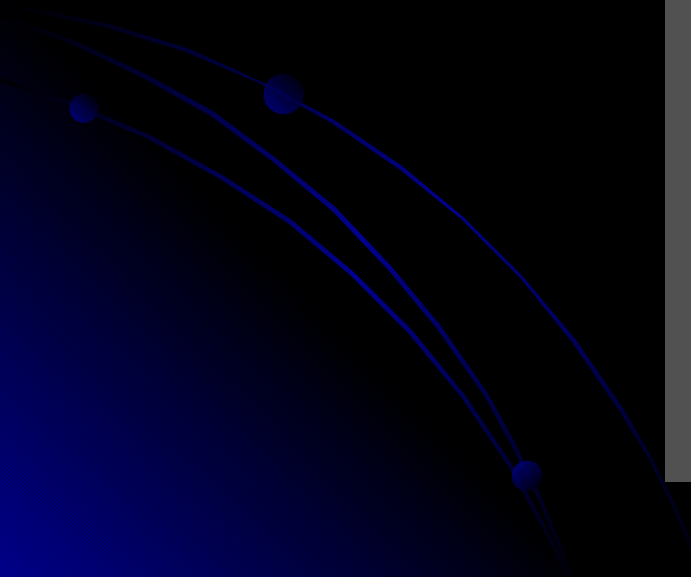




Church History

The Church from Acts
to Present

“What we will attempt to do.....2014 years in 26 min.”



“77.46 years a minute or
covering a speed of 28,292
days every minute.”



“earth is traveling 47.7 million miles per day or 83.1 million kilometers per day!”



“we will be traveling 13,495,28
miles per/ minute. (13 trillion, 495
billion, 28 million miles per
minute...)!”



We could think that we are going fast!

But in fact...it doesn't seem fast...that is my goal today...so sit back and enjoy!



Church History (His Story) 101

We must remember not only are we traveling fast, but we are traveling with blinders on.....horses have blinders so that they are not distracted....and when we are attempting to put into perspective the history of the church...we need to remember that we will absolutely not cover most of what happened...we will have to use broad strokes....we cannot hope to include all the wars...disasters....plagues deaths....and famous persons....



Church History (His Story) 101

The story of Jesus....you cannot tell the story of the church until you tell the story of Jesus..



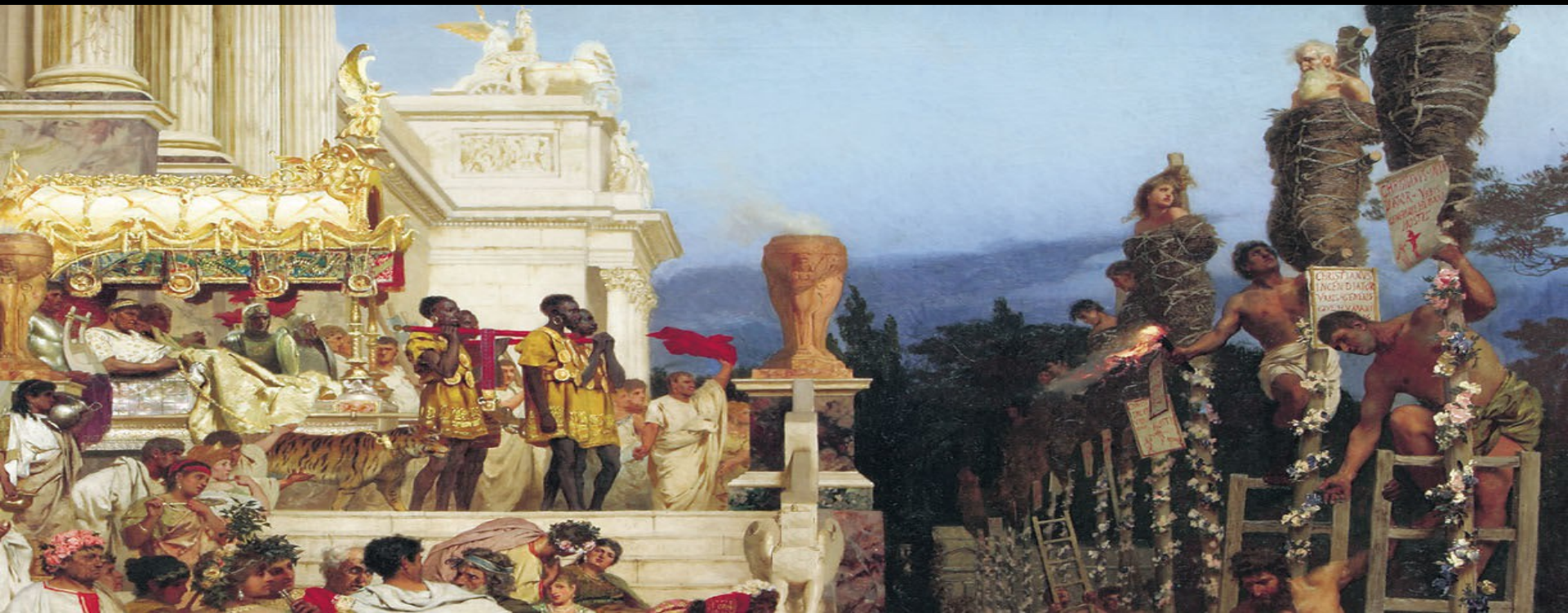
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***"Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears."
Acts 20:28-31***



Persecution under Nero-

"Rev. 2:8-11-And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, 'These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life: "I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death."



Constantine- 325 AD

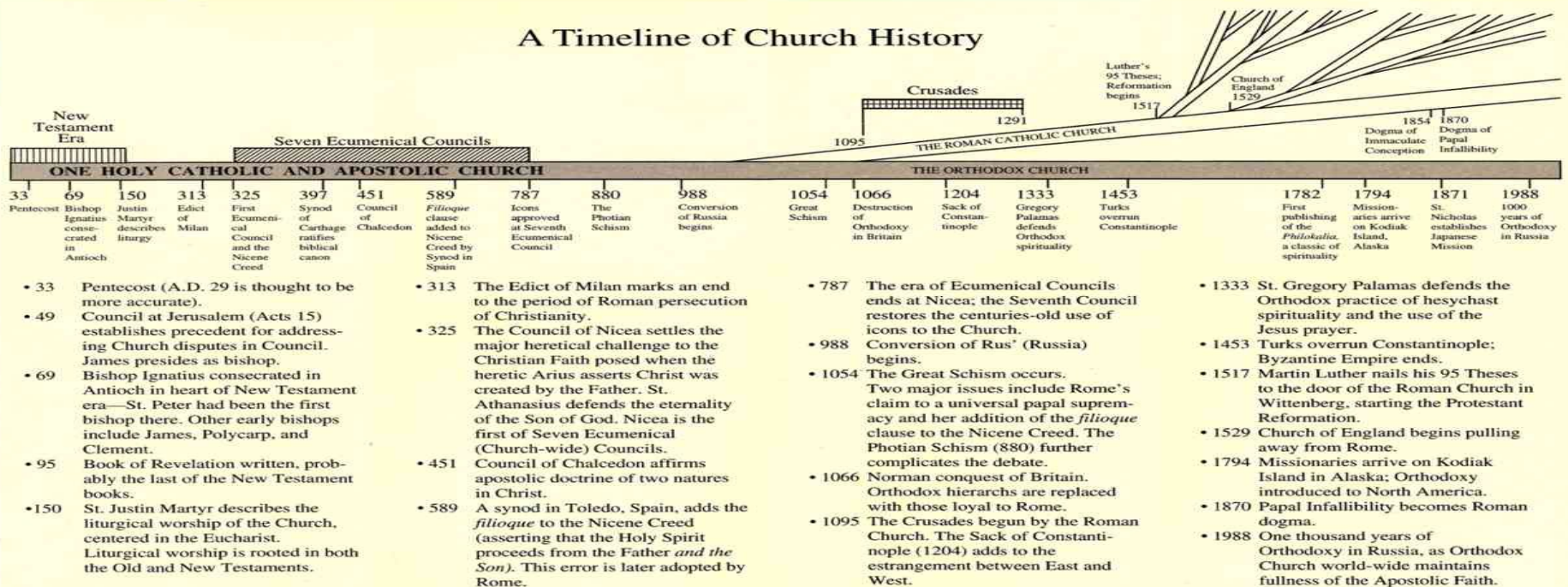
Emperor Constantine became sole emperor. His purpose, however, of abolishing the ancient religion of the Romans, and of tolerating only the Christian religion, he did not disclose till a little before his death, when he published his edicts for pulling down the pagan temples and abolishing the sacrifices. The sign of the cross, which Constantine most solemnly affirmed he saw in the heavens, near midday with the inscription, In hoc signo vinces ("By this sign thou shalt conquer")



Constantine- 325 AD

Emperor Constantine began the job of integrating “The Kingdom of God on earth.... 'Thy Kingdom come” ...it was a time of the thought that the King and organized church was doing what King David and Solomon and all those godly kings did...rule with the church being the prophetic voice.....

A Timeline of Church History



- 33 Pentecost (A.D. 29 is thought to be more accurate).
- 49 Council at Jerusalem (Acts 15) establishes precedent for addressing Church disputes in Council. James presides as bishop.
- 69 Bishop Ignatius consecrated in Antioch in heart of New Testament era—St. Peter had been the first bishop there. Other early bishops include James, Polycarp, and Clement.
- 95 Book of Revelation written, probably the last of the New Testament books.
- 150 St. Justin Martyr describes the liturgical worship of the Church, centered in the Eucharist. Liturgical worship is rooted in both the Old and New Testaments.

- 313 The Edict of Milan marks an end to the period of Roman persecution of Christianity.
- 325 The Council of Nicea settles the major heretical challenge to the Christian Faith posed when the heretic Arius asserts Christ was created by the Father. St. Athanasius defends the eternity of the Son of God. Nicea is the first of Seven Ecumenical (Church-wide) Councils.
- 451 Council of Chalcedon affirms apostolic doctrine of two natures in Christ.
- 589 A synod in Toledo, Spain, adds the *filioque* to the Nicene Creed (asserting that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father *and the Son*). This error is later adopted by Rome.

- 787 The era of Ecumenical Councils ends at Nicea; the Seventh Council restores the centuries-old use of icons to the Church.
- 988 Conversion of Rus' (Russia) begins.
- 1054 The Great Schism occurs. Two major issues include Rome's claim to a universal papal supremacy and her addition of the *filioque* clause to the Nicene Creed. The Photian Schism (880) further complicates the debate.
- 1066 Norman conquest of Britain. Orthodox hierarchs are replaced with those loyal to Rome.
- 1095 The Crusades begun by the Roman Church. The Sack of Constantinople (1204) adds to the estrangement between East and West.

- 1333 St. Gregory Palamas defends the Orthodox practice of hesychast spirituality and the use of the Jesus prayer.
- 1453 Turks overrun Constantinople; Byzantine Empire ends.
- 1517 Martin Luther nails his 95 Theses to the door of the Roman Church in Wittenberg, starting the Protestant Reformation.
- 1529 Church of England begins pulling away from Rome.
- 1794 Missionaries arrive on Kodiak Island in Alaska; Orthodoxy introduced to North America.
- 1870 Papal Infallibility becomes Roman dogma.
- 1988 One thousand years of Orthodoxy in Russia, as Orthodox Church world-wide maintains fullness of the Apostolic Faith.

632 AD. -Conquest by Islam


In 613 AD, Muhammad began declaring that he was receiving messages from God, that he was a prophet in the same line of prophets as Jesus and Moses. At first the Pagan Arabs were tolerant and even curious about this new "prophet". It was not until Muhammad began insulting the traditional Pagan deities and insisting that the Pagan Arabs and their ancestors will burn in hell for eternity for worshipping false gods that they began to regard Muhammad and his followers with disdain. (Ibn Ishaq pg. 167) The Pagan Arabs placed a trade embargo on them, ridiculed Muhammad in public, and some of the slaves that had begun to follow Muhammad were beaten by their Pagan masters. To escape this persecution, Muhammad and his followers fled from Mecca to Medina in 622 AD, where they were welcomed by the local Pagan and Jewish tribes there.



632 AD. -Conquest by Islam

This conquest of the lands was accomplished much by force. This army moved forward and used the system of forced conversion...only those who confessed in Allah were permitted to live. Thus this conquest was more than just about lands...it was also about installing a new system of worship. By 750 AD the entire Mediterranean basin was under Islamic rule.



 *The Spread of Islam. The rapid spread of Islam created within a century a unified cultural and economic zone from India to the Atlantic Ocean within.*

800 AD- Pope Leo X crowns Charlemagne

Mt. 16:18-19 best explanation is that the church will be built, not on an ecclesiastical position, but on Peter's confession regarding Christ's divinity. "He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."



1095 Rise of Monasticism-

Roman Catholic Church experienced a reformation through monasticism. This was the time of the Crusades, beginning in 1095 and lasting for several centuries. As a response to the rise of the "bourgeoisie" or the city people with money who were involved in commerce, cities grew, and new monastic orders arose. The most important were the Franciscans and Dominicans. They supported themselves through begging. They brought about a new awakening in missionary work and penetrated the universities where they were the leaders of "scholastic" theology. Important figures were Bonaventure (Franciscan) and Thomas Aquinas (Dominican).



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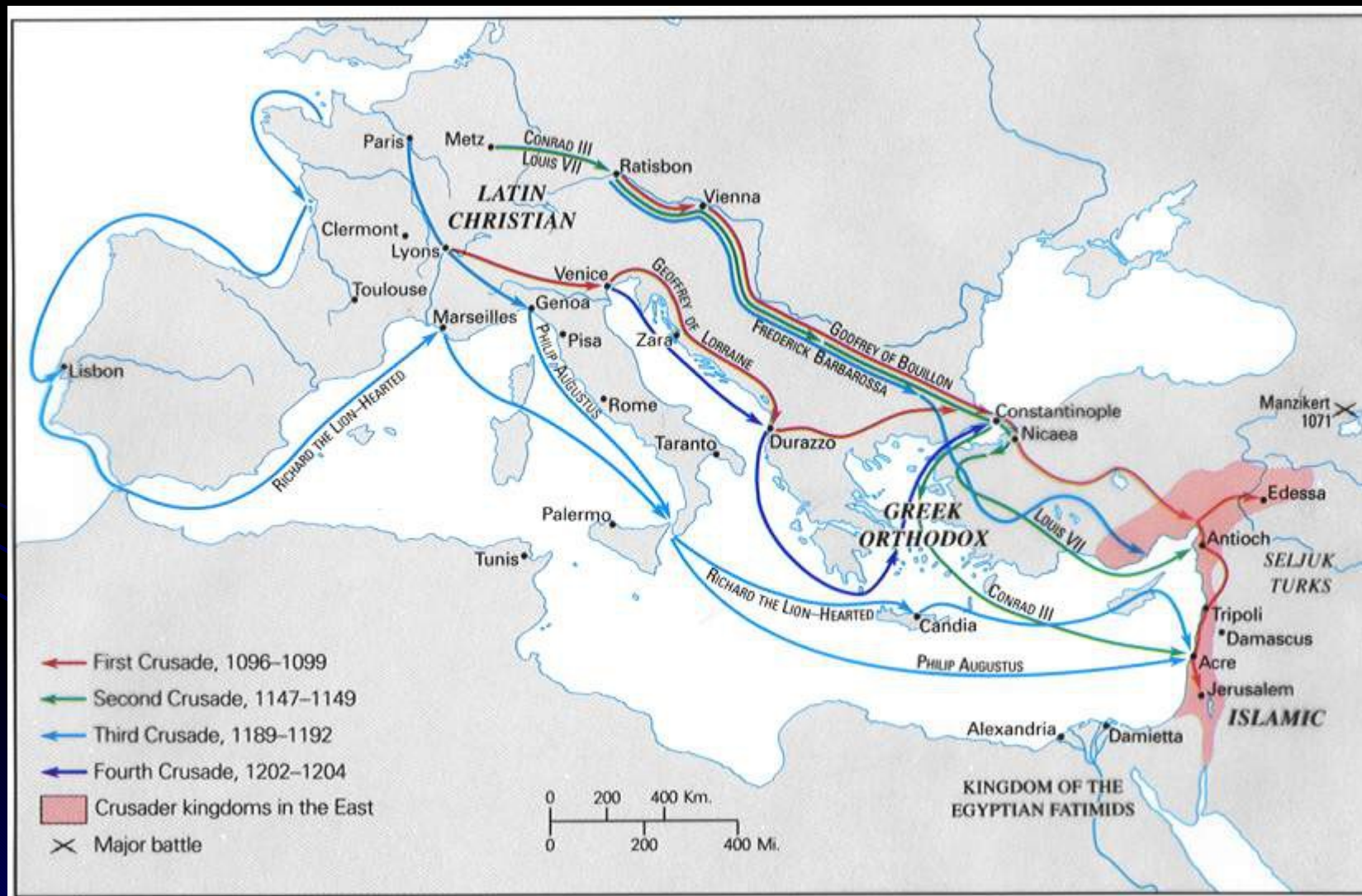
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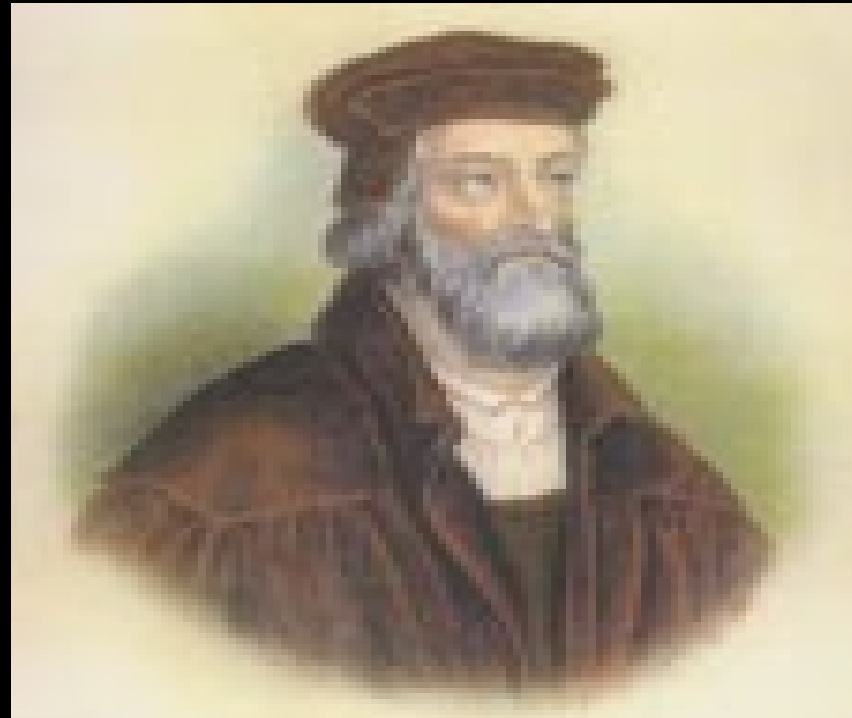


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With the help of his followers, called the Lollards, and his assistant Purvey, and many other faithful scribes, Wycliffe produced dozens of English language manuscript copies of the scriptures. They were translated out of the Latin Vulgate, which was the only source text available to Wycliffe. The Pope was so infuriated by his teachings and his translation of the Bible into English, that 44 years after Wycliffe had died, he ordered the bones to be dug-up, crushed, and scattered in the river!



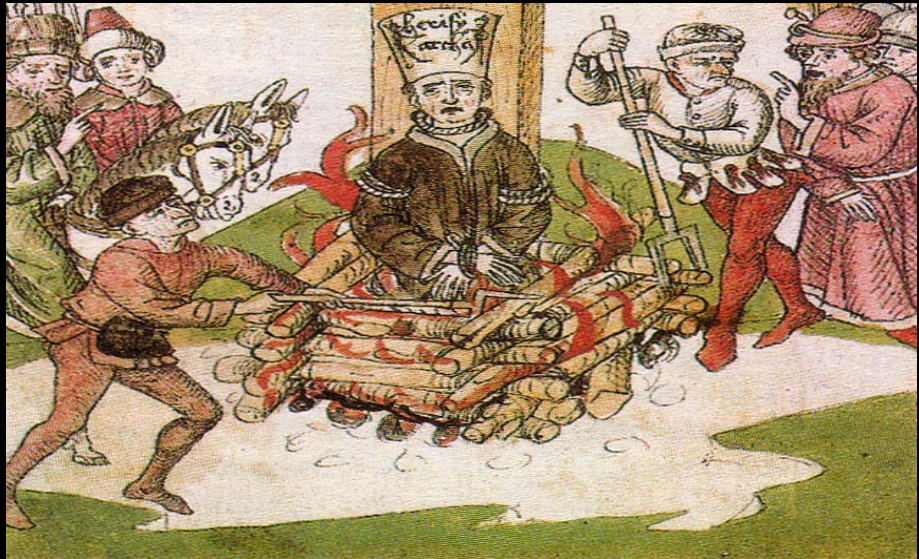
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The Council of Constance was convened in 1414, and he was summoned before it, to answer to the charges brought against him, having been promised the safe conduct, or passport of the Emperor Sigismund. But the Emperor proved false to his word, and the council was determined to condemn him. He was declared a heretic, given the opportunity to recant and sentenced to be burned at the stake. On the 6th day of July, 1415, he was led forth and burned at the stake.



1517 AD Martin Luther- Protestant Reformation

Martin Luther lived a life as a monk, but was constantly plagued with fear of death. Then following a trip to Rome where he saw the folly of trusting in religious works, He prayed and asked God to speak to him. Romans 1:16-17 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."



1517 AD Martin Luther- Protestant Reformation

Martin Luther nailed his famous 95 Theses of Contention (a list of 95 issues of heretical theology and crimes of the Roman Catholic Church) into the church door at Wittenberg. The prophecy of Hus had come true! Martin Luther went on to be the first person to translate and publish the Bible in the commonly-spoken dialect of the German people; a translation more appealing than previous German Biblical translations. Foxe's Book of Martyrs records that in that same year, 1517, seven people were burned at the stake by the Roman Catholic Church for the crime of teaching their children to say the Lord's Prayer in English rather than Latin.



1450 AD. The Printing Press-

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1714-1770 AD

Dec. 27, 1714 – Sept.30, 1770, also known as George Whitfield, was an English Anglican preacher who helped spread the Great Awakening in Britain, and especially in the American colonies. Born in Gloucester, England, he attended Pembroke College, Oxford, where he met the Wesley brothers. He was one of the founders of Methodism and of the evangelical movement generally. 1740, Whitefield travelled to America where he preached a series of revivals that came to be known as the "Great Awakening".



-1776 AD

The First shots fired in the US colonies...rebelling against rule by Britain...



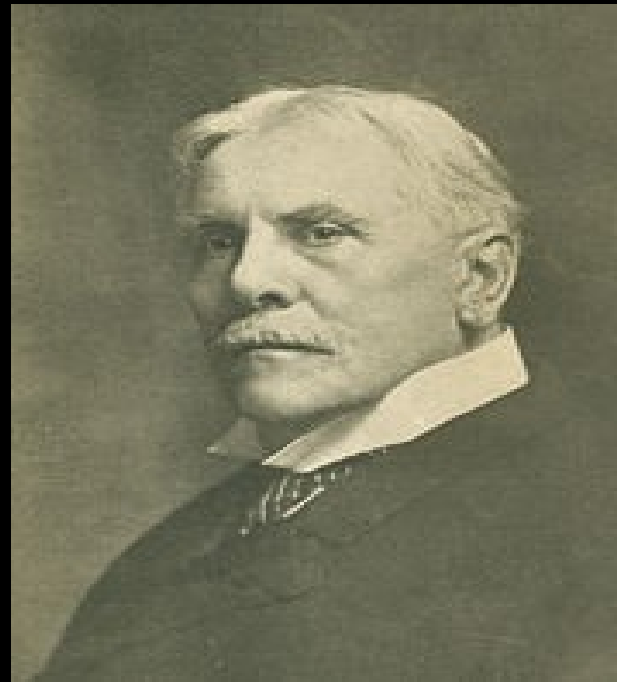
1820's- The Rise of the Plymouth Brethren Assembly

In the 1820's there arose a dissatisfaction about the role of the church....In England...being clergy was almost associated with those that were privileged...the Royal treasury paid the clergy...for the Anglican church was indeed an extension of the government...taxes paid to the King were then re-directed to the church which in turn paid the clergy....a house was established for the purpose of the clergy called the manse...and each clergy was answerable to their senior bishop....JN Darby was a curate in the church of England....and realized that there might be a simpler way to go about 'doing church'began to meet simply....around a table with the cup and the bread....



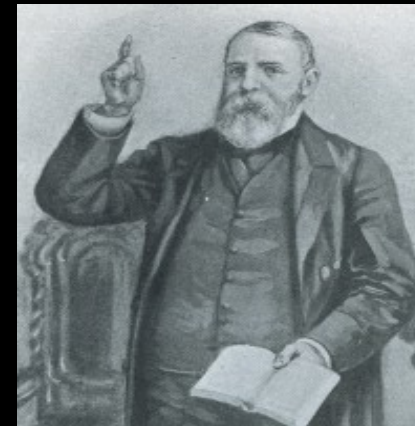
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While the 1820's there also arose a great missionary thrust and many new missionaries were sent out. (Hudson Taylor...China Inland Mission)....As Canada was emerging as a nation, to enjoy confederation at 1867 ...these new churches were planted....each one without direct control by a central office....each of the churches had an evangelical thrust built upon the belief in the 'soon coming of Christ' for His church in the rapture. A lawyer by the name of Scofield was saved and his notes became a popular study Bible....



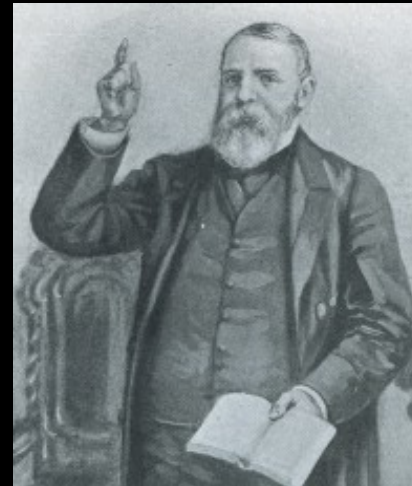
1830-70's- The Rise of the DL Moody

"I determined to speak to him about Christ and about his soul," says Mr. Kimball, "and started down to Holton's shoe store. When I was nearly there I began to wonder whether I ought to go in just then during business hours. I thought that possibly my call might embarrass the boy, and that when I went away the other clerks would ask who I was, and taunt him with my efforts in trying to make him a good boy. In the meantime I had passed the store, and discovering this, I determined to make a dash for it and have it over at once. I found Moody in the back part of the building wrapping up shoes. I went up to him at once, and putting my hand on his shoulder, I made what I afterward thought was a very weak plea for Christ. I don't know just what words I used, nor could Mr. Moody tell. I simply told him of Christ's love for him and the love Christ wanted in return. That was all there was. It seemed the young man was just ready for the light that then broke upon him, and there, in the back of the store in Boston, he gave himself and his life to Christ."



1830-70's- The Rise of the DL Moody

"Following the Chicago Fire, which destroyed Moody's church, it was soon rebuilt in Chicago, thousands of Sunday School scholars contributing five cents each to place a brick in the new edifice. Desiring to learn more of the Scriptures from English Bible students, Moody visited England again in 1872. He did not expect to hold any meetings during this visit, but he accepted an invitation to preach at the Sunday morning and evening service at Arundel Square Congregational Church in the North part of London. In the evening the power of the Spirit seemed to fall upon the congregation, and the inquiry room was crowded with persons seeking salvation. Next day he went to Dublin, Ireland, but an urgent telegram called him back to continue his meetings at the North London Church. He continued there for ten days and four hundred persons were added to the church. He was invited to Dublin and Newcastle but decided not to go at that time, and he returned to America.



1963- BFA starts



1974-New Building, former TTCS



The Church-a field, a building, a bride!

1 Cor. 3:9-17 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.¹⁰ According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.¹¹ For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.¹² Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,¹³ each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.¹⁴ If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.
¹⁶ Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?¹⁷ If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

Growth of BFA

When the church is on fire...the whole city will come to watch it burn!



"Starts With Me"

What could I do to leave a legacy?
How can I speak with authority
When I can't see You, I can't see You
How can I know the dreams You have for me?
How can I believe beyond what I have seen?
When I can't hear You, I can't feel You now
No, no, no

[Chorus:]

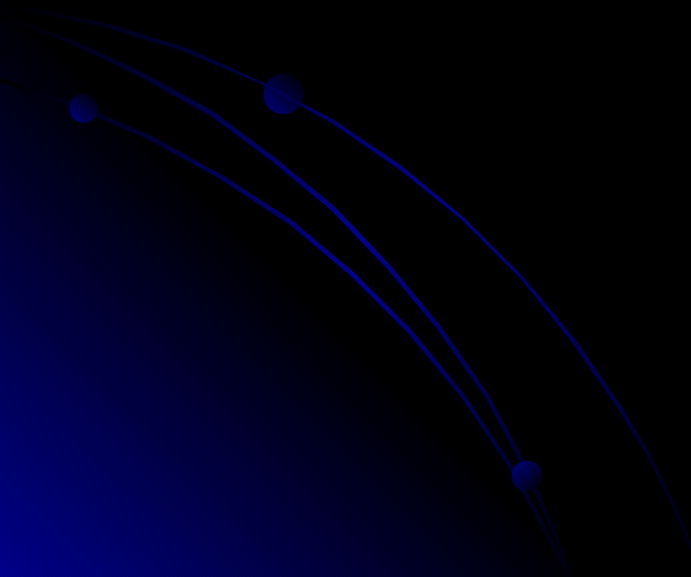
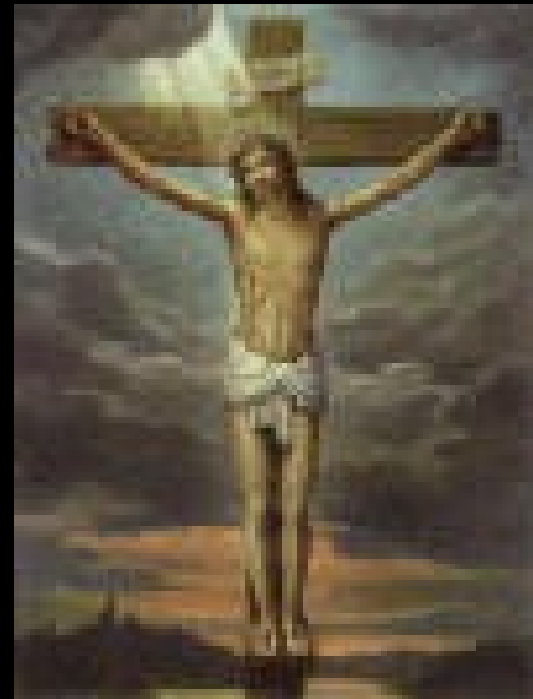
You're my revival song, You start where I belong
On my knees, on my knees
When I am weak or strong You meet me here
When I'm on my knees, on my knees
Oh, it starts with me

Why do I try to work outside of You?
Knocking down doors I should be going through
But I'm so tired, I'm so tired
You take my burdens off of my shoulders
You break the lies that hold me back
I'm not sure enough

I really wanna change the world
I really wanna sing Your song
But I know revival's got to start with me
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The Priority of the Cross

Galatians 6:14 But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.



“Teamwork” –(we are not an island)

