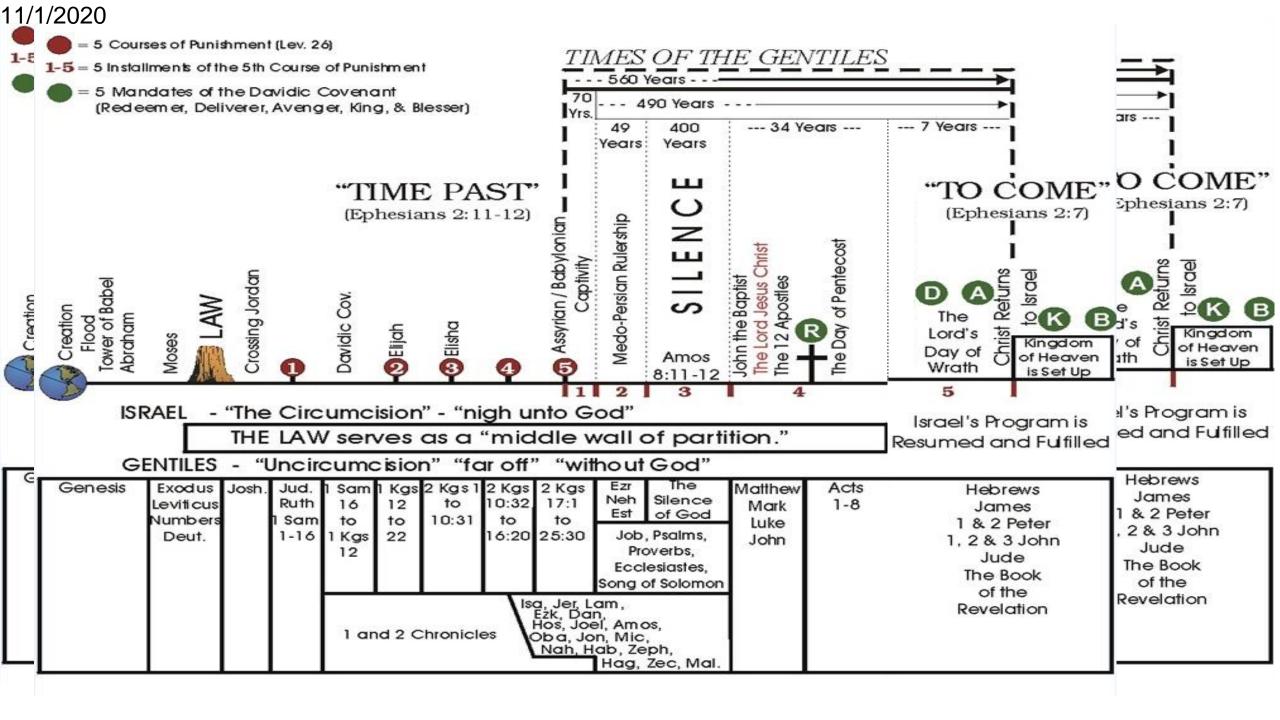
Does Israel Have a Future?

Pt. 3

Rom. 11:11-16



Rom. 9:14-29 Good News #1: It is only postponed Israel's Prophetic Program while God accomplishes Another program among the Gentiles—His Mystery Program. Rom. 11:1-32 Good News #3: God has mercifully set Israel aside lest them become more hardened. After His Mystery Program is brought to fulness, God will then bring His Prophetic Program with Israel to fulness.

LOW POINT

Rom. 9:1-13 & 9:30-33 Bad News: Israel is accursed and has Fallen

Rom. 10 Good News #2: God hasn't left Jews hopeless. They can participate in His new Mystery program With the Body of Christ by receiving God's Word through Paul, saving them from the accursed state of national Israel's accursed state.

Rom. 11:33-36 Doxology (Eph. 1:10)

POINT

- 1. God is not all done with Israel because:
 - a. He gave responsibility for His new Mystery Program to a rebellious Israelite (11:1).
 - b. He foreknew His people from eternity (11:2a).
 - c. He has preserved a believing remnant under the 12 (11:2b-7).
 - d. He is leaving them only partially blinded and hardened and only temporarily cast away (11:7-11).

- 2. Because of Israel's response in unbelief:
 - a. God's Word that was intended to enlighten and soften them in faith only ended up blinding and hardening them in unbelief (11:8, 10; **Is. 6:9-10**).
 - b. God's "table" of provisions and blessings for Israel (Rom. 9:4-5) only ended up becoming a snare and a trap and a stumbling block to her (11:9-10).
- 3. Having preserved a believing remnant (in the Scriptures), God will soon mercifully stop working with the nation, leaving it in only partial blindness and temporary fallenness, lest it become even more blinded and hardened in unbelief than it already is (Rom. 11:7b-11)

- 4. God is not all done with national Israel because of His "Israel Equation" (11:11-16):
 - a. If Israel's (temporary) Fall = Riches of World (Pauline Grace)
 Then Israel's (permanent) Rise = Much More Riches
 - b. If Israel's casting away = Reconciling of Word
 Then Israel's gathering together = Life From the Dead
 - c. If the firstfruits is holy (set apart for God's purpose), then the lump of dough made from it is holy too.
 - d. If the root is holy, then the branches connected to the root and receive their life from it are holy (set apart for God's purpose).