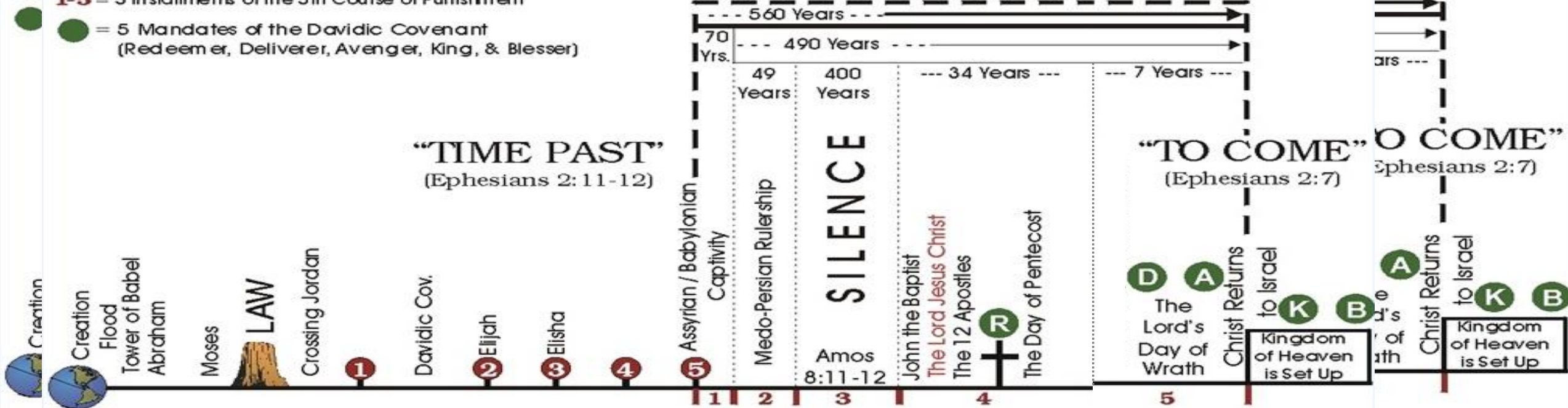


# THE OLIVE TREE (Pt. 2)

Rom. 11:17-26

- = 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"

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 keys to understanding Rom. 11:17-24 and The Olive Tree:
  - a. This passage has absolutely NOTHING TO DO WITH PERSONAL, INDIVIDUAL SALVATION.
    - It is NOT soteriological (about salvation) but dispensational (about God's change in programs)
  - b. "Holy" doesn't refer to any inherent quality in the people or thing itself.
    - It just refers to a people or thing set apart for God's use.
    - Neither the Israelites nor the Gentiles are inherently better than the other. Both are drawn from the same miry sinful clay. All that matters is what God does with them.

c. Follow the changing pronouns.

THEY/THEM/THEIR: THE Nation of Israel (whole chapter).

YE (you plural): the Gentiles (Rom. 11:13 and 11:25ff)

THOU/THEE (you singular): In between 11:13 and 11:25, Paul rebukes one type of Gentile, the Gentile who thinks in accord with Gentile arrogance.



- d. The Olive Tree represents the place of God's direct blessing.
- God made the Nation of Israel the recipient of His ***direct*** blessings in His Prophetic Program. The Gentiles received His blessings ***indirectly*** through Israel.
  - Now in His Mystery Program He has removed national Israel from that place and put the world, especially the Gentiles, in it, making them the recipients of His ***direct*** blessings in His Mystery Program.





**Nation of  
Israel**



**Gentiles**

**GOD'S PROPHETIC PROGRAM**



A large, ancient tree with a thick, gnarled trunk and sprawling branches. A person in a blue jacket and dark pants stands next to the tree for scale. The background shows a dry, open landscape with other trees and a clear sky.

Believing  
Remnant of  
Israel—Acts  
Transition  
Period

Jews

Gentiles

But Israel as Rejected God and His Word in Persistent Unbelief  
God broke off unbelieving Israel and put them among the Gentiles.





**Gentiles**



**Jews**

Believing  
Remnant  
Goes Into  
Storage

Instead of returning in wrath and judgment, Christ returned in grace and peace, placing the Gentiles in the place of blessing. God's Mystery Program





Believing  
Gentiles  
RAPTURE

Gentiles

WHEN GOD'S MYSTERY PROGRAM IS COMPLETE AND GENTILES RESPOND IN PERSISTENT UNBELIEF— REMOVE GENTILES FROM PLACE OF DIRECT BLESSING..





**Nation of  
Israel**



Gentiles

RETURN TO ISRAEL'S PROPHETIC PROGRAM, PUTTING  
ISRAEL BACK IN HER NATURAL PLACE OF DIRECT  
BLESSING/GENTILES IN PLACE OF INDIRECT BLESSINGS



2. 11:26: Then all Israel will be saved and God will complete His Prophetic Program which *will* fix the world's problems, re-establishing God's Glory on Earth in accord with the greater riches and life from the dead mentioned in 11:12 and 15—More riches for the world and life from the dead!
  
3. Is it any wonder Paul breaks out into doxological praise in vv. 33-36?