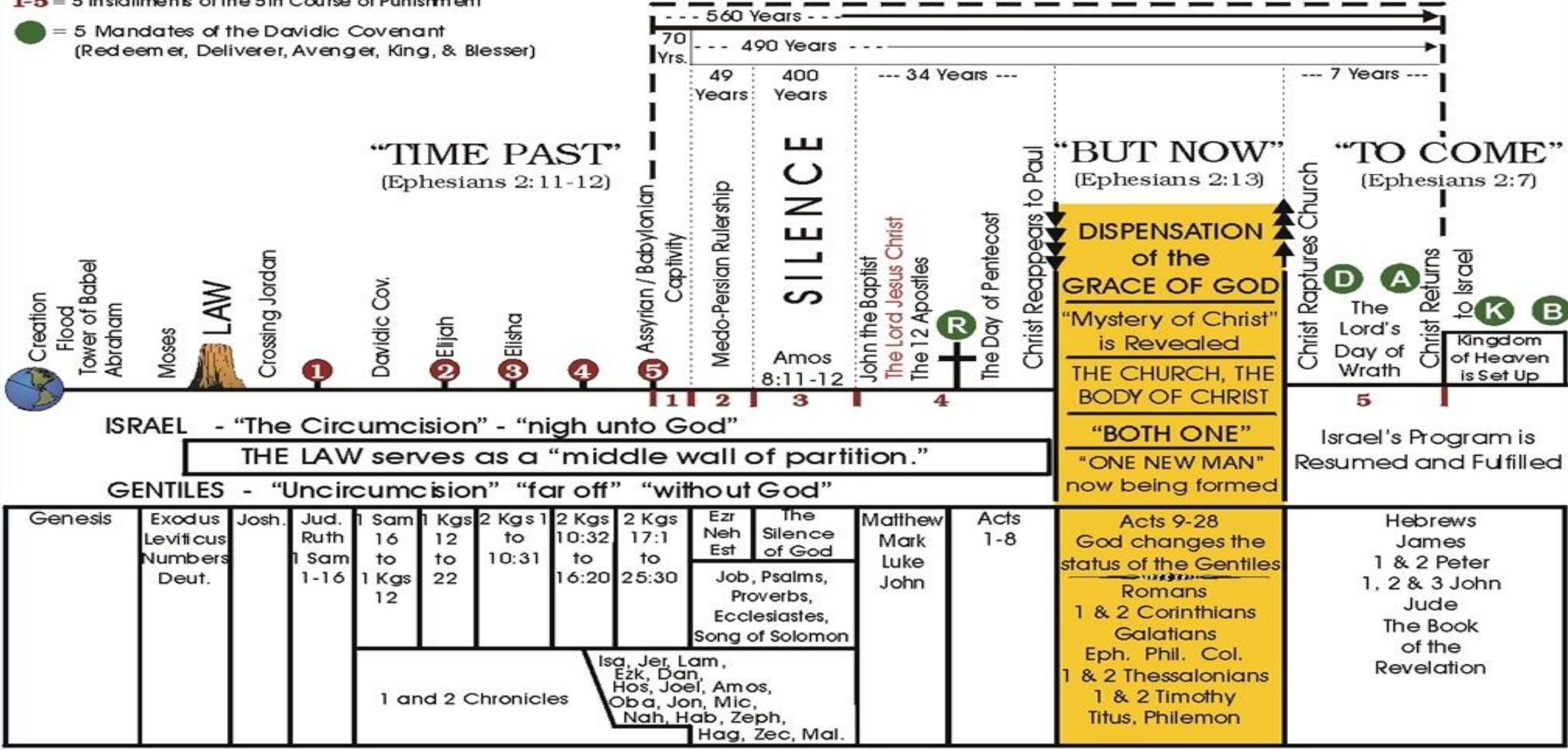
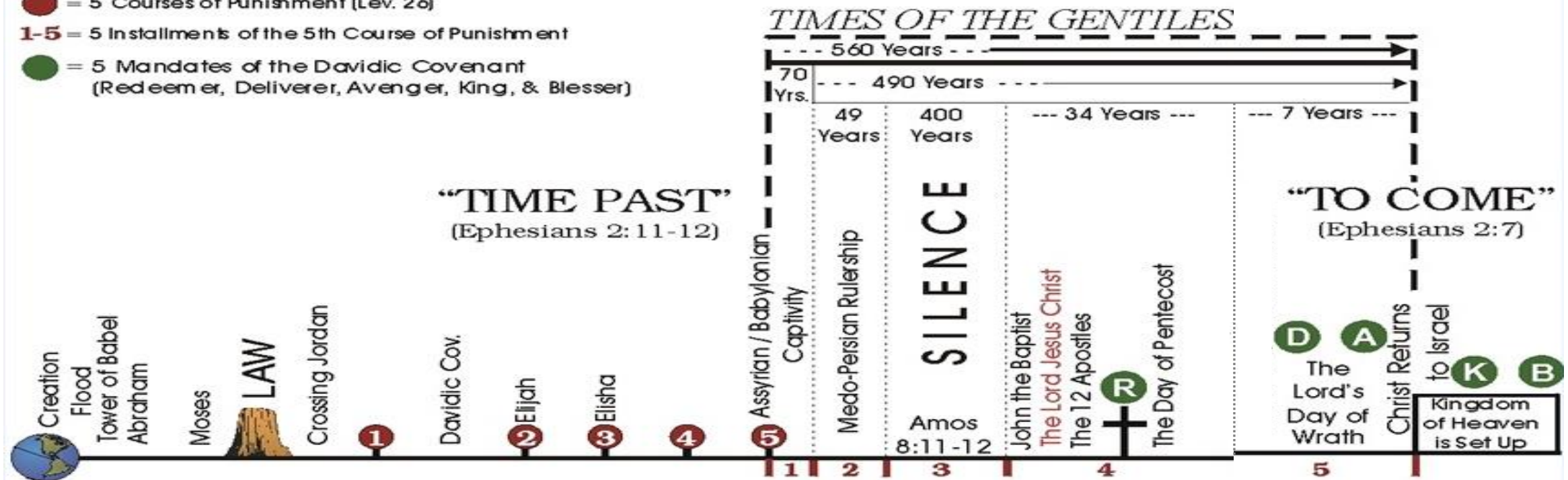


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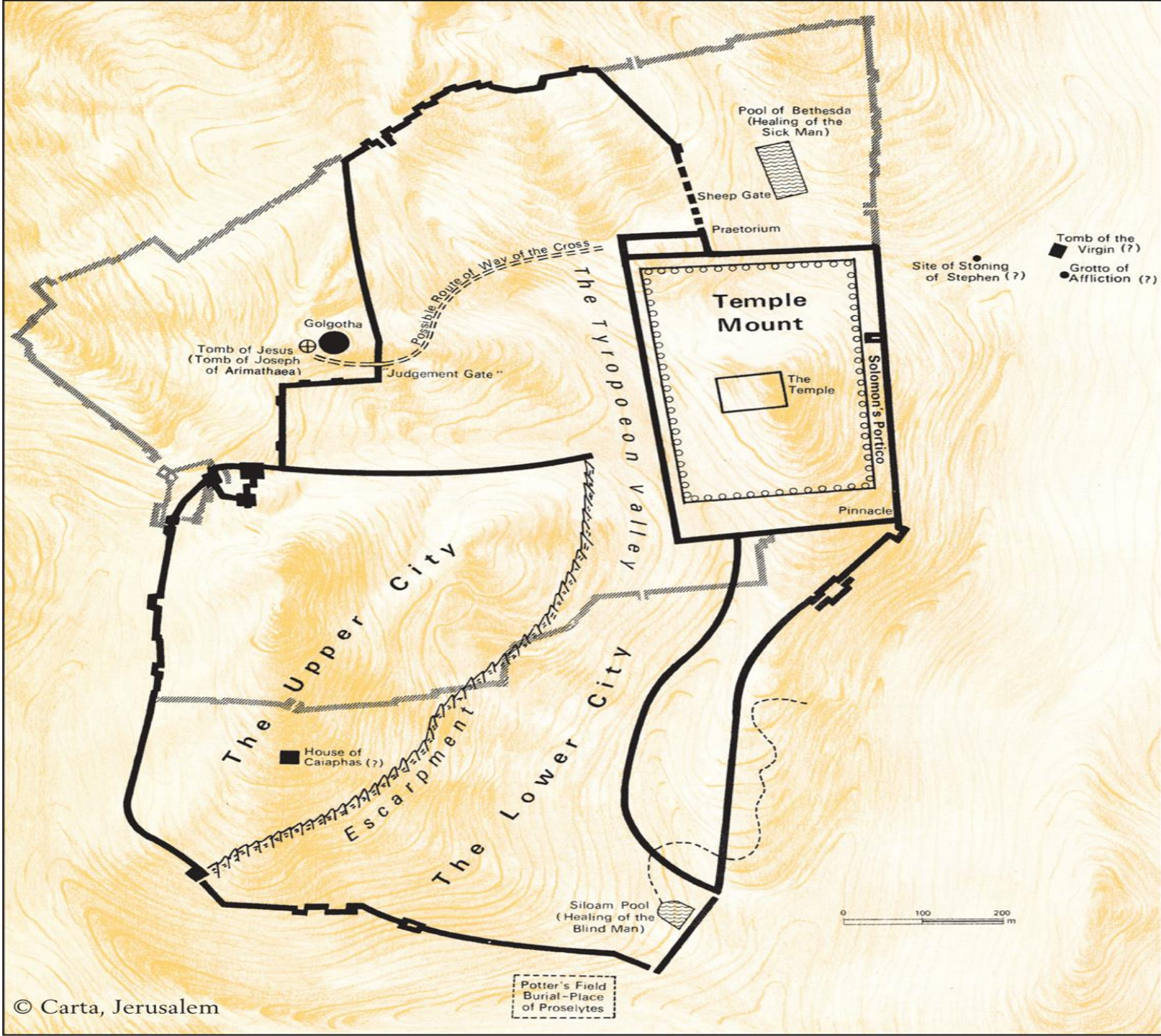
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Israel's Program is Resumed and Fulfilled

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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.		Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon					



Healing of the Lame Man:

The Sabbath

Jn. 5:1-16

1. What choice will the infirmed Nation of Israel, beginning with its religious leaders, choose? (Jn. 5:9-18)
 - a. They ignore God's power through the sign entirely and replace it with the supposed violation of their Sabbath traditions.
 - b. Therefore they don't see Jesus and reject Him as God's Sent One, and will continue in their sin of unbelief by persecuting Him and plotting His death.
 - c. John the author (vv. 9, 10, 13), Jesus (vv. 6,14) and the lame man (vv. 11, 15) all try to point the Jews to the miraculous healing sign and the One who did it.
 - d. The Jews never mention the healing only speaking about the supposed violation of their Sabbath traditions and the One who did that (vv. 10, 12, 16).
 - If they had focused on the former, they would not have been so concerned with the latter.

2. Why?

- a. They didn't see the sign and believe in Jesus Christ because they didn't believe in God, the Scriptures or Moses (Jn. 5:38-47).
- b. Such was the utterly ruined condition of the Nation of Israel.
--The nation, including its people, needed to be born again (Jn. 3:3, 7).
- c. For believers, the signs open the eyes and ears and soften the hearts in growing belief.
- d. For unbelievers, they blind, deafen and harden the hearts in growing unbelief.

3. The only answer for Israel was to believe in God, repenting and returning to the LORD, realizing their hopeless predicament and call upon the Name of the LORD (Ps. 51:1-4)
4. And it was the Sabbath. God gave Israel 7th day (Ex. 31:12-18), 7th year (Deut. 15:1-2) and 7X7 years Year of Jubilee (Lev. 25:8-13) Sabbaths, which will be re-started in Tribulation Period (Mat. 24:20) and the millennial Kingdom (Is. 66:23; Ezek. 46:1).
 - a. This was a violation of Jewish Sabbath man-made TRADITIONS (Mishnah) that made the Sabbath a burden and kept people suffering in various forms of slavery.
 - b. They are not the Sabbath commands given by God in the Law or Creation. He gave the Sabbath to be enjoyed and to set people free.

- b. These traditions made the Sabbath a burden, appearing to follow the letter of the Law without entering its spirit, and its purpose for bringing people into Creation/Kingdom rest—to enjoy God and creation, healing and rejuvenation, life and peace. It was not given to prolong suffering and distress, hardship and misery (Mk. 2:27; Mat. 12:1-8).
- c. According to the Scriptures, it was lawful to do “good” on the Sabbath (Mk. 3:4), especially by the LORD of the Sabbath Himself, the Son of God (Mk. 3:28; Jn. 5:17).

d. The spirit of God's Sabbath Law was to prevent them from carrying on with the burdensome work that they did during the week to earn a living in their business or profession so that they would have at least 1 day to focus solely on God and enjoy Him (Ex. 20:8-10; 23:12; Jer. 17:21-22; Neh. 13:19-20).

--This gave them the opportunity to reset their focus for the whole week, taking it off the world's things and putting it on God's things, reminding them of the rest and wellness that would come in the Kingdom of Righteousness and Peace.

- e. All effort was to be made to plan ahead and make provisions so that this one day could be centered around God without any distractions—for instance gathering sticks (Num. 15:32) and lighting fires (Ex. 35:3) could be planned for and provided before hand.
- f. The healed man's straw or fabric mat met none of the biblical Sabbath restrictions. It wasn't part of his daily business or professional work, and he couldn't have planned for it in advance.