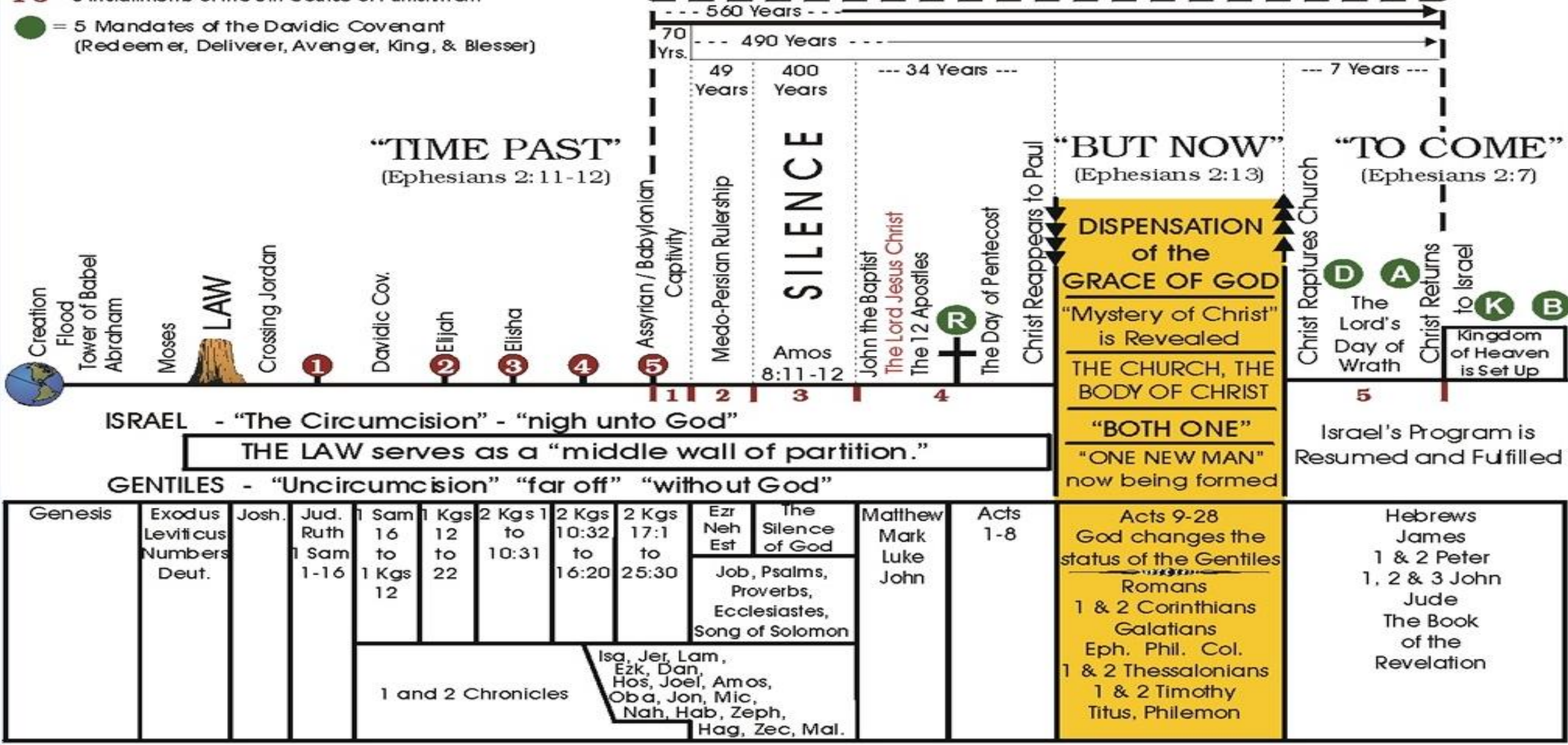
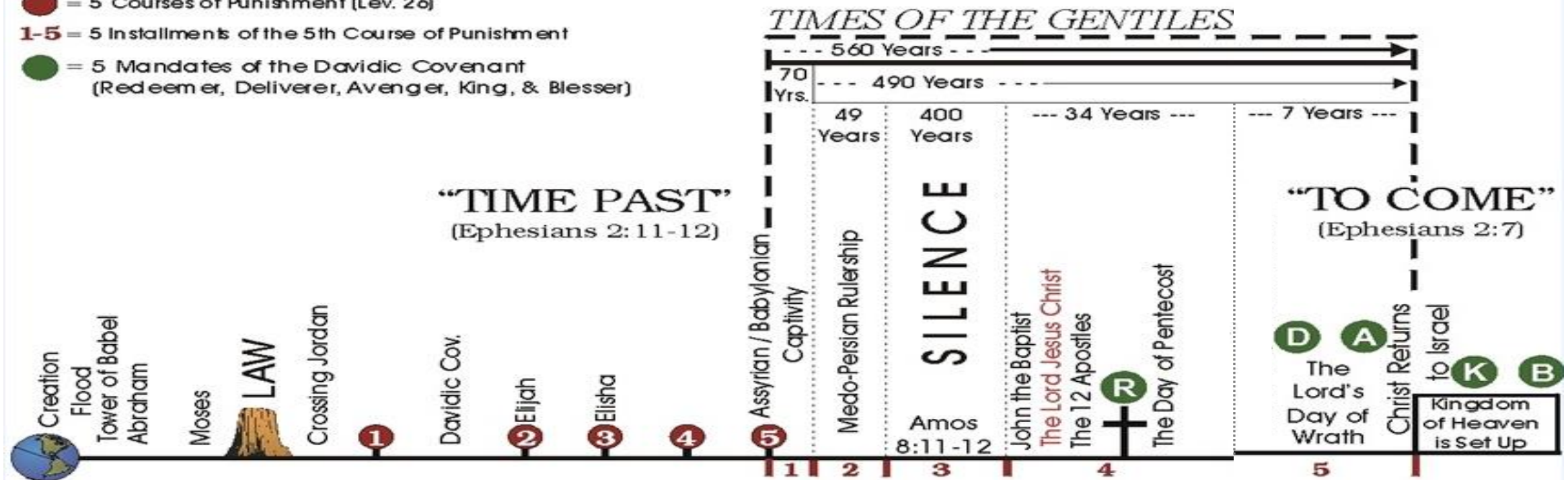


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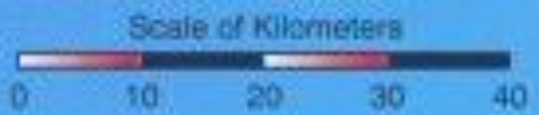
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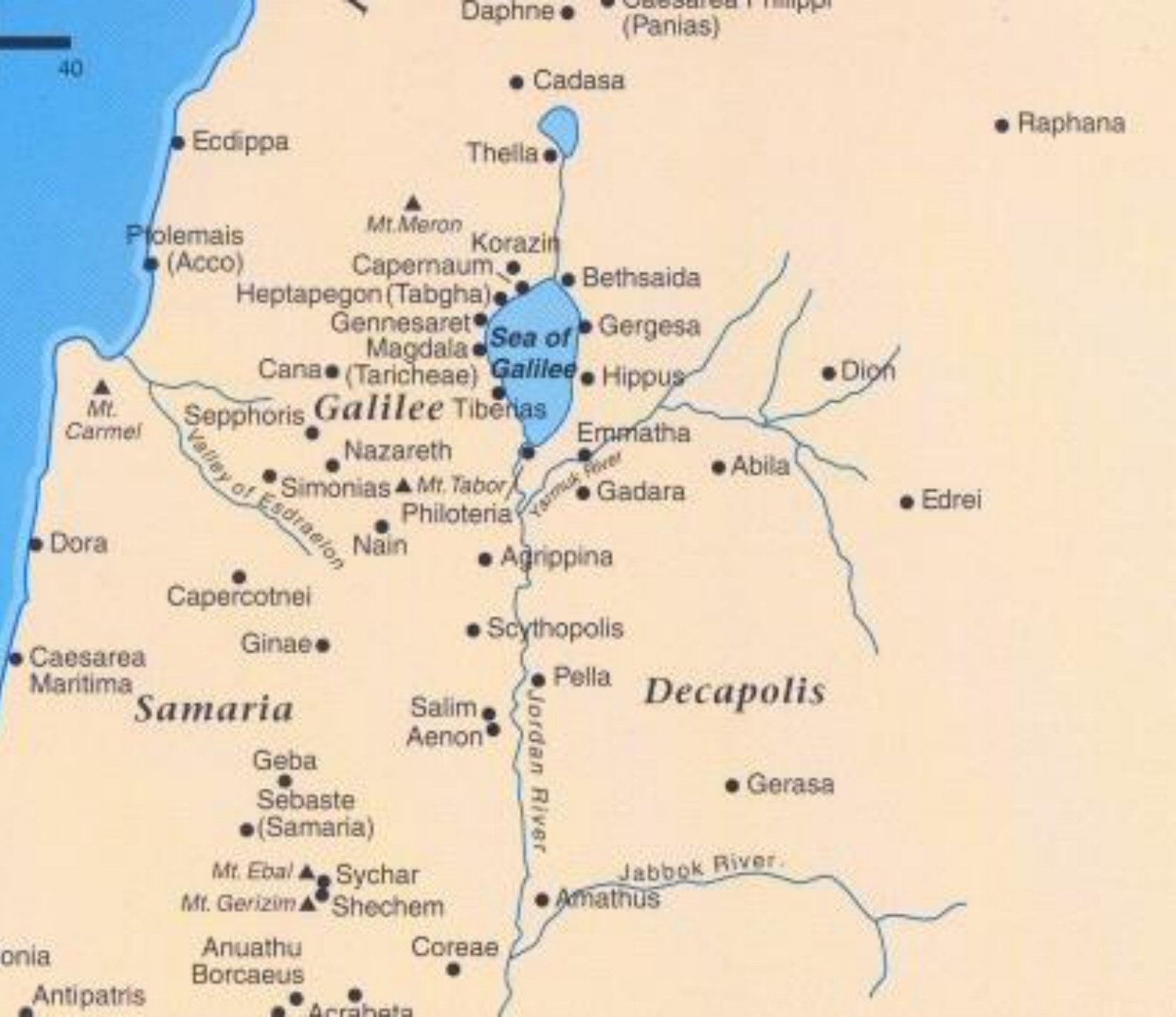
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# The Purpose of Christ's 1<sup>st</sup> Coming

Jn. 1-4

## Rightly Dividing the scriptures:

- a. Jesus rightly-divided the Scriptures in Lk. 4:16:
  - Is. 61:1-2A—Christ's 1<sup>st</sup> Coming—grace, mercy, meek, mild.
  - Is. 61:2B—Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming—wrath, vengeance, judgment.
- b. We see this everywhere in the OT. Ex. Is. 9:6-7:
  - Is. 9:6A--Christ's 1<sup>st</sup> Coming: Unto us a child is born (Mat. 1; Lk. 1-2; Jn. 1:14) and unto us a Son is given (Jn. 3:16).
  - Is. 9:6B-7—Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming—Establishment of the Throne of David and His Kingdom over the Earth.
- c. Gen. 1-3:
  - God's Word to Adam before the Fall—stay in the Garden and tend it.
  - God's Word to Adam after the Fall—Leaven the Garden and never come back.

1. In Jesus's 1<sup>st</sup> Coming, God was dealing with the Nation of Israel outside the Law (it called for God to consume them!) by the Grace resident in His I AM Jehovah Name as was typified in the Golden Calf Incident. He brought Light and Life into their darkness and death, offering them salvation (Jn. 1:1-14; Mat. 3:1-12; Jn. 3:15-17):
  - a. They will receive the wrath and judgment not primarily because of their idolatry and rebelliousness (breaking the 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment) but for rejecting His longsuffering kindness to them in unbelief (breaking the 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment) (Jn. 3:18-19).
  - b. Jesus will be received and believed primarily by those who already belong to the Father, who already have the Father working in them (Jn. 3:20-21).

2. His call goes out to the whole nation initially but when they for the most part reject Him, He reserves His ministry for believing Israel.
  - a. He called unbelieving Israelites to believe in Him for individual personal salvation—justification before God and His Tribunal. By believing in Him, they would be brought to the Father (Jn. 14:6).

b. And for those who were already “saved” individually and already belonged to God and were members of the Believing Remnant of Israel—think Mary and Joseph, Anna and Simeon, Elizabeth and Zacharias, JohnB and His disciples, etc.—He was calling them out of the unbelieving apostate Nation of Israel to participate in Israel’s National salvation that would preserve them through the Great Coming Wrath (Mat. 3:1-12) and lead them into the Kingdom (Mat. 21:43), where He will make them into God’s Own true, restored and reunified, Nation of Israel—justification before Christ at His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming.



3. We have to remember where Israel was with regard to the COPs and Daniel's Time Schedule at the time of Jesus's earthly ministry.
  - a. They were in the 4<sup>th</sup> installment of the 5<sup>th</sup> Course of Punishment (COP) under the condemnation and wrath of God that began with the Babylonian Captivity and will continue to the end of the Tribulation—the Great and Terrible Wrath of the Lord (Mat. 24:21).
  - b. John's purpose was to call the Believing Israel out of unbelieving apostate Israel to be trained and prepared for being preserved through the intensification of wrath that was coming (Mat. 3:1-12) that would be brought by the Lamb of God who takes away the sin Jn. 1:29, 36 w/Dan. 7:11, 26; 9:24; Rev. 13:6-10; 19:20; 11:15-19; 6:15-17; Jer. 30:7-11).

4. The overriding testimony of John is that those who followed Jesus did so because they already belonged to the Father. Therefore, when Christ came, they recognized Him as being sent of the Father because He spoke the words and did the works of the Father and believed in Him as the Christ, the Son of God.
  - a. In short, in Christ's earthly ministry, the Father was handing His Own over to His Son for training at that time, safekeeping through the extreme, world-saving wrath of the Tribulation Period, which brings Daniel's Time Schedule to a close and leads them into life in the Kingdom in the future (Jn. 3:21; 5:24, 37-47; 6:37, 44, 45, 65; 8:42; 10:29-30; 17:11, 24-25; 18:37).