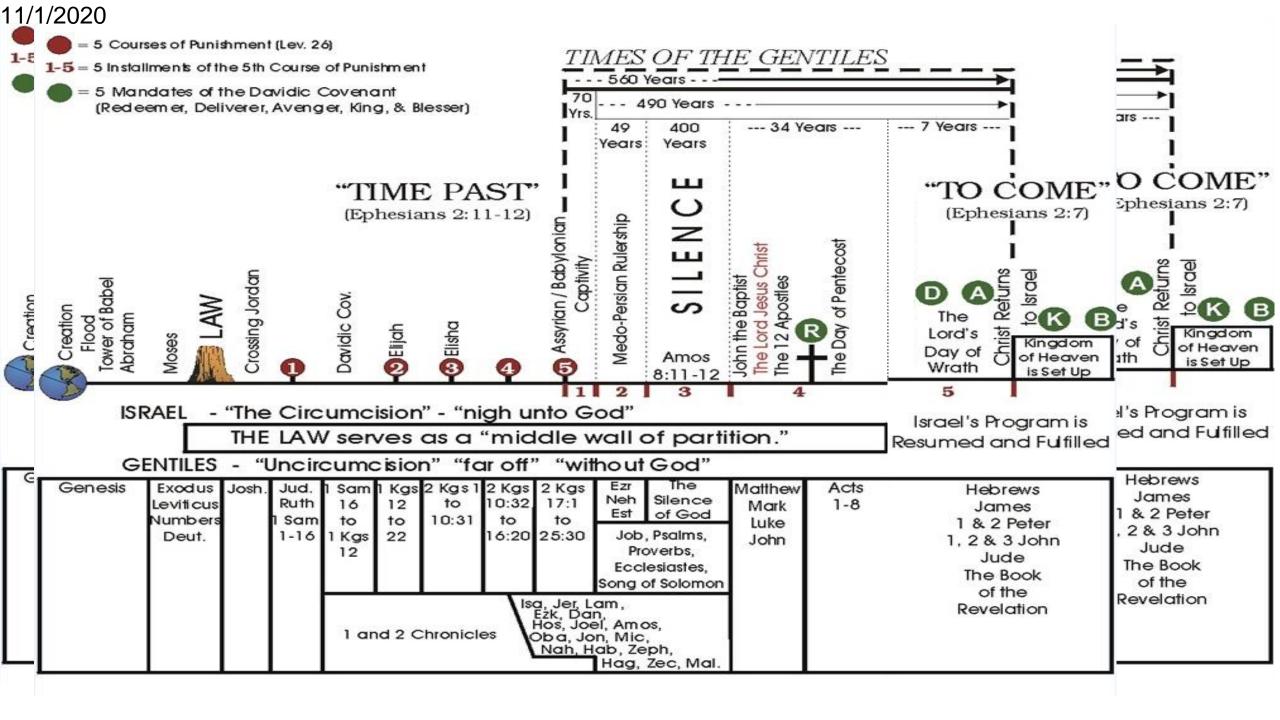
## Where Did Israel Go Wrong? (Pt. 4)

## Faith Righteousness

Rom. 9:30-10:4

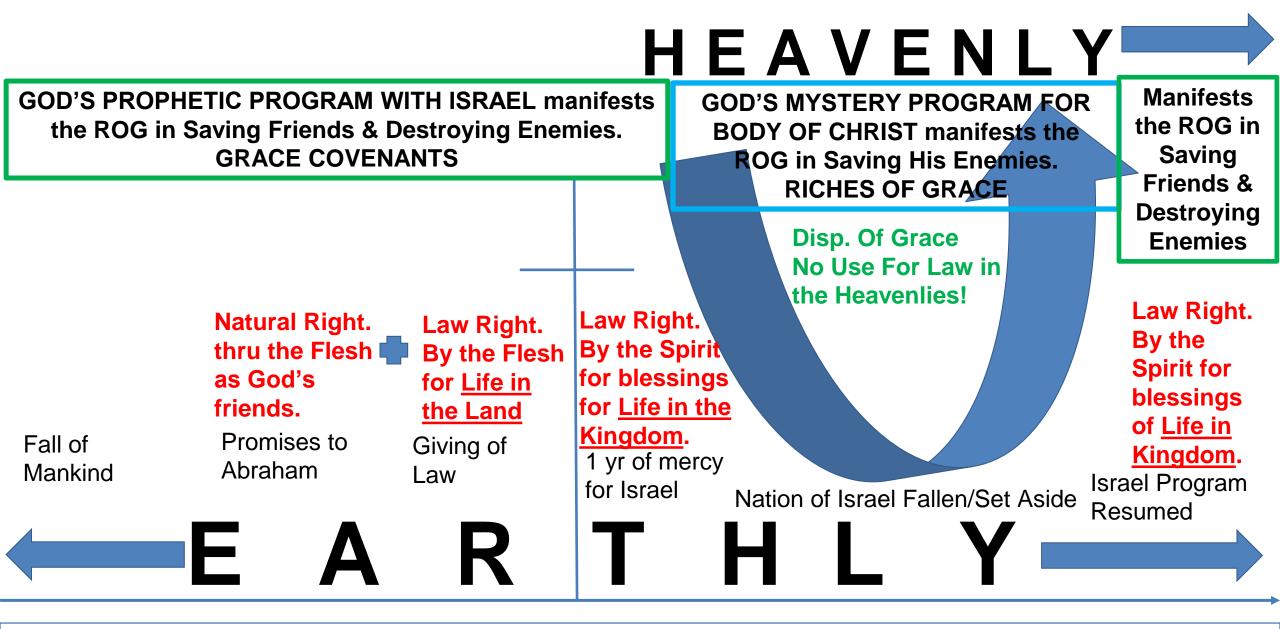


- 1. There is one Righteousness of God, but it is MANIFESTED in two ways:
  - a. The NON-Pauline Scriptures—OT, Gospels, early Acts and Hebrews thru Rev--manifest the Righteousness of God in Saving His Friends and Destroying His Enemies. This has to do with:
    - 1. Israel's National Salvation for life in the Kingdom.
    - Justification of His covenant friends before Christ at His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming for Life in the Kingdom.

- b. The Pauline Scriptures, however, manifest the Righteousness of God in Saving His Enemies because He Has No Friends:
  - Individual personal salvation of all born into the world —ungodly sinners on enemy status before God.
  - 2. Justification of His enemies before God and His Tribunal unto eternal life—being related to God through Christ.

--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.

- 2. What this means is that you cannot take things in Israel's Prophetic Program and apply them to today.
  - a. Covid is not a plague from God on sinful humanity.
     Hurricanes, terrorist attacks and earthquakes in sinful cities and nations are not judgments of God.
  - b. Today God has reconciled the world today to Himself (2 Cor. 5:18-21) and is sending out His Grace, Peace and Mercy to sinners (Eph. 2). Rejoice and DO NOT FEAR (Phil. 4:4-9).
    --Instead of getting thrown off course in all the hysteria, we should redouble in our preaching of Grace and Peace to a lost world.



AS UNGODLY SINNERS ON ENEMY STATUS BEFORE GOD FAITH RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH MAKES US PARTICIPANTS IN THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD THROUGH THE CROSS OF CHRIST: JUSTIFIED UNTO <u>ETERNAL LIFE (</u>ROM. 3:21-25).

- 3. The Righteousness of God in Saving His Enemies because He Has No Friends is the foundation stone that supports all of God's plans and purposes—all His dispensational activities with fallen sinful humanity because it is based on Christ and His Cross.
  - --It addresses fallen humanity's most basic problem of all: All are born into the world ungodly sinners on enemy status before God, the children of fallen Adam, and the Disobedience and Wrath (Eph. 2:1-3).

- But Israel turned God's foundation stone of faith righteousness based on Christ and His Cross into a stumbling stone: Is. 8:14-15; 28:16; Ps.118:22-23; Acts 4:11; 1 Pet. 2:6).
  - --Paul explains that this foundation is the Lord Jesus Christ, the source of Faith Righteousness (Rom. 9:32-33).

- 5. They begin stumbling at Christ's birth (Jesus/Immanuel—Lk. 2:34), continued through His earthly ministry and the post-resurrection ministry of the 12 through the H.S. until they FELL at the stoning of Stephen and God set aside their Prophetic Program (temporarily) to carry out another Purpose and Program (Rom. 9).
- --If they had been operating by faith, they would not have been deceived by external appearances—God in human flesh, lowly, meek and humble servant. Jesus came to Israel looking for faith but finding none (Mat. 8:10).

6. The Law was never supposed to lead the nation to presume they were automatically the friends of God. They were supposed to learn from the Law that they are naturally not the friends of God and ask HOW DOES ONE BECOME A FRIEND OF GOD?

7. It they had done this, they would have received the RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN SAVING HIS ENEMIES by faith, and would have participated in faith righteousness like Abraham, being justified before God and His Tribunal forevermore unto eternal life.

- 8. Then having received this, God would have been able to use them as His (covenantal) friends to display an aspect of His being: HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS IN SAVING HIS FRIENDS AND DESTROYING HIS ENEMIES before Christ at His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming for entrance into life in the kingdom in accord with God's Prophetic Program for the Nation of Israel.
  - a. Friends: Believing Israel and believing Gentile friends.
  - b. Enemies: Unbelieving Israel and unbelieving Gentiles.

- 9. In Romans 9 (past tense), Paul shows how Israel's fall in the past was due to pursuing the Law for righteousness based on works rather than simply believing God's word to receive righteousness by faith.
  - --This caused them to reject the Lord Jesus Christ, their Righteousness, in His earthly ministry in the Gospel accounts and the ministry of the 12 in early Acts.

10.In Romans 10 (present tense), Paul shows how they, in continuing to pursue the Law for Righteousness, thinking they can establish their own right standing before God, are rejecting the ROG in Christ again by rejecting Paul's ministry.