

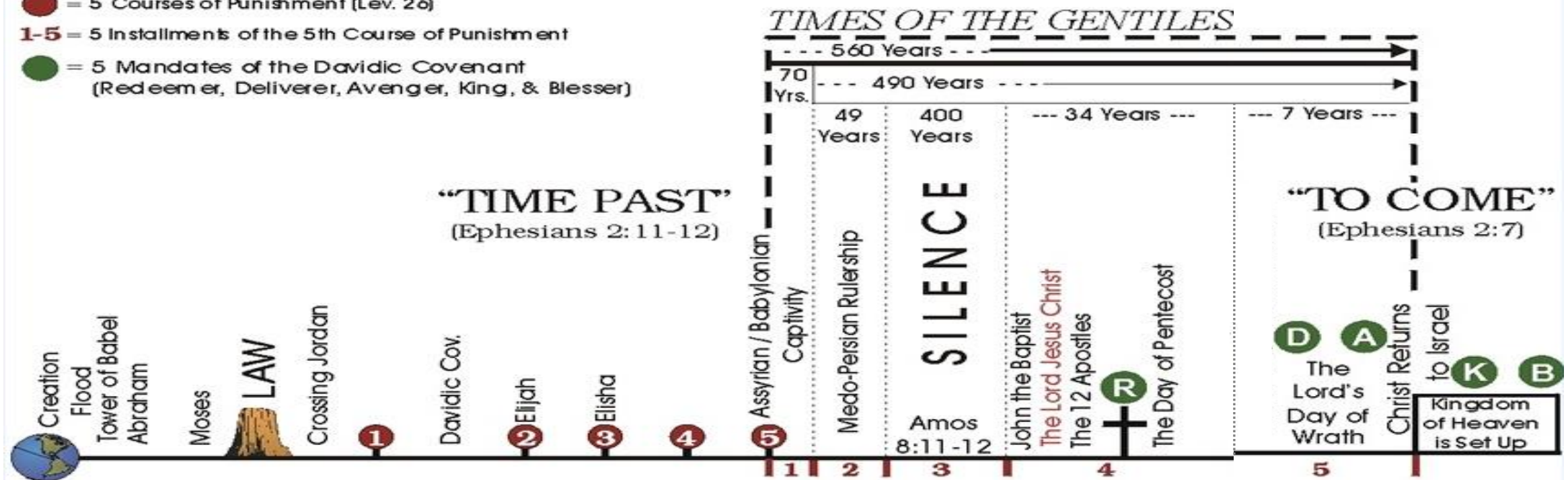
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*TIMES OF THE GENTILES* .....



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								Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon				Romans 1 & 2 Corinthians Galatians Eph. Phil. Col. 1 & 2 Thessalonians 1 & 2 Timothy Titus, Philemon	
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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"

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# What Is Early Acts All About?

Pt. 9

Israel's National Salvation

Acts 3

**3:11-17: God glorified and raised His Son despite Israel's iniquities in rejecting Him. Only answer: Believe in His Name**

**3:18: These things (Sufferings of Christ) were spoken about by the prophets.**

**3:19a: Positive—Repent/be converted: Israel turn from your sins and return to God.**

**3:19b: The times of refreshing that comes from presence of the Lord.**

**3:20-21: The restoration of all things (in Israel's earthly Kingdom).**

**3:22-23: Negative: Israel, don't reject the Prophet! He must be heard and believed.**

**3:24-25: These days (God sending Christ) were spoken about by the prophets.**

**3:26: God sent and raised His Son to bless Israel (heal her) through the grace resident in His I AM Jehovah Name by faith, to liberate them all from their iniquities (in rejecting Christ)**

1. 3:16: Key Verse: Israel's only hope is to fall on the grace resident in His I AM Jehovah Name by faith (like the lame man—Jn. 1:12) and this Jesus will bring about a greater Exodus, saving them from their enemies and delivering them into the Promised Land of the Kingdom (the greater Moses—Jn. 1:17).
  - a. For like Moses at Golden Calf Incident (Ex. 32-34) and David at Bathsheba Incident (Ps. 51), there is no remedy for Israel's rebellion against God under the Law (Hos. 14; Zech. 12:10; Joel 2:12-13).
  - b. The only viable option is to fall on the grace resident in His I AM Jehovah Name. God gave them His Name at the Exodus (Ex. 3:14-15)
  - c. He healed this man, and He is the only One who can heal Israel.

2. The importance of what His I AM Jehovah Name made possible for Israel.
  - a. Jehovah (English--LORD) is God's personal NAME whereby He makes Himself known to Israel, through which He is present with them, and they belong to Him. Through the grace resident in that Name, He will make Israel into His own great/holy nation.
  - b. Whereas He used His Jehovah Name with the patriarchs, He made known in all its fullness at the Exodus with Moses (Ex. 3:14-15; 6:2-3).
    - They were to hearken to Moses (Ex. 3:18).
    - They were given signs that they might believe (Ex. 4:1, 5, 8).

3. The significance of God's I AM Jehovah Name for Israel:
  - a. Ex. 20:1-6: First, wrath and judgment; second, mercy and grace.
  - b. Ex. 34:6-7: First, mercy and grace; second, those who receive it and don't treat it as nothing—the 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment—more mercy and grace; but those who reject it as nothing, wrath and judgment.

4. 3:17-18: Now God is doing the FIRST—offering MERCY AND GRACE—hearken and believe and gives sign that they might:
  - a. God accepted the plea of ignorance (albeit WILLFUL) Jesus requested on the Cross (Lk. 23:34), reducing Israel's charge from 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder (for which there was no remedy in the Law) to manslaughter (for which there was remedy in the Law) thereby turning Jerusalem into a city of refuge (Acts 2-3).
  - b. They didn't know (willfully because they rejected it) who Jesus was and the centrality of the Cross in God's plan for Israel at His 1<sup>st</sup> Coming. In accord with Jn. 5:37-47, they didn't know because they didn't really believe in God, the Scriptures of Moses!
  - c. But now all such ignorance is inexcusable. Now they know (Jn. 8:28) through the preaching of Peter and the 12.



5. The pattern of Israel's rejection of God's "saviors," rejecting them the 1<sup>st</sup> time but receiving them the 2<sup>nd</sup> time.
  - a. Acts 7:9-13--Joseph;
  - b. Acts 7:23-35—Moses;
  - c. Acts 7:51-52—Jesus—if Stephen was allowed to finish, he would have said that now, having rejected God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ the FIRST time, they must receive Him now as He is offered the SECOND time. But they didn't (Acts 7:54-60).

d. In answer to Stephen's prayer, instead of completing His Prophetic Program with Israel by returning to destroy His enemies—beginning with Saul, then unbelieving/apostate Israel, and especially the enemy Gentiles ...

--He instead put His Prophetic Program with Israel on hold, and returned to save His worst enemy, Saul, and sent Him out to the Jews first and especially the Gentiles in a new Program called the Mystery Program with the Body of Christ.