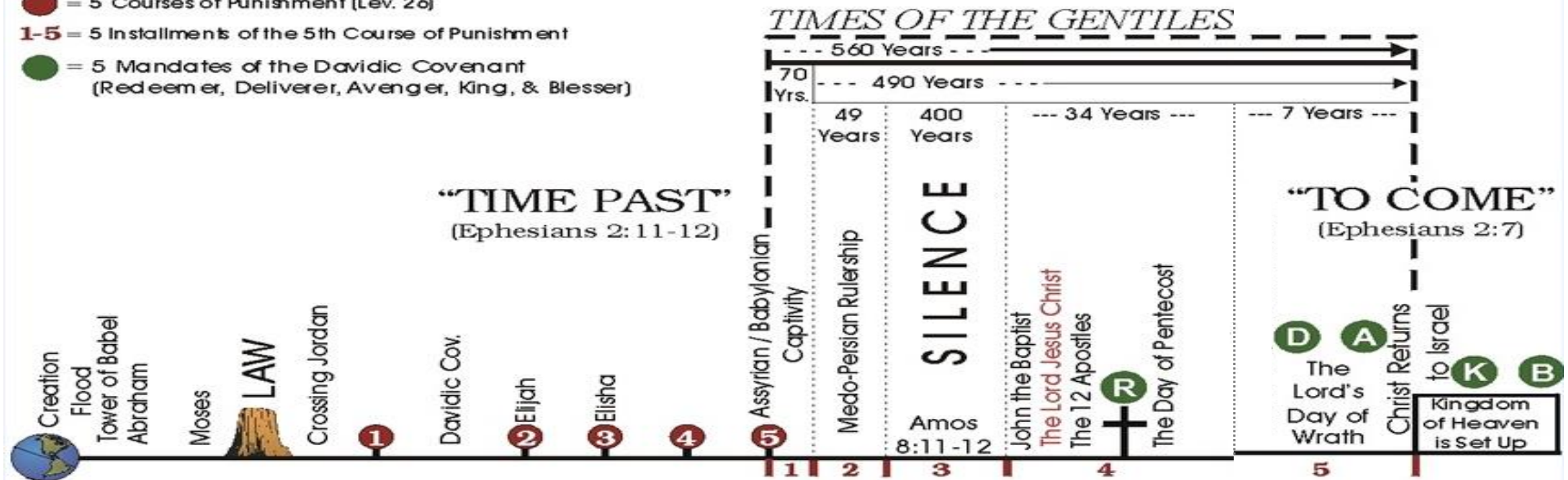


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ISRAEL - "The Circumcision" - "nigh unto God"

THE LAW serves as a "middle wall of partition."

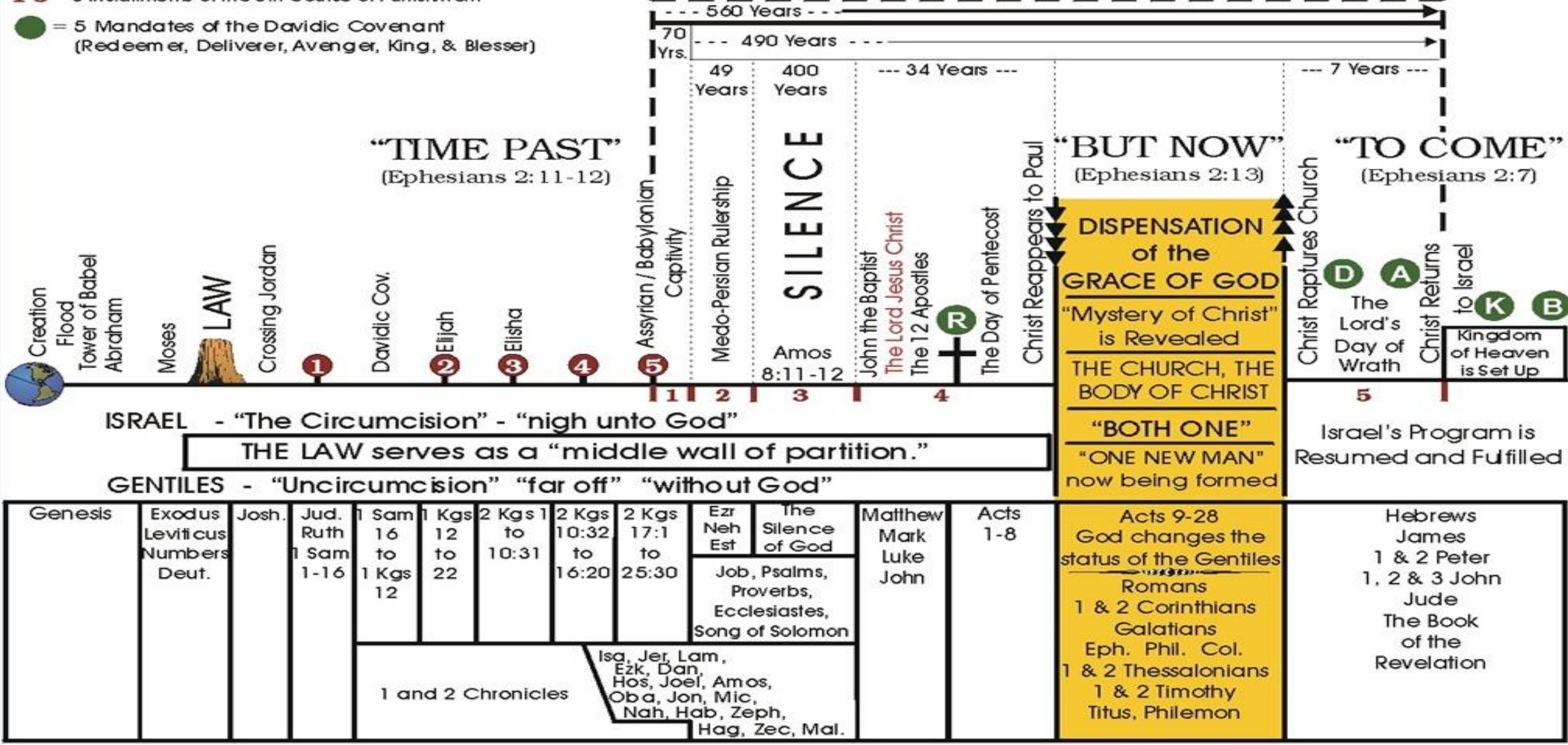
Israel's Program is Resumed and Fulfilled

GENTILES - "Uncircumcision" "far off" "without God"

Genesis	Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deut.	Josh.	Jud. Ruth 1 Sam 1-16	1 Sam 16 to 1 Kgs 12	1 Kgs 12 to 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
				1 and 2 Chronicles				Isa, Jer, Lam, Ezk, Dan, Hos, Joel, Amos, Oba, Jon, Mic, Nah, Hab, Zeph, Hag, Zec, Mal.					

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TIMES OF THE GENTILES



**WOW FACTOR:
IN CHRIST**

6/4/23

Heaven Came Down

O what a wonderful, wonderful day

Day I will never forget;

After I'd wandered in darkness away,

Jesus my Savior I met.

O what a tender Compassionate friend –

He met the need of my heart;

Shadows dispelling, with joy I am telling,

He made all the darkness depart!

*Heaven came down and glory filled my soul,
When at the cross the Savior made me whole;*

My sins were washed away

And my night was turned to day

Heaven came down and glory filled my Soul!

Heaven Came Down

Born of the Spirit with life from above
Into God's family diving,
Justified fully through Calvary's love,
O what a standing is mine!
And the transaction so quickly was made
When as a sinner I came,
Took of the offer of grace he did proffer-
He save me, O praise His dear name!

*Heaven came down and glory filled my soul,
When at the cross the Savior made me whole;
My sins were washed away
And my night was turned to day
Heaven came down and glory filled my Soul!*

Heaven Came Down

Now I've a Hope that will surely endure
After the passing of time;
I have a future in heaven for sure,
There in those mansions sublime.
And it's because of that wonderful day
When at the cross I believed;
Riches eternal and blessings supernal
From His precious hand I received.

*Heaven came down and glory filled my soul,
When at the cross the Savior made me whole;
My sins were washed away
And my night was turned to day
Heaven came down and glory filled my Soul!*

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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God's Wisdom	Worldly Wisdom (Acts 19)
<p>God's blessings come in and through Christ, apart from Israel and through her fall, to fulfill God's ultimate purpose for the universe as made known in the Mystery through the Holy Spirit. (Eph. 1:1-14)</p>	<p>Not from vagabond Jews (apostate Israel) involved things the Law forbid—magical incantations, casting spells, etc. (Acts 19:13-16)</p>
<p>Enlightenment and power come from the one true God, who raised up Jesus Christ from the dead, seated Him far above all powers and principalities at His Own right hand, and made Him the Head of the church the Body of Christ. (Eph. 1:15-23)</p>	<p>Not from books of magic and divination.</p>
<p>God saves all-Jews and Gentiles alike--by grace through faith and unites them into a new redeemed group of humanity in and through Christ, a household of His Own. (Eph. 2)</p>	<p>Not by being a member of the worldwide cult of Diana, whose idolatry was backed by devils.</p>
<p>Knowledge of God's Mystery revelation truth for today comes from reading Paul's Scriptures revealed and taught by the Holy Spirit. (Eph. 3:1-12)</p>	<p>Not innumerable books on magic arts.</p>
<p>The inner person is strengthened through the infinite and eternal love of Christ as revealed in the immeasurable riches of Mystery Truth, which makes us members of the Body of Christ the everlasting display of His Glory. (Eph. 3:13-21)</p>	<p>Not through manipulation of the spirit realm or the worship of Diana.</p>

1. How should Ephesians be presented?
 - a. Typical approach is that the Ephesians are an especially mature and advanced assembly of super-saints who were one of the few that could receive what Paul couldn't teach to most other assemblies, like the Corinthians.
 - But Paul did proclaim the Mystery to Corinth (1 Cor. 1-2) and to the Thessalonians (1 Thess. 2).

b. But another way to view is that Paul saw the possibility that the Ephesians were forgetting and drifting away from God's Mystery Truth he had taught them when he was there some 8 years earlier.

--Hieropolis, a leader of a church in Phrygia (Central Asia), near end of 1st Century referred to people he listened to: 1st John, then Jesus's disciples, then other unknown names. **NO MENTION OF PAUL!**

c. Paul taught them partial knowledge of the Mystery when he was there. They were beginning to forget it. So, he wrote them a letter that reminds them of what He taught back then and completes it by bringing them into the **FULL-KNOWLEDGE** the Mystery.

--After Paul left Ephesus in 57 AD, he wrote the Corinthians in 60 AD that he had and would have abundant revelations (2 Cor. 12:7).

2. Eph. 1:1-2—Grace and Peace from God OUR Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
 - a. Grace--the Riches of God's Grace and Love made possible by the Person and Work of the Lord Jesus Christ for ungodly sinners on enemy status before Him as revealed Pauline Grace Mystery Truth (Rom. 5:12-21).
 - b. Peace—In this Grace God reconciled the world to Himself and has now given believers the message of reconciliation to be proclaimed to the whole world and received freely by faith (Rom. 5:1-11; 2 Cor. 5:18-20).
 - c. And it is all a gift from OUR Father! Our sonship position (Rom. 8)
 - d. God is now holding back His wrath and judgment while He extends in His longsuffering kindness His Grace and Peace to a lost world (Rom. 9-11).

3. Eph. 1:3—the Father gives all spiritual blessing in the Heavens IN CHRIST JESUS—in the Risen and Exalted Heavenly Christ Jesus (Eph. 1:20-22), and we are risen and exalted together with Him in the heavens (Eph. 2:5-7).
- In Ephesians it usually carries the sense of in the sphere, in the realm, of Christ. It occurs 39 times in Eph.
 - Believers are ones whom God has transferred out of the realm of Satan where sin and death reign and into the realm of His Son where righteousness and life reign. It is only there that God's Power and Blessings are provided (Eph. 1:3; Col. 1:13).
 - The only reason God can use the Ephesians, and all other believers, is because they are in the realm of Christ. Anywhere else is belongs to the world and Satan, sin @ death.

4. Key verse: Eph. 1:23:

- a. All of fullness of God fills Christ (Col. 1:19; 2:9).
- b. All the fullness of Christ fills the Church, the Body of Christ. (Eph. 1:23; 4:10).
- c. Through the full-knowledge of PGMT, the Body of Christ accesses that fullness, which brings them into the full measure of the fullness of Christ (Eph. 4:13). Thru PGMT we are filled with the fullness of Christ, who is filled with the fullness of God.
- d. Present tense: ongoing and continual: Just as Christ is continually—livingly and ongoingly--being filled with the fullness of God, so too in Christ the church is continually—livingly and ongoingly—being filled with the fullness of Christ. **WOW FACTOR IN OVERDRIVE!!**

5. That is why Paul prays that each believer in the Body of Christ accesses this fullness by faith, putting on the whole armor of God, as especially encapsulated in Roman's and Ephesian's truth so that they can stand firm boldly proclaiming the Mystery without interruption (Eph. 3:19; 6:11, 13, 19-20).

Fullness of God—fills Christ (Col. 1:19:2:9)—who fills the Body of Christ (Eph. 1:23)—who access this fullness through PGMT (Eph. 4:12-13)—which fully brings them into the fullness of Christ and His exceeding great LOVE—which creates a new heart and empowers our inner man primarily to boldly speak the Mystery, which brings us into the fullness of God (Eph. 3:18-19)!

6. In the sphere of Christ: U.P.I.I. (up/e/i, like denarii—den/ar/e/i), summarized best in Rom. 5:12-6:11:
 - a. U: Believers are UNITED with Christ ... (6:5-10)
 - b. P: Believers PARITICIPATE in all Christ did for them (6:4)
 - c. I: Believers are INDENTIFIED them so closely to Christ that what is true of Christ is also true of them (Rom. 5:15-19; 6:3)
 - d. I: Believers are INCORPORATED into the Church, the Body of Christ, joined to their Head, the Lord Jesus Christ, and to one to every other believer, in a new redeemed and righteous humanity, knit together in Love. (Rom. 8:1; 12:5; Eph. 2:21; 4:15).

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own

Awake my soul and sing, of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King thro' all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side
Those wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight
But downward bends His wondering eye
At mysteries so bright.

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
Who rose victorious to the strife
for those He came to save
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
and lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of Heav'n, one with the Father known
One with the Spirit thru Him giv'n,
from yonder glorious throne
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us have died
Be Thou O Lord, through endless days,
adored and magnified!