

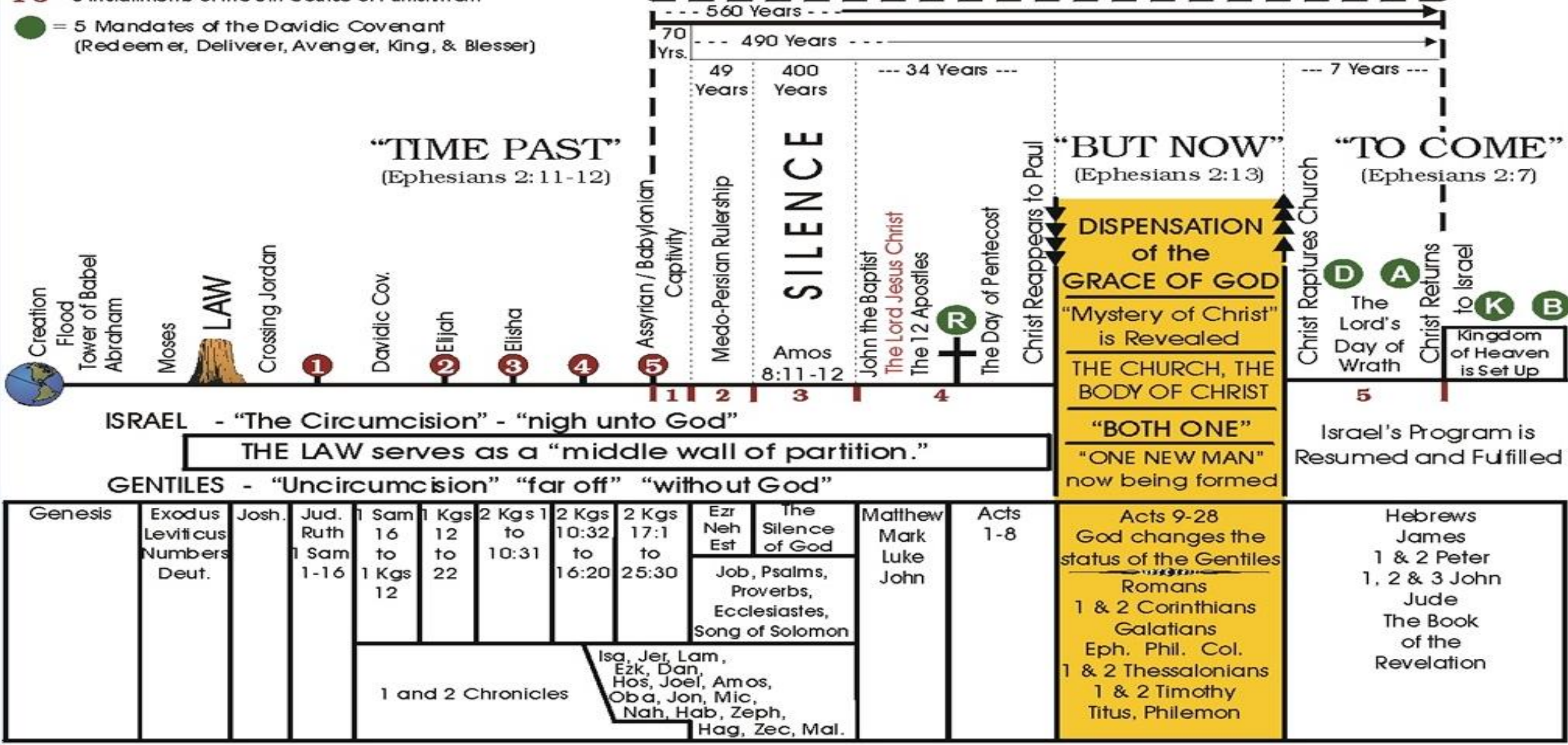
# Lifting Up The Son of Man (Pt. 3)

Jn. 3:13-16

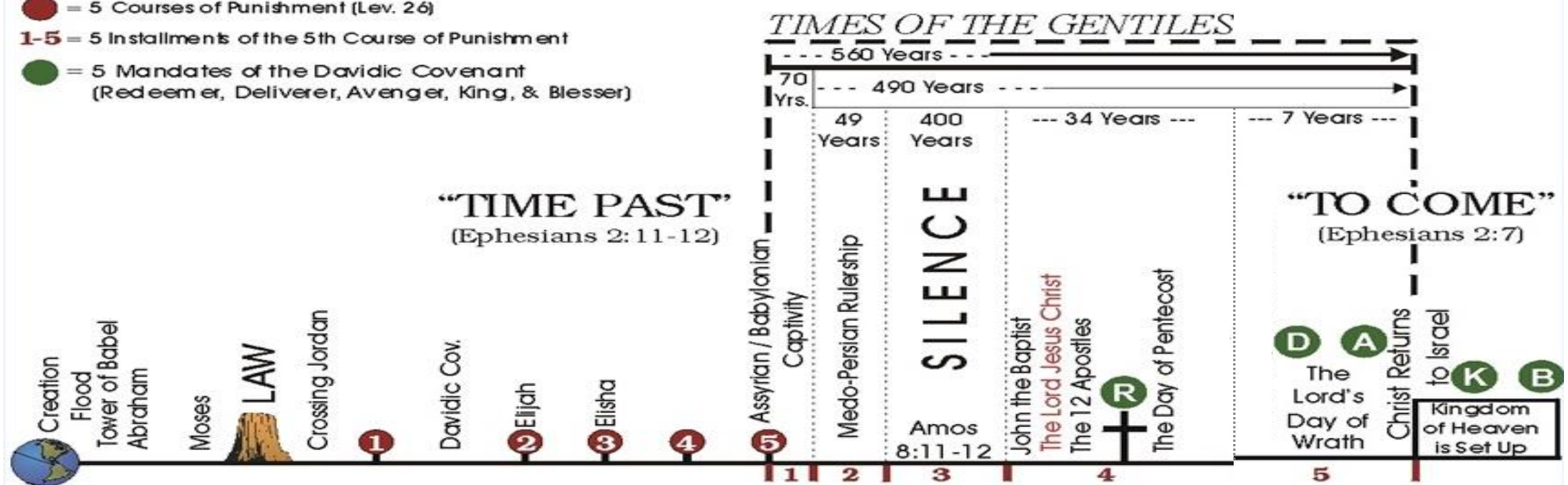
1. In Jesus's earthly ministry, as Moses made a sign of the serpent to heal and restore Israel, giving them physical life, now God was making His Son a sign to heal and restore Israel, not only giving them physical life but eternal life as well in preparation for their entrance everlasting physical Kingdom:
  - a. Like rebellious ancient Israel, they needed to recognize that the reason the nation was in ruin was because of their rebellion and idolatry they had fallen under the Curses of the Law. They were in 5<sup>th</sup> Course of Punishment, nearing its culmination in the Tribulation Period and completion at Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming. BEING AFLICTED BY THE LORD—because of their idolatry and sinful rebellion.

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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.						

- b. Like rebellious ancient Israel, they needed to believe God and His Word (Jn. 1:12; 2:23; 3:15-18). But they weren't (Jn. 3:11-12)
- c. Which would lead them to look upon God's provision of healing and restoration (the sign of the Son of Man in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ) not only for physical life but for eternal life, life fit for participating in the restored "born-again" Nation of Israel in her everlasting Kingdom.

2. As with Israel in Moses's day so too with Israel in Jesus's day. The Law without faith was insufficient. Moses, the Law Giver, was there but could do nothing to prevent their deaths.
- They had to believe in His Name and fall on the Grace and Mercy resident in it. Then the LORD displayed He is Jehovah Rapha: The LORD your Healer: I AM your Healer (Ex. 15:26).
  - The starting point was participating in God's Righteousness. They trying to start with their own human righteousness of the Law (Rom. 10:3).

3. Is. 45:22 will be ultimately fulfilled at Christ 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming: The progression of lifted up revelation in John:

a. Jn. 3:14: **Son of Man must be lifted up** (by God and Jesus): Public Ministry—the signs—words and works of the Father.

b. Jn. 8:28: **When YE have lifted up the Son of Man** (by God, Christ and the Jews working with the Gentiles: Near End of Public Ministry—rejection becoming firm.

c. Jn. 12:32-33: **If I be lifted up from the earth ... This He said signifying what death He should die** (by God, Christ and the Jews working with the Gentiles: THE CROSS. The End of His Public Ministry—final days to the Cross.