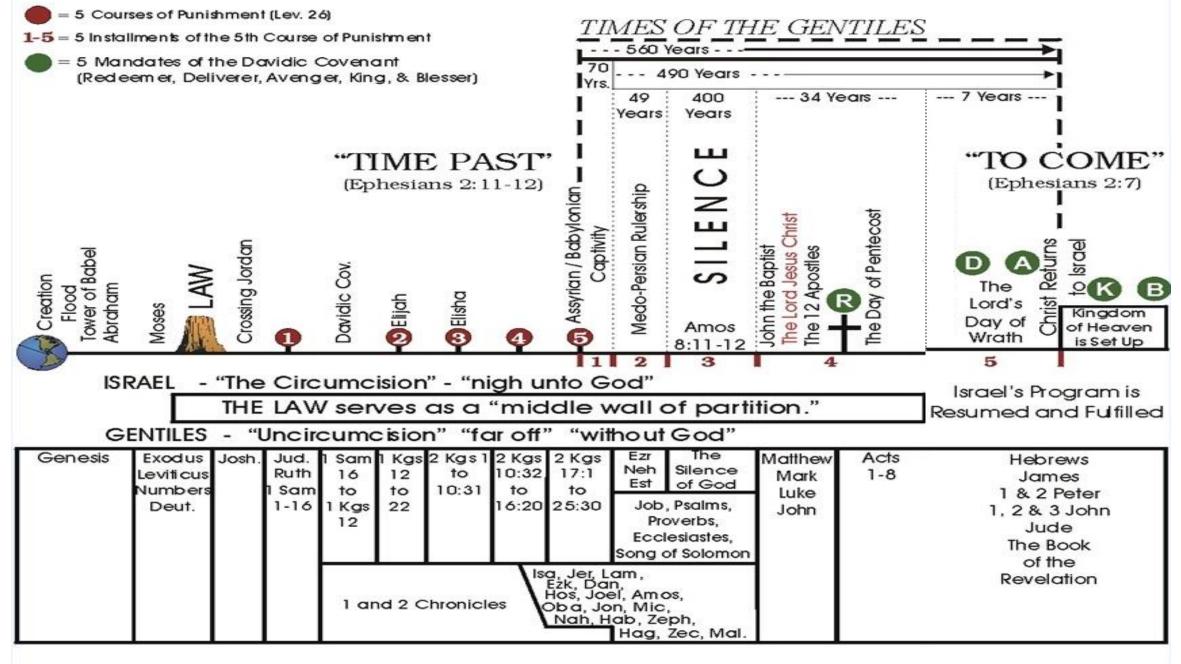


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## **True Worship**

Jn. 4:20-24

Num. 12:6-8:

- a. All prophets received divine information indirectly thru visions and dreams.
- b. Except Moses, who received revelation directly from the LORD. He was most faithful in Israel (but not perfectly so—Num. 20:9 -13). God would speak with him clearly mouth-to-mouth in the Tabernacle (Ex. 33:7, 9), and he would see His similitude (His backside FOR A MOMENT—Ex. 33:20-23; 34:5-9).
- c. God the Son in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ was perfectly faithful (Mat. 3:17; Jn. 5:19; 17:4). He spoke with His Father directly face-to-face in His bosom and beholds Him perfectly and completely IN TIME AND FOR ALL ETERNITY (Jn. 1:1-2, 18; 3:11-13).
- d. The Lord Jesus Christ is THE PROPHET like unto Moses only exceeding greater than Moses.

- Seeing Jesus as a prophet and probably the PROPHET that Moses spoke about, results in her thinking about worship. After all, Her patriarchal fathers worshipped here. Sycar was Shechem or was less than a mile from Shechem.
  - a. The LORD spoke to Abraham here, and Abraham worshipped the LORD here (Gen. 12:6-7).
  - b. Jacob worshipped the LORD here—God the God of Israel (Gen. 33:18-20).

- c. Joshua (Moses's assigned successor) worshipped the LORD here, renewing the Law with them (Josh. 24:1, 26).
- d. And now here in person stands before the Samaritan woman and the Samaritans the One her forefathers had worshipped!
  --Jesus—God's sanctuary and tabernacle on earth moving to Samaria, abiding with them, bringing them back into the fold of the Davidic household of Israel—now His people (Ezek. 37:27)—now salvation can go out to the whole world (Ezek. 37:28).

- 2. And this leads her to thinking about the Christ/Messiah she was waiting for, after which Jesus offers her His I AM Jehovah God Name. She just needed to fill it in. He is her source of living water, the fulfiller of all the promises God made to her fathers, He can tell her all things, and He is there with her—I AM whatever you need Me to be.
  - --He is offering the Samaritans and all Israel what He offered to all Israel at the Exodus: Join Me on My journey of faith by relying on the grace resident in My I AM Jehovah Name, and I will carry you along on eagle's wings and bring you to Myself and usher you into the Kingdom (Ex. 19:4).

- 3. All this takes us back to Ezek. 37:26-28: The LORD, Israel's God, will tabernacle with them.
  - a. The LORD will re-unite Judah and Samaria (Ezek. 37:15-22, 26a).
  - b. The LORD will set His sanctuary and tabernacle in Israel (Ezek. 37:26b-27).
  - c. The LORD will set apart Israel to be the conduit of His blessings and knowledge, His Salavation, out to the rest of the world (Ezek. 37:28; Is. 60:1-3).
  - d. And in Jn. 4 gives a small foretaste picture of what that is going to look like in the future.

- 4. The place of worship (Jn. 4:40).
  - a. God chose Jerusalem as the place He should be worshipped and had David/Solomon build His Temple there (1 Kgs. 8:43 -48; 11:32). Salvation begins with Jerusalem/Judah.
  - b. Future (Jn. 4:21): There is an hour coming when no one will worship in Jerusalem or Mt. Gerizim—during the Tribulation Period the Temple will be desecrated. Believing Israel will flee and be scattered for safety (Mat. 24:1-16; Dan. 9:27; 2 Thess. 2:3-4; Millennial Temple--Ezek. 43:7)(Jn. 4:20-22).

c. Lack of knowing (Jn. 4:22):

--Because the Samaritans only used a portion of God's Word—the 5 books of Moses—they had an incomplete knowledge of not only the place of worship, but of the God they worshipped as well.

- --Because the Jews retained the whole Word of God, they had more complete knowledge of the place of worship and the God they worshipped, including the way of salvation of Israel and the world—first Jerusalem/Judah, then Samarian, then the world (Rom. 3:2).
- --But both groups missed the most important thing of all: True worship isn't primarily a place but a PERSON—and the Samaritan Woman gets it.