Wonderful grace of Jesus, Greater than all my sin; How shall my tongue describe it, Where shall its praise begin? Taking away my burden, Setting my spirit free; For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me

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Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus, Deeper than the mighty rolling sea; Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,

All-sufficient grace for even me!
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,
Greater far than all my sin and shame;
Oh, magnify the precious Name of Jesus,
Praise His Name!

Wonderful grace of Jesus, Reaching to all the lost, By it I have been forgiven, Saved to the uttermost; Chains have been torn asunder, Giving me liberty; For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

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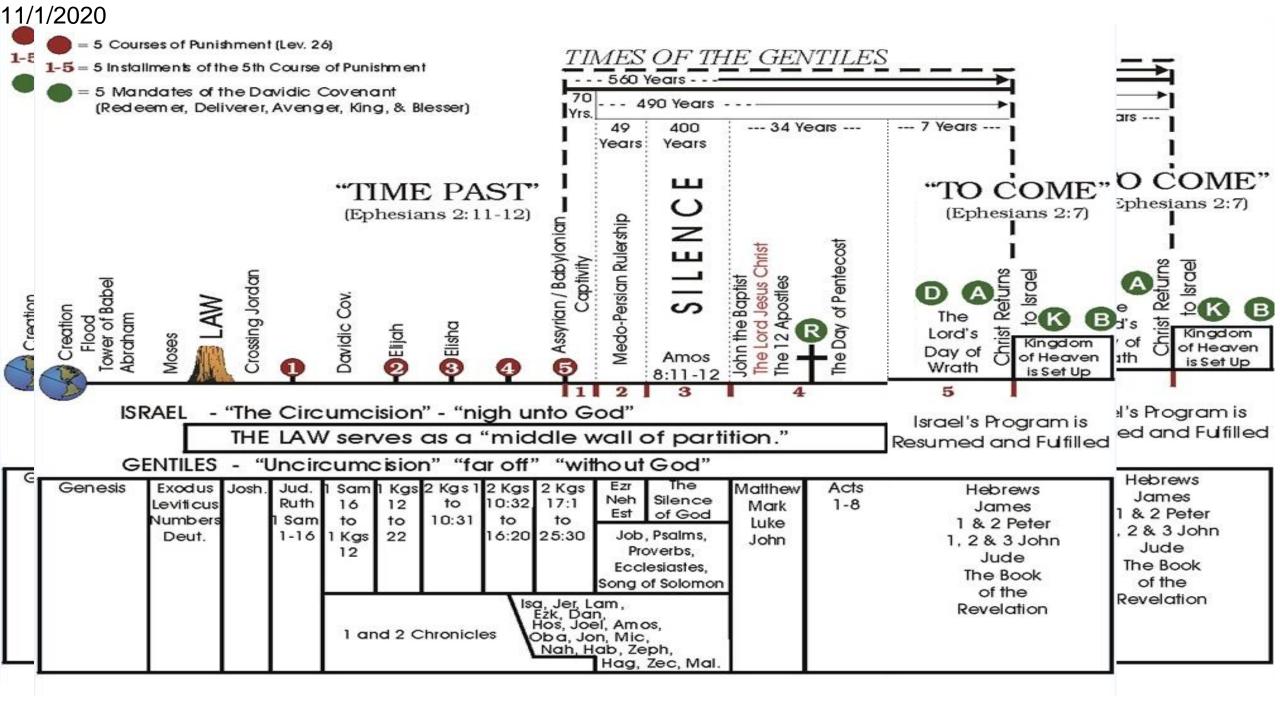
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Wonderful grace of Jesus, Reaching the most defiled, By its transforming power, Making them God's dear children, Purchasing peace and heaven For all eternity— And the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

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## THE PASSOVER MEMORIAL (Pt. 2)

Mat. 26:19-25

GOOD MORNING!!

1. Mat. 26:6-16--Memorial #1: The Light of Simon and Lazarus, Mary and Martha not the darkness of Judas and the disciples.

2. Mat. 26:17-19--Memorial #2: The Passover Meal--Light of the Exodus not the darkness of Egypt (Ex. 12:1-17).

- 3. Three main components of the Passover Feast:
  - a. The slaying of lamb or goat for substitutionary atonement
     —the animals death was in place of the firstborn Israelites son.
  - b. Which provided purification (Simon the Leper) by the smearing of the blood on doorposts of each Israelite house, cleansing it—(Ex. 12:22; Lev. 14:4-7, 49-52; Ps. 51:7).
  - c. Which consecrated the household, made it holy, set apart for God and His use, unto life (Lazarus who was raised from the dead).

- 4. The household is redeemed—atoned, cleansed, consecrated—by the sacrificial blood of the firstborn son, which has been substituted with a lamb, redeems the whole household.
  - --This prepared them for their ultimate purpose: to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation (Ex. 19:6) and a light to the Gentiles.

5. Through the death of Israel's ultimate firstborn son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and because God raised Him from the dead, His blood provided deliverance, redemption and ransoming from Sin, Death and Satan for His Own house—the Nation of Israel.

- 6. The Exodus was the redemption of God's firstborn son from death, a deliverance out of Sheol all made possible by the slain lamb.
  - --Of course, in Mat. 26-28 Jesus now becomes the reality for what the lamb was just a type. He will be the substitute firstborn of God who substitutes for all of Israel's firstborn sons thereby saving the whole household of true Israel as codified in His Believing Remnant.
  - 7. This first Exodus remember the haste with the enemy at their backs—unleavened bread (expunge the sin of the Egyptians) and bitter herbs (bitterness of life experienced there).

8. This future Exodus at Christ's return will be remembered without haste because the LORD will go before them and God will be their rear guard as He ushers them into the Kingdom where evil and Satan are purged and they will experience fullness of life (Is. 52:12)

- 9. To memorialize all of this, God instituted the Passover Feast.
  - a. Apart from the Passover regulations, the Israelites would have suffered the same death as Egyptians.
  - Redemption from the Angel of Death = redemption and release from Egypt.
  - c. They don't celebrate the frogs or hail or river turned to blood. They are to celebrate their redemption from death.
  - d. The Passover is so important, God re-orients Israel's time and makes it the beginning of Israel's year. It memorializes not just a fresh start but a new beginning, a new creation.
  - e. The sons of Israel who were consigned to the death of the waters of the Nile by Pharaoh, God will redeem to pass through the death waters of the Red Sea.

10. All of this pictures a far greater exodus and deliverance for Israel and the permanent destruction of Satan and his minions made possible through Christ and His Cross.

Which Leads to our next Memorial:

Memorial #3--The Last Supper (Mat. 26:26-30; Lk. 22:19).

1. He desired to eat this Passover meal with them so they had to eat it early so that He could die during the time the rest of the nation was putting to death their Passover lambs.

2. Mat. 26:20: When "evening" came (our Wednesday night but the beginning of Israel's new day—Thursday "evening" which ran from 6pm (our Wed. night) to 6am (our Thurs. morning).

- 3. The Passover regulations limit the eating of the Passover meal to Thursday night and in Jerusalem. To eat it early:
  - a. Jesus could be making an exception as One who knows the intent of God perfectly simply on basis of necessity as He did with regard to the Sabbath.
  - b. Or perhaps Jesus is modifying use of exceptions for those unable to eat the meal at the appointed time because they touched a corpse or were on a journey.
    Both will apply to Jesus when the usual time for the Passover comes. They could observe it the next month (Num. 9:6-11).
  - c. Just as He is Lord of the Sabbath, He is also the Lord of the Passover.

- 4. Mat. 26:21-25: During Passover meal, Judas the Betrayer is revealed.
  - a. Jn. 12:4--Judas's coveting of Mary's expensive ointment gave a foothold for Satan.
  - b. He contracts with VRS to betray Jesus and Satan enters Him (Lk. 22:3).
  - c. Jn. 13:2—Satan put thoughts of betraying Jesus in Judas.
  - d. Mat. 26:25—Judas is shown to be an unbeliever—Master not Lord.
  - e. Jn. 13:27—Satan enters Judas again and Jesus gives him a nudge.

- 5. Jn. 13:18--Through Judas, Satan is going to try to nullify God's promise way back at the Fall of humanity (Gen. 3:15; Ps. 41:7-13).
  - a. God said the seed of the serpent (Satan) would bruise the heel of the seed of the woman (Christ) but that Christ would bruise (crush/destroy) the head of Satan.
  - b. Through Judas, Satan is going to try to use his heel to bruise or crush or destroy the head of Christ.

6. Judas did not need to be this person. God foreknew it but it wasn't predetermined. In fact, there was another way all together (Ps. 118).