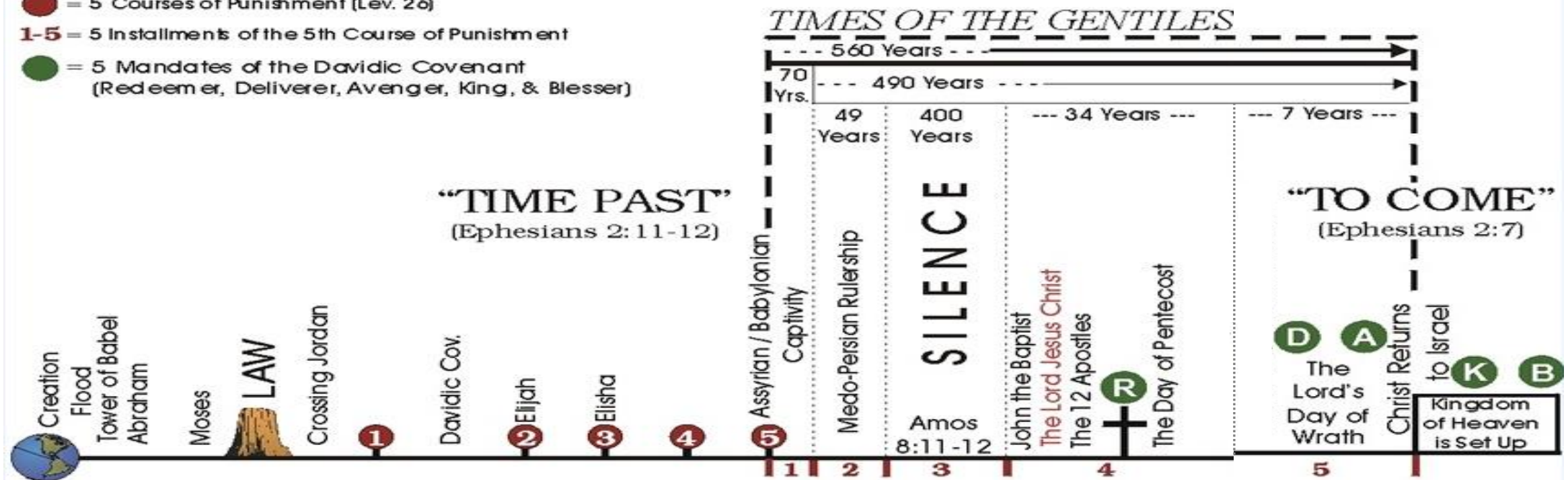


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Israel's Program is Resumed and Fulfilled

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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. 11

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)**

## The Passage:

1. 3:13-15: Peter explains that God has advanced His Prophetic Program with the Nation of Israel by sending His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to fulfill all that the prophets spoke about, especially with regard to His suffering and death.
  - Peter convicts every Israelite everywhere of Israel National sins God sent, raised up and glorified the One, but they denied Him, delivered Him over to the Gentiles and put Him to death: the Son of God, the Suffering Servant, the Holy and Just One of Israel, the Prince/Author of Life!

2. 3:16: But God has given them another opportunity to access the grace resident by faith in His I AM Jehovah Name, as embodied in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ, and like the lame man, they too could be healed.



3. 3:17-18: For God has accepted Christ's prayer on the Cross of their ignorance (Lk. 23:34), which reduced the charge from murder to manslaughter.
  - a. There was no provision in the Law except death for murder except death.
  - b. But there was for manslaughter, unknowingly or accidentally putting someone to death. The Law provided cities of refuge where they could seek safety and protection (Josh. 20:1-5).
  - c. In effect, God turned Jerusalem into a City of Refuge where all Israelites could flee to be forgiven their association with Israel's national sins, esp. of putting to death their Lord and Savior, King and Messiah.

#### 4. Who was the THEM AND THE THEY OF Lk. 23:34?

a. Most of the Israelites at Pentecost didn't have anything to do with the death of Christ and knew little or nothing about it until they heard Peter's preaching.

--They had been 100s and some even 1,000s of miles away 50 days before! Even the common people in the land of Israel had little if anything to do with it.

--They were absolutely, truly ignorant of their participation in Jesus's death at the hands of their nation, unknowing.

b. But Peter also includes the religious leaders who did it through ignorance, not recognizing Christ or the centrality of the Cross, fulfilling God's plan as revealed by the prophets ...

--But unlike the masses, **THEIR IGNORANCE WAS WILLFUL!**  
They should have known and could have known.



5. 3:19-19-21: Through faith in His Name (now embodied in the person of Jesus), they access the grace resident in that Name, leading to their joining in Israel's national repentance and confession in accord with Lev. 26:4-45, by which they would be converted, return to the place God wanted them to be—Ex. 18:5-12).
  - a. They needed to return to their rightful place before they foolishly went under the Law system according to the flesh, and that is exactly what God through Peter is offering them.
  - b. This would deliver them from the Curses of the Law in the Courses of Punishment. And then God would remember His covenant with Abraham.
  - c. He would gather believing Israel, plant them in the Land, and establish their earthly Kingdom (Acts 1:6) where they would enjoy their long-prophesied Times of Refreshing and Restoration.

6. Times of refreshing—seasons of rest and refreshment that comes from the presence of the LORD sitting on David's Throne in Jerusalem, fulfilling the dreams of every 'devout' Jew everywhere in the world (Acts 2:30; Is. 59:20-60:9; Ps. 23).
  - a. This is the Consolation/Salvation of Israel beginning with Redemption in Jerusalem (Lk. 2:25, 38; Mat. 19:28).  
Refreshing that comes from the removal of the burden of the Law according to the flesh's Curses (Jer. 11:3; Dan. 9:11; Acts 15:10)

- b. The times of refreshment correlate with the giving of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38), who will put the Law in their hearts and cause them to obey God's commandments so they can receive the blessings of the Law in the Kingdom:
- Jer. 31:33; Ezek. 36:27: Replace Law according to the flesh with Law according to the Spirit.
  - Ezek. 36:28-30; 35-38: Replace Curses of the Law with the Blessings of the Law.
  - Ps. 19:7-9; 119:111-112; James 1:25: Then through the Spirit, the Law will revive Israel's soul bringing joy and liberty to their heart.
  - Where the Law through the flesh produced, fear, despair and ruin; through the Spirit it will produce peace, joy, liberty and victory.