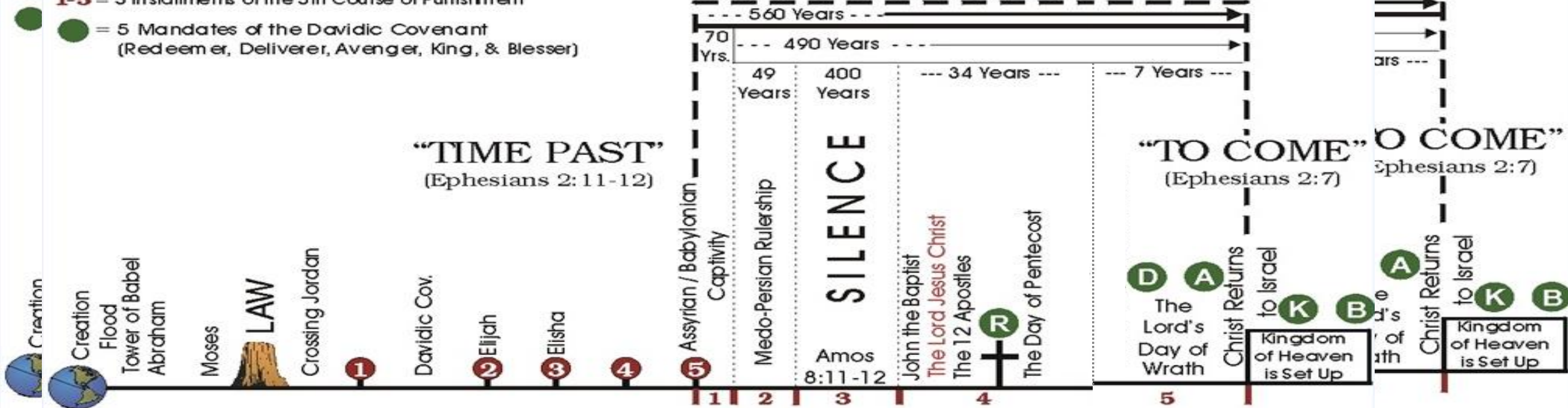


- = 5 Courses of Punishment (Lev. 26)
- 1-5 = 5 Installments of the 5th Course of Punishment
- = 5 Mandates of the Davidic Covenant (Redeemer, Deliverer, Avenger, King, & Blessor)

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"

Israel's Program is Resumed and Fulfilled
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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 Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

***On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand***

The Solid Rock

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

***On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand***

The Solid Rock

When He shall come with trumpet sound

Oh, I will then in Him be found

Dressed in His righteousness alone

Faultless to stand before the throne!

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand

All other ground is sinking sand

All other ground is sinking sand

The Weak and Strong Believer (Pt.

4) Overview and counter to death
and resurrection of Christ

Rom. 14:1-13



Now the Romans have a problem. There is a small group of believers, who have a strong Jewish background and who know a lot about God's Prophetic Program with Israel but not so much about God's Mystery Program with the Body of Christ (weak in THE FAITH). So, they are having trouble understanding how God's Word thru Moses is to interact with God's Word thru Paul:

- a. God's Word through Moses says don't eat anything unclean and observe the Feast days.
- b. God's Word through Paul says nothing is unclean and you shouldn't observe the Feast days.

Well, which one is it? Moses or Paul? They were both the Word of God! How are we to decide?

Before receiving Romans, Paul was willing to view this as legitimate confusion and excusable error. But after receiving Romans, they were to make use of it to alleviate the confusion and correct the error.

THE TRANSITION PERIOD (CIRCA 35 TO 64 AD) (Also called Acts Period)

Paul
Wrote
Romans
60 AD

Transition
Period
Over by Col. 1
Circa 64 AD



**Peter
And
The
12**

God's Prophetic Program
With the Nation of Israel:
DIMINISHING

Night of Israel's
Prophecy under
Gentile Darkness is
Far Spent. Rom. 13

Israel's
Prophetic
Program
Set Aside

God's Mystery Program
With the Body of Christ:
INCREASING

Salvation
Is nearer.
Day is at
Hand.
Rom. 13

Body of
Christ
Salvation
And Day
Are here

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Rom. 1:1-17	The Pattern of Paul that leads to Right. & Life: God introduces His new distinct apostle, Paul, and His new distinct apostleship of grace, sending blessings out to the world, esp., the Gentiles apart from Israel and through her fall.
Rom. 1:18-32	The only other pattern is the Pattern of fallen humanity that rebels against God and rejects His Word.
Rom. 2-3:20	Jew and Gentile alike Need the Riches of God's longsuffering that God is dispensing through Paul because both are under sin in unbelief.
Rom. 3:21-4:23	God is now manifesting His Righteousness apart from Moses' Law . Justification is by grace through faith apart from the works of Moses' Law .
Rom. 5	Being brought into God's family is by grace through faith. All the Law could do is magnify and multiply sin. We are under Grace not Moses' Law .
Rom. 6-8	Today God is sanctifying those He justifies by placing them into the Body of Christ NOT the Nation of Israel . You are not under the Law and you died to the Law. It freely bestows and empowers far more than what Moses' Law commanded but not empower —SO YOU NEVER NEED TO GO BACK TO THE LAW!
Rom. 9-11	The new group of redeemed humanity—the Body of Christ—was needed because God set aside temporarily His previous Prophetic Program with Israel so that He could begin a new Mystery Program with the Body of Christ.
Rom. 12-16	Renew you minds with this truths so that you can serve God in a way that pleases Him.

1. Some were confusing God's two programs and not fully understanding how to make the transition, especially for those with strong Jewish backgrounds, during the Transition Period when only partial knowledge about what God was doing was available, resulting in sincere, legitimate confusion that caused excusable errors.

--The weak were persuaded by God's Word through Moses in His Prophetic Program with the Nation of Israel to observe the food regulations.

--The strong were persuaded by God's Word through Paul in His Mystery Program for the Body of Christ to not observe the food regulations.

--Someone with strong Jewish background desiring to please God might very well be legitimately confused by this.

2. This is not a secondary unimportant issue that should be swept under the carpet and ignored. It was something that needed to be dealt with immediately or it would destroy the assembly. Paul gives the right answer in v. 14 and that is the answer all in the assembly needed to accept if there was going to be unity (15:

--What is the right way to solve this problem?

3. Outline of Rom. 14:1-15:18: THE SOLUTION

a. Rom. 14:1-13: The Wrong Way: It must not be enforced through flesh responses!

b. Rom. 14:14-15:3: The Right Way: Follow Paul's spiritual pattern in Love and Faith—persuasion from the Lord.

c. Rom. 15:4-20: Then the “strong in the faith” were to bring the “weak in the faith” under their arm and teach them how to rightly -divide God's whole Word.

Rom. 14:1-13	STRONG IN THE FAITH	WEAK IN THE FAITH
v. 1-2: Don't reject those God has received.	Receive the weak in the faith but not to doubtful disputations. One believes he may eat all things ...	Another, who is weak, eats vegetables (small group with strong Jewish background).
v. 3:	Let not him that eat despise him that doesn't eat.	Let not him who doesn't eat judge him that eats (suggesting that in eating he is not fully accepted by God). God has accepted the strong in the faith (mostly Gentiles) even though they do not follow the Law's food regulations.
v. 4: Don't knock down someone God has made to stand up.		Who are you to judge another's servant? His Master decides if he stands or falls and God has decided to hold up the strong (mostly Gentiles) and make them stand (without following the Law).
v. 5-6: Sonship understanding—persuaded thru God's Word—desiring to do God's will.	b. One esteems every day the same. Be fully persuaded (by God and His Word) in your own minds—eating and esteeming days before/in presence the Lord, giving thanks to God in faith—	a. One esteems one day above another Be fully persuaded (by God and His Word) in your own minds—eating and esteeming days before/in the presence of the Lord, giving thanks to God in faith—

Rom. 14:1-13	STRONG IN THE FAITH	WEAK IN THE FAITH
v. 7-8: Sonship Understanding—persuaded thru God’s Word—based on positional truth.	so that whether we live or die it is unto the Lord, cherishing that we belong to the Him.	so that whether we live or die it is unto the Lord cherishing that we belong to the Him.
v. 9: Sonship understanding: The goal of God’s plans 2 Cor. 5:15	For it was to make all believers His Own that Christ died, rose again and was exalted to a place of rulership over all things .	For it was to make all believers His Own that Christ died, rose again and was exalted to a place of rulership.

BLESSED ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
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

BLESSED ASSURANCE

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)