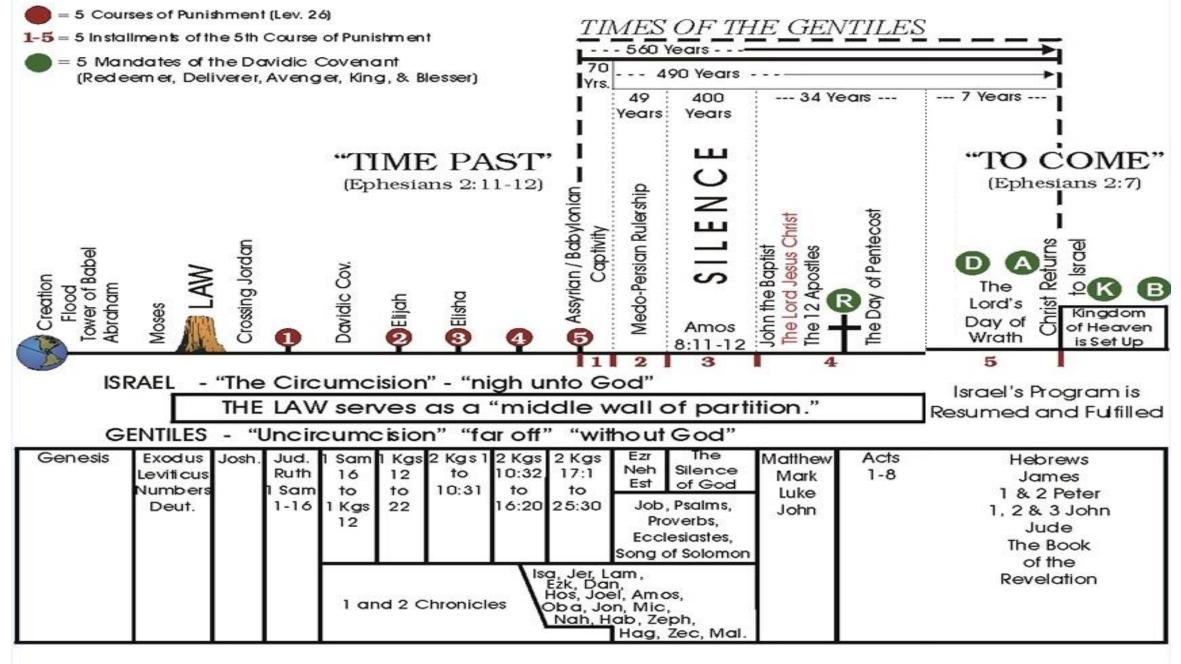
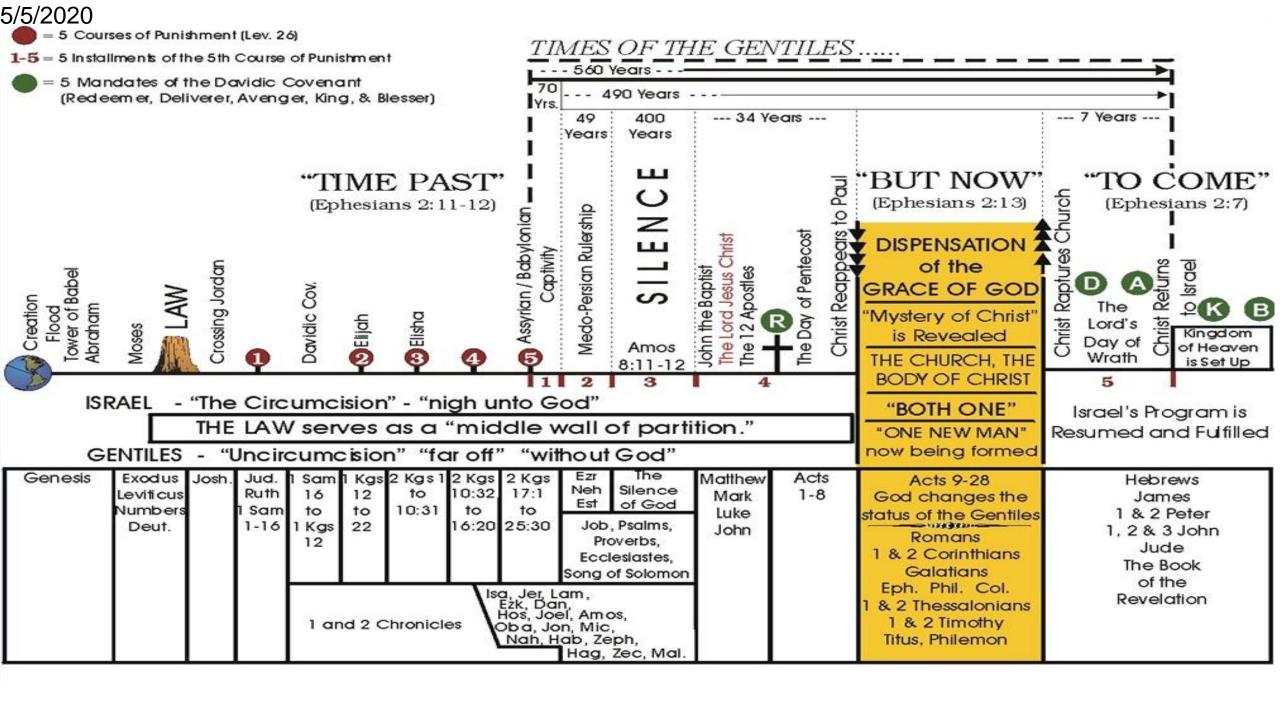
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Satan and the Secret Ephesians 1:9-10; 1 Cor. 2:8

Down at the cross where my Savior died Down where for cleansing from sin I cried There to my heart was the blood applied Glory to His name!

I am so wondrously saved from sin Jesus so sweetly abides within There at the cross where He took me in Glory to His name!

Oh, precious fountain that saves from sin I am so glad I have entered in There Jesus saves and keeps me clean Glory to His name!

Come to this fountain so rich and sweet Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet Plunge in today and be made complete Glory to His name!

- 1. Eph. 1:10: Just as there are evil rulers ruling the earth, so too there are evil rulers ruling in the Heavenly spiritual realm that influence the earthly realm, replacing them with US-IN-CHRIST, the Body of Christ (Col. 1:16).
 - a. God always made known His plan to restore His Glory on Earth through His Prophetic Program with Israel—redeemed and restored Nation of Israel will assume the positions of authority on earth with Christ ... Christ will rule the Earth through the Nation of Israel.
 - --But that alone would leave them to withstand the negative influences of the evil heavenly realm.

- b. But what God had never made known before is His plan to restore His Glory in the Heavenlies through His Mystery Program with US, the Body of Christ—a redeemed new humanity in Him to assume the positions of authority in the Heavenly spiritual realm with Christ, who will rule there through the Body of Christ
 - --we will be a positive spiritual influence on the earthly realm and vice versa.
- c. Thereby restoring the whole Creation to its original purpose in accord with His wise and prudent plan: To be a dwelling place for God centered on His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

- 2. This revelation tells believers that having been placed IN CHRIST, they are caught up in God's gracious purpose for the universe centered and reunited in Christ.
 - a. And our special previously kept secret role has to do with ruling with Christ in the heavenlies in the invisible spiritual realm, esp. after the evil heavenly powers and rulers are permanently removed from their positions of authority.
 - b. This was accomplished through the Cross, taking Satan and his cohorts in their own craftiness. But there is nothing they can do to thwart God's purpose in Christ (Eph. 1:21-22; Rom. 8:29-39).
 - --All God had to do to thwart Satan's plan was to keep a secret (1 Cor. 2; Ezek. 28:3).

- 3. God kept it a secret that through the Cross He would create a new group of redeemed humanity, who would enter His family in full sonship position, to rule in the heavenly realm, replacing Satan and the evil powers and principalities there.
 - a. He kept it secret because if the human rulers or the evil spiritual rulers behind them had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory (1 Cor. 2:8).
 - b. In putting Christ to death, they were doing the secret will of the Father. What they thought destroyed God's purpose, in fact accomplished it because they didn't know and understand what God has now revealed to us in PGMT (1 Cor. 1:18-20; 3:19-20; Job 5:13)!
 - c. The "shame" of the Cross displayed the LORD in the fullness of His Glory (1 Cor. 2:8; Jn. 17:4-5).

- 4. At the Cross, after His battle in the spiritual realm, Christ spoiled principalities and powers—vanquishing Satan's armies, taking away his people and reclaiming his territory, and assuring them of their certain ultimate demise; and gives them to those who are now His Own! (Col. 2:15; Eph. 4:8).
 - --Christ's exaltation provided the victory parade that announced the re-organization of the universe around Christ.
 - --He shares with the Body of Christ the spoils.

Verse 1:

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt

Chorus:

Grace, Grace, God's Grace

(Marvelous Grace - Infinite Grace!)

Grace that will pardon and cleanse within Grace, Grace, God's Grace

(Marvelous Grace - Infinite Grace!) Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Verse 2:

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold Threaten the soul with infinite loss Grace that is greater, yes, Grace untold Points to the refuge, the mighty cross!

Chorus:

Grace, Grace, God's Grace (Marvelous Grace - Infinite Grace!) Grace that will pardon and cleanse within Grace, Grace, God's Grace (Marvelous Grace - Infinite Grace!) Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Verse 3:

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide What can avail to wash it away? Look! there is flowing a crimson tide Whiter than snow you may be today

Chorus:

Grace, Grace, God's Grace

(Marvelous Grace - Infinite Grace!)

Grace that will pardon and cleanse within

Grace, Grace, God's Grace

(Marvelous Grace - Infinite Grace!)

Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Verse 4:

Marvelous, infinite, matchless Grace! Freely bestowed on all who believe All who are longing to see His face Will you this moment His Grace receive?

Chorus:

Grace, Grace, God's Grace (Marvelous Grace - Infinite Grace!) Grace that will pardon and cleanse within Grace, Grace, God's Grace (Marvelous Grace - Infinite Grace!) Grace that is greater than all our sin!