

Simply teaching the Word simply



1 Peter

THE FIRST EPISTLE GENERAL

OF

P E T E R .

Chapter 4

VS. 17-19

A verse by verse study.

CHAPTER I.

PETER, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood

6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season (if need be) ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations;

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise, and honour, and glory, at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

8 Whom ye have not seen, in whom, though now ye see him not,

Exhortation to holiness.

12 Unto whom it was that not unto themselves, they did minister the same, who are now reported unto you that have preached the same unto you with the Holy Ghost sent from heaven; which thing I desire to look into.

13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and watch, because ye do not know the day when the Son of Man will come.

14 As obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, which were your weakness.

15 But as he who called you is holy, so ye also be holy in all manner of conversation.

16 Because it is written, I am holy. And if ye call yourselves holy, and ye have not washed your faces with soap of pity, ye shall have no inheritance with the holy.

17 And if ye call yourselves have peace, and ye have not peace, because ye have not the Father and the Son, ye shall have no inheritance with the Father and the Son.

18 Forasmuch as ye have not redeemed your souls with silver or gold, which perisheth, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

19 But ye shall have peace, if ye have peace with the Father and the Son, ye shall have peace.

20 Who verily were manifested before the world, whom ye have not seen, whom ye have not seen, but who are now manifested to you.

21 Who have given themselves for you, that they might redeem you from all unrighteousness, to themselves a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

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Judgment is Coming

- ¹⁷ For the time *is come that* judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?
- ¹⁸ And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

1 Peter 4:17-18

- *“For the (specific) season of judgment will commence at the house of God”*
- What does this mean?

Judgment is Coming

- 'Judgment' occurs over 300x in the Bible
- Over 100x 'Specific season of judgment'
- 'The day of the LORD' (25x)

Judgment is Coming

- But what about the Church?
- Peter says the specific season of judgment will begin with the church(?)
- Isn't the church exempt?

Already Revealed

7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

Amos 3:7

History Repeating

9 *The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.*

Ecclesiastes 1:9

"Man learns from history that man learns nothing from history."

Hegel

Apostasy!

Apostasy

- **Apostasy** (from Greek αποστασία, meaning a *defection or revolt*, from απο, *apo*, "away, apart", στασις, *stasis*, "standing")
- lit. **‘to stand apart from’**

Apostasy Begins

²⁵ And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

²⁶ And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: *then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.*

Gen 4:25-26

Apostasy Begins

- “Then men began to *profane* the name of the Lord”
Gen 4:26
- “...desisted from praying in the name of the LORD”
Targum of Onkelos
- “...surnamed their idols in the name of the LORD”
Targum of Jonathan
- Kimchi, Rashi, Jerome and even Maimonides in his ‘*Commentary on the Mishna*’ (c.1168) ascribes the origin of idolatry to the days of Enosh!

Apostasy to Judgment

Enos

Gen 4:26



Flood

Gen 6-9

Cush/Nimrod

Gen 10:8-9



Babel

Gen 11:8

Molten Calf

Exodus 32



3000 died

Exodus 32:28

Balaam

Numbers 25:1-3



24,000 died

Numbers 25:9

Korah

Numbers 26:10



250 died

Numbers 26:10

Israel

Judges 13x



'Neighbours'

111 years in servitude

Israel / Judah

I & II Kings / I & II Chronicles



Assyria/Babylon

70 years + captivity

God's Opinion

- 6 If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers;*
- 7 Namely, of the gods of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth;*

God's Opinion

8 Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him:

9 But thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.

Deut 13:8-9

God's Opinion

- IO** And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.
- II** And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you.

Deut 13:10-11



1 Corinthians

10:1-12

Repeating The Mistakes of the Past

Lessons To Learn

- 1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;*
- 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;*
- 3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;*
- 4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.*

1 Cor 10:1-4

Lessons To Learn

- Incredible beginning
- Amazing deliverance from bondage
- Passed through water to new life
- Sustained by the Bread of Life
- Watered by the Water of Life – Christ
- *How could anything possibly go wrong?*

Lessons To Learn

- 5 But with **many** of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.
- 6 Now these things were **our examples**, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

1 Cor 10:5-6

Q. What did they lust after?

A. That which was acceptable to the human palate

Q. Do you know any churches that have abandoned the bread God has provided, in favour of that which is 'acceptable' to the multitude?

Lessons To Learn

7 Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

1 Cor 10:6

Q. What is idolatry?

2nd Commandment

- Issue of misrepresentation
- God is jealous of His name, character & attributes
- Anything that touches these is idolatry
- Idolatry –
 - making a God in your own image,
 - from your own imagination,
 - to suit your own desires
- Even if you call your god ‘LORD’! (cf Ex 33)

2nd Commandment

- Q. Do you know any churches today where they worship a god other than the One revealed in scripture?
- even if they still call him LORD?

2nd Commandment

- ‘God won’t send anyone to hell’
- ‘God can be worshipped in the way you choose’
- ‘God loves and accepts homosexuality’
- ‘God would never punish His Son’
- ‘God chooses to reveal Himself through ‘fresh revelations’ – experience is key’
- ‘God says she doesn’t want us to become gender exclusive’
- ‘God’s written word is not the be-all and end-all’

Lessons To Learn

8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

1 Cor 10:8

Q. What is fornication?

A. An intimate relationship with someone other than the one you are espoused to

- **Throughout Israel's history they committed spiritual fornication by going after (embracing) false god's**

Fornication

"Standing before a crowd of devout Muslims with the Grand Mufti, I know that we're all doing God's work together. Standing on the edge of a new millennium, we're labouring hand in hand to repair the breach." "I believe in positive thinking. It is almost as important as the resurrection of Jesus Christ"

Robert Schuler

Fornication

Schuller's marketing methods laid the foundation for the Church Growth movement. He claims to have launched the mega-church movement through his Institute for Successful Church Leading. *"Here ministers are inspired to believe in their dreams", says Schuller, "and to present the good news of the gospel in positive terms"*

Lessons To Learn

- 9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.
- 10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

1 Cor 10:8-10

Lessons To Learn

Q. What led to the Numbers 21 event?

A. A rejection of the bread that God had provided

- The murmuring of dissatisfaction
- *'We want something else'*

Tempting Christ?

Rick Warren, pastor of Sadleback Church in the USA and author of *The Purpose Driven Life*, in an article in a Philadelphia newspaper said that he:

'despises fundamentalism in the church'.

Tempting Christ?

Warren predicts that fundamentalism, of all varieties, will be *'one of the big enemies of the 21st century'*.

'Muslim fundamentalism, Christian fundamentalism, Jewish fundamentalism, secular fundamentalism - they're all motivated by fear. Fear of each other.'

(January 8th 2006 edition of the Philadelphia Inquirer).

Lessons To Learn

- II** Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.
- I2** Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

1 Cor 10:11-12



Guard Against Error!

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28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. 29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

Acts 20:28-29

Guard Against Error

30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

Acts 20:30-31

Guard Against Error

³ Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. ⁴
For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jude 3,4

Guard Against Error

¹ But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. ² And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

2 Peter 2:1-2

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ag-or-ad'-zo

to *purchase*; specifically to *redeem*: - buy, redeem.

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2 Peter 2:1-2

pol-oos'

much, large, abundant, great, many,

Guard Against Error

¹³ Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and **many** there be which go in thereat: ¹⁴ Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and **few** there be that find it

Matt 7:13-14

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2 Peter 2:1-2

Guard Against Error

- 1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;*
- 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;*

1 Tim 4:1-2

The Coming Judgment of the Church

- What has been will be (Ecclesiastes 1:9 / 2 Peter 2:1)
- Apostacy has always occurred
- Apostacy is met by God 's judgment
- Jesus, Paul, Peter, Jude etc all foretold apostacy
- Apostacy will 'creep in unnoticed'
- It will come from within the 'church'
- Many will be led astray with a false gospel
- The final apostacy will culminate in a one world, all-embracing church
- Those who oppose will be 'spoken evil of'
- God will finally judge this apostate church

History in Advance

- 9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,*
- 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:*

Isaiah 46:9-10

History in Advance

- Revelation 2 & 3 – 7 letters to 7 churches
 - layout of church history from Acts to 2nd Coming
- Matthew 13 – 7 parables about the kingdom
 - layout of church history from Acts to 2nd Coming

Revelation 2 & 3

- Four levels of meaning:
 - *Practical* – addressed to real churches
 - *Individual* – he who has an ear...
 - *General* – ...Spirit says to the churches
 - *Prophetic* – ‘book of prophecy’ Rev 1:3 / 22:19



Revelation 2 & 3

- 7 Churches:

- *Ephesus*

Promise post script

- *Smyrna*

End predicted

- *Pergamos*

- *Thyatira*

Promise part of letter

- *Sardis*

Continuance stated

- *Philadelphia*

Reference to 2nd Coming

- *Laodiceans*

The Prophetic History of The Church

EPHESUS
'love of espousal'

1st Church Age - The early Church
> 100AD

“Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come to thee quickly, and will remove thy candle stick out of his place” (Rev 2:5)

The Prophetic History of The Church

SMYRNA
'suffering'

2nd Church Age - The persecuted Church
100 - 313 AD

'Tares sown among the wheat'

(Cf: Matt 13 / Jude / Acts 20:29-30)

"Be faithful unto
death"

Rev 2:10

The Prophetic History of The Church

PERGAMOS
'mixed marriage'

3rd Church Age - The 'Constantine Church'
313 - 590 AD

"Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly,
and will fight against them with the sword of my
mouth"

Rev 2:16

The Prophetic History of The Church

THYATIRA
'continual sacrifice'

4th Church Age - Roman Catholic Church
590 AD - Tribulation

“And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Behold I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation”

Rev 2:21-22

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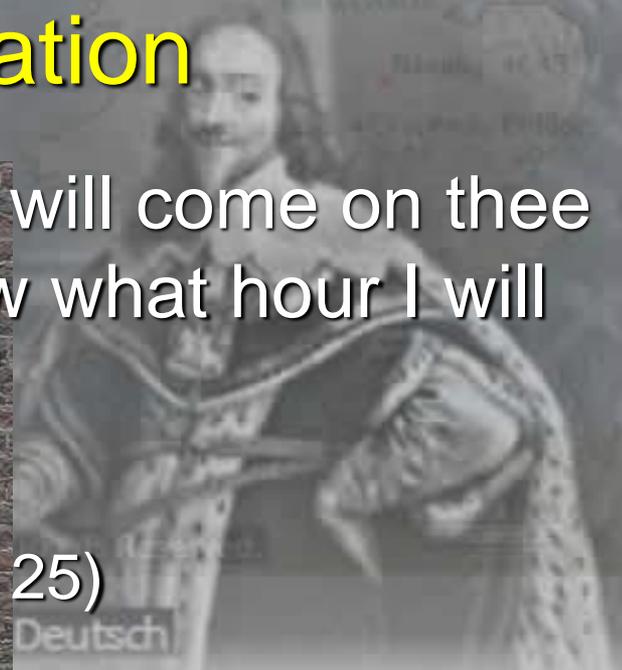
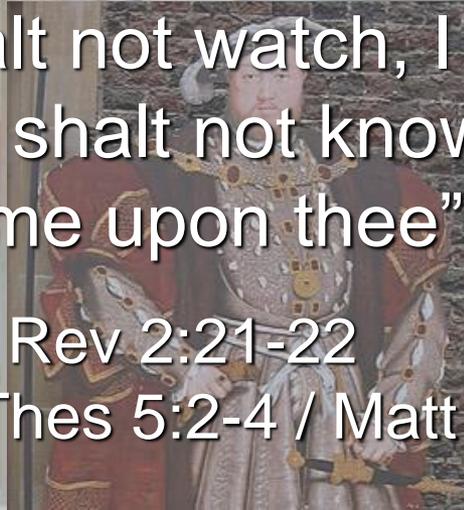
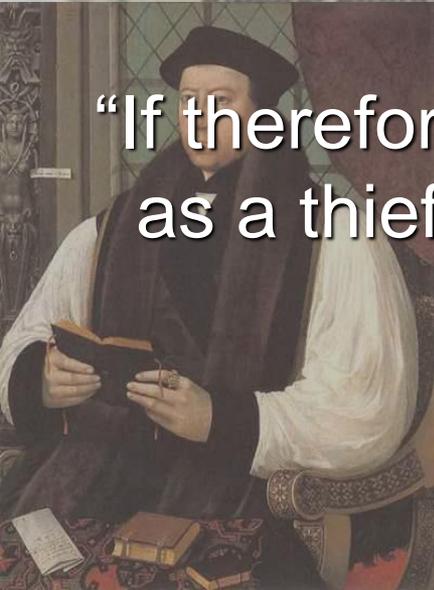
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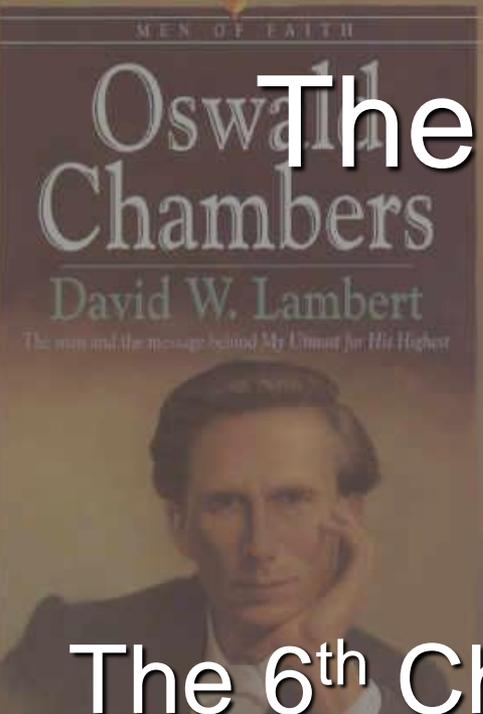
5th Church Age - The Reformation Church
1517 AD - Tribulation

“If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee
as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will
come upon thee”

Rev 2:21-22

(Cf: 1 Thes 5:2-4 / Matt 25)



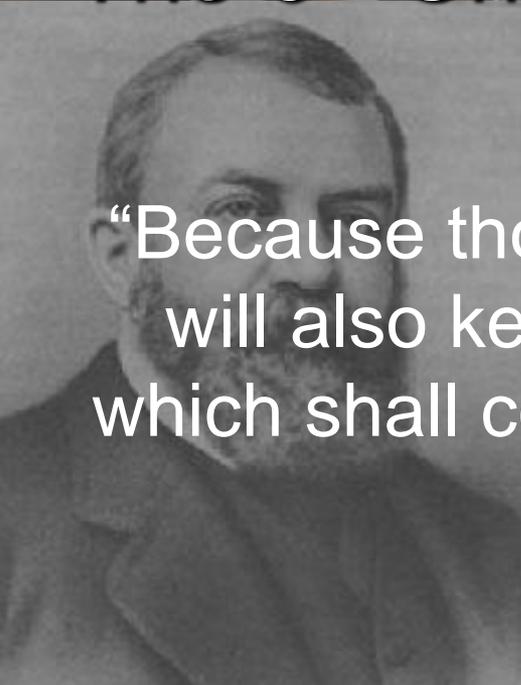


MEN OF FAITH
Oswald Chambers
David W. Lambert
The man and the message behind My Utmost for His Highest

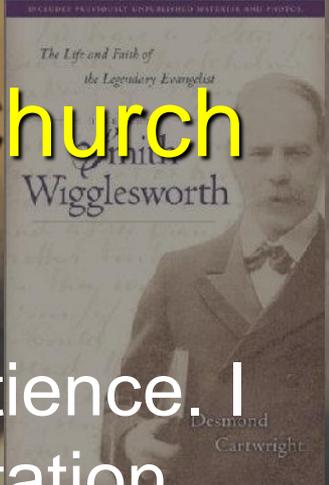
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PHILADELPHIA
'brotherly love'



The 6th Church Age - The faithful Church
1750 AD - Rapture



*The Life and Faith of
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William Wigglesworth
Desmond Cartwright

“Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I
will also keep thee from the hour of temptation,
which shall come upon all the world, to try them that
dwell upon the earth”

Rev 3:10

(Cf: 1 Thes 1:10 / Luke 21:36)

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LAODICEA

'the rule of the people'

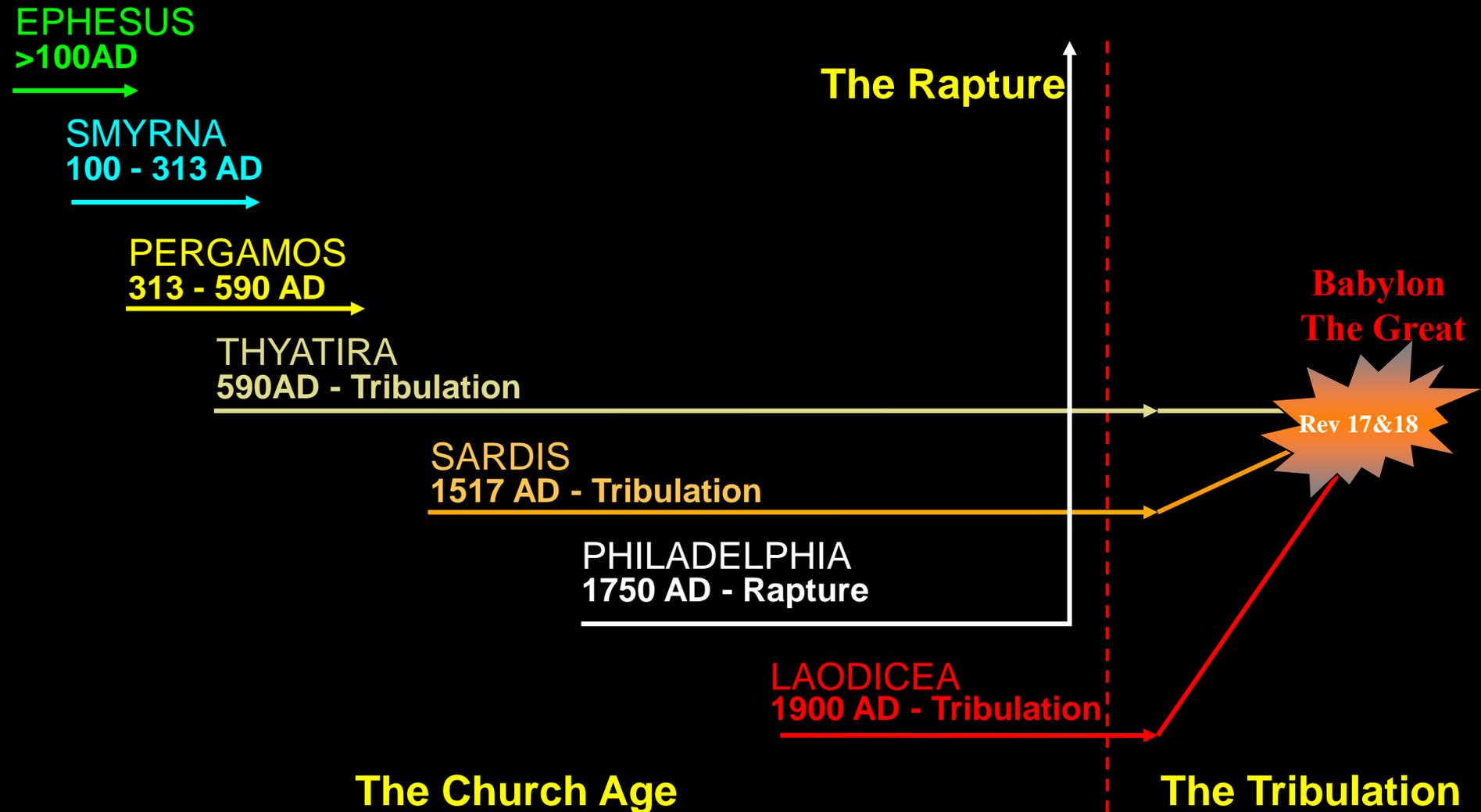
The 7th Church Age - The apostate church
1900 AD - Tribulation

"....I will spue thee out of my mouth....Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing, and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked"

Robert Schi

Rev 3:16-17

Prophetic view of the Churches



History Recorded In Advance

- Matthew 13 lays out the history/future of the church
- 7 Parables – parallel the 7 letters (Rev 2&3)

Matthew 13 / Rev 2&3

- 7 Kingdom Parables

- 7 letters

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| #1 – Parable of the sower <small>verse 3-9</small> | <i>Ephesus</i> |
| #2 – <i>Parable of the wheat & tares</i> <small>verse 24-30</small> | <i>Smyrna</i> |
| #3 – <i>Parable of the mustard seed</i> <small>verse 31-32</small> | <i>Pergamos</i> |
| #4 – <i>Parable of the leaven</i> <small>verse 33</small> | <i>Thyatira</i> |
| #5 – <i>Parable of the hidden treasure</i> <small>verse 44</small> | <i>Sardis</i> |
| #6 – <i>Parable of the goodly pearl</i> <small>verse 45-46</small> | <i>Philadelphia</i> |
| #7 – <i>Parable of the dragnet</i> <small>verse 47-50</small> | <i>Laodiceans</i> |

Israel

Espousal **Jer 2:1-2**
38 years **Deut 2:14**

Victory through time of war
cf: Promised Land

Complacency brings defeat **Prov 29:18**
Time of the Judges / Embracing the world

Rejection of Theocracy **1 Sam 8:7**
Beginning of the Monarchy - Saul

Division of Kingdom
Solomon's Apostacy

Israel (Idolatry) **Judah** (Not perfect)
Good works (**Jer 3:11**) worse than Israel (**Jer 3:10**)

Judgment foretold **Jer 25:9**
Faithful taken to Babylon **Jer 29:4-10**

Apostates / False Prophets Destroyed
Jer 52:12-13 Jerusalem burned with fire

Faithful return to inherit the land.
Temple built that Messiah will teach from (**Hag2:9**)

Church

Espousal **Rev 2:4**
38 years / Ephesus **AD32-70**

Victory through suffering
cf: Smyrna

Complacency brings defeat
cf: Pergamos/Constantine-Married to the world

Rejection of Theocracy **Rev 2:6**
Beginning of the Papacy / cf:Thyatira

Division of Church
Catholic Apostacy / cf:Sardis

Catholic (Idolatry) **Protestant** (Not perfect) **(Rev 3:2)**
Good works (**Rev 2:19**) Nothing good said

Judgment foretold **2 Pet2:1-2**
Faithful Raptured / cf:Philadelphia **Rev 3:10**

Apostates / False Prophets Destroyed
cf:Laodicea "Lord, Lord...I never knew you" **Matt 7:22-23**
'burned with fire' **Matt 13:30 / Rev 17 & 18**

Faithful return to inherit the land.
Temple built that Messiah will teach from (**Is2:2-3**)

So what?

- Peter says the specific season of judgment will begin with the church
- He has been saying that we must imitate Christ in submitting to God's will
- We must also be prepared to suffer for 'doing the right thing'
- He now concludes by saying:

Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

1 Peter 4:19

- We are but pilgrims, passing through. Not called to a monastic life, but to go forth in the very world from which we have been delivered, being in it but not of it, declaring everywhere God's offer of salvation through the finished work of His beloved Son.

Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

1 Peter 4:19

- “... I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day”

2 Tim. 1:12

Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

1 Peter 4:19

- Tertullian declared that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church. Persecution can never destroy the Church of God. Its dangers lie within.

Though I might also have confidence in the flesh.
If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof
he might trust in the flesh, I more:

Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel,
of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the
Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;

Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching
the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

But what things were gain to me, those I counted
loss for Christ.

Philippians 3:4-7

Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ,

Philippians 3:4-7

