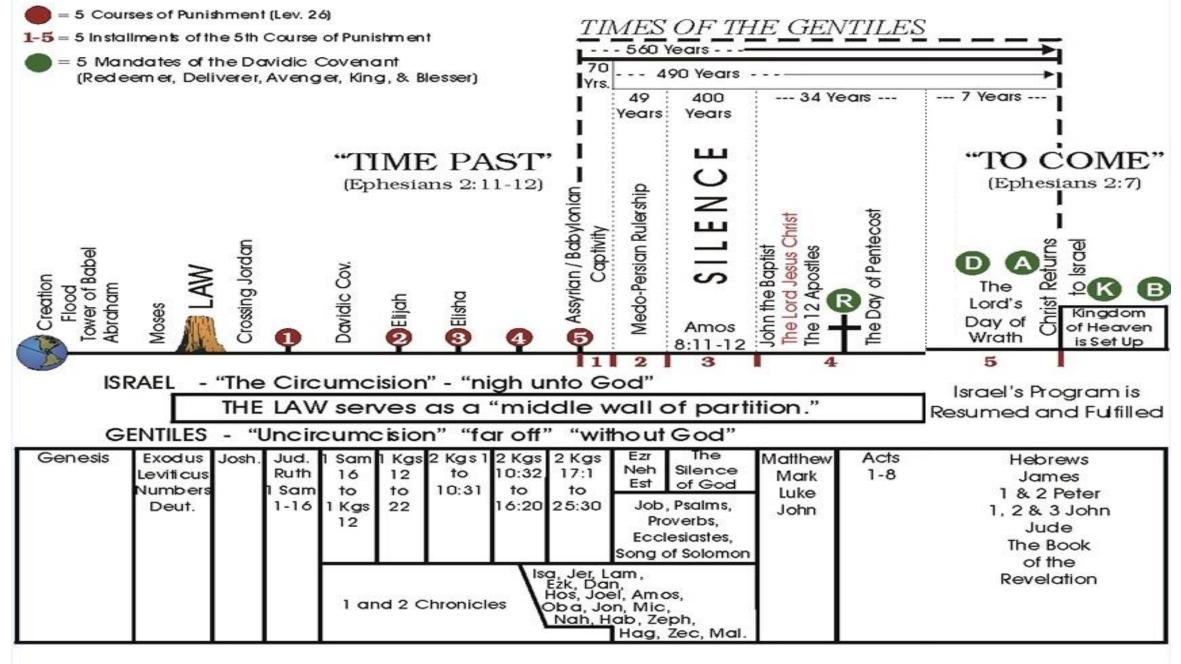


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Why God Gave and Sent Christ

Jn. 3:13-16

- 1. The progression of lifted up revelation in John:
 - a. Jn. 3:14: <u>Son of Man must be lifted up</u> (by God and Jesus): Public Ministry—the signs—words and works of the Father.
 - b. Jn. 8:28: <u>When YE have lifted up the Son of Man</u> (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.

- d. Jn. 12:27-28; 16:28; 17:5: The lifting up doesn't end at the Cross but continues upward through the resurrection, ascension, exaltation, glorification at the right hand of the Father by God and Christ.
- e. Mat. 24:27-31: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven ... and the tribes of the earth shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of Heaven with power and great glory: the 2nd Coming of Christ (Mat. 24:27-31; <u>Is. 45:22</u>).
- f. And this brings us back to Dan. 7:13-14 and the heavenly Kingdom established on the earth with God's born-again Nation of Israel.

- 2. Jesus came to be lifted up by God in word and deed, beginning with His earthly ministry's signs, which leads to His lifting up on the Cross--His death—which leads to His lifting up and return to the Father—resurrection, exaltation and seating at the right hand of the Father. In God's Prophetic Program Israel must be saved first and then the whole world (Jn. 3:16; Is. 60).
 - a. The lifting up displays the Glory of His Name, it displays the kind of God Israel has. The infinite and eternal Creator God, who loved the world enough to enter its sinful darkness to die for His friends, believing Israel and believing Gentiles associated with them.

- b. In the Gospels, He became an Israelite so that He could take Israel's astronomical accumulation of NATIONAL debt of sin that accrued during the 5 Courses of Punishment onto Himself, and removing it at the Cross so He could make of them a born-again nation that is free of a national debt of sin and in giving them the Spirit so that they are empowered to never again accrue a national debt of sin (New Cov.).
- c. In other words, in the Gospel Accounts, God loved the enemy world enough to give and send His Son into it but not enough to die for it.
- d. Paul explains how on the Cross God also loved the enemy world to die for it (Rom. 5).