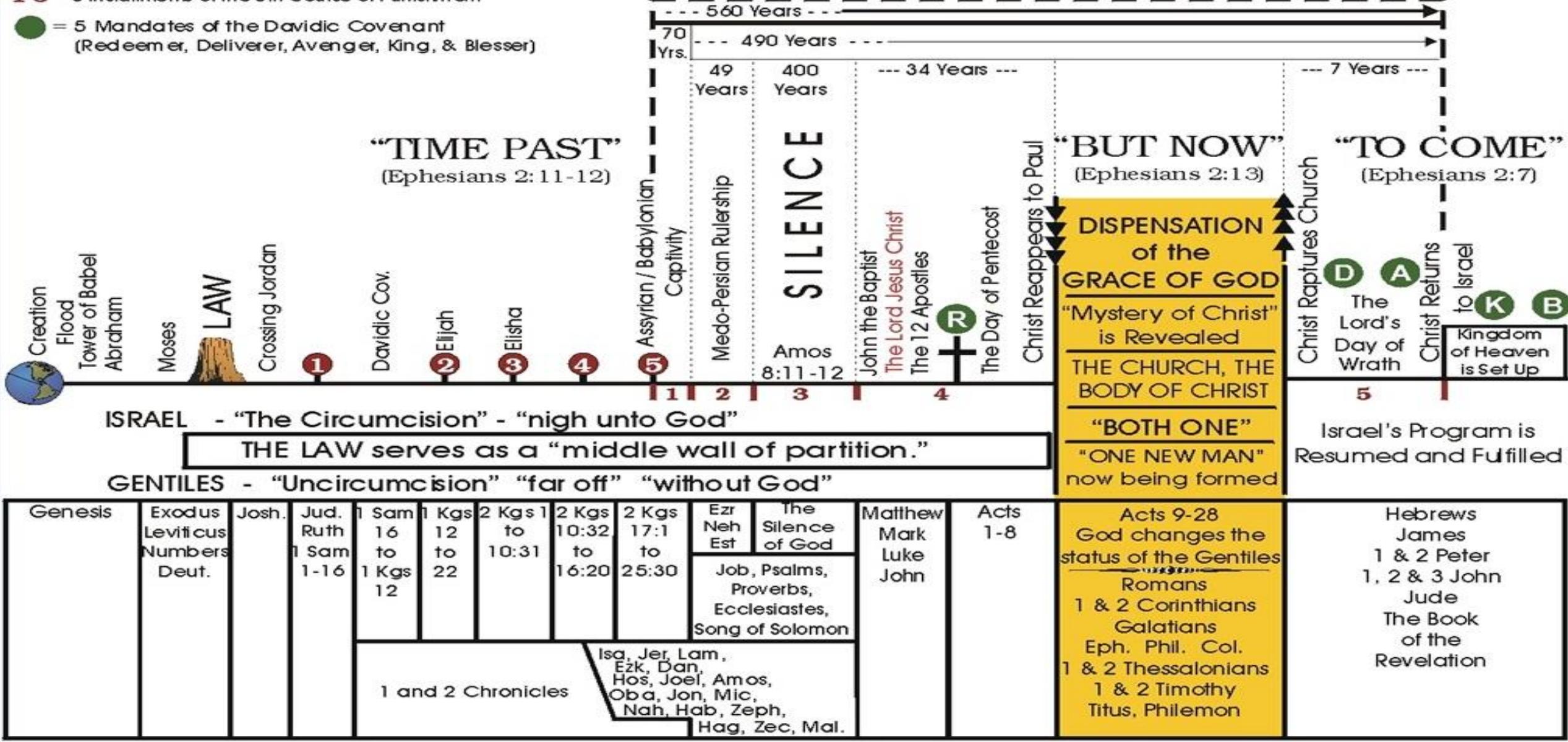


SHINING THE LIGHT

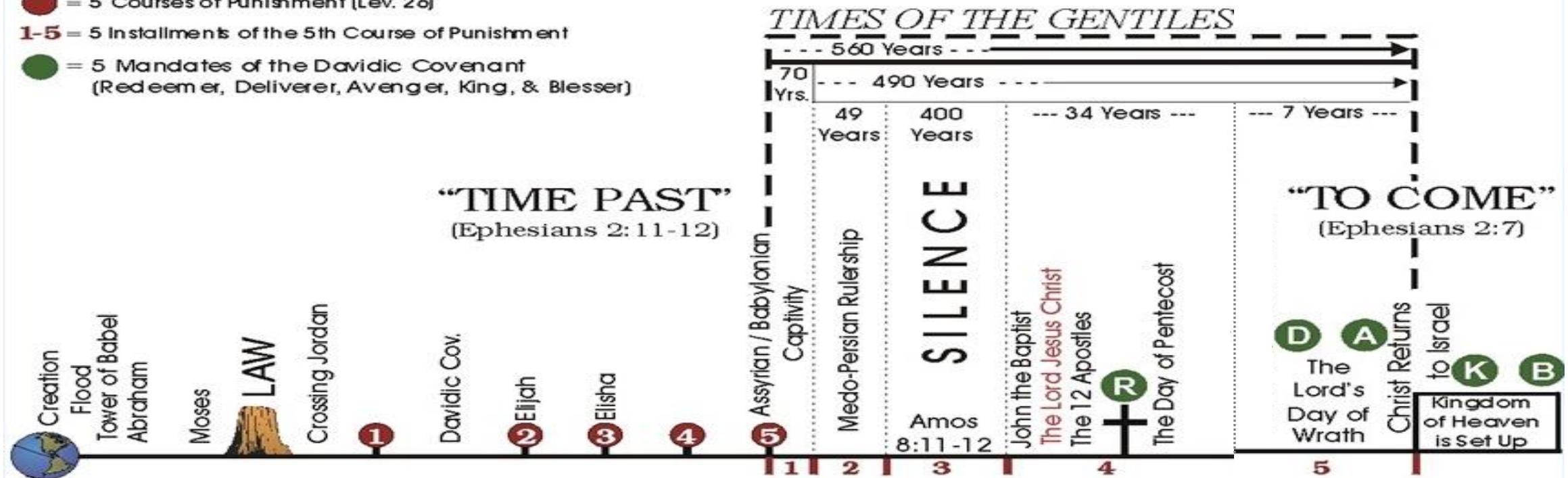
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ISRAEL - "The Circumcision" - "nigh unto God"

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.					

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. God sent “pointers,” beginning with John the Baptist (JB): God sent John to bear witness, point people, to the Light (vv. 6-8).
 - a. Everything in the first 3 chapters is enclosed by the ministry of JB. (Jn. 1:6-8, 15-34; 3:22-30).
 - b. Other pointers will be will include the disciples, Mary, Jesus Himself, Samaritan woman, nobleman, etc.
 - c. This is not that they **cannot see**. It is a willful blindness—they have clinched their eyelids shut and covered their eyes with their hands. Because of their evil deeds Israel left the sunny meadow of God and were led into the cave of Gentile darkness by the VRS where no one will discover and point out their sin (Jn. 3:19-20).
 - d. The pointers come along and tell Israel to come out of the cave, remove the hands from eyes and open your eyelids and look at the Light, the Lord Jesus Christ—believe on Him.

2. The Word as Light in relation to world of humanity, beginning with His Own people, Israel (vv. 9-13). This is a historical overview. Jesus did not go to the whole world in His earthly ministry.
 - a. v. 9--All people born into the world need the Light of God's Life, including the Israelite, which comes by faith righteousness.
 - b. v. 10--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 (first 2,000 years of history).
 - c. v. 11--Then He created and came to His own Nation, Israel, who rejected Him in unbelief as well.(Jn. 1:11) (next 2,000 yrs).
 - d. v. 12--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 (there has always been a believing remnant).

3. This time God shined the Light in the most unique way of all.
 - a. In the past, He shined the light through His Word, His presence, His Word, His works, His prophets, even as the Angel of the Lord in pre-incarnate appearances of God the Son.
 - b. But this time He shined the Light as He never has before: He enfleshed Himself into the human line of David to provide for Israel's national salvation so that she could shine His Light to the rest of the world—God's Prophetic Program with national Israel.
 - e. To reveal this Life and Light most effectively the Word actually became a human, revealing the Father to fellow humans by the only, one of a kind, Son, the Lord Jesus Christ human to human (vv.14-18).

4. Only Begotten Son (1:14, 18): Two meanings:
 - a. 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.
 - b. He is the only One qualified to do this because He has the Father's divine nature.
 - c. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God because He has the same divine nature as the Father (and the Holy Spirit) have.
 - d. 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. James and John: Sons of Thunder

5. All other “sons” in the Bible are “sons” by creation—the angels (Job 1:6) and Adam (Lk. 3:38) or by adoption—national Israel (Ex. 4:22-23) and members of the Body of Christ (Rom. 8:14-15).

6. For those who believed and received the Light of the Word that enlightens humanity, they become the children of God and are empowered to be emitters of that Light (Mat. 5:14-16; Is. 60:1-3).
 - a. Gk. teknon not huioi—inside the family of God, John refers to believers as teknon (children) and reserves huioi (son) for Christ.

- b. John uses “son” a lot in titles and a couple of times referring to natural children but not of those in the family of God where sonship usually refers to the adoption concept, adult son-placing which Israel did not receive at that time. So, it seems they could not be identified as “sons.”
- c. The immediate context (Jn. 1:13) and its near context (3:3) is not adult adoption into God’s family but of being born into God’s family as little children (Mat. 18:1-5).
- d. Finally, the only time John uses the word son in reference to Israel is in Rev. 21:7 but only in the singular—Israel is My son —What God called them at the Exodus before entering Law Cov. When they forsook their sonship(Ex. 4:22-23; Hos. 11:1)

7. The children born into God's family of the Believing Remnant will be adopted into their adult sonship position upon entrance into the Kingdom as redeemed Nation of Israel, which will carry out the Father's business of extending His Light and Blessings to the rest of the world (Is. 60:1-3).