

THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK IN THE WORLD!

ROMANS

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FAITH RIGHTEOUSNESS

Mat. 4:1-11

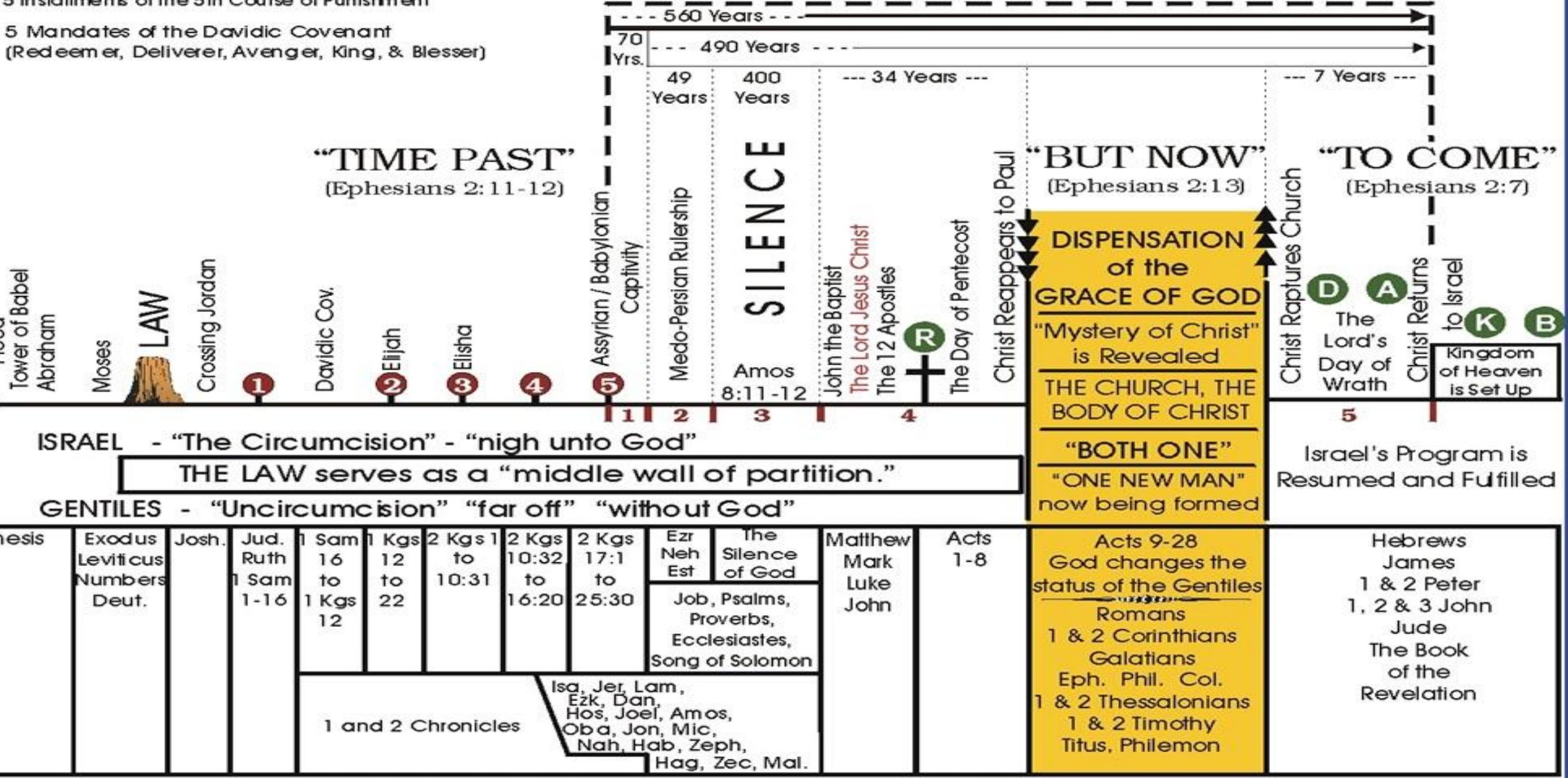
	LAW SYSTEM	GRACE SYSTEM
Basic Premise	I (We) Will Do	God Will Do
Source	Calls on sinful flesh to produce works.	Calls on the Spirit of God by faith.
Righteousness	Demands Basic Human Righteousness	Provides God's Own Righteousness
Power	Provides None	Provides God's Power
Blessings	Conditional	Unconditional

FALLICIES OF THE LAW

- 1. God's preferred way of dealing with the Nation Israel was under a Law System. (Ex. 14-19)**
 - God wanted Israel to continue to relate to Him based on the Grace/Faith System that relied on His Jehovah—LORD--Name.**
- 2. The Law is the standard of God's Righteousness. (Mat. 22:37-38)**
 - The Law is the minimum standard of what man's righteousness ought to be as God's creation.**
 - The Law commands Jews to love others as themselves but gives no power.**
 - Grace calls for something infinitely higher—love others above ourselves—and empowers the believer to do it, motivated by the eternal display of divine love at the Cross.**

5 Courses of Punishment (Lev. 26)
 5 Installments of the 5th Course of Punishment
 5 Mandates of the Davidic Covenant
 (Redeemer, Deliverer, Avenger, King, & Blessor)

TIMES OF THE GENTILES.....



Mat. 4:1-11: What Israel Couldn't Do, Jesus Did Do

Trial #1: God brought Him into the wilderness to go without food until He provided it for Him.

(Mat. 4:1-4; compare Ex. 16:1-16)

--Satan tempts Jesus to prove what kind of servant He is—an imperfect servant, trying to disqualify Him from being Israel's Kinsman-Redeemer.

--But he was wrong. Where the Israelites failed, Jesus passed with flying colors.

--Jesus took the Words of God and fasted on them rather than physical food, completely satisfied and waited on God to give Him the provision He needed.

Trial #2: In Ps. 91:11-12, God made a promise to Israel's Messiah. Would He keep it?

(Mat. 4:5-7; compare Ex. 17:2-7)

--Satan tempted Jesus to "tempt" God by wrongly-dividing the Scriptures.

--This wasn't the time to use God's army of angels to protect Him. This was the time for Him to go to His death on the Cross, all alone.

--Where the Israelites failed, Jesus passed with flying colors. He is the perfect servant.

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Trial #3: God promised Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and their worship, but it required His death on the Cross (Ps. 2:6-8, 22; Is. 53-54; Phil. 2:6-11)

--Satan tempted Him by offering Him the world without having to go to the Cross.

--This wasn't the right time for the Son to claim the Father's promise that all the nations would be His. That is yet future when He returns in Power and Glory.

--Whereas the Israelites failed in their mission to follow God's plan, Jesus remained faithful to His mission.

When we wrongly-divide the Bible (as historical Christianity has chosen to do since the days of Paul), we are "tempting" God to deviate from His plan and purpose, and when we do that we are unfaithful servants, workers who are ashamed. (2 Tim. 2:15).