

GOOD MORNING!

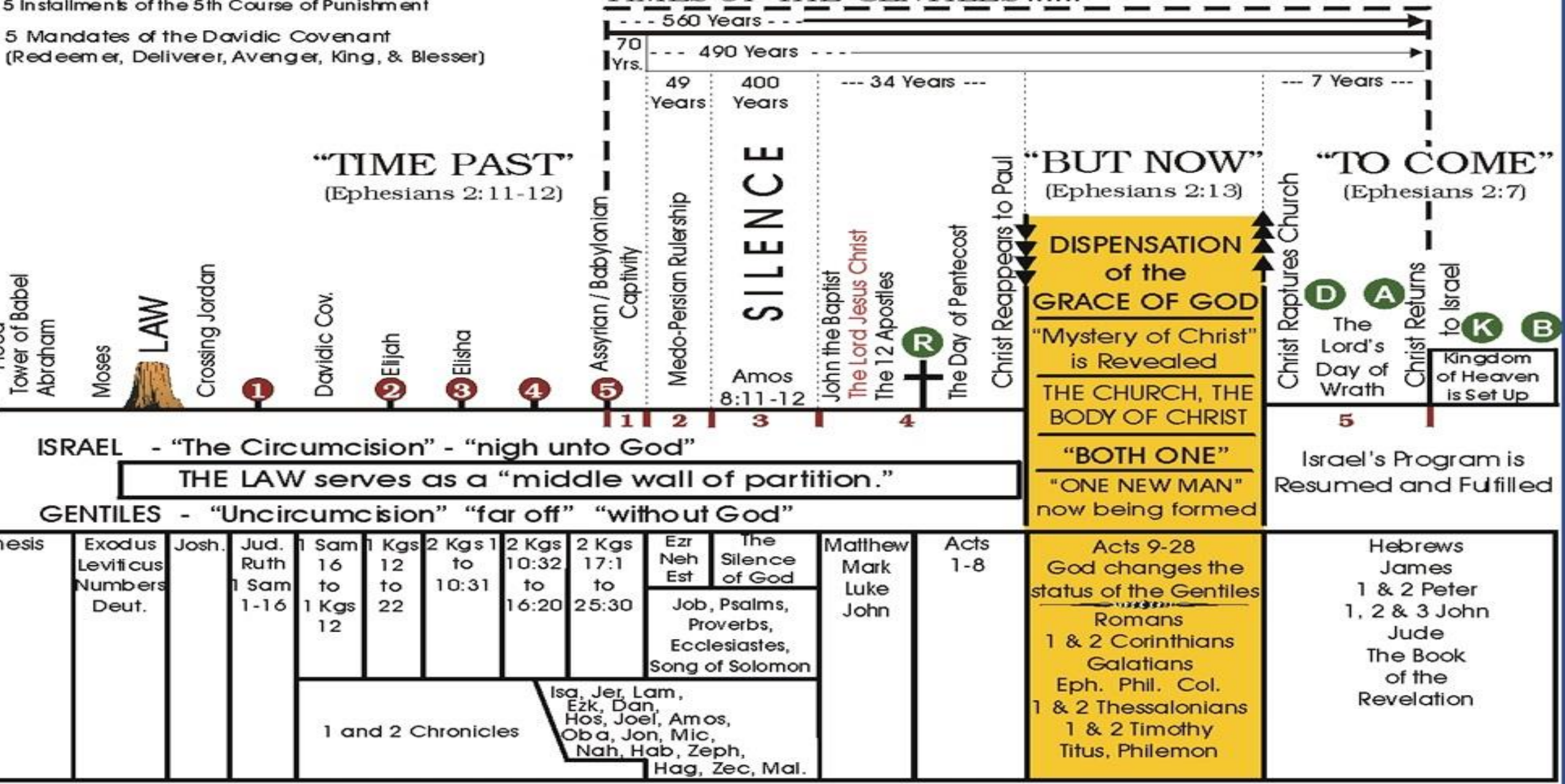
Matthew 9

Rightly Dividing and Tough Passages:

James 2; Rom. 10 and Mat. 6

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TIMES OF THE GENTILES.....



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Vain Religious System Claims To:

- a. Be worshipping and serving God, but they were destroying His people (James 3:8-12).**
- b. Be devoted to the Law but they don't do it (James 1:22-25).**
- c. Have faith and, therefore, friends of God but they drive away God's friends without helping them. (James 2:14-19)**

This was how the believing remnant would know them and not join with them. They would know them by their fruits. (Mat. 7:15-20)

The true fruits of righteousness is produced by wisdom from above and is seen in its purity, peace, gentleness, being easily intreated, merciful, impartial, and without hypocrisy. (James 3:17-18)

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Their fighting, therefore, were the result of listening to the VRS not God. (James 4:1)

In praying to God, the VRS claimed to be the friends of God but were really friends of the world and unfaithful to the Spirit. (James 4:1-5)

The VRS claimed to be subject to God but their pride rejected His grace while going after the things of the world. The believing remnant should not follow their teaching (James 4:6-10):

- a. Instead they were not resisting Satanic deception and drawing near to God. Instead they were sinning with impure hearts.**
- b. Their laughter showed they were having pleasure in the world.**
- c. They should have been repentant with inner affliction and outer weeping and mourning.**

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The VRS claimed to be devoted to the Law of God but were denigrating His people, putting themselves above the Royal Law: Love thy neighbor as thyself (James 4:11-12).

- a. Now is the time for love not judgment.**
- b. It is God who will save His friends and destroy His enemies.**

The VRS claims to know the good but just goes on about its business buying and selling without regard for God's time schedule, which is about to bring about judgment (James 4:13-17).

--They must not just know the good but do the good, or it is sin.

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Therefore: The VRS in the Light of the coming Judgment:

a. Violated Mat. 6:19-21: The Judgment will destroy the hoarded riches of the VRS. (James 5:1-3)

b. Violated Lev. 19:13 and Deut. 24:14-15 and fulfilled Mat. 5:39: Instead of paying their laborers, they wasted it on pleasures of the world. (James 5:4-6)

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Therefore: The Believing Remnant in the Light of the Coming of the Lord:

- a. Patient Endurance—the patience of the persecuted prophets and Job under Satan’s Plan of Evil. (James 5:7-11; Mat. 24:13)**
- b. Do Not Swear—Therefore, what you say on the outside will match what is true on the inside. (James 5:12; Mat. 5:33-37; 23:16-22)**
- c. Continue in Prayer for the afflicted, sick because of sins, communal confession for healing—blessings of the Law. (James 5:13-18)**
- d. Rescuing the Backslider from the Faith to the VSR—save him from physical death and forgiveness of sins—New Covenant Blessing**