

THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK IN THE WORLD!

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FAITH RIGHTEOUSNESS

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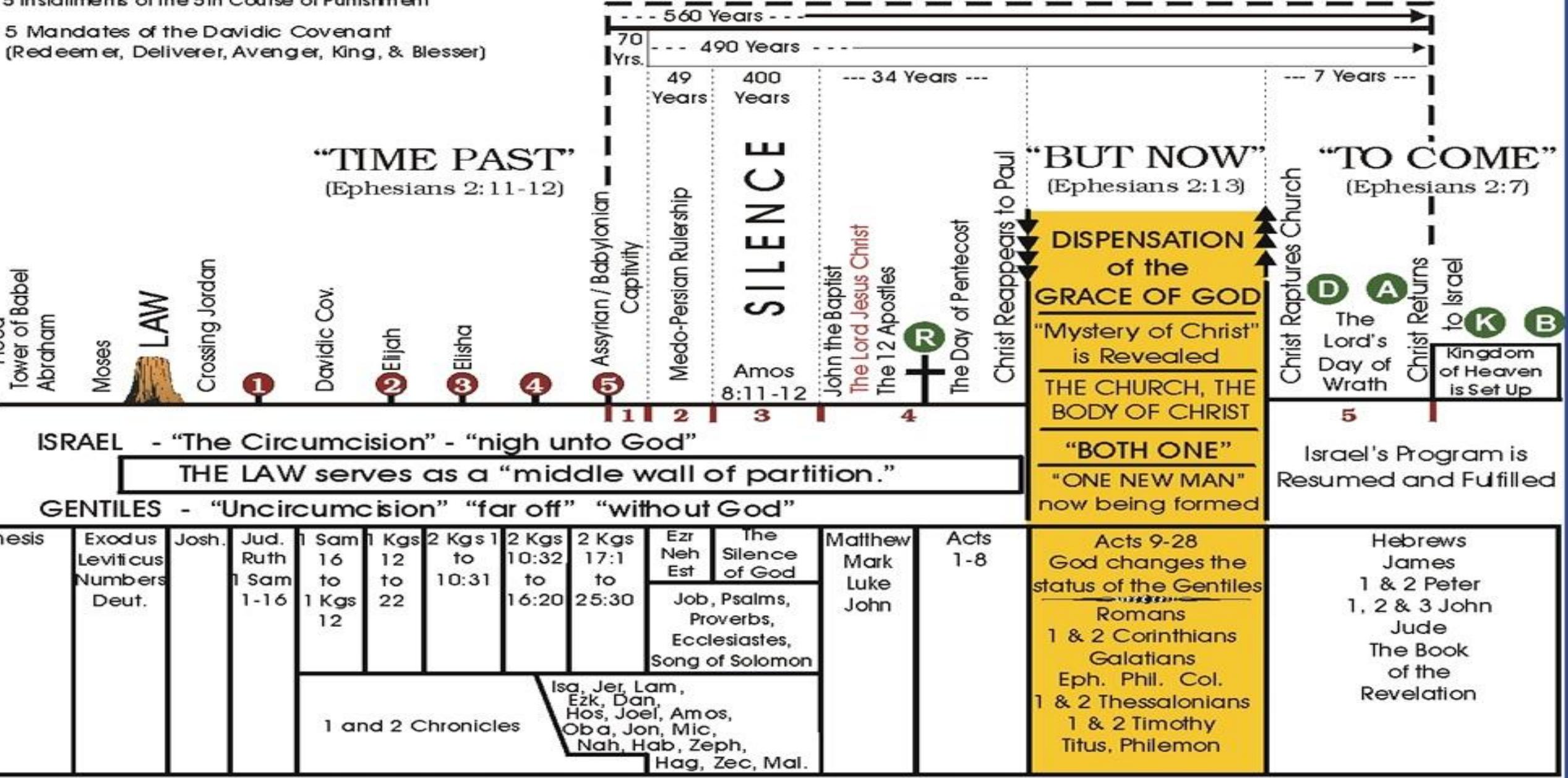
The Book Of Matthew

MATTHEW 3: John the Baptist

- 1. In rejecting Paul's distinct apostleship, historic Christianity has had to throw away the Bible by trivializing it, turning it into little more than a "christian" Ouija board, a pagan promise box, a superstitious game of "name it and claim it."**
- 2. Historical Christianity will lie to you a say that rightly-dividing throws away a large part of the Bible for believers today.**
 - a. In fact, rightly-dividing is the only thing that keeps the whole Bible for us.**
 - b. It doesn't mean whatever you want it to mean. It means what God wants it to mean.**
- 3. The non-Pauline Scriptures have to do with Israel's Prophetic Program and contain information with the major topics involved in the fulfillment of that program as presented through Daniel's Time Schedule.**
- 4. Israel's Prophetic Scriptures are FOR us but not specifically TO and ABOUT us today as members of the Body of Christ.**
- 5. Israel's Prophetic Scriptures are not being fulfilled today—that is the great mistake of Acts 2 Dispensationalism and their Prophecy Conferences. In their focusing on "Prophecy," they weren't teaching and eventually forgot the "Mystery" for the Body of Christ.**

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.....



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- 6. The proper application drawn from Israel's Prophetic Scriptures is not "spiritualizing" it away and making up what we want it to mean to us.**
 - The proper application is that when believers today see how God remained faithful to fulfill His promises to the Nation of Israel, they can rest assured that He will be faithful to fulfill His promises to the Body of Christ.**

- 7. John's ministry accomplished the following:**
 - a. Formally announced the arrival of the 4th installment of the 5th Course of punishment in accord with Daniel's Time Schedule, which for Matthew's readers would mean that what was next was the afflictions and desolation (Dan. 9:20-27).**
 - b. Began to fulfill national Israel's prescription for cleansing through 3 baptisms—water, Spirit and Fire (Ezek. 36:25ff).**
 - c. The famine of the hearing of God's Word came to an end (Is. 40:1-3)—comforting news is preached to Israel and the forming of a group preaching Glad Tidings (Is. 40:9-11; 52:7).**
 - d. He will be the forerunner for the Christ, making straight His way and removing every impediment—we might say rolling out the red carpet for Him (Is. 40:3-4).**

MATTHEW 3: The 4th Installment of 5th Course of Punishment Arrives

- 8. God will woo Israel from the wilderness just like He did when He brought them out of Egypt.
 - a. There He wooed them with the Grace resident in His Jehovah Name and the Rod of God of Faith.**
 - b. In the Gospel Accounts God woos them with the Grace resident in His Name in the Person of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, on the basis of faith (Hos. 2:14; Jn. 1:11-17).**
 - c. In the future He will woo them again from the wilderness, making Israel His purified bride Hos. 14****
- 9. In the final book of the Old Testament before God goes silent, Israel is told that the next Word from God would be His wooing of them from the wilderness through His messenger, John the Baptist (Hos. 5:15; Mal. 3:1-2, 4:5-6).**
- 10. Confessing their iniquity, acknowledging their sin brought them into Israel's cleansing program that began with John the Baptist.
 - This removes them from the generation of apostate religious system—scribes, Pharisees, chief priests—and places them into the generation of the Christ.**
 - This identifies them with the believing remnant, which will be further purified through the Spirit and Fire. What is left is the true, pure believing remnant, from which God will create the true Nation of Israel, leading to her long-promised Kingdom on Earth.****