

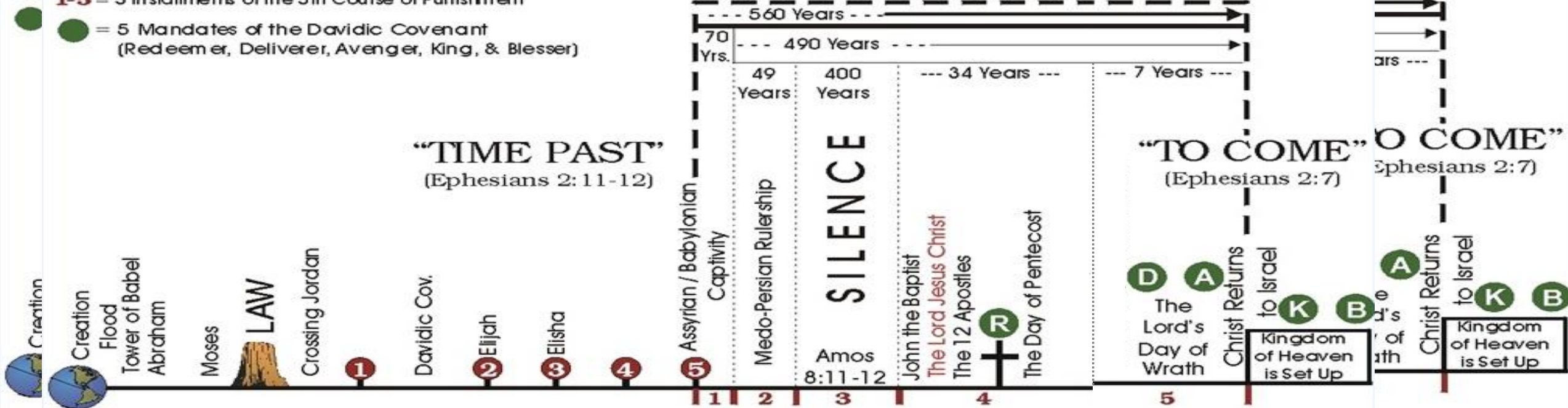
Preparations for Christ's  
Rejection: The Transfiguration

Mat. 17:1-13

**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. The Transfiguration is an epiphany:
  - a. Theophany—describes God coming and is recognized by terrifying circumstances in nature but God Himself remains invisible (Jud.5:4-5).
  - b. Vision--A privileged person or group sees a supernatural phenomena located mainly in the heavenly realm (Acts 10:9-16)
  - c. Epiphany—a sudden and unexpected manifestation of a divine or heavenly being experienced by select persons as an event on earth independent of their seeing it that enters the earthly realm. (Acts 1:10-11; 10:3-8' Num. 22:31-35)

2. The Transfiguration is a complex epiphany:
  1. Epiphany appearance of Jesus
  2. Epiphany appearance of Moses and Elijah.
  3. Epiphany appearance of the divine voice from the cloud.
  
3. Now Jesus fulfills His promise that some would see the Son coming in His kingdom glory with the Transfiguration (Mat. 17:1-8).

- a. Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a mountain
- b. Jesus is transfigured.
- c. Moses and Elijah appear and speak with the transfigured Jesus
- d. Peter offers to build a tent each for Jesus, Moses and Elijah.
- e. A cloud overshadows them.
- f. A voice comes from the cloud, commanding them to LISTEN TO HIM! God's Son—Mat. 16:21

4. Jesus' whole purpose in coming was to go to the suffering and death on the Cross—They needed to LISTEN TO THIS!  
--Any other way for Jesus and his disciples to receive the world is from Satan (Mat. 4:8-10; 16:21-23)
5. The word “cross” used generically refers to Jesus's and the disciple's part in God's plan.
  - a. For Jesus, this meant the literal Cross where He died to save His people, the believing Nation of Israel, so that He could receive the world from the Father and deliver His people into it.
  - b. For the (most) disciples, it meant a metaphorical cross—proclaiming Christ in persecution and tribulations even unto death.

6. These are words of warning to the unbelieving apostate nation (Mk. 8:38—this adulterous and sinful generation).
  - a. The works the unbelieving generation will be rejected.
  - b. The works of the believing generation will be accepted.  
(Jn. 6:28-29)
  
7. They were not to look at this from man perspective but from God's perspective (Mat. 16:23b): They are not losing their lives, they are gaining their lives.

8. These are comforting and encouraging words to the believing remnant who in following Jesus have already begun to deny self and pick up their cross (Mat. 19:27-30).
  - a. The inheritance of eternal life (which cannot be earned but is by faith WITHOUT works) will be experienced by life in the Kingdom (which can be earned—faith WITH works).
  - b. Members of the believing remnant will be restored a 100-fold in the Kingdom—ie., those who gave up much will receive much.



9. Jesus is giving them comfort and hope not fear and despair. (Mat. 16:24-28).
  - a. Jesus has gone before them in all these things, blazing the trail for them (Mat. 16:21).
  - b. The Father of Jesus is their Father, who hears the prayers of the believing remnant (Mat. 6:7-13).
  - c. Ultimately, they will have the provision of the Holy Spirit—the COMFORTER, giving a foretaste of the New Covenant/Kingdom blessings (Jn. 15:26-16:15).
  - d. Therefore, for them His yoke will be light and easy, leading to rest for their souls in the Tribulation and Kingdom (Mat. 11:30; Heb. 12:1-2; Ps. 23).

10. These are words of encouragement to the Believing Remnant (who had been justified in the Pauline sense-- by faith without works unto eternal life) because Jesus promised to provision them with all they will need for going through the Tribulation Period. Therefore, the believing remnant as a whole will remain faithful to the end (as we see a foretaste of this in early Acts) and will participate fully in Israel's National Salvation (justification in the sense of James—by faith with works unto Kingdom Life). (Mat. 16:27; Acts 4-5)

11. These are words of warning to the unbelieving apostate nation and those few of the believing remnant who participate in willful, persistent, rebellion against God in unfaithfulness (Acts 5:1-11; Rev. 2:20-22).