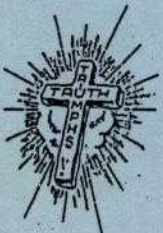
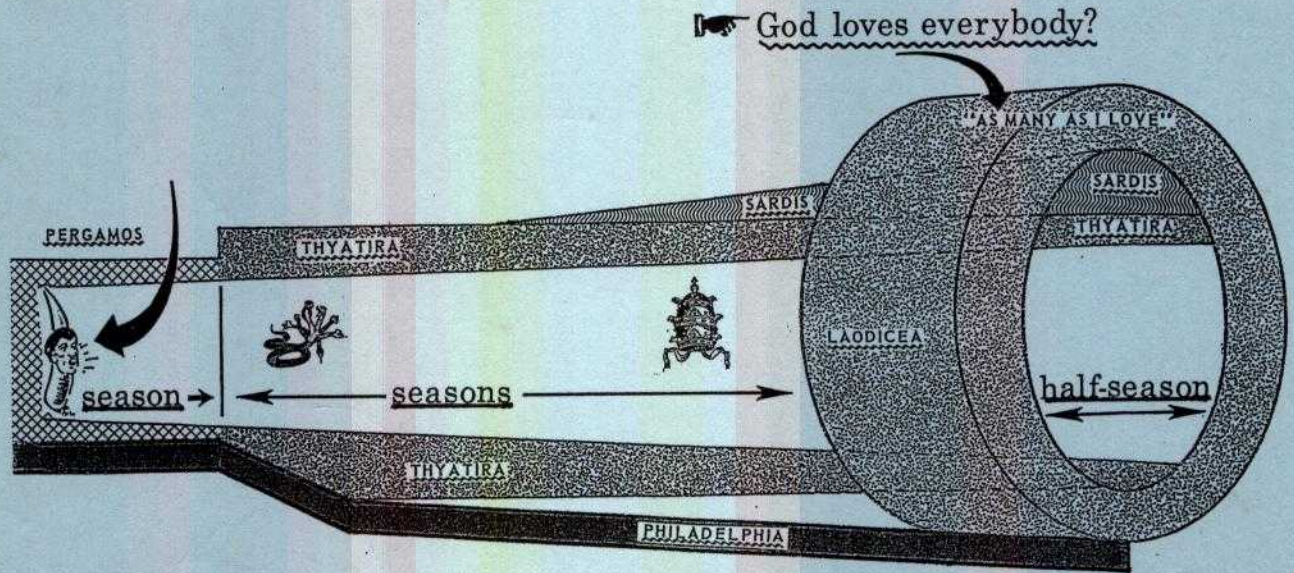


APOLOGETICS 25



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"A Season, and Seasons, and Half Of-a-Season." (Rev 12:14)

Acts 1 ASV

6 They therefore, when they were come together, asked him, saying, Lord, "dost thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know times or seasons, which the Father hath set within his own authority. 8 But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

Let us consider the word "season".
Compare these two translations.

Acts 1 CT

~~vs. 6 On-the-one-hand therefore the (ones) having-come-together were-questioning him saying, Lord, if in this time are-you-restoring the Kingdom to-the Israeli?~~
~~vs. 7 He-said to them: It-is not of-YOU to-come-to-know times or seasons which the Father placed-for-himself in (his) own authority.~~

Here is a good example of a scripture that is very often misused. It is commonly taught, based on these verses, that no one will know or can know when the Lord will return. Satan must be delighted; prophecy, to those who teach this, becomes almost a closed subject.

By far most "churches" teach that the "church" is the New Israel, and all verses of scripture, that they like, can be applied to themselves. This understanding destroys the truth of God's word. Note carefully.

(A) "...if in this time [NOW] are-you-restoring the kingdom to-the Israeli?" There is nothing more certain in the scriptures than the fact that God intends, at some point in time, to do just that. In no way does "the Israeli" mean NT believers. (See courses Millennium, Covenants, etc. R.H. Mount) Jesus does NOT deny this fact.

(B) Jesus said, "It-is not of-YOU to-come-to-know times or seasons ---." YOU refers to the apostles, not everybody. Notice the verb, "to-come-to-know" (aor. inf.); that is, the apostles would not live long enough for the history necessary to be fulfilled.

(C) The Greek word *καιρός* (*kairos*) means "season", and is seldom translated correctly in the KJ. The word for "time" is *χρόνος* (*chronos*). We use "season" for an indefinite period; for examples: the fall season, the holiday season, football season etc. The approximate time is understood.

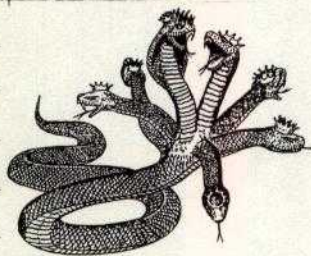
(D) "Time" is more specific: "what time the star appeared" (Matt. 2:7), "now Elizabeth's time was fulfilled" (Luke 1:57). We will keep these words distinct in this Apologetic.

Remember, we can only understand a given prophecy if we can find its fulfillment in history. Further, we are given many prophecies that overlap, interlock, supplement, and sometimes even seem to be a prophecy of the same event. It is essential that we understand one prophecy at a time. Let us look first to the prophecy of Rev. 12. This chapter stands as an isolated unit. Some of the facts are readily understood. First, we must identify this figurative

Rev. 12 CT

vs. 1 And (a) great sign was seen in the heaven, (a) woman having been and still cast around (with) the sun, and the moon underneath her feet and on her head (a) crown of stars twelve

vs. 2 And having in (her) womb, and suffering birth-pains she is crying and being tormented to bring forth.



Gen. 37 ASV 9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it to his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed yet a dream; and, behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars made obeisance to me. 10 And he told it to his father, and to his brethren; and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth? 11 And his brethren envied him; but his father kept the saying in mind.

The child,
a son,
a male,
a shepherd,
caught up
to God's
throne
is Jesus.

vs. 3 And another sign was seen in the heaven, and behold, (a) great dragon red as fire, having seven heads and ten horns and on his heads seven diadems,

vs. 4 And his tail is dragging the third of the stars of the heaven, and he cast them into the earth. And the dragon has stood and still stands in sight of the woman namely the future (one) to bring forth, in order that at the time that she might bring forth he might devour her child.

vs. 5 And she brought forth (a) son, (a) male, who is about to be shepherding all the Gentiles with (an) iron rod; and her child was seized to the God and to his throne.

vs. 6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where in which she is having there (a) place having been and still prepared from the God, in order that there they might be nourishing her (a) thousand two hundred sixty days.

After the birth of Jesus the woman, Israel, flees into the wilderness for 1260 days.

Luke 21 ASV

20 But when ye see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that her desolation is at hand. 21 Then let them that are in Judaea flee unto the mountains; and let them that are in the midst of her depart out; and let not them that are in the country enter therein.

Jesus told Israel to flee at a given sign. This sign occurred in AD 66. In the month Marchesvan, on the 8th day, Cestius was defeated and many fled to the mountains.

description. The description was prefigured in Joseph's dream. This identifies the woman as Israel.

The next sign in Rev. 12, the great red dragon, will be clearly identified in verse 9 as Satan or the Devil.

The stars of the heaven which he cast to the earth are Jews. (see Dan. 8:10 for a similar expression.)

Rev. 12 CT

The Wars of the Jews, Josephus II, XX

This defeat happened on the eighth day of the month Diūs [Marhesvan], in the twelfth year of the reign of Nero.

§ 1. AFTER this calamity had befallen Cestius, many of the most eminent of the Jews swam away from the city, as from a ship when it was going to sink:

Jewish Calendar		
A.D. 69	Days	Our time
Marhesvan	21	Sept.-Oct.
Kislev	30	Nov.-Dec.
Tivet	29	Dec.-Jan.
A.D. 70		
Shevat	30	Jan.-Feb.
Adar I	29	Feb.-Mar.
Nisan	14	Passover
Total	153	

Total $1062 + 153 + 60 = 1275$.
Since Titus arrived shortly before Passover - 1260 days.

Rev. 12 CT

vs. 7 And it came to pass (a) war in the heaven, the Michael and his angels to war with the dragon. And the dragon warred and his angels,
 vs. 8 And he was not strong enough, neither was their place still found in the heaven.
 vs. 9 And the dragon namely the great (one) was cast, the serpent namely the ancient, the (one) being called Devil and the satan, the (one) leading astray the total inhabited earth, he was cast into the earth, and his angels were cast with him.
 vs. 10 And I heard (a) great voice in the heaven saying: just now came to pass the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, because the accuser of our brothers was cast down, the (one) accusing them in sight of our God of day and of night.
 vs. 11 And they themselves had victory over him because of the blood of the lamb and because of the word of their witness, and they cherished not their soul unto death.
 vs. 12 Because of this YOU be being merry for yourselves, heavens and the (ones) tabernacling in them; woe to the (ones) residing (on) the earth and the sea, because the devil descended to YOU having great anger, knowing absolutely that he is having (a) little bit season.
 vs. 13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast into the earth, he pursued the woman, one who brought forth the male.

his people Israel, yet at the same time they, as a people are being subjected to wrath. (Luke 21:23) (Teaching Dict.)

From the 8th day of the month Marhesvan 66 A.D. to the 8th day of the month Marhesvan 69 A.D. is 3 full years, approximately 1062 [★] days. From Marhesvan 8th 69 A.D. to Passover 70 A.D. is approximately 153 days. [★] (See table) A total thus far of approximately 1215 days, Titus, with the Roman army, arrived before Jerusalem shortly before Passover 70 A.D. (Encyclopedia Judaica, Titus) In this 4 year period the Jews would have added two Adar II's to correct their lunar calendar, approximately 60 days. [★] Close enough for Rev. 12:6 above.

The escape route was open from Cestius to Titus. The nation of Israel now went into bondage A.D. 70.
 Jesus victorious, in God's throne, because of his shed blood causes the expulsion of Satan, the accuser of the Jews, to be cast out of heaven.
 vs. 9 Satan is, "leading astray the total inhabited earth." (Not "world" as KJ)
 vs. 13 The dragon pursued "the woman", Israel. Not Christian Jews in this verse, because "the woman" is Israel before the cross.
 Now in vs. 14 God protects

* Rev. 12 CT

vs. 14 ~~And the two wings of the eagle, namely the great (one) were given to the woman in order that she might be flying into the wilderness into her place where in which she is being nourished there (a) season and seasons and half of a season from face of the serpent.~~

vs. 15 ~~And the serpent cast out of his mouth behind the woman water as (a) river, in order that he might make her carried off by the river.~~

vs. 16 ~~And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river which the dragon cast out of his mouth.~~

vs. 17 ~~And the dragon was made wroth over the woman, and he went away to make war with the others of her seed, the (ones) keeping the commandments of the God and having the witness of Jesus.~~



Roman Standards. (After Fairbairn.)

Deut. 28 ASV

47 "Because thou servedst not Jehovah thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, by reason of the abundance of all things; 48 therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies that Jehovah shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things; and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee. 49 "Jehovah will bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand; 50 a nation of fierce countenance, that shall not regard the person of the old, nor show favor to the young, 51 and shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy ground, until thou be destroyed; that also shall not leave thee grain, new wine, or oil, the increase of thy cattle, or the young of thy flock, until they have caused thee to perish.



This verse 49 in Deut. 28 is applied by The Midrash Rabbah, Vol. 4, Lam. 127, 232, Est. 3 to the Roman Emperor, Trajan.

vs. 14 above. Note: (Israel) "might-be-flying", (pres. tense-continuously) and "she-is-being-nourished" (pres. tense-continuously).



All the words are attached to birds: wings, flying, nourished.



Luke 12 CT


vs. 23 The soul is much more than the nourishment, and the body than the clothing.
 vs. 24 YOU-take-note-of the ravens, because they are not sowing nor are they harvesting, for which is not store chamber nor granary, and the God is-nourishing them. For-how-much more YOU yourselves-are-differing of the flying-(ones).



The scripture on this Israeli stamp of 1963 is from Ezk. 36:28,29, "...and lay no famine upon you" (Israel Catalogue # 10, p. 67) There are 12 grains in the palm of the hand feeding the bird; is it so hard to see God's hand feeding Israel?

When the Roman Empire, empire number 6, became the Roman Universal Assembly, empire number 7, Israel was taken into a world-wide "galut" (exile), (See Encyclopedia Judaica) Known better to us as the diaspora. How long will Israel be being nourished there:



"A season and seasons and half of a season." 

Let us see if we can determine anything about this time.

Remember, Israel is the key to prophecy; failure in understanding God's dealing with the nation Israel will lead into one error after another. In Rev. 12:15-17 we find Satan in pursuit of "the woman", Israel as a nation; and then especially Jewish Christians in verse 17.

The OT was written in Hebrew and Chaldean; very little Chaldean, but some in the book of Daniel. About 250 B.C. the OT was translated into Greek, known as the Septuagint, abbreviated LXX. There are two slightly different LXX manuscripts of the book of Daniel, I will call them A + B. Again consider the time expression in Rev. 12:14 for it occurs also in the LXX in Daniel 7:25. I'll give you the Greek.

- * Rev. 12:14 καιρὸν καὶ καιροὺς καὶ ἡμίου καιροῦ
- * A. LXX ἕως καιροῦ καὶ καιρῶν καὶ ἕως ἡμίσους καιροῦ
- * B. LXX ἕως καιροῦ καὶ καιρῶν καὶ ἡμίου καιροῦ
- * Rev. 12:14 (a) season and seasons and half of-a-season
- * A. LXX until of-a-season and of-seasons and until of-half (a) season
- * B. LXX until of-a-season and of-seasons and half of(a)-season

Even if you have never had Greek you can see that these lines are very closely alike. The Revelation passage is in reference to Israel's exile or dispersion from the land. The LXX passage has to do with the time of the little-horn in Daniel 7. In Apologetics 22 I showed that I

Dan. 7 ASV

23 Thus he said, The "fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all the kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. 24 And as for the 'ten horns, out of this kingdom shall ten kings arise: and another shall arise after them; and he shall be diverse from the former, and he shall put down three kings. 25 And he shall "speak words against the "Most High, and shall "wear out the saints of the Most High; and he shall think to "change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand until a "time and times and half a time.



believe Constantine to be the beginning of the 7th world power, the Roman Universal Assembly. The Pope, the ruler of this empire, exactly

fills the statements of Dan. 7:25, as I have shown. His authority continues to the restoration of God's kingdom to Israel.

This period of time is

Dan. 7 ASV

26 But the "judgment shall be set, and they shall "take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. 27 And the "kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the "saints of the Most High: his kingdom is an "everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall "serve and obey him.

equal to the diaspora. During this time Israel will continue to be hated. Certainly the Jews have been hated until now.

Luke 21 ASV.

17 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake. 18 And *not a hair of your head shall perish.

literally: CT "And YOU-will-be-being hated by all because-of my name"; that is, the Jews, continuously. (Note vs. 18)

It is time now to go back to the letters to the 7 "churches" (Rev. 2 and 3). Apologetics 24 shows that the Ephesus period covers the years 30 A.D. to 70 A.D. This period is totally finished. The Smyrna period covers the years 70 A.D. to approximately 325 A.D. This period is also totally finished.

The Pergamos period covers the years approximately, 325 A.D. to 750 A.D. While this period is also finished it has a close connection with the next period, Thyatira.

We have 4 church periods left: Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. These all exist at the present time, and I believe they will continue to exist until the Lord returns. Turn to the rather complicated drawing on page 7. During the Pergamos period Satan began to marry the "church" to his pagan idol system. The word Pergamos means "thoroughly-married." Satan's plan was a great success. Christianity was made the state religion. (Apol. 23, p2)

Maybe we can learn a lesson from this. Many modern "preachers" are teaching that the Christians should take over the U.S. and make it a "Christian" nation. When Rome was a "Christian" state it turned out to be "Pagan-Christian." Very few "church" members are genuine believers. Remember, Satan is "leading astray the total inhabited-earth." (Rev. 12:9)

The picture of "church" history is very complex for three reasons. One: the "church", the body of Christ, is composed of genuine believers, but they cannot be identified with any certainty. Two: the visible "church" organization has always been composed of many more "professing Christians" than authentic believers. Three: a sovereign secular power, the Vatican Empire, is mixed into a "church."

On page 7 the Thyatira follows the Pergamos "church", but it is not started at a given point of time as the drawing indicates. Later we will put some interesting dates on this drawing. Alongside of the Thyatira "church" I have shown the Philadelphia "church" which I will show to be, as I believe, the "church" the body of Christ. About 1350 A.D. the Sardis "church" began to split away from Thyatira in what history calls

THE ROMAN ECUMENICAL ASSEMBLY

MYSTERY BABYLON

REVELATION 3

14. But if I have a few things against thee, because thou hast them some that hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit fornication.

20. But if I have this against thee, that thou sufferest the woman Jezebel, who calleth herself a prophetess; and she teacheth and seduceth my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed to idols.

PERGAMOS

THYATIRA



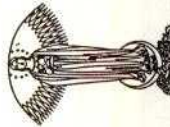
POPE THE HEAD OF 7TH WORLD POWER

CHURCH ORGANIZATION CENTERS IN VATICAN EMPIRE

8 CRUSADES (1096--1291)

INQUISITION (1231--1849!)

150,000,000 SLAUGHTERED



REFORMATION

SARDIS

REVELATION 3:1

I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and thou art dead.

PROTESTANT

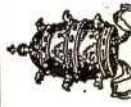
REVELATION 3:17

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and have gotten riches, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art the wretched one and miserable and poor and blind and naked:

"AS MANY AS I LOVE"

SARDIS

THYATIRA



The whole world is her seat

LAODICEA

THYATIRA

PHILADELPHIA

Rev. 12

vs. 9 And the dragon namely the great one was cast, the serpent namely the ancient the one being called Devil and the satan the one leading astray the total inhabited earth, he was cast into the earth, and his angels were cast with him.

Rev. 16

vs. 14 For they are spirits of demons doing signs, to be proceeding out over the kings of the total inhabited earth to gather them together with reference to the war of the day namely the great day of the God namely the Almighty.

the Reformation. Sardis means, "those escaping". This "church" has a name, "Protestant," (Rev. 3:1) Among the leaders of the Reformation were such men as John Wyclif (1324-1384), John Huss (1369-1415) - He was burned alive, Savonarola (1452-1498) - He was hanged and burned, Erasmus (1466-1536) - He pressed for a return to the scriptures.

Martin Luther (1483-1546) of whom Halley's Bible Handbook says, "next to Jesus and Paul, the Greatest Man of all the ages." (p.787) First: Jesus was God in the flesh; and in really no way comparable to men. Paul was inspired by the Holy Spirit to give us 14 books of the N.T. All writers of scripture were Jews. Without a correct understanding of God's plan for Israel I don't believe a person can correctly understand much of scripture. Very early in "church" history the majority of

AN EXCERPT FROM LUTHER'S PAMPHLET

... Let me give you my honest advice. Enc. Judaica Vol. 3 p. 106
 First, their synagogues or churches should be set on fire, and whatever does not burn up should be covered or spread over with dirt so that no one may ever be able to see a cinder or stone of it. And this ought to be done for the honor of God and of Christianity in order that God may see that we are Christians, and that we have not wittingly tolerated or approved of such public lying, cursing, and blaspheming of His Son and His Christians... ¶ Secondly, their homes should likewise be broken down and destroyed. For they perpetrate the same things there that they do in their synagogues. For this reason they ought to be put under one roof or in a stable, like gypsies, in order that they may realize that they are not masters in our land, as they boast, but miserable captives, as they complain of us incessantly before God with bitter wailing. ¶ Thirdly, they should be deprived of their prayerbooks and Talmuds in which such idolatry, lies, cursing, and blasphemy are taught. ¶ Fourthly, their rabbis must be forbidden under threat of death to teach any more... ¶ Fifthly, passport and traveling privileges should be absolutely forbidden to the Jews. For they have no business in the rural districts since they are not nobles, nor officials, nor merchants, nor the like. Let them stay at home. ¶ Sixthly, they ought to be stopped from usury. All their cash and valuables of silver and gold ought to be taken from them and put aside for safekeeping. For this reason, as said before, everything that they possess they stole and robbed from us through their usury, for they have no other means of support. This money should be used in the case (and in no other) where a Jew has honestly become a Christian, so that he may get for the time being one or two or three hundred florins, as the person may require. This, in order that he may start a business to support his poor wife and children and the old and feeble. Such evilly acquired money is cursed, unless, with God's blessing, it is put to some good and necessary use... ¶ Seventhly, let the young and strong Jews and Jewesses be given the flail, the ax, the hoe, the spade, the distaff, and spindle, and let them earn their bread by the sweat of their noses as is enjoined upon Adam's children. For it is not proper that they should want us cursed Goyyim to work in the sweat of our brow and that they, pious crew, idle away their days at the fireside in laziness, feasting, and display. And in addition to this, they boast impiously that they have become masters of the Christians at our expense. We ought to drive the rascally lazy bones out of our system. ¶ If, however, we are afraid that they might harm us personally, or our wives, children, servants, cattle, etc., when they serve us or work for us—since it is surely to be presumed that such noble lords of the world and poisonous bitter worms are not accustomed to any work and would very unwillingly humble themselves to such a degree among the cursed Goyyim—then let us apply the same cleverness [expulsion] as the other nations, such as France, Spain, Bohemia, etc., and settle with them for that which they have extorted usuriously from us, and after having divided it up fairly let us drive them out of the country for all time. For, as has been said, God's rage is so great against them that they only become worse and worse through mild mercy, and not much better through severe mercy. Therefore away with them... ¶ To sum up, dear princes and nobles who have Jews in your domains, if this advice of mine does not suit you, then find a better one so that you and we may all be free of this insufferable devilish burden—the Jews.

the organized church was anti-Semitic.

Martin Luther was originally Roman Catholic. He objected to some of the things in the "church", but was, in much theology a Roman Catholic. He was extremely anti-Semitic. In the night of Nov. 9-10, 1938 the Nazis carried out this advice. This was known as the "Night of the Broken Glass." (KRISTALLNACHT)



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Many windows were broken and the Aktion therefore became known as *Kristallnacht*. No complete tally exists of the destruction. But at least 30,000 Jews were arrested (c. 8,000 in Austria) and sent to concentration camps at Sachsenhausen, *Buchenwald, and *Dachau; according to provisional Nazi estimates, 815 shops were destroyed, and 29 warehouses and 171 dwellings set on fire or otherwise destroyed; 191 synagogues were set on fire and a further 76 completely demolished. Thirty-six Jews were killed and 36 severely injured.

Most protestants have much of the Roman Catholic influence in their theology and there is great disagreement as to what they believe as to the Bible being the word of God. By far most martyrs died at the hands of professed "Christians", rather than civil authorities.

The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire.

Edward Gibbon, Vol. 2, p. 243, 244

We shall conclude this chapter by a melancholy truth which obtrudes itself on the reluctant mind: that, even admitting, without hesitation or inquiry, all that history has recorded or devotion has feigned on the subject of martyrdoms, it must still be acknowledged that the Christians, in the course of their intestine dissensions, have inflicted far greater severities on each other than they had experienced from the zeal of infidels. During the ages of ignorance which followed the subversion of the Roman empire in the West, the bishops of the imperial city extended their dominion over the laity as well as clergy of the Latin Church. The fabric of superstition which they had erected, and which might long have defied the feeble efforts of reason, was at length assaulted by a crowd of daring fanatics, who, from the twelfth to the sixteenth century, assumed the popular character of reformers. The Church of Rome defended by violence the empire which she had acquired by fraud; a system of peace and benevolence was soon disgraced by proscriptions, wars, massacres, and the institution of the holy office. And as the reformers were animated by the love of civil as well as of religious freedom, the Catholic princes connected their own interest with that of the clergy, and enforced by fire and the sword the terrors of spiritual censures. In the Netherlands alone more than one hundred thousand of the subjects of Charles V. are said to have suffered by the hand of the executioner; and this extraordinary number is attested by Grotius, "a man of genius and learning, who preserved his moderation amidst the fury of contending sects, and who composed the annals of his own age and country at a time when the invention of printing had facilitated the means of intelligence and increased the danger of detection. If we are obliged to submit our belief to the authority of Grotius, it must be allowed that the number of Protestants who were executed in a single province and a single reign far exceeded that of the primitive martyrs in the space of three centuries and of the Roman empire.



These facts of history can only be explained by one way. - Very few "Christians" were or are "Christians."

This fact is confirmed by a careful study of the 7 "church" letters in Rev. 2, 3. These 7 letters will give us a good look at conditions in the "church" today.

Therefore at the risk of repetition of some things already presented, I wish to present a summary of the "church" history up to the present time. I have prepared tables concerning these letters on pages 10 and 11 to which I will refer you as we proceed. I will not have space to support all that I say, but much support is given in other existing courses.

I have broken the letters into parts: Introduction, Consideration, Counsel, Warning, Promise, and Conclusion. Note the expression: "The (one) having (an) ear let-him-hear what the Spirit is-saying to-the assemblies," occurs at the end of every letter.

PERGAMOS

Introduction

12 And to the angel of the church in 'Pergamum write: These things saith he that hath the sharp two-edged sword:



Consideration

13 I know where thou dwellest, *even* where 'Satan's throne is; and thou holdest fast my name, and didst not deny ^a my faith, even in the days ¹⁰ of Antipas my ^o witness, my ^a faithful one, who was killed among you, ⁷ where Satan dwelleth.

Counsel

14 But ⁹ I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there some that hold the ^r teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, ^a to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit fornication. 15 So hast thou also some that hold the teaching of the 'Nicolaitans in like manner.

Warning

16 ^{*} Repent therefore; or else ^v I come to thee quickly, and I will make war against them with ² the sword of my mouth.

Conclusion

17 ^v He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches. ² To him that overcometh, to him will I give of the hidden ^a manna, and I will give him a white stone, and upon the stone a ^o new name written, ^e which no one knoweth but he that receiveth it.

325 → 750 AD

SMYRNA

Introduction

8 And to the angel of the church in ' Smyrna write: These things saith ^a the first and the last, who ^e was dead, and lived *again*:

Consideration

9 I know thy tribulation, and thy ^o poverty (but thou art ^e rich), and the ^r blasphemy of them that ^a say they are Jews, and they are not, but are a synagogue of ^e Satan.

Counsel

10 Fear not the things which thou art about to suffer:

Warning

11 ^v He that beareth witness to these things, shall have ^o tribulation ¹⁰ ten days.

Promise

12 ^v He that is faithful unto death, and I will give thee ^o the crown of life.

Conclusion

13 ^v He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches. ² He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the ² second death.

70 → 325 AD

EPHESUS

REVELATION

Introduction

2 ^v To the angel of the church in ^o Ephesus write: These things saith he that holdeth ^a the seven stars in his right hand, he that walketh ¹ in the midst of the seven golden ^o candlesticks:

Consideration

3 ^a I know thy works, and thy toil and ³ patience, and that thou canst not bear evil men, and didst ¹ try them that call themselves ^m apostles, and they are not, and didst find them false; 3 and thou hast ³ patience and didst bear ^o for my name's sake, and hast not grown weary. 4 But I have *thus* against thee, that thou didst ^o leave thy first love.

Warning

5 Remember therefore whence thou art fallen, and ² repent and ² do the first works; or else I come to thee, and will move thy ¹ candlestick out of its place, except thou repent.

Consideration

6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the works of the ^o Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

Conclusion

7 ^v He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches. ² To him that overcometh, to him will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the ² Paradise of God.

30 → 70 AD

THYATIRA

Introduction

18 And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like a flame of fire, and his feet are like unto burnished brass:

Consideration 19 I know thy works, and thy love and faith and ministry and patience, and that thy last works are more than the first.

Counsel 20 But I have this against thee, that thou sufferest in the woman Jezebel, who calleth herself a prophetess; and she teacheth and seduceth my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed to idols. 21 And I gave her time that she should repent; and she will not to repent of her fornication.

Warning

22 Behold, I cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of her works. 23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he that searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto each one of you according to your works.

Promise

24 But to you I say, to the rest that are in Thyatira, as many as have not this teaching, who know not the deep things of Satan, as they are wont to say; I cast upon you none other burden. 25 Nevertheless that which ye have, hold fast till I come.

Conclusion

26 And he that overcometh, and he that keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give authority over the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to shivers; as I also have received of my Father: 28 and I will give him the morning star. 29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

SARDIS

REVELATION

Introduction

3 And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars:

Consideration

I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and thou art dead.

Counsel

2 Be thou watchful, and establish the things that remain, which were ready to die: for I have found no works of thine perfected before my God.

Warning

3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and didst hear; and keep it, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Promise

4 But thou hast a few names in Sardis that did not defile their garments: and they shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy.

Conclusion

5 He that overcometh shall thus be arrayed in white garments; and I will in no wise blot his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. 6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

PHILADELPHIA

Introduction

7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth and none shall shut, and that shutteth and none openeth:

Consideration

8 I know thy works (behold, I have set before thee a door opened, which none can shut), that thou hast a little power, and didst keep my word, and didst not deny my name.

Counsel

9 Behold, I give of the synagogue of Satan, of them that say they are Jews, and they are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

Promise

10 Because thou didst keep the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of trial, that hour which is to come upon the whole world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Warning

11 I come quickly: hold fast that no one take thy crown.

Conclusion

12 He that overcometh, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go out thence no more: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God, and mine own new name. 13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

LAODICEA

Introduction

14 And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God:

Consideration

15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

Warning

16 So because thou art lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spew thee out of my mouth. 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and have gotten riches, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art the wretched one and miserable and poor and blind and naked:

Counsel

18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold refined by fire, that thou mayest become rich; and white garments, that thou mayest clothe thyself, and that the shame of thy nakedness be not made manifest; and eyesalve to anoint thine eyes, that thou mayest see.

Warning

19 As many as I love, I reprove and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Promise

20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Conclusion

21 He that overcometh, I will give to him to sit down with me in my throne, as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father in his throne. 22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.



It seems clear that anyone wishing to know the history of the "church" from God's point of view, must understand all 7 letters.

- (A) Four "churches" continue up to the return of the Lord. The proofs of this are marked *, on page 11. The following quotes of these passages are from The Consistent Translation.
- * Thyatira: Rev. 2:25, "--- YOU-retain until I-might-be-present." Rev. 2:26, "I-shall-give to-him authority over the Gentiles, ---"
 - * Sardis: Rev. 3:3, "If therefore you-might not watch, I-will-be-present as a thief --- I-will-be-present on you." Rev. 3:5 "--- I-shall by-no-means obliterate his name out-of the book ---,"
 - * Philadelphia: Rev. 3:11, "I-am-coming speedily ---." Rev. 3:12, "--- and the name of-the city of my God, namely-of-the new (quality) Jerusalem the (one) descending out-of the heaven ---."
 - * Laodicea: Rev. 3:20, "Behold I-have-stood-and-still-stand on the door and I-am-knocking ---." Rev. 3:21, "--- I-shall-give to-him to-be-seated with me in my throne --- as I ---* was-seated with my Father in his throne."

The three "churches" on page 10 are past history. (see dates)

(B) The sentence, "The (one) having (an) ear let-him-hear what the Spirit is-saying to-the assemblies", is marked ◀, on pages 10 and 11. On page 10, the "churches" past, the sentence occurs before the sentence in regards; to-the (one) having-victory. On page 11, the 4 "churches" remaining till the return of the Lord, the sentence occurs as the very last sentence in each letter, why? I believe, that the information connected to-the (one) having-victory in these 4 letters is definitely concerning events of the Lord's return, and therefore is before the final admonition, "He that hath an ear," etc. ASV.

Thyatira: authority over the Gentiles; Sardis: book of life; Philadelphia: new Jerusalem; Laodicea: seated with Jesus on his throne, (that is of his father David) (Luke 1:32)

(C) Two statements made to the Philadelphia "church" are made to that "church" only. Rev. 3:9, "--- I myself cherished you." Rev. 3:11, "--- that no-one might take* your crown." (Marked ☆, page 11). Note that * "you" and "your" are singular, the entire church. The word "cherished" is the verb ἀγαπάω (agapaō), this is the only use of this verb in any "church" letter. ("cherished" better than "loved")

D The verb "to-love", that is affectionately, φιλέω (phileō), occurs only once, and that in the letter to the Laodicean "church". Rev. 3:19, "As-many-as if I-myself might-love I-am-reproving and I-am-disciplining;..." (marked I, p.11) As we will see this is the ecumenical "church" and this "as many as" is a long way from Jesus loving everybody.

E Consider the way Jesus introduces himself in the introduction to each assembly. First: note that this book is a Rev. 1 CT vs. 3 Happy the (one) reading and the (ones) hearing the words of the prophecy and keeping the things having-been-written-and-still-written in it; for the season (is) near. vs. 4 John to the seven assemblies namely the ones in the Asia; favor to-you and peace from the (one) being and the (one who) was and the (one) coming, and from the seven spirits which (are) in-sight of his throne.

← "prophecy". Second: It is directed to the 7 assemblies in "the Asia". Third: note "the 7 spirits".

Rev. 2 CT vs. 1 To the messenger of the assembly in Ephesus you write: these things here the (one) retaining the seven stars in his right hand, the (one) walking-around in midst of the seven lampstands, namely the (ones) made-of-gold, is saying:



→ The 7 assemblies. The 7 "churches" were prophetic of the history of the "church" among the Gentiles. The lampstands keep in view that their origin is from Israel. The high priest wears a girdle around his breast which indicates that Jesus is active amid the "churches". (Rev. 1:13) The 7 stars are messengers of the 7 "churches".

The lampstands are the 7 assemblies. (Rev. 1:20)

The Smyrna "church" period was the period of martyrs, and this fact purified the "church".

Rev. 2 CT

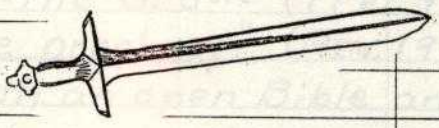
vs. 8 And to the messenger of the assembly in Smyrna you write: these things here the first and the last, who became dead and he himself lived is saying:



The period of martyrdom under the Roman Empire came to an end about 325 A.D. but the "church" did not grow stronger. Satan made great gains, he caused many to follow the teaching of Balaam. The Lord Jesus presented himself as at war with the Pergamos "church".

Rev. 2 CT

vs. 12 And to the messenger of the assembly in Pergamum you write: these things here the one having the sword, namely the two-edged, namely the sharp is saying:



About 750 A.D. this period closed and the Thyatira period began. Under Pergamos, the "church" and idolatry became "thoroughly-married." But under Thyatira, the 7th world power, The Roman Universal Assembly rapidly grew in power and world outreach.

Rev. 2 CT

vs. 18 And to the messenger of the assembly in Thyatira you write: these things here the son of the God, namely the one having his eyes as a flame of fire, and his feet like to chalcobanus is saying:



Flame of fire



Brass-frankincense

Satan is fully entrenched within this "church." Remember, this "church" continues till the Lord's return. Consider 1 Thes.

1 Thes. 1: 7, 8 ASV

7 and to you that are afflicted rest with us, at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with the angels of his power in flaming fire. 8 rendering vengeance to them that know not God, and to them that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus:

The flame of fire is in vengeance.

The word "chalcobanus (χαλκο-λιβανου) is said to be "of doubtful meaning" (L+S)?

The word is a compound of "brass" and "frankincense". Frankincense was burned on Israel's altar (Lev. 2:2) and represents

"the prayers of the saints." (Rev. 5:8) The Roman Catholic Church burns incense, but I take it to be "brass-frankincense", under the feet of Jesus. I doubt, that as far as God is concerned, that their "brass-frankincense" is burning at all.

By about 1200 A.D. many thousands of believers were leaving the corrupt Roman Universal Assembly and the Sardis "church" period ("an escaped few" or "those escaping") was beginning. They tried to turn back to the word of God.



The final "church" period has a very appropriate name, Laodicea. Its meaning is given as "people's opinions," or "people's rights," or "people's judgment." Certainly a name very fitting for the present age in which we live. Many people are listening to "another" Jesus. (2 Cor. 11:4 ἄλλου)

Rev. 3:14 CT

~~vs 14 And to the messenger of the assembly in Laodicea you write: these things here the Amen [firm], the trustworthy and authentic witness, the beginning of the creation of the God is saying:~~

The word of God is the ONLY authentic witness. People's experience or opinion is of no real value.

(F) Consider the word "repent" (μετανοέω, metanoō). This word, marked ⊕, on pages 10 and 11, occurs 2 times for Ephesus; not at all for Smyrna; 1 time for Pergamos; 3 times for Thyatira; 1 time for Sardis; not at all for Philadelphia; and 1 time for Laodicea.

(G) Note Nicolaitans, marked ~~none~~ on pages 10 and 11; on the same pages marked ~~zzzzzz~~, see Balaam. See Jezebel on these pages marked . Also Satan, marked . All of these are connected. On page 3 I showed that Satan pursued the woman, Israel. On page 4, Rev. 12:14, the woman flees, on two wings of the Roman eagle. The serpent concentrated his efforts against Jewish-Christians. Jewish-Christians were "keeping the commandments of the God (such as Sabbath, Passover etc.) and (were) having the witness of Jesus." (Rev. 12:17) Very early in "church" history people in the "church" claimed all the blessings of the Jews and on p. 6 of Apologetics 24 I showed where Charismatics claim to be the true Jews, which is nothing new. When a Jew became a Christian the "church" tended to force him to stop practising Judaism, and led him into the fornication of idolatry and to eating things sacrificed to idols. Many times the Jews were forced to join the Roman Church, and even so, practised Judaism secretly. These Jews were called Marranos, from the Spanish word meaning "swine." Nicolaitans, the teaching of Balaam, and the teaching of Jezebel were all alike. The woman herself (or Israel) was hidden in the wilderness for (a) "season" and "seasons" (2?) and "half-a-season." (p. 4). The little horn of Daniel 7 had things given into his hand "until a season, seasons (2?), and half-a-season." (Dan. 7:25) Now study page 17.

THE ROMAN ECUMENICAL ASSEMBLY

MYSTERY BABYLON

DANIEL 7

25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

DANIEL 7

26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

II. THESSALONIANS 2 11
And for this cause God sendeth them a working of error, that they should believe a lie:

God loves everybody?

Napoleon
1796 AD

seasons

1500 AD
REFORMATION

1234 AD

750 AD

325 AD

PERGAMOS

THYATIRA

THYATIRA

SARDIS

SARDIS

LAODICEA

THYATIRA

THYATIRA

"AS MANY AS I LOVE"

250 years?
half-season

1948?

ISRAEL
1948



17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. REV. 12

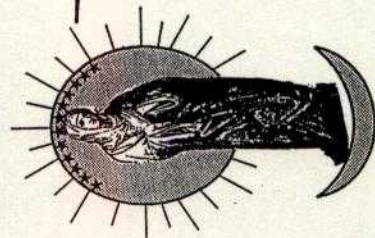
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PHILADELPHIA

THYATIRA

REVELATION 12 14
And there were given to the woman the two wings of the great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness unto her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.



(H) The dates on page 17 are not exact, except for 325 A.D. the Council of Nicea. The Papal States or Temporal Dominion of the Popes began about 750 A.D. About 500 years later the Council of Taragona, 1234 A.D., condemned all Bible translations.

Ecumenicalism and Romanism

Peter J. Doeswyck p. 42 The Council of Taragona (1234) condemned any and all translations of the Bible: "No one may possess the books of the Old or New Testament in the native language (in Romanico). And if anyone has them, he must within eight days after this publication... hand them over to the local bishop to be burned" (Mansl 23, 329). Not only the reading, but the simple possession of a family Bible became a crime punishable by death.

The Reformation began a little earlier, but 1500 A.D. is easy to remember. In 1796 A.D. Napoleon entered Italy, became Emperor and King of Italy and in 1809 annexed the Papal States.

Conclusions: See Apologetics 1, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24. If the woman, O.T. Israel, fled into the wilderness on wings of the Roman eagle, at the beginning of the Pergamos "church"; she fled from the face of the serpent, whose throne was in the Pergamos "church." (p. 10) She was to be nourished there a season, seasons, one-half a season.

If the authority was given to the Papal line for a season, seasons, one-half a season; it would seem we have two equal time periods. A season is not specific, see p. 17.

If the birth of the State of Israel, 1948, was an event indicating the woman's beginning to return from the wilderness we see the end of the periods, on the horizon. If Jesus is outside the Laodicean "church", and he says he is; I must believe he is not in the ecumenical Charismatic movement. This movement claims to have riches and no need. (Rev. 3:17 p. 11) If Jesus spued the Laodicean "church" out (Rev. 3:16 p. 11), maybe 1948, the "church" periods are nearing their close. Satan is "leading-astray* the total inhabited-earth," Rev. 12:9 p. 7. The "inhabited-earth," not world, is in Scripture the Roman Empire. (See οἰκουμένη in The Teaching Dictionary, R.H. Mount) also p. 7. "The (one) lawless" (2 Thes. 2:8) sitting in the temple of God is the "popes" (See Apol. 23 p. 8, 9) Their presence is an operation of Satan. (See Satan on pages 10, 11) Note: CT Apol. 23 p. 9, "the God is-sending to them (an) operation of-leading-astray* with-reference-to them to-trust-in-the-lie." (Note same word*)

Could the operation of-leading-astray* be the teaching that; God loves everybody? Jesus says to Laodicea; "as many as I love." (p. 17, 11) (See especially Apologetics 12) Certainly, "God loves everybody" is tending to unite everybody, even the criminals, yet without true knowledge of salvation.