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HOW TO HANDLE THE NON-PAULINE SCRIPTURES: LEVITICUS 26 (Pt. 1)

ISRAEL'S CURSES OF THE LAW: THE COURSES OF PUNISHMENT

We saw in last month's article called "How To Handle The Whole Bible" that for the most part, historical Christianity teaches a Bible study method that "spiritualizes" God's meaning out of a passage, then "trivializes" it by filling it back in with their own meaning, and then claim to be spiritual in doing so. But this isn't spiritual. It is carnal and fleshly. It doesn't magnify God's Word, it "nullifies" God's Word. The proper way to handle the Scriptures is the way God and Paul explain in I Timothy 2:15 and Romans 15:4-16. We must "rightly divide" a passage, which will "maximize" its meaning, thereby "reviving" God's Word in our lives and ministry. This is what leads to maturity and true spirituality.

When we study Israel's Prophetic Scriptures—the Old Testament, the Gospel Accounts, the Ministry of Peter and the 12 in

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Acts, and Hebrews through Revelation, we need to use the outline of Israel's history that God gave to Moses in Leviticus 26 when Israel

went under the Mosaic Law Covenant. In preparation for this, let's review some very important "Law" facts:

LAW FACT #1:

FROM GOSHEN IN EGYPT TO SINAI (Ex. 14:1-19:7)

When God brought the Israelites out of Goshen, He took them into the wilderness to teach them about the necessity of relying on the grace resident in His Jehovah (LORD) Name. If they were going to be the nation He created them to be, they would need to rely on Him to do everything for them.

To teach them this, He took them into the wilderness and confronted them with trials that were impossible for them to solve on their own. They would need to rely on God to solve the problems for them. If they needed water, for instance, or food or deliverance from their enemies or anything else, they needed to call on the LORD, and He would do it all for them. This was the only way they would be able to operate in accord with His plan and purpose for them. If they tried to do it on their own, they would utterly fail.

That was the positive side of their education. The negative side was that they should never(!) ever(!) contemplate relating with God on the basis of a conditional Law Covenant or System whereby they would receive blessings for obedience and curses for

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disobedience!!! In the wilderness, God showed them that as a whole they couldn't even keep two eensy-weensy, teeny-tiny little commands about collecting manna. And if they couldn't do even that, then there would be no way they could ever keep the roughly 613 commandments of the Mosaic Law, which penetrated into every detail of their individual and national lives!

LAW FACT #2:

ENTERING THE LAW SYSTEM WAS AN ACT OF REBELLION AGAINST GOD AND REJECTION OF HIS GRACE (Ex. 19:8-25)

Contrary to what historical Christianity has taught, the Mosaic Law System was not God's preferred way of dealing with the nation of Israel. As mentioned above, in the wilderness, God showed that His preferred way of dealing with Israel was through a Grace System, the Grace resident in His Jehovah Name (Ex. 3:14-15). The only thing they had to "do" was to hold up the Rod of God of Faith (Ex. 4:1-5). Believe in Him. Trust in Him. Rely on Him. It was in this way that **God carried them along as on eagle's wings, bringing them to Himself** (Ex. 19:2). Before they had ever received the Law at Sinai, God had already made them into the nation He intended them to be, operating as a light unto the Midianites, the Gentiles, ministering His blessings to the world (Ex. 18:1-12).

Entering the Law contract with God was not an act of faith and obedience. It was an act of unbelief and disobedience. For when they proclaimed: "We will do!" they instantly ruled out "the LORD will do." At Sinai, Israel rejected God **carrying them along as on eagle's wings**, and declared, "We will carry ourselves along." At Sinai, Israel rejected God doing everything for

them and said, "We will do everything for ourselves." And in the instant they did that, the God who had just brought them to Himself on eagle's wings, pushed them away **lest they be put to death**, ushering fear, uncertainty and despair into Israel's relationship with Him (Ex. 19:8ff). At Sinai, they failed the final exam on the lessons God intended to teach them the easy way in the Exodus account, and they would spend the next 1500 years learning those lessons the hard way under the curses of the Law.

LAW FACT #3:

THE OUTWORKING OF ISRAEL'S DISASTROUS HISTORY UNDER THE LAW SYSTEM IS PROPHETICALLY OUTLINED BY MOSES IN LEVITICUS 26.

When Israel entered into the Mosaic Law Covenant with God, they contracted with Him to deal with them on the basis of their own obedience or disobedience. IF the Israelites walked in His statutes and commandments **TO DO THEM**, *then* they would be blessed. But IF they didn't walk in His statutes and commandments **TO DO THEM**, *then* they would be cursed. That's the way the Mosaic Law System works.

LEVITICUS 26:

How a Law System Works

In Lev. 26, Moses explains how this Law/Works/Flesh System worked. First, in 10 short verses, he quickly covers the blessings of the Law that would come to them if they obeyed. This included things like favorable climate conditions, abundant harvests, health and peace in the land, and the presence of God Himself. In short, they would have "shalom," total spiritual, physical, material, social and mental well-being (Lev. 26:3-13).

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Then, Moses continues in 43 long, painful verses (Lev. 26:14-44), to cover the curses of the Law that they would receive if they didn't obey. This included things like poor climate conditions, famine, diseases and enemy attacks, God not being present with them, culminating in their removal from the land. In short, they would not have "shalom." They would have a total lack of spiritual, physical, material, social and mental well-being in the land. Such is the way of a Law/Works/Flesh System.

LEVITICUS 26: THE CURSES OF THE LAW

God's goal for the Courses of Punishment was a merciful alternative to completely destroying the Nation of Israel because of their failure to obey the Law. God designed it to bring Israel back to Himself. In the Courses of Punishment, God was acting as a loving shepherd, who, rather than letting the flock get lost and fall into danger, instead disciplined it, trying to lead it back into green pastures and guide it back into the safety of the pen.

At the Golden Calf Incident, Israel completely broke the Law. Before Moses could even come down with the commandments engraved on stones, the Israelites were already engaging in idolatry against God and sexual immorality among themselves. Based on the Law Covenant, all God could do was consume and destroy them. And that is exactly what He told Moses: **Now, therefore, let Me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee (Moses) a great nation** (Ex. 32:10).

But Moses interceded on behalf of the Israelites, appealing to God on the basis of the Grace resident in His Jehovah Name and just in case that wasn't enough, he also appealed to the Grace resident in the Abrahamic Covenant (Ex. 32:11-13). Based on that, God "repented" (changed His mind). While in accord with the Law Covenant He should have destroyed the nation, He instead decided to only discipline it, desiring to bring it back to Himself.

To do this, He placed them under the Law's education system. This education system consisted of 5 Courses of Punishment, Chastisement or Discipline, and the "syllabus" for each Course of Punishment was given in Leviticus 26. There Israel's history is briefly outlined from their entrance into the land under Joshua, through the 2nd return of Christ when He ushers believing Israel into its long-prophesied Kingdom on earth, when they will be placed not back under the Old Law Covenant but under the New Law Covenant.

These Courses of punishment were designed to get Israel to return to God so that they could receive the Law's blessings rather than its curses. But except in a couple rare instances, they didn't do this, and their history was one of being under the intensifying curses of the Law. Thankfully, this will not always be the case. Hosea tells us there will be a day when Israel will give the answer they should have given at Sinai thereby passing the final exam once-and-for-all: **Take away all iniquity and receive us graciously!** (Hosea 14:2).

This will happen after the 5 Courses of Punishment have been completed at the end of the Tribulation period when the believing remnant of Israel will be delivered out of that time of trouble and brought into the Kingdom.

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THE HISTORICAL OUTLINE: ISRAEL UNDER THE COURSES OF PUNISHMENT (COP).

The 1st COP: Lev. 26:14-17

But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments; *but* that ye break my covenant: ¹⁶ I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. ¹⁷ And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies ... (Lev. 26:15-17)

The historical record of the 1st COP is found in Judges through 1 Sam. 16.

As we read through Leviticus 26, we will see that there is a progression in the course of Israel's history under the Law. God goes from **setting His face against** Israel (Lev. 26:17) to **walking contrary to** Israel (26:24) to **walking contrary to Israel in His fury** (26:28). After the days of Joshua, the nation plunged into rebellion against God in many ways. The book of Judges describes this time as one in which **every man did that which was right in his own eyes** (i.e., not what was right in the eyes of God). This begins the cycles of rebellion that lead to the Courses of Punishment under the curses of the Law.

And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my cove-

nant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice; I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations which Joshua left when he died: that through them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the LORD to walk therein, as their fathers did keep it, or not. (Judges 2:20-22)

The main characteristics of the 1st Course of Punishment were physical afflictions like the diseases of Egypt, border raids to steal Israel's food and defeat at the hands of the enemy on the battlefield, resulting in a general discomfort in the land.

The story of Naomi and her family in the book of Ruth is the result of a famine that occurred during this time of the Judges (Ruth 1:1). Naomi's famine was not a natural disaster that commonly occurred elsewhere among the Gentile nations, resulting from living in a sin-cursed world. It was a famine brought on by God's judgment specifically on Israel because she rebelled against God, rejected His Word and broke the Law.

Another major event during this time was Israel's rejection of God as their leader, and their choice of Saul because they desired a king like that of the Gentiles (1 Sam. 10, etc.). The prophet Samuel was raised up at this time to be the first in the long line of prophets associated with the 5 Courses of Punishment. The prophet's main function during the Courses of Punishment was to proclaim to the nation that because of their rebellion against God, they were worthy of the next course of punishment. He held out the assurance that if they returned to the Lord and hearkened unto Him, the next course of punishment could be postponed, the curses would be alleviated, and the blessings would be given. For the most part, however, Israel didn't heed what the prophets said, beginning with Samuel, and that meant the na-

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tion would receive the next course of punishment.

There was, however, one exception to this. After the 1st COP, rather than going on immediately to the 2nd COP, God instead gave Israel an Interlude of Grace.

THE INTERLUDE OF GRACE: The Reigns of David and Solomon

For no cause of their own, God gave Israel an Interlude of Grace. In the reigns of King David and King Solomon, God gave Israel a foretaste of the blessings they would receive when the promises of the Kingdom were fulfilled. But this was short-lived. By the end of his reign, Solomon and with him the nation were once again sinking into rebellion and apostasy, which brought them into the next COP, the 2nd Course of Punishment. **The historical record of the Interlude of Grace is found in 1 Sam. 17 through 1 Kings 11.**

The 2nd COP: Lev. 26:18-20

And if ye will not yet for *all* this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven *times* more for your sins. ¹⁹ And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass: ²⁰ and your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.

The Historical Record of the 2nd COP is found in 1 Kings 12-22

The 2nd COP included the same characteristics as the 1st COP but intensified them and added to them. There are two key additions:

1. The pride of their power would be broken (26:19). This occurred after the reign of Solomon when the nation divided into two Kingdoms, the Northern and Southern Kingdoms, resulting in the disintegration of national Israel (1 Kings 12:16ff).
2. And that their heaven would be as iron and their earth as brass (Lev. 26:19). This occurred through the climate changes brought on the nation by the prophet Elijah (1 Kings 17:1ff).

Elijah proclaimed to the nation that if they returned to the Lord and hearkened unto Him, the curses would be removed, and the blessings would be received. But Israel continued in their rebellion against God, which brought them into the next COP, the 3rd Course of Punishment.

The 3rd COP: Lev. 26:21-22

And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven *times* more plagues upon you according to your sins. ²² I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your *high* ways shall be desolate.

The Historical Record of the 3rd COP is found in 2 Kings 1:1-10:31

The 3rd COP included all the punishments of the 1st and 2nd Courses but intensified them and added to them yet again. One key addition was the arrival of wild beasts, epitomized by the prophet Elisha when a group of children (young men) from a school of the false prophets mocked him (the true Prophet of the One True God!), resulting in their destruction by wild animals (2 Kings 2:24). Wild animals began to roam the land

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because of the intensifying land judgments that made the country unsafe for human travel and trade. This caused the land to go wild and with that wildness came wild animals.

Like Samuel and Elijah, Elisha proclaimed to the nation that if they returned to the Lord and hearkened unto Him, the curses would be removed, and the blessings could be received. But once again, Israel continued in their rebellion against God, bringing them into the next COP, the 4th Course of Punishment.

The 4th COP: Lev. 26:23-26;

And if ye will not be reformed by me by these *things*, but will walk contrary unto me; ²⁴ then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven *times* for your sins. ²⁵ And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of *my* covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy. ²⁶ And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven ... and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied.

The Historical Record of the 4th COP is found in 2 Kings 10:32 to 16:20

The 4th COP included all the characteristics of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Courses but intensified them further and added more to them. The main addition was a significant increase in Gentile oppression within the land of Israel. Before, the Gentiles had been attacking from outside the land in border skirmishes and minor battles. But now Gentile enemies entered the land and

attacked there and annexed large portions of the land from Israel. This drove much of the population into the cities, which were already overcrowded, resulting in further spread of disease and extensive food shortages.

God was now **walking contrary** to them. But He still provided them with a multiplicity of prophets, writing prophets, which included Isaiah, Hosea, Joel, Habakkuk and many others. Like the prophets before them, they proclaimed to the nation that if they returned to the Lord and hearkened unto Him, the curses would be removed, and the blessings would be received. But Israel continued in their rebellion against God, bringing them into the next COP, the 5th and final Course of Punishment.

The 5th COP: Lev. 26:27-33

And if ye will not for *all* this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me; ²⁸ then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven *times* for your sins ... And I will make your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries unto desolation ... And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it. And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.

The Historical Record of this is found in 2 Kings 17:1 to 25:30

The 5th COP included all the characteristics of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th courses but intensified them even further and added to them. Now, God goes from walking contrary to them to **walking contrary to them in His fury**. The main addition in this Course of Punishment was that the Land, the city

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(Jerusalem) and the Temple would be destroyed, and the people would be taken into Gentile captivity.

During this time, God gave them additional writing prophets, which included Daniel, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi, who recorded the last things God would say to Israel before going silent for 400 years. God would not speak to Israel again until the Gospel of Matthew, at which time He talks to John the Baptist out in the wilderness, thereby breaking His silence with Israel (compare Mal. 3:1 and 4:4 with Mat. 3:3-4).

Understanding Israel's Prophetic Scriptures in the context of the Courses of Punishment is critical because it is the only thing that allows us to leave God's meaning in the text, thereby magnifying His Word to Israel that demonstrated His faithfulness to her. Even though His constant efforts to bring Her back to Himself, like He did in the Exodus account, were always rebuffed, God never gave up on her. And when we read the closing verses in the Old Testament, which refer to smiting the earth with a CURSE (Mal. 4:6), and then turn the page and enter the Gospel of Matthew, which opens with the proclamation of the Gospel of the Kingdom and the arrival of Christ's earthly ministry, which confirmed all the promises God gave to the nation Israel, we see the absolute faithfulness of God to Israel (Rom. 15:8).

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

The practical application of this is not that we take these passages and pretend this is what God is doing today. The practical application comes when we see God faithfully fulfilling ALL the promises He made to the nation Israel in her Prophetic Program,

which had been spoken about since the world began, we can rest assured and know with absolutely certainty, that He will just as faithfully fulfill ALL the promises He has made to us in the Body of Christ's Mystery Program, which had been kept secret since the world began. And this will always increase our patience, enhance our comfort and strengthen our hope (Rom. 15:4)

Israel is the only nation under the conditional Mosaic Law Covenant. God has not placed any other nation under the Mosaic Law System in the past, in the present or in the future. Therefore, no other country was or is under the curses of that Law System, and that means no other country was or is under the judgments of the Courses of Punishment associated with that Law System. When Gentile nations suffer a famine or disease or other natural disasters, it is not because God is punishing them for breaking the Law. They are experiencing these things because they are the natural results of living in a sin-cursed world under the mismanagement of fallen humanity.

This is particularly relevant today as we go through the coronavirus crisis. I heard someone on the radio take Deut. 7:15, and remove God's meaning, by replacing God's reference to the NATION OF ISRAEL and THE DISEASES OF EGYPT—with his own meaning, making them refer instead to the UNITED STATES and THE DISEASES OF CHINA. The person felt very spiritual in doing this, but this isn't the spiritual use of God's Word. It is the fleshly and carnal *mis-use* of God's Word. It doesn't magnify His truth. It nullifies it.

Today, tsunamis and hurricanes, terrorist attacks, earthquakes, financial collapses and diseases are not judgments from God. They are the result of living in a sin-cursed world (Rom. 8:22-23). So then, what

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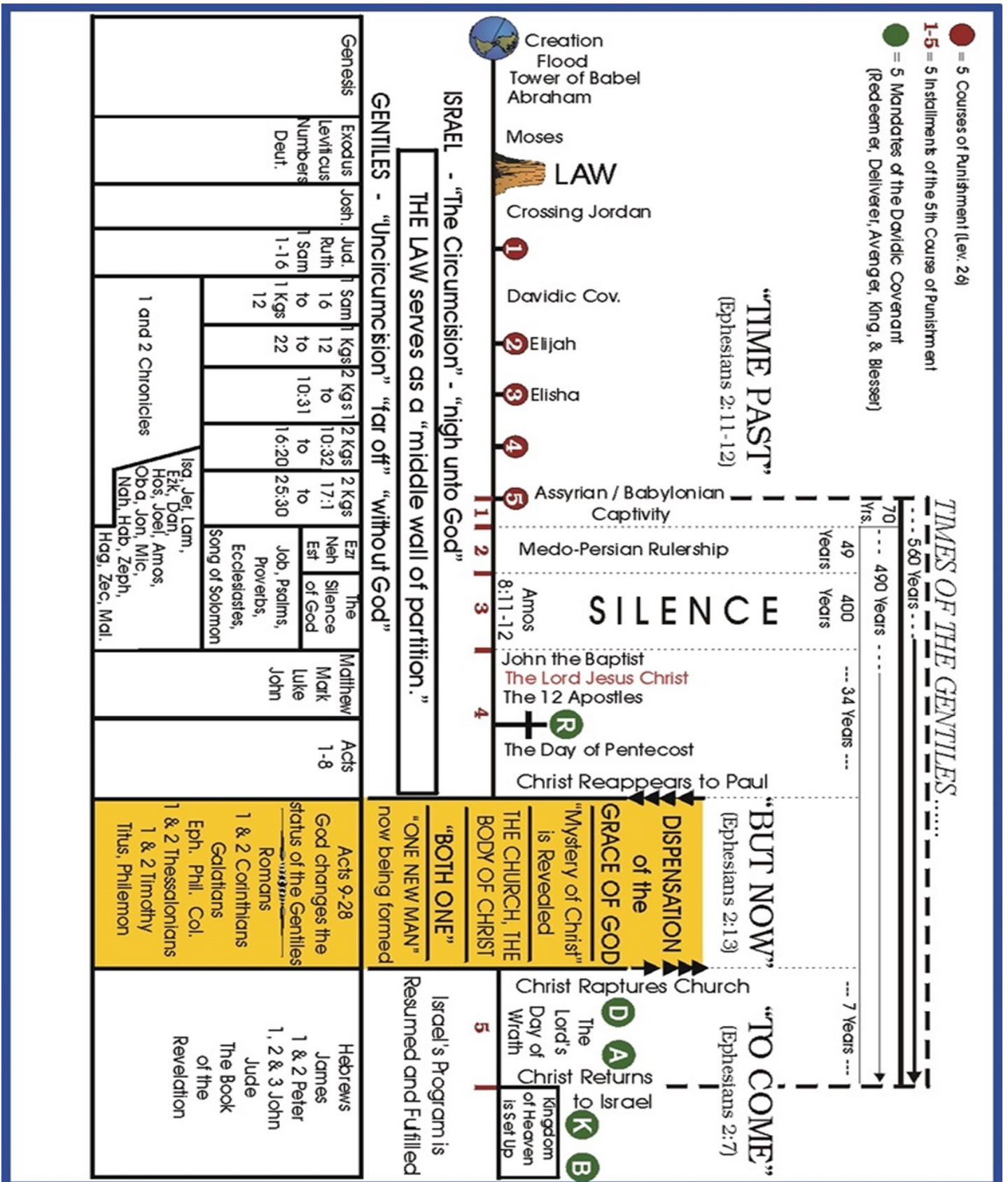
is God doing today? Today, out of the riches of His Mercy, He is not giving the world what it deserves--His wrath and judgment unto destruction! Rather, out of the Riches of His Grace, He is giving the world what it doesn't deserve—His grace and peace unto salvation (Rom. 11:25-32)! And He is doing this through the distinct apostleship of Paul (Rom. 11:25-32)! Today, we either relate to God based on the Apostle Paul's Grace/Faith/Spirit System through Christ, or we

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HOW TO READ THE BIBLE TIMELINE CHART

1. The Courses of Punishment (COP) are delineated along the timeline by **red numbers in circles**: 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.
2. Below each numbered Course of Punishment, the scriptural references for the historical record of that Course of Punishment are provided.
3. The main prophets associated with the first 3 Courses of Punishment are shown above the number. Because of the large number of prophets in the 4th and 5th Courses of Punishment, they are listed below.
4. In the 5th Course of Punishment, God gave Israel a Time Schedule through Jeremiah and Daniel. This Time Schedule refers to 5 major events in Israel's history that will bring her into the fulfillment of all God's promises (Jer. 25:11 and Daniel 9:25ff).
 —Daniel's Time Schedule includes a 49 year Medo-Persian Rule; 400 year Silence of God; 34 year Earthly Ministry of Christ, culminating in His death on the Cross, and a final 7 year Tribulation Period, totaling 490 years.
5. The **green numbers in circles** are the 5 Mandates of the Davidic Covenant: Redeemer, Deliverer, Avenger, King and Blesser.
6. Everything in the black and white areas refer to God's dealings with national Israel.
7. Everything in the Yellow area refers to God's dealings with the Body of Christ.
8. Today, God has temporarily set aside His dealings with the Nation of Israel's Prophetic Program. Today, He is carrying out a new, previously unrevealed Program: the Body of Christ's Mystery Program.
9. The **BUT NOW DISPENSATION OF GRACE, IS NOT A PART OF ISRAEL'S TIME SCHEDULE**. It was a Mystery kept secret since the world began and revealed to and through the distinct apostleship of Paul.
10. When studying the Scriptures that have to do with national Israel, print the timeline out and fold it so that the yellow area is covered up and the left edge of the area entitled "The Lords' Day of Wrath touch the right edge of the area entitled "The Day of Pentecost."

CHART OF THE WHOLE BIBLE



WORLD CRISES AND OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

The world has weathered many crises throughout history, and, no doubt, it will weather this one as well. It is in crises like this that believers are given special opportunities of service to others in love. Thomas Paine wrote at another time of crisis in American history (the American Revolution): “These are the times that try men’s souls.”

Romans 1 tells us that fallen humanity, having rejected God and His Word in unbelief, puts its faith and hope in the things of the world, things like human governmental, economic, political and religious systems, instead of God. And it is in times of crisis that these things are exposed for the empty “idols” and false “gods” that they truly are. They are proven to be completely inadequate to the real problems of life, and when they fall those who were relying on them fall as well.

This is especially a problem for our young people. In their short lives, they experienced the Dot-Com Crisis in 2000 and the financial crises in 2008 brought on by those who had made “gods” of capitalism, and when they fell, many of our young people’s homes and families fell as well. Is it any wonder that many of them have lost “faith” in capitalism?

They experienced the election crisis of 2000, brought on by those who made “gods” of their political systems, and when they fell so did those who were relying on them. Is it any wonder that many of them have lost “faith” in political systems and the benefits of free elections?

They also experienced the 9/11 attack in 2001 and now the Covid-19 crises of

2020 and have discovered that the “gods” of national governments are inadequate to protect them from invisible enemies like terrorist attacks and diseases. Is it any wonder that many of them have lost “faith” in national governments?

And if some of them thought to look to the world’s religious systems for safety in this Covid-19 crisis, they were once again disappointed. They only saw the complete inadequacy of man-made religions and theological systems to address the important problems of life. They would have seen the Pope go on a tour to pray at the feet of His favorite statue of Mary and then visit the site of a relic that had supposedly stopped an advancement of the bubonic plague hundreds of years ago, suggesting that it would do the same thing today. But, of course, it didn’t.

Other religious leaders said that if Christians recited the Lord’s Prayer at noon on a certain day, the earth would shake. Not sure why we want the earth to shake, but it didn’t matter because it didn’t shake, not one bit. And our youth might have heard other church leaders, who in good times claimed to be carrying out “healing ministries,” shut their doors during this disease, admitting the futility of it all. And some of those who didn’t close their doors suffered deadly outbreaks of Covid-19 to the shock and horror of their congregation. Or our youth might have heard one Pastor tell his millions of viewers to just “wait for their miracle.” Someone estimated that tens of people died from Covid-19 while he spoke.

If this is the best the world’s religious systems have to offer, who needs them? The disease just keeps marching on. Is it any wonder that they have lost “faith” in the religious systems of the world? And is it any wonder

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that some people call this generation of young people a Lost Generation? They have witnessed the inadequacy of all the false “gods” of their fathers and are now looking for something to replace them. These stranded young people are looking for something bigger than capitalist systems, bigger than political systems, bigger than national governments, bigger than religious systems. They are looking for something that is big enough to save and secure them forever.

Add to all of this the great sin of their educational system, which has systematically demanded that our young people exclude God from their thinking. This is a compounded sin because in removing the one true God from the table, they can only put false “gods” on the table in replacement of Him.

Unfortunately, if the polls can be believed, a large portion of these young people think they have found a “god” they can trust for security: socialism, preferably the One-World type. But this is another great sin of their educational system. History has already shown the inadequacy of socialism in all of its tried and failed manifestations but their educational system has hidden this fact from them as well. Even if they do not see it, their children will see that socialism is just another “false god,” an empty “idol,” no more reliable than the false “gods” of their fathers. No more reliable than the empty “idols” that fallen humanity has always placed its “faith” in throughout

history.

But all is not despair. What can we do with a generation that has lost its “faith” in the false “gods” of political, religious, economic and governmental systems? What can we offer when everyone and everything else has failed?

We can tell them about the UNKNOWN GOD that Paul told the Athenians about in Acts 17. The God that they are really looking for! The Athenians were looking for an unknown God because the “gods”

TO THE UNKNOWN GOD WHOM YOU YE IGNORANTLY WORSHIP: HIM I DECLARE UNTO YOU. THE GOD THAT MADE THE WORLD AND ALL THAT IS THEREIN, SEEING THAT HE IS LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH ... Acts 17:22-24

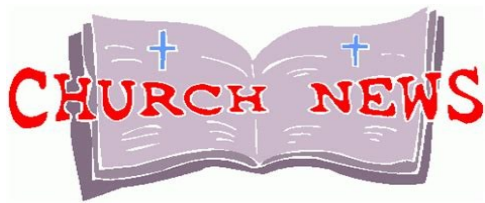
they knew were completely inadequate. They were as worthless as the false “gods” we worship today. The only God big enough and strong enough and rich enough to save and secure our

young people is the one and only big “G” God, the true God of the Bible.

We can tell them that no one and no thing will be able to do what only God can do. We can tell them that **God commended His love to us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us** (Rom. 5:8). He went to the cross for ungodly sinners on enemy status before Him, took their sin, judgment, punishment and death onto Himself and, having paid the penalty in full, freed us so that He could give Righteousness and Life, Eternal Life, to all who believe.

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