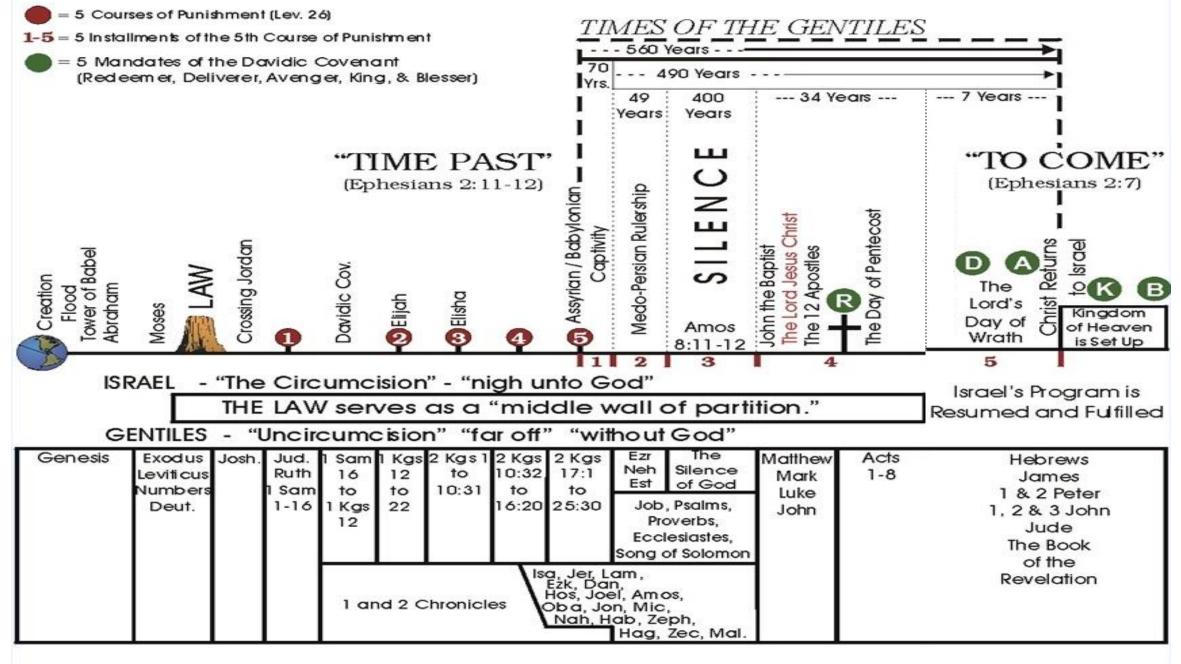


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Putting It All Together Jn. 3:1-16

Exodus/New Birth Motif	Israel's 1 st Exodus/Birth in Exodus and Numbers	2 nd Exodus/Birth in "End Time" Prophecy (Is. 66; Psalms; Ezek.)
<u>Signs and Wonders</u> to believe/trust/rely on His Jehovah Name (Ex. 3-4; Jn. 1:12-13; 2:23)	Most of the nation did not believe in His Name, wanted to return to Egypt and decided to do it on their own according to the flesh under the Law, and they died in the wilderness.	Most of the nation will not believe in His Name and stay with the VRS according to the flesh and will die outside the Kingdom.
" <u>Seeing"</u> the Promised Land/Kingdom (Num. 27:12-14; Deut. 34:1-4a; Jn. 3:3)	Those who do believe in His Name are empowered to "see" the Promised Land.	Those who do believe in His Name are empowered to "see" the Kingdom.
" <u>Entering</u> " the Promised Land/Kingdom (Num. 13:2, 18, 14:6- 9; 27:14; Deut. 1:4b-6; Jn. 3:5)	Those who at certain points faithfully obeyed could "enter" the Promised Land—only Joshua and Caleb of the 1 st generation. Everyone else of that generation, including Moses, could not enter the land and died in the wilderness. Only Caleb and Joshua.	Those who obey by being brought through (born) Israel's cleansing and repentance program can "enter" the Kingdom. This time, while a few might be excluded but most will "enter" to become the 2 nd born again Nation of Israel.
Empowered by the <u>Flesh</u> /Empowered by the <u>Spirit</u> Contrast (Ex. 19; Num. 27:18; Jn. 3:6, 8)	They failed for 1500 years, falling under the curses of the Law and the COPs because they entered the Law according to the flesh rather than falling on the grace in His Jeh. Name.	The bulk of the Believing Remnant will enter because this time they will fall on the grace in His Name and He will give them the Spirit who will cause them to obey the Law, falling under its blessings rather than curses

- The biggest mistake we can make in Jn. 3:1-10 is to assume that seeing and entering the Kingdom (3:1-5) is the same thing as receiving personal salvation and eternal life (Jn. 1:12, 2:23).
 - --In Jn. 3, eternal life does not enter the discussion until Jn. 3:15-16.
- 2. Let's take this passage step-by-step:

Step #1--Jn. 2:23 with 1:12-13: These people believed in His Name, and were therefore justified before God, all personal and individual sins forgiven, unto eternal life. The text indicates that Nico was one of these people. They were the children of God—BORN ONES OF GOD.

Step #2: Jn. 3:1-2, 4, 9: Nico comes as one who knows the Lord—he believed in His Name—He recognized that Jesus was in someway the embodiment of the I AM Jehovah God of Israel, the Messiah, the Son of God, who could lead him into the long-prophesied Kingdom of Israel. In short, HE KNEW HIM (through the signs) though he didn't know much ABOUT HIM.

Step #3: Jn. 3:3, 5-7, 8: Jesus tries to remedy this situation by explaining how Nico and all Israel could see and enter the Kingdom.

THE BELIEVING SPECTRUM

BELIEVING REMNANT OF ISRAEL

KNOW ABOUT HIM

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God will fulfill all His promises To Israel through us. Individual Salvation: Justification before God For participation in eternal life (Rom. 3-4): <u>KNOW HIM:</u> Seeing the Kingdom

Israel's National Salvation: Justification before Christ at His 2nd Coming for entering" the Kingdom (Jms. 2) God will fulfill all His promises To Israel through my Son. Step #4: Jn. 3:3: The Kingdom can only be "seen" with the spiritual eyes of faith. Only the "born ones" of God will belong to the "born again" nation of Israel in the future (3:7)— JUSTIFICATION #1—all individual/personal sins forgiven.

Step #5: Jn. 3:5: Those with spiritual eyes of faith to "see" the Kingdom will long to enter and enjoy the Kingdom. That happens by participating in a little vignette of what the Lord is going to do at Christ's 2nd Coming when He gathers the nation: Be brought through Israel's National cleansing and repentance program as delineated in Ezek. 36-37 through water and Spirit baptism—JUSTIFICATION #2—all association with Israel's National sin is forgiven/cleansed.

--The water baptisms of JohnB and Jesus in the Gospels, and Peter's water baptism and Christ's Spirit baptism in early Acts and Tribulation period are pictures, vignettes, in foretaste manner of what the LORD Himself is going to do to restore the nation in the Kingdom at Christ's 2nd Coming. --God has done this many times in the past:

- a. Abraham was justified by faith without works before God and then God gave him the opportunity to be a picture of what He is going to do 2,000 years later on Calvary by offering his son Isaac on Mt. Moriah as he waited for that city made without hands.
- b. He gave believing Israel the opportunity to be a picture of what Jesus Christ would do 1,500 years later at the Cross by observing the annual Passover Festival as they waited for the Kingdom.

- c. And now in Christ's earthly ministry, He gives members of the Believing Remnant of Israel a foretaste of what the Lord Himself is going to do when He gathers them and restores them in the Land by going through Israel's national cleansing and repentance program, separating them from the apostate nation and its sin:
 - --Beginning with JohnB's and Jesus's water baptism in the Gospel Accounts.
 - --Goes on to Peter's water baptism and Christ Spirit baptism in early Acts (Acts 2-3).
 - --That will intensifies in the Tribulation Period.
 - --And will be fulfilled at Christs 2nd Coming—New Covenant completely implemented.