

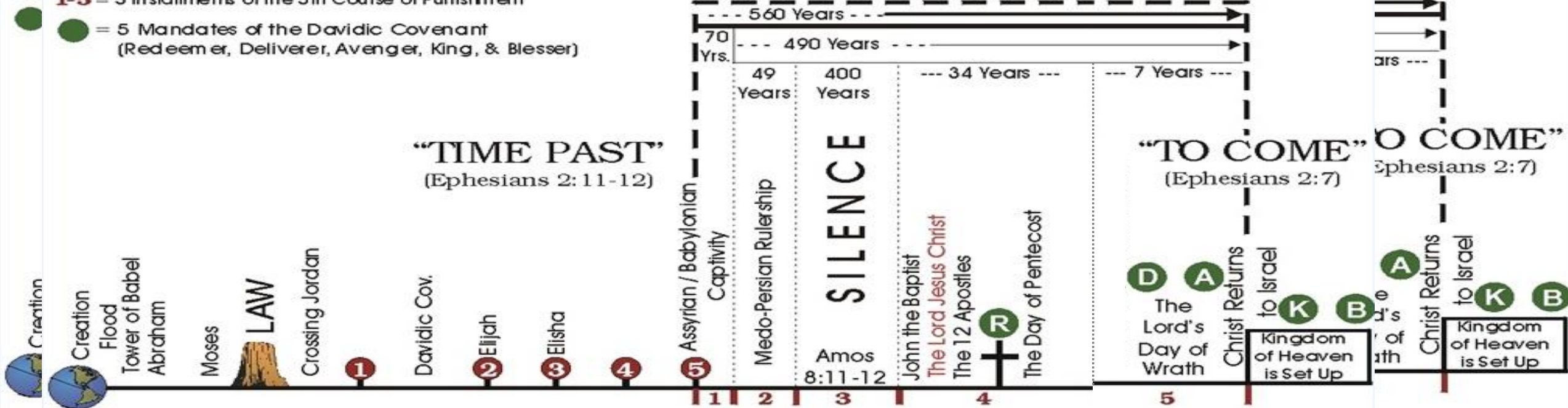
Preparations for Christ's  
Rejection: UNBELIEF

Mat. 17:9-27

**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 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						

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1. This sets up a suspense for the rest of the Book of Matthew —will they or won't they listen?
2. His first command after the Transfiguration is to not tell anyone—secrecy component—with a re-emphasis on His death and resurrection.
  - a. Ignorance concept.
  - b. Anti-Christ concept.
3. They were not to share this Transfiguration experience because they didn't believe and, therefore, didn't understand its significance: Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the Living God, will enter Kingdom Glory after He is FROM THE DEAD raised up again (Mat. 17:9).

4. UNBELIEF OF THE THREE: are still clinging to the teaching of the VRS who have tried to do away with John's and Jesus' ministry by confusing the 2 messengers in Mal. 3-4 (Mat. 7:28-29; 16:5-12).  
--Leaven of the VRS--Parable of the Leaven.
  
5. If the VRS can construe Elijah's coming in Mal. 4 with John the Baptist's coming in Mal. 3, they can do away with the forerunner to Christ and Christ's earthly ministry that leads to suffering, death and resurrection.

6. John the Baptist comes in the spirit of Elijah (Lk. 1:13-17; 2 Kgs. 2:9) because he does what Elijah did in the past (Mat. 3:1-12; Mat. 17:12-13; 1 Kgs. 18:17-41)
  - a. But he is the forerunner of Mal. 3, not Elijah of Mal. 4, who comes before the restoration of all things.
  - b. Not to smite the earth with a curse (Mal. 4:6) but to prepare a people for the Lord (Mal. 3:1)

7. Peter probably thought: If what the VRS says is true and Elijah comes first, we just saw him in Kingdom Glory without going through death, then maybe what Jesus' said about the necessity of going through death was not really required either.
  - a. They are still not listening to Jesus.
  - b. Peter is still speaking the words of Satan and men (Mat. 16:22-23)
  - c. The anti-Christ movement is revving up.

8. The Elijah of Mal. 4 comes just before the restoration of all things (Mat. 17:11) and will do what he did in the past (1 Kgs. 18) again in the future Tribulation Period when the full force of the Anti-Christ movement goes into full effect—confusion about whom to worship (Dan. 11:36).
  
9. Their unbelief allowed Satan to woo the disciples away from Jesus' instruction about the necessity of His suffering, death and resurrection (Mat. 7:17-20).  
--only by faith will they not only be able to cast out demons but also to follow Jesus on the path of suffering, death and resurrection.

10. UNBELIEF OF THE NINE: Mat. 17:14-21: Intensification of Satanic attack—he is not going to let Israel go without a fight--because:
- a. Because of the disciple's unbelief.
  - b. And because this is only a foretaste of what is coming after Jesus leaves and the 12 do fast after the resurrection, which was excluded earlier in Mat. 9:15.
  - c. Parable of the Mustard Seed.



11. After His death, the disciples believe, and Jesus breaths on them giving them the Holy Spirit (Jn. 20:19-29) after which He opened their understanding of all the Scriptures in the light of His suffering, death and resurrection (Lk. 24:44-53).

12. This will be followed up with the baptism of the Spirit at Pentecost, empowering them to offer repentance to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and then to the utter most parts of the earth (Acts 1:8).

13. UNBELIEF OF THE NATION: Mat. 17:24-27—The Temple Tax.