

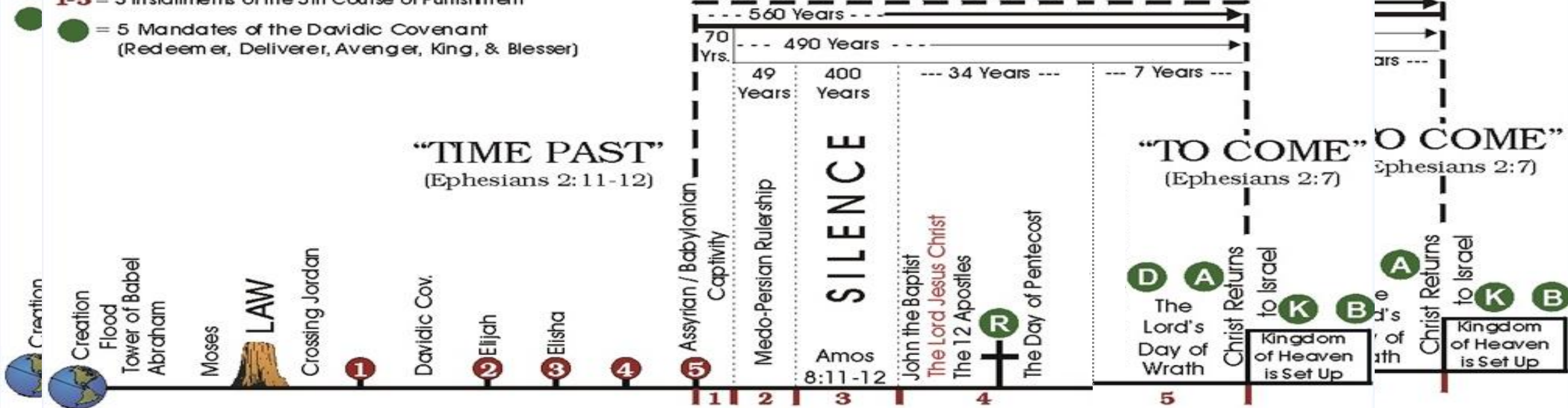
Preparations for Christ's  
Rejection: UNBELIEF (Pt. 2)

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"

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| Genesis | Exodus<br>Leviticus<br>Numbers<br>Deut. | Josh. | Jud.<br>Ruth<br>1 Sam<br>1-16 | 1 Sam<br>16<br>to<br>1 Kgs<br>12 | 1 Kgs<br>12<br>to<br>2 Kgs<br>22 | 2 Kgs<br>1<br>to<br>10:31 | 2 Kgs<br>10:32<br>to<br>16:20 | 2 Kgs<br>17:1<br>to<br>25:30   | Ezr<br>Neh<br>Est | The<br>Silence<br>of God | Matthew<br>Mark<br>Luke<br>John | Acts<br>1-8 | Hebrews<br>James<br>1 & 2 Peter<br>1, 2 & 3 John<br>Jude<br>The Book<br>of the<br>Revelation | Hebrews<br>James<br>1 & 2 Peter<br>1, 2 & 3 John<br>Jude<br>The Book<br>of the<br>Revelation |
|         |   |       |                               | 1 and 2 Chronicles               |                                  |                           |                               | Isa, Jer, Lam,<br>Ezk, Dan,<br>Hos, Joel, Amos,<br>Oba, Jon, Mic,<br>Nah, Hab, Zeph,<br>Hag, Zec, Mal. |                   |                          |                                 |             |  |  |

1. Peter and the 12 aren't listening in faith with regard to Jesus' instruction that He must suffer at the hands of His own people, die and ignominious death on the Cross and then be raised from the dead. (Mat. 16:21; 17:12, 22-23).
  
2. Mat. 16:21-23: Peter's not listening in faith.
  - a. Peter rebukes Jesus, trying to turn Him away from His suffering, death and resurrection, as Satan did in the wilderness (Mat. 4).  
--Jesus responds with get you behind me Satan, you value the things of men rather than of God.

b. Mat. 7:1-7: Peter offers to make tabernacles of divine communication, opening up the possibility of Jesus die like Elijah (who didn't die but was just taken up) or like Moses (who died in a ripe old age honorably), leading Jesus away from the necessity of suffering at the hand of His own people an ignominious death and then being raised from the dead.

--God's response: Listen to Him!

c. Mat. 17:9-13: Peter, James and John think that if the VRS is right and Elijah was to come first and then the restoration of all things ... they just saw Elijah on the mountain therefore God will bring in the restoration of all things without Christ's suffering and death.

3. 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).

**--Parable of the Leaven.**

4. 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.

## 5. Peter's not listening:

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—**Parable of the Sower**
- b. Peter is still speaking the words of Satan and men (Mat. 16:22-23)
- c. Sets in motion an intensification of Satan's policy of evil against them, esp. the anti-Christ movement.

6. UNBELIEF OF THE NINE: Mat. 17:14-21: Intensification of Satanic attack—he is not going to let Israel go without a fight (Mk. 9:21-27):
- a. Apostate nation: Faithless and Perverse generation —Deut. 32:5, 20—they didn't believe what God was telling them (Mat. 17:17-18).
  - b. Disciple's unbelief (17:19-20).
  - c. This is only a foretaste of what is coming in Satan's policy of evil against Israel after Jesus leaves--the 12 do fast after the resurrection, which was excluded earlier in Mat. 9:15 (Mat. 17:21).

**7. Parable of the Mustard Seed**, a little bit of faith in what Jesus' new instructions regarding His suffering, death and resurrection would result in a GREAT increase in their ministry that would empower them to endure and thrive in the intensifying attacks of Satan against them.

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

--trying to ensnare Jesus in a violation of the Law, they go to the disciple rather than the Master.