

THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK IN THE WORLD!

ROMANS

Rom. 4

FAITH RIGHTEOUSNESS

TIMELINE OF ABRAM/ABRAHAM'S LIVE

RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN (SPIRITUALLY) SAVING HIS ENEMIES BECAUSE HE HAS NO FRIENDS

RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN (PHYSICAL) SAVING FRIENDS AND DESTROYING ENEMIES

75 yrs.

82 yrs.

84-85 yrs.

99 yrs

123 yrs.

God calls and makes promises to Abram

God confirms the promise of an heir and inheritance of the land of Canaan, then solidifies all into a Covenant.

Abraham, the Friend of God, beginning faith-based obedience--Right. of God in saving friends and destroying enemies.

Gen. 12

Gen. 13:14-17

Gen. 15:1-19

Rom. 4:3-5

Gen. 17:4-14

Rom. 4:9-12;17-22

Gen. 18

Gen. 22:15-18

Rom. 4:13-16

Moses/Law

Promise of the Land of Canaan

Named Abraham—Father of many nations. God narrows focus to physical progeny and Circumcision was made the seal.

The land inheritance is extended to the whole earth.

THE LAW

- 1. The Law doesn't look for what we do right. It looks for what we do wrong, then magnifies it, turns it into a transgression and then condemns it and assigns a punishment, then carries it out, usually death. (Rom. 4:15)**
- 2. When we talk about being under Law or under Grace it refers to a Law or Grace System.
--it is not that there is no grace in a Law System or no commands in a Grace System.**
- 3. Being under the Law is to be under a Law/Works/Flesh System but gives no power to accomplish.
--It is a conditional system whereby disobeying results in the curses, obeying the blessings.**
- 4. Being under the Grace System is to be under a Grace/Faith/Spirit System and gives the power (God's power) to accomplish.
--It is an unconditional system whereby God gives all blessings upfront, once and for all, thereby empowering the believer to do those things that please God.**

THE LAW

5. The basic problem with sinners relating to God on the basis of the Law and Works was stated and the giving of the Law in Ex. 19:8:
--"we will do" turns away from and excludes "I (God) will do."
6. God didn't want to deal with the Israelites on a Law basis, the people did.
7. God provided Israel with His Jehovah I AM or I WILL BE Name so that He could do whatever Israel needed to do to make her into the nation He created her to be.
8. What the Israelites should have learned from God's 52 days of Grace Teaching from Goshen to Sinai.
 - a. Positively: They must ALWAYS rely by faith on the grace resident in God's Jehovah Name—water, food deliverance from enemies. Grace--Ex. 15:25; Ex. 16.
 - b. Negatively: They must NEVER enter into a relation with God that is based on Law—collecting manna. Law--Ex. 15:26; Ex; 16.

THE LAW

9. They failed the final exam:
 - a. Story line of Grace (Ex. 18:8-12) was rejected and won't be picked up again until the end of the Tribulation which Christ returns to usher them into Israel's Millennial Kingdom (Hosea 13:9-14:9)
 - b. Story line of Law (Ex. 18:13-26) was received and this goes into full effect about 1 yr later (Num. 11:10-25) becoming an unbearable burden (Acts 15:5-12; Gal. 5:1)

10. At Sinai, they failed the final exam. They rejected the Grace of God, they rejected being carried along as on eagle's wings, they rejected God doing everything for them, they rejected everything, and the result was disaster.
 - By Grace God brought them to Himself in peace (Ex. 19:4).
 - By the Law God drove them away from Himself in terror (Ex. 19:12-25; 20:18-21).

11. The Law does the same thing today: Rom. 6:14; 7:4-5; Gal. 3:10-11; 2 Cor. 3:7-10.