



The Coming Judgment Of The Church

For the time has come for judgment to begin at
the house of God

1 Peter 4:17

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Part 1 – *Apostacy in the last days*

Part 2 – *That which has been, will be ...* (Ecc 1:9)
(*Israel's history repeated in the Church*)

Part 3 – *The future of the church seen through the history of Israel*

Part 4 – *The final One World Church
'Babylon The Great'*



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Part 1

Apostacy in the Last Days

The Sinful Nature of Man

*There is none that seeks after
God. ...no, not one.*

Romans 3:11-12

The Root of the Problem

12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Proverbs 14:12

The Sin Problem

12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Romans 5:12

The Sin Problem

5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

Romans 7:5

The Sin Problem

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. ¹⁵ For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. ¹⁶ If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. ¹⁷ Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

Romans 7:14-17

The Sin Problem

¹⁸ For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

Romans 7:18

The Heart of the Problem

9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and **desperately** wicked: who can know it?

Jeremiah 17:9

אֲנָשׁ *aw-nash'*

A primitive root; to *be frail, feeble*, or (figuratively) *melancholy*: - desperate (-ly wicked), incurable, sick, woeful.

A New Heart – New Life

^I Behold, *what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called **the sons of God***

I John 3:1

- You don't join the church, you are born into it!

⁸ Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: ⁹ When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. ¹⁰ Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. ¹¹ So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.) ¹² Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Heb 3:8-13

Apostacy

*All we like sheep have gone astray; we
have turned every one to his own way*

Isaiah 53:6

Repeating History

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** (from Greek αποστασία, meaning a *defection or revolt*, from απο, απο, "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”
Targum of Onkelos
- “... surnamed their idols in the name”
Targum of Jonathan
- Ascribes the origin of idolatry to the days of Enosh
Kimchi, Rashi, Jerome, et al
Maimonides, *Commentary on the Mishna*, 1168

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

Last Days Deception

(and our safeguard)

*...many shall come in my name,
...and shall deceive many.*

Matthew 24:5

Jesus' Warnings

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? 4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

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Matt 24:3-5

plan-ah'-o

- go astray, deceive, err, seduce, wander, be out of the way.

Jesus' Warnings

II And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

Matt 24:11

Jesus' Warnings

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. **15** Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Matt 7:13-15

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God's Will

3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

1 Thess 4:3

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

John 17:17

God's Will

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

²⁶ That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

Eph 5:25-26

God's Word

19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;

Matt 13:19-20

God's Word

21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

22 He also that receiued seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

Matt 13:19-22

God's Word

²³ But he that receiveth seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Matt 13:23

God's Word

²⁴ Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

John 5:24

God's Word

³¹ If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

John 8:31-32

God's Word

²³ Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. ²⁴ He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

John 14:23-24

Guard Against Error

¹ I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

² Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

2 Tim 4:1-2

Guard Against Error

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

2 Tim 4:3-4

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⁶ I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: ⁷ Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

Gal 1:6-8

Guard Against Error

9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Gal 1:9

Guard Against Error

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

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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.

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ag-or-ad'-zo

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

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pol-oos'

much, large, abundant, great, many,

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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

Summary So Far...

- What has been will be (Ecclesiastes 1:9 / 2 Peter 2:1)
- Apostasy has always occurred
- Apostasy is met by God 's judgment
- Jesus, Paul, Peter, Jude etc all foretold apostasy
- Apostasy will 'creep in unnoticed'
- It will come from within the 'church'
- Many will be led astray with a false gospel
- The final apostasy 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)

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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

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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

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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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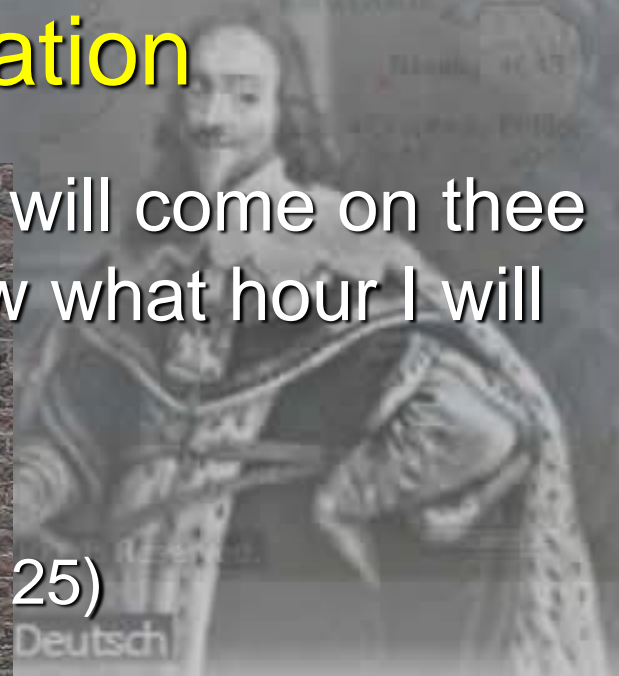
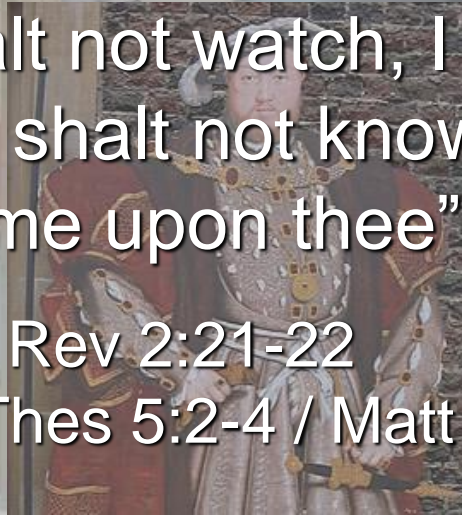
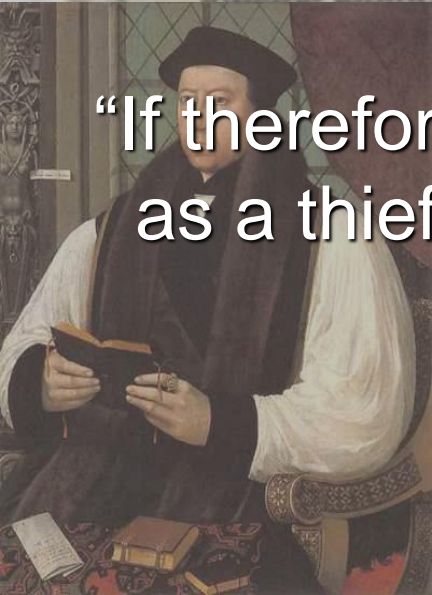
SARDIS
'remnant'

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

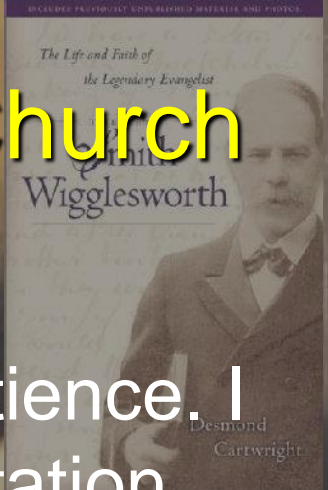
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PHILADELPHIA
'brotherly love'



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



*The Life and Faith of
the Legendary Evangelist*
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'

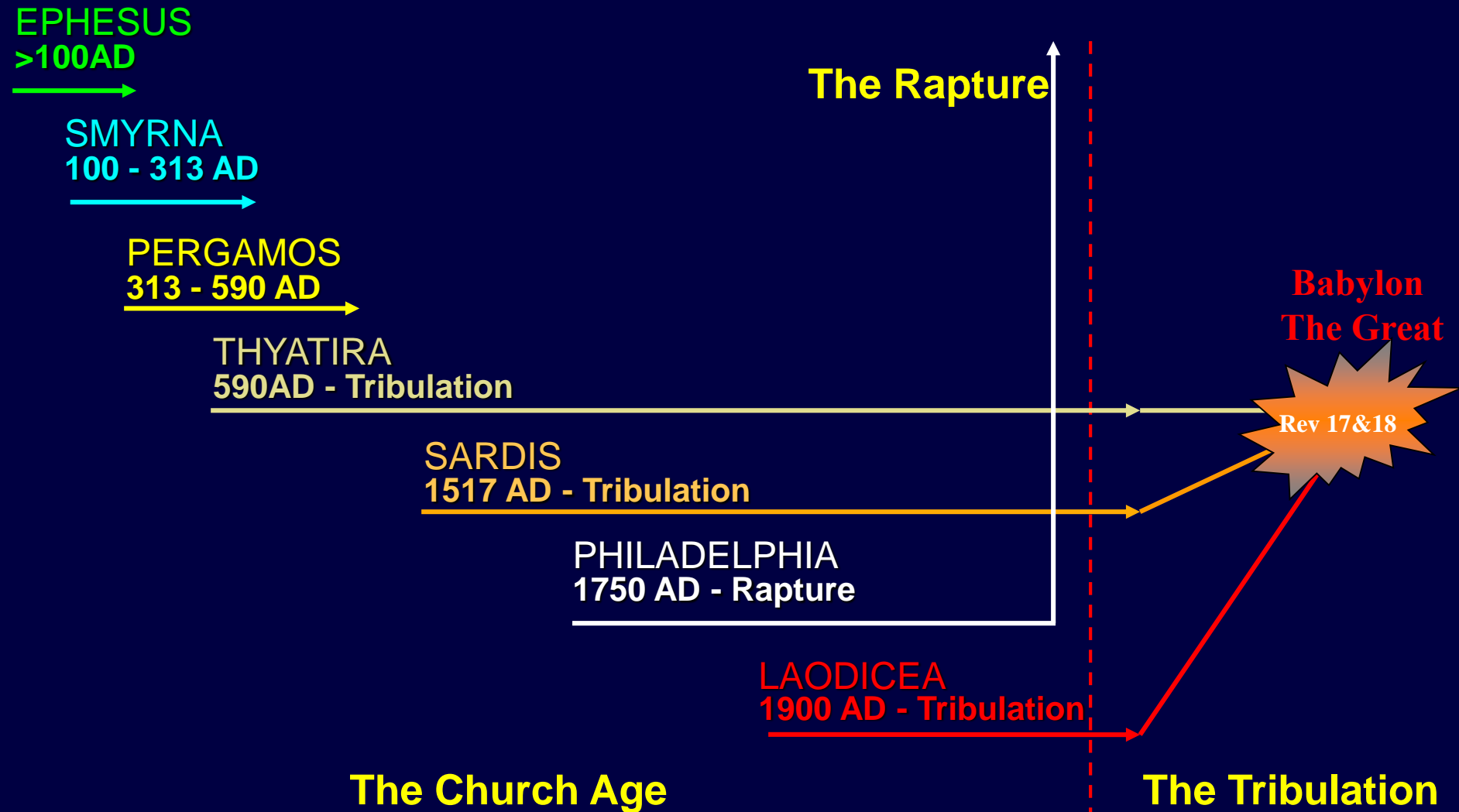
The 7th Church Age - The apostate church
1900 AD - Tribulation

"....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



Matthew 13

- 7 Kingdom Parables

- 7 letters

#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>



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Next Session: Part 2

Israel's history repeated in the Church



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