

The Parables

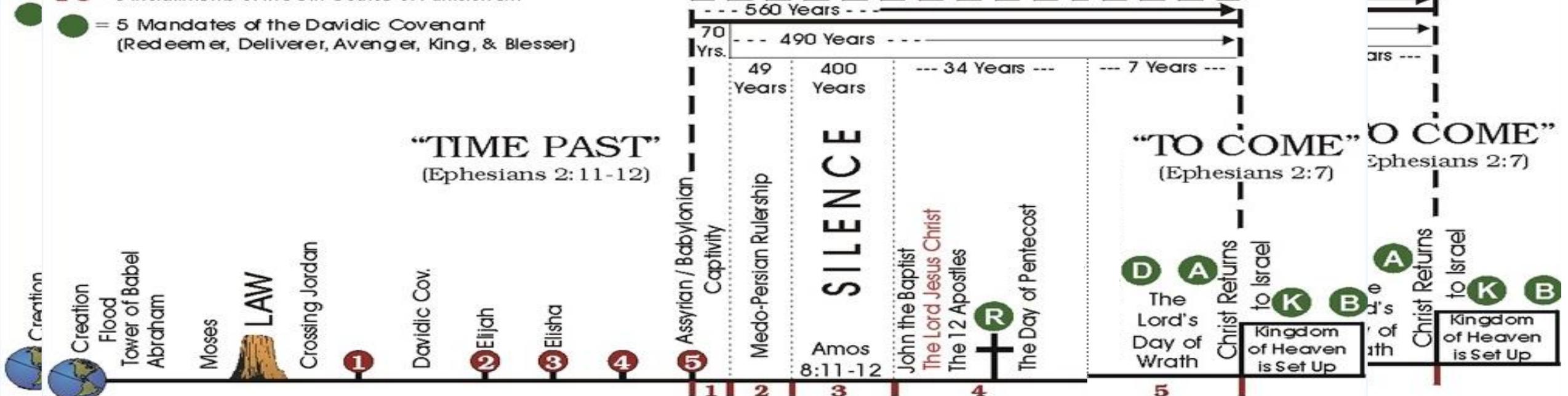
Mat. 13

Pt. 4

**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"

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Genesis	Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deut.	Josh.	Jud. Ruth 1 Sam 1-16	1 Sam 16 to 1 Kgs 12	1 Kgs 12 to 2 Kgs 22	2 Kgs 10:31 to 10:32	2 Kgs 10:32 to 16:20	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.		Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon						

# 1. A TIME OF INSTRUCTION AND UNDERSTANDING

Parable of the Sower: Ministry will be carried out in context of a variety of prepared soils.

- a. This is what John, Jesus and the disciples had been doing up to this point but Jesus stops doing this, and the disciples will begin to do again after Christ's death and resurrection, and especially during the Tribulation Period.
- b. It will not be a time of the knowledge of God covers the earth as the waters cover the sea (as the prophets could think--Is. 11:9; Hab. 2:14) but a time of mixed understanding that will need instruction from Christ.

## 2. NOT A TIME OF 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, and won't be separated until the end of the Tribulation Period.

- a. During this time God will allow Satan's evil world system on earth (kosmos--13:38), which will be destroyed at the end of the age (aion—13:39-40), replacing it with His Own, the Kingdom and world system on the earth. (Rev. 2:2-3, 20-25)
- b. Revelation, judgment and separation will not arrive until the end of the Tribulation Period at Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming.

### 3. A TIME OF GRADUAL GREATNESS

Parable of Mustard Seed: During this time, the Kingdom will be characterized by gradual, growing, Greatness. The insignificant start to the announcement of the Kingdom (John the Baptist, a crucified King and a motely group of followers) grows into a great Kingdom that covers the earth. (Mat. 13:31-32; 17:20)

- a. The Greatness of the Kingdom will not come suddenly and all at once, but gradually.
- b. In Bible Kingdoms were described as trees that cover the earth (Ezek. 31:3-14)
- c. The creation/Kingdom Psalm 104 includes nesting birds and goats (Ps. 104:12-18, 30-35)—even though Jesus excludes devouring birds and disobedient goats from the Kingdom (Mat. 25:31-46).

#### 4. A TIME OF HIDDENNESS (not revelation and manifestation)

Parable of Leaven: Parable of the Leaven—During this time, the Kingdom will be characterized by Satan hiding his leaven, false teaching of VRS, permeating the whole to deceive the children of the Kingdom.

- a. In the Bible, leaven is always something negative and corrupting. (Mat. 16:1-12)
- b. In prophecy, the one who spreads wickedness is oftentimes portrayed as a (prophetic) woman. (Zech. 5:6-7; Rev. 2:20, 17:1-6).
- c. A measure is a certain amount: She would be allowed to hide her leaven in the wheat until it affected the full 3 measures—all of God's people.

5. We have a foretaste of these first four parables in Christ's earthly ministry and in the Ministry of the Holy Spirit through Peter and the 12 at Pentecost.
  - a. Prepared and unprepared soils—Mat. 12
  - b. Tares among the wheat—Judas—Mat. 26:47
  - c. Mustard Seed—insignificant beginning with lowly person from Nazareth, then a crucified King and a motely group of followers that lead increase to thousands in Acts 2-7.
  - d. Leaven—leaven of the VRS—Mat. 16:11-12

These first four begin in the days of Christ, are foretasted at Pentecost, and will reach their fulfillment during the Tribulation and 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ.