

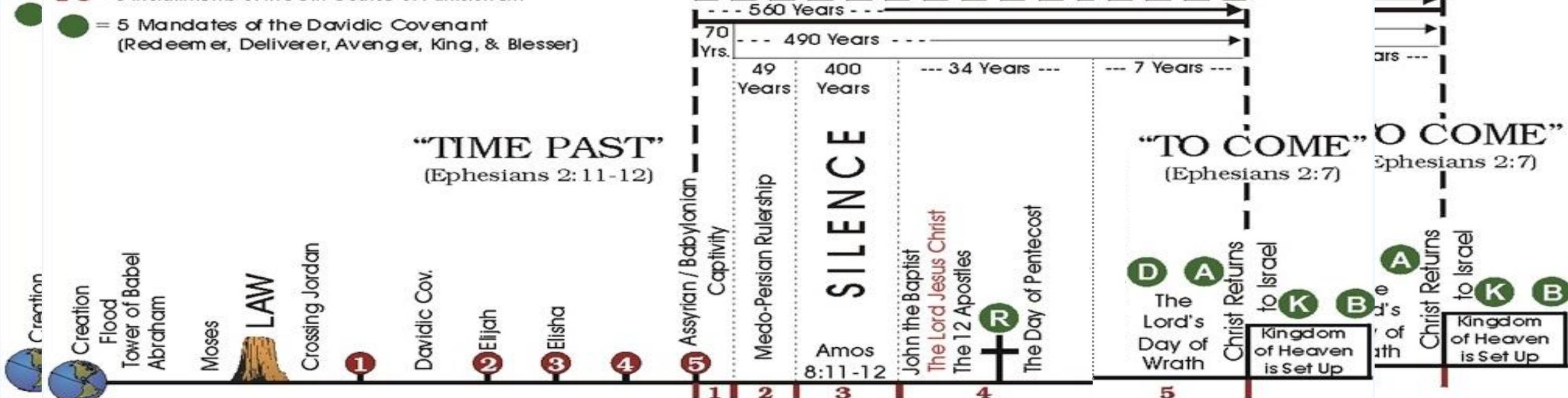
More Video Clips of the Kingdom.

Mat. 18

**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. If the 12 were listening to Jesus, they would understand that entrance into the Kingdom does not come by human power and might in reliance on self (what the VRS says) but by being transfigured by the Father in reliance on God (18:1).
  
2. They needed to listen to what Jesus says: The believing remnant is made up of God's little children.
  - a. God "converted," them, placing them as His children in the Believing remnant so that they could enter the Kingdom. (18:2-3).
  - b. Now, they needed to listen to Jesus, not the VRS. It is not the rich and powerful who will be great in the Kingdom but the lowly and insignificant who are dependent on God who will be great in the Kingdom. (18:4-5).

3. Jesus just showed them in the Transfiguration that entrance into the Kingdom doesn't come by someone's own riches and power, taking it by force (Mat. 11:12), but by the Father converting/transfiguring the believer and giving them the Kingdom by faith.
  
4. Now they needed to listen to Jesus to assume their role as God's little ones. So, Jesus gives some video clips of the Kingdom to drive His point home.

5. In Mat. 5 and 18, Jesus gives them encouraging teaching (in video clips) of what the Kingdom will look like in comparison to the Israel being ruled by the VRS in that day.
  - a. In Mat. 5:17-48 He gave similar video clips in the context of the VRS's teaching that ignored internal sins of the heart, thereby excusing the breaking of the Law.
  - b. Here in Mat. 18 He gives video clips in the context of the VRS's teaching that the rich and mighty out of self interest are the right ones to rule in the Kingdom.
  
6. Jesus is teaching by giving them video clips—some gruesome, some ridiculous, some humorous—that vividly show the true nature of the Kingdom to change their thinking.

7. Let's remember some of the video clips from Mat. 5:
  - a. Mat. 5:17-20: Greatness in Kingdom
    - The VRS taught that the most important things of the Law are the external sins not the internal sins of the heart.
    - Jesus taught that the most important things of the Law are the internal sins of the heart, which, when addressed, automatically alleviate the external sins.
  - b. Mat. 5:21-26: External Murder vs. Internal Anger
    - Video Clip: Under the VRS, the people of Israel were running around freely dispensing anger short of murder, but in the Kingdom people will be running around doing whatever they can to alleviate anger as fast as possible —as though they were about to be cast into the fires of Hell or imprisoned forever!

c. Mat. 5:27-32: External Adultery (Divorce) vs. Internal Lust  
Video Clip: Under the VRS the people of Israel were free to lust in the heart short of adultery, but in the Kingdom, people will do whatever is required to alleviate lust in the heart—even to the point of severing hands, feet and eyes. with missing hands, feet and eyes--as though their lives depended on it!

d. Mat. 5:33-37: External Oaths vs. Internal Honesty  
Video Clip: Under the VRS people make oaths to cover up their lies, but people in the Kingdom will speak honestly because what is true on the inside will be what they say on the outside.

e. Mat. 5:38-42: Principle of Retaliation

Video Clip: Under the VRS, the people of Israel were taught to enforce retaliation to the nth degree, but in the Kingdom they will leave retaliation to the Lord--even if it means giving up everything they own!

f. Mat. 5:43-47: Principle of Love

Video Clip: Under the VRS, the people of Israel were taught to just love their friends and hate their enemies, but in the Kingdom, they will spend their day loving all, even their enemies.

## 8. Little Child and Greatness (Mat. 18:1-5; Is. 60:22)

- a. The VRS only respected the rich and powerful in rebellion against God--children were insignificant, the smallest of all things. But in the Kingdom God's little children will be running the place in complete reliance and dependency upon God for their survival and existence.
- b. The disciples needed to realize that they will enter the kingdom not in greatness and power but in lowliness as ones who believe in Jesus and were "converted" by the Father, who gave them the Kingdom.

9. To listen to Jesus is to realize that the greatest before God's eyes are His little ones that believe in Him:
  - a. Whosoever **receives** (as great and important) God's little children is to receive Christ (18:5)
  - b. Whosoever **offends** (cause to stumble) God's little ones who believe in Jesus will lead to the fires of Hell—server all connection to them! (18:6-9)
  - c. For the disciples to **despise** (think lightly of) God's little ones who believe in Jesus is to despise those who hold a special place before the face of the Father through their angels (18:10).
  - d. To realize that the Father sent Jesus specially to find and save His little lost sheep—His little flock (Lk. 12:32)—from the neglect and scattering of the VRS (18:11-14).

10. All this means that His little ones who believe in Him:
  - a. Have the authority of Heaven itself to exercise all effort in mercy to reconcile a brother or sister, to keep them in the fold or to bring them back into the fold of the church, the Believing Remnant. (18:15-20).
  - b. And have the authority of Heaven itself to offer unlimited forgiveness of sins among the brethren to keep the unity of the church, the Believing Remnant. (18:21-22)
  - c. Parable of the Forgiveness (18:23-35)