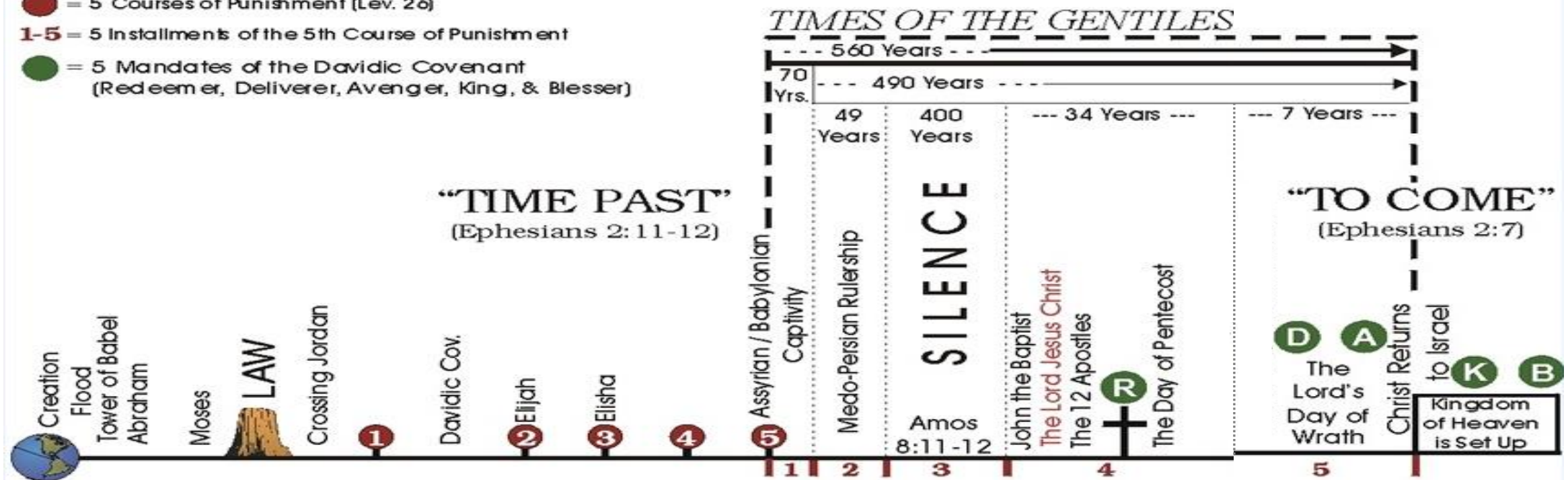


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THE LAW serves as a "middle wall of partition."

Israel's Program is Resumed and Fulfilled

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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 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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Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yes, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty

Praise ye the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee!
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee;
How oft in grief Hath not He brought thee relief,
Spreading His wings for to shade thee!

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen Sound from His people again:
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Ephesians 1:15-18a

Verse-By-Verse

1. Eph. 1:15-16: The Triad of Christian “virtues” (Phil. 4:8-9):

The threads of FAITH:

a. OUR FAITH (believing) in THE FAITH (God’s Truth for today —PGMT) that contains and reveals THE FAITH OF CHRIST (the Person of Christ and His Work on the Cross for his enemies).

--And when this is occurring, it is obedience of faith—OUR FAITHFULNESS.

--Gal. 5:5-6; 1 Thess. 1:3; Col. 1:4-5.

b. The infinite dimensions of LOVE:

- Today God is manifesting the infinite depth of His Love in that Christ died for powerless, ungodly enemy sinners, especially the idolatrous Gentile world and save them from their fallen predicament (Rom. 5:5-11; Eph. 3:17-21).
- The non-Pauline Scriptures manifest God's Love for the world but only to the extent that Christ died for His friends (Jn. 15:13).
- If the non-Pauline Scriptures manifest the infinite surface of God's Love, the Pauline Scriptures manifest the infinite dimensions of His Love.
- Rom. 5:5; 2 Cor. 5:14

- c. The Glory of our HOPE: The riches of Glory of the Mystery to hopeless Gentiles is not just US-IN-CHRIST but CHRIST-IN-US the Hope of Glory—the absolute certainty that they have been made participants in God’s Glory through Christ (Col. 1:26-29)! From this Mystery comes:
- Our ONE Hope of our calling for today (Eph. 4:4).
 - Our Hope, which is laid up in Heaven (Col. 1:5).
 - Our Hope of the Gospel, God’s Good News for today (Col. 1:23; Col. 3:1-4).
 - Our Hope that provides for patient endurance (Rom. 5:2-5; 8:23-25; 1 Thess. 1:3).
 - Our Blessed Hope—everything fulfilled at the Rapture (Titus 2:13).

2. In Eph. 1:17-23 Paul wants us to know, understand and appreciate the infinite depth of this plan in its totality for God made us “meet”, enabled us (Col. 1:12), to be the displayers, reflectors, radiators of His Glory through our sonship position.
 - a. He wants the Holy Spirit to use PGMT to fill our enlivened spirits with ALL God’s wisdom that comes from the Revelation of the Mystery because that is what brings us into the full -knowledge of God and what He is doing for, with and through US-IN-CHRIST now and through all eternity (1:17).
 - b. This is what renews our minds and enlightens our inner being, our hearts, so that we can radiate God’s Glory, all that is true of Him, from the inside out with unfeigned love (Rom. 12:9).

3. Eph. 1:17-18a: Now as believers enlivened and sealed with the Holy Spirit, God wants to make our once empty/vain, darkened and foolish inner person/hearts (Rom. 1:21) filled full with His wisdom that comes from the Revelation of the Mystery, which brings us into the knowledge of God, thereby enlightening our understanding in the inner person/heart.

--Problem with fallen humanity in Adam—God revealed Himself, they rejected it and their foolish hearts were darkened.

--Solution for new humanity in Christ—God revealed Himself in the Mystery, we received it in faith, and now our “enwisened” hearts can be enlightened!

4. 1:17-18a—**the God of our Lord Jesus Christ**

- a. This prayer is addressed to the Triune God, and it is the Triune God who is operating in and through PGMT today (Rom. 15:15-16; Eph. 4:4-6).
- b. **Our**--It involves those who are in a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ--believers.
- c. **Lord**--He is the Lord, absolute God, Creator of all things and under whom all things are subjected (Col. 1:16-19).
- d. **Jesus**—God incarnated in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ to make God known to His creation.

e. **Christ**—the Messiah of the line of David who Paul preaches according to PGMT for the Body of Christ (2 Tim. 2:8), which was kept secret since the world began (Eph. 6:19-20; Rom. 16:25). Not Christ of the line of David according to Israel's Prophetic Gospel of the Kingdom for Israel, which the prophets spoke about since the world began (Acts 3:21).

--Paul did not preach that the Davidic Christ was raised from the dead to sit on David's Throne in Jerusalem, fulfilling God's Prophetic Program to save the Nation of Israel (as Peter did —acts 2:29-31).

--He preached the Davidic Christ, who was raised from the dead for our justification (Rom. 4:25), our oneness with Christ (Col. 2:12) and our spiritual victory in Christ (Rom. 8:11-12; Phil. 3:10-11) as members of the Body of Christ.

5. The Father of Glory—The Father to whom all Glory belongs and from whom all Glory proceeds. He has brought US-IN-CHRIST into His Glory.

--When the Spirit brings us into the presence of God through PGMT, and we abide in His presence, He makes us into the reflection of the essence of His Own being—He shines on us the riches of His grace and mercy and love and kindness (Eph. 2:4-7) and goodness and longsuffering and forbearance (Rom. 2:4) and salvation and power and wisdom and knowledge (Rom. 11:12, 33). Our faces shine because our inner being is enlightened.

--In short, the RICHES OF HIS GLORY IN THE RICHES OF CHRIST AS REVEALED IN THE RICHES OF THE GLORY OF THE MYSTERY (Eph. 1:18; 3:8, 16; Phil. 4:19; Col. 1:27;2:2).

The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

***On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand***

The Solid Rock

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the vale

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All other ground is sinking sand
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The Solid Rock

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

***On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
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The Solid Rock

When He shall come with trumpet sound

Oh, may I then in Him be found

Dressed in His righteousness alone

Faultless to stand before the throne!

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand

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