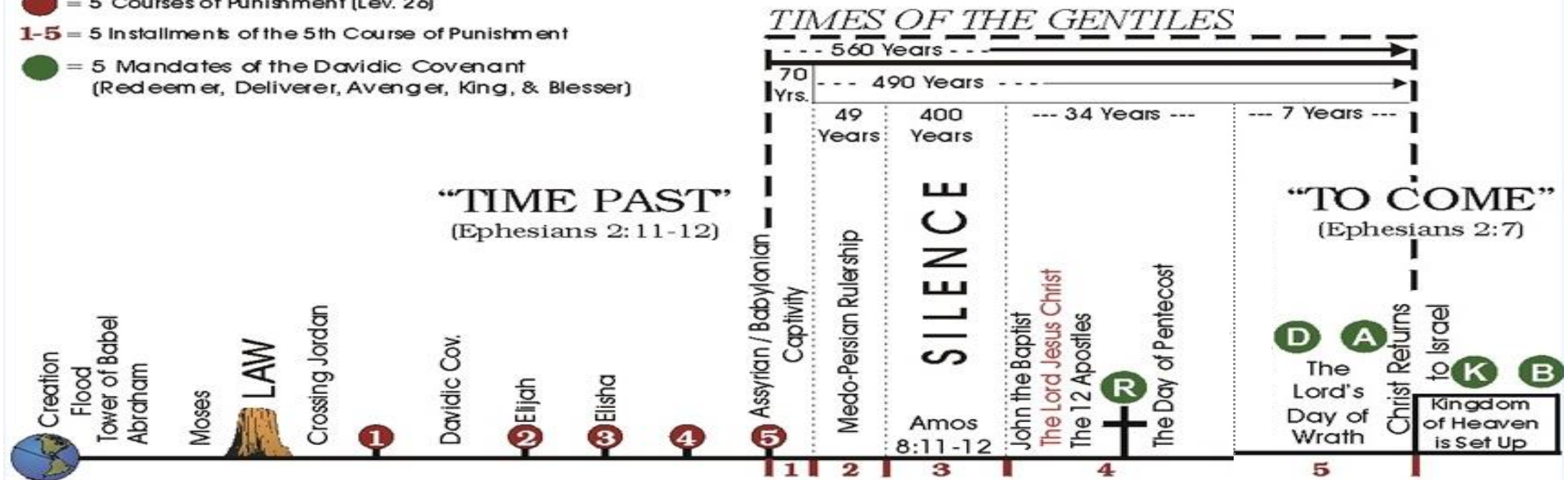


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ISRAEL - "The Circumcision" - "nigh unto God"

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

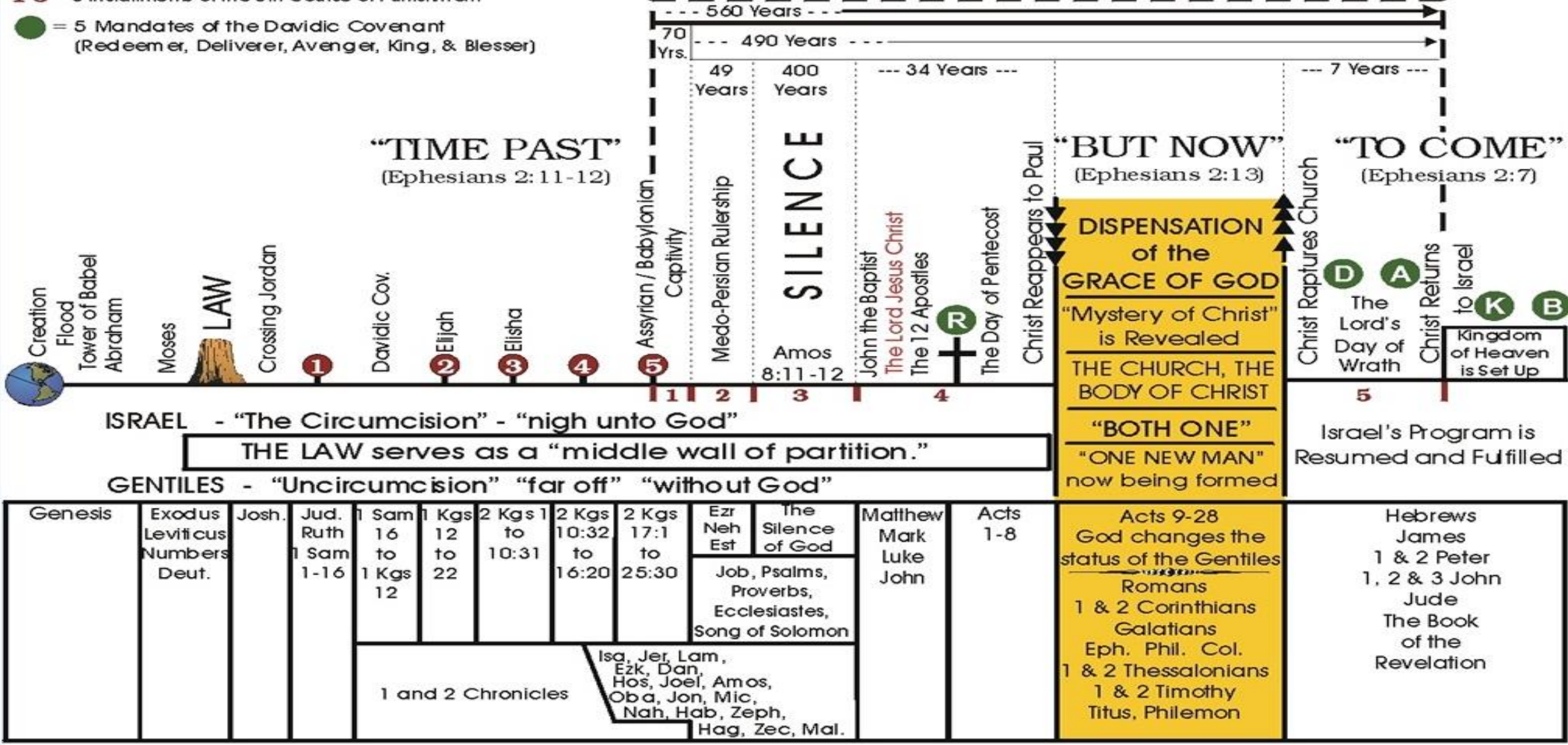
Israel's Program is Resumed and Fulfilled

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



Chosen and Predestinated

Pt. 2

Eph. 1:4-5

Eph. 1:3-14: Praise God the Father: Why?

Because He has blessed us with all spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ ...

Paul goes on to enlarge every phrase:

Eph. 1:4: Why IN CHRIST?

Because in eternity past God chose US-IN-CHRIST to be His holy, sanctified, set apart vessel of service in the Disp. Of Grace because having received the Love of God at the Cross of Christ by faith, we are in a right, blameless standing before God.

Eph. 1:5: Why is it ALL BLESSINGS?

Because also in eternity past, God predetermined that all believers—US-IN-CHRIST—would be brought into His family as adult sons and daughters, fully equipped to participate in the Father's business immediately.

- a. We have access to the Father's riches through Christ (v. 6-7)
- b. We have access to the Father's business plan through Christ (v. 8-10).

All this just because turning ungodly sinners into the reflectors and displayers of His Glory pleased Him.

Eph. 1:6b-11: How is all this possible?

- a. Because IN CHRIST we are accepted by the Father in His Beloved Son, who through His Crosswork provided redemption for enemy sinners, that no longer holds our sins against us. That's where we find the riches of His Grace made available through the Person and Work of His Son on the Cross:

**Grace is all that God is free to do for you and me,
Because of what His Son did on the Cross of Calvary.**

- b. And because in His Grace He has abounded to us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the Mystery/Secret of the Father's will. **Because it pleased Him to bring us into the eternal councils of the Triune Godhead which He purposed in Himself!** And that now is being implemented with the Body of Christ.

Eph. 1:10: Why are the blessings SPIRITUAL and HEAVENLY?

Because God's ultimate plan not only had an aspect that was spoken about since the world began—to re-establish His Glory on Earth through a redeemed group of humanity (the Nation of Israel)—but that it also had an aspect that was kept SECRET since the world began—to re-establish His Glory in the Heavens through another group of redeemed humanity (the Body of Christ) (Rom. 16:25; Eph. 3:1-11)

Eph. 1:11-13: How will the Body of Christ be able to do that?

- a. Because that IN CHRIST all who believe have obtained an inheritance in accord with our predetermined sonship position to fulfill the Mystery aspect of His will so **that we could be to the praise of His Glory.**
- b. And because all who believe are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the downpayment of our inheritance, which will be fully realized at the redemption of the purchased possession—our resurrection bodies without sin like unto His (Rom. 8:23). Again, all this is unto the praise of His Glory.

1. v. 4: Chose US-IN-CHRIST: He chose that everyone in Christ, all who freely believe in the Disp. Of Grace (not chose them TO believe!)—would be placed in His vehicle of service the Body of Christ (NOT the Nation of Israel), set apart unto His purpose.
 - He did NOT choose who would and wouldn't believe or whom He would or would not save.
 - He chose what He would do with all who believe in Disp. Of Grace: Place them in the Body of Christ.

2. Example: In 2013, 7 years before the 2020 Olympic Games, the Olympic Committee chose Tokyo host of the 2020 Olympic Games. When announced the newscaster said: the Olympic Committee has chosen US-IN-TOKYO to host the Olympics--to be its vehicle of service, setting us apart (from other cities) to carry out its plan by hosting the games.

--The newscaster certainly didn't mean that the Olympic Committee chose or elected or selected every individual that would be in Tokyo!

--Rather, the Olympic Committee chose all those who were already living in Tokyo as a city or a group as a whole to serve them.

3. So too, God has chosen US-IN-CHRIST, the whole Body of Christ as a whole (NOT the Nation of Israel!), to be set apart (holy), blamelessly serving Him, carrying out His plan and purpose for today, IN LOVE.

--He didn't chose/elect/select every individual who would be in Christ!

--He chose that all those who were already living in Christ as members of His Body, the Body of Christ, would be set apart for His service—the re-establish His Glory in the Heavens —setting it apart from all other IN CHRIST groups, ie., the Nation of Israel.

4. God predetermined in eternity past that He would re-claim the Heavenly and Earthly realms through two “chosen” groups of redeemed humanity (Eph. 1:10).
 - a. In His Prophetic Program, God’s **chosen** (IN CHRIST), His group of redeemed humanity, His vehicle of service to re-establish His Glory on Earth, would be His Nation of Israel, made up mostly of believing Israelites (and believing Gentiles associated with them) (Deut. 7:6-7; Ps. 135:4-5; Is. 41:8).
 - b. In His Mystery Program, however, God’s **chosen** (IN CHRIST) group of redeemed humanity, His vehicle of service to re-establish His Glory in the Heavens, is His Body, the Body of Christ, made up mostly of believing Gentiles (and believing Jews) (Eph. 1:4).

5. Eph. 1:5: Predestination: He pre-determined in eternity past that He would bring us into His family as adult sons (and daughters), children in their **majority** (not their minority as He did with Israel in Time Past), so that we could receive our inheritance (Eph. 1:3, 11), making us heirs of God and co-heirs of Christ (Rom. 8:15-17), so that we can immediately begin to participate in the Father's business and be made into God's inheritance (Eph. 1:18)!

6. This is not the adoption of children (KJV) but the adoption of sons (NKJV). Adoption of children can lead into two misconceptions:
 - a. It could make us think along the lines of modern adoption whereby small children (usually babies) are taken from one family and brought into another family.
 - b. It is also not a family's small children who grow into maturity to become full-grown adult children. It is not a variation of the bar or bat mitzvahs of Judaism.
7. The word for children (teknon) is not used in this passage (KJV). We have to go with the NKJV and bible dictionary—adoption as sons.
--This is just one Gk. word: huiothesia: son-placed

8. “Children” is the larger more general word. It can refer to children in their minority or their majority, but usually it refers to children in their minority unless context demands otherwise.
 - a. Being made the children of God explains WHAT God does with us when we believe. We are brought into His family and made His children.
 - b. Being son-placed by Christ (God the SON), however, explains HOW God brings us into His family as adult sons and daughters so that we can immediately be heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, receiving our inheritance (all spiritual blessings), so that we can participate in the Father’s business of re-establishing His Glory in the Heavens fully and immediately.
9. Son-Placement is not about growth and maturity but about our position IN CHRIST.