

SHINING THE LIGHT

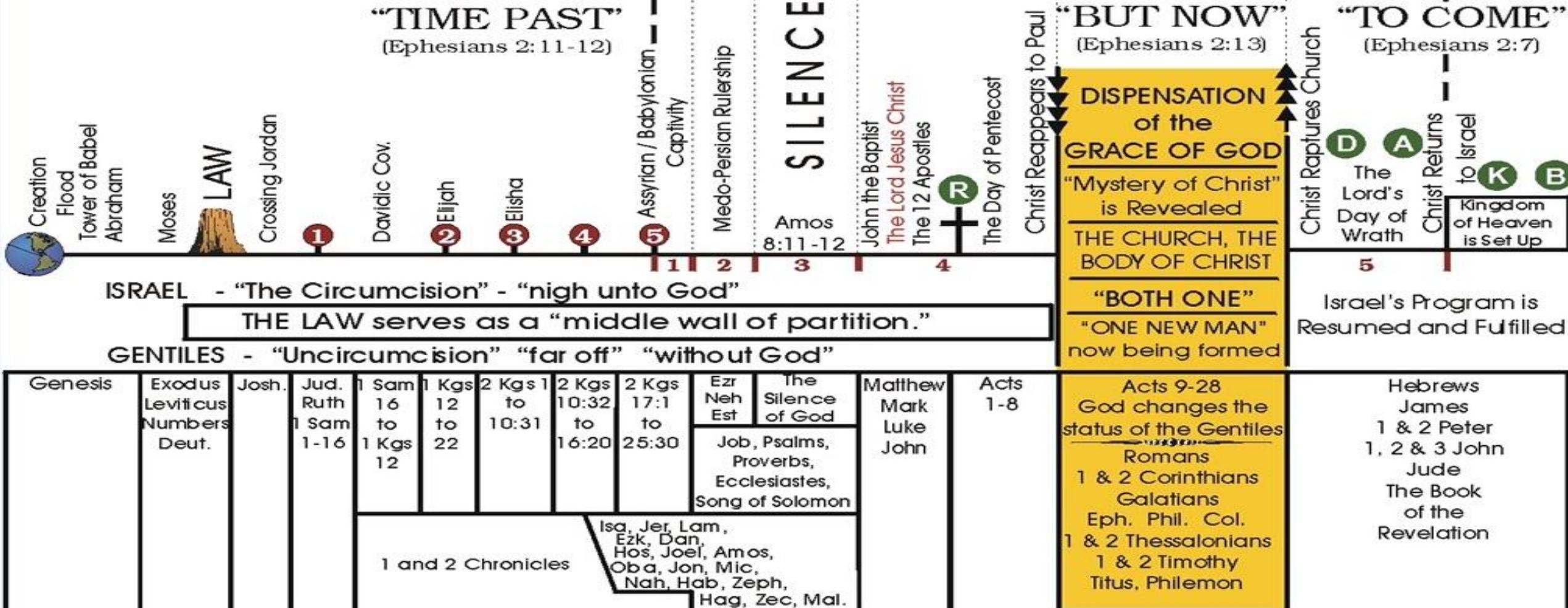
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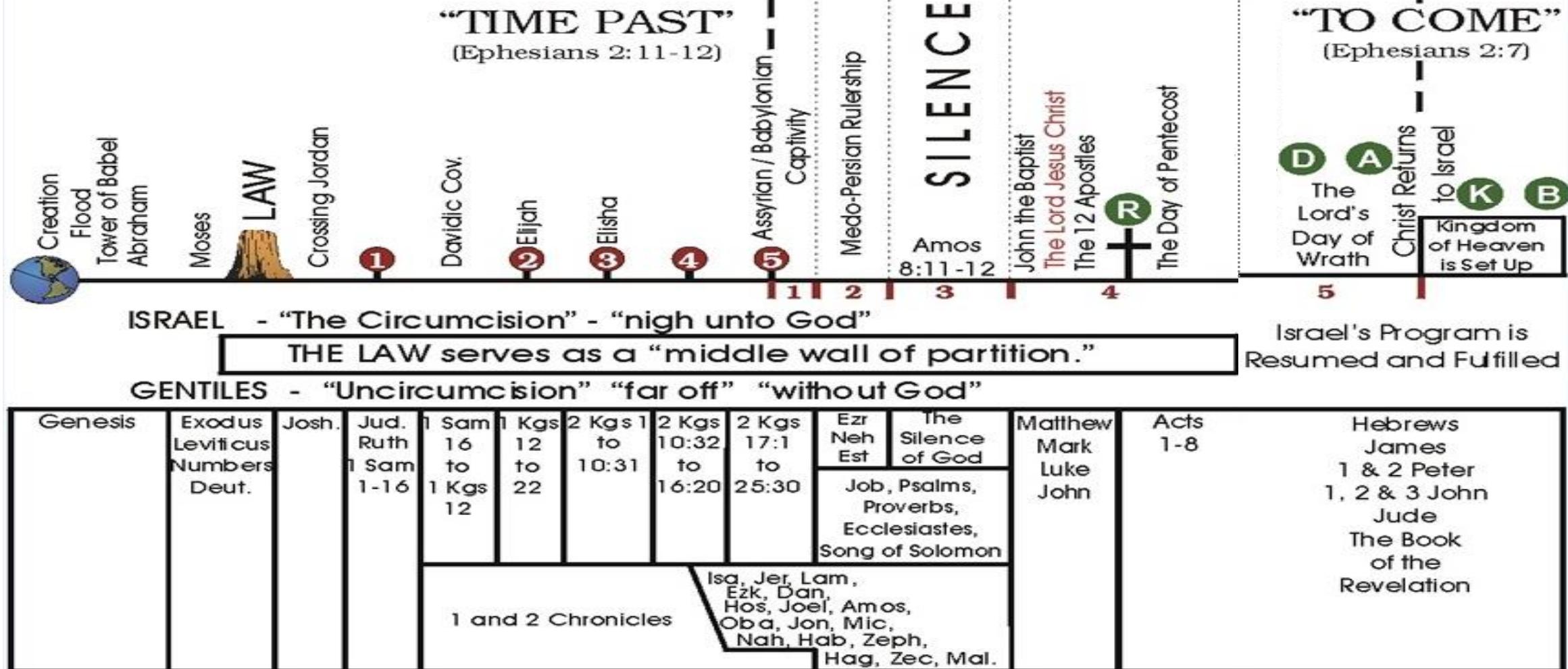


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THE COSMOS/WORLD

WORLD IN DARKNESS

Everyone
born
Into the
world
dead in
sin and
enemies
of God.

**John mostly
focuses on this.**

1st Step VRS Missed

Justification before
God and His
Tribunal unto
eternal life by faith
without works.

**SAVING
ENEMIES.**

FAITH
RIGHTEOUSNESS

**Believing
Remnant
of Israel
And their
friends**

**Mat., Mk., Lk.
mostly focus on
this.**



Justification
before Christ at
His 2nd Coming
for life in the
Kingdom by
faithfulness.

**SAVING
FRIENDS**

**WORLD
IN
LIGHT**

Earthly
Kingdom

John 1:1-5

1. Vv. 1-2: The Word (the outer expression of God's inner thoughts) was eternally pre-existent and in eternal fellowship within the Triune Godhead.
--How could He do that? Because He was God.
2. v.3: Because He was God, He spoke the whole creation into existence. And it was GOOD (Gen. 1:31).
3. v. 4: Because He was God, He had life within Himself and He shared that life with His human creation, enlightening and energizing them in a relationship with God.
4. v.5: But the GOOD human creation fell into darkness because they rebelled against God and rejected His Word (Rom. 1:18-21). But God persists in shining the Light into the darkness but the darkness persists in rejecting it in unbelief.

1. The Prologue (1:1-18)

- a. In the beginning: John goes back further than the beginning of His ministry (Mk.) or His birth (Mat.) or His conception (Lk.) before David and Abraham (Mat. Genealogy) and Adam (Luke's) and before even the creation itself (Gen. 1) into eternity past.
- b. The Word in relation to God—in eternity past (vv. 1-2).
 - 1. A distinct person in the Godhead—His eternal fellow and God (Zech. 13:7).
 - 2. The Creator God (v. 3; Col. 1:16-17).
 - 3. Having Life within Himself, He is the Light of humanity but now they are in darkness—so God had to send pointers too (v. 4-5)
- c. The Word in relation to John the Baptist: God sent John to bear witness, point people, to the Light (vv. 6-8).

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 - d. The Word as Light in relation to world of humanity, beginning with His Own people, Israel (vv. 9-13).
 - 1. All people born into the world need the Light of God's Life, including the Israelite, which comes by faith righteousness.
 - 2. He was in the world (He created) but the world rejected Him in unbelief (Jn. 1:10; Rom. 1:18-32) and now were not in a living relationship with Him.
 - 3. Then He came to His own Nation, Israel, who rejected Him in unbelief as well. (Jn. 1:11).
 - 4. But some did receive Him by faith and to those He gave authority/power to become the children of God by giving them Eternal Life in spiritual re-birth—new creation (Mat. 18:1-6).

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 - e. To reveal this Life and Light most effectively the Word actually became a human, revealing the Father to fellow humans by the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ (vv.14-18).

2. Only Begotten Son (1:14, 18): Two meanings:
 - a. One of a kind in a specific relationship—of Isaac even though he was not the only son of Abraham—he was the one and only son of promise. He was unique among other sons.
 - b. Being the only one of its kind, completely unique and is used of Christ (Jn. 1:14, 18; 3:16) because while sharing in the divine nature of God, eternal Word divine nature was joined to human nature whereby the Father gave to His unique and one-of-a-kind Son all of His things—His Glory (Jn. 3:35)—the only one qualified to do this because He has the Father’s divine nature.
 - c. He is the only One qualified to do this because He has the Father’s divine nature.

3. All other “sons” in the Bible are “sons” by creation—the angels (Job 1:6) or by adoption—national Israel (Ex. 4:22-23) and members of the Body of Christ (Rom. 8:14-15).
4. Jesus is one and only SON without any peers because He has the Father’s divine nature.
 - a. Sons of Thunder (Mk. 3:17)—James and John are “sons” of thunder meaning that they have the same aggressive nature of their father.
 - b. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God because He has the same divine nature as the Father (and the Holy Spirit) have.
 - c. Like father like son: Jn. 14:9—He that has seen Jesus has seen the Father because Jesus has the very nature of the Father—the Son.

5. (v. 4-5, 10-11)-The darkness is willful spiritual blindness. Just as when natural light dispels darkness, it is of no avail to those who willfully close their eyes, so too the presence of the spiritual Light of the Word that dispels spiritual darkness is of no avail to those who willfully keep their spiritual eyes closed in unbelief. It must be received by faith. There is only one thing fallen humanity can “do” without “doing” anything: And that is believe the Gospel God that preaches to them.

- a. Most rejected the Light by keeping their eyes closed in unbelief.
- b. Not just absence of Light but positive evil and rejection of Light.

6. Jesus Christ is God’s Light to humanity, the only true Light if a human is to be enlightened/energized. Though it may be rejected.
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7. The more God shined the Light, the more thru His word and His presence and His prophets and His pre-incarnate appearances—the more He gave them, the more they rebelled against Him and rejected His word, each time closing their eyes tighter and hardening their hearts harder, falling under the COPs and curses of the Law.

a. Is. 6:5-13: God is being sarcastic with Isaiah: After 750 years of shining His Light unto them all it resulted in was rebellion and rejection, blinding and hardening, instead of opening their eyes and softening their hearts in faith. But that was NOT His intention! But that was the result of giving them Light. So, perhaps mercifully God should just stop giving them light because rather than converting them it always just hardened them further in their unbelief.

b. In Mat. 13:14-17 Jesus not giving more light to the VRS was a mercy, a blessing, lest they grow even more hardened in unbelief.

c. Jn. 12:37-46—For some the Light enlightened others darkened.

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