

The Parables

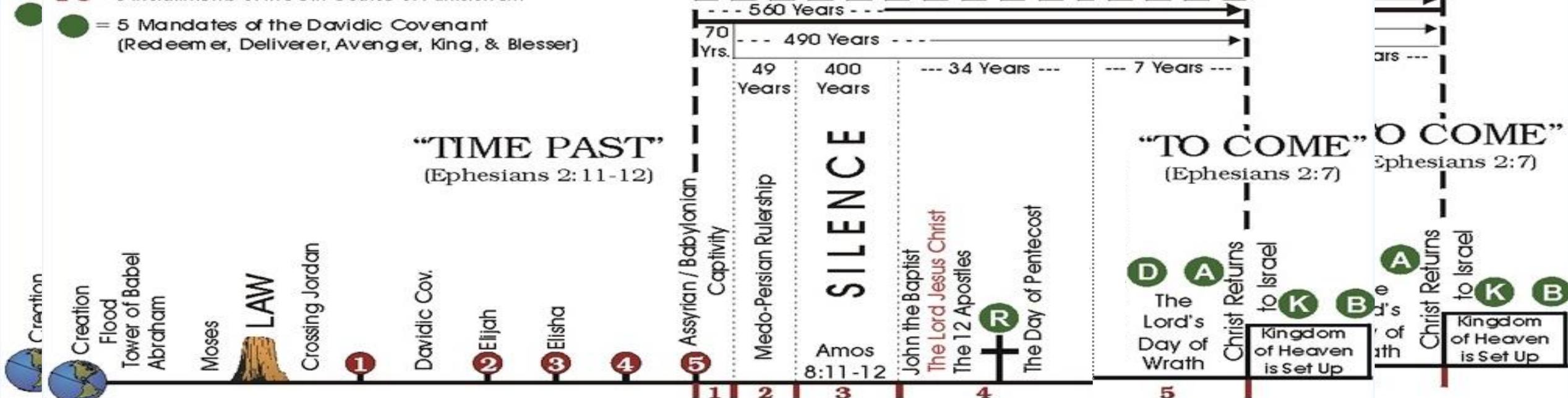
Mat. 13

Pt. 2

GOOD MORNING

- = 5 Courses of Punishment (Lev. 26)
- 1-5 = 5 Installments of the 5th Course of Punishment
- = 5 Mandates of the Davidic Covenant (Redeemer, Deliverer, Avenger, King, & Blessor)

TIMES OF THE GENTILES



ISRAEL - "The Circumcision" - "nigh unto God"
 THE LAW serves as a "middle wall of partition."

GENTILES - "Uncircumcision" "far off" "without God"

Genesis	Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deut.	Josh.	Jud. Ruth 1 Sam 1-16	1 Sam 16 to 1 Kgs 12	1 Kgs 12 to 22	2 Kgs 10:32 to 10:31	2 Kgs 17:1 to 25:30	Ezr Neh Est	The Silence of God	Matthew Mark Luke John	Acts 1-8	Hebrews James 1 & 2 Peter 1, 2 & 3 John Jude The Book of the Revelation	Hebrews James 1 & 2 Peter 1, 2 & 3 John Jude The Book of the Revelation
				1 and 2 Chronicles		Isa, Jer, Lam, Ezk, Dan, Hos, Joel, Amos, Oba, Jon, Mic, Nah, Hab, Zeph, Hag, Zec, Mal.							

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1. The parables reveal what will characterize the interval of time between the 1st and 2nd comings of Christ. God hadn't revealed this to the prophets, but will to the believing remnant, Jesus' generation and brethren. (13:17; 1 Pet. 1:10-12; Is. 61:1-6; Lk. 4:16-21; Is. 53 and 54, Dan. 9; etc.).

2. Is. 61:1-6 example:

It looks like the days of preaching lead immediately, quickly, decisively, clearly, definitively into the instant separation of the righteous from the unrighteous and the glory of the Kingdom.

a. Is. 61:1-2a: Preaching King and Kingdom—1st Coming.

b. Is. 61:2b: Deliverance and Avengement—through Tribulation and 2nd Coming.

c. Is. 62:2c-6: Restoration of National Israel in the Kingdom after the 2nd Coming

d. Jesus demonstrates how this prophecy should be read in Lk. 4:16-21.

1. vv. 16-21: He closed the book after the preaching of the acceptable year of the Lord but before the Avengement.

2. vv. 22-29: This leads into the “manner of time” with the counter-doctrines of the VRS. (Mat. 13:53-58)

3. The parables reveal what will characterize the interval of time between the 1st and 2nd comings of Christ.
 - a. These Kingdom mysteries had been kept secret from the foundation of the world (earth--kosmos) (Mat. 13:35; Ps. 78:1-2)
 - b. Paul's Mysteries had been kept secret since before the beginning of the world (ages--aion) (Rom. 16:25; 1 Cor. 2:7; 2 Tim. 1:9)

4. Another important but overlooked purpose for the parables is that they taught the 12 what it is like to be unknowing, without understanding, outsiders. Without Jesus' instruction, they were just as ignorant of these things as were unbelievers.

5. This empathy will be required in their ministry because this "time" will be a time of change.

a. The unbeliever can become a believer.

b. Non-fruitbearing believers can bear fruit.

c. Fruitbearing believers can bear more fruit.

d. And, unfortunately, those who had been bearing fruit may become fruitless.

6. INSTRUCTION AND UNDERSTANDING

Parable of the Sower: Ministry will be carried out in context of a variety of prepared soils. They need to preach the Gospel to all.

--It will not be a time of the knowledge of God covering the earth (Is. 11:9; Hab. 2:14) but a time of mixed understanding that will need instruction from Christ.

7. Various Soils:

- a. Unprepared ground—hardened hearts of v. 15>
- b. Partially prepared—some growth but no fruit bearing.
- c. Fully prepared—growth and fruit bearing.

Uses of the Word of the Kingdom:

- a. Don't understand and use the word to form counter-doctrines for Satan's use.
- b. Use for short time but leave it to alleviate persecution.
- c. Use for a time but replace it with the things of this world.
- d. Understand and use the word for God's purposes.

9. And this leads into the next parable where evil and good co-exist.

10. REVELATION AND JUDGMENT

Parable of Wheat and Tares: During this time, the children of Satan will be given free reign to work among the children of the Kingdom, leading to their separation at the end.

- a. During this time God will allow Satan's evil world system (kosmos--13:38) to continue before He destroys it at the end of the age (aion—13:39-40) and replaces it with His Own, the Kingdom.
- b. Revelation, judgment and separation will not arrive until the end of the Tribulation Period at Christ's 2nd Coming.