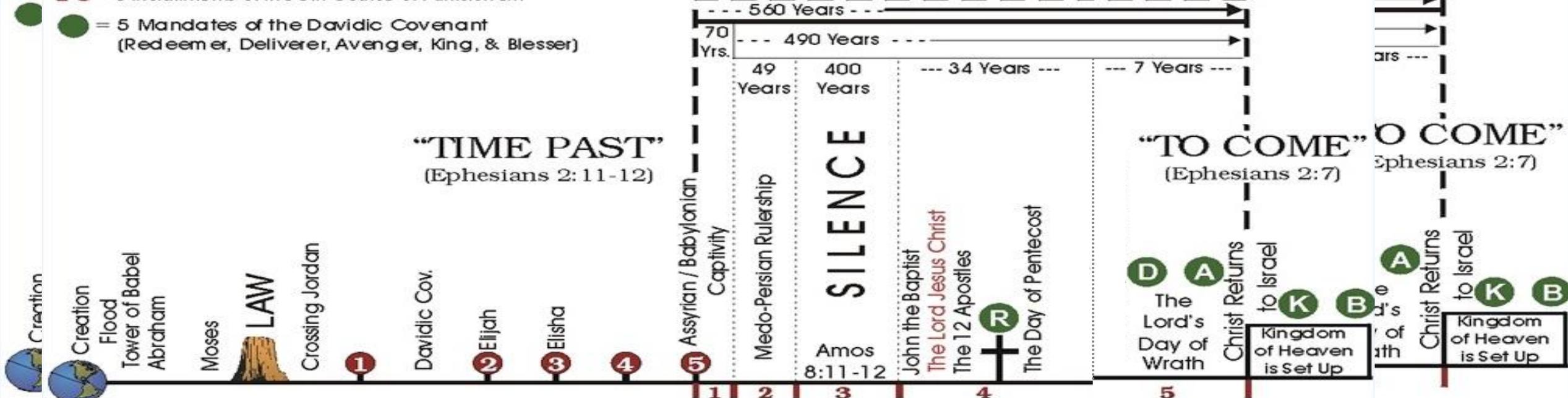


- = 5 Courses of Punishment (Lev. 26)
- 1-5 = 5 Installments of the 5th Course of Punishment
- = 5 Mandates of the Davidic Covenant (Redeemer, Deliverer, Avenger, King, & Blessor)

### 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"

Israel's Program is Resumed and Fulfilled

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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 1 to 10:31	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.						

# PRAISE HIM! PRAISE HIM!

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Jesus our blessed Redeemer

Sing, O Earth His wonderful love proclaim

Hail Him! Hail Him! highest archangels in glory

Strength and honor give to His holy name

Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children

In His arms He carries them all day long

Chorus:

Praise Him! Praise Him!

tell of His excellent greatness

Praise Him! Praise Him! ever in joyful song!

# PRAISE HIM! PRAISE HIM!

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Jesus our blessed Redeemer

For our sins He suffered and bled and died

He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation

Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus the crucified

Sound His praises, Jesus who bore our sorrows

Love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong

Chorus:

Praise Him! Praise Him!

tell of His excellent greatness

Praise Him! Praise Him! ever in joyful song!

# PRAISE HIM! PRAISE HIM!

Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Jesus our blessed Redeemer  
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring  
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever  
Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet and priest and King  
Christ is coming, over the world victorious  
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong

Chorus:

Praise Him! Praise Him!  
tell of His excellent greatness  
Praise Him! Praise Him! ever in joyful song!

# THE TRANSITION PERIOD (CIRCA 35 TO 64 AD) (Also called Acts Period)

Paul  
Wrote  
Romans  
60 AD

Transition  
Period  
Over by Col. 1  
Circa 64 AD



**Peter  
And  
The  
12**

God's Prophetic Program  
With the Nation of Israel:  
**DIMINISHING**

Night of Israel's  
Prophecy under  
Gentile Darkness is  
Far Spent. Rom. 13

Israel's  
Prophetic  
Program  
Set Aside

God's Mystery Program  
With the Body of Christ:  
**INCREASING**

Salvation  
Is nearer.  
Day is at  
Hand.  
Rom. 13

Body of  
Christ  
Salvation  
And Day  
Are here

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1. Rom. 14 is not so much about “spiritual growth” as it is about rightly-dividing God’s Word.
  - a. This passage is not about grey areas or debatable things that are not important and that have no right answer. There is a God-given right answer and Paul gives it in Rom. 14:14
  - b. This passage is about the right way to remove the confusion and correct the error that come from confusing God’s two peoples and programs.
    - Do NOT try to enforce it through flesh responses—despising and not welcoming (Rom. 14:1-13).
    - Correct it through a S/spirit response by following the pattern of Paul (Rom. 14:13-15:3) in love teaching the weak how to rightly-divide the Scriptures (15:4-18). If they are truly sincere, desiring to please God, they will respond in faith.

- c. Some were confusing God's two programs and not fully understanding how to make the transition, especially for those with strong Jewish backgrounds, during the Transition Period when only partial knowledge about what God was doing was available, resulting in sincere, legitimate confusion that resulted in excusable error.
- The weak were persuaded by God's Word through Moses to observe the food regulations.
  - The strong were persuaded by God's Word through Paul to not observe the food regulations.
  - Someone with strong Jewish background might be legitimately confused by this.

d. But once they had the Book of Romans and once the Transition Period was over and especially once the full-revelation and full knowledge of the Mystery Program had been made fully known in Ephesians, once God had done all that ... this confusion and these errors were no longer sincere, legitimate, and excusable.

--How much less is it excusable for us today after having the full -revelation and the full—knowledge of PGMT for 2,000 years!!

--The contrast is no longer the weak in the faith and strong in the faith believers, but the disobedient and the obedient believers.

2. Rom. 14 is about those with a strong Jewish background who for their whole lives obeyed God's Word and had never eaten anything unclean or missed a festival day. Why?
  - a. First, this has been the context of the letter as a whole, addressing, esp. Jewish concerns (Rom. 1-4; 9-11).
3. Second, this is the context of Rom. 12-16.
4. Third, in Rom. 14:14, the issue isn't foods was offered to idols (as it was in 1 Cor. 8) but foods that are clean and "unclean"—a strictly Jewish concern associated with the food regulations in the Mosaic Law (Lev. 11).

5. Fourth, Jewish concern over food was common during this time (Acts 10; Gal. 2:11-15).
  - a. 40AD: Acts 10: God explained to Peter that He was shutting down his Prophetic Program for the Nation of Israel. Peter was sincerely and legitimately confused.
  - b. 48AD: Acts 15: God thru Paul explains God's new program in the world, His Mystery Program for the Body of Christ. Peter understands and agrees to accept it.
  - c. 58AD: Gal. 2: Peter goes against this acceptance, tries raise up the barrier between Jews and Gentiles again and Paul withstands him to the face for he was blameworthy: Peter's confusion is no longer sincere or legitimate.
  - d. 60AD: Once Rome received Romans what had been sincere and legitimate before will no longer sincere and legitimate.

6. Fifth, while a discussion of idolatry permeates 1 Cor. 8-10, Paul does not mention it at all in Rom. 14 or in the surrounding chapters.
  - a. He does, however, mention observance of clean and unclean foods, special days and not drinking wine—all special Jewish concerns (Rom. 14).
  - b. Now Gentiles are not made acceptable to God through the Law but through Christ (Eph. 1:6)
7. Sixth, everything in Rom. 14 can be explained in a Jewish context of the Mosaic Law, esp., by scrupulous Jews living in Gentile areas like Rome.

8. During this Transition Period, Paul went to the Jews first in the synagogues, which were part of the apostate unbelieving Nation headquartered in Jerusalem.
  - a. Having rejected Christ in His earthly ministry and the ministry of Peter and the 12 and the Holy Spirit in early Acts, God sent Paul with a final offer of salvation to Israel that some would be saved (Rom. 11:14).
  - b. While most Jews as members of the apostate Nation of Israel as a whole rejected his ministry and severely persecuted him, some Jews, Jewish proselytes and Gentile God-fearers did believe.

9. What they needed to understand and what the Book of Romans explains in full is that Jews saved through Paul's ministry were not saved from the apostate nation of Israel and placed into the Believing Remnant of Israel in God's Prophetic Program. Rather, they were placed into the Body of Christ in God's Mystery Program. Therefore, they needed to get their instructions from Paul's Scriptures.
  - a. They needed to immediately (IT IS HIGH TIME TO AWAKE FROM SLEEP Rom. 13:11!) take the Book of Romans and use it to solve this problem before it destroys the assembly.
  - b. Now, to be weak in the faith isn't because God has not yet given them something but because God gave them everything but they threw it away, which is no longer a valid reason for being weak in the faith. What was innocent ignorance becomes willful ignorance; legitimate issue becomes rebellion against God; excusable error becomes rejection of God's Word.

- c. Today only Paul's Scriptures can ESTABLISH believers, anchoring them to what God is doing today and setting their feet solidly in the cement of the foundation of what God is doing. Paul uses this ESTABLISH only in relation to PGMT (Rom. 1:11; 16:25).
- d. Today we can learn from the non-Pauline Scriptures when rightly-divided (Rom.15:4-16), seeing God's faithfulness in Israel's Prophetic Program that was designed to lead Israel to salvation in Christ in the past (2 Tim. 3:15) and use it means of doctrine, reproof, correction and instruction in righteousness today (2 Tim. 3:16; Rom. 1-4; 9-11; 1 Cor. 10, etc.), we are only ESTABLISHEND through Pauline Grace Mystery Truth.

10. Rom. 14 is an example that illustrates this, and its solution is given in Rom. 15.

- a. Some with a Jewish background were confusing God's two Programs, arguing that the "strong in the faith" believers, who did not follow the Mosaic food regulations and days, were not fully accepted by God.
- b. In Rom. 14 the main problem is that the weak in the faith in confusing God's two programs were suggesting that by not following the Mosaic Law, the Gentiles were unclean and not accepted fully by God. For the weak to continue saying this after they had received the Book of Romans would now be for them to go against all that God is doing today.
- d. In Rom. 14-15 Paul instructs the strong that they **MUST NOT** address this problem through the flesh but through the Spirit.

13. The problem in Rome is that there were some with Jewish background who were legitimately confused about whether to follow God's instructions for Israel in His Prophetic Program or God's instructions to the Body of Christ in His Mystery Program.
- a. Some were answering it wrongly by thinking that they were to follow them both. This was putting their assembly/ies to sleep and hindering their ministry.
  - b. The right answer will be given in Rom. 15 and that is for the strong to take the weak under their arm in love and teach them how to rightly divide the Scriptures, esp., with regard to how to the non-Pauline Scriptures, esp. the Gospel accounts and the ministry of Peter and the 12 so that they can have ONE MIND (Rom. 15:1-16).

# **TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS**

O soul are you weary and troubled?

No light in the darkness you see?

There's light for a look at the Savior

And life more abundant and free!

## **Chorus:**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus

Look full in His wonderful face

And the things of earth

will grow strangely dim

In the light of His glory and grace

(Repeat Chorus)