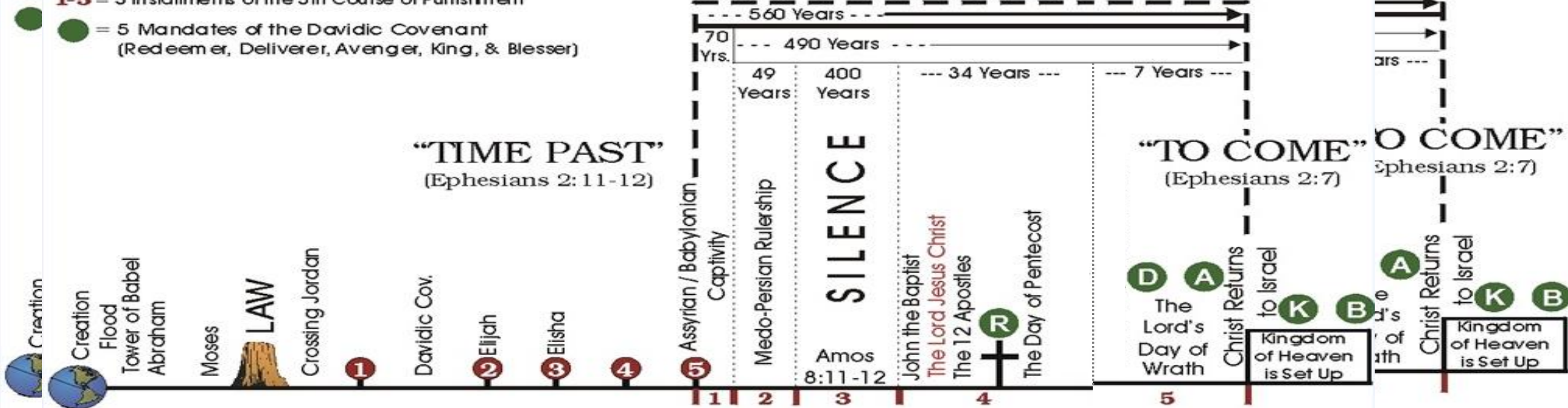


- = 5 Courses of Punishment (Lev. 26)
- 1-5 = 5 Installments of the 5th Course of Punishment
- = 5 Mandates of the Davidic Covenant (Redeemer, Deliverer, Avenger, King, & Blessor)

TIMES OF THE GENTILES



ISRAEL - “The Circumcision” - “nigh unto God”
 THE LAW serves as a “middle wall of partition.”

Israel's Program is Resumed and Fulfilled
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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.						

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt

Chorus:

Grace, Grace, God's Grace
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace, Grace, God's Grace
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Marvelous, infinite, matchless Grace!
Freely bestowed on all who believe
All who are longing to see His face
Will you this moment His Grace receive?

Chorus:

Grace, Grace, God's Grace
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace, Grace, God's Grace
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Chorus:

Marvelous Grace

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Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Permanent Answers to Transition Period Questions (Pt. 4)

Human Government

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:

1. Rely solely on the ONE complete and permanent spiritual gift of PGMT.
Transition Period Occasion: 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.
Transition Period Occasion: 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.
Transition Period Occasion: 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.
Transition Period Occasion: We are not under the Law but under Grace.

1. 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)

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 and promotes THE GOOD (13:3), living quietly and peacefully enough to carry out or ministry of reconciliation (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)

2. God created the national gov't 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, promoting God's Good by opening doors to the spread of God's Word to the world (Acts 17:26-27; Deut. 32:8; Gen. 9:1-7; 10:1-12, 32; Gen. 11:1-9)
 - Satan's policy of THE EVIL is to do away with this and form a one world rule that he can control (Is.10:13-14). As long as there are nations, it will be extremely hard for Satan to close all doors to God.

3. 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).
 - One world rule does away with God's provision of national governments and would allow for the closing of all doors to God and His Word while opening all doors to Satan.
4. God's goal for human government is not just to keep lowering your taxes so you can afford more sports channels or have 2 cars instead of 1 car. It is to keep at least some doors open to God and the spread of His Word to the world.

5. Rom. 13:1-2: Our Responsibility

- a. Submit to governmental authorities.
- b. Because human government was established by God (Col. 1:16).
- c. Therefore, working against them working against God's institution and should expect condemnation and judgment (from those authorities).

6. Rom. 13:3-4: Their Responsibility

- a. They are God's ministers designed not to be a hindrance to the GOOD but the EVIL.
--Of course, in a sin cursed world this isn't going to be the result in every specific individual instance but in generally and nationally.
- b. Therefore, to those doing the good they give praise.
- c. Those doing the evil they create fear by bringing wrath.

7. Rom. 13:5-7: The Practical Outcome: They will submit to governmental authorities not just to avoid wrath but because it is in accord with God's Policy of the Good.
 - a. Paying tribute to support the ongoing work of the government.
 - b. Therefore, paying whatever you owe: submit to their taxes (tribute and custom) in the light of God's role for them (fear and honor).
 - the implication is to do this even when their rule is fulfilled imperfectly.

8. The key to this passage probably hinges on the word “subject” or “submit.”
- a. Submit doesn't mean roll over and play dead and do whatever they say, being their punching bag or door mat (Acts 16:35-40).
 - b. To submit means to recognize and appreciate that God in the ordering of the world has given the institution of national govt some authority over us (Acts 16:35-40).
--Submit to rulers (here; Titus 3:1); submit to our spiritual leaders (1 Cor. 16:16); submit to one another (Eph. 5:21); slaves submit to masters (Titus 2:9); prophets submit to other prophets (1 Cor. 4:32); and wives submit to your husbands (Col. 3:18)
 - c. These are all general postures of submission, not absolute obedience to every specific command.
 - d. These are based on Agape Love—not concerned with self but with others and the highest GOOD of all is sharing God's Word with them.

9. Of course, in US, national and state government has delegated to us as groups and individuals many rights (far more than anything Paul had in the 1st Century)—voting rights, free speech, free movement, etc.
 - We should exercise them to the fullest extent possible keeping within the parameters of God's Good Will.

10. The key to this passage probably hinges on the word “subject” or “submit.”
 - d. Our overriding submission is to God and Christ and obedience to Him. Most fundamentally that means preaching the word of God. Peter disobeyed the governmental authorities and continued preaching (Acts 4:8-21) and Paul when forbidden to preach continued to preach although oftentimes by going usually to other geographic areas.

11. In conclusion, the role of human government is not to give you everything you want. It is to keep at least some doors open to the proclamation of God's Word to the world.
 - a. This happened in Paul's day in spite of evil rulers and imperfect implementation (Acts 19:20).
 - b. No one can argue that this hasn't happened to an even greater extent in the US where God's Word freely is sent out into the world more so than ever, esp., in our day through USA's many modern technological advances. And we should be prayerfully thankful for this. That is God's Policy of THE GOOD that the mind renewed with PGMT and the heart overflowing with the Agape Love it reveals!

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

***Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

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