

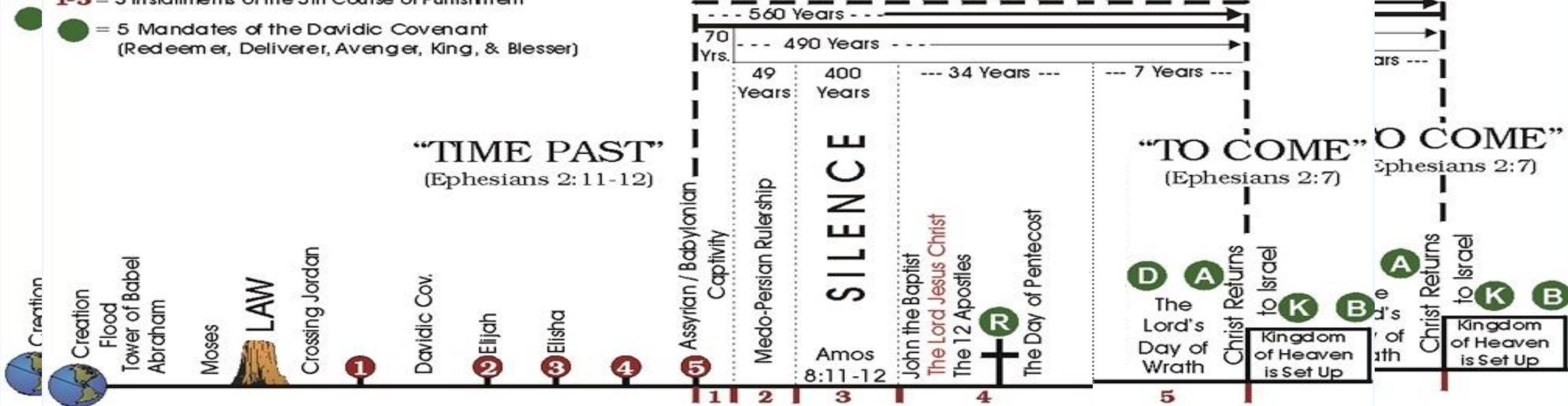
Entering The Kingdom (Pt. 2)

Mat. 20:1-19

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 10:32 to 10:31	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. Before Mat. 12, Jesus' instructions had a sense of immediacy—the Kingdom is at hand, the King is here—ACT NOW!
2. In Mat. 1-12, God gave Israel a bona fide offer of the Kingdom, which they rejected.
 - If they had received it, God's program would have advanced beginning with the Redemption at the Cross, Deliverance and Avengement from the Tribulation and entrance into the Kingdom where Christ would be their King and Blessor.
3. In order to keep the offer genuine, God kept secret the things He would be doing during the delay of the Kingdom because of national Israel's rejection of Christ.

4. But the nation as a whole rejected Christ and now, in Mat. 12, Jesus turns away from the unbelieving wicked generation that was rejecting Him and turned to His own generation, the believing remnant.
 - a. God's Kingdom of Heaven would remain there and not come immediately to the earth.
 - b. There will be a delay in the arrival of God's long-prophesied heavenly Kingdom being established on the earth (Mat. 18:18-19). This delay is explained in the Parables (compare with 1 Pet. 1:10-12; Lk. 4:17-21; Is. 61:1-2).
 - c. He would re-create the nation through the believing remnant and give it the kingdom.

5. In Mat. 13, Jesus reveals to them the mysteries of the Kingdom with regard to this delay in the arrival of the Kingdom that he kept secret from the prophets of old. The Parables reveal information on what will characterize the time element between the 1st and 2nd Comings, and the believing remnant's role in it.

6. Now, the believing remnant would need to view all the teachings of the first 12 chapters of Matthew—Sermon on the Mount, sending out of the 12, the nation's rejection of Him--through the lens of the Parables.

--In Mat. 14-19, Jesus shows them how to use the things He taught in Mat. 1-12 and view them through the lens of the Parables. They are woven throughout the rest of Matthew.

MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM: The Final Exodus

1. A TIME OF INSTRUCTION AND UNDERSTANDING: Sower

2. NOT A TIME OF REVELATION/JUDGMENT: Wheat/Tares

3. A TIME OF GRADUAL GREATNESS: Mustard Seed

4. A TIME OF HIDDENNESS: Leaven Hidden in Wheat

4'. A TIME OF HIDDENNESS: Treasure Hidden in Earth

3'. A TIME OF GRADUAL SEEKING OF GREATNESS: Pearl

2'. NOT A TIME OF REVELATION/JUDGMENT: Dragnet

1'. A TIME OF INSTRUCTION AND UNDERSTANDING: Scribe

7. In order to perform their ministry, they were to take the things they learned in the first 12 chapters and view them through the lens of the Parables for application to their ministry during this time, the key ingredient being faith. These things are woven throughout the rest of Matthew.
 - a. Parable of the Sower and Scribe: During this time, they needed to get their instruction and understanding from Jesus only—Mat. 13:51-52; 14:33; 15:16-17; 16:9-12; 16:21-23; 17:13—the need to listen to Jesus.
 - They were permeated with the leaven of the VRS—Jesus; suffering and death (Mat. 16:21-22); forgiveness of sin (18:21-22); Marriage (19:10); entrance into Kingdom (19:25),

- b. Parable of the Leaven: BEWARE—be on careful watch of this--the leaven of the VPS and the VRS—during this time—
Mat. 14:1-14; 15:1-20; 16:1-12; 16:21-22 (Jesus' suffering and death); 17:24-27; 18:1; 18:21-22 (forgiveness of sins); 19:10 (marriage); 19:25 (entrance into the Kingdom)
- They were permeated with the leaven of the Pharisees and didn't even realize it.

- c. Parable of the Mustard Seed—They needed to realize that God will accomplish His purpose by using the least and insignificant things by the world's standards (esp., A CRUCIFIED KING AND MESSIAH (1 Cor. 1!!), which He will cause to grow into the greatest of all things during this time —Mat.14:15-21;15:32-39;Mat. 17:20; 18:1-14; 19:13-14.
- d. Parable of the Tares—They needed to realize that the righteous and wicked would co-exist during this time—Mat. 15:12-14; 17:12, 22-23; 17:27; 18:5-6.

8. In order for them to minister properly, Jesus gives them two additional parables in Mat. 18 and 20.
 - a. Repentance and The Parable of Forgiveness (Mat. 18:23-35): Their ministry would be centered on making repentance as easy as possible with unlimited forgiveness for all God's little ones who believe in Jesus (Mat. 18:15-35; compare Lk. 24:47).
 - b. Parable of the Laborers (Mat. 20:1-16): Their ministry would be based on the understanding that God gives the same provision to every member of the believing remnant, regardless of their past or when they entered the believing remnant. Base on God's abounding mercy and need not human works and earnings.