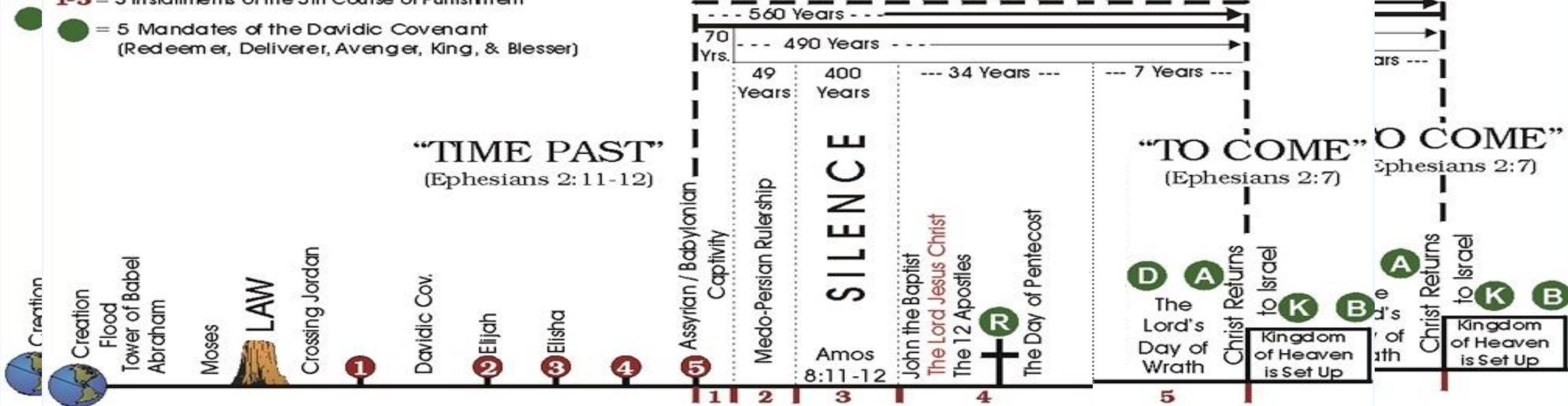


The Potter And The Vessels (Pt. 3)

Rom. 9:19-24

- = 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 10:31 to 10:32	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						

Four types of vessels (Rom. 9:21-24):

1. Vessel (singular) of Dishonor—Nation of Israel in apostasy, esp. 5th COP, beginning with the Babylonian Captivity (Jer. 18:1-13; Hos. 8:5-8; Rom. 2:23-24).
 - a. In the 1st 4 COPS God tried squashing them down and reforming the vessel.
 - b. In the 5th COP--at Babylonian Captivity He took them off the potter's wheel and sold them off to the Gentiles.
 - c. And in the Transition Period when Paul wrote this, God cast them away and was ready to return and shatter them to pieces.

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2. Vessel (singular) of Honor—Nation of Israel in faith—Christ's 2nd Coming (Ex. 19:5-6).
 - a. Israel has been a Vessel of Honor at times in the past, such as, the reigns of David and Solomon. But these were short-lived.
 - b. God will ultimately form Israel into a permanent Vessel of Honor out of the clay of the sinful humanity of the Believing Remnant of Israel, who respond to Him in faith. He will plant them in the land, make them into His Nation and give them the Kingdom of God on Earth (Jer. 18:9; Is. 60:1-5).

Four types of vessels (Rom. 9:21-24):

3. Vessels (plural) of Wrath—unbelieving National Israel and the Gentile Nations (culmination of this in Ps. 2).
 - a. Throughout God's Prophetic Program the Gentile Nations were always cast away as vessels of wrath.
 - b. The Nation of Israel was cast away among the vessels of wrath at the stoning of Stephen. (Acts 7:54-60; comp. Acts 2:34-35; Mat. 16:27; 25:31ff; 2 Thess. 1:7-8)

Four types of vessels (Rom. 9:21-24):

4. Vessels (plural) of Mercy—forming vessels out of the clay of the sinful humanity of all peoples--Jews and Gentiles alike—on the basis of faith in the Dispensation of Grace.
 - Jews needed to stop thinking of Paul's message as being bad news. It is really GOOD NEWS! While God has cast away His Program with national Israel and they cannot participate in that, God is inviting them to participate in another Purpose of His that is even Grander and Greater.

5. Today, God puts all sinners—Jews and Gentiles—on His potter's wheel as vessels of mercy and molds them with Pauline Grace truth (Rom. 6:17) and when they respond to His this in faith they are placed into His Vessel of Honor: The Body of Christ (Eph. 2:1-7)

6. These vessels are all formed from the same lump of clay. There is no difference inherent in the clay (of sinful humanity), and it is the same potter.
--What differs is how the clay responds to the potter's hands.

7. This ties in with the “hardening” concept. The same sun that softens the butter hardens the clay.
 - a. God gave the same message to Moses that He gave to Pharaoh—it softened Moses’ heart in belief and hardened Pharaoh’s heart in unbelief.
 - b. Jesus and John preached the same Gospel of the Kingdom to the religious leaders and to those who became the believing remnant—it hardened the hearts of the religious believers in unbelief and softened the hearts the members of the bel. Rem. In faith.

God has made Israel a vessel of honor and then one of dishonor and then one of honor again, sometimes for long periods of time (Is. 45:9; Jer. 18:1-11; Hos. 1:6ff; 2:21-23; 8:8) ...

--He can likewise take the Jews and Gentiles—vessels of wrath and form them into vessels of mercy (Rom. 11:23-25).

9. Paul's point is that today God, in the riches of His longsuffering goodness (Rom. 2:4) is holding back His wrath on the vessels of wrath (Jews and Gentiles alike) and is instead dispensing the riches of His Grace and Peace on His vessels of mercy (Jews and Gentiles alike—Rom. 10:24; 11:25-32)