

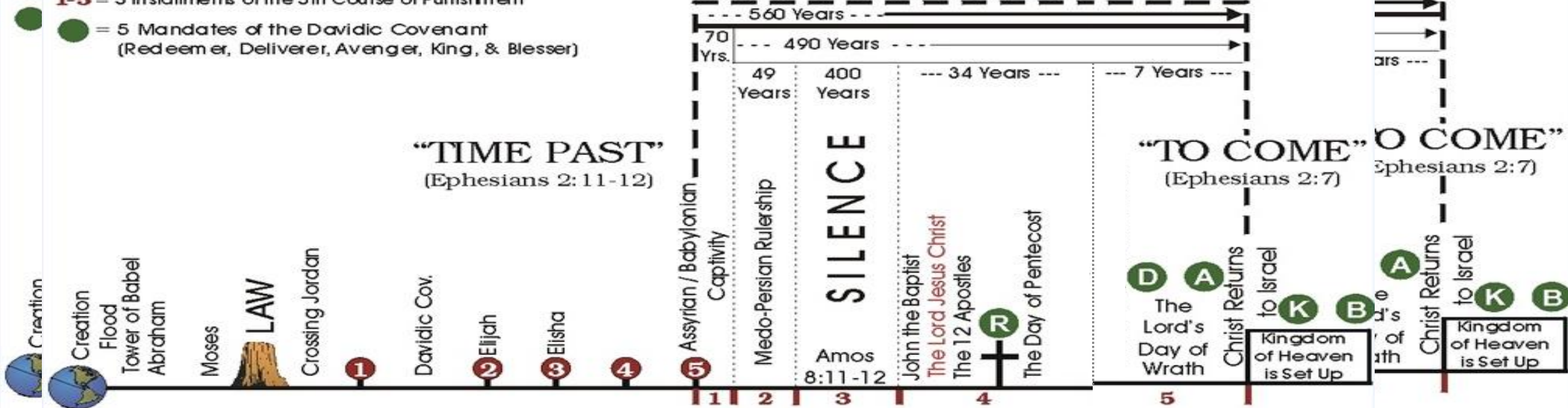
Where Did Israel Go Wrong? (Pt. 2)

Introduction to Righteousness

Rom. 9:30-10:3

- = 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 10:32 to 10:31	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 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.							

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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. They followed in Abraham's footsteps—Faith Righteousness.
 - b. But the shocker is that neither did Israel. Instead, Israel sought a Law by which she could establish her own righteousness before God.

2. Irony 1: The Gentiles, who were not Abraham's natural progeny, became his spiritual progeny by participating in Faith Righteousness. Whereas Israel, who were Abraham's natural progeny, were not his spiritual progeny because they refused to follow in His footsteps of Faith Righteousness.

3. Irony 2: In seeking a law to establish their own righteousness, they didn't achieve even that because a law given to a sinner doesn't establish rightness; it establishes wrongness.
--the Law was given so that they would see their wrongness and then fall on the mercy of the court/God.

4. All of this caused them to reject the Righteousness of God when it came to them in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ's earthly ministry and the Spirit's ministry through the 12 at Pentecost.
 - a. In rejecting what God intended to be a securing foundation stone of faith righteousness, it became for them a stumbling stone.
 - b. If they had eyes of faith, they would have recognized Jesus as Christ the Lord, the unique Son of David who was also Son of the Living God, when He came meek and mild, riding on a colt of a donkey.

5. And in Rom. 10 Paul explains that they are persisting in making the same mistake they made in the past by rejecting what God is doing in Christ through Paul's apostleship (10:1-3).
 - a. They rejected God the Father in the OT, the Son in the Gospels and the H.S. in early Acts and God should have come to destroy them in wrath and judgment along with the Gentiles.
 - b. But instead He came to give them ANOTHER opportunity for salvation through the Apostleship of Paul, and they are now rejecting that as well.

6. Israel went wrong in assuming to have their own righteousness through the flesh that automatically made them right before God.
 - a. Natural righteousness—they were automatically right before God because they were the natural descendants of Abraham through the line of Isaac/Circumcision (Rom. 9:6-7; Mat. 3:8, 5:17-20).
 - b. Law Righteousness—they were right before God because they possessed the Law but ignored the fact that they broke the Law, didn't teach it properly and covered it up with the traditions of the elders, thereby falling under its curses (Rom. 2:13, 17-24).

7. In following after a law to establish their own righteousness they had to “dumb down” and “easify” the Mosaic Law to make it “doable.”
 - a. They changed the Mosaic Law’s focus on the greater internal things of the heart, and instead focused on the lesser external things.
 - b. It was all just an illusion. They were just hypocrites (Mat. 5:17-38, 23:23)
 - c. They covered up God’s Law with their own oral law based on the traditions of men (Mat. 15:9).

8. In doing this they missed out on the one righteousness that is the starting point for all righteousnesses. Before everything else, they needed to avail themselves of faith righteousness, following in the footsteps of Abraham who believed God's Good News to him. God counted his faith for righteousness, bringing them into a right permanent relationship with God based on the Person and Work of Christ on the Cross (Rom. 3-4; Gen. 15:6; Rom. 9:6-7).
 - a. It is only after participating in Faith Righteousness that God would be able to work through them to carry out His plans and purposes for them.
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10. It all must begins here, with Faith Righteousness.
 - a. In error, Israel started with Isaac and/or circumcision and/or the Law.
 - b. Rom. 4 explains that they needed to go back before all those things, back to when God preached Good News to the idol-worshipping Abraham, an ungodly sinner on enemy status before Him. Before anything else, Abraham believed God and counted his faith for righteousness.

11. There is one Righteousness of God, but it is MANIFESTED in two ways:

a. The NON-Pauline Scriptures—OT, Gospels, early Acts and Hebrews thru Rev--manifest the Righteousness of God in Saving His Friends and Destroying His Enemies. This has to do with:

1. Israel's National Salvation for life in the Kingdom
2. Justification of His friends before Christ at His 2nd Coming for Life in the Kingdom.