



# The Christian CENTURIES

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### Contemporary Events

**63 BC to AD 66 Israel ruled by Rome.**

14 Augustus dies.

14-37 Tiberius Caesar.

22-220 Later Han Dynasty, China.

37-41 Gaius Caligula.

41-54 Claudius Caesar.

43 Rome conquers Southern Britain, London founded.

47 Birth of Plutarch.

50 Gothic kingdom set up on Lower Vistoula.

**54-68 Emperor Nero.**

**64 Burning of Rome.**

**66-73 Jewish-Roman War.** Holy Land Christians refuse to join nationalist movement.

69-79 Vespasian.

**70 Jerusalem destroyed.**

**73 Fall of Masada.**

79-81 Titus.

**79 Vesuvius erupts.**

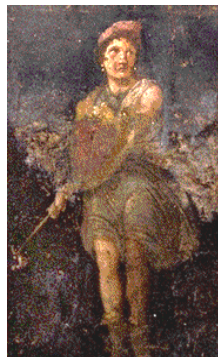
81-96 Domitian.

90 *Birkat ha-Minim*: ritual Jewish curse against Christians and other "heretics."

96-8 Nerva.

98-117 Trajan.

Painting from Pompeii



### The Church



**33 Death & resurrection of Jesus.**

**34 Conversion of Saul of Tarsus.**

34-37 Paul in Damascus/Arabia.

44 James son of Zebedee martyred.

47 Paul's missionary journeys begin.

48 **Jews no longer majority of Christian believers.**

49 Jews in Rome riot against Jewish believers; expelled from city.

50 Jerusalem Council.

50-66 Paul's letters: Mystery of marriage has "reference to Christ and the church."

56 Paul's arrest in Jerusalem.

59-60 Paul sails to Roman imprisonment. *Acts* written.

60 Matthew martyred.

63,64 *1 & 2 Peter* written.

**64 Nero persecutes Christians in Rome, martyrdom of Peter.**

67 Paul beheaded in Rome, Linus becomes bishop of Rome.

80-90 Christians slandered & persecuted in province of Asia (Rev 2.9; 3.9).

88-97 Clement bishop of Rome.

96 Persecution under Domitian.

Book of Revelation: "the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready."

**100 Elkesaites appear. Death of John & Clement of Rome?** Approximate time of *Didache*, *Odes of Solomon*.




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Contemporary Events		The Church	
116-17	Jewish uprisings in Egypt, Cyrenaica, Mesopotamia, Cyprus and Palestine.	111	Trajan's letter to Pliny the Younger.
117-38	Hadrian.	117	Ignatius' letters emphasizing authority of local bishop; his martyrdom in Rome.
132-35	Bar Cochba Revolt; Jewish followers of Jesus once again refuse to join rebellion.	115-120	Christian worship shifts from Sabbath to first day of week.
135	Jews expelled from Jerusalem. Separation of Christians from their Jewish heritage essentially complete.	130	<i>Epistle of Barnabas</i> .
138-61	Antonius Pius.	144	Elements of Gnostic philosophy flood the Church. Marcion excommunicated, begins sect.
160	<i>Description Of Greece</i> , in which Pausanias describes water purifications at the sanctuary of Trophonios.	150	<i>Shepherd of Hermas</i> : Church appears in 4th vision "adorned as if ... from the bridal chamber." Marcionists reject the OT. Justin Martyr's <i>Apology</i> . Fathers begin to interpret John 3.5 as teaching new birth through baptism, as in <i>Hermas</i> 3.9.16. Polycarp Martyred.
160-165	"Plague of Galen": Epidemic sweeps Roman Empire killing 25-33% of the population.	160	Persecution in Rome, Gaul & Africa. Justin Martyr: Christians are "true spiritual Israel."
161-80	 Marcus Aurelius.	165	Justin Martyr beheaded.
189	Recurrence of plague.	170	Persecution under Marcus Aurelius. Theophilus of Antioch refers to "laver of regeneration."
193-211	Septimus Severus (sə-'vīr-əs), Emperor of Rome.	175	Montanism begins in Phrygia.
200	Emperor Severus forbids religious conversion to Judaism.	177	Martyrdoms at Lyon; Irenaeus becomes Bishop.
		185	Irenaeus <i>Against Heresies</i> .
		190	Adoptionist error appears.
		195	Irenaeus martyred.
		196	No Jewish representatives attend Council of Caesarea.
		200	Fathers begin to use Latin word <i>sacramentum</i> to translate the Greek <i>mysterion</i> . <b>Emergence of infant baptism.</b> "The Bishop of Rome gains his predominant position as pope."



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- 208 Silk Road closed for 1,000 years. Northern Wall across Scotland.
- 211-17 Caracalla.
- 211-12 Geta.
- 217-18 Macrinus.
- 218-22 Heliogabalus.
- 222-35 Alexander Severus.
- 235-38 Maximus.
- 238 Gordianus I
- 238 Gordianus II
- 238 Balbinus & Pupienis.
- 238-44 Gordianus III.
- 244-49 Philip the Arabian.
- 249-51 Decius.
- 250 First Gothic invasion.
- 251-53 Gallus.
- 251 Violent epidemic; at its height 5,000 per day die in Rome.
- 253 Aemilianus.
- 253-60 Valerian.
- 260-68 Gallienus.
- 268-70 Claudius II.
- 270-75 Aurelian.
- 275-76 Tacitus.
- 276-82 Probus.
- 282-83 Carus.
- 283-85 Carinus & Numerianus.
- 284-305 Diocletian.
- 286-305 Maximian.



### The Church

- 202 Perpetua & Felicitas martyred.
- 204 Hippolytus *On Daniel*: Susanna is “Bride of Christ, persecuted by ... Jews and pagans.”
- 207 Non-Christian seekers attend church services during years without persecution. Tertullian joins the Montanists.
- 220 Tertullian writes, “Unless one is born of water, he hath not life.”
- 226 Origen refers to baptism as Christian circumcision.
- 230 Hippolytus, *A Treatise On The Song Of Songs*.
- 234 Origen refers to “mystery of baptism.”
- 240 Origen: infants are baptized because of an “innate defilement” from preexistence.
- 246-250 Origen’s *Against Celsus*, calls Jews “most wicked nation,” but “Christians are the spiritual Israel.” Origen’s *Commentarium in Canticum canticorum*.
- 250 Cyprian says remission in baptism is “for the sins of another.” Syriac *Didascalia Apostolorum*: Church is “Bride adorned for the Lord God.”
- 250-60 Persecution under Decius.
- 251-356 **Antony of Egypt.**
- 254 Origen dies from effects of torture inflicted under Decius.
- 255 **Stephen, Bishop of Rome, claims special authority derived from Peter.**
- 258 Cyprian martyred. Increasing veneration of martyrs.
- 276 “Crucifixion of Mani.”
- 286 Persecution under Diocletian.
- 300-500 Donatist “reform party.”




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Contemporary Events	The Church
306-37 Rule of Constantine the Great.	303 Edict of Diocletian starts last
312 Constantine “converted.”	persecution of Christians in
313 Edict of Milan proclaimed toleration for both Christian & pagan subjects.	Rome. Basilica architecture emphasizes distinction between clergy and lay people.
315 Bishops encourage believers to seek the intercession of martyrs in times of need.	320 Pachomius settles in abandoned village on the Nile.
321 Constantine makes first day of the week a holiday, naming it “the venerable day of the Sun.”	325 <b>Council of Nicaea.</b>
330 Constantinople erected.	326-27 Helena’s Holy Land pilgrimage. Easter becomes week-long festival
337 Constantine dies.	336 First mention of December 25 Christmas festival.
339 Converting to Judaism becomes criminal offense.	337-345 Aphrahat: bishops are “Betrothers’ of the Bride adorned,” “let us prepare our dowry.”
341 Decree of Constantius outlaws pagan sacrifice.	365 Marriage of Christ & Church in hymns of Ephrem the Syrian.
360 Codices replace scrolls as parchment (then paper) becomes more common and Christianity fuels the demand for longer books.	366-84 Pope Damasus “first to refer consistently to church of Rome as the ‘Apostolic See’; addresses [other bishops] as ‘sons’ rather than as ‘brothers’.”
363 Balls of fire keep Julian the Apostate from restoring Jerusalem temple.	366-384 Ambrosiaster: all sinned “in Adam as though in a lump.”
375 Gratian renounces title of Pontifex Maximus.	370 Gregory of Elvira: <i>Explanation Of The Song Of Songs.</i>
380 Decree of Theodosius establishes Nicene Christianity as official religion of the Empire.	380 Ambrose excuses burning of a synagogue. Approx. end date for early Messianic Judaism.
391 Telemachus Almachius dies in the arena.	Gregory of Nyssa, <i>Homilies On The Song Of Songs.</i>
	381 <i>Nicene Creed:</i> “... one baptism unto the remission of sins.”
Theodosius I outlaws paganism.	382 First use of word “inquisitor.”
395 Roman Empire divided permanently.	382-405 Jerome: <i>Latin Vulgate.</i>
395-423 Honorius (ō-’nō-rē-əs), Western Emperor.	385 <b>Emperor Maximus executes Priscillian for heresy.</b>
	386-387 Chrysostom’s “Homilies Against The Jews.”
	387 Conversion of Augustine.



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### Contemporary Events

- 406 Vandals invade Gaul, cross to Africa.
- 407 Roman armies withdraw from Britain to defend Rome.
- 410 Rome sacked by Alaric's (al'arik) Goths: **The Fall of Rome & the beginning of the Dark Ages.** "Beginnings of alchemy with the search for **Philosopher's Stone** and Elixir of Life as chief objects."
- 433 Attila the Hun desolates northern Asia & Europe.
- 449 First Teuton tribes invade Britain under Hengst (hen'gist) & Horsa: **English history begins**, English language comes to Britain.
- 452 Attila invades Italy, spares Rome.
- 453 Attila dies.
- 455 **Gaiserik sacks Rome.** Pope Leo persuades the Vandal king to spare church buildings.
- 470 Maya city civilization rises in southern Mexico.
- 476 Odoacer deposes Romulus Augustulus; end of Western Roman Empire, Rome no longer capital except of church.
- 481 Clovis, King of the Franks, starts kingdom of France.
  
- 493-526 Theodoric (thee odd'oh rik) the Great, Ostrogoth (oss'truh goth) King of Italy.
- 496 "Conversion" of Clovis.

### The Church

- 405-410 **History of the Monks of Egypt.**
- 409 Pelagian Controversy begins.
- 411 St. Augustine's *City of God*. Aponius, *Exposition Of Song Of Songs*.
- 420 Jerome dies in Bethlehem. Nilus of Ancyra, *Commentary On The Song Of Songs*. Cyril of Alexandria, *Commentary On The Song Of Songs*.
- 423-429  Simeon "Stylites" lives atop a 50-foot pillar in Antioch.
- 430 Augustine of Hippo dies. Julian Of Eclanum, *Commentary On Song Of Songs*.
- 431 Council of Ephesus condemns Nestorius.
- 432 Patrick preaches in Ireland.
- 440-461 Leo the Great **"set out more clearly than any before him the concept that the papacy was Peter's own office."**
- 449 Ephesus II upholds Eutychian "absorption" ideas.
- 450 Theodoret of Cyr, *Commentary On The Song Of Songs*.
- 484 Excommunication of Patriarch Acacius of Constantinople: first schism between the Western and Eastern Churches.
- 491 "The Armenian Church secedes from Byzantium and Rome," (See Grun's *Timetables*).
- 492-496 Pope Gelasius (juh lay'shi us) **I sets papacy above secular rule.** Produces Missal: "book of prayers, chants, and instructions for the celebration of Mass," (Grun).
- 500 "Incense is introduced to Christian church service," (Grun).



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Contemporary Events		The Church	
510	Clovis founds Paris.	519	“End of the first schism” between Eastern and Western church, (Grun).
526	Justinian temporarily reconquers Italy.	526	“Benedict of Nursia organized western monasticism,” (Hutchinson’s <i>20 Centuries of Christianity</i> ).
532	Building of St. Sophia Basilica begun in Constantinople.	540	“Cassiodorus founds the great Monastery of Vivarium,” (Grun).
533	Justinian’s Code of Roman Law issued in Constantinople.	543	Justinian condemns the writings of Origen.
537	“Arthur, king of the Britons, killed in the Battle of Camlan; semilegendary,” (Grun).	550	St. David converts Wales to Christianity, (Grun). “Church bells used in France,” (Grun).
543	“Disastrous earthquakes shake the entire world,” (Grun).	551	Council of Constantinople (anti-Nestorian), 5 <sup>th</sup> ecumenical council.
550	“Beginnings of chess game in India,” (Grun)	563	Picts (Scotland) receive Christianity through St. Columba who also teaches the already professing Scots.
568	Arian Lombards arrive in Italy.	573	Gregory prefect of Rome.
570	<b>Birth of Mohammed.</b>	585	Gregory, <i>Commentary On The Song Of Songs</i> . Leander of Seville, <i>Homily On The Triumph Of The Church</i> .
590	The plague in Rome.	587	Visigoths in Spain being converted to Christianity, (Grun).
594	“End of the plague which began in 542 and halved the population of Europe,” (Grun).	589	Visigoths abandon Arianism. Third Council of Toledo adds “Filioque” to Nicene Creed. “Lombards converted to Roman Catholicism,” (Grun).
613-17	Persians conquer Syria, Pales-	590-604	<b>Pope Gregory the Great.</b>
		596	Gregory sends St. Augustine to the English whose chiefs adopt Christianity.
		600	Pope Gregory seeks peaceful conversion of the Jews, introduces picture books for illiterates to replace the Bible, and writes a manual on the duties of the clergy, (Grun).



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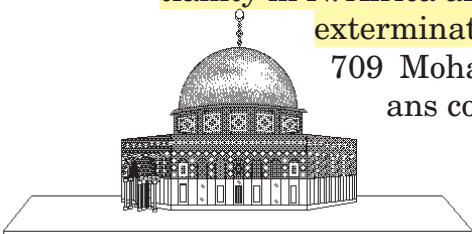
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### Contemporary Events

- tine, Egypt and most of Western Asia.
- 615 “Burning water’ (petroleum) used in Japan” (Grun).
- 622 **The Hegira of Mohammed** (his flight to Medina); Mohammedan calendar begins.
- 632 “Mohammed dies. Medina becomes the seat of the first Caliph, Abu Bekr, who succeeds his son-in-law Mohammed. “Buddhism becomes state religion in Tibet” (Grun).
- 634 Omar conquers Syria, founding the Mohammedan empire.
- 680 Battle of Karbala, death of Muhammad’s grandson, Husayn ibn Ali; **split between Shia and Sunni branches of Islam.**
- 642 The whole Persian empire won by the Mohammedans in the battle of Nehavend.
- 650 “Caliph Othman puts Mohammed’s teachings (**Qur’an**) into 114 chapters” (Grun).
- 673 First siege of Constantinople by the Mohammedans (who were defeated).
- 691 **Caliph Abd el Malik Ben Merwan completes the Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.**
- 700 Arabs conquer Algiers; **Christianity in N. Africa almost exterminated.**

709 Mohammedans complete



### The Church

- 600-1400 The Church considered the **Bride of Christ**, but Saints and Religious thought of as nearest to the Bridegroom.
- 607 Boniface III
- 610 “First record of the use of episcopal rings” (Grun).
- 622 Monothelite controversy.
- 628 “Emperor Heraclius wins back the Cross of Christ that the Persians carried off” (Grun).
- 633 **Churches of Jerusalem, Antioch and Alexandria lost to Mohammedans.**
- 636 “Southern Irish Church submits to Roman Catholicism” (Grun).
- 640 **Christianity introduced into China.**
- 653 Conversion of Constantine Silvanus.
- 660 Lombards abandon Arianism.
- 664 Synod of Whitby confirms Romanization of British Christianity.
- 672-735 Bede the Venerable, together with Caedmon (kad´mun), originates English literature.
- 680 Sixth Council of Constantinople condemns the Monothelites.
- 692 “The Quinisext Council at Constantinople, not recognized by Rome, settles the Biblical canon of the Eastern Church” (Grun).
- 697 Northern Irish church submits to Roman Catholicism.
- 700 “The Psalms translated into Anglo-Saxon. Easter eggs come into use among Christians” (Grun).



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Contemporary Events	The Church
<p>conquest of North Africa; attack Europe from Gibraltar Strait.</p>	<p>710 <i>Bede, In Cantica canticoru.</i></p>
<p>711 <b>Mohammedans conquer Spain</b> at battle of Guadalete.</p>	<p>716 Winfred (Boniface) begins his missionary travels.</p>
<p>715 Charles Martel becomes leader of the Franks and extends their power through Germany.</p>	<p>718 “Winfred (Boniface) began mission to Germany” (Hutchinson).</p>
<p>717-18 2nd major attack of Mohammedans on Constantinople.</p>	<p>725 Boniface fells the Donar oak, thus destroying the old Germanic heathen beliefs (Grun).</p>
<p>719-20 <b>First action against icons by Muslims.</b></p>	<p>726 <b>Iconoclastic Controversy begins.</b></p>
<p>732 Charles Martel stops the European advance of the Mohammedans at the Battle of Tours (Poitiers).</p>	<p>731 Venerable Bede, <i>Ecclesiastical History of the English Nation.</i></p>
<p>750 “St. Vitus’ dance epidemics in Germany. Beds become popular in France and Germany” (Grun).</p>	<p>754 Pepin invades Italy to help Pope Stephen against the Lombards.</p>
<p>751 Pepin, son of Charles Martel, made king of the Franks and extends their kingdom.</p>	<p>St. Boniface murdered.</p>
<p>762 <b>Baghdad made the Mohammedan capital by Sultan Al Mansur. Mohammedan schools become the world’s centers of learning, especially in Cordova, Spain.</b></p>	<p>756 The Pope’s earthly kingdom begins under Pepin’s protection.</p> <p>770 Celtic devotional texts include the “<b>Litany of the Virgin and All Saints,</b>” with the concluding lines: “<b>That we may not forsake the pure wedlock and marriage of our husband and noble bridegroom, Jesus Christ, Son of the King of heaven and earth ....</b>”</p>
<p>768 Charlemagne, son of Pepin, becomes king of the Franks.</p>	<p>787 Seventh Council of Nicaea regulates image worship.</p>
<p>774-805 Charlemagne conquers Lombardy for the Pope, and soon brings Saxon and German tribes under his rule.</p>	<p>797 Charlemagne condemns image worship at the Synod of Frankfurt.</p>
<p>790 Golden age of Baghdad.</p>	<p>800 Pope Leo III separates from the Eastern Empire and becomes supreme bishop of the West.</p>
<p>800 <b>Charlemagne crowned at Rome as “Emperor of the West,”</b> begins a new empire and Teutonic civilization.</p>	







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Contemporary Events		The Church	
801	Charlemagne founds schools.	813	“The Synod of Mainz decrees four days public Christmas celebrations” (Grun).
808	Northmen begin piratic raids on the new empire.		
814	Death of Charlemagne and confusion of his empire.	832	“Persecution of the image worshipers in the Eastern Empire” (Grun).
829	Seven, small British kingdoms form “Heptarchy” under Egbert, King of Wessex.	840	“Paschasius Radbertus, Abbot of Corbey, father of the doctrine of transubstantiation” (Grun).
843	Treaty of Verdun divides Charlemagne’s empire into three parts, separating France, Germany & Lorraine.	843	<b>Iconoclastic Controversy ends.</b>
843	<b>The Feudal System develops in Europe.</b>		
844	Kenneth unites Scotland under his rule.	858-67	“Pope Nicholas I” (Hutchinson).
845	Northmen plunder Hamburg and Paris.	858-67	Photius, Patriarch of Constantinople.
846	<b>Mohammedans, now called Saracens, besiege Rome with their navy.</b>	860	“The False Decretals forged to defend the rights of diocesan bishops against their metropolitans and to claim early authority for papal supremacy” (Grun).
860	Danish kingdom united by Gorm.	862	Rostislav, ruler of Moravia, asks the Byzantine Emperor to send missionaries to his country (Grun).
861	“Iceland discovered by Northmen” (Grun).	863	<b>Cyril and Methodius, the “Apostles of the Slavs,” start their work in Moravia and invent the Cyrillic alphabet (Grun).</b>
		864	Prince Boris I of Bulgaria accepts Christianity (Grun).
872	Norway united as a kingdom under Harold Haarfagr (hâr´fä ger = fair-haired).	869	8th Council of Constantinople.
		878-86	Photius “greatest scholar of his age.”
890	King Alfred reorganizes England and begins her navy.	879	<b>The pope and the patriarch of Constantinople excommunicate each other.</b>
		880	Benedictines found monastery, Monserrat, in Catalonia.



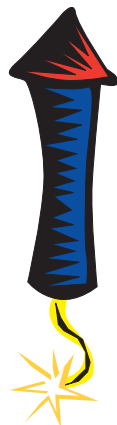
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Contemporary Events		The Church	
911	France makes peace with the Norse raiders by giving them Normandy. The Huns invade Europe, almost destroying Germany.	904	“With Pope Sergius III begins the era of pornocracy, the darkest period in the history of the papacy; his mistress Marozia becomes the mother of Pope John XI” (Grun).
933	Emperor Henry of Germany crushes the Huns at Merseburg.	909	Abbey of Cluny founded.
935	“Harold Bluetooth, first Christian king of Denmark” (Grun).	917	“Bulgarian Church separates from Rome and Constantinople” (Grun).
950	Printing from moveable blocks used in China.	921	“The Bohemians embrace Christianity” (Grun).
950	The cloth manufacturers of Flanders earn wealth & fame.	927	Odo, Abbot of Cluny establishes code of discipline for Benedictines.
955	The Huns driven back from Germany, establish themselves in Hungary.	942	“Christianization of Hungary begins” (Grun).
962	Otto the Great reestablishes the empire as a German one.	965	“St. Dunstan enforces celibacy for English clerics” (Grun).
983	Greenland discovered and settled by Norsemen.	966	“The Poles under Mieczyslav I converted to Christianity” (Grun).
987	Hugh Capet reunites France and founds its long line of kings-by-inheritance.	988	Vladmir of Kiev marries Anne, sister of the Emperor Basil II, converts and introduces the Eastern (Greek) Christianity into his dominion (Grun).
997	Venice becomes independent of Eastern Empire and begins mighty career of naval conquest in Eastern Mediterranean.	990	“Poland submits to the Holy See” (Grun).
1000	Leif (layv) Ericson discovers America. <b>Chinese perfect their invention of gunpowder.</b>	993	“First canonization of saints” (Grun).
		1000	<b>Widespread belief that the world would end caused much misery,</b> lack of crops, and social changes. “Christianity reaches Iceland and Greenland” (Grun). Hungary Christianized.





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### Contemporary Events

### The Church

- 1016 Norsemen, now Normans, begin conquest of Sicily.
- 1021 Genoa and Pisa drive Saracens out of Corsica and Sardinia, and become sea-lords of the western Mediterranean. "St. Vitus' dance (chorea) epidemics in Europe" (Grun).
- 1024 Mohammedans invade India.
- 1050 "Time value given to musical notes" (Grun).
- 1055 First victories of Seljuk Turks who gradually won mastery of the Mohammedan world.
- 1066 Battle of Hastings: Wm. of Normandy conquers England.
- 1074  Seljuk Turks capture Syria and Jerusalem.
- 1084 The Emperor storms Rome and expels Pope Gregory; the Normans plunder Rome.
- 1094 El Cid, Rodrigo Diaz, takes Valencia from the Moors. "First record of gondolas in Venice" (Grun).
- 1099 **Crusaders under Godfrey of Bouillon (boo yon') capture Jerusalem**, set up kingdom in Jerusalem.
- 1100 Baldwin of Boulogne (bôld'win of boo-lon') King of Jerusalem. Crusaders depart from Lombardy, Nevers, Bavaria & Aquitaine. The changed Latin of Paris becomes the language of France; that of Castile becomes Spanish. **Gothic architecture appears.**

- 1011 "Handkerchief of St. Veronica" kept in special altar in Rome" (Grun).
- 1012 German heretics first persecuted (Grun).
- 1022 **Synod of Pavia demands celibacy of higher clergy** (Grun).
- 1041 Feudal barons accept the "truce of God."
- 1045 German Emperor & Pope Leo IX check papal scandals.
- 1054 **The Great East-West Schism: Greek Catholic Church rejects Rome's supremacy.**
- 1059 Formal adoption of papal selection by vote of Cardinals.
- 1062 "Berengar of Tours opposes transubstantiation" (Grun).
- 1074 **Christian pilgrims barred from Jerusalem.**
- "Excommunication of married priests" (Grun).
- 1077 German Emperor Henry IV goes barefoot to Pope Gregory at Canossa; "The Pope masters the Emperor."
- 1093 Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury.
- 1095 **Peter the Hermit preaches crusade to reopen Jerusalem to Christians. Council of Clermont: Urban II authorizes 1st Crusade.**



- 1098 "Cistercian Reform" (Hutchinson).



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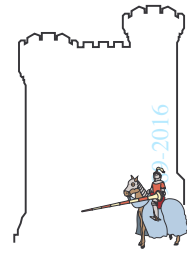
Contemporary Events		The Church	
1108	Accession in France of Louis VI (Le Gros). He subdues robber barons around Paris by 24 years of continuous warfare.	1101	Fatimid counter-crusade.
1110	Counter-crusade by Mawdud, Atabeg of Mosul; massacres in Armenia.	1102	Defeat of Baldwin I at Ramleh; massacre of Franks.
1119	Peter Abelard taught his school of philosophy in Paris. Norman crusaders massacred.	1104	Baldwin I conquers Acre; Franks lose battle of Harran.
1122	Concordat of Worms; end of war of investitures.	1109	Franks capture Tripoli.
1124	Franks & Venetians take Tyre from Mohammedans. Venetians win trade of the East.	1115	Matilda, Princess of Tuscany, willed her domains to Rome. St. Bernard founds Abbey of Clairvaux.
1144	Turks destroy the Crusaders' states in Palestine.	1118	Baldwin I dies. Order of the Temple founded.
1149	Normans besiege Constantinople.	1123	Venetian Crusade. Lateran I suppresses simony & marriage of priests.
1150	University of Paris founded, Oxford soon after.	1127-1145	William of St-Thierry, expositions on the Song of Songs.
1162	Barbarossa destroys Milan.	1130	Anacletus (an a clay' tus) II, antipope.
1173	"First authenticated influenza epidemics" (Grun).	1138	"Pretended Messiah appears in France and Persia" (Grun).
1180	Maimonides (my mon' i deez), greatest of Jewish physicians, serves Saladin.	1150	St. Bernard's 86 sermons on the Song of Solomon.
1188	Genghis Khan (jeng'gis kán) unifies Mongolia.	1170	Assassination of Thomas Becket in England. Pope defines rules for canonization of saints.
1192	Richard Coeur-de-Lion taken prisoner in Germany.	1173	Valdes of Lyon (later Peter Waldo) converted; begins Waldensian movement.
1193	Saladin dies.	1182-1226	St. Francis of Assisi.
1200	U. of Cambridge founded. Jewish cabalistic philosophy develops in southern Europe.	1184	Waldenses excommunicated.
		1187	Frankish army annihilated by Saladin at Horns of Hattin; Saladin takes Palestine.
		1198	Roman church under Innocent III reaches its greatest power over the kingdoms of Europe.
		1199	Preaching of a new Crusade to reconquer Jerusalem.



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### Contemporary Events

- 1202-05 War between England and France: English kings lose their Norman lands and so cease to be vassals of France.
- 1212 Spaniards win victory over the Moors in Spain.
- 1215 Genghis Khan conquers northern China, makes Peking his capital. **Magna Charta signed in England.**
- 1224 Mongols invade and gradually conquer Russia.
- 1229 Frederick II gains Jerusalem by treaty with Sultan.
- 1230 "Leprosy imported to Europe by the Crusaders" (Grun).
- 1231 Teutonic Order of Knights began conquest of heathen Prussia.
- 1236 Spaniards capture Cordoba.
  
- 1258 "Mongols take Baghdad and overthrow caliphate" (Grun).
- 1261 Eastern Emperor, Michael Paleologus, expels Crusader kings from Constantinople and reestablishes his empire.
- 1265 England's first regular parliament.
- 1277 Marco Polo visits China. Church imprisons Roger Bacon, England's first great scientist.
- 1278 "278 Jews hanged in London for clipping coin; Christians guilty of same offense, fined" (Grun).
- 1284 "The 'Pied Piper of Hamelin'" (Grun).
- 1288 Turks conquer Asia Minor.
- 1291 **End of Frankish states in the East: Fall of Acre, Tyre, Sidon & Beirut.**

### The Church

- 1202 Joachim of Flora dies.
- 1203 4th Crusade; Crusaders decide to attack Constantinople.
- 1204 Crusaders win Constantinople.
- 1206 Francis of Assisi Renounces Wealth.**
- 1208 A crusade begun against the Albigenses (al bi jen 'seize).
- 1209 Franciscan Order founded.
- 1212 The Children's Crusade.
- 1215 Fourth Lateran Council.**
- 1220 Dominican Order founded.
- 1227-1274 Thomas Aquinas.
- 1229 Rome under Gregory IX forbids laity to read the Bible.**
- 1231 Founding of the Inquisition.**
- 1233 "The 'Great Hallelujah' penitential movement in N. Italy. Pope entrusts the Dominicans with the Inquisition" (Grun).
- 1238 Inquisition of Aragon founded.
- 1244 Turks capture Jerusalem.
- 1252 "The Inquisition begins to use instruments of torture" (Grun).
- 1254 Paris School of Theology (Sorbonne) founded (Grun).
- 1256 Order of Augustine Hermits founded.
- 1259 First appearance of the Flagellants in Perugia.
- 1256 Second Children's Crusade.
- 1260 Apocalyptic year of Joachim of Flora.
- 1265-1321 Dante.
- 1270 The Last Crusade abandoned after death of leader, Louis IX.
- 1273 Thomas Aquinas finishes *Summa Theologica*.



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Contemporary Events		The Church	
1302	The compass introduced into Europe by way of Naples.	1302	“Papal bull <i>Unam sanctam</i> pronounces highest papal claim to supremacy” (Grun).
1305	William Wallace defeated; Scotland yielded to Edward I of England.		
1307	Osmanli Turks defeat the Seljuks and plan European conquests.	1309	The Pope removed from Rome to Avignon in France.
1310	The Crusader “Knights of St. John” set up a state on the Isle of Rhodes.	1310	The Crusader “Knights of St. John” set up a state on the Isle of Rhodes.
1314	Scotland regains independence.	1321	Dante Alighieri completes <i>Divine Comedy</i> ; dies.
1316	France establishes “Salic Law” barring women from the throne.	1322	“The pope forbids the use of counterpoint in church music” (Grun).
1330	Greek Emperor loses Asiatic possessions to Osmanli Turks.		
1332	“Bubonic plague originates in India” (Grun).		
1335	Florence becomes the center of the Renaissance.	1341	A copy of the Bible cost the equivalent of about \$2,000.
1338	England begins 100 year war with France.	1347	Birth of Catherine of Siena who at a young age vowed to be the bride of Christ (Curtis, et al, <i>100 Most Important Events In Christian History</i> ).
1341	Art and literature flourish throughout Italy.	1349	Greatest outbreak of flagellation.
1346	Black Death spreads over Europe. Gunpowder begins to revolutionize warfare.	1377	Return of the Popes from Avignon to Rome.
1349	Black Death kills a third of population of Europe; Jews blamed. “Persecution of the Jews in Germany” (Grun).	1377-1417	<b>The Great Schism:</b> two popes at once (Hutchinson).
1361	“Black Death reappears in England” (Grun).	1378	Catherine of Siena goes to Rome to heal Great Schism (Curtis).
1368	China drives out the Mongols and founds Ming dynasty.	1380	Birth of Thomas a Kempis.
1373	Eastern Emperor consents to become vassal of the Turks.	1382	<b>Wycliffe (wik lif) translates the Bible into English.</b>
1374	“Dancing Mania” takes Europe.	1390	“Wycliffe’s writings reach Bohemia” (Grun).
1381	English Peasant’s Revolt.		
1400	Early Renaissance. Swindlers take over alchemy (Grun).		



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### Contemporary Events

- 1401 The earliest modern bank established in Barcelona.
- 1417 First known Gypsies wandering Europe, probably having fled India during Tartar conquest.
- 1425 The Van Eycks of the Netherlands begin painting with oils.
- 1431 Joan of Arc joins army at Blois, executed by the English.
- 1440 Moveable type invented by Koster, Gutenberg, and others.
- 1453 Turkish Sultan captures Constantinople and ends the Eastern Roman Empire.
- 1456 Turks capture Athens.
- 1465 "First printed music" (Grun).
- 1469 Spanish kingdoms unite under Ferdinand and Isabella.
  
- 1480 "Leonardo da Vinci invents parachute" (Grun).
  
- 1492 Columbus sails into history.
- 1495 "Syphilis epidemic spreads from beleaguered Naples all over Europe through French soldiers" (Grun).
- 1496 Michelangelo begins his great paintings in Rome. Romano Pane, a monk who accompanied Columbus, first European to describe the tobacco plant.
- 1497 Voyages of Cabot give England a claim on America. Portuguese trading ships under Vasco da Gama reach India. Amerigo Vespucci's voyages.
- 1500 Cabral discovers Brazil for Portugal.

### The Church

- 1410 Teutonic Knights, crusading against northeastern pagans, defeated by the Poles at Tanenberg.
- 1414 Council of Constance.
- 1415 **Council of Constance burns John Huss** of Bohemia and denounces his followers as heretics.
- 1419 Terrible Hussite Wars begin in Bohemia.
- 1438 The Emperor of the East submits to the Roman Church to get help against the Turks.
- 1453 Turks convert St. Sophia Basilica, Constantinople, into a mosque.
- 1456 **Gutenberg produces first printed Bible.**
- 1479 The "Holy Inquisition" established by Ferdinand & Isabella at Seville in Spain, against heresy among Maranos, supposedly converted Jews.
  
- 1492 "By order of...Torquemada, Spanish Jews are given three months to accept Christianity or leave the country" (Grun).
  
- 1498 Savonarola executed by burning at Florence. Pope Alexander VI ordered excommunication for the printing or reading of heretical books. (Schaff, *History of the Christian Church*).





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Contemporary Events		The Church	
1508	Raphael began his great paintings at Rome.	1501	Pope Alexander VI orders fines and excommunications against heretical authors, and the burning of their books (See M'Clintock, <i>Cyclopædia</i> ; Schaff).
1509	"Earthquake destroys Constantinople." <b>Europeans begin their slave trade</b> (Grun).	1516	Erasmus; 1st printed Greek NT.
1513	Balboa discovers the Pacific.	<b>1517</b>	<b>Luther sparks the Protestant Reformation by posting his 95 theses against Rome.</b>
1514	Turks crush Persians at Chaldiran, establish permanent rule over the Muslim world.	1519	Zwingli begins Swiss reform.
1519	Leonardo da Vinci dies.	1520	Anabaptist movement begins in Germany under Münster.
1519-22	Magellan's ships make first circumnavigation of the world.	1521	Henry VIII writes against Luther. German Diet of Worms.
<b>1520</b>	<b>"Chocolate brought from Mexico to Spain"</b> (Grun).	1524	Anabaptist uprising & the "Peasants War" in Germany.
1521	Cortez conquers Mexico.	<b>1525</b>	<b>Tyndale's English NT.</b>
1523	"First marine-insurance policies issued in Florence" (Grun).	<b>1534</b>	<b>Henry VIII breaks from Rome; heads Church of England. Munster "theocracy."</b>
1528	"Severe outbreaks of the plague in England" (Grun).	1536-59	Calvin publishes <i>Institutes</i> .
1530	Copernicus (ko pûr'ni kus) first published his proofs that Earth is a planet of the Sun.	1540	Loyola founds Jesuit order.
1531	"The 'great comet' (later Halley's (hal'ease)) arouses a wave of superstition" (Grun).	1542	The Inquisition revived.
1533	Pizarro conquers Peru. "Henry VIII secretly marries Anne Boleyn" (Grun).	<b>1545-63</b>	<b>Council of Trent.</b>
1557	European influenza epidemic (Grun).	1546	Luther dies.
1563	"General outbreak of plague in Europe kills over 20,000 people in London" (Grun).	1547	John Knox begins preaching reformed doctrine in Scotland.
1583	"First known life insurance in England" (Grun).	1550	Menno Simons warns: keep the bride of Christ pure from papal error ( <i>Complete Works</i> Vol. 1).
1589	"Forks used for first time at French court" (Grun).	1553	Anti-Trinitarian Michael Servetus burned by Protestants.
1596	"First water closets, designed by Sir <b>John</b> Harington" (Grun).	1555	Foxe's Book of Martyrs.
		1564	<b>Tridentine Index of Forbidden Books published.</b>
		1572	St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre in France. John Knox dies.
		1574	"First auto-da-fé in Mexico" (Grun).
		1580	St. John of the Cross writes <i>Ascent Of Mount Carmel</i> .
		1600	Sweden persecutes Catholics.





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### Contemporary Events

- 1601 Shakespeare's *Hamlet* opens.  
1603-25 King James I in England.  
1605 Cervantes first issued his *Don Quixote* in Spain.  
1607 1st permanent English colony planted at Jamestown, VA.  
1609 "Tea from China shipped for first time to Europe by Dutch East India Company" (Grun).  
1610 The telescope invented in Holland, used by Galileo in Italy.  
**1619 Negro slaves first imported into Virginia.**  
1622 First newspaper, a weekly, established in England. Rembrandt's *Return of the Prodigal Son*.  
1630 Boston founded by Puritans.  
**1643 "Coffee drinking becomes popular in Paris"** (Grun).  
1164 Dutch surrender New York.  
1665 The Great Plague of London kills 68,596 (Grun).  
1668 Isaac Newton begins discoveries and inventions in England.  
1670 "First minute hands on watches" (Grun).  
1676 "Legal protection of Sabbath observance in England" (Grun).  
**1677 "Ice cream becomes popular dessert in Paris"** (Grun).  
1682 Philadelphia founded by Penn.  
1689 Wars begin between British colonists and the French and Indians of Canada.  
1692 Salem witchcraft madness.  
1698 "Tax on beards in Russia" (Grun).  
1700 "The commode becomes a popular piece of furniture" (Grun).

### The Church

- 1608 John Smyth baptizes first Baptists.**  
**1611 The King James Bible.**  
**1620 Pilgrims settle Plymouth.**  
1629-40 "Great Puritan migration" (Hutchinson).  
1633 Inquisition punishes Galileo.  
1634 Catholics settle Maryland.  
1636 Harvard founded. "Welsh Puritan, Roger Williams, banished from Massachusetts; establishes Providence, RI; proclaims complete religious freedom" (Grun).  
1640-60 Puritans dominate England.  
1642 The Puritan Revolution breaks into open war in England.  
1643-49 **Westminster Assembly.**  
1648 Quakers begin preaching in England. "Calvinists acknowledged by Lutherans as coreligionists. Sabbatai Zevi, self-proclaimed Messiah, founds a Jewish sect" (Grun).  
1650 Ussher dates creation: 4004 BC.  
1653 "James Naylor, English Quaker, recognized by some as the new Messiah" (Grun).  
1660 Restoration of Stuarts and Episcopacy in England.  
1665 Five-Mile Act restricts Nonconformist ministers in England from approaching former congregations.  
1671 "First Bible edition in Arabic, printed in Rome" (Grun).  
1675 Spener plants seeds of Pietism.  
1678 Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*.  
1685 Thousands of French Huguenots forced to accept Catholicism.  
**1689 English Act of Toleration.**



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Contemporary Events	The Church
1711-76 David Hume.	1707 Isaac Watts: "Hymns and Spiritual Songs."
1724-1804 Immanuel Kant.	1714-70 George Whitefield.
1726 Swift's <i>Gulliver's Travels</i> published in England.	1719-1728 New England Puritan Cotton Mather, writes essays on "A Glorious Espousal," and "Mystical Marriage," that encourage Christians to behave in their earthly marriages as befitting their spiritual marriage.
1733 Georgia, last of the thirteen British colonies, settled at Savannah.	1725 Bach composed the first masterworks of modern music.
1734 Trial of Zenger in New York; legal struggle for Freedom of the Press.	<b>1732</b> The Moravians begin missionary endeavors; founder Zinzendorf teaches that the Moravian community "and each member of it are spiritual brides of Christ" (See Kurtz, <i>Church History</i> ).
1752 Franklin begins his discoveries in electricity.	<b>1736-40 America's Great Awakening.</b>
1755 French and Indians defeat Braddock in Virginia.	1738 John Wesley begins Methodism.
1759 Wolfe conquers Canada for Britain.	1741 Jonathan Edwards: "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God."
1765 Stamp Act of Britain; Patrick Henry's famous speech.	1746: Jonathan Edwards: "The Church's Marriage To Her Sons, And To Her God."
1768 Cook's voyages of discovery begin, extending Britain's dominion over the Pacific Islands.	1765 New England minister, Peter Powers, preaches on "The Espousing of Souls to Christ the Great End of the Gospel Ministry," calling ministers to be faithful "friends of the Bridegroom."
1769 Watt's steam engine patented.	1780 Raikes invents Sunday School.
1773 The "Boston Tea Party."	1786 "Virginia Act for establishing religious freedom" (Hutchinson).
1774 First Continental Congress.	1791 <b>First Amendment: separation of church and state in U. S.</b>
1776 <b>Declaration of Independence.</b>	1792 Baptist Missionary Society founded.
1778 Voltaire dies.	1793 William Carey sails to India.
1787 U.S. Constitutional Convention.	
1789 <b>Storming of Bastille marks new impetus of French Revolution.</b>	
1793 <b>French "Reign of Terror."</b> Whitney invents cotton gin.	
1795 <b>Napoleon ends the French Revolution</b> by using cannon against a mob.	
1800 Ireland united to Great Britain. Washington D. C. becomes U.S. capital.	



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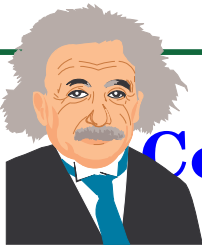


### Contemporary Events

- 1803 U.S. purchased Louisiana from Napoleon.
- 1804 Lewis and Clark.
- 1807 Slave trade abolished throughout British Empire.
- 1812 U.S. declares war on Britain.
- 1819 Spain sells Florida to U.S.
- 1821 “Champollion deciphers Egyptian hieroglyphics using Rosetta Stone” (Grun).
- 1825 Fierce anti-Masonic uproar in New York.
- 1833 Slavery abolished in the British Empire.
- 1836 The Alamo.
- 1839 Daguerre makes photography practical; civilization flooded with photographs.
- 1844 Morse: 1st electric telegraph.
- 1845 Texas admitted to U.S.
- 1847 Marx: *Communist Manifesto*.
- 1848 Mexico cedes California to U.S. Gold discovered in California.
- 1856-1939 Sigmund Freud
- 1859 Darwin: *Origin of the Species*.
- 1859-1952 John Dewey.
- 1861 Fort Sumpter.
- 1865 Lincoln assassinated; slavery abolished in U.S.
- 1867 Alaska purchased from Russia.
- 1867 Karl Marx: *Der Kapital*.
- 1876 Bell makes phone practical.
- 1877 Edison invents Phonograph.
- 1897 Hawaii annexed to U.S.
- 1898 The Curies discover radium.
- 1900 Boxer Rebellion in China against Europeans.

### The Church

- 1804 “British and Foreign Bible Society founded in London” (Grun).
- 1805-98 George Müller.
- 1807 “U.S. Evangelical Association founded...” (Grun).
- 1812 Judsons sail for India.
- 1813 Methodist Missionary Society founded.
- 1813-55 Søren Kierkegaard.
- 1814 “Pope Pius VII...restores the Inquisition” (Grun).
- 1827 John Darby begins Plymouth Brethren.
- 1830 Mormonism begins. Finney’s urban revivals start.
- 1832-1905 James Hudson Taylor.
- 1833 Oxford Movement begins.
- 1834 Inquisition abolished in Spain.
- 1837-99 D. L. Moody.
- 1844-1918 Julius Wellhausen.
- 1847 Mormons settle in Utah.
- 1848 “Spiritualism popular in U.S.” (Grun).
- 1854 Pope proclaims the “dogma” of the “Immaculate Conception.”
- 1858 Mary reputed to have appeared at Lourdes, France. Philip Schaff: *History of the Christian Church*.
- 1860 “Massacre of the Druses”: 3,000 Christians slain in Damascus.
- 1865 China Inland Mission founded. Salvation Army founded.
- 1866 Christian Science started under Mary B. Eddy.
- 1869-70 Vatican I, Papal infallibility promulgated.
- 1871 Jehovah’s Witnesses founded.



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Contemporary Events		The Church	
1905	Einstein: <i>Special Theory of Relativity</i> .	1901	American Standard Version Bible. Tolstoi excommunicated by Russian Church.
1914	World War I begins.	1906	Azuza Street revival launches Pentecostalism.
1916	“Pancho” Villa raids Columbus, NM.	1908	Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.
<b>1917</b>	<b>October Revolution, Russia.</b>	1910	Modern Ecumenical Movement begins in Edinburgh.
1921	Ku Klux Klan violence throughout southern U.S.	1944	Aimee Semple McPherson dies.
1925	Baird transmits recognizable human features by television.	1947-1948	Latter Rain Movement begins in Saskatchewan.
1929	U.S. Stock Exchange collapse.	1948	World Council of Churches, Amsterdam.
1940	World War II in Europe.	1950	“Pope Pius XI proclaims the dogma of the bodily assumption of the Virgin Mary” (Grun). National Council of the Churches of Christ.
1941	Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor.	1952	The Revised Standard Version.
1945	U.S. drops atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. R. Graziano, Boxer of the Year.	1960	Charismatic Renewal begins. Women admitted to ministry of Swedish Lutheran Church.
1948	United Nations’ <i>Universal Declaration of Human Rights</i> made freedom from slavery an internationally recognized human right. Birth of modern Israel.	1971	America experiences the Jesus Movement. Richard A. Batey publishes <i>New Testament Nuptial Imagery</i> .
1950	North Korean forces invade South Korea, capture Seoul.	1974	“Four U.S. Episcopal bishops defy church law and ordain 11 women as priests” (Grun).
1963	Kennedy assassinated.	1976	“The Episcopal Church approves the ordination of women to be priests and bishops. U. S. Lutherans split over interpretation of Bible and synod administration” (Grun).
1964	The Beatles: “I Want to Hold Your Hand.”	<b>1978</b>	Karol Wojtyla elected as pope John Paul II: first non-Italian to be elected pope in 456 years and first Pole.
1965	Race riots in Watts district of Los Angeles.		
1967	Six-Day War: Israelis win Old City of Jerusalem.		
1969	Neil Armstrong on the moon.		
1973	Vietnam cease-fire signed.		
1974	Richard Nixon resigns.		
1976	Israeli Entebbe Airport rescue operation.		
1978	Begin and Sadat sign framework for Mideast peace.		





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Contemporary Events		The Church	
1990	Hubble Space Telescope launched.	1993	Nelly Stienstra publishes <i>YHWH Is The Husband Of His People: Analysis Of A Biblical Metaphor With Special Reference To Translation.</i>
1991	<b>Collapse of U.S.S.R.</b> Gulf War. World Wide Web goes public.	1996	Mike Bickle of the International House of Prayer launches a twenty-part teaching series on topics relating to the Bride of Christ, entitled, "Pictures of the Bride in the Old Testament."
1992	Bosnian Genocide begins. Official End of the Cold War.	1997	<i>The Catechism Of The Catholic Church</i> (CCC), states, in section 796, "The unity of Christ and the Church, head and members of one Body, also implies the distinction of the two within a personal relationship. This aspect is often expressed by the image of bridegroom and bride. The theme of Christ as Bridegroom of the Church was prepared for by the prophets and announced by John the Baptist. The Lord referred to himself as the 'bridegroom.' The Apostle speaks of the whole Church and of each of the faithful, members of his Body, as a bride 'betrothed' to Christ the Lord so as to become but one spirit with him. The Church is the spotless bride of the spotless Lamb."
1993	Waco, TX cult compound raided. World Trade Center bombed.	2000	The Amsterdam Declaration states, "The church is the people of God, the body and the bride of Christ, and a temple of the Holy Spirit... the church includes all the redeemed of all the ages..." (See Drummond, <i>The Canvas Cathedral</i> ).
1994	Mandela elected president of South Africa. Rwandan Genocide.		
1995	eBay founded. Oklahoma City Bombing. Yitzhak Rabin assassinated.		
1996	First cloned mammal, Dolly the sheep. Mad Cow Disease hits Britain.		
1997	First Harry Potter book. Hong Kong returned to China.		
1998	U. S. President Clinton impeached.		
1999	New European Currency introduced: the Euro. Widespread fear of Y2K computer glitch. Columbine High School tragedy. Panama Canal reverts to Panama.		
2000	USS Cole bombed. Presidential election between George W. Bush and Al Gore contested during 36-day ballot recount in Florida.		



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Contemporary Events		The Church	
2001	9/11 Attack on World Trade Center and Pentagon kills nearly 3,000 people. Invasion of Afghanistan.	2002	Seock-Tae Sohn publishes <i>YHWH, The Husband Of Israel: The Metaphor Of Marriage Between YHWH And Israel.</i> Sexual abuse charges brought against five Roman Catholic priests in the Boston area.
2003	Iraq war begins.	2005	John Paul II dies; Joseph Ratzinger becomes Pope Benedict XVI.
2004	Facebook founded. Tsunami kills more than 300,000 people in SE Asia.		
2005	YouTube launched. First face transplant. Hurricane Katrina.		
2006	“To google” new verb in the Oxford English Dictionary. Richard Dawkin’s <i>The God Delusion.</i> Pluto no longer a planet. Saddam Hussein executed.	2010	Mike Bickle launches a ten-part study entitled, “Studies on the Bride of Christ,” stating, “God’s ultimate purpose for His creation is to provide a family for Himself and a Bride for His Son .... The guiding principle of the Father’s activity throughout history has been to raise up a prepared Bride for His worthy Son. He has been training the Bride to rule the earth with Jesus ....” Warren Gage, <i>Theological Poetics</i> : “This wedding frame to the whole biblical narrative makes the history of redemption into a great romance.”
2007	Apple releases the iPhone.		
2008	Americans elect first black president, Barak Obama.		
2011	Kim Jong-un becomes Supreme Leader of North Korea.		
2012	Barak Obama re-elected.		
2013	Boston Marathon bombing. Egyptian coup d’état. Nelson Mandela dies.		
2014	Yemeni coup de’état.		
2015	San Bernadino, CA attack kills 14, injures 22. Same-sex “marriage” legalized in the U.S. by Supreme Court. Republic of Ireland legalizes same-sex “marriage” by popular vote. Cuba and U.S. resume diplomatic relations after 50 years of hostility.	2013	Benedict XVI resigned as Pope; First pope from the Americas elected, Pope Francis of Argentina.
2016	The U.K. leaves the E.U. Turkish coup d’état attempt. Donald Trump elected 45th president of the U.S.		