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# ROMANS

**Rom. 4**

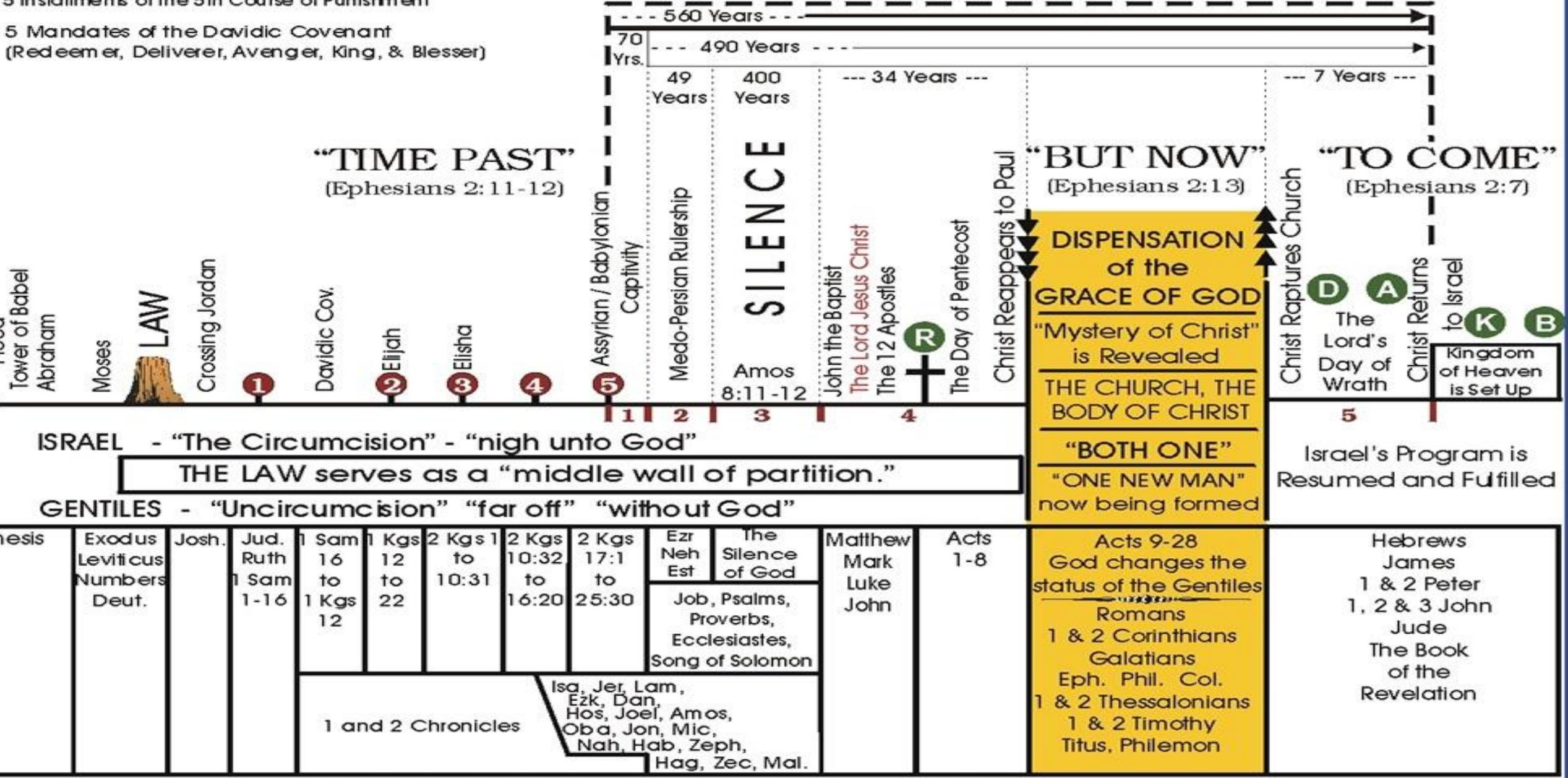
**FAITH RIGHTEOUSNESS**

and

**The Book Of Matthew**

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

*TIMES OF THE GENTILES.....*



# **MATTHEW 3: John the Baptist**

- 1. When John arrives, Israel had completed nearly all of the Courses of Punishment under the curses of the Law.**
- 2. When Israel, in rebellion against God and His Grace, entered into the Law contract with God they said: We will do all that is required ourselves to become your unique nation, a nation of priests, who will display your Glory on the earth.**
- 3. Under the Law, Israel contracted with God to deal with them on the basis of their merit and performance, blessing them for obeying and cursing them for disobeying.**  
**--the goal of this was to get Israel to repent and return to the Lord so that she could glorify Him on earth.**
- 4. According to Moses (Lev. 26), this Chastisement Program would contain 5 Courses of Punishment the goal of it to teach them that their effort under the Law didn't bring glory to God among the Gentiles. It profaned/blasphemed His name among the Gentiles (Ezek. 36:20ff; Is. 52:5).**  
**--Near the end of this instruction, God said He would call on the nation to show they learned these lessons by repenting, recognizing their failure under the Law and worthiness of its curses.**

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- 5. They needed to indicate that they had learned the lesson that the 5 Courses of Chastisement/Instruction was meant to give:  
--if they were to be the people of God, God must do it for them.**
- 6. John came on the scene calling on them to do just that, fulfilling Lev. 26:40-41.**
  - a. The Messiah had arrived.**
  - b. The Kingdom was at hand. They were in the 4<sup>th</sup> installment of the 5<sup>th</sup> Course of Punishment. Once that was over, there would only be 7 years left until the Kingdom arrived as well.**
  - c. While national Israel refused to do this at the 1<sup>st</sup> Coming of Christ, they will do it at the 2<sup>nd</sup> (Hos. 14:1-2; Zech. 12:10)**
- 7. John came in the spirit of Elijah to announce to Israel that the time of wavering was over. They must choose between God and Baal (1 Kings 17-18).**
- 8. When John arrived, they were at the very end of God's Courses that were meant to show them that they cannot do anything on their own. They needed to fall on the Grace He made available to them—Now in the LORD Jesus the Christ—and He would do everything for them (Jn. 20:30-31).**

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- 9. Learning the lessons of the 5 Courses of Punishment would cause believing Israel to bear the fruit of repenting or changing their minds about the decision they made at Sinai to enter into that Law Contract and glorify God based on their own person and work.**
- 10. This repentance and acknowledgment of their iniquities under the Law would bring them into God's cleansing program for national Israel with its Water, Spirit and Fire baptisms, leading to a purified believing remnant from which God will create the new Nation of Israel.**
  - a. Water baptism—could fool many.**
  - b. Spirit baptism—could fool some.**
  - c. Fire baptism—cannot fool anyone. All unbelievers/enemies will be purged.**
- 11. The apostate leadership taught the lie of their own "natural" righteousness, "circumcision" righteousness and "Law" righteousness.**
  - a. They were the natural descendants of Abraham and therefore were inherently righteous.**
  - b. God gave them fleshly circumcision and the Law written on stones and therefore were inherently righteous.**

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- 12. They thought that this “natural” righteousness made them inherently the friends of God and therefore they would be on the right side of the equation when God displayed His Righteousness in Saving His Friends and Destroying His Enemies.**
- 13. John confronts them with the truth that this is not so.**
  - a. They weren’t going back far enough in Israel’s History—before the Law, before circumcision and before Isaac before the Abrahamic Covenant.**
  - b. They needed to go back to Abram from Ur of the Chaldees, an ungodly sinner on enemy status before God.**
- 14. They needed to understand that what made Abraham a friend of God wasn’t any “natural” righteousness.**
- 15. What made Abraham a friend of God was Faith Righteousness (Gen. 15:6).**
- 16. The leaders of Israel needed to understand that in accord with the Davidic Covenant before they received Deliverance and Avengement (physical salvation), they needed to receive Redemption (spiritual salvation--Faith Righteousness).**

# Error of the Apostate Leadership

**Natural  
Righteousness**

**Circumcision**

**Son of Isaac**

**Having the  
Law**



Brought them into  
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(Gen. 15:7ff):

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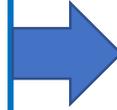
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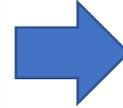
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# Truth of God

**THE  
RIGHTEOUSNESS  
OF  
GOD  
IN  
SAVING  
HIS  
ENEMIES—  
UNGODLY  
SINNERS  
ON  
ENEMY  
STATUS  
BEFORE  
HIM  
(Gen. 12-15:5/Rom.  
1:1-3:20)**



**JUSTIFICATION  
UNTO  
ETERNAL  
LIFE  
BASED  
ON  
FAITH  
(Gen. 15:6/Rom.  
3:21-26)**



Brought into the Grace Resident in the Abrahamic Covenant (Gen. 15:7ff): God Blesses World With Israel and Through Her RISE: Fully Manifests the R of G in Saving Friends and Destroying Enemies. Non-Pauline Scriptures.



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