Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt

Chorus:

Grace, Grace, God's Grace
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace, Grace, God's Grace
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

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Marvelous, infinite, matchless Grace!
Freely bestowed on all who believe
All who are longing to see His face
Will you this moment His Grace receive?

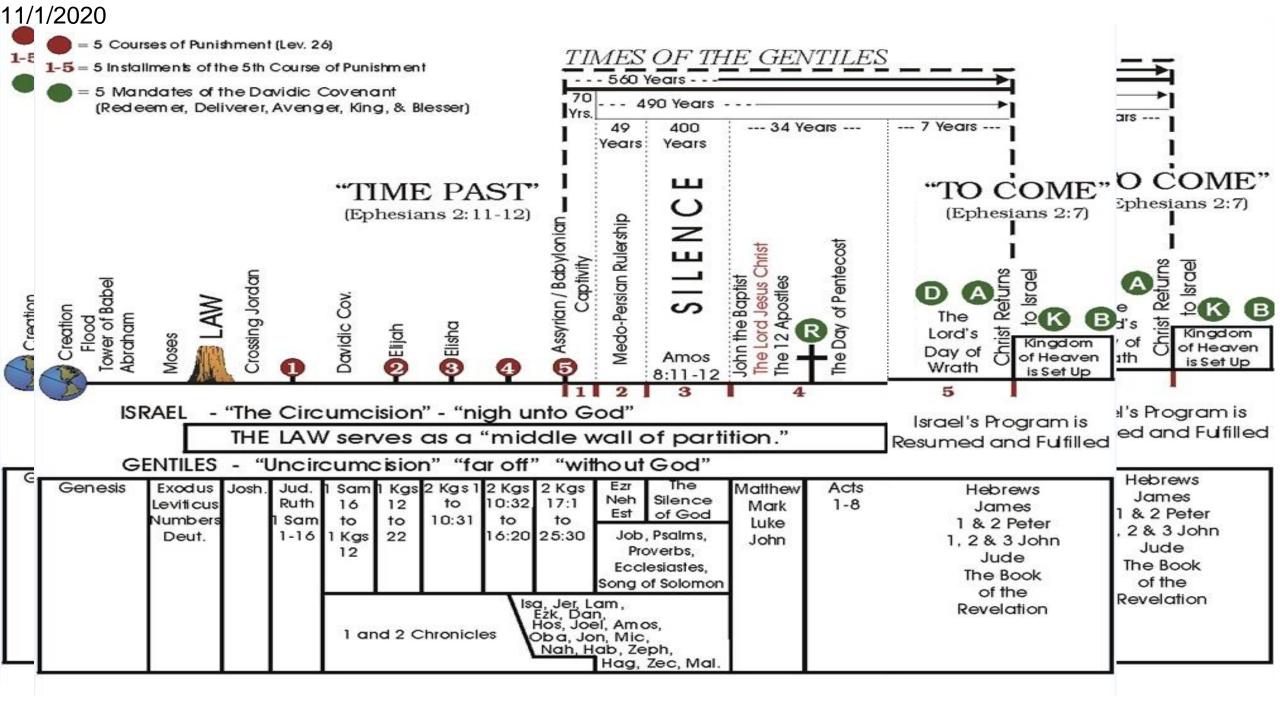
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The Three Prophetic Sign Enactments

The Final Week (Pt. 4)

Mat. 21:1-22

GOOD MORNING!!

1. <u>First Prophetic Sign Enactment (Mat. 21:1-11) Symbolically Showing How God Views Things:</u> **Entrance Into Jerusalem.** Jesus will symbolically Shut Down the Temple, Jerusalem and nation of that day under the VRS.

- 2. <u>Second</u> Prophetic Sign Enactments Symbolically Showing How God Views Things: **Shutting Down the Temple**. Jesus will symbolically Shut Down the Temple, Jerusalem and nation of that day under the VRS.
 - --Now the only sacrifice God's sees is the sacrifice of His Son of the Cross.

- 3. The Fig Tree symbolizes the religious system of Israel that God would use to produce fruit.
 - --Instead, it was sabotaged and usurped by the VRS, and God could not produce fruit in Israel under its control.

- 4. The "works" God accepts from Israel are NOT their own works through the Law and the flesh, but the "fruit" of His working in and through them in faith.
 - --In trying to do it themselves through the faithless VRS and its works, they rejected God doing it through Grace and Faith, resulting in a fruitless fig tree.

- 5. God did everything He could for Israel (Is. 5:1-7), but she rebelled and rejected Him and His Word, resulting in this barren fig tree.
 - a. Num. 13:23-24; Deut. 8:7-11; 1 Kgs. 4:25: Israel was to be a fruitful land, especially figs.
 - b. Jer. 8:8-13; Hos. 9:10: Because of the VRS, God would no longer produce fruit in Israel and He handed them over to Gentile rule—curses of the Law.
 - c. Jer. 24:1-10:
 - Good figs—the believing remnant to whom God gives a heart of faith to know Him. He will re-gather from the Gentiles.
 - Evil figs—False king, false priests, false prophets, false christs and the bulk of Judea who followed them. They would be destroyed.

- 6. Now in Mat. 21:19 Jesus comes upon a fig tree in Jerusalem on the way to the Temple and it is barren. It not only doesn't have good fruit. It is not even bearing bad fruit. It is bearing NOTHING. It is barren.
 - --Jesus curses it and it withers away—the nation held captive by the VRS is unable to be used by God to produce fruit.
- 7. In the Temple and Fig Tree Judgments, Jesus removes life support from the VRS holding the nation captive, leaving it gasping in the throes of death.
 - --Lk. 13:6-9: 1 year extension of mercy and grace. He will give it one more chance to receive Him and life again through the ministry of the Holy Spirit and Peter and the 12

- 8. The bulk of the nation will cling to the VRS and reject this offer again in finality at the stoning of Stephen (Acts 7).
 - a. It is here that God once-and-for-all does away with the apostate nation willingly held captive by the VRS, replacing it with His Own Nation of Israel formed out of the Believing Remnant of Israel, who have willingly in faith subjected themselves to God.
 - b. God will work to produce fruit through them because of faith!

9. Mat:24:32-33: Parable of the Fig Tree—Sign of the Times.

- 10.Mat. 21:21-22 with Mk. 11:20-26: In order to accomplish this God will fulfill the Parables of Mat. 18 and 20 to facilitate the rebuilding and maintenance of the Nation of Israel:
 - a. Mat. 20: <u>Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard</u>: The Believing Remnant would participate fully in God's NATIONAL PROVISION, given access to it by faith and prayer (Mat. 21:21-23; Mk. 11:22-24)
 - b. Mat. 18: <u>Parable of NATIONAL Forgiveness</u>: The Believing Remnant would participate fully in God's NATIONAL PROVISION of forgiveness by forgiving others.
 - c. It is these national provisions that Peter and the 12 will be regulating—binding and loosing, forgiving and not forgiving.