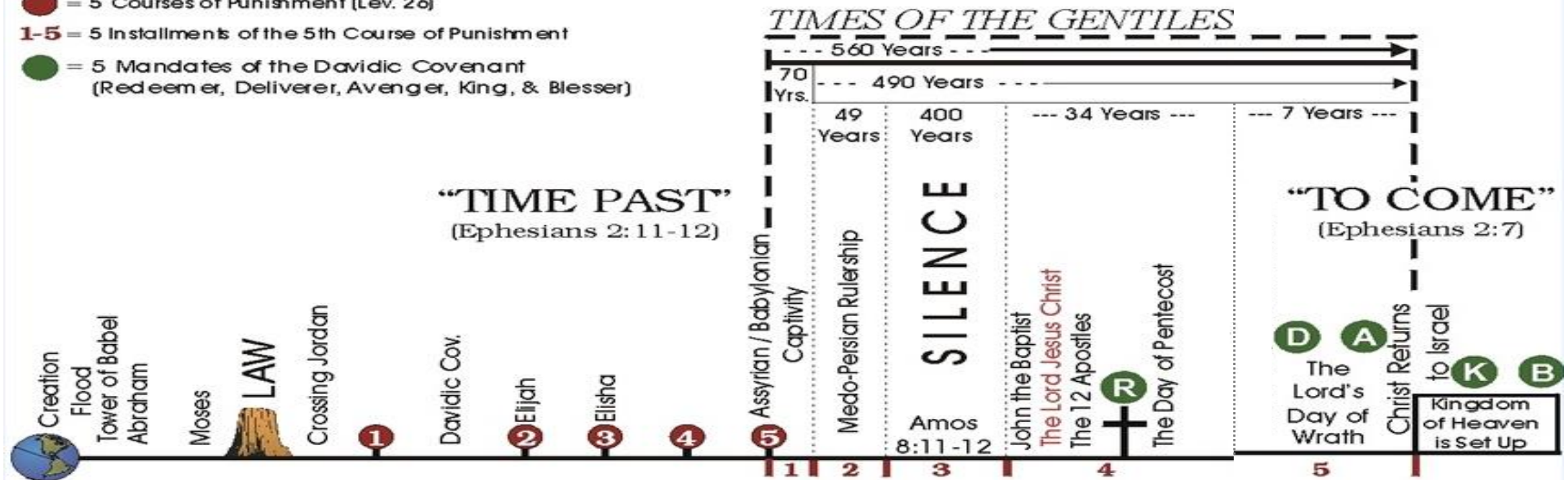


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ISRAEL - "The Circumcision" - "nigh unto God"

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

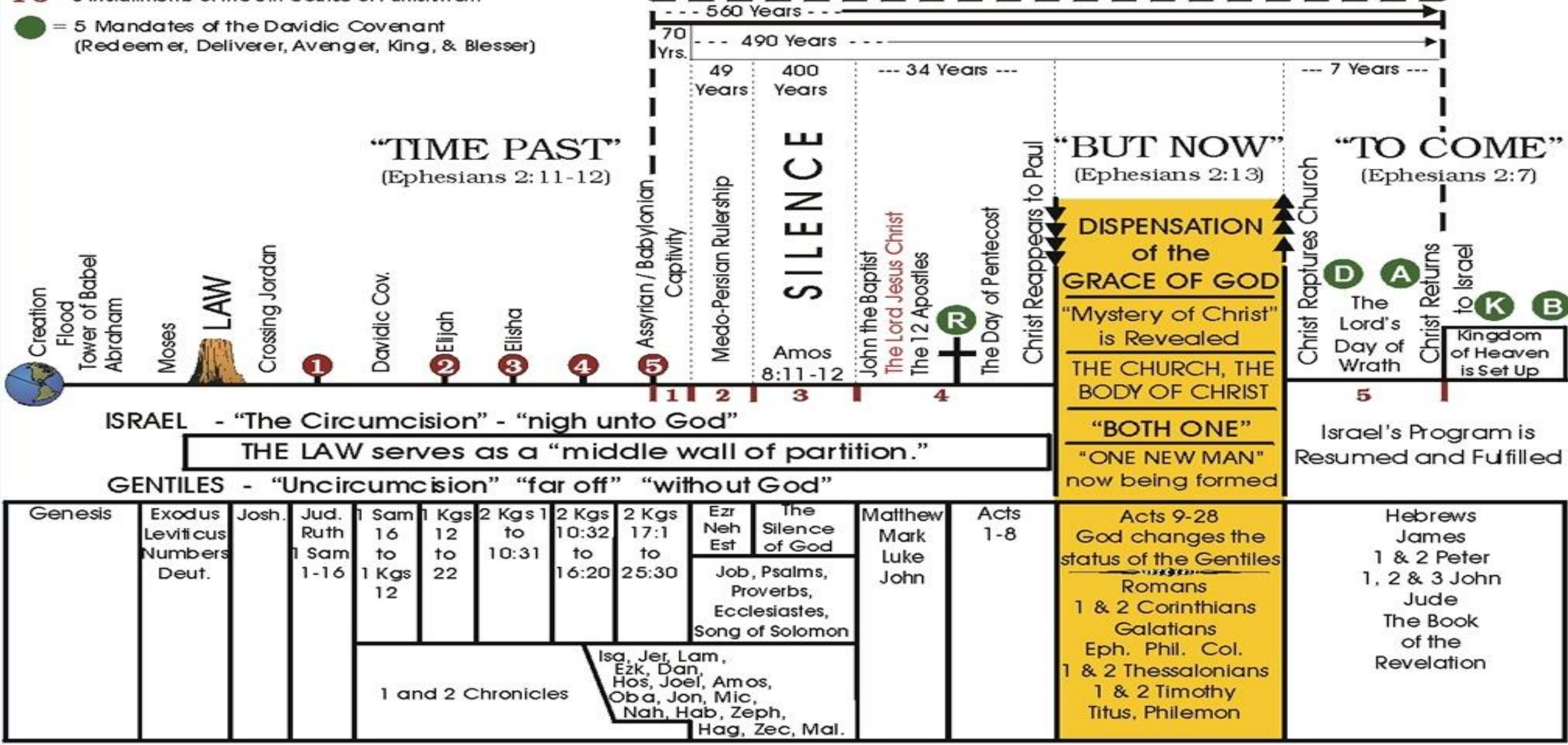
Israel's Program is Resumed and Fulfilled

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* .....



## AT THE CROSS - 1

Alas, and did my Savior bleed  
And did my Sovereign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head  
For sinners such as I?

Chorus:

At the cross, at the cross  
Where I first saw the light  
And the burden of my heart rolled away  
It was there by faith, I received my sight  
And now I am happy all the day!

## AT THE CROSS - 2

Was it for crimes that I had done  
He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown  
And love beyond degree!

Chorus:

At the cross, at the cross  
Where I first saw the light  
And the burden of my heart rolled away  
It was there by faith, I received my sight  
And now I am happy all the day!

## AT THE CROSS - 3

Well might the sun in darkness hide  
And shut his glories in  
When Christ the mighty Maker died  
For man, the creature's sin

Chorus:

At the cross, at the cross  
Where I first saw the light  
And the burden of my heart rolled away  
It was there by faith, I received my sight  
And now I am happy all the day!

## AT THE CROSS - 4

But drops of grief can ne'r repay

The debt of love I owe

Here, Lord, I give myself away

'Tis all that I can do

Chorus:

At the cross, at the cross

Where I first saw the light

And the burden of my heart rolled away

It was there by faith, I received my sight

And now I am happy all the day!

# Bringing Satan To Nothing

Ephesians 1:9-10; 1 Cor. 1-2;

1. How does the Preaching of the Cross bring everything contrary to God—Satan’s whole empire of evil of the ages—to NOTHING?
2. 1 Cor. 1-2 is organized around three references to “**bringing the things of the world to nothing.**”
  - a. It is introduced with a Satanic and attack on the church made possible by wrongly-dividing the Word of God regarding water baptism that opened the door to the things of the world—divisions, contentions, pride—and disqualified the Apostle Paul from being their apostle, as it has done in most of historic Christianity (1 Cor. 1:11-16).
  - b. And if Satan could get them to do that, he would nullify Paul’s distinct apostleship thereby nullifying the Mystery and silencing the proclamation of Christ’s victory over Satan (1 Cor. 1:17).



3. It helps to observe that in this passage, Paul uses two words that are translated “world” in the KJV:
  - a. age—aion (sing.)—A period of indefinite duration that is known for what characterizes it: Evil. It is an evil age that has been going on since the Fall of humanity (Eph. 6:12; Gal. 1:4).  
--Ages (pl.)—before the Creation of the universe/time (Eph. 3:9).
  - b. cosmos—the arrangement or order, the practices and standards of Creation in this present evil age under the rule of Prince Satan (Eph. 2:2). God created the universe “good” in accord with the organizational structure of His wise and prudent plan (Col. 1:15-20). But Satan usurped Him and now the cosmos operates with Satan’s own filling the positions of that organizational structure. But through the Cross of Christ, God brings him and his plan to nothing.

4. The key verse being 1 Cor. 3:18-23: God's plan takes the wise in their own craftiness, ensnaring them in their own web of deceit, pulling back the curtain to show it is all nothing.
  
5. Catching them in their own craftiness because Paul's message of the Cross nullifies all other messages that belong to this evil age under the rule of Satan.
  - a. Paul's message is God's good news from Christ. Therefore, it needs no embellishment (1 Cor. 1:17; 2:1-4). In fact, to add something to it—not human or worldly wisdom and not even things from God's Prophetic Program with Israel like water baptism or the Law.
    - Anything added to Pauline Grace empties it of the power of the Gospel in all its simplicity (1 Cor. 1:11-18; Gal. 3:1-5).

- b. Rather, Paul's message without any additions powerfully saves all who believe and destroys (brings to nothing) Satan's whole plan of evil (1 Cor. 1:17-2:8).
- c. The Corinthians thought it was "wise" to add things to Paul's Gospel to make it look better and more acceptable by the standards of the old cosmos ruled by Satan.
  - But that is just foolishness because it is Paul's preaching that brings to nothing, destroys, Satan's whole plan of evil and proclaims a new cosmos centered in Christ!

d. Those who belong to the present evil world system don't receive the preaching of the Cross because it appears foolish to them (1:18-21).

--But that is part of God's plan. In using what the world considers to be foolish and weak to accomplish His purpose, He brings the "wisdom" and "prudence" of the world to nothing, and with it Satan and his whole plan of evil.

--For all the self-proclaimed wisdom and prudence of the Greek world, it didn't bring anyone closer to God, and it couldn't save even one sinner. But then Paul comes stumbling through town preaching the "foolishness" of the Cross, and it was so powerful, it saved ALL who believed, bringing them into an eternally secure everlasting relationship with God!

- The Jews looked for power in miraculous signs, but that wasn't powerful enough to keep the nation from going into apostasy. And the Greeks look for power in their wisdom, but that wasn't powerful enough to bring them to God or save them.
- But Paul's preaching of the Cross proclaims that Christ is God's Power and Wisdom (1:24). Through the weakness of the Cross (by this world's standards) God powerfully redeemed fallen humanity away from Satan, sin and death, bringing them unto Himself in righteousness and life. And through the foolishness of the Cross, He showed the nothingness of the world's wisdom and power.

**THEREFORE, IF THE FOOLISHNESS OF GOD IS WISER THAN THE WISEST OF THE WORLD, AND THE WEAKNESS OF GOD IS STRONGER THAN THE STRONGEST OF THE WORLD, DON'T BELITTLE THE CROSS OF CHRIST BUT TRUST IN IT ALONE! PROCLAIM IT BOLDLY!!**

6. Catching them in their own craftiness because Paul's message of the Cross makes the fleshly **somebodies** of the evil world—into fleshly **nobodies**, while making the believing **nobodies** of the world into spiritual **somebodies** unto His Glory (1 Cor. 1:25-29).
  - a. Those who participate in the so-called glory that comes from the false wisdom of Satan's evil world, rejecting God's Glory, will be brought down to shame.

- b. Those who participate in God's Glory displayed at the Cross through faith are united to Christ, and He is made their TRUE WISDOM—powerfully bringing them to God in a right standing where He can use them for His purpose in the new Cosmos/Creation under the rule of God, because He has freed them from every evil power that was against them in the old creation under the rule of Satan.
- c. Therefore, if there is no glory in believers apart from Christ (they are the foolish and weak, despised and base), and there is no glory in the things of the present evil age in a cosmos operating according to Satan's standards ...

**THEREFORE, THE ONLY SOURCE LEFT FOR GLORY IS TO  
GLORY IN THE LORD!!**

7. Finally, catching the wise in their own craftiness because God kept Paul's message a secret for all the AGES, since before Creation. It was His Mystery Will. He did this so that the "wise" of this world—throughout all the AGES--would do the one thing that would fulfill all God's plans for the universe—Put Christ to death on the Cross.
8. The Prince of the cosmos (Satan) with all his princely cronies--human/earthly, angelic/heavenly—in their accumulated so-called wisdom of the AGES would never have thought that God would:
  - a. Re-claim Creation unto Himself through the foolishness and weakness of the Cross, nor ...
  - b. That He would re-claim the Heavens not through the good angels but through a 2<sup>nd</sup> secret group of IN-CHRIST redeemed humanity called the Body of Christ.



9. For all their “wisdom” they didn’t know that God designed His creation to work in accord with His plan of wisdom and prudence, based not on the mind of Satan, which brought it to ruin, but on the Mind of Christ, which brings it into glorious fulfillment (1 Cor. 2:6-8; Eph. 2:2).

--The one thing that they thought they could use to bring God’s plan for Creation to nothing ...

--In fact, brought their plan to nothing and fulfilled God’s plan!

--Thereby **CATCHING THEM IN THEIR OWN CRAFTINESS.**

10. And that is why Paul is awestruck in Eph. 1:8. What no one else knew, now, we can know because God has given us everything we need to come into the FULL-knowledge of the Mystery (Eph. 1:1-11; Col. 1:25-2:3).

- a. He gave the full revelation of the Mystery to Paul ...
- b. Who wrote it down in the Scriptures ...
- c. Which, when received by faith, the Holy Spirit uses to reveal and teach us God's glorious wisdom in the recreation the cosmos unto His glory, fulfilling God's plan for the ages!
- d. And when that happens, we have the Mind of Christ as intelligent co-worker in the creaturely ordering of the new cosmos.

# Up from the grave He arose

Low in the grave He Lay  
Jesus my Savior!  
Waiting the coming day  
Jesus my Lord

Up from the grave He arose  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes  
He arose a Victor from the dark domain  
And He lives forever with His saints to reign  
He arose! He arose!  
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

# Up from the grave He arose

Vainly they watched His bed

Jesus my Savior!

Vainly they sealed the dead

Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose

With a mighty triumph o'er His foes

He arose a Victor from the dark domain

And He lives forever with His saints to reign

He arose! He arose!

Hallelujah! Christ arose!

# Up from the grave He arose

Death cannot keep its prey

Jesus my Savior!

He tore the bars away

Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose

With a mighty triumph o'er His foes

He arose a Victor from the dark domain

And He lives forever with His saints to reign

He arose! He arose!

Hallelujah! Christ arose!