

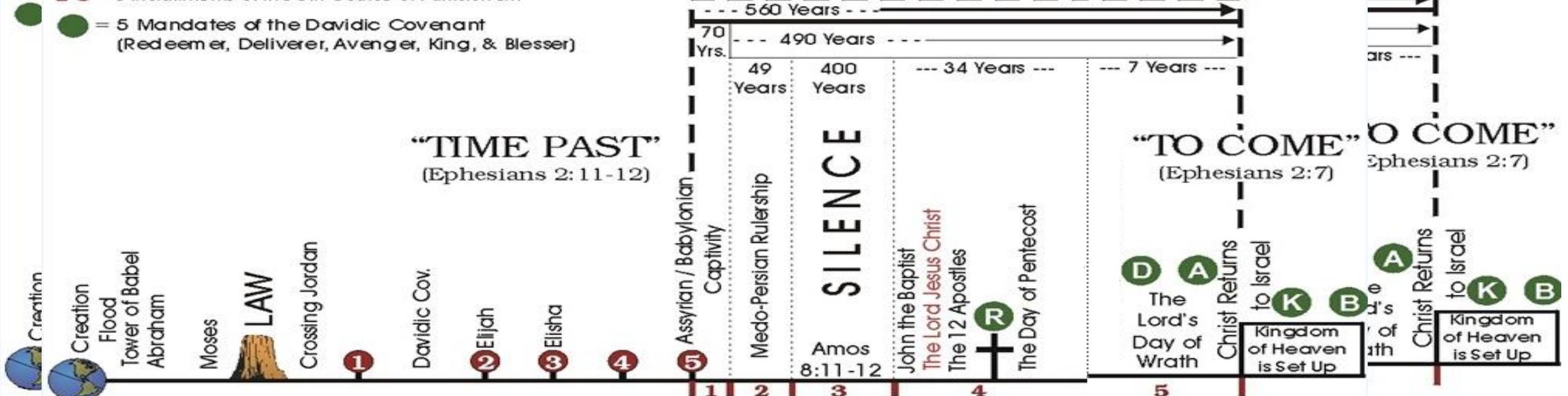
Kingdom Forgiveness

Mat. 18:15-35

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 (Mat. 16:23): 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. 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 receives 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; Heb. 1:14; Ps. 91:11; 103).
 - 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).

4. This passage goes from a little child (18:2; Mustard Seed Parable) to God's little children (18:3) to God's little ones who believe in Jesus (18:6) to the sheep of the little flock (18:12-14; Lk. 12:32—Pearl Parable).

5. When God confronts the nation about their rebelliousness against Him under the VRS, He accused them of:
 - a. Neglecting the orphans (little children) and widows (Is. 1:17; James 1:27).
 - b. Neglecting and scattering the sheep (Ezek. 34:1-12; Zech. 13:6-7)
 - c. That's why they needed to sever every connection to the teachings of the VRS (Mat. 16:23).

6. 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—in accord with the foretaste God gives them of the national forgiveness of sins provided by the New Covenant. (18:21-22)
 - c. Parable of the Kingdom Forgiveness (18:23-35)

7. This is not about how people will participate in the forgiveness of sins before God via justification by faith before the tribunal of God. That is permanent and eternally secure.

8. This is how the children of the Kingdom will participate in the Israel's NATIONAL forgiveness of sins between themselves (the brethren) that is made available through the New Covenant. This can be retracted and taken away.
--We see a picture of this in early Acts when the believing remnant is given a foretaste of Kingdom and New Covenant blessings, including the forgiveness of sins through the ministry of Peter and the 12.