

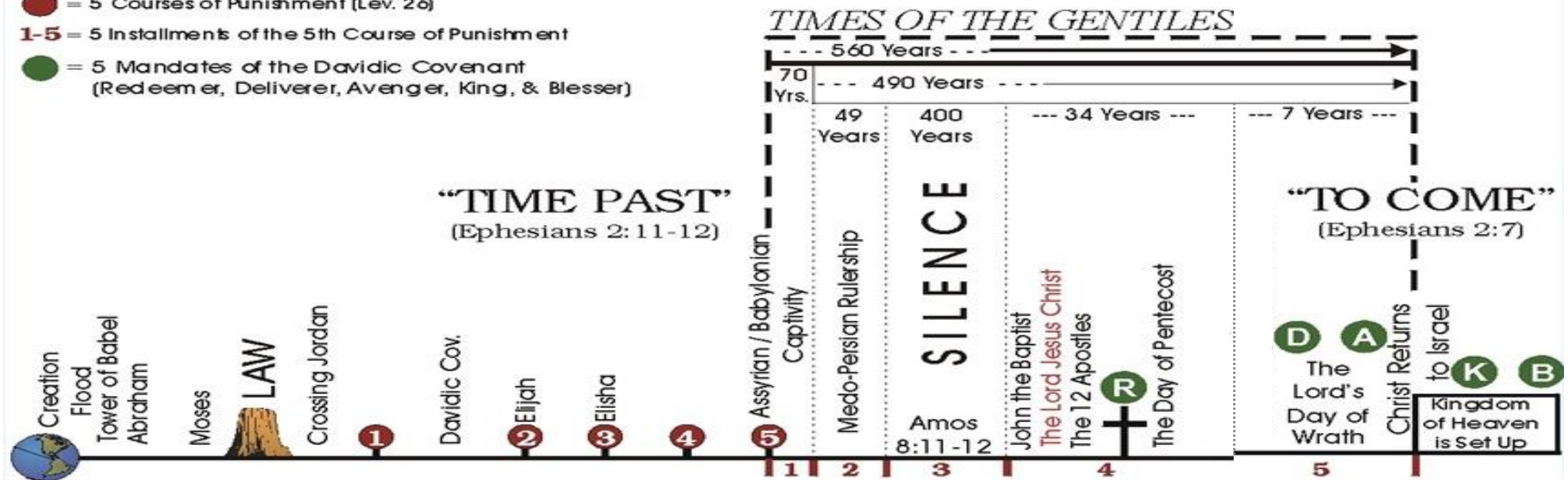
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TIMES OF THE GENTILES



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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"

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Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains

Chorus: Glo----ria, in excelsis Deo!
Glo----ria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds why this jubilee,
why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
which inspire your heavenly song?

Angels We Have Heard On High

Come to Bethlehem and see,
Him whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord the newborn King

Chorus: Glo----ria, in excelsis Deo!
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God's Power and the Powers

Eph. 1:19-23

**THE TRANSITION PERIOD (20-30 years)
(Also called Acts Period)**

**Eph.
Phil.
Col.**



**Peter
And
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12**

**God's Prophetic Program
With the Nation of Israel:
DIMINISHING**

**God's Mystery Program
With the Body of Christ:
INCREASING**

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1. What we need to know (Eph. 1:18-19):
 - a. The hope of His calling for us—He made us participants in His Mystery Program with the Body of Christ to re-establish His glory in the heavenlies.
 - b. The riches of the glory of His inheritance in us—He is making us into the showcase of the RICHES of His glory—the infinite dimensions of His love, grace, mercy, kindness, goodness, etc. to His ENEMIES.
 - c. The exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe—displayed already in the resurrection, exaltation and seating in the heavenlies of the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. This power has two aspects:

- a. The power that raised Christ and seated Him in the heavenlies far above all powers, is sufficient to do the same with us, the members of the Body of Christ (Eph. 2:4-7).
- b. To accomplish this plan requires the re-organization of the whole universe that puts the old creation under His feet and His new creation under His Head, where He fills us with His fullness that He will fill all things with through US-IN-CHRIST.

3. Nuances between the Greek words Paul uses for GODS's power? Some illustrate with a bulldozer:
 - a. --Dynamis—1st concept of power—concept of a bulldozer has the ability, potential of uprooting trees.
 - Energeia—2nd potential power—working—looking at the bulldozer we see its inherent strength.
 - Kratos—3rd kinetic power—power in action--when the engine roars and it knocks the tree over, its power becomes obvious.

4. Or is Paul's point not for us to minutely distinguish the words but to appreciate God's overwhelming power that works for us is so exceedingly great almost beyond human words to express adequately. Paul is piling up these words for power to add to the effect of all the superlatives.

--What He already accomplished with the Lord Jesus Christ, He is now accomplishing for US-IN-CHRIST as delineated in saving lost enemy sinners (Eph. 2:1-10) and creating of them the Body of Christ (Eph. 2:11-22).

5. In contrast to God's multi-levels of powers, the heavenly usurpers claim their own multi-levels of power and Christ is above them all.
 - a. Principality (arche)—always signifies primacy in rank, power and dominion. The one who is 1st in place or power. Highest angelic (cherub) ruler—Satan?
 - b. Power (exousia)—those free to act, hence, the leader of those with authority—here angelic authority.
 - c. Might (dynamis)—soldiers that go forward in war—perhaps the angelic powers, hosts of Heaven, Israel was prohibited from worshipping (2 Kgs. 17:16; 21:3; 23:4ff; Deut 4:19).
 - d. Dominion (kyrutes)—lords who despise God's authority (2 Pet. 2:10; Jude 8).
 - e. Name—in short, every name that claims a name for themselves is subjected under God's power and placed under Christ's feet.

6. Is there some order to this? Looking at just this passage, perhaps the hostile heavenly realm centers on:
 - a. Satan, the ruler of 1st place, ...
 - b. Gives authority to the next level of government ...
 - c. Who empower the angelic armies to subvert God's plan in the Heavens and on the Earth...
 - d. Through special classes of lords ...
 - e. All of which, however, have been subjected under Christ.

7. But Paul doesn't always give these powers in the same order or the same names.
 - a. 1 Cor. 15:24—While the old creation has been subjected under His feet, the full exercise of that authority will not take place until His return. Same order as Eph.
 - b. Col. 1:16—thrones—dominions—principalities—powers: Differ in order and being in the plural from Eph.
 - c. And sometimes they refer to heavenly rulers (as here) and sometimes to earthly rulers (as in Titus 3:1; Rom. 13:1-3).
 - d. Perhaps it is simplest just to say these are at least the highest levels of powers in the heavenlies, and if even they are subjected to Christ so is everyone/everything else.

8. In short, God and Paul give very little information on these hostile powers because **THEY DON'T WANT US TO SPEND OUR TIME FOCUSING ON THEM! HE WANTS US TO FOCUS ON HIS SON, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST!!**
 - a. They are there. Christ overpowered and put them under His feet—His forced authority. We don't need to know more.
 - b. He put **US-IN-CHRIST** under His Head where He is filling us with His fullness.
 - c. Don't make the mistake the Colossians were doing by focusing more on the heavenly angelic powers than on their Head, the Lord Jesus Christ (Col. 2:18-19).

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark! The herald angels sing
“Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconcile”
Joyful, all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Hark! the herald angels sing
“Glory to the newborn King”

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Son of righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings

Ris'n with healing in His wings

Mild He lays His glory by

Born that man no more may die

Born to raise the sons of earth

Born to give them second birth

Hark! the herald angels sing

“Glory to the newborn King”