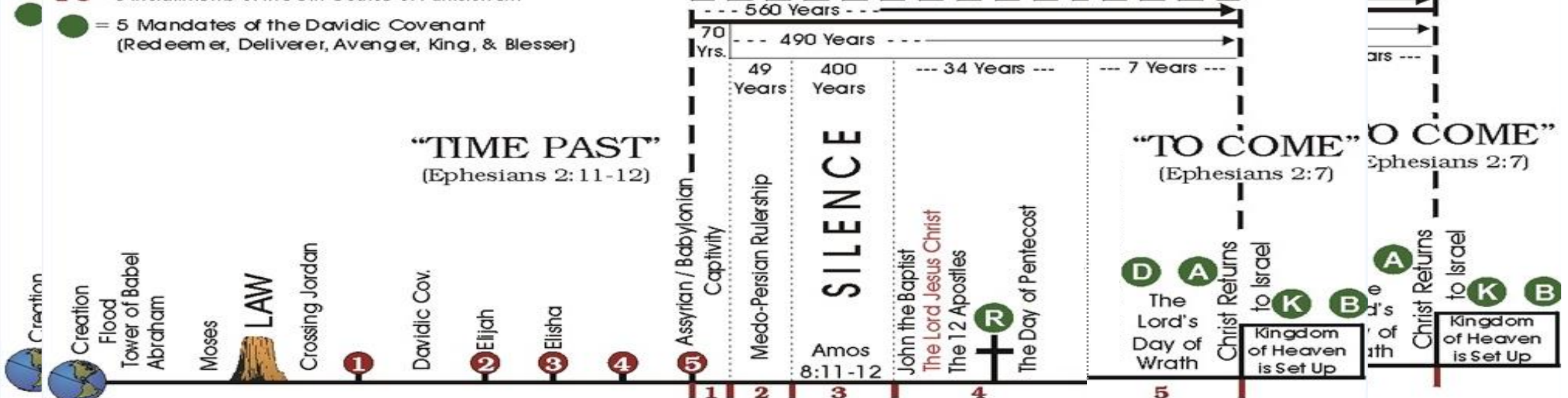


(Agape) Love and the Body of Christ

Rom. 12:3-5

- = 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



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						

The flow of Rom. 12:1-2:

Present bodies a living sacrifice

You do this by not conforming yourselves to the world

You do this by being transformed (by God)

And you do this by renewing your mind with Pauline
Grace Truth (12:3).

Let's flip the flow:

Renew your mind with Pauline Grace Truth.

God will use this to transform you from the inside, giving you
a new heart and mind.

Which will empower you to not be conformed to the world.

And to instead present bodies a living sacrifice

1. The proper order is this:
 - a. We read and believe Paul's Scriptures—Pauline Grace Truth.
 - b. Through them the Holy Spirit reveals and teaches God's truth for today about all that God is freely giving (Pauline Grace) and doing for us in Christ (1 Cor. 2:12-16-Mind of Christ) in the context of the Mystery Program (Eph. 3:3-5)
 - c. This renewal of the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5), renews the spirit of our minds (Eph. 4:17-24), which gives us the Mind of Christ, which operates in accord with Agape Love, doing away with the mind of the world and its things (Rom. 11:34 with 1 Cor. 2:16; Phil. 2:1-8), serving others sacrificially unto their edification.
2. If we are thinking according to God and His things more and more, because we are finite beings, we will automatically be thinking less and less about the world and its things.

3. Fleshly religious systems say first fix up your outer person through rites and rituals and clean up yourselves then maybe God will save or do something with you.
4. God says the exact opposite. First God needs to re-create the inner person—the mind and the heart—with Pauline Grace Truth, and that will transform your outer activities from the inside out.
5. When believers living unto God (Rom. 6), walking according to the Spirit with living bodies (Rom. 8), offer up their bodies sacrificially for others based solely on the mercies of God through a minded created anew by God through His Word this will always show, prove, that God's way is superior to all other ways. It is the only good way (because He created it—Gen. 1) and the only acceptable way (because He generates it through Love—Rom. 5:1-11).

6. Everything hinges on the authoritative apostleship God gave to the Apostle Paul: Pauline Grace Truth that produces Agape Love.
 - a. It regulates our relationship and function within the assembly (12:3-8).
 - b. It regulates our relationship and function among fellow believers, the brethren (12:9-15)
 - c. It regulates our relationship and function among all people, including unbelievers (12:16-3:14)

7. The LOVE links of Rom. 12-13:

12:3—Def. of Agape Love—don't consider own things by things of others unto edification (Phil. 2:4)

12:3b-8—Functioning in the assembly.

12:9—Direct Agape Love the source of all other loves.

12:10-15—Functioning among believers.

12:16—Def. of Agape Love—Don't esteem self but esteem the other better than self (Phil. 2:3).

12:17-13:10a—Love works no ill to others, including enemy, government and neighbor.

13:10—Direct Agape Love: LOVE fulfills the Law.

13:10b-14—Love casts off darkness and brings in light, putting on the Lord Jesus Christ.

8. Today in Disp. Of Grace, God's ecclesia, called out assembly, is Christ's Body, the Body of Christ (Rom. 12:5; 1 Cor. 12:12-27; Eph. 1:23, 2:16, 3:6, 4:4-5, 12, 15-16; Col. 1:18, 24; 2:2, 19; 3:14-16)

9. When we renew the mind with Pauline Grace truth and the Love it produces, we have the Mind of Christ and are "holding" (holding fast, adhering to) the Head, Jesus Christ (Col. 2:19 with 2:2-3), serving God by serving others in Love unto edification.

10. The Body of Christ is an invisible spiritual organism made up of all those who believe Paul's Gospel in the Disp. Of Grace:
 - a. All believers are placed into (baptized into) the Body of Christ by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13). It includes all believing sinners without any earthly distinctions, such as Jew and Gentile (Eph. 2:14-18; 3:6; Gal. 3:27-28).
 - b. Its overall purpose is to manifest the manifold wisdom to the powers and principalities in Heavenly places now (Eph. 3:9-10) and to show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness towards us through Christ forevermore (Eph. 2:6-7).

c. It is knit together with (Agape) Love, comforting our hearts, in the full assurance and full acknowledgement of the Mystery of the Triune Godhead as revealed through Paul's distinct apostleship, which results in being rooted and built up in Him, established in THE FAITH (the measure of Faith abounding with THANKSGIVING (Col. 2:2-7).

11. Any assembly of believers is the physical representation of this spiritual Body of Christ on earth and therefore must operate in the same way.