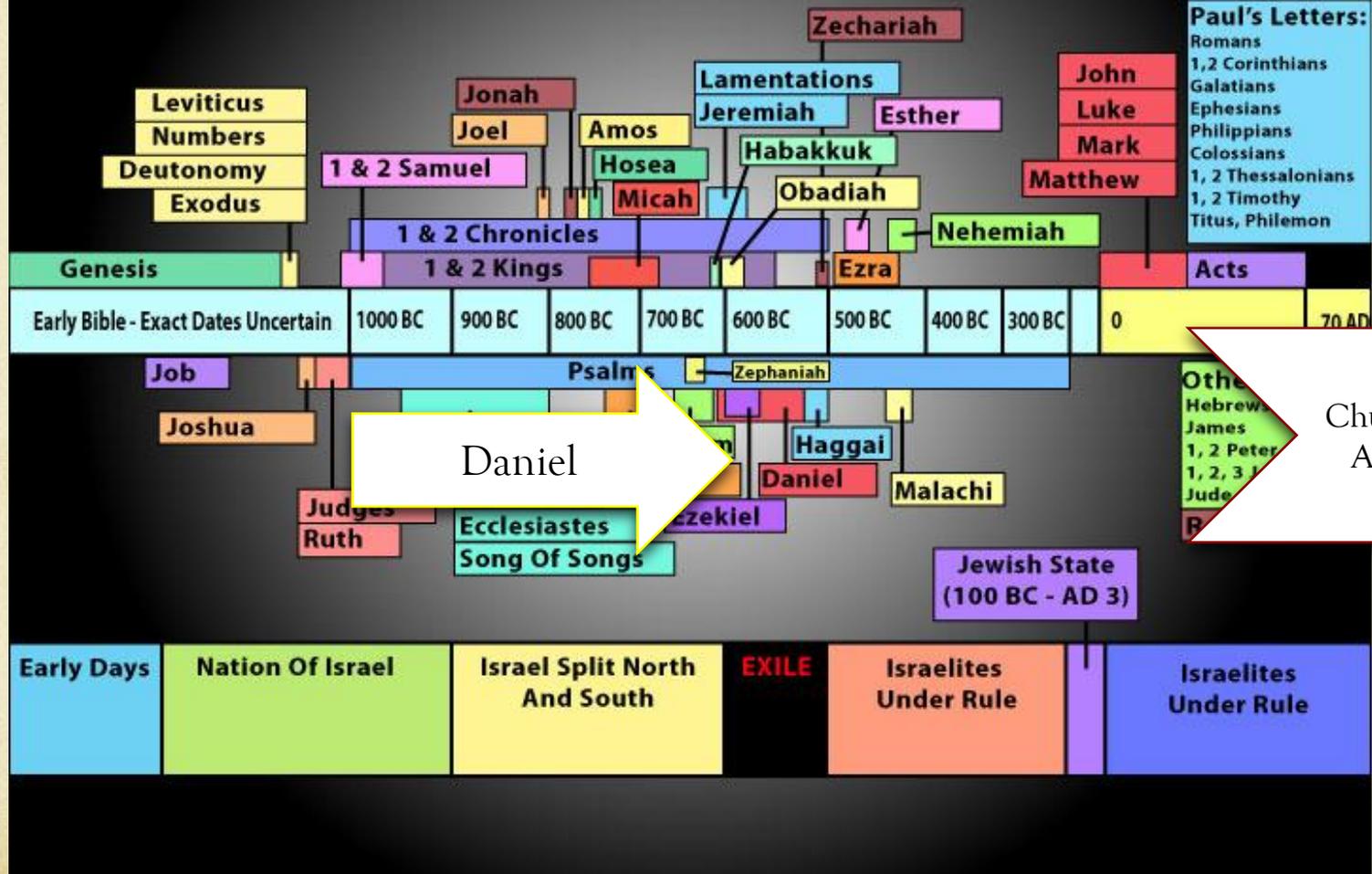




The Church Age

BIBLE TIMELINE



Daniel 9,10,11,

- Chapter 9
- “Know therefore and understand, *That* from the going forth of the command *To restore and build Jerusalem* *Until* Messiah the Prince, *There shall be* seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; *The street* [c] *shall be built again, and the wall,* [d] *Even in troublesome times.* “And after the sixty-two weeks *Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;* *And the people of the prince who is to come* *Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.* *The end of it shall be with a flood,* *And till the end of the war desolations are determined.* Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; *But in the middle of the week* *He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.* *And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate,* *Even until the consummation, which is determined,* *Is poured out on the desolate.”*
- 10 is a vision of Christ and Historical
- 11 is a perfect Historical Account of the future Kingdoms
- 12 is a sealing of the book and end times

Babylon

Daniel prophecies return
with other prophets and
“Daniel’s 70 Weeks”

Medio-Persia

Jews return under Nehemiah, Ezra, during Esther’s Time

Greece

Maccabean Revolt

Alexander the Great
Split Between 4 Generals
Antiochas Ephiaphanes

Rome

continues until after Christ

Jesus Lives, Dies and is Resurrected

Approx. 0 A.D. -33 A.D.
During The Early Part of the
Roman Empire



Prophecy Fulfilled

Matthew 24 Already partially fulfilled

- **Temple Destruction A.D. 70** Matthew 23:36 “Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.”
- Luke 21:20-24 20 “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. 21 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. 22 For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. 23 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. 24 And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.
- Luke 23:28-31 28 But Jesus, turning to them, said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!’ 30 Then they will begin ‘to say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Cover us!”[a] 31 For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?”
- Eusebius concurred that the Lord’s prophecy was fulfilled in 70 A.D. saying “all this occurred in this manner in thesecond year of the reign of Vespasian, according to the predicitions of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”
- John Wesley, Clementine, Charles Spurgeon and other notable historians/Theologians never questioned this reality.
- **False Christs** Historian Jerome recorded, “at the time of the Jewish Captivity by Rome, many elders claimed to be the Christ. There were so many, in fact, that there were three distinct camps of them when the Romans besieged Jerusalem.
- **Fig Tree**-Symbolic of Israel. Cursed for not bearing fruit at the time, but also a sign of when He returns. Mark 11 1 Entry, Temple Cleansed, Fig Tree Cursed. Matthew 24, it will bud again.
- **Times of Tribulation now and More to Come** regardless of what you believe about if the 7 years are future or Jesus fulfilled first 3.5. Remember we are becoming a **Victorious Bride**. No Fear, just wisdom.

Daniel's 70 Weeks

Option One- Jesus Fulfilled the First 3.5 Days of the Week and we are presently in or are preparing for the last 3.5

or

The last week begins sometime in the future and the 7 years (70th week) will be split in two.

Either way, many Theologians see and agree that we are presently in the “Parenthetical Gap” called “The Age of the Gentiles” or the “Church Age.”

The Church Age A.D.

33...The Church Age

- The “Church Age” began when Israel rejected Christ and Predominantly Gentile believers began to congregate together in what came to be known as “The Church.” This age began with Paul and is progressing up until the present time. This is what is referred to also as the “Times of the Gentiles” in which the “Fullness of the Gentiles” will be made complete. This not only refers to Gentile believers coming into the kingdom, it also refers to the Gentiles walking in the fullness of the Holy Spirit.
- Specific dates are not as important as the general understanding of the big picture. Neither are arguments over who the messengers were/are. The goal of this teaching is to simply familiarize you with a broad overview or survey of this perspective.

The "Fullness" Of The Gentiles

"For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this Mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits: That blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in."
Romans 11:25

- As stated above, the "Fullness of the Gentiles" and the Seven Church Ages is one and the same. Both represent what God has and is doing in the "**Spiritual realm**" among the Gentiles. I repeat - "the Seven Church Ages / Fullness of the Gentiles" applies to **the Spiritual walk of the Church through the ages**. The Message to each Age identifies the weaknesses and strengths of the church; and reveals God's satisfaction or displeasure with it.
- This period of time began with the coming of the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost. It was confirmed by the ministry of the Word [by Peter] and the coming of the Holy Ghost to the Gentiles in the house of Cornelius (**Acts 10:34-47**). It was during Paul's ministry in Rome (around A.D. 62-68) that God signified His turning from the Jews to the Gentiles (**Acts 28:25-28**). In the Amplified Bible the last part of **Romans 11:25** reads thus: *".....I do not want you to miss the hidden Truth and mystery, brethren: A hardening (insensibility) has [temporarily] befallen a part of Israel [to last] until the full number of the ingathering of the Gentiles has come in."* Here, Paul is explaining why God had turned from the Jews to the Gentiles.
- Through Seven Ages God works out the "Fullness" of the Gentiles - gathering out of every Gentile nation a people for His Holy Name. The FULL number will be gathered in, but ONLY those whom He foreknew before the foundation of the world (**1st. Peter 1:2**). A few Jews will also come in during this period, but not very many. During this time called "the fullness" God is dealing mainly with Gentiles. In Revelation Chapters 2 and 3 all seven Churches addressed are Gentile Churches - not one Jewish Church is mentioned - not even the Church in Jerusalem.

The "Times" Of The Gentiles

— And they (the Jews) shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations, and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the "Times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" Luke 21:24

- The "Times of the Gentiles" is totally opposite of the "fullness". Whereas the "fullness" is "Spiritual", the "Times of the Gentiles" are "political" in it's application; and runs parallel with the "Fullness of the Gentiles". Both end around the same time - when God turns again to Israel with the Gospel. The "Times" of the Gentiles" represent Gentile domination of the land God gave to Abraham and His seed. This period of time began when the Jews (the Southern Kingdom of Judah) were led away captive into Babylon. Thus began (with Nebuchadnezzar) the Gentile dominion of Jerusalem and the land of Israel. The Lord reminds us in the above verse that *"Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the "Times of the Gentiles be fulfilled"*
- Today the Gentiles no longer dominate Jerusalem or the land of Israel. The present day happenings in the Middle East are a 'sign' that the **"Times and Fullness of the Gentiles - the Gentile world dominion and the Gentile Church Ages"** are about over. The dispersed of the natural seed of Abraham have been re-gathered into the Land of Israel (**Isaiah 43:5-7**). Israel has taken it's place (politically and militarily) among the nations.

God's 7,000 Year Plan According to Hebrew Tradition

- “Where is the promise of his (2nd) Coming? ... But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that ONE DAY is with the Lord as a THOUSAND YEARS, and a THOUSAND YEARS as ONE DAY ... the ‘day of the Lord’ will come as a thief in the night ... the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up” (II Peter 3:4-10).

You will read “In that day...,” or “On that day...” differently from now on!

Day 1 Creation/Fall of Man

Day 2 Flood

Day 3 Red Sea/
Promised Land

Day 4 Messiah

Day 5
Gentile/Church Age

Day 6 Restoration of
All things/return of
Christ

Day 7
Sabbath/Millennium

It is believed that the 7000 year plan is hidden in the first 7 words (in Hebrew) of Genesis 1:1 . Interesting note, the two letters of the fourth word are Alpha and Omega.

Hosea 6:2

2 After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight.

“And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years ... that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled ... And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them ... and they (the resurrected righteous) lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years” (The Revelation 20:2-4).

Types of 6

- Noah was 600 when the flood/judgment came
- After 6 days Moses was called up to Mount Sinai to be in the presence of God
- After 6 days, Jesus took Peter, James and John up to the mountain for transfiguration
- Jesus resurrects Lazarus after 6 days
- King Joash is hidden for 6 days and then revealed
- 6 Steps lead up to Solomons' Throne
- Isaac is 40 when he marries Rebecca, but not until 20 years later is Jacob/Israel born.

THE SEVEN CHURCH AGES

Between year 4,000 and 6,000 or Day 5-7

Lion		Ox		Man		Eagle
Pentecost						Present
170	312	606	1520	1750	1906	
Ephesian Age	Smyrna Age	Pergamum Age	Thyatira Age	Sardis Age	Philadelphia Age	Laodicea Age
Paul	Irenaeus	Martin	Columba	Luther	Wesley	
White Horse		Red Horse		Black Horse		Pale Horse
Swarming Locust		Creeping Locust		Stripping Locust		Gnawing Locust

Seven Stars: Seven Messengers

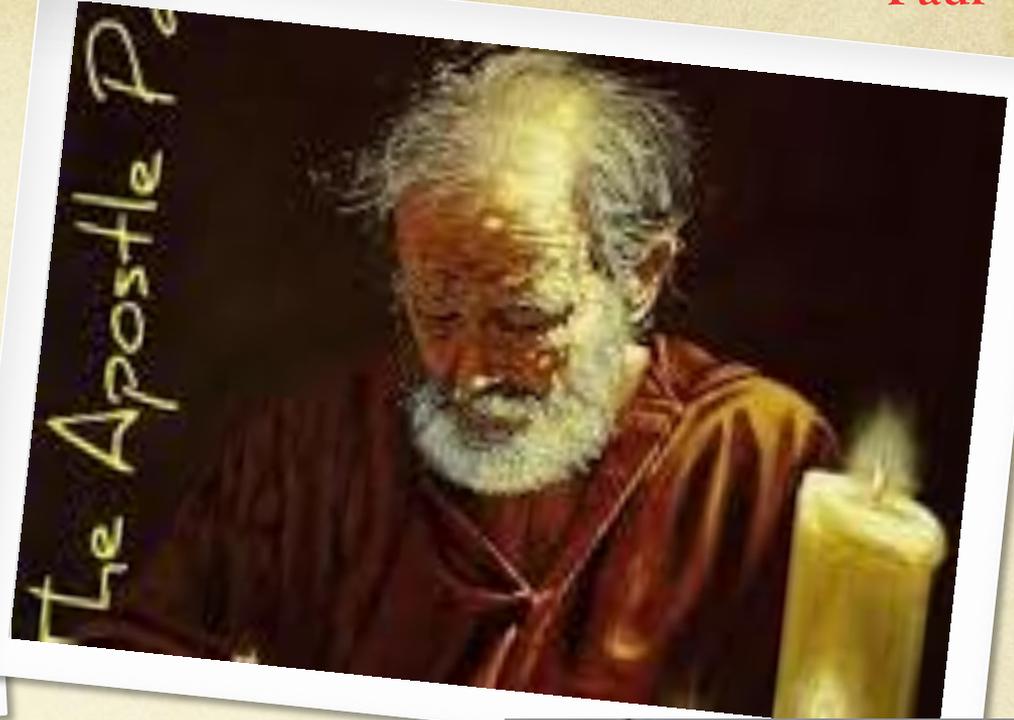
Four Living Creatures: Attributes of the Holy Spirit in those who overcome

Four Horses & Riders: Four Levels of maturity of the Anti-Christ Spirit

Symbolism in Revelation

- **Seven Stars**= Seven Messengers
- **Four Living Creatures**= Attributes of Christ/Holy Spirit to those who Overcome
- **Four Horses**= Levels of Maturity of Maturity of the Anti-Christ Spirit
- **Seals of Revelation 6 Coincide with Revelation 2 & 3**
- The Anti-Christ Spirit was released at the same time Jesus died. “Anti” means against as well as “Counter to.” If the elect are going to possibly be fooled, it won’t likely be from a very “unChristian source” but one that might go undetected.
- Matt. 24:23-24 **23** “Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it. **24** For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. **25** See, I have told you beforehand..
- The Spirit of Antichrist is perfectly typified in Judas Iscariot. Looks like, acts like, but is not the real deal at heart.
- **1 John 2:18-19** **18** Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the[a] Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. **19** They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but *they went out* that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.
- Jesus and Judas were both hung on “trees.” Jesus sent the Holy Spirit and The Anti-Christ Spirit was released in a greater measure as well. A counterfeit.)

- Notice the terms in every letter.
- To the angel of the church write...
- To him who overcomes...
- There are rebukes and commendations to the churches and rewards to those of the churches who are overcomers.



Ephesian Age A.D. 33-170

Apostolic Age

The church founded by the apostles from Pentecost. John is buried at Ephesus



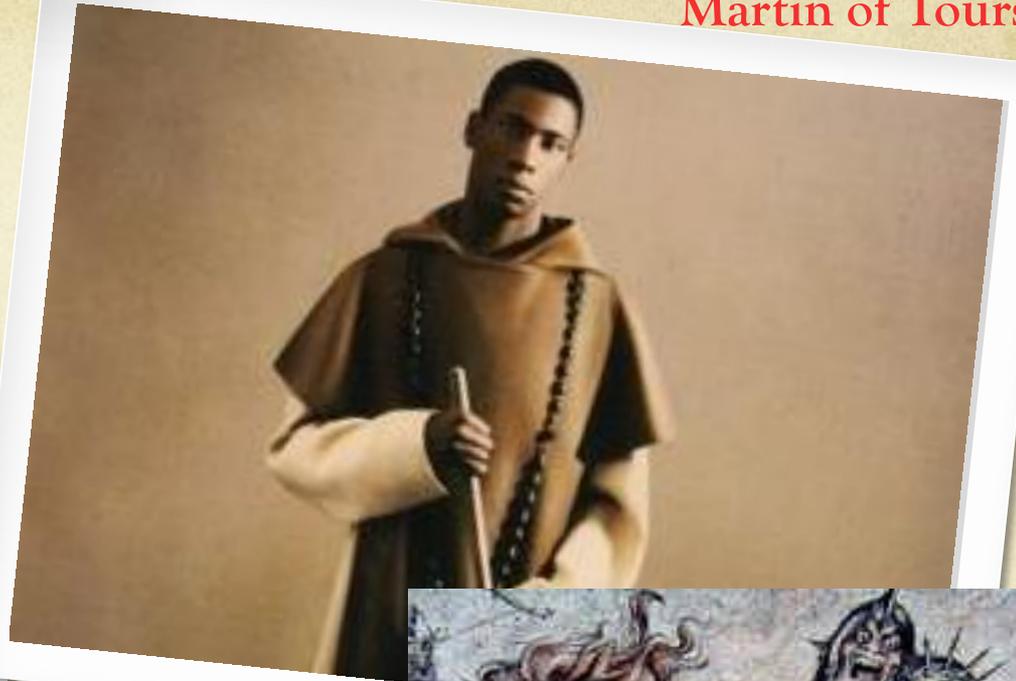


Smyrna 170-312 A.D.

Persecuted Church

The church received persecution from the time of Nero until Constantine the Roman Emperor himself became a Christian. During this period the church was humble and at the mercy of Rome but grew fast with many turning from Greek paganism to the faith.





Pergamum 312-606 A.D. Compromising Church

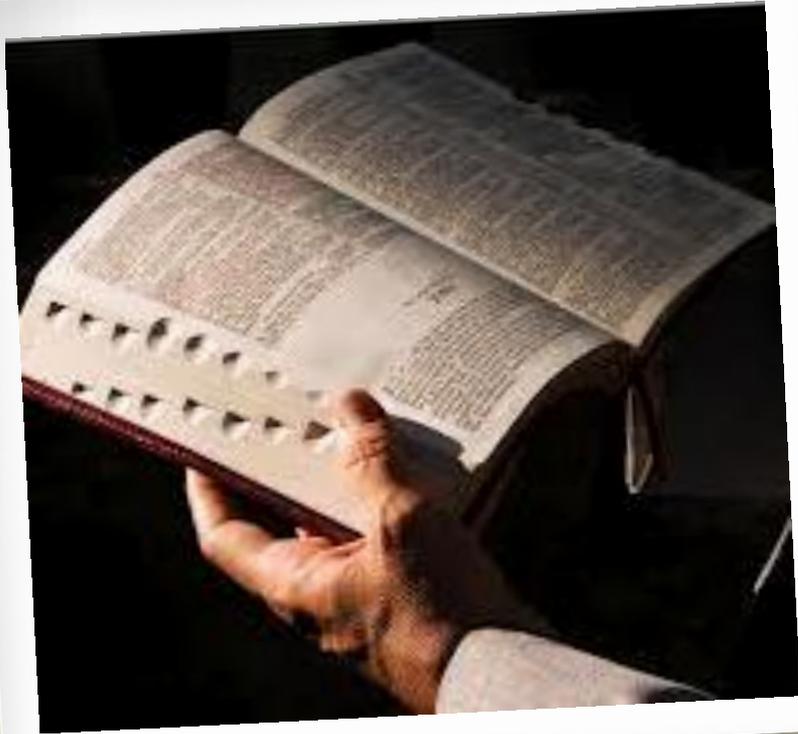
When Constantine accepted Christianity he turned his kingdom into a “Christian” kingdom, ending persecution. Christianity was now popular, and allowances were made for the pagans to become part of the church. The Church indulged some pagan doctrines to make Christianity more attractive.



Thyatira 606-1520 A.D. Corrupt Church

Pagan doctrines continued to be introduced into the church. Doctrines such as praying to saints, excluding lay people from scripture reading, purgatory, worship of images and relics, etc.,





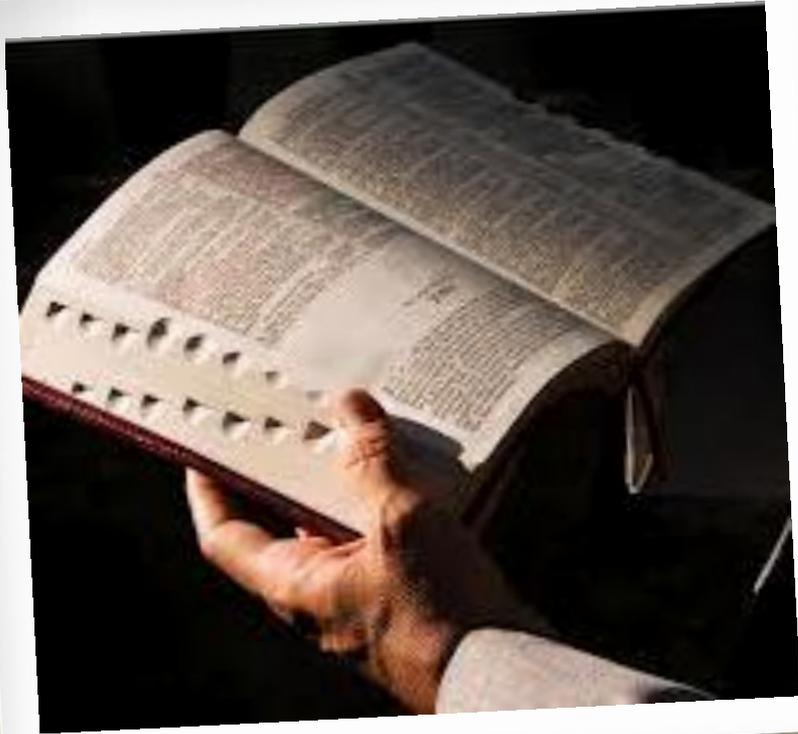
Sardis 1520-1750 A.D.

Dead Church

The Pagan doctrines of Rome gave birth to the reformation. The Reformation, which started out based in scripture, become part of the political landscape as nations and kings adopted the reformation to separate them from Roman Catholic domination.

The churches had a reputation of being alive but became political.





Philadelphia 1750-1906 A.D.

Missionary/Brotherly Love

The printing press allowed Bibles to be published in the languages of the common people. This allowed people to act on scripture. Out of the reformation movements, the missionary age was given birth. People went throughout the earth to spread the gospel. This movement continues today as the gospel is spread fulfilling Matthew 24:14





Laodicea 1906...

Lukewarm Church

This church which receives no Commendation. Christ is outside the church knocking on the door. This is when the Church has grown wealthy and self-sufficient not needing Christ, rejecting his doctrines. Christ is outside this church, this church feels they are wealthy but they are actually, poor, wretched and naked. Abortion rights, gay marriage, unbelief and biblical liberalism is a picture of this present church in our day.



YEAR	MOVEMENT	MAJOR TRUTH RESTORED	DENOMINATIONS FOUNDED
1500	PROTESTANT MOVEMENT	Salvation by Grace through Faith (Eph. 2:8-9)	Lutheran, Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Congregational
1600	EVANGELICAL MOVEMENT	Water Baptism, separation of church and state	Mennonite, Baptist, All fundamental-Evangelical Churches
1700	HOLINESS MOVEMENT	Sanctification, the Church set apart from the World	Methodist, Nazarene, Church of God, all Holiness Churches

YEAR	MOVEMENT	MAJOR TRUTHS RESTORED	DENOMINATIONS FOUNDED
1800	FAITH HEALING MOVEMENT	Divine physical healing in the atonement	Christian Missionary Alliance, Church of God
1900	PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT	Holy Spirit Baptism with unknown tongues	Assembly of God, United Pentecostal, Foursquare, Church of God in Christ
1950	LATTER RAIN MOVEMENT	Prophetic Presbytery, singing praises, and body of Christ membership ministries	Non-denomlnational churches
1950	DELIVERANCE EVANGELISM MOVEMENT	Evangelist ministry and mass evangelism reactivated with miraculous healings.	Independent churches and ministerial fellowships
1960	CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT	Renewal of all restored truth to all past movement churches. Pastors were restored to being sovereign head of their local churches	Charismatic churches and Charismatic groups within denominational churches

YEAR	MOVEMENT	MAJOR TRUTHS RESTORED	DENOMINATIONS FOUNDED
1970	FAITH MOVEMENT	Faith confessions, prosperity, and victorious attitude and life. Teacher ministry reestablished as a fivefold minister.	Faith and Word Churches
1980	PROPHETIC MOVEMENT	Personal Prophecy, activating gifts, warfare praise, prophets to nations. Prophet ministry restored and a company of prophets brought forth.	Prophetic churches and networks
1990	APOSTOLIC MOVEMENT	Apostolic Leadership, release of miracles, networking, great harvest. Apostle ministry restored to bring divine order, finalize restoration of fivefold ministers for full equipping of saints.	Apostolic churches and networks
20??	SAINTS MOVEMENT	Saints demonstrating the gospel of the Kingdom and reaping the harvest.	



**The Bride Makes Herself Ready as
the Harvest Comes to Maturity**