

Closing The Gaps: Body of Christ and Believing Remnant of Israel (Pt. 2)

Rom. 15:25-33

He Lives!

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today
I know that He is living, whatever men may say
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer
And just the time I need Him, He's always near

He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me

Along life's narrow way.

He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know He lives?

He lives within my heart.

He Lives!

In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair;
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing will come at last.

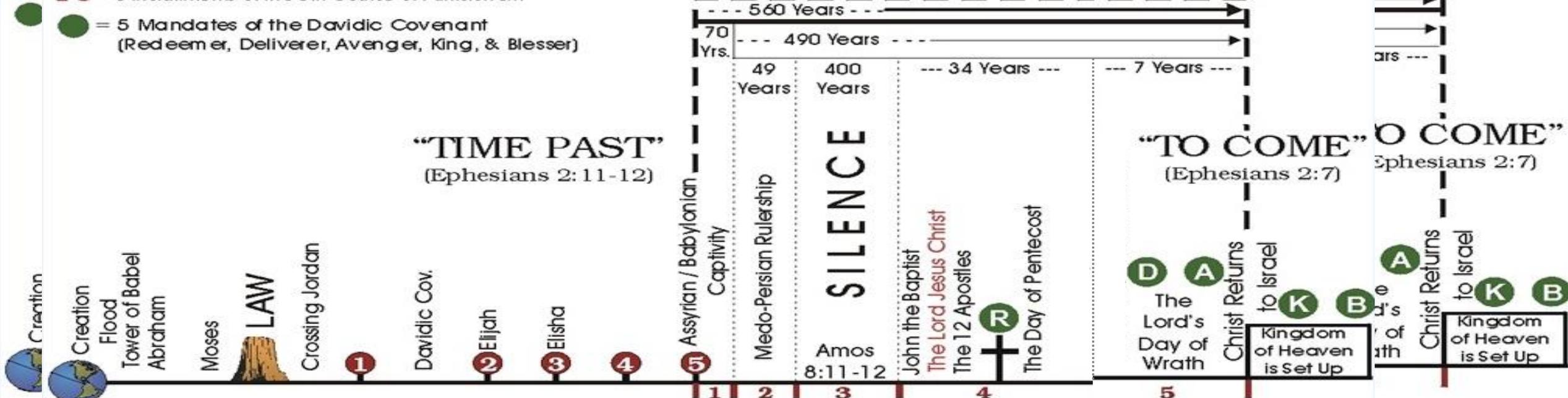
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Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian
lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him
the Help of all who find
None other is so loving, so good and kind
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- = 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 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
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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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1. Rom. 15:21-24—Paul went to those who were deserted in darkness when the Nation of Israel fell so that there wasn't anyone to tell them about Christ, leaving them hopeless (esp. the Gentiles). They responded in faith to Paul's preaching, hearing and understanding. (Rom. 15:14).
2. Rom. 15:25-33: While Paul could not build spiritual things of Body of Christ on Peter's foundation for believing Israel (they have their own spiritual things, the Body of Christ has its own spiritual things), he can assist the poverty-stricken Believing Remnant of Israel with material things. After all, they were in poverty and not enjoying the Kingdom because God put Israel's Prophetic Program on hold while He carries out His Mystery Program us, the Body of Christ, through Paul's apostleship.
--We see this beginning to happen in Acts 6:1.

3. If believing Israel shared their spiritual blessings with the spiritually impoverished Gentiles in TIME PAST, then the least the Body of Christ (made up mostly of believers who came out of a Gentile background) can do is share their material things with materially impoverished (though not spiritually impoverished) believing Israel in Jerusalem.

- a. While Paul cannot build the Body of Christ's spiritual things onto Peter's foundation of the Believing Rem. of Israel (that would be building on another's foundation with the wrong materials!), he can share the Body of Christ's material things with them. He is going to follow his own instructions given to the Romans in Rom. 12:13-14)
- b. After the Transition Period, you don't hear of this specific provision again. It is expanded to a general provision for all.

4. v. 25-28—BUT NOW: In the light of a monumental change in God's programs (Rom. 3:21; 6:22; 7:6; 15:23, 25; 16:26).

--The Transition Period is basically over. Shortly, all that will remain is what the Triune Godhead is doing through Paul's ministry and apostleship: Paul's Gospel, the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the Mystery, which had been kept secret: THE ONE AND ONLY FOUNDATION GOD IS BUILDING ON AND WORKING WITH TODAY FOR US TO BE ESTABLISHED ON!

--Paul's grand farewell to the Transition Period on the one hand is to give the Believing Remnant a financial gift to help alleviate the impoverishment God's change in programs has brought to them. And on the other hand, to fire one more shot into the heart of unbelieving Israel to provoke them to jealousy so that some might be saved (Rom. 11:11-14).

5. v. 29-33: Paul provoked them to jealousy by turning Israel's Prophetic Program on its head. According to Israel's prophets, the riches of the Gentile were supposed to flow into Jerusalem because Gentiles looked and saw God's glory and light in Israel (Is. 45:14; 60:1-17; 61:6; Mic. 4:13) ...

--In the eyes of unbelieving Israel, Paul's gift showed the riches of the Gentiles flow into Jerusalem but he didn't take those riches to them (the unbelieving religious leaders of apostate Israel) but to the Believing Remnant of Israel (the leaders of believing true Israel) (Mat. 23:34).

6. v. 29—And once that is over, Paul would go to Rome to give them in person the final installment of God's Mystery Truth for today—the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ.

--The truths recorded in the Book of Ephesians.

7. v. 30: I beseech you based on the Grace of God in the fullness of PGMT through all that Christ has accomplished based on His Cross for you out of Love, and that the Holy Spirit is now pouring out in your hearts (Rom. 5:5-10)—any other basis is just phony pretend prayer and service.

- Now that you have read the Book of Romans and are fully established in God's program, people and apostle for today
- now that you know and appreciate all that the Triune Godhead is accomplishing through Paul and are rejoicing about it to Him
- now that you have received a God-given like-mindedness from the Scriptures rightly-divided that enables you to worship/praise God united together with one mind and one mouth ...
- now that you have closed the gap between the weak and strong in the faith in your assemblies and are walking in Love;
- Now that you appreciate that when you were saved God didn't put you in His Prophetic Program with the Nation of Israel but in His Mystery Program with the Body of Christ.
- Now that you are established, secured and anchored to all this foundational doctrine ...

8. v.30-33 –Now I beseech you to use the closing of the gap between the Body of Christ and the Believing Remnant of Israel that is also closing the gaps between my far-flung churches as an opportunity to close the gap between you and me and fervently join me in prayer before God (Rom. 14:22; Phil. 1:3-7) on my behalf for the advancement of Pauline Grace Mystery Truth:

- a. That I may be delivered from my jealousy provoking ministry to unbelieving Israel.
- b. That the gift for believing Israel would be accepted by the saints there.
- c. That the God of Peace be with you all. Amen

9. Were these prayer requests answered for Paul (Acts 21-28)?
 - a. He was delivered from unbelieving Jews but into the hands of the Gentiles as a prisoner.
 - b. He did deliver the gift but we don't know if it was received.
 - c. He did go to Rome but as a prisoner not a free man—although see Acts 21:17.
 - d. Yes, although not the way he imagined. After his farewell to the Transition Period ministry going to the unbelieving Jews first (Acts 28:25-29), he continued to preach for 2 years to all who came to him (Jews and Gentiles alike) in Rome to give share with them in the fullness of the Gospel (Acts 28:30; Rom. 15:29).

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!***

Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

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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