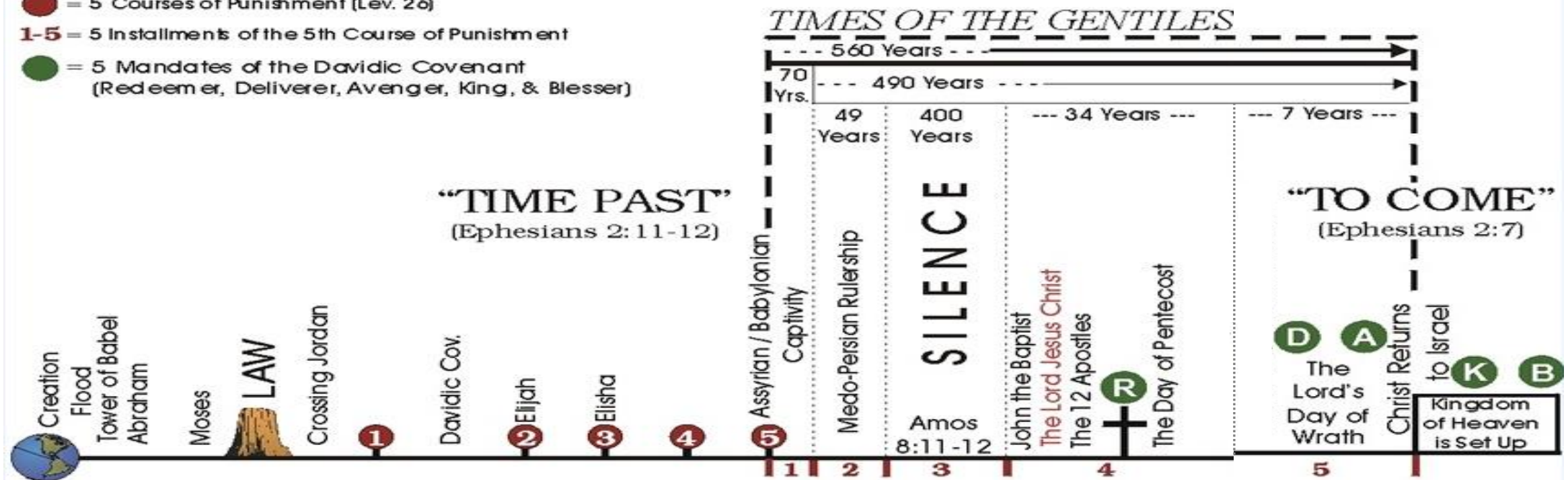


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THE LAW serves as a "middle wall of partition."

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 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.					

# It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

It came upon a midnight clear  
That glorious song of old  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold  
Peace on the earth, good will to men  
From heaven's all gracious King  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing

# It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Still through the cloven skies they come  
With peaceful wings unfurled  
And still their heavenly music floats  
O'er all the weary world  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hovering wing  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing

# It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

All ye beneath life's crushing load  
Whose forms are bending low  
Who toil along the climbing way  
With painful steps and slow  
Look now for glad and golden hours  
Come swiftly on the wing  
O rest beside the weary road  
And hear the angels sing



# **It Came Upon a Midnight Clear**

For lo! The days are hastening on,  
by prophet seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
Shall come the time foretold  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world send back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

# The Powers and Eph. 2

Eph. 1:22-2:10

1. God exercised and displayed His Power in:
  - a. Raising Jesus Christ out from among the many dead.
  - b. Seating Him at His Own right hand—exalted, to a place of honor and authority.
    - Angels may be in the heavenlies, and humans may be seated in the heavenlies (Eph. 2:6), but only Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father.
  - c. There, He exercises all authority/headship over all things, but uniquely given to the Church, His Body, whom He fills with His fullness so that we can radiate it out to creation.



2. Everything is subjected under His feet—is a metaphor for Christ being the rightful heir and restorer of Creation unto God’s glory because of His victory over His enemies.
  - a. He is victorious over them now, but they will not be destroyed until His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming (1 Cor. 15:24-28). He sentenced them to death. We are just waiting for that sentence to be carried out.
  - b. Like a company that is underperforming. When a new CEO comes in and every employee is immediately subjected to him.
    - But everything isn’t instantly enforced. To achieve his goals he offers his plan to the employees and all who want to participate remain. Everyone else, those who rebel against it warned and eventually removed with the “good” employees filling their positions.
    - God is now offering enemy sinners the opportunity to participate in His plan for the heavenlies.

3. Jesus Christ won't fully implement this victory in its fullness until after the Dispensation of Grace, during which God is calling out a new group of redeemed humanity to populate and assume the positions of the bad players in the heavenlies thereby restoring His glory there.

4. Paul quotes Ps. 8:6 where David said God would give all authority to man, which is summed up in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ, the God-MAN (Mat. 28:18).
  - a. While God **had revealed since the beginning of the world** how He would restore the earthly realm unto His glory through this God-MAN (Ps. 8:1, 7-9), His King and Messiah, through His Prophetic Program with the Nation of Israel.
  - b. But He kept secret until He revealed it to and through the Apostle Paul, how He would do this in the heavenlies.

b. Ps. 115:16—men don't belong in the heavens! God's Mystery. He had never revealed before how He was going to restore the heavenly realm unto His glory through the God-MAN thereby restoring the whole universe unto His glory, centered in Christ (Eph. 1:10).

--Until He revealed it to the Apostle Paul (not David).

--He would do that through another IN-CHRIST group of redeemed humanity called the Body of Christ, which is now made known in the Revelation of the Mystery, **which had been kept secret since the world began.**

5. A couple brief glimpses of this realm from Old Testament

a. 2 Kgs. 6:15-17

b. Dan. 10:4-Here we see the rulers in the spiritual realm that are behind the rulers of the earthly realm.

--the angel Gabriel (man=angel) couldn't get past (Satan's) Prince of Persia, who tried to prevent God's message reaching Daniel.

--He had to wait for the Archangel Michael (Israel's angelic Prince) to come, who overruled the Prince of Persia and Grecia.

--Insight into spiritual warfare in the heavenlies between God's powers and the Satanic powers Paul speaks about (Eph. 6:12).

# JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world the Lord is come

Let earth receive her King

Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room

And heav'n and nature sing

And heav'n and nature sing

And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing

# JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods  
Rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy



# JOY TO THE WORLD

No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make  
His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as, far as the curse is found

# JOY TO THE WORLD

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders, wonders of His love