

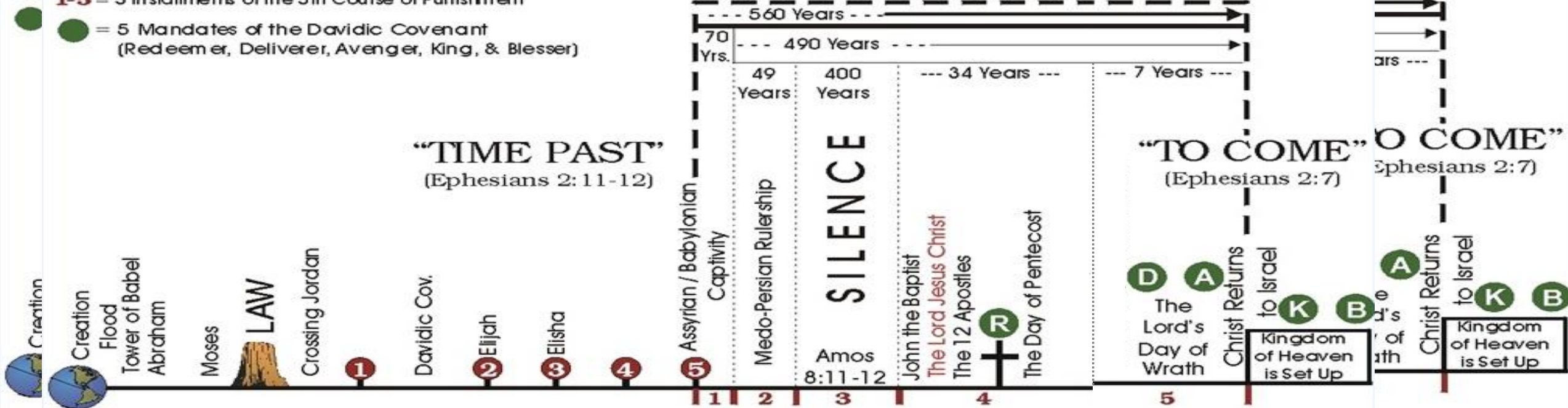
The Parable of the Laborers and God's Provision (Pt. 2)

Mat. 20:1-16

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 1 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.						

1. The build-up to the Parable of the Laborers (Mat. 17-20):
 - a. To enter the Kingdom you have to be transfigured (17:1-8) and converted by the Father, who places you into the Believing Remnant as His little ones who believe in Jesus (18:1-14).
 - b. You can't enter into the Kingdom via worldly riches and power—Rich Young Ruler (Mat. 19:16-26).

- c. Giving up the world's things to follow Jesus:
 - 1. For giving up the things of this world, the 12 will sit on 12 thrones but not the thrones of the ruling princes of this world, lording it over their subjects in palaces, but thrones of service among the people, like the judges of old who delivered and unified the nation (Mat. 20:25-28; Is. 1:26; Jud. 2:18).
 - 2. But it is not just the 12 or super-saints, in the Kingdom the whole Believing Remnant will receive far more than anything they could receive from the world.

2. The passage opens with “doing” something to possess eternal life in the Kingdom (Mat. 19:16, which is impossible) but ends with “inheriting” everlasting life as a free gift from God in the Kingdom (Mat. 19:29; 16:29)

3. God’s operating principle turns everything upside down: Those who are first by the world’s standards (he who has the most when he dies wins) are last in God’s sight. It is those who by the world’s standards are the least because they follow Jesus (a King put upon a cross) are in God’s sight first (Mat. 19:30, 20:16).

4. Mat. 19:27-29: The believing remnant as a whole will give up all (we see a foretaste of this in early Acts) becoming His little children in complete dependence upon the father.

--They will be running the Kingdom!

5. While from man's viewpoint it appears that they are giving up everything, from God's viewpoint they are really gaining everything (first last, last first) (Mat. 16:23; 19:27-30)

6. Parable of the Laborers (Mat. 20:1-16): Their ministry would be based on the understanding that God gives the same national provision to every member of the believing remnant, regardless of how much they gave up, their productivity or when they entered the believing remnant. Those who were rich in the world would in absolute terms give up more than the poor, but this gives them no advantage in the Kingdom (Mk. 12:41-44; Lk. 21:1-4)