

THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK IN THE WORLD!

ROMANS

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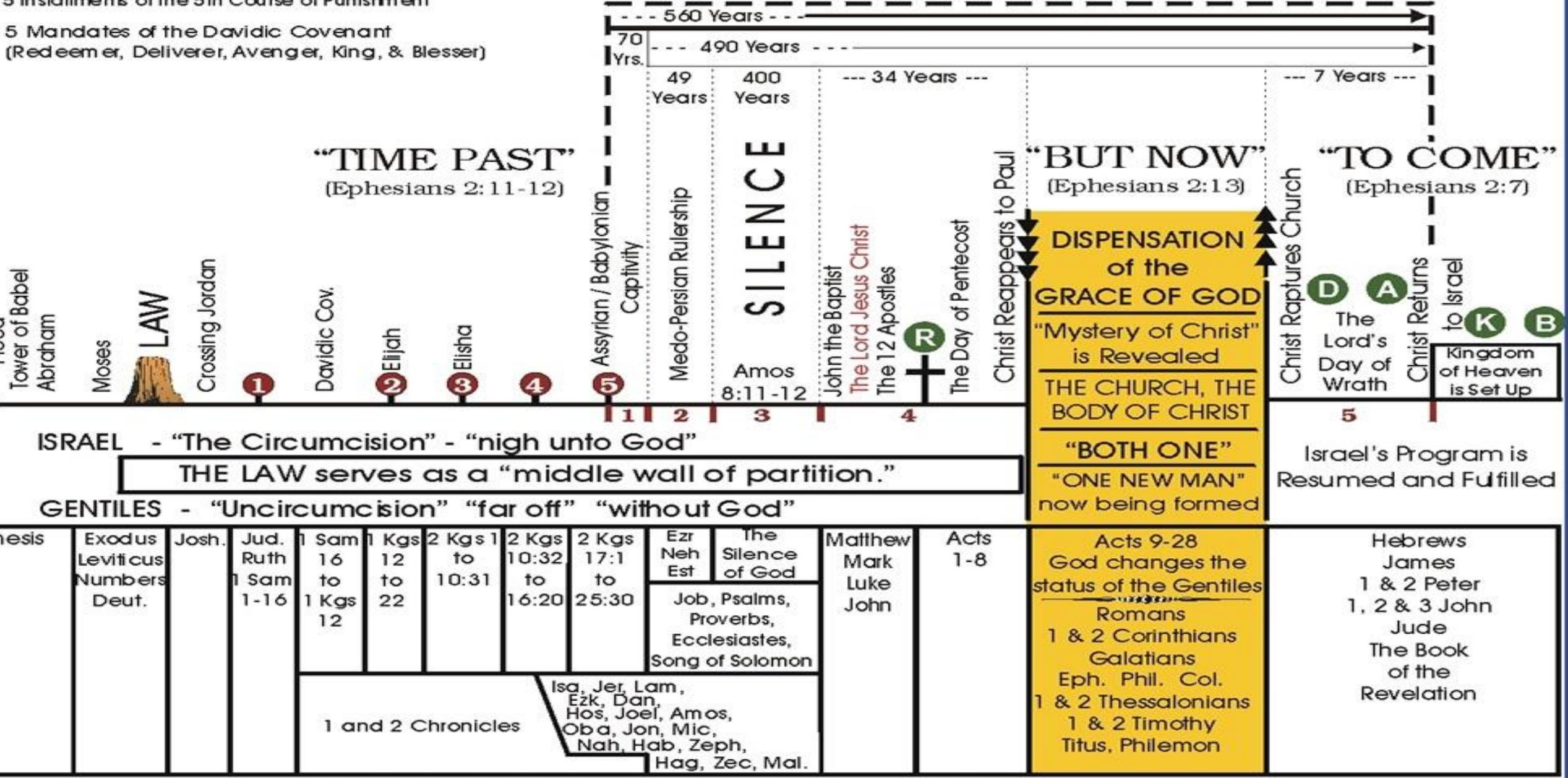
FAITH RIGHTEOUSNESS

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 5-7: Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes

- 1. The Beatitudes call out those who have been suffering under the curses of the Law, Gentile rule and a bankrupt apostate leadership for hundreds of year in Israel. (Mat. 3-4)**
- 2. They did this by believing what God is saying through the Courses of Punishment under the Law and the preaching of John and Jesus. This is faith. (Mat. 3:1-6)**
- 3. A faith response comes from those who recognize that the nation's plight is due to their sinfulness and rebellion against God. (Mat. 3:1-6)**
- 4. Therefore, a faith response will be to repent or rethink what they have been told by the apostate religious leadership, recognize their own and the nation's sinfulness and wrath-worthiness, confess their sins, enter God's cleansing program for Israel beginning with John's water baptism and receive and follow Jesus the Christ. (Mat. 3:1-6)**

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- 5. Those who responded in faith were “blessed” or “fortunate” even if it didn’t look that way by the world’s standards because they would be part of God’s fulfilled plan for the nation of Israel.**
- 6. These oppressed Israelites are poor in spirit (spiritually barren), mourning (over the plight of the nation) and meek (bowed over from a long time of suffering), because of their rebellion against God and sinfulness, receiving the curses of the Law . (Mat. 5:3-5)**

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- 7. These oppressed Israelites were starving for righteousness because the apostate religious system replaced God's Righteousness with their own natural righteousness. This leads them to Christ and brings them into: (Mat. 5:6)
 - a. The Faith Righteousness of Abraham (the Righteousness of God in saving His enemies) (Gen. 15:6),**
 - b. And makes them participants of the Abrahamic Covenant (the Righteousness of God in saving His friends) (Gen. 12:3): i.e., in other words, abundant Righteousness.****
- 8. These oppressed Israelites are merciful because they have been suffering under the unmerciful actions of others, have learned of God's mercy under the Courses of Punishment, and who are now looking for the Mercies of David—the Davidic Covenant (Ps. 51).**
- 9. This faith response produces with them a pure in heart that will be receptive to the Word of God in the Law and the work of the Spirit in giving them a new heart—The New Covenant (Jer. 31:31-34 with Ezek. 36:24-28).**