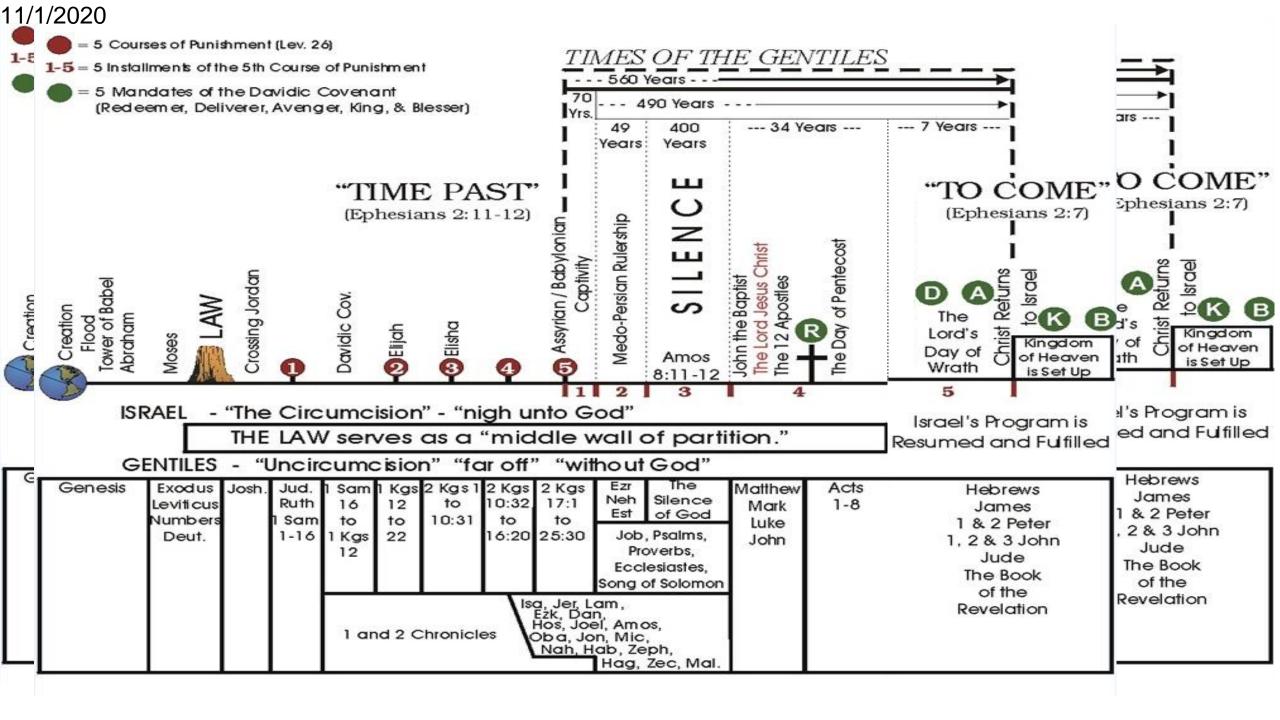
Where Did Israel God Wrong?

Introduction to Righteousness

Rom. 9:29-10:11



1. ISRAEL'S FALLEN PREDICAMENT IS NOT PERMANENT. IT IS ONLY TEMPORARY!

- 2. 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).

- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
 - BUT THEN the LORD of Sabaoth withdrew and decided to be the Longsuffering LORD, sent out Paul to offer salvation to His enemies.
 - c. To all rebels who reject this offer, the Lord will return as the LORD of Sabaoth, the LORD of War.

- 5. 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. Israel's National Salvation.
 - b. Zeph. 1:18—It will be a short work; it will be speedy in land of Israel—just 7 final years of Daniel's time schedule.
 - c. Nahum 1:2-8—it will be to the utter end of the earth.
 - d. Mat. 24:22—But a believing remnant will be preserved.
- 6. 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 through Paul's apostleship, 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!!!

- 1. How did the Nation of Israel get into this fallen predicament (Rom. 9:30-33)?
 - a. The Gentiles didn't pursue righteousness that comes from God at all.
 - b. But the shocker is that neither was Israel. Instead, Israel pursued a Law by which she could produce her own righteousness before God.
 - d. This caused them to reject the Righteousness of God when it arrived in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ in Christ's earthly ministry and the Spirit's ministry through the 12.

2. And in Rom. 10 Paul explains that they are persisting in making the same mistake by rejecting what God is doing in Christ through Paul's apostleship (10:1-3).