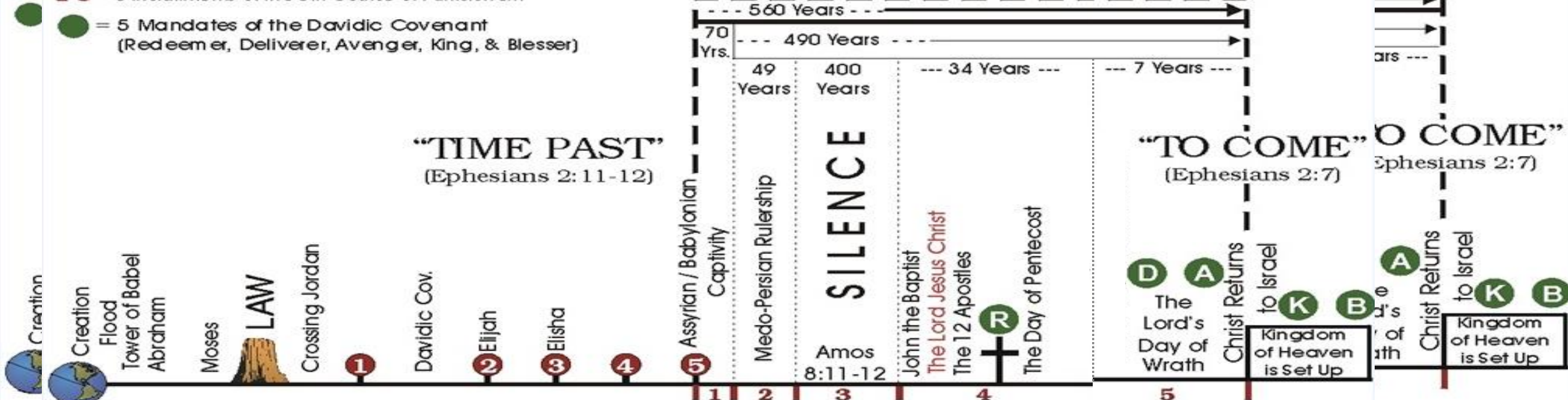


It Is Not Permanent:
The Wrath To Come
Rom. 9:25-29

- = 5 Courses of Punishment (Lev. 26)
- 1-5 = 5 Installments of the 5th Course of Punishment
- = 5 Mandates of the Davidic Covenant (Redeemer, Deliverer, Avenger, King, & Blessor)

TIMES OF THE GENTILES



ISRAEL - "The Circumcision" - "nigh unto God"
 THE LAW serves as a "middle wall of partition."

GENTILES - "Uncircumcision" "far off" "without God"

Genesis	Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deut.	Josh.	Jud. Ruth 1 Sam 1-16	1 Sam 16 to 1 Kgs 12	1 Kgs 12 to 22	2 Kgs 10:31 to 10:32	2 Kgs 10:32 to 16:20	2 Kgs 17:1 to 25:30	Ezr Neh Est	The Silence of God	Matthew Mark Luke John	Acts 1-8	Hebrews James 1 & 2 Peter 1, 2 & 3 John Jude The Book of the Revelation	Hebrews James 1 & 2 Peter 1, 2 & 3 John Jude The Book of the Revelation
				1 and 2 Chronicles		Isa, Jer, Lam, Ezk, Dan, Hos, Joel, Amos, Oba, Jon, Mic, Nah, Hab, Zeph, Hag, Zec, Mal.		Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon						

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1. The answer to why God continues to postpone the completion of His Prophetic Program with the Nation of Israel: Why so long? (9:19)
 - a. Answer 1 (9:20-24): Because now He is dispensing His Grace and Peace, and the Riches of His Longsuffering Goodness and Kindness on His enemies, forming them as vessels of mercy...
--When He stops doing this He will return in His wrath and judgment to destroy them, forming them as vessels of wrath. To challenge this is to be calling down God's wrath and judgment.
 - b. Answer 2 (9:25-29): It is not permanent but only temporary. Israel will be as the sand of the sea.

2. God has made Israel a vessel of honor and then one of dishonor and then one of honor again, sometimes for long periods of time (Hos. 1:6ff; 2:21-23; 8:8) ...
 - He can likewise take the Jews and Gentiles—vessels of wrath and form them into vessels of mercy (Rom. 11:30-32).
3. Paul's point is that today God, in the riches of His longsuffering goodness (Rom. 2:4) is holding back His wrath on the vessels of wrath (apostate Israel and Gentile nations) and is instead dispensing the riches of His Grace and Peace on His vessels of mercy (Jews and Gentiles alike—Rom. 3:22-24)

4. Today He is displaying the riches of His longsuffering kindness to His enemies, and He can do that for as long as He likes (Rom. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:15). Who would want otherwise?
--When He stops doing this, He will return in His wrath against His enemies.

5. Therefore, God is not unrighteous to form Israel a vessel of dishonor while He carries out His purpose among other vessels of mercy—Jews and Gentiles--to make known the riches of His glory through the apostleship of Paul for as long as He likes—some 2,000 years now (Rom. 9:23).

6. The only way God would be unfaithful and unrighteous would be if He never returned to His Prophetic Program with the Nation of Israel. But He will:
 - a. Hosea spoke of a time when Israel would be accursed (not His people) but God would not leave them there. He would return them to Himself and make them His people once again (Rom. 9:25-26; Hos. 2:23)
 - b. Isaiah said that even in their accursed state He would always preserve a remnant through which He would bring Israel back to Himself (Rom. 9:27-29; Is. 10:22-23, 11:10-12; see Mat. 24:15-22).

7. Today is a **LOOOOOOONG** time of mercy and grace for His enemies. When this is over, it will be a **short** time of wrath and destruction for His enemies.

8. The LORD of Sabaoth, the LORD of Hosts, the LORD of War, will return with His angelic armies to destroy ALL enemies.
 - a. This is what Stephen saw in Acts 7:55-56.
 - b. **BUT THEN** the LORD of Sabaoth withdrew and decided to be the Longsuffering LORD, raising up Paul to offer salvation to His enemies.
 - c. To all who rebels and reject this offer, the Lord will return as the LORD of Sabaoth, the LORD of War.

9. The LORD of Sabaoth's wrath will leave only a very small believing remnant (Is. 1:9).
 - a. Is. 1:24—The LJC is the LORD of Hosts coming to destroy His enemies.
 - b. Zeph. 1:18—It will be a short work; it will be speedy—just 7 final years of Daniel's time schedule.
 - c. Nahum 1:2-8—it will be to the utter end.
 - d. Mat. 24:22—But a believing remnant will be preserved.

10. God will rid the earth of all those who have rejected His Word with regard to the Person and Work of His Son on the Cross.

Conclusion

When God completes this work among the Gentiles, He will re-start His program with the Nation of Israel, fulfilling perfectly and completely every promise He ever gave to her.

- a. God character and being is not called into question: He is faithful, righteous and truthful!
- b. And God remains God!!
- c. Therefore, the Romans are right to put their trust in such a God: Just as He will fulfill ALL the promises He gave to the Nation of Israel, so too will He fulfill ALL the promises He gave to the Body of Christ, not the least of which being Rom. 1-8!!!