BLESSED ASSURANCE

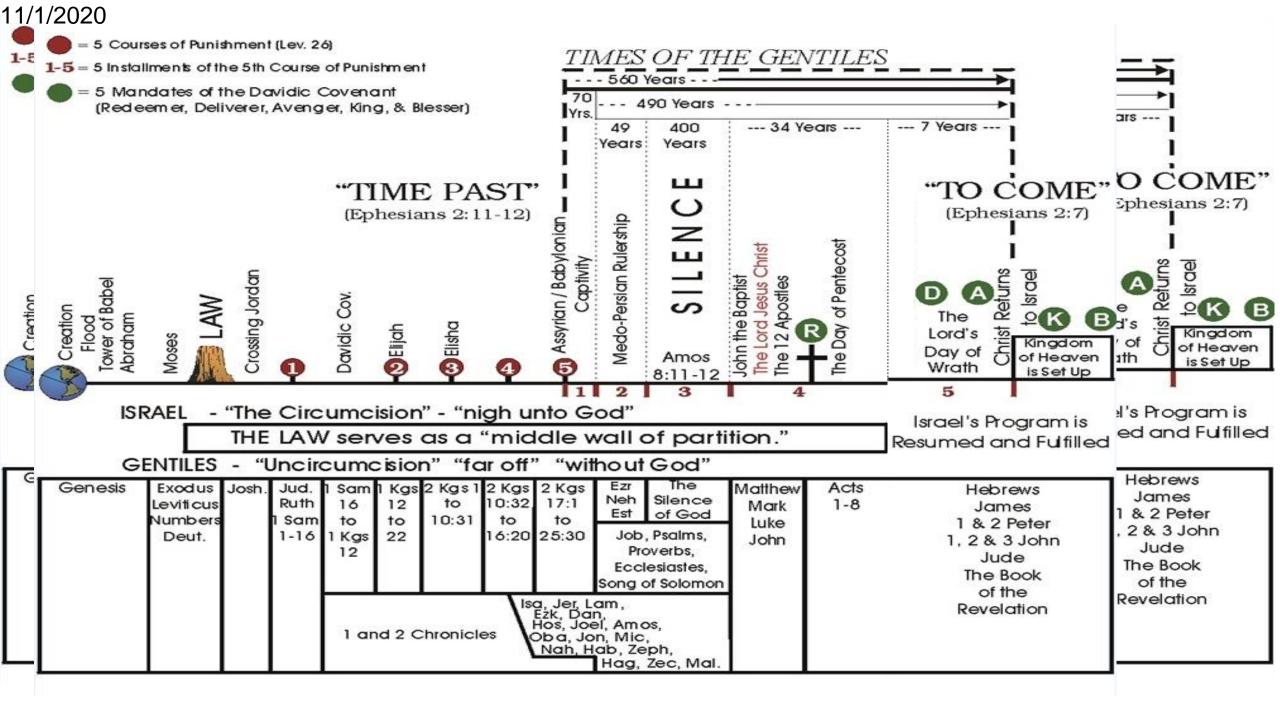
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood
Chorus:

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

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Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blessed
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love
Chorus:

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
(Repeat chorus, then last line)



Permanent Answers to Transition Period Questions (Pt. 3)

Rom. 13

- Rom. 12:9-10: Love (Agape) empowering all other loves is the basis for everything that follows (vv. 11-21). This Love is not something we try "to do." It is something God does in and through us. It is the outflow of rejoicing in the Lord. It is not a work of the flesh but the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23):
 - a. It abhors evil and clings to good.
 - b. Evil—General Principle: 12:17 (2x); 13:10; 14:16, 20 THE EVIL—Specific Evil: 12:9, 21 (2x); 13:3, 4 (2x)
 - c. THE EVIL—is Satan's principle of evil being put into action against God's people to lead the astray and away from God's GOOD will.
 - d. Good—13:3a THE GOOD: 12:2, 9, 21; 13:3b, 4; 14:16; 15:2
 - e. Summary of it all: Rom. 16:19-20: THE GOOD/THE EVIL

- In order to operate according to God's policy of THE GOOD rather than Satan's policy of THE EVIL, believers must:
- Rely solely on the ONE complete and permanent spiritual gift of PGMT.
 <u>Transition Period Occasion</u>: The ceasing many partial and temporary spiritual gifts.
- 2. Distribute to needs of the saints and bless persecutors and enemies—live honestly before and at peace with all men. <u>Transition Period Occasion</u>: Distributing to the needs of believing Israel in Jerusalem and blessing the enemies and persecutors of Paul from unbelieving Nation of Israel.
- 3. Submit to human government.

 <u>Transition Period Occasion</u>: The setting aside of God's righteous government because of the postponement of the Kingdom.
- 4. Don't return to the Law but go on in Pauline Grace.

 <u>Transition Period Occasion</u>: We are not under the Law but under Grace.

Transition Issue #3: In the context of Israel's earthly Kingdom with its government of righteousness postponed, how were the Roman believers to relate to fallible human government? (13:1-7)

a. The Mind renewed with PGMT and heart overflowing with Love that hates the evil and clings to the good will of God will submit to God's provision of national human government because it hinders THE EVIL (13:3), living quietly and peacefully (1Tim. 2:1-4; True even in Israel's Prophetic Program no less in the Body of Christ's Mystery Program: 1 Pet. 2:13-19)

- b. Paul and Gentile Government:
 - 1. When Paul wrote this, the Roman ruler wasn't a just and good man of God. He was Nero, one of the most evil rulers ever.
 - 2. Paul used his citizenship under Roman gov't. to his advantage (Acts 16:37-38; 22:25-29; 23:10).
 - 3. Having different nations with different local governments, Paul could travel from one area of persecution to another area to minister (Acts 13:50-52; 14:4-7) as the Word of God grew mightily (19:20)
 - 4. Being persecuted by the Jews, the Gentile gov't provided protection in some instances. (Acts 19:22-41; 21:27-40; 22:25-29; 23:12-24).
 - 5. Being persecuted by the Jews, Gentile gov't sometimes saved their lives by expelling them (Acts 13:50-52) although sometimes the Gentiles joined with the Jews (Acts 14:4-5, 19) and sometimes didn't care (18:12-17).
 - 6. Sometimes the Gentil gov't persecuted them (Acts 16:19-24) although they also sometimes changed their minds (16:37-40).

- c. God created the authority structures, the powers that be (Col. 1:16) and the nations they rule to hinder Satan's plan of evil against humanity so that they might seek the Lord (Acts 17:26-27; Deut. 32:8; 9:1-7, 18-19, 25-28; Gen. 10:1-12; Gen. 11:1-9)
 - --Satan's policy of THE EVIL is to do away with this and form a one nation world that he can more easily control (Is. 10:13-14). As long as there are nations, it will be extremely hard for Satan to close all doors to God.
- d. Nations provide to some degree safety and peace so that believers who submit to its authority have an opportunity for doing the good will of God, proclaiming the Gospel quietly and peacefully (Rom. 13:3; Gal. 6:10—true even in Israel's Prophetic Kingdom Program--1 Pet. 2:11-17).

Blessed Redeemer

Up Calvary's mountain one dreadful morn Walked Christ my Savior, weary and worn; Facing for sinners death on the cross, That He might save them from endless loss.

Blessed Redeemer! Precious Redeemer!
Seems now I see Him on Calvary's tree;
Wounded and bleeding for sinners
Pleading, blind and unheeding
Dying for me!

Blessed Redeemer

O how I love Him, Savior and Friend,
How can my praises ever find end!
Thro' years unnumbered on heaven's shore,
My tongue shall praise Him forever more.

Blessed Redeemer! Precious Redeemer!
Seems now I see Him on Calvary's tree;
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Pleading, blind and unheeding
Dying for me!