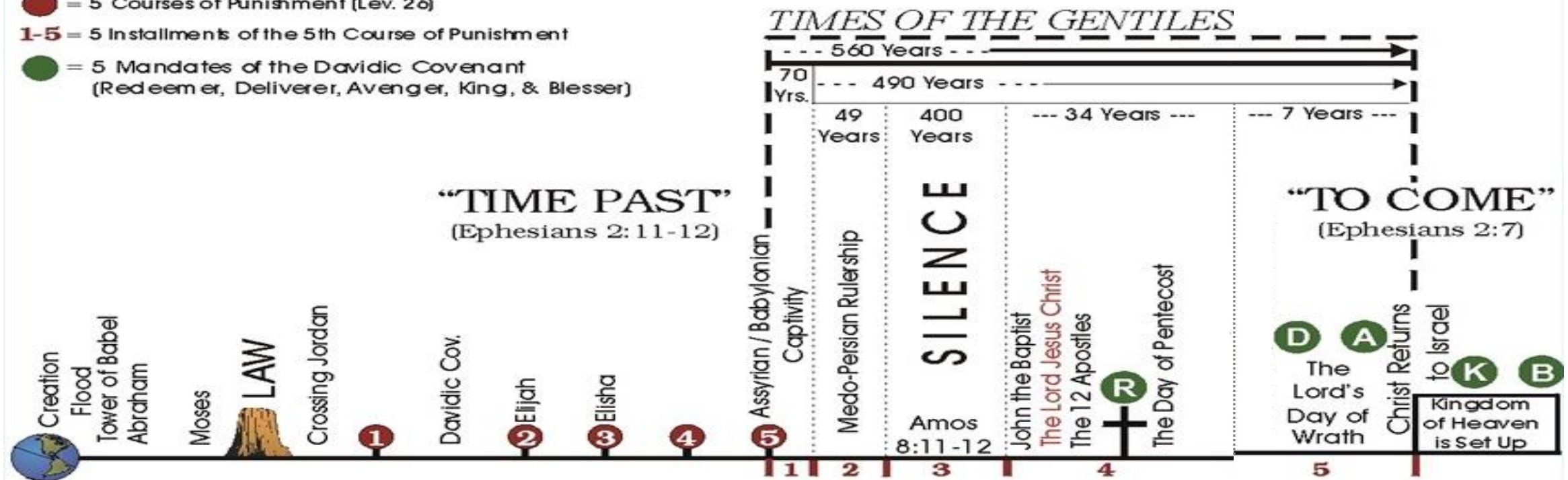


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ISRAEL - "The Circumcision" - "nigh unto God"

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
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TIMES OF THE GENTILES



Ephesians 1:15-23

Paul's 1st Prayer

Pt. 2

1. The Prayer flows out of the first half of Eph. 1:
 - a. v. 15-16—Wherefore—for this reason that the whole Triune Godhead has a plan for them through the Holy Spirit of promise, who enlivened, indwelt and sealed them guaranteeing their future.
 - Paul thanked God for them having heard about their faith and love. But what about their HOPE? (1 Thess. 1:3)
 - b. v. 17-18a—Paul prays that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory might:
 - fill their enlivened spirits with His wisdom, which comes from the Spirit's revelation of the Mystery, which brings them into the full-knowledge of God, to enlighten their inner persons.

c. v. 18-19—So they can know and understand, appreciate and enjoy:

--What is the HOPE of His calling for the Body of Christ,

--Comes from making them into His Own inheritance, the displayers of the riches of His Glory, esp. in heavenlies.

--Through His exceeding great power toward believers to accomplish all of this.

d. v. 20-23—Which He has already displayed when He powerfully raised Christ from the dead, exalted Him and seated Him at His Own right hand far above all other power:

--Subjecting the old creation under His feet.

--Placing His new creation—US-IN-CHRIST—the Body of Christ under His Head, joining us to Him whereby He fills us with His fullness.

2. Other ways to look at Paul's prayers in Ephesians:

a. They begin with benedictions—perhaps indicating there are 3 prayers?

--1:3—Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us ...

--1:17—That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory that He give us ...

--3:14—God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, would give you ...

b. His Plan and Power:

--Eph. 1:3-14—God lays out His eternal councils and purpose to restore creation centered in Christ unto His Glory. Accomplishing this will require GREAT POWER!

--Eph. 1:15-23—That our inner person might be enlightened by knowing His IMMEASUREABLE POWER toward us, re-organizing, re-structuring creation, which we can be certain of because He powerfully displayed it when He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand far above all other powers—and He made Him the Head of His Body, **FILLING US WITH CHRIST'S FULLNESS!**

--Eph. 3:14-21—That our inner person might be strengthened by knowing His IMMEASUREABLE LOVE whereby God powerfully works INSIDE believers, grounding them in the immeasurable Love of God at the Cross of Christ, whereby Christ dwells in them, **FILLING US WITH THE FULLNESS OF THE TRIUNE GODHEAD!!**

3. In this prayer we overhear Paul praying to God that we might fully know and understand Him and in doing so also answers the prayer by instructing us in what He wants us to know:
 - a. What is the hope of God's calling, which will give us the understanding of:
 - b. What is riches of the Glory of His inheritance in the saints, ie., US! Which will bring us into an appreciation of:
 - c. What is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us already displayed when He powerfully re-organized the universe, reclaiming it unto His Own Glory under His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, placing His new creation under His Head, filling us with all His fullness.
--And He took us there with Him (Eph. 2:4-7).

4. Understanding and appreciating these things, God powerfully called us into His service, making us into the displayers of His Glory (1:6, 12, 14; Eph. 2:8-10; 2 Cor. 5:14-21).
 - a. As the recipients of the riches of His Grace, we become the displayers, reflectors, radiators of all that is true about His Grace, that is—we display the riches of the Glory of His Grace.
 - b. This is the good pleasure of His will—God, acting in Love, displaying the will of His grace, taking sinners and overflowing the riches of His mercy and goodness and kindness upon them.
 - c. God delighting in us, causes us to delight in Him. When we delight in His Grace, we reflect that Grace to others. When we delight in His Mercy, we radiate that Mercy to others.
--When we delight in His Glory, we reflect it to others.
 - d. This is the ultimate goal of creation, and we can begin NOW.