

THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK IN THE WORLD!

ROMANS

1 Thessalonian

THE SUPER-ABOUNDING CHRISTIAN LIFE (1 Thess. 3:6-4:12)

- 1. 1 Thess. 1: In following Paul the Thessalonians were following the Lord, which meant they were transferred out of the Sphere of Sin/Death (Rom. 1:18-32) and into the Sphere of Righteousness/Life (Rom. 1:1-17).**
- 2. 1 Thess. 2: God made Paul's Ministry the Pattern for holding God's Truth in Righteousness today (Rom. 1:1-17).**
- 3. 1 Thess. 3: Now while Paul is hindered from returning himself, he is sending out Timothy/s whose sole job is to remind us about what Paul taught everyone everywhere in every assembly.**
- 4. 1 Thess. 3: This is important because remembering Paul is the first step in the process that allows us to experience fully the Super-Abounding Christian Life God has given to us.**
- 5. 1 Thess. 3:6-13: The Thessalonians were in a position to experience God's Super-Abounding Love that always leads to that which is blameless and holy.**
- 6. 1 Thess. 4:1-8: The Thessalonians were in a position to experience fully the Super-Abounding Walk that please God and would continue to abound it if they stayed away from sexual immorality.**
- 7. 1 Thess. 4:9-12: The Thessalonians were in a position to experience fully the Super-Abounding Brotherly Love and would continue to abound in it if they didn't put unnecessary hardship on believers/assembly.**

BREAK-DOWN OF THE SUPER-ABOUNDING HOPE

(1 Thess. 4:13-5:11)

- 8. 1 Thess. 4:13-5:11: The Thessalonians were not, however, in a position to experience fully the Super-Abounding Hope God gave to them. (Rom.15:13)**
- 9. Why? If remembering Paul leads to fully experiencing the Super-Abounding Christian Life, then forgetting Paul causes the less than full experience of that Life.**
- 10. What truth is it that Paul taught the Thessalonians that they were “forgetting?” That ALL Christ’s Saints/Holy Ones/Believers/Members of the Body of Christ would participate in the Rapture event, thereby ALL believers will be delivered from the coming wrath. (1 Thess. 3:13)**
- 11. Forgetting this led some to the faulty conclusion that those who had died would miss the Rapture and have to go through that coming wrath.**
- 12. In 1 Thess. 4:13-5:11, Paul affirms his teaching that ALL believers will participate in the Rapture and be delivered from the coming wrath, and he does this through 2 ways of using the “Asleep” concept.**
- 13. While there is only one word in the English, in the Greek Paul uses 2 words.**
 - a. In Thess. 4:13-18 he uses the word ‘Koimaonai’ (sleep) and contrasts it with ‘living.’ (Ex. Mat. 27:52)**
 - b. In Thess. 5:1-11 he uses the word ‘Katheudo’ (sleep) and contrasts it with ‘watching.’ (Ex. Mat. 26:40ff)**

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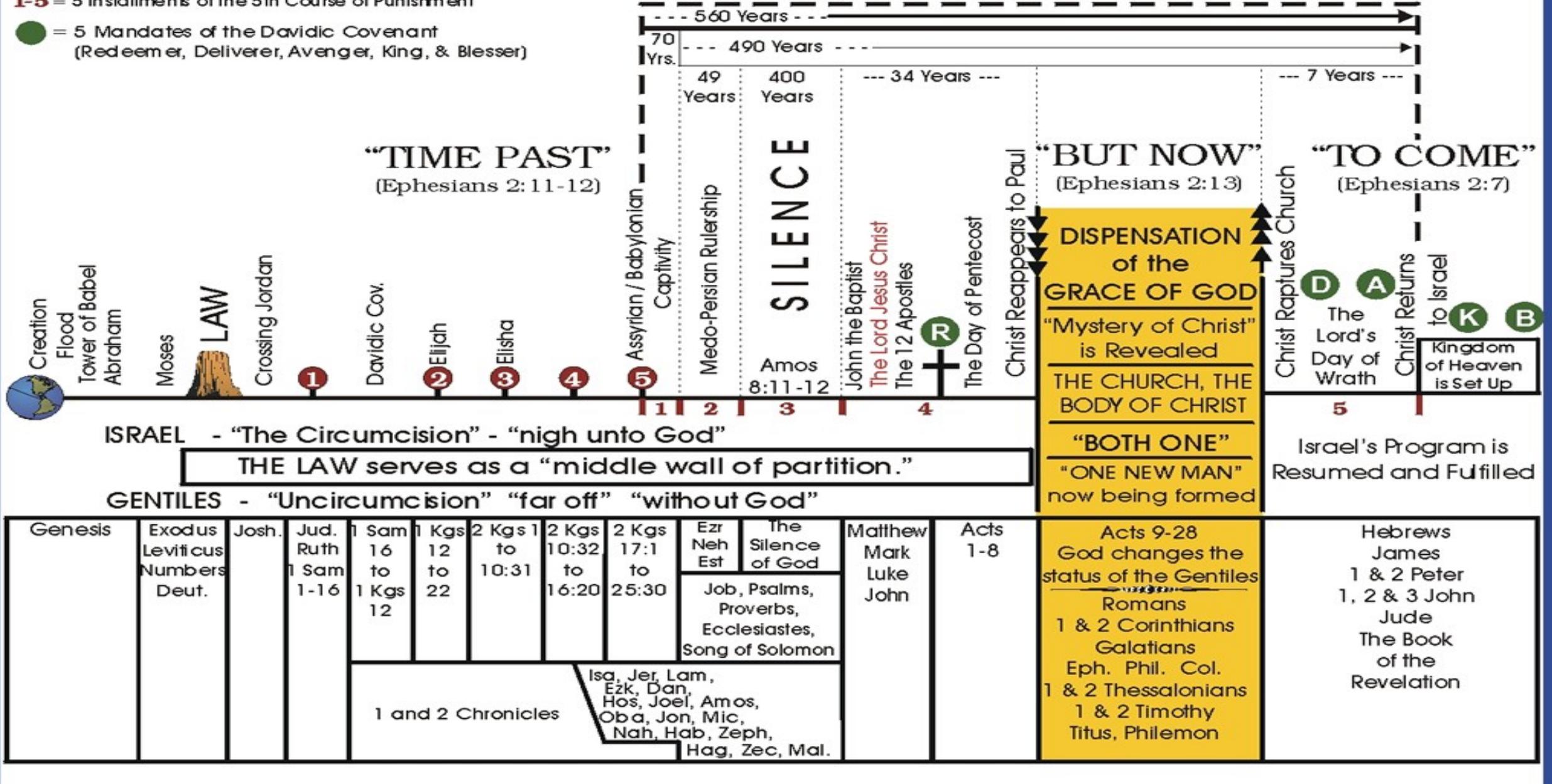
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- 14. In 1 Thess. 4:13-18, Paul explains that when he taught that ALL believers would participate in the Rapture it included those who were asleep (those who died) and those who were still alive.**
- 15. In 1 Thess. 5:1-11, Paul explains that when he taught that ALL believers would participate in the Rapture it included those who watched and those who slept (those who didn't watch).**
- 16. 2 Thess. 2 gives us insight into the confusion the Thessalonians were subjected to.**
- 17. False teachers were leading them astray, going even so far as to write forged letters under Paul's name, by telling them that they had missed the Rapture and had entered into the Day of the Lord's Wrath.**
- 18. One reason the Thessalonians may have been receptive to this is that they were experiencing severe trials and tribulations, persecutions and afflictions. (1 Thess. 2:14-16; 3:3)**
- 19. Another reason may be that the false teachers (false Timothy's) may have been using Paul's own words taken out of context and applying them in a way he didn't intend.**
- 20. 1 Thess. 5 opens up with Paul reminding them of thing/s they already knew because he taught these things to them when he was with them. (1 Thess. 5:1-2; 2 Thess. 2:5)**

● = 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.....



EARTHLY PROGRAM

HEAVENLY PROGRAM

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- 21. Paul refers to “the times and the seasons” but then he narrows it down to the Day of the Lord which he then further narrows down to its beginning. (1 Thess. 5:1-2)**
- 22. Paul’s emphasis here is not on the things they “knew” but on one specific things that they knew—that no one knows when the Day of the Lord will begin: It comes as a thief in the night. (1 Thess. 5:2)**
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 - this is as true for the Thessalonians as it was for Peter and the 11 (at that time) in Acts 1:7, and was still true many years later as indicated in 2 Peter.**
- 24. Today we live in the Day of Salvation (2 Cor. 6:1-2) which ends with the Rapture that removes the Body of Christ from earth before the resumption of hostilities in accord with Israel’s Prophetic Program.**
 - When the Day of Salvation ends, the Day of the Lord begins (like a thief in the night).**
 - God begins judgment on the grace-rejecting world with the Rapture of the Body of Christ. (2 Thess. 2:7-10)**
 - No one knows when the first will end and, therefore, no one know when the latter will begin.**
- 25. The Day of the Lord begins after the Rapture and continues through the Tribulation Period, the 2nd Return of Christ to the Earth and the setting up of Israel’s long promised Millennial Kingdom. (1 Thess. 5:3)**

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- 26. The Day of the Lord is characterized by the darkness and night. (Amos 5:18-20; Joel 2:31; Acts 2:20)**
- 27. In the light of the afflictions the Thessalonians were suffering, false Timothy's/teachers were twisting Paul's words about the beginning of the Day of the Lord—that it is unexpected like a thief in the night—to cause some to think that they missed the Rapture and had entered into the Day of the Lord. (2 Thess. 2)**
- 28. Paul explains that they couldn't have missed the Rapture and entered into the Day of the Lord because they were in a whole other sphere of existence—they were the Day and Light.
--They were the children of light and of the day (Day of Salvation—1 Thess. 5:9; 2 Cor. 6:2) because they received Paul's preaching by faith. (1 Thess. 5:5, 2:13; 2 Thess. 2:13)
--They didn't belong to the night-darkness of God's wrath**
- 29. Those who will “miss” the Rapture and enter the Day of the Lord unexpectedly are the ones who rejected God's offer of Grace through Paul's Ministry that they might be saved and therefore are damned. (1 Thess. 5:4; 2 Thess. 2:10-12)**
- 30. Paul wanted them to watch and be sober not because the Day of the Lord might surprise and overtake them like a thief in the night, but because God had made them His Lights to the lost world and had appointed them to a complete Salvation, including deliverance from that coming wrath. (1 Thess. 5:10)**

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- 31. Therefore ALL believers will be at the coming of the Lord for the Body of Christ—whether asleep (dead) or alive (1 Thess. 3:13-18) or asleep (not actively watching) or actively watching (1 Thess. 5:1-11)**
- 32. This answers their concerns and if they accept Paul's teaching the full experience of their Hope will be restored, allowing them to put on the full armor of God—Faith, Love and Hope.
--Comfort and edify one another with these words.**