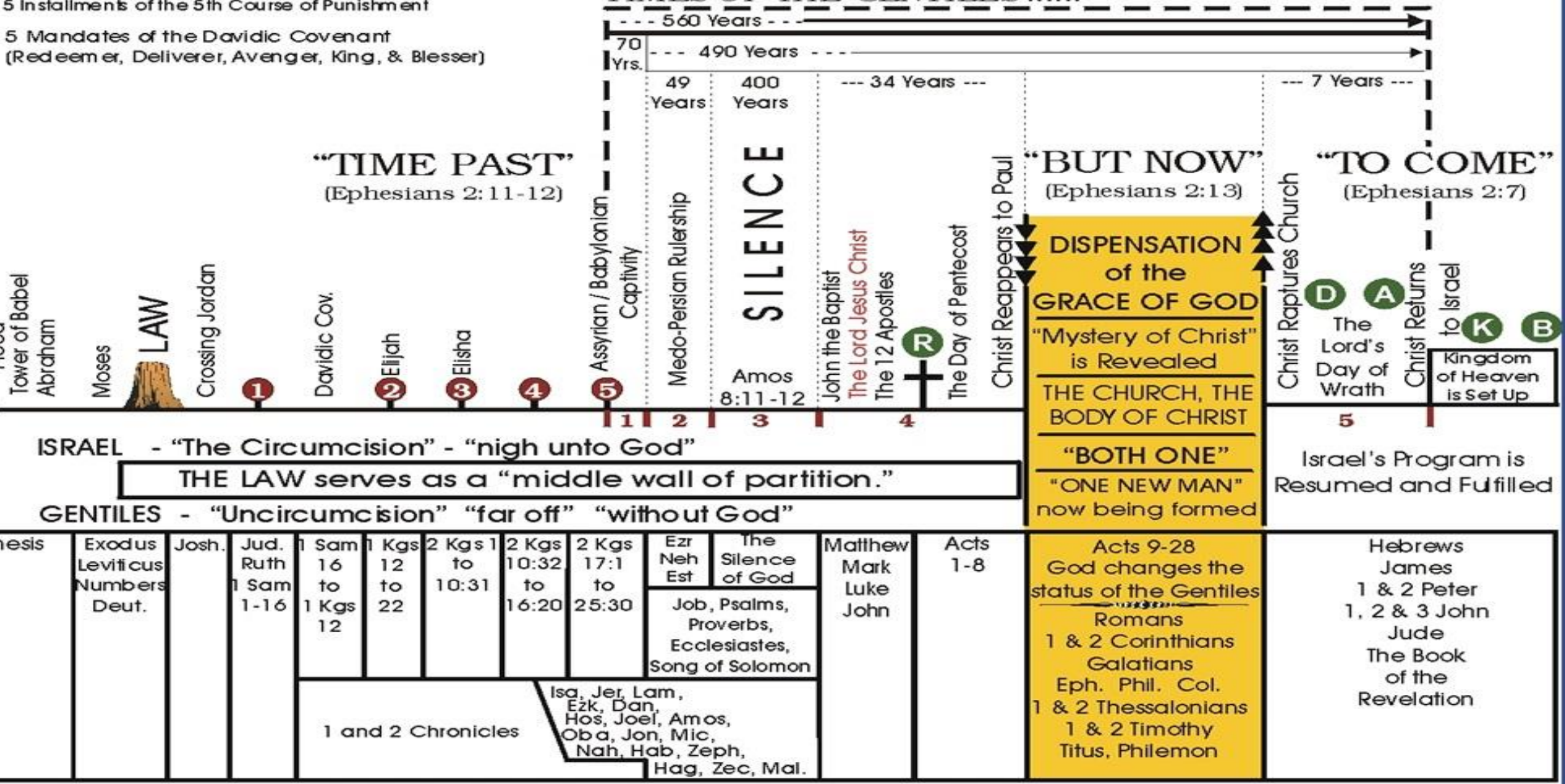


GOOD MORNING!

TIMES OF THE GENTILES.....



Matthew 9

Rightly Dividing and Tough Passages:

James 2; Rom. 10 and Mat. 6

Pt. 3

1. Main characteristic of the Vain Religious System is that it claims to be serving and worshiping God while destroying His people the believing remnant.

2. VRS vs. James

1:2-12: External Trials: Go to God for wisdom that ends in the crown of life in the Kingdom.

1:13-20: Internal Temptations: Go to God for all good things as the first fruits of God's righteousness—the word of truth.

1:21-27: Go to God for the foretaste of New Covenant blessings properly, not just hearing but in doing, by which you escape physical death—the engrafted word becomes the Law of Liberty.

2:1-13: Preference for the rich—stay with the faith of Jesus Christ and His Royal Law, which lead to mercy and rejoicing in judgment.

JAMES 2

3. **The Law purified by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount and the believing remnant:**
 - a. **They were born from above with the WORD OF TRUTH—the Gospel of the Kingdom was preached to them, they believed it and like Abraham their faith was counted for righteousness, making them members of the believing remnant and the first fruits of all God promised to National Israel (1:18).**
 - b. **They now have access to a foretaste of National Israel's New Covenant and Kingdom Blessings, including the ENGRAFTED WORD, which was able to save their souls from the physical death that comes from lust that produces sin and death and brings them under the blessings of life (1:21-25).**
 - c. **THE LAW OF LIBERTY will be enshrined in the Kingdom as the Royal Law, summarized by: Love others as yourselves, leading to mercy and rejoicing in the day of judgment (2:8-13).**

JAMES 2

- 4. Don't Compromise with VRS about Faith with works: (2:13-26)**
 - a. VRS—Claiming to be the friends of God, they destroying His people, His friends, the believing remnant.**
 - b. James—True friends of God must also be friends with the brethren. Having been justified before God by faith alone unto eternal life (1:18, 2:23), they would be declared right (justified) in another sense at the return of Christ as deliverers of God's friends. Their faith was brought to completion and was alive—fulfilling its designed purpose in Israel's Prophetic Program—when they did friendly deeds for God's friends, the brethren (2:26).**
 - 1. Abraham, the Friend of God, in the sacrifice of Isaac account, demonstrates how far God will go for His Friends (Gen. 22).**
 - 2. Rahab demonstrates how far God's friends should go to help God's friends. (Josh. 2)**