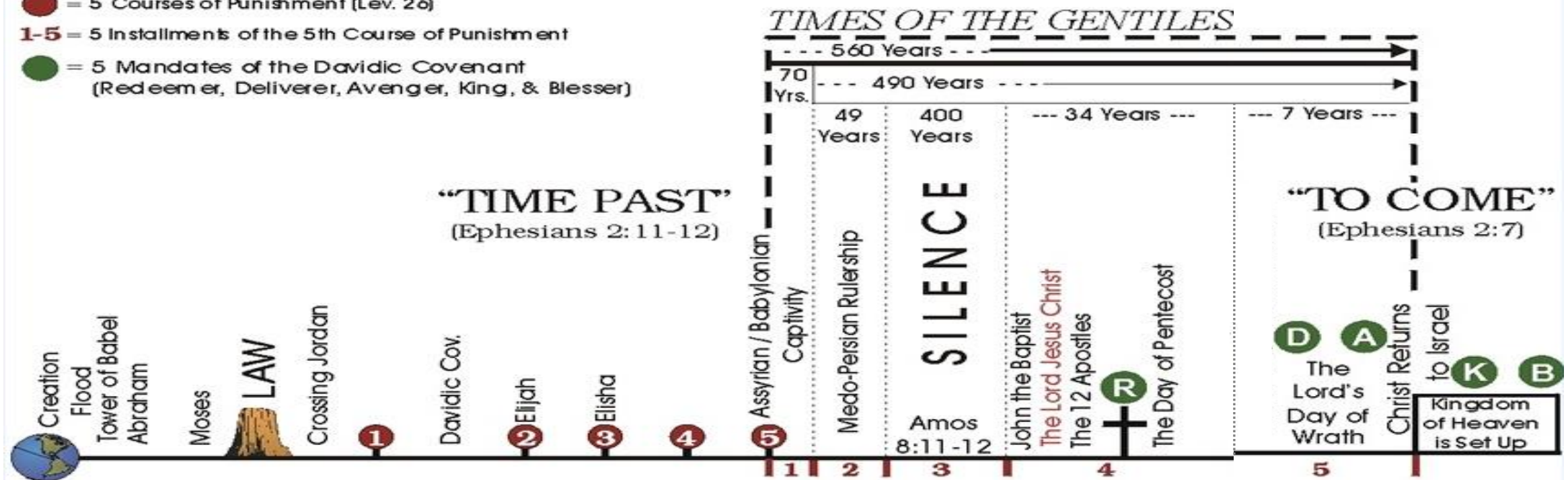


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ISRAEL - "The Circumcision" - "nigh unto God"

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.					

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
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How Far We Fell

Dead In Sins

Eph. 2:1/Rom. 1:18-32

1. Eph. 2:1-3 ties back to Paul's exposition of the plight of fallen humanity and God's remedy for it in the Book of Romans. To make this tie we will look at:
 - a. Eph. 2:1---Rom. 1:18-32
 - b. Eph. 2:2---Rom. 5:11-21
 - c. Eph. 2:3---Rom. 6

2. But the Good News is that no matter how bad the picture, God's exceeding great power works toward us (Eph. 1:19, 22-23), freeing us from sin and death and bringing us into righteousness and life (Rom. 3:23-24; 6:17-18).
 - a. Rom. 1-5—God justified us from our SINS for a right standing before God--justification.
 - b. Rom. 5-8—God freed us from (Master) SIN for a right walk before God--sanctification.

3. Eph. 2:1: And YOU—ties to previous verses—the power of God that worked and is working in Christ is also working in YOU (who believe).
 - You who are now members of the Body of Christ, with Christ as your Head, who is filling you with His fullness ...

3. We were dead—being spiritually dead (v.1) impacts our physical existence (vv. 2-3). Here Paul states that we were spiritually dead. In the next verse, he will explain how we got there.
 - a. Death occurs when some aspect of creation is separated from of God's creaturely purpose for it.
 - Ex. Abraham and Sarah were dead—but they were walking around doing things, especially believing! Their bodies were dead because their reproductive system was not operating according to its creaturely purpose of producing a child (Rom. 4:18-20).
 - They were dead reproductively and couldn't do anything about it but they could do the one thing of believing in and trusting God to do it for them. And He did!

b. So too, all humans are born in the world dead spiritually. Their spirit is not functioning in accord with its created purpose.

--Its created purpose was to be related to God and in communion with Him.

--Just as Abraham and Sarah were dead REPRODUCTIVELY and could do nothing about it except trust/believe in God to give it life, so too humans are dead SPIRITUALLY and can do nothing about it except TRUST/BELIEVE in God to restore and give it life to their broken spirit, and He did in Christ and His Cross—We become alive spiritually, reconnected to God through Christ.

--All that theological mumbo-jumbo about predestination and Calvinism, etc...well, sweep it into the garbage bin, racking it into the burn pile.

c. Humans were created as a dependent persons a unity of spirit (God-connectedness), soul (self-connectedness) and body (world connectedness) that live and flourish in relationship with God that produces human flourishing and fulfills God's created purpose for humanity (1 Thess. 5:23).

--Physical death occurs when the soul is separated from the body, thereby not fulling its created purpose in relationship with the body.

--Spiritual death occurs when the spirit is separated from God, thereby not fulfilling its created purpose in relationship to and dependence on God.

--We are born physically alive but spiritually dead.

d. Being spiritually dead, unconnected to God and not energized by His Spirit of Truth, we were connected to Satan and energized by his LIE subjected to darkened and foolish hearts and vain imaginations that come from reprobate minds instead of the Mind of God (**Rom.1:18-25**).

--We thought that in declaring our independence from God we were wise. But the joke is on us.

- e. For when we declared our independence from God, we didn't actually become independent—what a joke, Ha, Ha, Ha; that's a good one—we didn't become our own little gods, the masters of our own little universes--we just became dependent on other gods and other masters (Sin and Death, Satan and the World, Self and Flesh--Eph. 2:1-3).
 - We did the utterly foolish thing of exchanging dependence on the benevolent God who Created and Loves us and His Truth,
 - For dependence on evil tyrants who are working for themselves and against us, desiring to destroy us with the Lie (Gen. 3:5; Jn. 8:44)!

BLESSED ASSURANCE

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

Chorus:

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

BLESSED ASSURANCE

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight!
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

Chorus:

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

BLESSED ASSURANCE

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blessed
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love

Chorus:

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long