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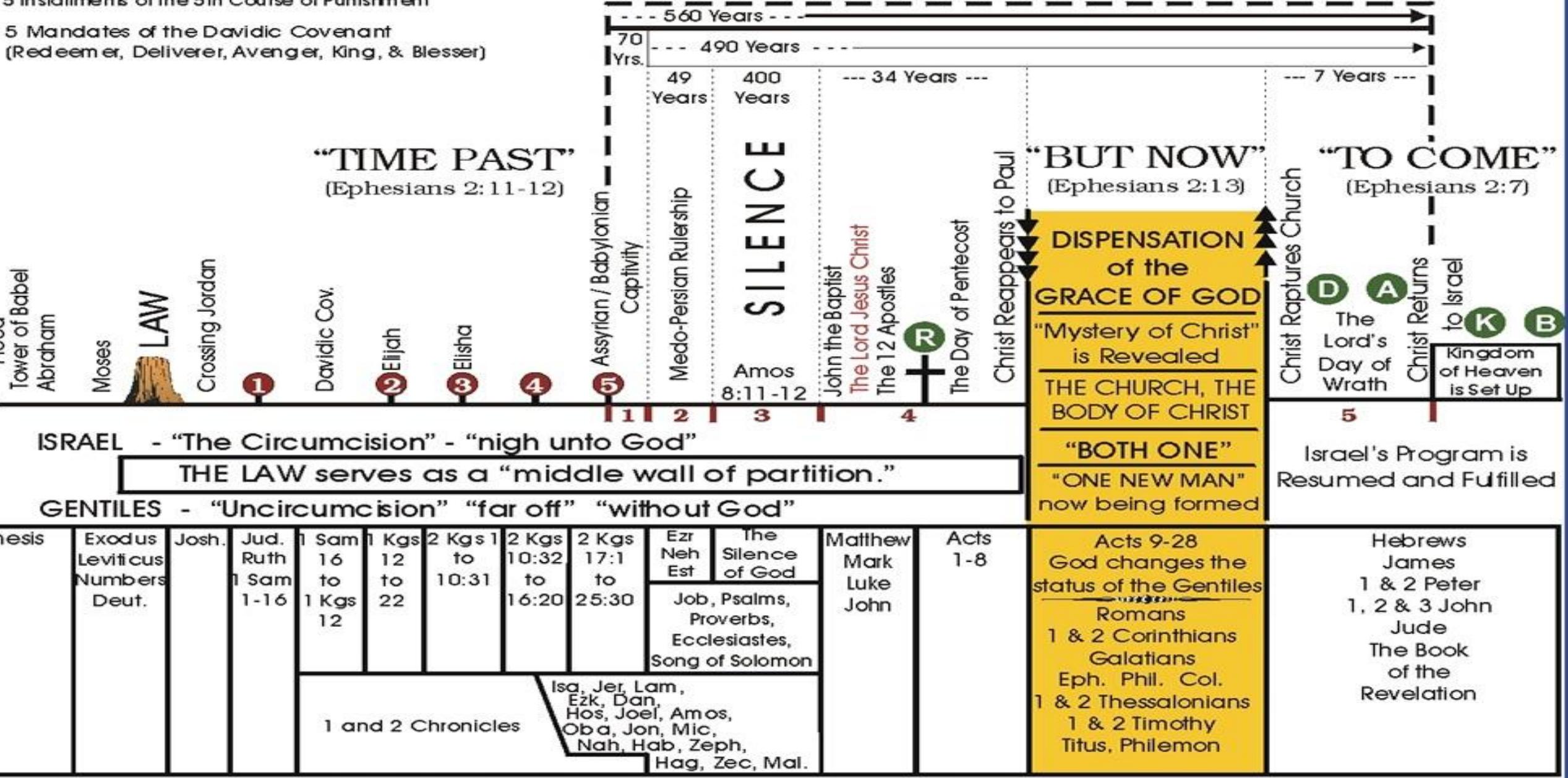
FAITH RIGHTEOUSNESS

and

The Book Of Matthew

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.....



MATTHEW 5-7: The Sermon on the Mount

- 1. It is important to note not just who Jesus was calling out unto Himself, but who He was rejecting.**
- 2. We need to ask why the nation of Israel, which was supposed to belong to the one true God, and had received all kinds of privileges and benefits from Him, was in such a state of ruin:**
 - a. Why had the nation been exiled from the land in the Assyrian and Babylonian Captivities?**
 - b. Why had they been handed over to Gentile (and the Satanic realm behind the Gentiles) rule, beginning with Medo-Persia?**
 - c. Why had God left the temple and the nation and gone silent with them for 400 years?**
 - d. Why was there so much poverty, disease and demonic activity in the land? (Mat. 4:23-25)**
- 3. Was it God's fault? Was He not powerful enough to keep His promises to Israel? Was He not faithful?**
- 4. Or is it the nation's fault, beginning with her leadership in Jerusalem and their sinfulness?**

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- 5. The Context: Israel's History suffering under the Law's 5 Courses of Punishment.**
 - They were now in the 5th and final course of punishment. God education program was nearly complete. He was about ready to give the final exam.**

- 6. Did they or did they not learn God's Law lessons?**
 - When Israel broke the Law and rebelled against Him, rather than destroying the whole nation God put them in an education program that was designed to show them their utter sinfulness and bring them back to Himself. They had no power of their own. They had not righteousness of their own. They needed to rely on solely on God and His grace to do everything for them.**

- 7. John the Baptist came in the spirit of Elijah to explain that the time of wavering was over. You either returned to God by accepting His teaching under the courses of punishment about the sinfulness of the nation in belief, or you rejected His teaching in unbelief.**

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- 8. Those who received it would repent, confess sins and enter into Israel's cleansing program. (Mat. 3:1-6)**

- 9. Had they learned the lesson, believed God's Word and turned back to Him, they would have recognized that:**
 - a. It was because of their sinfulness, that the nation was spiritually (and physically) impoverished and the people should have been mourning over it.**
 - b. It was because of their sinfulness, that the nation was being chastised and the people should have been meek or bowed down from forbearing this for centuries.**
 - c. It was because of their sinfulness, that there was a dearth of righteousness in the Israel, and it should have been hungering and thirsting after it, looking to Abraham and the fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant.**
 - d. It was because of their sinfulness, that Israel's vain religious system continued to offer sacrifices when God wanted mercy. They should have been looking for the mercies of David (Davidic Covenant) and a pure heart (New Covenant). (Mat. 9:13; Hos. 6:6; Ps. 24:4; 51)**
 - e. It was because of their sinfulness, that the nation lacked overall shalom, peace—complete physical and spiritual well-being. (Ps. 72)**

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- 10. Jesus calls out to those who had been bowed down under the weight of the courses of punishment, and who had learned that their spiritual and material deprivation was due of the their's and the nation's sinfulness, mourning over it. He offered them what the apostate nation couldn't provide:**
- 11. As they looked to Jesus in faith, they would follow in the steps of Abraham in the present (Faith Righteousness) and look to the fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant (Righteousness of God in delivering His friends) in the future when they would be filled full with righteousness. (Mat. 5:6)**
- 12. As they looked to Jesus, the Son of David, the Messiah, in faith they would look for the mercies of the Davidic Covenant—Redemption at the Cross, Deliverance and Avengement in Tribulation Period, King and Blessings in Kingdom—and would be merciful and receive those mercies.(Mat. 5:7)**
- 13. As they looked to Jesus in faith—pureness in heart—they would look for the fulfillment of the New Covenant when they would receive a new heart under the direction of the Law and power of the Spirit and would see God. (Mat. 5:8)**
- 14. As they looked to Jesus in faith, they would be true peacemakers and true children/sons of God—being like their Father. They would be “perfect” even as the Father is “perfect” (Mat. 5:9; 5:48)**

GOD'S EDUCATION SYSTEM UNDER THE LAW

Members of the Apostate Nation's Leadership	Members of the Believing Remnant
Proud, Boastful and Harsh with Others (Mat. 3:5; Is. 1)	Poor in spirit, Mourning and Gentle with Others (Mat. 5:3-5)
Natural Righteousness (Mat. 3:9)	No Righteousness—follow footsteps of Abe by faith in Abrahamic Covenant. (Mat. 5:6)
Unmerciful and impure in heart (Mat. 12:7; 23:23-27)	Merciful and pure in heart—faith righteousness leads them into the mercies of the Davidic Covenant and gives them the new heart of the New Covenant (Mat. 5:7-8)
Hypocrites who persecute the righteous. (Mat. 23:29-30)	This leads them into true shalom and makes the God's peacemakers would be persecuted. (Mat. 5:9-10)
They have lost their saltiness and can no longer "salt" the Covenants (Lev. 2:13; Num. 18:19; 2 Chron. 13:4-5.	They receive saltiness and become the ones who can "salt" the covenants (Mat. 5:13).
They refuse to repent, do not acknowledge their's and the nation's sins and do not enter Israel's cleansing program. (Mat. 3:7-12)	They repent, acknowledge their and the nation's sins and enter into Israel's cleansing program. (Mat. 3:1-6)
FAIL EXAM/DESTRUCTION/DO NOT ENTER THE KINGDOM	PASS EXAM/DELIVERANCE/ENTRANCE INTO KINGDOM