

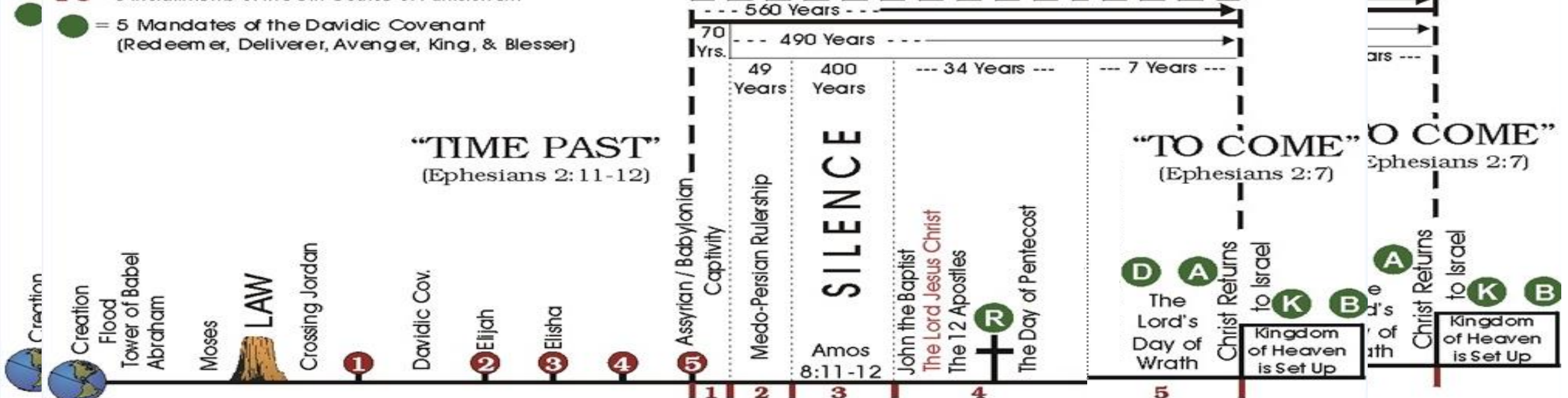
Does Israel Have a Future?

Pt. 2

Rom. 11:1-12

- = 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"

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Genesis	Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deut.	Josh.	Jud. Ruth 1 Sam 1-16	1 Sam 16 to 1 Kgs 12	1 Kgs 12 to 2 Kgs 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						

1. Having explained in Rom. 9 that the nation is now accursed from Christ and that God is carrying out another work in the world to display His power and glory, especially among the Gentiles ...
 - a. Rom. 10--Good News #1: While Israel's national Prophetic Program has been set aside, individual Jews are invited to participate in God's new program just like the Gentiles—by grace through faith in the Person and Work of Christ on the Cross for sinners.
 - b. Rom. 11: Good News #2: God is not all done with national Israel. One day Israel will respond in faith and all Israel will be saved.

We Know God Has a Future for Israel because:

1. God chose the leader of Israel's national rebellion against God, Saul, our apostle Paul, to be the spokesman for His new Mystery Program (Rom. 11:1).
2. God foreknew that His chosen nation would be a rebellious one and decided to work with her anyway. After 2,000 going back to Abraham, He's not going to change His mind now (11:2a).
3. Just as God did in Elijah's day, He is still preserving a Believing Remnant to continue His work through them by faith and grace—the Believing Remnant under Peter and the 12 (11:2b-7a).

4. Having preserved a believing remnant, God will soon mercifully stop working with the nation, leaving it in only a partial blindness and a temporary fallenness, lest it become even more blinded and even more hardened in unbelief (Rom. 11:7b-10)

5. Because of Israel's response in unbelief:

a. God's Word blinded and hardened them instead of enlightening and softening them (11:8, 10).

b. God's "table" of provisions and blessings for Israel (Rom. 9:4-5) ended up becoming a snare and a trap and a stumbling block to it (11:9-10).

6. God tried to provoke them to jealousy to return to Him and came to them even when they weren't looking for Him and He held out His hand to them to help them all the day long (Rom. 10:16-21) ... They rejected all of God's attempts to bring them back to Himself in rebellious unbelief. Therefore, His words and works that were intended to enlighten and soften them ended up darkening and hardening them ... to this day.

To end this vicious cycle, God **mercifully** stopped dealing with Israel so that they would not become even more hardened and blinded in unbelief than they already were.

8. Rom. 11:8-10 and Israel's history:
 - a. Deut. 29:4—even after 40 years in the wilderness with God providing all that they needed through signs and wonders, in spite of all that the Lord still couldn't enlighten and soften you. Instead, His word and actions just darkened and hardened you further because of unbelief.
 - b. Ps. 69:22-23—even in the days of David the nation rebelled taking the “table” of privileges and blessings God gave to the nation and turning them into a trap, darkening their eyes because of unbelief.

- c. Is. 6:9 with 29:9-10—even after 4 Courses of Punishment and the Assyrian Captivity at hand, God still hasn't been able to wake you up—His word and actions have just put you into a deeper sleep, resulting in your hearing and seeing less because of unbelief.
- d. Jer. 5:21—even on the verge of the 5th COP and Babylonian Captivity, God was still unable to make them see and hear because of unbelief.

- e. Ezek. 12:2—even at the destruction of Jerusalem after the Babylonian Captivity God still couldn't get them to see or hear because of unbelief.
- f. Lk. 4:17-19 with Mat. 13:13-16—Even after Jesus' earthly ministry to Israel God still couldn't open their eyes and ears because of unbelief and instead He spoke to them in parables.
- g. Acts 28:28—Even after the ministry of Peter and the 12 and Paul's transition period ministry God still was unable to give them seeing, hearing and understanding because of unbelief.

9. An unbelieving majority operating in unbelief only saw giants and monsters too big for them (as though God wasn't among them!): God's Word + Unbelief = Blinding/Hardening
10. A believing minority, a believing remnant, operating in faith only saw a land flowing with milk and honey, containing nothing that God couldn't handle: God's Word + Belief = Seeing/Softening.