

Higher Ground

I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining every day;
Still praying as I'm onward bound,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

*Lord, lift me up and let me stand
By faith on heaven's table land,
A higher plane than I have found:
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground*

Higher Ground

My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Though some may dwell where these abound,
My prayer, my aim is higher ground.

*Lord, lift me up and let me stand
By faith on heaven's table land,
A higher plane than I have found:
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground*

Higher Ground

I want to live above the world,
Though Satan's darts at me are hurled;
For faith has caught the joyful sound,
The song of saints on higher ground.

*Lord, lift me up and let me stand
By faith on heaven's table land,
A higher plane than I have found:
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground*

Higher Ground

I want to scale the utmost height
And catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I'll pray, 'til heaven I've found
"Lord, lead me on to higher ground."

*Lord, lift me up and let me stand
By faith on heaven's table land,
A higher plane than I have found:
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground*

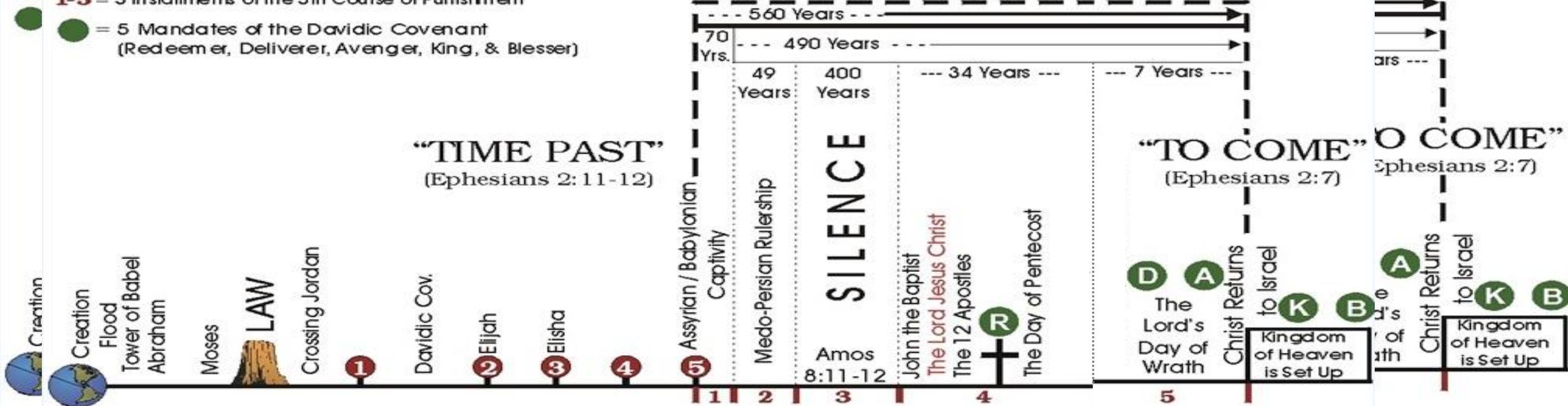
God of Peace (Pt. 2)

Satan's Plan of Evil

Rom. 15:25-33

- = 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 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
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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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The fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ (15:29).

JOIN TOGETHER WITH PAUL IN PRAYER (15:30-32)

The God of Peace be with you all. Amen (15:33)

Romans greet Paul's (together) Co-workers (16:1-16).

MARK OUT AND SEPARATE FROM THOSE WHO TEACH CONTRARY TO WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED FROM PAUL (16:27-19).

The God of Peace will trample Satan under your feet shortly (16:20)

Paul's (together) Co-Workers Greet the Romans
(16:21-23).

Paul's Gospel, the Preaching of Jesus Christ according to the Mystery kept secret since the world began: To God only wise be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen (16:24-27).

1. Whereas in Rom. 15:29-16:16 Paul beseeched the Romans, inviting them to be united with him and his co-workers in prayer for the advancement of Pauline Grace Mystery Truth in the presence of the God of Peace:
 - a. Here in Rom. 16:17-27 Paul beseeched the Romans again, only this time telling them to mark those who teach things contrary to what he has taught them in the Book of Romans and commanded them to avoid or separate from them and remain obedient to PGMT by which the God of Peace would trample Satan and his evil plan under their feet.
 - b. Then Paul gives a list of regular everyday people who have done just that.

2. Satan's plan of evil in Disp. Of Grace steers people into error by steering them away from PGM, teaching contrary to Paul's teachings, resulting in divisions and offences (Rom. 16:17-18).
 - a. He does this by sending teachers to the Romans (and US) who teach contrary to the PGM that they have just learned in Paul's Letter to the Romans.
 - b. His key strategy is to get them to throw away the tool of Right Division, which in turn does away with God's Truth for today, PGM.
 - c. When he is successful in doing this, they fall into his trap and are brought into his captivity.

3. Throwing away God's tool of right-division, closes the door to the persuading work of the Lord (Rom. 14-15).
 - a. False teachers replace the persuading work of the Lord through God's Word rightly-divided with the persuading work of man's traditions, deceiving the simple in heart with their "good" words and "fair" speeches.
 - b. Of course, all false teachers don't set out intending to deceive and no doubt some sincerely want to bring people to God but that doesn't change the fact that what they are really doing is leading people away from God and His Good Plan. By default, they instead end up following Satan's Evil Plan.

- c. They bait and switch. They bait the hook by copying the way God's truth works by appealing to the inner person, their hearts and the minds—emotions and thinking—and the switch out God's Truth with man's (and ultimately Satan's) lie.
- d. In doing this, rather than serving the Lord (no matter outward appearance and intentions) they are really serving Satan (whether they know it or not).
 - Of course, they are without excuse for not knowing this. They have the Book of Romans, and we are even more without excuse because we have had it for 2,000 years! They and We OUGHT TO KNOW!
 - Operating in this way operates like Satan, controlled by their own belly--selfish desires (ie., NOT LOVE) (Gen. 3:14).

4. The only way to not be thrown off-course by these teachers is to continue in and remain obedient to THE FAITH (PGMT-Rom. 1:7; 6:17; 16:19, 25-26), which you have learned from the Apostle Paul and as recorded in Paul's Prophetic Scriptures (16:26).
 - a. This is the only thing that will protect the "simple" who are not fully established in PGMT (the weak in the faith of Rom. 14?) and are easily led astray by every wind of doctrine, causing divisions (Rom. 14; 16:17).
 - b. The only divinely approved curee to the evil of the wrong-division of people is the good of the right-division of God's Word.

- b. This is the only thing that will make them wise in God's Good Plan for today and simple (in the sense of not being involved) in Satan's Evil Plan.
- c. Paul plays on word "simple": So that the only thing they remain simple in is not being involved in Satan's plan of evil, staying as far away from it as possible.

5. And when this happens it is the God of Peace trampling Satan under the Romans (and our!) feet. The Genesis themes:
 - a. Good and Evil—Rom. 16:19 (and throughout chapters 12-16)/Gen. 2:17; 3:1-7).
 - b. The belly—Rom. 16:18/Gen. 3:14
 - c. Bruise Satan under feet—what Satan will do to Christ (bruise His foot), we can do to Satan right now (bruise him under our feet) (Rom. 16:20/Gen. 3:15). Jesus Christ, however, in the end, will utterly destroy Satan.
 - d. What God wanted to do through Adam in the Garden of Eden, He will do through us right now!

6. Satan's Method of Attack:

- a. Today it is a battle for the mind, and he operates today by corrupting the mind through the advancement of wrong doctrine. Doctrines contrary to PGMT (Rom. 16:17).
- b. The Romans should not be deceived any longer because they have the foundation Book of Romans to correct their thinking and guide their emotions.
- c. The only way to be approved workers (esp. teachers) of God without shame is by rightly-dividing the Scriptures (2 Tim. 2:15).

- If Hymeneus and Philetus rightly-divided, they would not be confused about the resurrection, overthrow the faith of some (the simple?) (2 Tim. 2:16-19).
- The only way out of their having fallen into the snare of the devil, is for God to give them repentance unto the acknowledging of the truth (2:25-26) by rightly-dividing God's Word of truth (2:15).

7. Religious/Theological systems give people the apparently “good” words and “fair” speeches that deceive people (oftentimes including the speakers themselves) to:
 - a. Go away from Pauline Grace Mystery Truth, and, therefore, is to go away from God and what He is doing today—leaving true Love, real Prayer and acceptable service.
 - b. Always be learning but never coming to the knowledge of the truth because they have rejected the tool of right-division so that the Bible means whatever each different theologian wants it to mean, which makes it mean nothing at all (2 Tim. 3:1-7).

c. Paul identifies these HUMAN false teachers as seducing spirits because they are preaching doctrines of devils (1 Tim. 4:1-11; Col. 2:22).

--Satan's most deceptive tactic is teaching things from God's Prophetic Program with the Nation of Israel and bringing them into God's Mystery Program for the Body of Christ —forbidding to marry; clean/unclean foods, etc.

--They don't deny Jesus, the Gospel or the Spirit, they just replace them with another jesus, gospel or spirit not for today. (2 Cor. 11:1-5, 13-15; Gal. 1:6-9; 2:7-8).

8. And how will the God of Peace trample Satan under their feet?
 - a. By the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ being with them (16:20).
 - b. Which is dispensed through Pauline Grace Mystery Truth as is manifested in Paul's Prophetic Scriptures, not the least of which being this Letter to the Romans (16:25-27).

9. And now some of my (together) co—workers for whom the God of Peace has done just that:
 - a. Timothy: Whose sole job is to instruct everyone everywhere in all churches to follow Paul, reminding them of all Paul's ways and teachings (1 Cor. 4:16-17). Timothy was together with Paul at the beginning of his 2nd missionary journey (Acts 16:2-3); was still with Paul at the end of his 3rd missionary journey (Acts 20:3-4); was still with him during his imprisonment (Phil. 2:18-23); and when everyone in Asia had separated from Paul, Timothy was still there (2 Tim. 1:11-15).

- b. Lucius—perhaps Lucius of Cyrene in church at Syria Antioch (Acts. 13:1) or perhaps Luke. Probably neither. But we can say that he must have gone through difficulty that the God of Peace took care of through Paul's teachings rightly-divided.
- c. Jason—probably the Jason who gave hospitality and protection to Paul during the severe difficulties in Thessalonica (Acts 17:5-9).
- d. Sosipater—Sopater of Berea?—who carefully studied the Scriptures to see how Paul's unsearchable teachings fit into it. Severe persecution at Berea as well.
- e. Tertius, who wrote down what Paul dictated, and Gaius (from Corinth—1 Cor. 1:14?), who hosted Paul and probably other believers when they were in Corinth.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning

our song shall rise to Thee

Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! all the saints adore Thee

Casting down their golden crowns

around the glassy sea

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee

Who wert, and art and evermore shalt be

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy! tho' the darkness hide Thee
Tho' the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth, and sky, and sea
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
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