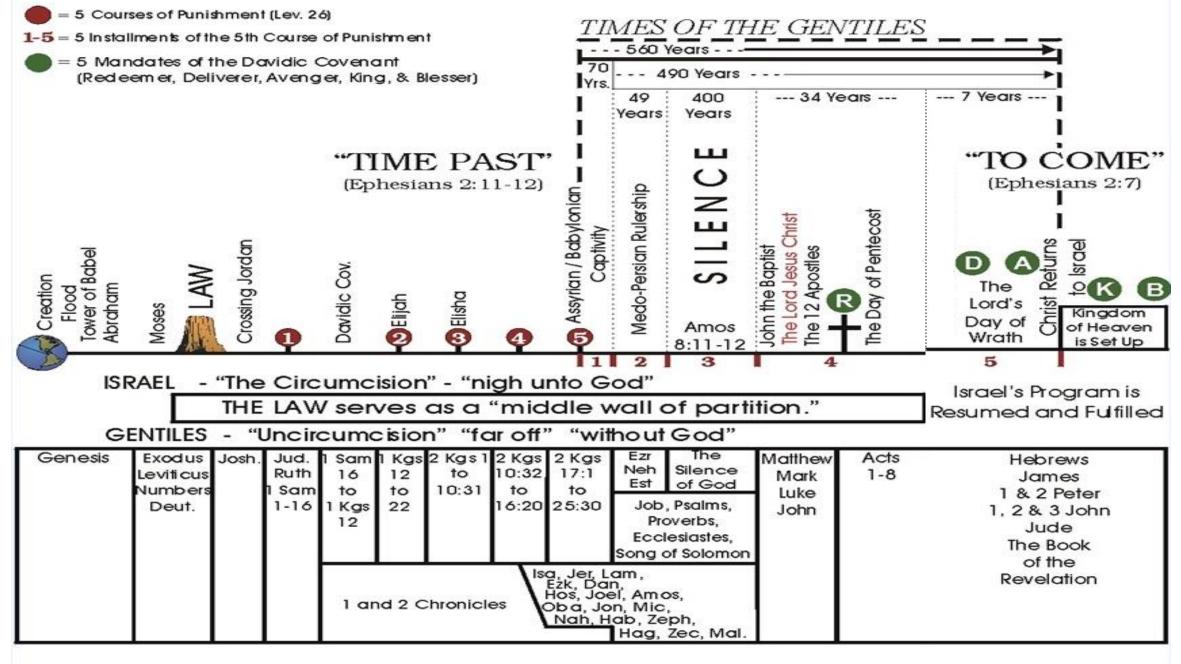
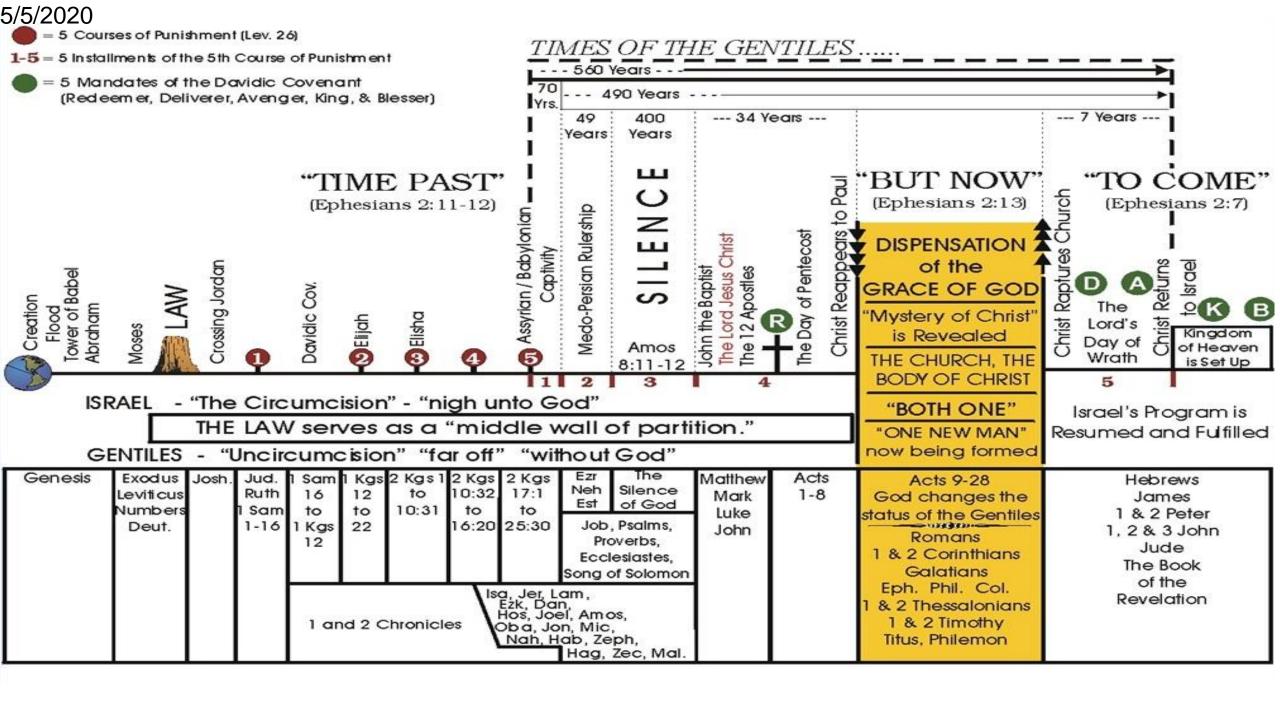
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# He Lives!

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today I know that He is living, whatever men may say I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer And just the time I need Him, He's always near

He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me Along life's narrow way. He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

# He Lives!

In all the world around me I see His loving care, And though my heart grows weary I never will despair; I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast, The day of His appearing will come at last.

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### He Lives!

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian lift up your voice and sing Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King! The Hope of all who seek Him the Help of all who find None other is so loving, so good and kind

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# Clash of the Empires

5/28/23



- 1. He later returned and spent about 3 years there:
  - --Paul arrives and establishes the church in Ephesus from 54 -57 AD, at which time all in Asia heard Paul's word of the Lord Jesus (Acts 19:10)--PGMT.
  - --Paul writes the Letter to the Ephesians about 8 years later (64 AD), indicating that they are still an overall faithful assembly (Eph. 1:2).
  - --But then, probably less than 2 years, Paul wrote these horrifying words: **All they which are in Asia be turned away from me** (2 Tim. 1:15)! They added something to PGMT, which diminished it and ultimately destroyed it.
  - --This ought to send shivers down our spines and make us re -double our efforts in clinging to and boldly proclaiming PGMT without contamination of ANYTHING!

- 2. Ephesus as the center of the distribution of PGMT was a major battleground for Satanic activity trying to silence it, and he was successful.
  - --Peter preached at Pentecost Satan had lost the earthly realm.
  - --Paul preached through the Cross Satan had also lost the heavenly realm. Satan and his cohorts have already been deposed and their only future is in the Lake of Fire.

- 3. The Ephesians and all Asia (and most of historic Christianity) since) failed to apply the armor of God presented by Paul in Eph. 6 thereby falling to the wiles and deceptions of the devil. He didn't coax them into gross immorality or sacrifices to Satan. He deceived them into adding worldly wisdom and human knowledge to PGMT. Or, most deceptive of all tricked them into following John/Peter at Pentecost or Jesus in His earthly ministry or David in the Psalms or Moses in Law, so that thinking they were spiritual, walking and pleasing the Lord, they were, in fact, carnal, walking contrary to God, wasting their Christian lives.
  - --Therefore, instead of standing firm in the powerful and bold proclamation of the Mystery, they were drained of power and silenced by the trickery of the devil.

- 4. Picture this:
  - a. The pagan false goddess is sitting in her Temple of Diana, sending out her Satanically inspired teachings throughout all Asia (and beyond) ...
  - b. Then Paul, sent by the one true God, comes to town, sits in a chair in the school of Tyrannus, sending out God's Word throughout all Asia (19:10), revealing that Diana and the Satanic realm behind her were nothing. Just a bunch of deposed lackeys consigned to the Lake of Fire (Acts 19:26).
  - c. No wonder there will soon be a clash of realms.
    - --The Jewish world and the Gentile world.
    - --The human earthly realm and the heavenly spiritual realm.

- 5. With this larger outreach through all Asia, it not only turned the whole Jewish world upside down, it also turned the Gentile world upside down. Paul's persecution expanded from that of the Jews to include that of the Gentiles as well because his teaching was jeopardizing the livelihood of Diana's craftsmen.
  - --Satan was at work to silence Paul, who as revealed in PGMT, proclaimed the demise and nothingness of the Satanic realm—what they thought were "gods" were really just deposed lackeys of Satan destined for the Lake of Fire--(19:26; Eph. 1:20-23; 3:10-11). Satan inflamed the craftsmen's fleshly interests and uncontrollable lust for money.

- 6. His final meeting with the Ephesian believers in terms of endearment but also of warning (Acts 20:17-38).
- a. His personal ministry ended with a final meeting with the Ephesian believers in terms of endearment and of dire warning (Acts 20:17-38).
- b. He must continue to boldly speak the Mystery at whatever cost (20:17-27).
- c. And they must also as well (20:28-38)

# **GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father There is no shadow of turning with Thee Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see All I have needed Thy hand hath provided Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me! Summer and winter And springtime and harvest Sun, moon and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see All I have needed Thy hand hath provided Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me! Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see All I have needed Thy hand hath provided Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me! Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!