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AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost, but now am found Was blind but now I see

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

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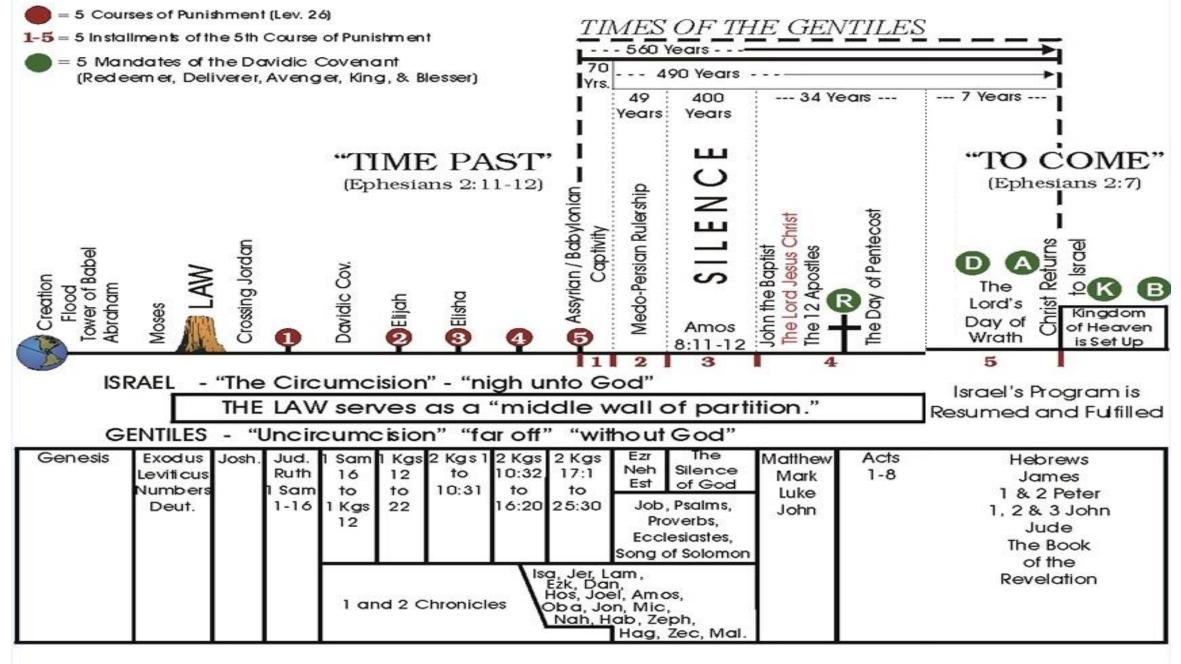
The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures

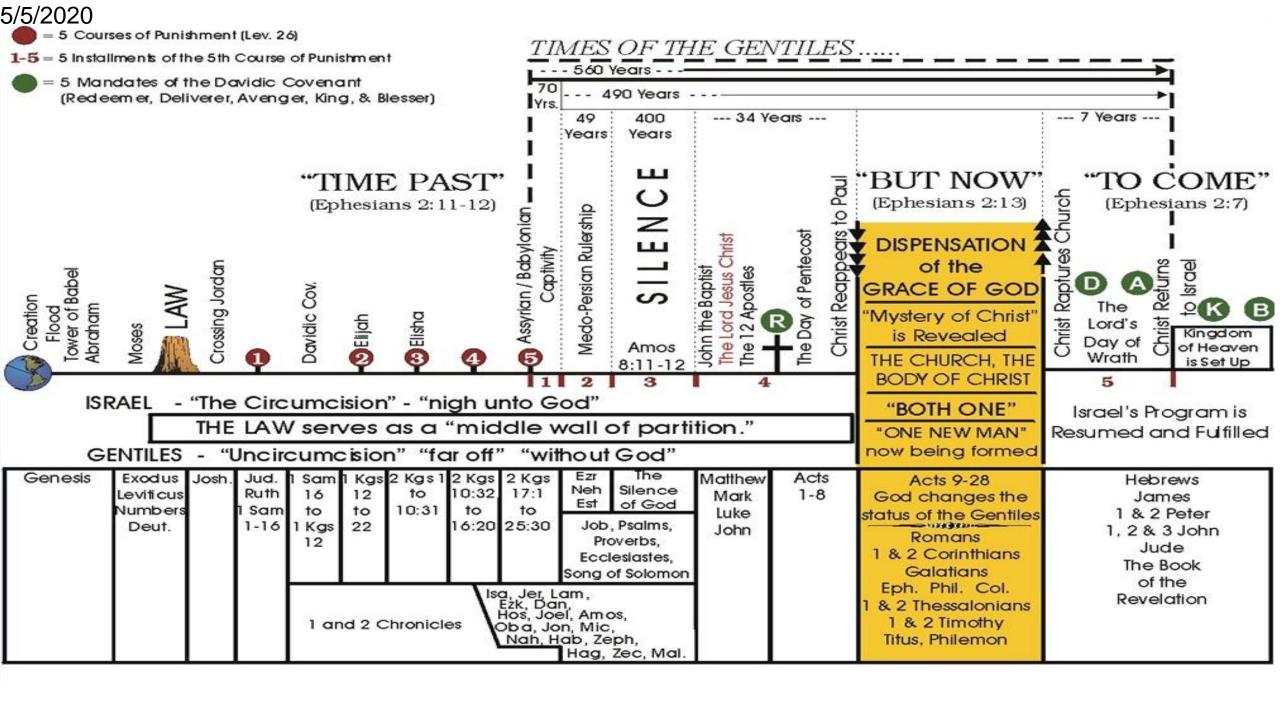
Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far And grace will lead me home

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When we've been there ten thousand years Bright shining as the sun We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we first begun Than when we first begun

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What is the purpose of a "GRACE" Church? An assembly of believers that like the Philippians who "fellowship in the (Paul's) Gospel from the first day ... Who defend, confirm and partner with Paul in His Gospel (Phil. 1:5, 7):

- a. Preach/Teach Pauline Grace Mystery Truth because that is what saves, establishes and edifies believers today in Dispensation of Grace, involved in God's Mystery Program for the Body of Christ.
- b. Gives PGMT a louder proclamation into the world disproportionate to our numbers and that none of us individually could do—building, meetings, ZOOM, internet, radio, internet, YouTube, etc.

- c. Gives each believer, whose earthly life can sometimes feel lonely, limited to our own circle of friends and relatives, an easy and unlimited ministry by being involved in an assembly of believers.
 - --You give others an opportunity to participate in your edification ...
 - --AND, most importantly, YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE THE EDIFICATION OF OTHERS.

Overview of Ephesians Eph. 1:1-2



POST-TRANSITION PERIOD EPISTLES THE LAST 2,000 YEARS

The Only Apostle: PAUL

God's Light and Salvation has now completely gone out to the whole world through Paul and His Scriptures (Acts 13:47 with Col. 1:23-28; Rom. 16:26).

Eph. 4:3-6: The whole Triune Godhead is now working in and through PGMT: One Body, One Spirit, One Hope, One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, One God and Father!

- 1. Ephesians is the capstone truth:
 - a. Romans told us that God needed a new People, the Body of Christ, because He had a new Program, His previously unrevealed Mystery Program.
 - b. Ephesians explains that He needed the new Mystery Program because He is revealing a new Purpose to re-establish His Glory in the Heavenlies through a redeemed humanity (not the angels!).

So that in the Disp. Of the Fullness of Times He might gather together in one all things in Christ both which are in Heaven (according to the Body of Christ's Mystery Program) and on earth (according to Israel's Prophetic Program) (Eph. 1:10)

- Main purpose is to fully reveal God's Eternal Purpose (Eph. 1:10) as manifested in Paul's Gospel in the context of the Mystery with the Body of Christ (Eph. 3:1-11), the body of Truth that would complete God's Word (Col. 1:25).
- One could generally say the first 3 chapters give us the full

 -knowledge of our Heavenly position in Christ as members of
 the Body of Christ as revealed in the preaching of Christ
 according to the Mystery.
 - --The last 3 chapters give us the full-knowledge of how our Heavenly position plays out down here on the Earth now in the light of our heavenly position BOLDLY PROCLAIMING THE MYSTERY (Eph. 6:19).

4. In more detail it might look like this:

- a THE COUNCILS OF GOD AND HIS PURPOSE IN THIS MYSTERY PROGRAM—SONSHIP POSITION (1:1-14)
 - b PRAYER AND GOD'S POWER TOWARD US (ON THE <u>OUTSIDE</u>) THAT COMES FROM FULL-KNOWLEDGE OF THE MYSTERY (1:15-19)
 - c WHAT GOD DID WITH CHRIST (1:20-23)
 - c WHAT GOD DID WITH INDIVIDUAL SINNERS (2:1-10)
 - c WHAT GOD DID WITH THE BODY OF CHRIST (2:11-22)

- a' GOD'S DISPENSATION AND THE REVELATION OF THE MYSTERY GIVEN TO PAUL IS TO BE MADE KNOWN TO ALL PEOPLE (3:1-12)
 - b' PRAYER AND GOD'S POWER <u>IN US (</u>3:13-21)
 - c WHAT GOD DID THROUGH THE SPIRIT (4:1-6)
 - c WHAT GOD DID WITH INDIVIDUAL BELIEVERS (4:7-12a)
 - c WHAT GOD DID FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST (4:12b-16)

- a" GOD'S WALK GIVEN TO THE BELEIVER TO SAVE THE LOST AND EDIFY BELIEVERS (4:17-6:9)
 - c THE WALK IN CHRIST (4:17-29)
 - c THE WALK IN THE SPIRIT (4:30-32)
 - c THE WALK AS CHILDREN OF GOD THE FATHER (5:1-6:9)

- a''' GOD'S PROVISION OF ARMOR TO STAY FIRM IN BOLDLY SPEAKING THE MYSTERY (6:10-24)
 - b"PRAYER FOR PERSEVERENCE IN THE BOLD PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL (6:18-20).
 - c. PAUL'S WALK IN CHRIST (6:21-24)

I know not why God's wondrous grace To me He hath made known Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love Redeemed me for His own

But "I know whom I have believed And am persuaded that He is able To keep that which I've committed Unto Him against that day."

I know not how this saving faith To me He did impart Nor how believing in His Word Wrought peace within my heart

But "I know whom I have believed And am persuaded that He is able To keep that which I've committed, Unto Him against that day."

I know not how the Spirit moves Convincing men of sin Revealing Jesus through the Word Creating faith in Him

But "I know whom I have believed And am persuaded that He is able To keep that which I've committed Unto Him against that day."

I know not what of good or ill May be reserved for me Of weary days or golden days Before His face I see

But "I know whom I have believed And am persuaded that He is able To keep that which I've committed Unto Him against that day."

I know not when my Lord may come At night or noon-day fair Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him Or meet Him in the air

But "I know whom I have believed And am persuaded that He is able To keep that which I've committed, Unto Him against that day."