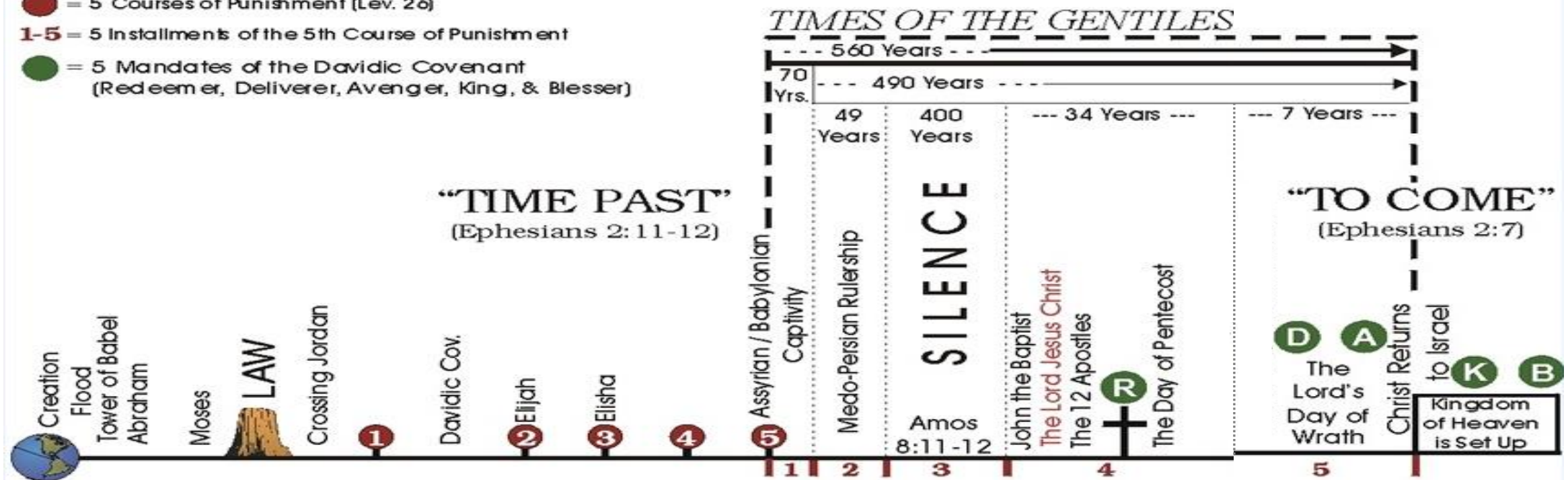


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Israel's Program is Resumed and Fulfilled

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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.					

# What Is Early Acts All About?

Pt. 10

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 rely on the grace resident in His I AM Jehovah Name by faith (like the lame man—Jn. 1:12) and this Jesus Christ 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. National Repentance/Confession/Forgiveness of sins: To take advantage of this Israel—every Israelite EVERYWHERE--must, like Daniel (Dan. 9), participate in Israel's national repentance and confession in accord with Lev. 26:40-45.
  - a. The great sins of the Nation of Israel in context (Acts 3:13-15):
    - They denied the Son of God, fulfilling Ps. 22, and rejected the Suffering Servant, fulfilling Is. 53.
    - They delivered to the Gentiles the Holy and Just One of Israel.
    - They put to death the Prince and Author of Life!
    - In short, they rejected and handed over to death their Messiah and King, Lord and Savior.

- b. In effect, God made Jerusalem into a city of refuge by reducing the charge to manslaughter where they could go to repent/confess their association with Israel's national sins, esp. those in context, so that as a nation they could return back to where God intended them to be.
- c. This is common concept: In order to return to its intended place of being a righteous nation, Abraham Lincoln called on the whole nation to repent and confess the great and grave national sins of slavery. Same with abortion.
- Not just those personally involved in the sins but those who weren't personally involved as well—ALL citizens of USA.

- d. Of course, our Jn. 5 principle tells us that just like in America, those who join in the repentance/confession are those who **ALREADY** believe. It is offered to all but most of those who join in are those who already believe.
- e. As with slavery, the “salvation” of the nation ultimately comes by destroying the enemies of the cause, those who reject it, and delivering the friends of this cause, those who receive it.



e. When this happens, God will remember His covenants with Israel, refresh and restore (Acts 3:19, 21; Lev. 26:40-45) the Nation beginning with redemption in Jerusalem and through the saved Nation of Israel CONVERT, return Israel to the place they belong as God's Own holy Nation, the conduit of His blessings to the world.

--He will re-create the Nation of Israel in Righteousness.

3. Be converted does not always refer to individual salvation. It means to return to a previous position—turn back to where you belong, where you were before, where you are supposed to be (Lk. 2:39; 22:32).
  - a. Where was the Nation of Israel supposed to be?
  - b. Ex. 18! By believing Peter's preaching about Jesus Christ according to what the prophets had spoken about since the world began, through faith they would fall of God's grace for them, and be CONVERTED, returning them back to the place God created and intended them to be (Ex. 18:5-12; 19:4-6).
    - He is giving them an opportunity to receive the 2<sup>nd</sup> time what they rejected the 1<sup>st</sup> time: To return back and choose the first half of Ex. 18 rather than the last half. (Stephen's Sermon in Acts 7).

c. Where they flunked the final exam at the first exodus entering the Law according to the flesh, believing Israel will pass with flying colors the 2<sup>nd</sup> time because they will be given the Spirit, who will cause them to walk in God's commands so they never again accrue a national debt of sins (Jer. 31:33; Ezek. 36:26-28; Hos. 14).

4. In short, believing in God's Sent One, the greater prophet like unto Moses, the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the embodiment of God's I AM Jehovah Name, the source of His grace for the Nation of Israel, they could return back to their created place and purpose.
  - a. Peter was giving the Nation of Israel the opportunity to hearken and believe his preaching about Jesus Christ according to what the prophets had spoken about since the world began.
  - b. If they received this opportunity of grace and mercy, He would bring the Courses of Punishment to conclusion, thereby completing their Prophetic Clock and returning them to their God-ordained position as His Own great and holy Nation, a light unto the Gentiles.
  - c. He would usher in the times of refreshing and restoration (Acts 3:19, 21).

5. Rejecting His I AM Jehovah Name got them into their national mess, and receiving it is Israel's only way out of it.
  - a. Participate in Israel's national repentance and confession of sins, especially those recent ones of putting your Savior and Lord, Christ and King to death.
  - b. And then God will remember His Covenant with Abraham and convert you, return you back to your created place (Lev. 26:40-45).
  - c. This is exactly what Israel, especially believing Israel will do at Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming (Hosea 14).

- d. Then they will receive the benefits of the blood and the Spirit of the New Covenant:
- The blood provides means to remove them from Israel's national sins for the MANY, for His friends (Jn. 15:13).
  - And the Spirit will cause them to walk according to the Law so that they can receive the blessings of the Law rather than its curses, thereby bringing them into all Kingdom blessings.
- e. Of course, we know, in accord with the principle from Jn. 5:37-47 and 14:1 that most of Israel will continue to reject Christ because they don't really believe in God, the Scriptures or Moses.