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Seventh-day Adventist Church –
What Happened?

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Introduction

How To Understand the Seventh-day Adventist Church Today

The purpose of this document is to show that there are two ways to view the Seventh-day Adventist church today – one from the perspective of the church being faithful to their mission and calling, and the second if they are not.

The Seventh-day Adventist church has now come to the point where individual members must take a personal stand as to how they promote the truth of the Scriptures and the role of the counsel of the *Spirit of Prophecy* they claim to follow. Every member must decide for his or herself if they will follow the Bible and the Bible alone as their only rule of faith and practice or not. We must individually decide for ourselves if we will follow all the counsel of Scripture and its revealed truth as our knowledge increases.

Throughout the past 2000 years God has continually revealed “present truth” in every generation. When truth from God’s word is revealed we must accept it, ignore it, or resist it. The stand we take as the final generation, who claim to be God’s witnesses, will determine our future at a time of crisis under the most forbidding circumstances the world has ever experienced.

The main purpose of this document is to illustrate what has happened to the Christian church in general and the SDA church specifically as both have failed to keep pace with the revealed word of God. In the almost 2000 years of the time of the Christian church, Christians have failed to follow clear statements of Scripture in belief and practice. When a reformation of faith and action occurred bringing people back to the word of God, it quickly ended when the reformers died. The churches have either moved further from God’s revealed word, or failed to advance spiritually and became fixed in their particular doctrinal beliefs.

The Seventh-day Adventist church is no exception. The widening split between Conference leaders and Independent leaders, and the large amount of members leaving the church is an indication of both moving away from biblical truth and remaining fixed in the teachings of 1800’s revealed truth; not advancing into “present” truth.

However, the largest problem is not a matter of which group is more faithful to its fundamental beliefs, but who are more faithful to the Word of God. The in-fighting is keeping both major groups (Conference vs. Independents) from recognizing the *present truth* God is revealing in his Word today in preparation for the final call for his people to come all the way out of spiritual Babylon. Both groups are attempting to justify their existence leaving the majority of faithful members caught in a doctrinal crossfire while God is using other 11th-hour workers outside the church to give the messages of Revelation 14 which were previously attributed to Seventh-day Adventists.

Application of the Scriptures, or failure to apply them, is something all denominations must address and correct if they are striving to be part of the *grafted in Remnant* of Israel. Everyone who calls themselves “Christian” must address the growing challenge against “Replacement” and Dispensational theology.

If it is true that God has chosen people outside the walls of Adventism to give the final warning message to the world in order to gather *His Remnant*, then what will be discussed below is of the utmost importance. The issues discussed apply to Christianity in general as well. See official SDA statement on the [remnant](#).

Content and Focus of this Document

The Adventist church claims to be the *final remnant* of Bible prophecy. This document will demonstrate that this cannot be the case as previously understood due to the denominations continued teaching of *Replacement Theology* or *Supercessionism*. Teaching that the Christian church replaced Israel goes hand in hand with rejecting the literal promises that God made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Israel).

The *Jews* of today represent only the southern two tribes of Israel. All *Israel*, comprises all 12 tribes. The world today only recognizes those from the tribe of Judah. The Bible is clear that gentiles must be grafted into the root stock of *Israel* not just Judah. Christianity was never to become separate as an entirely different tree.

Israel is represented as an Olive tree in scripture and gentiles were to be grafted into it as described in Romans chapter 11. Some natural branches are broken off, but others not of the natural tree are grafted in. Therefore *all* true Israel is to be saved. This fact needs to be kept in mind as you continue. See the [Formation of Christianity](#).

I have attempted to keep the text focused on the illustrations found in the appendix. The Appendix section is my attempt to show historical events in a graphical format. Each chart follows a grid layout so you can see a time/distance relationship between certain events of history. The following discussion follows the chart series in Appendix-I and Appendix-II in order to demonstrate the actual sequence of events as they occurred along with their chronological time-relationship to each other.

How this document came to be

In 2008, after discarding six boxes of very old cassette tapes, I somehow focused on a particular set of two tapes which touched a responsive chord in my mind. It was a message given by Dave Bauer from the 1980's entitled: *Organization vs. Disorganization*. In his message Pastor Bauer explained the historical progress of the Seventh-day Adventist church from the original organization as established on biblical principles to what we see today in the change in administrative focus that occurred in 1873 under G.I. Butler's administration.

From the perspective of a third generation Seventh-day Adventist, pastor Bauer honestly addressed the actual history of what happened in 1888 and the conflict between the

leadership of the Adventist church, and A.T. Jones and E.J. Waggoner. As documented in his study, the major point of conflict was not over the rejection of the *Righteousness by Faith* message, but was over authority, power, and control. In short, the leadership of the SDA church stepped off the foundation of truth established in 1844 by changing the basic organizational structure as given by God to the founding pioneers.

God had favored the Jews above all other nations; but if they rejected the light, failing to live up to their profession, they would be no better in his sight than other nations. Those among the Gentiles who, like Cornelius, feared God and worked righteousness, walking in the light they had, were kindly regarded by God, and their sincere service was accepted. But the faith of Cornelius could not be perfect without a knowledge of Christ; therefore God sent additional knowledge to him, for the further development of his character. Many refuse to receive the light that God sends them, and in excuse, quote the words of Peter to Cornelius, "In every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." They maintain that it is of no consequence what men believe, so long as their works are good. Such are in error. Faith and works must be united. We should advance with the light given us. If God brings us into connection with those who have received truth substantiated by his Word, we should accept this truth with joy. Those who claim that faith alone will save them, are trusting to a rope of sand; for faith is made perfect by good works. {RH, April 13, 1911 par. 14}

The Adventist church did not acknowledge or receive the additional light God sent them; and in 1888 insulted the Spirit of God. The chronological charts in this document will give you a clear picture of the path of disobedience the church had taken.

Challenge of 2007

My wife and I were members, in good and faithful standing, of the Adventist church for 27 years when in 2007 we were made aware of certain teachings found in the Scriptures that we were not following and did not fully understand. Ever since 1980 when I joined the SDA church I made it my priority to prove all things as the scriptures state (Acts 17:11, I Thess. 5:21). When we understood the significance to what I formally viewed as nonessential details, we had to make a personal decision. It is because we have accepted the truths of scripture taught in the Adventist church that we now find ourselves outside of the denominational structure. We followed the counsel of Ellen White to accept the Bible and the Bible alone as our only authority and have moved closer in our spiritual walk to revealed "present" truth.

Every church member must make a decision and take a stand if God reveals truth from his word to us. Every member must be personally convicted of truth and follow accordingly. However, the issues must be clear and that is the problem today. Confusion over what is truth is worse today where there are literally thousands of churches and groups all claiming to have the truth that leads to salvation.

The main point to keep in mind as you continue reading is that there is a difference between what Jesus (Yeshua) taught to the disciples and early converts, verses what is being taught today. That is bad enough however, the problem goes deeper. It is at the root of the gospel and begins with the Messiah himself.

This document is my attempt to share what I have discovered over the span of 30 years of Bible study and what I believe God is doing in the world today to call his final remnant people out of spiritual Babylon. I have used charts and illustrations in the appendix to help focus on the major issues discussed and hopefully save a thousand words of text if it is true that a picture is worth that many words.

Foundational Information

Throughout this document I will use the name Jesus and Yeshua interchangeably. The names Yeshua and Yahshua are synonymous Hebrew names. Y'shua is the short form. All three mean Yahweh (YHWH) is salvation. The name Jesus has no meaning in and of itself. However, it is important to understand that whatever name you use to call the Hebrew Messiah, the words and actions of the true Messiah must conform to the Old Testament scriptures known in Hebrew as the *Tanak* (Torah, Prophets, and Writings). The true Messiah must be in agreement with the Torah (instructions) as God gave them on Mt. Sinai. Any person claiming to be the Messiah must be obedient to God's word since He does not change (Malachi 3:6).

The issue that needs to be addressed is that because of the thousands of variations in the Christian church in faith and practice, the divisions within Christianity must be based on different understandings of the Scriptures. Each group must pick and choose what they believe and follow. The Bible gives clear directives: be obedient and live, be disobedient and die. Obedience, blessings and cursing are clear.

“Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye take away anything from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD (YHWH) your God which I command you.” Deuteronomy 4:2

“Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse;
A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day: And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.” Deuteronomy 11:26 -28

“What thing whatsoever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add to, nor diminish from it.” Deuteronomy 12:32

“And say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel; Cursed be the man that obeys not the words of this covenant, Which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so shall ye be my people, and I will be your God:” Jeremiah 11:3, 4

“Remember ye the law of Moses [Torah] my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.” Malachi 4:4-6

The very last chapter of the last book of the Old Testament urges us to Remember the law (Torah) of Moses (Mal. 4:4). The scriptures state clearly that both, literal Elijah or a symbolic Elijah message must conform to the Torah (law) of Moses. Anyone or any message that does not believe or teach the instructions given by God will be cursed. The true Messiah must conform to the Torah since it was the purpose of the Messiah to pay man’s penalty for disobedience, not release people from obeying God’s law. Only the Anti-Messiah teaches lawlessness. See [Christian Witness vs. Scriptural](#) witness.

The last diagram from the link above is very disturbing if you consider that the Adventist church denies all but one feast of Leviticus 23. This is an indication that support for the Sabbath does not come from the Torah itself, but what the SDA church defined as the *Moral Law* (i.e. 10-Commandments). Further proof that the Seventh-day Adventist church does not uphold the Torah (Genesis – Deut.) as relevant for today, is found in the first volume of Testimonies for the church in the chapter entitled *Errors in Diet* (1 T 204-209). Reading this chapter carefully proves that the Adventist church’s Health Message against eating pork is NOT based upon the Torah (Law) which was spoken by Jesus on Mt. Sinai, but a vision from Ellen White in 1863; five years after the account of this chapter in 1858. The editor’s comment on page 206 of the second edition of this book highlights that fact.

It is absolutely clear from history what happened to God’s chosen people in the Old and New Testaments. Disobedience caused God’s judgment to fall on them. However, what about disobedience today? Has God changed his outlook on disobedience? What constitutes disobedience? What would it take for God to turn aside from those who profess to be his children? Is disobedience to the Torah lawlessness?

I believe the major point of confusion begins with our understanding of who the Messiah was. Notice the points made in the statement from the Review and Herald magazine below.

The religion of the Jews, in consequence of their *departure from God*, consisted mostly in ceremony. John [the Baptist] was the lesser light, which was to be followed by a greater light. He was to *shake the confidence of the people in their traditions*, and call their sins to their remembrance, and *lead them to repentance*; that they might be prepared to appreciate the work of Christ. God communicated to John by inspiration, illuminating the prophet that he might *remove the superstition and darkness* from the minds of the honest Jews, which had been, through *false teachings* for generations, gathering upon them. {RH, April 8, 1873 par. 15}

Notice the purpose of what John the Baptist with the message of Elijah was. It was to point out that the Jewish religion had departed from the religion of the Scriptures (*Tanakh*) and from obedience to God’s word. John shook their confidence in the religion of man not the religion of Torah. If they repented they were again to follow the instructions

previously given on Mt. Sinai. Disobedience to the instructions of God is sin and sin is the transgression of God's Torah (1 Jn. 3:4). The problem was their traditions, superstition, and false teachings contrary to God's word.

Replacement theology insists that God rejected his people, withdrew the promises he made to Abraham, Isaac and Israel, and annulled his covenant with his people and the land. This sets the ground work for understanding why the Adventist church cannot be the final Remnant of Bible prophecy according to the Scriptures. Replacement theology insists that the *Remnant* come through the Papal and/or Protestant church; apart from Israel.

Early Adventism and Ellen G. White

The Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) church came into being in 1863 when it legally incorporated. The pioneers of the SDA church came from a variety of denominations as a result of the preaching of an itinerant Baptist lay preacher by the name of William Miller.

William Miller (February 15, 1782 – December 20, 1849) was an American Baptist preacher, whose followers have been termed Millerites. He is credited with founding the Advent Movement of the 1830s and 1840s in North America. Among his direct spiritual heirs include Seventh-day Adventists and Advent Christians. Later movements found inspiration in Miller's emphasis on Bible prophecy relative to the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Ellen Gould (Harmon) White (EGW), along with her family joined the Millerite movement after Ellen Harmon's family was disfellowshipped from the Methodist church for believing what the Advent preachers were teaching regarding the soon return of Jesus Christ. Ellen (Harmon) White is viewed by the Seventh-day Adventist church as one who received visions, dreams, and revelations from God. Although she herself never claimed the title of Prophet, church leadership and the laity label her as such using the Bible to define the attributes and functions of a prophet. A lengthy discourse can be found in a letter she wrote in June 14, 1906 to a Dr. Paulson who resided in St. Helena, California regarding her role in the ministry of the SDA church.

In the letter to Dr. Paulson, Ellen White had to correct his view of her writings. Dr. Paulson was a resident physician at the St. Helena medical center and in his early training accepted the writings of Ellen White as counsels from God. However, he went beyond acknowledging the source of her inspiration as from God by placing her writings on an equal level with the Scriptures. She stated the following:

In your letter you speak of your early training to have implicit faith in the testimonies and say, "I was led to conclude and most firmly believe that every word that you ever spoke in public or private, that every letter you wrote under any and all circumstances, was as inspired as the Ten Commandments."

My brother, you have studied my writings diligently, and you have never found that I have made any such claims; neither will you find that the pioneers in our cause ever made such claims. {1SM 24.3}

Writing from the perspective of 1906, Ellen White made it abundantly clear that neither she nor the pioneers of the Seventh-day Adventist church in the 1840's ever equated her writings with that of Scripture. She stated that many times and in many different ways throughout her ministry and counsel for the church.

This issue is being discussed at length here because the SDA church must continue to defend EGW as a prophet in order to support the proposition, as is claimed, that the Seventh-day Adventist church is the final Remnant church of Bible prophecy. Because of this, defendants of this position must answer the question of infallibility made by skeptics – a position which Ellen White never claimed.

Ellen White further addressed questions regarding her being called a prophet as recorded in Volume One of Selected Messages:

During the discourse, I said that I did not claim to be a prophetess. Some were surprised at this statement, and as much is being said in regard to it, I will make an explanation. Others have called me a prophetess, but I have never assumed that title. I have not felt that it was my duty thus to designate myself. Those who boldly assume that they are prophets in this our day are often a reproach to the cause of Christ.

My work includes much more than this name signifies. I regard myself as a messenger, entrusted by the Lord with messages for His people.--Letter 55, 1905. {1SM 36}

Ellen White addressed her role in the early development of the Seventh-day Adventist church, as she understood it, as a “Messenger” that the Lord used to give guidance and direction to the SDA church. She never claimed that her visions, dreams, or writings were on the same level with the prophets recorded in the scriptures. Nor did she direct her readers to her over 100,000 pages of written material to be viewed on an equal level with the Bible. She continually directed people to search the Bible for truth. It was because people failed to read the Bible that she felt that God chose her to wake the people up. Through her entire ministry, Ellen White emphatically stated that all doctrines must be biblically established, and that the Bible was to be the only rule of faith and practice for God's people.

“ I am fully in harmony with you in your work when you present the Bible, and the Bible alone, as the foundation of our faith. {RH, October 13, 1885}

“The Bible and the Bible alone is to be the rule of our faith, the sole bond of our union,” {Sabbath-School Worker (SSW), October 1, 1886}

Since the Hebrew Messiah did not come to change the scriptures anyone claiming faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel cannot add to or take away from them – including Ellen White who only claimed to be used as a lesser light pointing to the greater light of the scriptures.

The Lord has sent his people much instruction, line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little, and there a little. Little heed is given to the Bible, and the Lord has given a lesser light to lead men and women to the greater light [Bible]. {RH, January 20, 1903 par. 9}

Ellen White never claimed that her writings were to have preeminence over, or be an addition to the Scriptures. She never claimed to be equal to, or on the same level with the prophets of old. However, many within the SDA church have placed her writings on the same level with the canon of Scriptures and quote her as if she had the scriptural authority of the major and minor prophets of the Bible. I believe an overemphasis on the writings of Ellen White by church members and leaders have lead to the confusion over, and rejection of the Ministry of Ellen White by many in and outside the church.

The unfortunate result in teaching and preaching that the SDA church is the final *Remnant* has stifled honest inquiry into all the prophecies of the bible that specifically identify the remnant with literal Israel, not an offshoot protestant denomination. This has forced the church into a position which denies the biblical significance of the re-gathering of all 12 tribes of Israel from the four corners of the earth where they were scattered because of disobedience. The Israel of today only consists of the two southern tribes.

Isa_10:22 For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness.

Jer_29:14 And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

Eze_11:17 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.

Additional truth has been revealed after the death of Ellen White. If Adventist use her writings to justify why it is not important to believe or be obedient to the teachings of the Bible, then they unwittingly promote her as a false prophet who adds to and takes away from the words of God as contained in the Scriptures [*Tanak*]. You cannot use Ellen White's lack of addressing certain points of Scripture that was not revealed in her day as evidence that what is revealed today is not important. Remember the statement above from the Review and Herald above. She made that statement four years before her death.

We should advance with the light given us. If God brings us into connection with those who have received truth substantiated by his Word, **we should accept this truth with joy.** {RH, April 13, 1911 par. 14}

So what happened to the Seventh-day Adventist church? Why isn't the church being taken seriously today? Why is the SDA church fragmenting and losing so many faithful bible students and senior members? We need to take a closer look at the history of where the Adventist church came from, why it stopped moving forward in revealed truth, and why the current Hebrew Roots movement is presenting challenges that cannot be answered scripturally from within the framework of 19th century "*Present Truth*."

Discussion of Appendix Illustrations

Church Structure – Biblical or Not?

To underscore the seriousness of a biblical organization, see the [Organizational Structures](#) charts and Robert Pierson's [4 Generations](#) table to see a visual concept of the difference between the organization that Jesus (*Hebrew Yeshua*) established and structure the world follows.

The [Biblical Christian Church Structure](#) chart in Appendix I shows the structure of God's church established by Jesus Christ. The greater the responsibility and capability of the leader, the greater support he/she is to give to the individual church members to help them to grow in their personal relationship with God. The [Corporate Structure](#) paradigm chart and also the [Transformation of Church Structure](#) table in Appendix I, show the reversal of the biblical structure in just four generations. The pyramid is the structure that the first General Conference president instituted (G.I. Butler) in 1873 as documented by Dave Bauer which exists to this day.

According to Early Writings pages 258-259 and elsewhere (See [Adventist Online Archives](#)), the Seventh-day Adventist church was founded on a solid biblical platform of truth in 1844. The church was not founded on any particular person, persons, or non-biblical doctrines. Rather it was founded on bible truth and bible prophecy which was never to be replaced or ignored.

“I was again brought down through these messages, and saw how dearly the people of God had purchased their experience. It had been obtained through much suffering and severe conflict. God had led them along step by step, until He had placed them upon a solid, **immovable platform**”. --Early Writings, pp. 258, 259. (1858.) {CW 53.1}

However, as demonstrated in Bauer's study, a change did occur as men attempted to control the institution of the church without the presence of God in her midst. The SDA church was legally incorporated in 1863 through the encouragement of James White who maintained the same structure that was established in 1844 on the “immovable platform” of biblical truth, but as early as 1868 Ellen White wrote that the church had become Laodicea and God was no longer present in the church.

“Like ancient Israel the church has dishonored her God by departing from the light, neglecting her duties, and abusing her high and exalted privilege of being peculiar and holy in character. Her members have violated their covenant to live

for God and Him only. They have joined with the selfish and world-loving. Pride, the love of pleasure, and sin have been cherished, and **Christ has departed**. His Spirit has been quenched in the church. Satan works side by side with professed Christians; yet they are so destitute of spiritual discernment that they do not detect him.” 2T 441, 442

In 1898 Ellen White repeated the warnings and stated the following:

“The church is in the Laodicean state. The presence of God is not in her midst.” Notebook Leaflets -1NL 99 (1898). {LDE 49.1}

In 1902, within 8 months, both the Review and Herald publishing company and the Battle Creek Sanitarium burned to the ground. See the timing of these events as show on the [Major Events of the SDA Church](#) of Appendix I.

[NOTE: It wasn't until 1978-1980 that the church legally trademarked the name “Seventh-day Adventist” under U.S. Department of Commerce laws. The owner of a registered trademark may commence legal proceedings for trademark infringement to prevent unauthorized use of that trademark. This process controls the “products” of the organization within the walls of that organization so its “customers” are not confused or misled by imposters. This privilege was exercised against independent ministries in the SDA church through local and district lawsuits.]

The testimony of Ellen White follows that of the bible. She emphatically stated that the Bible and the Bible alone is to be the rule and foundation of faith. However, through the many testimonies between 1858 and 1906 it can be shown that the SDA church “turned back from following Christ her leader” and steadily “retreated towards [spiritual] Egypt” 5T 217, 1882. We know that “biblically” Egypt represents sin and disobedience.

“Those who claim to believe the truth do not possess that power that God would bestow upon them if they really believed, and were striving for conformity to His image. The church is in the Laodicean state. The presence of God is **not** in her midst. If Christ were formed within, the hope of glory, conformity to His image would be seen, and the church trials which separate the members from Christ would disappear. . . . “ {1NL 99.4}

As of 2008 the SDA church has not yet conformed to Christ’s image and “church trials which separate the members from Christ” continues to be an option at the corporate level with conference lawsuits against members. The bible says by their fruits you will know them.

The council and testimony of Ellen White toward leaders of the SDA church, and also the church itself, can be view from two major perspectives. The first perspective reveals what the church would become if it had remained faithful. According to the bible, God’s people would receive and be a blessing if they were obedient, but a curse would follow if they turned back and followed the nations around about them (Deu. 11:26-32).

The second perspective of how Ellen White’s writings can be viewed is from the perspective of what would happen to the church if it did in fact turn back from following Jesus Christ and would not repent. As the bible records, God will (as he has in the past)

give the message and privileges, once intended for his chosen people, to others if they did not repent and turn back from their disobedient course. By looking at the history of the Adventist church it is clear that judgments have and will continue to come to the church because of unfaithfulness. See [Major Events of the SDA Church](#) chart in Appendix I. Anyone who knows and has lived through Adventist history can insert his or her own events (that they are aware of) on the time-line and see that their conclusion will be similar. In spite of church growth claims, the SDA church is losing thousands of their most mature bible believing members. The church continues to be under condemnation through counsel given to them through Ellen White because of disobedience.

[Appendix-I](#) contains a series of charts that outlines specific counsel given to the SDA church. It cannot be shown anywhere, neither in the writings of Ellen White nor recorded history that the Seventh-day Adventist church has ever repented from those things that brought the condemnation of God on the corporate body. The result is a church who makes exalted claims, quotes selected portions of Ellen Whites counsel when advantageous, claims to follow the bible, but in reality the church has turned back and has become just another denomination without the presence or power of God in her midst. By their fruits we will know them. Ellen White saw grave problems developing and told us exactly what the condition of the church would be if they stepped off the foundation pillars of the Bible. As a matter of historical record, the church did discard the fundamental principles that qualified them to be the remnant church, and the result has followed.

It is impossible to “reform” an organization who refuses to “restore” Bible truth. The Adventist church has repeated the pattern of the Protestant churches. When the reformers or pioneers die, the reformation stops. Like all the other reformation churches, the Adventist church is now resisting God as he continues to “restore all things” through others (Matt. 17:11). Consider the serious warning Ellen White gave to the SDA church as late as 1904:

“The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in *giving up* the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? **The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded.** Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. **Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement.** The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure.” 1SM 204, 205 [Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 2, Pages 51-59, Published In 1904.]

No one living today who knows the condition of the Adventist church can deny that the church structure, practice, and commitment to Bible truth is different from what it once was. No faithful Seventh-day Adventist who loves God and loves the Bible can equate the early Adventist movement with what exists today. It is different! I believe the words “remnant church” as highlighted in the quote above should read “remnant people”. The Seventh-day Adventist church as it exists today cannot be the “remnant church.” It no longer can give the Third Angels message as it once did, because it has joined in the fallen condition of all the other churches that resist and/or reject the truth of the Bible.

After being a member of the Adventist church for 28 years, I personally do not know of one Conference church that does not have conflicts between the pastoral leadership and members over interpreting the Bible or Ellen White’s writings. Not one! The church that I joined in 1980 is not the same church today. In 2004 my home church pastor told other members of the church that he and I “do not interpret the Bible or Spirit of Prophecy any thing alike.” He said this knowing full well that we never personally discussed either. It took me three years to finally understand what he meant.

It was only in 2007 that I fully understood the seriousness of the warnings given to the leadership of the SDA church at the Autumn Counsel in 1978 by elder Robert Pierson; then the outgoing General Conference President. See the [Four Generations Chart](#) and obtain a copy of the full address. Both Robert Folkenberg and Jan Paulsen officially ignored and went contrary to Elder Pierson’s warning. See St. Pete Times Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005 [Interview](#). Better days are not ahead for the church, rather she will be judged!

“In the balances of the sanctuary the Seventh-day Adventist church is to be weighed. She will be judged by the privileges and advantages that she has had. If her spiritual experience does not correspond to the advantages that Christ, at infinite cost, has bestowed on her, if the blessings conferred have not qualified her to do the work entrusted to her, on her will be pronounced the sentence: "Found wanting." By the light bestowed, the opportunities given, will she be judged. . . .”
LDE 59.3; 8T 248 [1903]

If the church did not repent and was not converted, then ever since the 1880’s, God’s presence was not in the church. If this is true, then God did not reveal all that was available in the Bible to Ellen White since the SDA leadership rejected His leading. This makes perfect sense, because Ellen White’s dreams and visions all but ceased after 1900. It is also important to note that the majority of Ellen White’s visions occurred before 1860 but the church has remained in the Laodicean state. So God has given the message with additional light to others who will be part of the final end time movement that God will use to “Restore all Things”. He is not asking His followers to “Reform” the churches, He is telling us to “Come Out!”

The charts entitled [What Would Have Happened If . . .](#) and [The Restoration of Israel](#) in Appendix-I, focuses on a parallel history that was developing starting in 1881 when Eliezar Ben Yehuda and his wife immigrated from France to Jerusalem with the intent to

restore ancient Hebrew as a spoken language. Hebrew had long become a dead spoken language because of the Diaspora.

The restoration of the Jewish state of Israel in 1948 was, and continues to be, a non-issue regarding bible prophesy to the overwhelming majority of Adventists and Christians in general – not only back then but today as well. Israel does not fit into Adventist eschatology because of the acceptance of “Replacement Theology” which is shared by many churches.

The majority of Christians today believe that the “Christian church” has replaced Israel as God’s chosen people. However, what if that position is incorrect? What if Romans chapter 11 is correct - that gentiles must be grafted into the one root stock of Israel? What if the Old Testament prophecies regarding literal Israel will yet be fulfilled? What if the current Restoration Movement which is emphasizing the Hebrew roots of the Christian faith is being used by God for a very specific purpose right now at this moment in history as we face nuclear conflict, economic meltdown, and political and religious unrest and confusion?

Although, some in the past did approach church leaders with their convictions regarding the possible prophetic significance of what happened in 1948, their convictions were rejected and the church headed straight for the Barnhouse and Martin controversy of the 1950’s [See again the [Major Events](#) chart]. It is clear that God did not lead the SDA church into the brotherhood of the Evangelical camp. Nor did God encourage Robert Folkenberg to promote the concept of “Evangelical Adventists.” Nor did God convict church leaders to establish doctrinal relations and concessions with the Papacy through Neil Wilson, Bert Beverly Beach, and others. Consider the non-official chatter that is happening over the internet and throughout the church at the grassroots level. The following example came out of the United Kingdom.

Excerpt:

<http://www.fountain.btinternet.co.uk/sda/sdacath.html>

Introduction to Seventh-day Adventist-Roman Catholic Dialogue

. . .
Hi !

I saw your Protestant Quiz setup and was amazed that the **Adventists also accept the same beliefs as we Catholics** do, on this matter. Is this something you are actually trying to change ?? As far as I can see, the Catholic answers are the better ones - more biblical, more dependant on God's grace, less dependant on man, and more glorious for God who has truly (not only half like Protestants teach) made man righteous again.

Anyway, I wanted to know if I could use your list of questions on my site - I'd like to let SDAs know this, and get a response from them. If you would prefer that I didn't take over a copy of it,

I would still like to link to the list of questions. Naturally I will give you full credit.

Please let me know.

God bless,
Stephen

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- *hoc est qui sumus* - this is who we are - the time is near

...

It is interesting to note that the Hebrew Roots movement is being condemned for attempting to direct the minds of people to a Hebrew mindset and way of thinking – just like Messiah and the Disciples. On the other hand, the Evangelical thrust is to encourage a Greek and Latin mindset and way of thinking. Different conclusions regarding biblical truth will result depending on which mindset you choose to view the scripture.

[Appendix-II](#) contains a series of charts that outline the path of the Christian church according to the Catholic and Protestant organizations. It has been proven, both historically and biblically, that the Catholic Church is a result of the merger between Christianity and Paganism in the fourth century. It is also without question that the Protestant churches came out of the root stock of Catholicism and the Advent movement was formed by Protestant Christians. Therefore, it would be well to review the entire line of traditions passed from generation to generation. Actually, this is what is happening today with many dedicated Christians, and non-Christians alike. They are viewing the Christian church from the Hebrew perspective not the Greek. The Hebrew understanding of the world is *cyclical*. The Greek understanding is *linear*. There is a difference!

The [Historical Path of Christianity](#) charts beginning in Appendix II shows the path of the Catholic Church and the resulting Protestant churches. The [Dark Ages Apostasy](#) chart attempts to show the corruption and loss of biblical doctrines during the Dark Ages, and the reintroduction of those biblical doctrines through the Reformation churches. The problem that exists is that the Reformation churches stopped reforming after their founders died. However, another problem exists in that the protestant “reformers” wanted only to “reform” the universal church not change its underlying doctrinal beliefs. They still believed that the churches origin came through the apostle Peter and Rome. However, as history reveals, the apostle Peter was in Israel not Rome. Another Peter (*Petros*) was in Rome who started a “Universal Church,” but this church became known officially as the Roman Catholic Church, and he was not the Apostle Peter. History and Revelation 12 clearly reveal that God’s church went into the wilderness because of Roman persecution. God’s true church cannot be traced back through Rome. There are Godly members who are living up to all the light they have, but the organization itself is a mixing of pagan and Christian beliefs which the bible condemns. It was mixing of pagan customs that led the children of Israel into judgment.

The three charts in the [Paths of Christianity](#) series (Figures 3-5) focuses on the idea of the “Remnant”. These charts show that all churches that come through the path of the Roman Catholic Church have inherited an anti-Semitic point of view where they believe that the Christian church has replaced Israel as God’s chosen people; and now God only works for the salvation of mankind through them. However, which “Christian” church has replaced Israel – the Catholic Church? The Protestant churches? Which Protestant church? An immediate problem arises since the bible reveals that after the time of Paul “wolves” (Acts 20:29) entered the apostolic church and persecution drove the true church into the wilderness (Rev. 12:14). The true church of God is actually made up of true and faithful followers in every generation who were not visible to the world as a denomination.

The [Paths of Christianity \(cont.\)](#) series of charts identifies two major theologies of today and shows that they are separate. **Replacement** and **Restoration** theologies have a completely different point of reference. Replacement theology’s point of reference is a dispensational reference. It teaches that Christ chose the “Christian” church to replace Israel in order to bring the gospel to the world. Restoration theology believes that Jesus (Messiah), as a Hebrew, chose Hebrew apostles to restore the truths of the Torah and Prophets in order to bring the message of salvation through the Messiah to the world. Gentiles who accept the Messiah are to be grafted into the true root stock of Israel according to the view of Restoration theology (Ro. 11:17-24). Replacement theology requires that a separate and distinct branch of followers be created called “the Church.” The Catholic Church, between the second and fourth centuries, removed everything “Jewish” from Christianity which remains the norm to this day.

It wasn’t only the Sabbath that was changed, but also God’s calendar. It is significant to note that the Rabbinic calendar that [Hillel II](#) instituted in 359 C.E. has been corrected, and the lost years between it and the Gregorian calendar have been found. See [The Creators Calendar](#) by Michael Rood. It is also significant to note the sequence of events regarding the Jewish people (See [Restoration of Israel](#) chart). First, Hebrew as a spoken language was resurrected from being a dead language beginning in 1881 by [Eliezar Ben Yehuda](#). Secondly, the Jews returned to their own homeland in 1948 followed by taking over the Temple Mount in 1967. Then the Hebrew calendar was corrected in 2000 (missing 240 year error from Babylonian captivity was corrected).

Is this just a coincidence or is God doing something here relative to bible prophecy? Replacement theology teaches that Christ came to do away with the Old Testament Jewish laws and requirements. Restoration theology teaches that the Messiah came not to do away with the Torah and the Prophets, but to fulfill them in His own life through obedience (Matt. 5:17-20). All who claim the name of the Messiah are to follow His example. However, the problem today is that there are two messiahs that are being presented to the world. The first, a Hebrew Messiah named Yeshua who kept the Torah and was obedient to all the commandments of His father, and second, a Greek Messiah named Jesus who broke the Torah and nailed it to the cross. This turns out to be a major problem, because each must determine what authority they are building their doctrines on. These two choices are mutually exclusive. They are simply two different persons of

history. Ask yourself the question: Did the angel of Matthew 1:21 call Mary's baby, Jesus? The answer is a categorical No! Jesus is the Greek name Iesus ("ee-ay-soos"), as found in the 1611 King James edition. Yeshua or Yeshua (Y'shua ,short form) was the name given by the angel and means Yahweh (YHWH) is salvation. Jesus is a derivation of Iesus ("ee-ay-soos") which comes from the Greek. Since there are different ways to spell or pronounce the Messiah's name, the shortened version *Y'shua* is used so as not to offend any. However, the real issue here is over what the name means, what name was given by the angel, and regardless of what name you use, that person must represent the actual Hebrew Messiah. The true Messiah cannot add to or take away from his word. He must teach and practice what was written in the Tanak or Old Testament Scriptures in order to give us an example of how we are to live. This is no small matter.

What's in a Name?

Does it really matter what name we call our savior? Y'shua said in John 5:14 that he had come in his Father's name and they received him not; yet if another should come in his own name, him they would receive. Did this ever happen?

Who does the following describe?

- He was born of a virgin known as the mother of God.
- His birthday is celebrated as Dec. 25
- The universe was created through him
- He was called the "Light of the world"
- He was the god of light, the enemy of darkness
- Was born into the world to save mankind from the evil one
- He was part of a holy trinity
- He was a redeemer who offered eternal life to his followers
- Will be victorious over evil at the final battle
- Will judge men's souls
- Was called "The Good Shepherd"
- Healed the sick, made the blind to see, the lame to walk and raised the dead.
- Was the mediator between heaven and earth
- Remained celibate until his death
- Had a last supper of bread and wine with his disciples
- Was put to death on a cross
- Ascended to heaven
- He made the statement "He who will not eat of my body and drink of my blood so that he maybe one with me and I with him, shall not be saved"

The believers in him did the following:

- They were baptized
- Often made the sign of the cross
- Observed Sunday as their day of worship
- Called Sunday the "Lord's Day"
- Called their group leader "Father"
- Observed Christmas, Easter, the Assumption, and lent
- Took communion of bread (small round wafers with a cross on them), and water

- Was led by his representative on earth who wore a red cap, robes, ring and carried a shepherd's staff.

Who was this individual? Was this Yeshua ? Or is it another? It may come as a shock to many of you, but the above attributes were said of Mithras, the Sun god, long before the birth of Yeshua, the son of Yahweh.

Not all of these attributes are true of Yeshua and his followers. It is a close counterfeit – another Messiah. Is this the one who came in his own name, the one whom we were warned about?

John 5:43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

However, there is another problem. We must determine from history if there is a difference between a Hebrew Messiah and a Greek one. See: [Two Messiahs](#) .

The Father's name is not in the name Jesus. Jesus, as a name, has no meaning. Hebrew names meant something. This is not so in other languages where they are simply labels for identification. Regardless of what name you choose to use, the person referred to must teach according to the scriptures and not add to or take away from them.

The Messiah said in Matt. 7:22-23

22 Many will say to me in that day, Master, Master, have we not prophesied in thy **name?** and in thy **name** have cast out devils? and in thy **name** done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you:** depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Philippians 2:9 Wherefore Yahweh also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

Philippians 2:10 That at the name of Yeshua every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth

Revelation 3:8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

So I ask, if it really doesn't matter what name we call the Messiah, why not call him Mithras? Of course that would be ridiculous, so why doesn't the Christian world use the closest name possible? Could it be that they do not want a Hebrew/Jewish Messiah? Why does the Christian world also continue to use the title LORD in place of Yahweh (YHWH)?

And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to show in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth. Ex. 9:16

“And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commands all men everywhere to repent: because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness . . .” Acts 17:30, 31

See also: *The Antichrist 666, Teitan*, by William J. Sutton; pp. 31-37
The Two Babylons, Alexander Hisslop, pp. 25, 26, 34, 69, 70

Prove All Things

All Bible believing Christians must prove all things. (Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:21) They cannot simply follow the traditions of their particular church or denomination. The Bible teaches that nothing can be added to or taken away from what God revealed in the Torah and the Prophets since they were the only scriptures that were given by God and made available to both the Hebrew Messiah and his chosen Hebrew disciples (Deut. 4:2; Matt. 5:18).

Seventh-day Adventists especially, must not fail in listening to the voice of God through messengers that He selects, and ignore and/or turn away from “present truth” (Heb. 13:2; 2 Peter 1:12).

“Mysteries which have been hidden for ages are to be revealed in these last days to a humble people, who lean upon the arm of infinite power. Truth will be opened to the humble seeker, whose life is hid with Christ in God. . . .

“God's people will be proved and tested, that He may discern "between him that serveth God, and him that serveth Him not." . . .

“Vengeance will be executed against those who sit in the gate, deciding what the people should have, and what they should not have. These take away the key of knowledge. They refuse to enter in themselves, and those that would enter, they hinder. These bear not the seal of the living God. All who now occupy responsible positions should be solemnly and terribly afraid lest in this time they shall be found as unfaithful stewards.” 11MR 85, 86

In order for God’s true followers to be sealed before the tribulation, everyone must choose for themselves what “truth” they will follow and to what authority they will yield. (Matt. 7:12-23; Eph. 4:30)

“Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep [ALL] the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” Rev 14:12

Is it possible that the following quote may apply to the Seventh-day Adventist church in this age of the Gentiles, right before the second coming of Christ? Jn. 12:38-40; 2 Tim 3:7; Rev. 3:14-16

“The entire system of the Jewish religion was the gospel of Christ presented in types and symbols. Then how inappropriate was it for those who were under the

Jewish *dispensation*, to reject and crucify Him who was the originator and foundation of what they claimed to believe. Where did they make their mistake?-- They made their mistake in not believing what the prophets had said concerning Christ, 'That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.'" {RH, October 21, 1890 par. 2}

Decline of Spirituality

In the light of all the counsel from the Bible, testimonies from Ellen White, and the continuing decline of the spiritual condition rampant within the Adventist church today, the unthinkable, to many Adventist minds, must be considered.

I have attempted to present a simple to follow outline of history of the Adventist church in picture form by using chronology charts. If it is true that the church has been in the Laodicean condition since 1888 [and it has], and the leaders did "do insult to the Holy Spirit" by rejecting the messengers sent to them at the Minneapolis General Conference session [and they did], then the heart felt statement by Ellen white about hoping "there would not be the necessity for another coming out" must be addressed in lieu of continued apostasy within the church.

If God honored the position taken by the leaders and Conference President himself back then, then He would have to give the three Angels messages of Revelation 14 to others in preparation for the Fourth Angel of Revelation 18. I am personally being convicted more and more that God is raising up a people with a Hebrew Roots understanding to do just that. It is not a matter of just correcting false interpretations and translations of scripture, it is a matter of identifying which Messiah we are following: One who kept the Torah [law] of God or one who did not but changed it. These issues could not be more serious to those living at the end of time. The sad fact is that the Catholic church and every church coming from that historical line is following a Greek Jesus not the Hebrew Messiah – Yeshua. Therefore *Replacement Theology* seems correct to them.

Consider the seriousness of the following:

1889

I was confirmed in all I had stated in Minneapolis [in1888], that a reformation must go through the churches. Reforms must be made, for spiritual weakness and blindness were upon the people who had been blessed with great light and precious opportunities and privileges. As reformers they had come out of the denominational churches, but they now act a part similar to that which the churches acted. We hoped that there would not be the necessity for another coming out. . . . While we will endeavor to keep the "unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, we will not with pen or voice cease to protest . . .--EGW 1888 356, 357 (1889). {LDE 48.1}

Please take note to what the editors were forced to add in brackets to the quote above because of the current condition of the church. Last Day Events was compiled in 1992. Compare the reference in LDE with 11MR 230, 16MR 217, 218, etc.

[THIS IS THE ONLY KNOWN STATEMENT FROM THE PEN OF ELLEN WHITE INDICATING THAT SHE MIGHT HAVE LOST CONFIDENCE IN THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH ORGANIZATION. THE DOUBT WHICH SHE EXPRESSED HERE WAS NEVER REPEATED DURING THE REMAINING TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF HER LIFE.]

Editors Note LDE, 1992

Notice the difference of intent in the bracketed addition above (which implies that Ellen White's statement is no longer relevant), and the emphasized comment by Ellen White herself below.

Of those who boast of their light and yet fail to walk in it Christ says, "But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment than for you. **And thou, Capernaum [Seventh-day Adventists, who have had great light], which art exalted unto heaven [in point of privilege], shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works which have been done in thee had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.**"—RH Aug. 1, 1893. [THE BRACKETED COMMENTS ARE BY ELLEN WHITE.] LDE 48

Ellen White continually warned the church that a "decided changed" must take place. However, those changes in the spiritual condition of church leaders never happened to the degree where full repentance occurred. The Holy Spirit was "insulted" and could no longer speak to a church that rejected Him.

1898 – Warning repeated

The church is in the Laodicean state. The presence of God is not in her midst.-- 1NL 99 (1898). {LDE 49.1}

1913 – Insult to the Holy Spirit – No Decided Change

The following statement was written to the General Conference two years before Ellen White's death as found in the General Conference Bulletin of June 2, 1913.

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"IN PERFECT HARMONY WITH THIS, ARE MY STATEMENTS FOUND IN THE ARTICLE, 'THE TESTIMONIES SLIGHTED,' WRITTEN JUNE 20, 1882, AND PUBLISHED IN 'TESTIMONIES FOR THE CHURCH,' VOL. V, NO. 31, PAGES 62-84. FROM THIS I QUOTE, FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, SEVERAL PARAGRAPHS:- {GCB, June 2, 1913 par. 37}

"MANY EXCUSE THEIR DISREGARD OF THE TESTIMONIES BY SAYING, 'SISTER WHITE IS INFLUENCED BY HER HUSBAND; THE TESTIMONIES ARE MOLDED BY HIS SPIRIT AND JUDGEMENT.'" OTHERS ARE SEEKING TO GAIN SOMETHING FROM ME WHICH THEY

COULD CONSTRUE TO JUSTIFY THEIR COURSE, OR TO GIVE THEM INFLUENCE. [Note the struggle for power was still going on.] IT WAS THEN [1882] DECIDED THAT NOTHING MORE SHOULD GO FROM MY PEN UNTIL THE CONVERTING POWER OF GOD WAS SEEN IN THE CHURCH. BUT THE LORD PLACED THE BURDEN UPON MY SOUL. I LABORED FOR YOU EARNESTLY. HOW MUCH THIS COST BOTH MY HUSBAND AND MYSELF, ETERNITY WILL TELL. HAVE I NOT A KNOWLEDGE OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCH, WHEN THE LORD HAS PRESENTED THEIR CASE BEFORE ME AGAIN AND AGAIN FOR YEARS? **REPEATED WARNINGS HAVE BEEN GIVEN, YET THERE HAS BEEN NO DECIDED CHANGE.'**

"YET NOW WHEN I SEND YOU A TESTIMONY OF WARNING AND REPROOF, MANY OF YOU DECLARE IT TO BE THE OPINION OF SISTER WHITE. **YOU HAVE THEREBY INSULTED THE SPIRIT OF GOD.**
{GCB, June 2, 1913 par. 38}

Ellen White was laid to her rest from the “good fight of faith” two years later. What more can honestly be said. Given the reality of all the testimony given and the actual history of the SDA church, it is imperative that every individual test their own standing before God. Everyone, at some point in time, will either be sealed by the Holy Spirit or marked by the beast power of Revelation 13. The Adventist church is now being tested with the same biblical positions they hold and preached in the past; and that is obedience to All of God’s commandments.

In the balances of the sanctuary the Seventh-day Adventist church is to be weighed. She will be judged by the privileges and advantages that she has had. If her spiritual experience does not correspond to the advantages that Christ, at infinite cost, has bestowed on her, if the blessings conferred have not qualified her to do the work entrusted to her, on her will be pronounced the sentence: "**Found wanting.**" By the light bestowed, the opportunities given, will she be judged. {8T 247.2} 1904

Who Are We Following?

Many Seventh-day Adventists who claim to be following the counsel of the “Spirit of Prophecy” may actually be deceived, and in fact are not following the counsel at all. Rather, they are following an organization where God is not in her midst; and as Ellen White said, “they know it not.” We must remember that the “Spirit of Prophecy” is given by God to individuals. It is not contained or limited to one or more individuals.

Consider counsel from Volume 6 of the Testimonies for the Church. All 10 of the underlined statements in the second and third paragraphs below have *not* been carried out, and continue to be resisted from within the SDA church itself. Notice the highlighted sections in the first paragraph below. God will not share additional truth with people who refuse to follow truth previously given or who shut their ears from hearing. The Seventh-day Adventist church in its current state is incapable of giving the message

of Isaiah 58. Rather, Ezekiel chapter 9, Jeremiah 23, and Revelation 3 more appropriately apply.

The light we have received upon the third angel's message is the true light. The mark of the beast is exactly what it has been proclaimed to be. Not all in regard to this matter is yet understood, nor will it be understood until the unrolling of the scroll; but a most solemn work is to be accomplished in our world. The Lord's command to His servants is: "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." Isaiah 58:1. {6T 17.1}

There is to be no change in the general features of our work. It is to stand as clear and distinct as prophecy has made it. We are to enter into no confederacy with the world, supposing that by so doing we could accomplish more. If any stand in the way, to hinder the advancement of the work in the lines that God has appointed, they will displease God. No line of truth that has made the Seventh-day Adventist people what they are is to be weakened. We have the old landmarks of truth, experience, and duty, and we are to stand firmly in defense of our principles, in full view of the world. {6T 17.2}

It is essential that men be raised up to open the living oracles of God to all peoples. Men of all ranks and capacities, with their various gifts, are to co-operate harmoniously for a common result. They are to unite in the work of bringing the truth to the people, each worker fulfilling his own special appointment. {6T 17.3}

Read the chapter in Early Writings entitled *End of the 2300 Days* regarding the two groups bowed before God's throne. Question: could this apply to the SDA church today if Christ asks us to follow Him in His final work? Could Satan again take the place of Christ and gain a following? Could many not know it?
See: [Problem of Two Messiah's](#) below.

Conclusion

To really understand the full impact of the points made in this letter you must be aware of what those in what is referred to as the Hebrew Roots movement are teaching and the impact they are having all over the world. God is using "simple means" to finish the work "contrary to any human planning." [See: Testimonies to Ministers, p. 300. (1885) Ev 118]

This loosely coupled movement goes back over 20 years, but even those in the "movement" have recognized that something has changed since the year 2000 as God takes hold of the reigns and directs the work. People in many churches are being made aware of how far the tentacles of Babylon have reached. Many who are thought to be turning from Christian truth by the main stream churches are in fact casting aside

doctrinal errors and in their place restoring biblical truth and practice in preparation for receiving the seal of God.

A movement is defined as a group of people with a common ideology, esp a political or religious one who are united in a common goal without a governing hierarchy. The definition of a denomination is: A large group of religious congregations united under a common faith and name and organized under a single administrative and legal hierarchy.

The Adventist church began as a movement, but by the admission of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists as of June of 2010 is now an accepted Christian denomination like all the others. It was finally accepted by other Christians as a valid Christian denomination in the 1950's with the help of Walter Martin. The Adventist church has long ceased to be a movement. See [Wilson elected president](#) below. What is the difference between Christians and the Seventh-day Adventists today? See [Christian Witness vs. Scriptural Witness](#) below.

The main thrust of the Hebrew Roots (HR) movement is to allow God to “restore all things.” (Matt. 17:11) Fortunately, God was not taken by surprised by the failure of the SDA movement or any other for that matter. They began to come out of “Babylon” and began to restore the law of God, but stalled and have not advanced in their biblical understanding of what God expects of the final generation. Because of the HR teachings, the Adventist church can no longer use Deut. 4:2 , Isaiah 8:20, Matt. 5:17, 18 or 1 Jn. 3:4 truthfully and claim obedience to God’s commandments. The simple replacement of the word TORAH for “law” causes the Adventist understanding of Biblical obedience to collapse. Because of a correct use of the actual words of scripture, the Adventist church will be judged by Deuteronomy 4:2 and 1 Jn. 3:4. If this is correct, then the Adventist church has in fact disqualified itself from giving the Elijah message of Mal. 4:5, 6 and Matt. 17:11. And this is only the tip of the iceberg. Leviticus 23 must be restudied and applied. We were told that we were to preach the Sabbath more fully. How can this happen when the church is continually (for the past 100 years) retreating towards Egypt? How can this happen if the church rejects what is written in the whole of Leviticus 23? How can this happen when incorrect words are substituted in the Word of God in place of what is actually written? Additional light could not be given to a church in apostasy.

Since the SDA movement has retreated back to Egypt to become an accepted denomination within Christendom, God is raising up the final movement to carry out his will by uniting the two houses of Israel and Judah (Ezekiel 37:15-22; Ezekiel 38 and 39 etc.), restoring a pure language (Zephaniah 3:9) and sending his messages of warning to the world from “Zion”. From here on out, the conflict in the Middle East will intensify and center in the land of Israel where God will put hooks in the mouths of the nations and bring them to the battle of Armageddon. This is where Christ will ultimately return to establish His capital. Israel will become the [Epicenter](#) of world conflict.

Much more can be said, but the final outcome of your destiny rests with you. If you have not thought about the conclusion of this letter before, it is past time to prayerfully consider it. We can no longer be misdirected in our focus or incomplete in our

understanding of biblical truth – especially “present truth” as God unrolls the scroll. Review the sequence of Adventist history as diagrammed in the Appendix. SDA’s know that “while men have slept, Satan has stolen a march” on us. It is now high time that we awake and put on the spiritual armor. The end is not only near, the time of trouble is now facing us. Simply put, God stops speaking when people stop listening. (Mk. 4:24; Lk. 6:47-49). Praise God the He will finish the work! His sheep will follow His voice and respond to His call!

Many in the Hebrew Roots (HR) movement are preaching the only message in the world today that can demonstrate that the Adventist church has not followed on to be obedient to ALL the Commandments of God, nor is it using the Bible as the only rule of faith despite the church’s claims. The HR movement claims no leader but that of the Holy Spirit and believes the bible to be literal, except where the context requires a figurative or allegorical understanding. Therefore, it relies on understanding truth from the perspective of the language and context in which the scriptures were written. It is not a denominated group of people that is important, but rather the “Restoration of All Things” message they are preaching (Matt. 17:11). Remember, there is a difference between Hebrew (cyclical) and Greek (linear) thinking.

Since the Catholic Church (the mother of all Christian churches) claims to have given the current canon of the New Testament scriptures to the world, and is the de facto representative of Christianity to the world, we should in all honesty invest the time necessary to test our understanding of the scriptures to see if our positions conform to the will and truth of God (Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:21; 2 Corinthians 13:5). A spiritual audit is in order.

May we all individually be found faithful unto the end is my prayer.

George Petrjck

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<http://news.adventist.org/2010/06/president-story.html>

Wilson elected president of Seventh-day Adventist world church

VP, son of former president, to serve five-year term

25 Jun 2010, Atlanta, Georgia, United States

Ansel Oliver and Mark Kellner



Ted N.C. Wilson addresses General Conference Session delegates following his appointment as president of the Seventh-day Adventist world church, Friday, June 25. Wilson asked for Adventists to "pray that the Holy Spirit would bring [the church] [revival and reformation.](#)" [photo: Robert East]

Ted N. C. Wilson, a vice president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and the son of a former church president, was today elected to serve as president of the 16.3-million member global **Protestant denomination.**

Wilson was appointed by the church's 246-member Nominating Committee and confirmed by the General Conference Session delegation, which is an international body of 2,410 appointed members and the highest governing body in the church.

Wilson replaces Jan Paulsen, who has served as president since 1999. The appointment took place at the church's 59th General Conference Session, being held at the Georgia Dome and adjacent World Congress Center in Atlanta, Georgia, United States.

*"This is not just an organization, this is not just another denomination. This is **God's remnant church,**"* Wilson said in an address to delegates after his appointment.

"I do not know everything, but I shall seek wisdom from counselors and from the Bible and from the [Spirit of Prophecy,](#)" he said, referring to the writings of church co-founder [Ellen White.](#)

"The Spirit of Prophecy is one of the great gifts God has given to the Seventh-day Adventist Church," Wilson said. "It applies to the [past and to the future.](#) And, we are going home soon."

Wilson asked that church members ask for God's guidance "and pray that the Holy Spirit would bring us **revival and reformation.**" ...

Testimony of Ellen White:

1889

The church is in the Laodicean state. The presence of God is not in her midst. LDE 49

1903

God being removed, leaders place their dependence on human power. 1SM 204

1906

The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great **reformation** was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this **reformation** would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a **process of reorganization**. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? -- The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church would be discarded. . . .A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath, of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but **God being removed**, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and **storm and tempest would sweep away the structure.** SpTB07 39

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In the balances of the sanctuary the Seventh-day Adventist church is to be weighed. **She will be judged by the privileges and advantages that she has had.** If her spiritual experience does not correspond to the advantages that Christ, at infinite cost, has bestowed on her, if the blessings conferred have not qualified her to do the work entrusted to her, on her will be pronounced the sentence: "**Found wanting.**" By the light bestowed, the opportunities given, will she be judged. 8T 247

Reformation Never Happened

I was confirmed in all I had stated in Minneapolis, that a reformation must go through the churches. Reforms must be made, for spiritual weakness and blindness were upon the people who had been blessed with great light and precious opportunities and privileges. As reformers they had come out of the denominational churches, but they now act a part similar to that which the churches acted. **We hoped that there would not be the necessity for another coming out.** . . . EGW 1888 356, 357 (1889). {LDE 48}

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. Rev. 18:4
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Neal C. Wilson

Adventists Respond to U.N. Appeal for World Peace

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Adventists urge end of arms race

The world president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church has asked the leaders of the United States and the Soviet Union to end the international arms race when they meet Nov. 19-20 in Geneva.

In letters to President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, Adventist General Conference President **Neal C. Wilson** said "millions of men, women, and children around the circle of the earth... are most anxious that the (Summit) Conference will be the beginning of the end of the international arms race, a contest which consumes huge portions of the world's financial resources while millions of our human family suffer in poverty and die from famine and disease."

Wilson urged the American and Soviet leaders

"to find ways whereby nations can channel their energies and resources into positive, non-military, humanitarian endeavors in order to make our world a happier, healthier, and safer place to live."

"In a world filled with hate and struggle, in a world of ideological strife and military conflicts, Seventh-day Adventists desire to be known as peacemakers. We trust your goal is the same," Wilson continued.

The Adventist leader said he will ask the nearly 5 million Seventh-day Adventists in 184 countries to pray for the success of the Geneva Conference during the denomination's annual Week of Prayer and "that individually and collectively we will respond to the appeal of the United Nations to make 1988 the International Year of Peace."

Church News



Neal C. Wilson

"Although it is true that there was a period in the life of the Seventh-day Adventist Church when the denomination took a distinctly anti-Roman Catholic viewpoint...that attitude on the church's part **was nothing more** than a manifestation of widespread anti-popey among conservative Protestant denominations in the early part of this century and the latter part of the last, and which has **now been consigned to the historical trash heap so far as the Seventh-day Adventist Church is concerned.**" (Neal C. Wilson, past president of the Seventh-day Adventist General Conference, Court Transcript of United States vs the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission vs the Pacific Press Publishing Association and the General Conference, Reply Brief for Defendants, p 4, Civil Case #74-2025 CBR, presided over by Judge Charles B. Renfrew, U.S. District Court, San Francisco, California, 1974-1975.)

"there is another **universal and truly catholic organization, the Seventh-day Adventist Church.**" (Neal C. Wilson, General Conference President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, in Adventist Review, March 5, 1981, p 3).

"In the representations the Lord has given me, I have seen those who follow their own desires, misrepresenting the truth, oppressing their brethren, and placing difficulties before them. Characters are now being developed, and men are taking sides, some on the side of the Lord Jesus Christ, some on the side of Satan and his angels.

The Lord calls for all who will be true and obedient to His law **to come out of and away from all connection with those who placed themselves on the side of the enemy.**" -Letter 256, August 1, 1906 & Last Day Events from the Letters and Manuscripts of E.G. White, p 94 & This Day With God, p 222

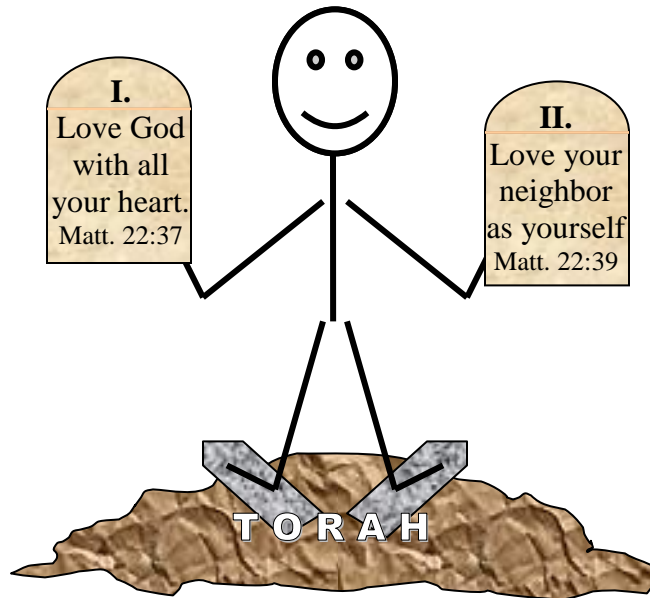


Pope John Paul II greets his friend GC Representative Bert B. Beach. (Adventist Review -Nov 08, 01 pg. 10)

"The Lord Jesus will always have a chosen people to serve Him. . . . God will continue to work on this principle with every branch of His WORK. **When a church proves unfaithful to the WORK of the Lord,** whatever their position may be, however high and sacred their calling [even the SDA Conference], the Lord can no longer WORK with them. **OTHERS are then chosen** to bear important responsibilities." -Upward Look p.131

Christian Witness vs. Scriptural Witness

The Christian Witness



Is this depiction accurate?

The answer is, yes!

The majority of Christians today trample God's Torah [instructions].

However the Scriptures say:

1 Jn. 5:2-4

- By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.
- For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.
- For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith.

Deut. 6:5; 11:1

- And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.
- Therefore thou shalt love the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, always.

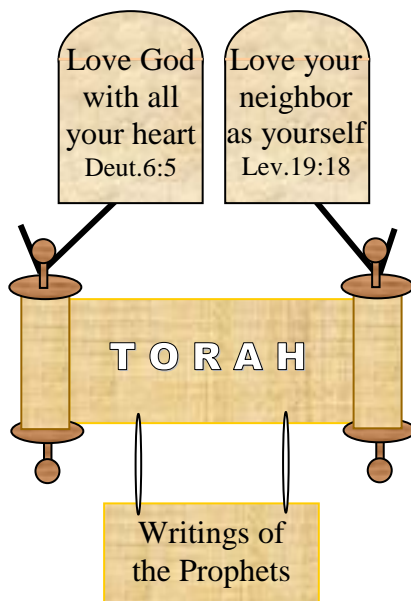
Just because Christians teach that the Torah has been done away with does not mean that they do not have laws that they adhere to. **Christians do have a law.** They claim that it is the **Law of Christ** found in the New Testament, and that law has only two commandments:

1. Love God with all your heart, and
2. Love your neighbor as yourself.

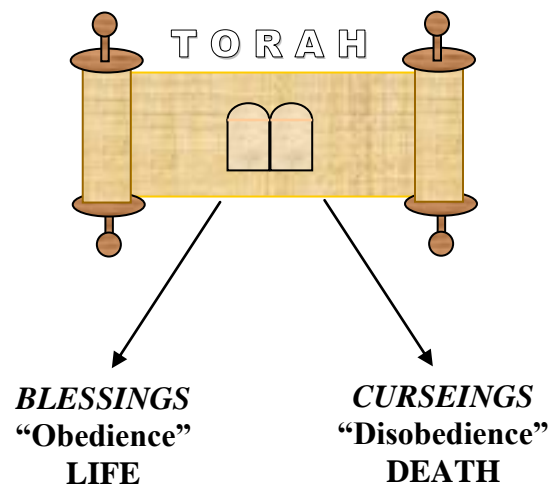
“Through these two laws, the Torah has been superseded.”

– 2 Opinions 6:66

The Scriptural Witness



God's Law (Torah)



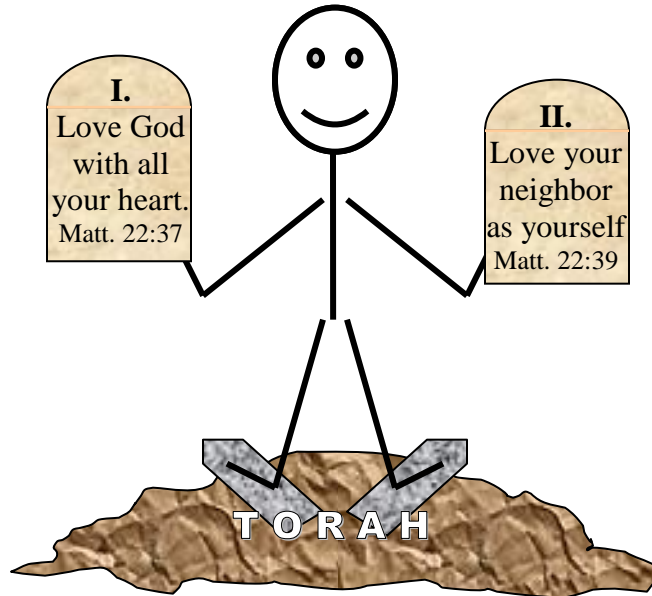
Matt. 22:37-40

- Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
- This is the first and great commandment.
- And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
- **On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.**

John 14:15

- **If ye love me, keep my commandments.**

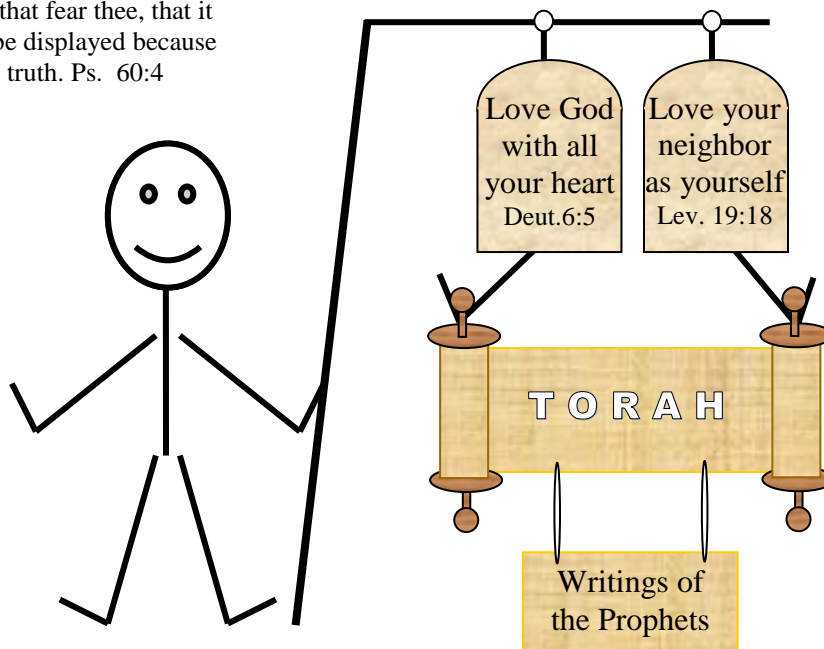
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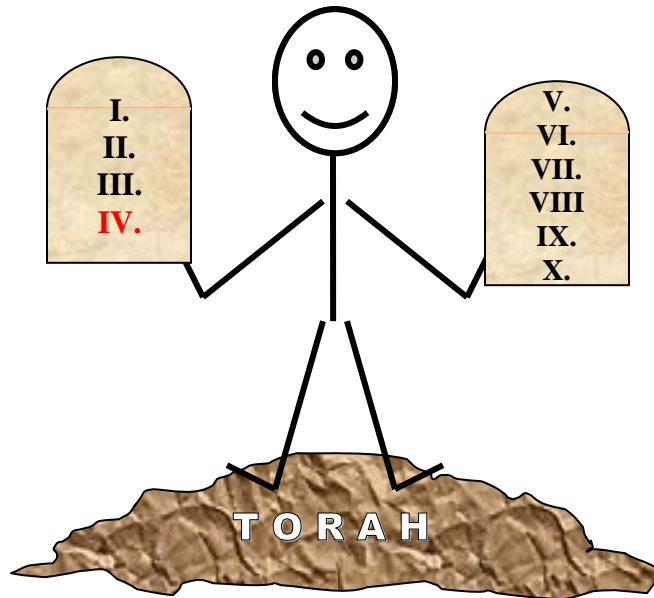
Here we must recall that the Torah is not merely a legal code and series of random ethical and moral laws. The Torah is the self-revelation of YHWH. Remember that from the beginning, man was created to be in the image of YHWH. See: Glenn McWilliams Torah Study, Week 76, p.10

Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Ps. 60:4

The Scriptural Witness



The Adventist Witness

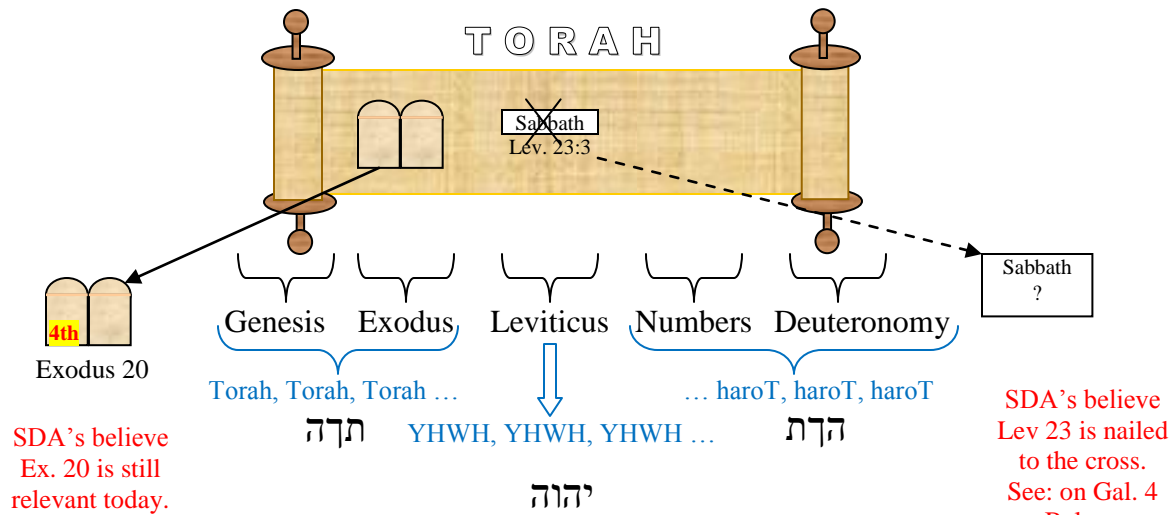


Is this depiction accurate?

The answer is yes! Seventh-day Adventists have properly reinstated the authority of the 10-Commandments, but along with other Evangelical Christians have trampled on the Torah. What they have done is extract the 10-Commandments including the 4th commandment out of the Torah as still binding, but ignore the authority and significance of the Torah itself. SDA's **do not** support the Sabbath commandment from Leviticus 23, nor do they agree with E.J. Waggoner's identification of the school master of Galatians 3 and 4. See : SDA Bible Commentary, 1978, Vol. 1, pp. 801-806 and SDA Bible Commentary, 1978, Vol. 6, pp. 961-968.

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Unity of God's Law (Torah / Instructions)



Two Interpretations of Galatians 4

Current disagreement over the interpretation of Gal. 4 has to do with whether Paul condemned the people because they observed the pagan customs, or because they observed Jewish customs. Based on the context of the situation, one of these interpretations is clearly incorrect. See figure-3, Versions 1 and 2 below.

Since Paul and the early Christians continued to observe the “Feasts of the LORD” after Christ’s resurrection, it is not possible that he used the language he did, in Gal. 4:8-10, in referring to Leviticus 23.

I Am Afraid Of You

“Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.” Gal. 4:10

Version 1: Galatians 4:8-10

4:8 Howbeit then, when ye knew not God [before learning of YHWH], ye did service unto them [pagan gods] which by nature are no gods [Astarte, Cybele, Isis, Jupiter, Mars, Moon, Stars, Sun, Zeus].

4:9 But now, after that ye have known God [YHWH], or rather are known of God [YHWH], how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements [of pagan customs], whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage [to their false system of pagan worship]?

Refers to Pagan observances.

4:10 Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years [the pagan holy days and festivals].

4:11 I am afraid of you [who are turning back to pagan customs], lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

Version 2: SDA Bible Commentary on Galatians 4:8-10; 6BC 965, 967

4:8 Howbeit then, when ye knew not God [before learning of the LORD], ye did service unto them [pagan gods] which by nature are no gods [idols or false gods].

4:9 But now, after that ye have known God [LORD], or rather are known of God [LORD], how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements [ceremonial system], whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage [to the law]?

4:10 Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years [festivals of the Jewish religious calendar].

4:11 I am afraid of you [who are turning back to bondage of the Ceremonial Law], lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

Lev. 23

Can this be correct?

Figure 1 - Galatians 4 Diagram

Conclusion: The Galatians simply reverted back to observing the pagan holiday calendar, as the overwhelming majority of Christians do today. Paul was addressing that situation.

Problem of Two Messiah's

The following picture was taken from en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_movements. The mirror image represents two Messiahs that have been presented to the world through the Christian religion. The main issue is that there is a difference in teaching and example between a Hebrew Messiah and a Greek one which has not yet been sufficiently understood. The legacy of the Catholic church has been to corrupt the Christian faith through the mixing of truth and error. The true Messiah will be recognized by a Hebrew thinking mind not a Hellenistic Greek one. See: *The Real Messiah.doc*

The picture depicted below on the **right** is the famous Sermon on the Mount of Jesus in which he commented on **Biblical law**. Christians believe that Jesus is the mediator of a “**New**“ **Covenant.**” However, what does the bible really teach? Did the Messiah come to do away with the Torah [Law], or establish it?

Which is the true Messiah? Is there a difference? Does it matter?

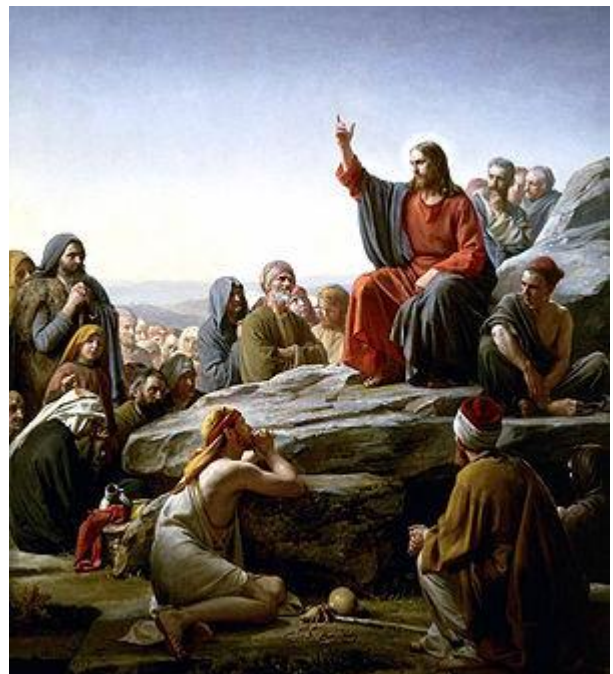
Hebrew Yeshua



“Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets ... Matt. 5:17”
“I am come to renew my Covenant with you, and draw you to myself.”

or

Greek Jesus



“I am come to deliver you from the bondage of the law ... Gal. 4:9”
“I am come to give you a completely New covenant, and draw you to myself.”

“...And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name _____:
for he shall save his people from their sins.” Matt. 1:21

Ans. Yah-shua (Yahweh is Salvation)

“I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.” Jn. 5:43; 10:25

Hebrew Thinking vs. Greek Thinking

To a Hebrew mind *doctrine* is what you do and is action driven. To a Greek mind *doctrine* is what you believe and teach.

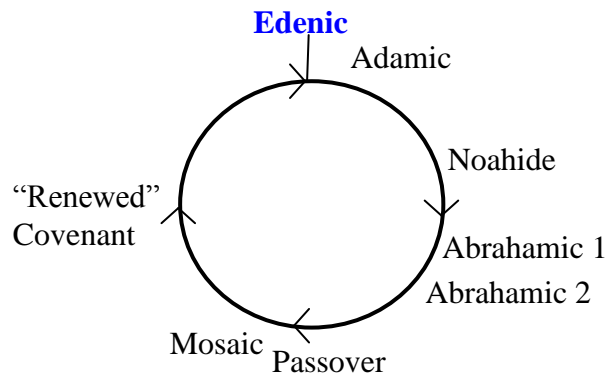
The nature of Hebrew thinking is cyclical. The nature of Greek thinking is Linear. Applying Greek principles to the biblical covenants is the basis for Replacement Theology and provides justification for removing everything “Jewish” from the Christian faith.

Cyclical Nature of Covenants

(Hebrew thinking)

“Covenants Build on Previous”

Truth remains truth.

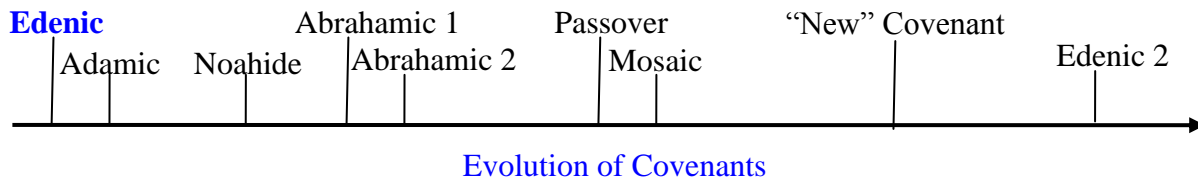


Linear Nature of Covenants

(Greek thinking)

“Covenants Replace Previous”

Prior Truth is replaced by current Truth.



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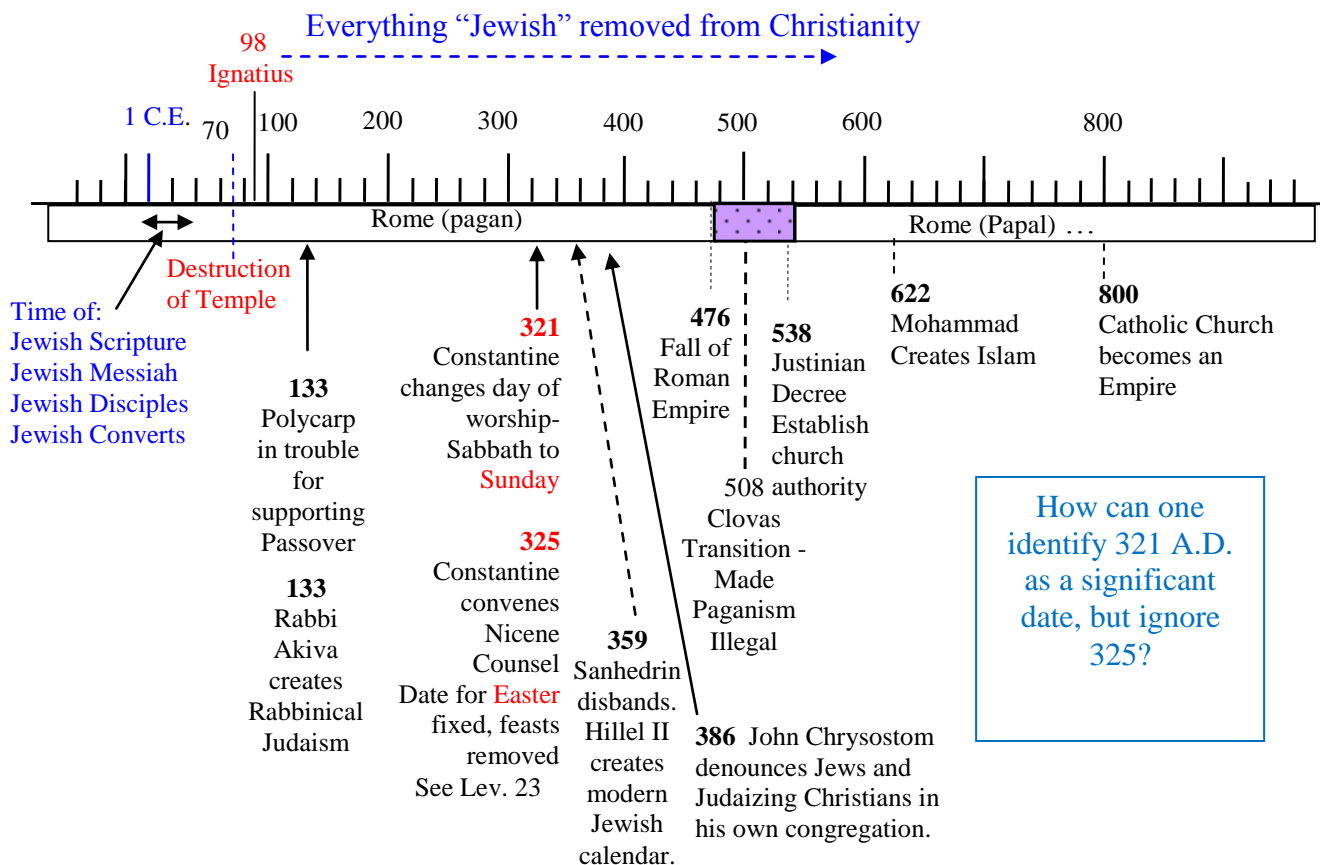
Formation of Christianity Diagram

The figure below shows the timing between Ignatius and Polycarp. Ignatius is credited with starting the Universal Christian church in 98 C.E. Polycarp was a convert through the apostle John after his incarceration on the isle of Patmos.

Replacement Theology succeeded by 321 C.E. and 325 at the time of the Council of Nicaea by changing the official worship day to Sunday (replacing the Sabbath day), and fixing the date for Easter which replaced the Passover and hence officially did away with all of God's Feasts as found in of Leviticus 23. In 386 C.E John Chrysostom gave eight sermons to his own congregation condemning Jews and Judaizers who continued to observe the "Feasts of the Lord."

See the [First Century Events](#) chart to see the chronology at the time of the disciples. The disciples followed their Messiah in both Sabbath and Feast Observance. That changed with the formation of the Christian Church.

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Additional Information

The following list of material will serve as an introduction to what the Hebrew Roots movement is teaching, what the major issues are, and why you should be knowledgeable about this movement.

DVD's

The Jonah Code –Michael Rood – **Must see! The only sign given to the Pharisees!**
The Sinai Connection – Michael Rood
Raiders of the Lost Book – Michael Rood with Nehemia Gordon
The Creators Calendar – Michael Rood
In My Flesh I See God – Brad Scott
Bible Exploration Series (Especially #'s 3, 4 and 7) – Pastor VanDenburgh

CD's

Hebrew Apologetics Series 1 & 2 – Brad Scott
Messianic Movement 101 – Brad Scott
Living in the Days of Elijah – Bill Cloud
The End from the Beginning – Bill Cloud
Organization vs. Disorganization – Dave Bauer (Cassette)

Books

Boundary Stones, by Aaron Eby
Fossilized Customs, by Lew White
The Greatest Hoax on Earth – A Documented Account of a World-Wide Hoax, by James Scott Trimm

WEBSITES:

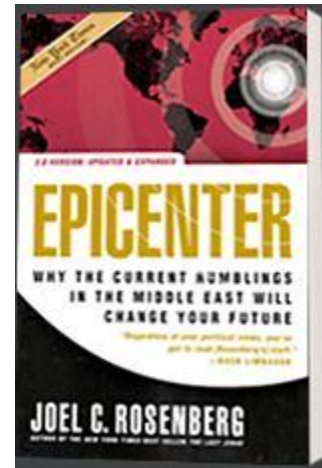
<http://www.michaelrood.tv/michael-rood-tv> – Michael Rood – Hebrew Roots teacher/speaker
<http://www.wildbranch.org/> – Brad Scott - Hebrew Roots Teacher
<http://www.billcloud.org/> – Bill Cloud Hebrew Roots Teacher and speaker
<http://www.mechanical-translation.org/> – Jeff Benner; author, teacher, speaker
<http://www.bibleexplorations.com/> –John VanDenburgh - SDA Pastor

(Notes and charts are available for material above if requested. The.Sealing@gmail.com)

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[Joel Rosenberg](#)

Epicenter is Joel's first nonfiction book, focusing on the rapidly rising Iranian nuclear threat, why Russia is selling arms and nuclear technology to Iran, why Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad believes it is the end of the world, and why Ahmadinejad is saying that the way to hasten the coming of the Islamic Messiah is to annihilate the United States and Israel. Using exclusive interviews with U.S., Israeli, Arab, and Russian leaders and previously classified documents from the White House, CIA, and State Department, Joel examines 10 future headlines that could come out of Russia and the Middle East, and does so in the light of Islamic, Jewish, and Christian eschatology (end-times theology). *Epicenter* has spent months on the *New York Times*, *Publishers Weekly*, and CBA best-seller lists. It is currently being turned into a documentary for a major national television network.



Joel C. Rosenberg is the *New York Times* best-selling author of *The Last Jihad*, *The Last Days*, *The Ezekiel Option*, *The Copper Scroll*, and *Epicenter: How the Current Rumbles in the Middle East Will Change Your World*, with more than one million copies in print. He is also the founder and president of the Joshua Fund, a nonprofit charitable and educational organization that provides humanitarian relief for victims of war and terrorism in Israel and the Muslim world.

As a communications strategist, Joel has worked with some of the world's most influential leaders in business, politics, and media, including Steve Forbes, Rush Limbaugh, former Israeli Deputy Prime Minister Natan Sharansky, and former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. As a novelist, he has been interviewed on more than 300 radio and TV programs, including ABC's *Nightline*, CNN Headline News, Fox News Channel, the History Channel, MSNBC, the *Rush Limbaugh Show*, and the *Sean Hannity Show*. He has been profiled by *The New York Times*, *The Washington Times*, and *The Jerusalem Post*, and he was the subject of two cover stories in *World* magazine. He has addressed audiences all over the world, including Russia, Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Turkey, and Belgium. He has spoken at the White House, the Heritage Foundation, AOL, and the International Spy Museum, as well as at dozens of conferences, universities, churches, synagogues, political events, book-seller conventions, and charitable fund-raisers.

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————— **APPENDIX** —————

Appendix I – The Seventh-day Adventist Church

Note to the reader:

The following series of legal size charts maintain chronological and graphical accuracy so that you can see the time/distance relationship between historical events. The main objective of this study is to show, in picture form, how the Seventh-day Adventist church has turned back from following the high ideals their pioneers established when founding the SDA movement.

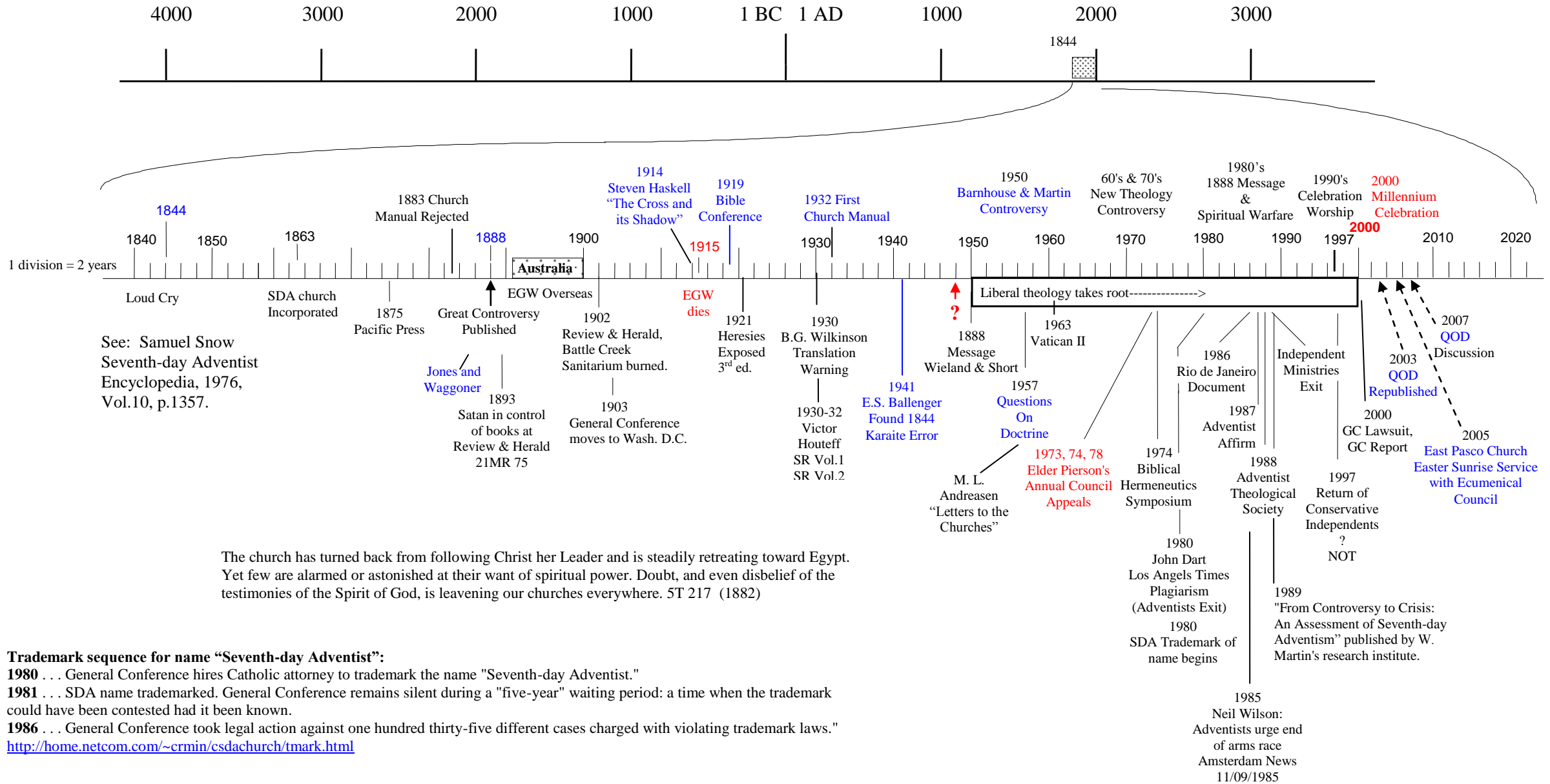
History is clear. The Adventist church today is not the same as the Advent movement of the mid 1800’s. And furthermore, the SDA leadership “turned back from following Christ” and voided their position as God’s remnant spokesmen ever since they rejected the messages given to them by A.T. Jones and E. J. Waggoner at the 1888 Minneapolis General Conference session and the apostasy that followed. Those who are familiar with Adventist literature will understand the deep implications regarding those who still claim to be God’s final remnant church. The only conclusion that one can come to after studying Adventist history, both past and present is that God has accepted their rejection of Him, and has given their warning voice of the three angel’s messages to others who are today faithful to be used of God to “restore all things.”

May God bless you as you “study to prove all things” and “hold fast that which is good” in order to be “faithful to the end.”

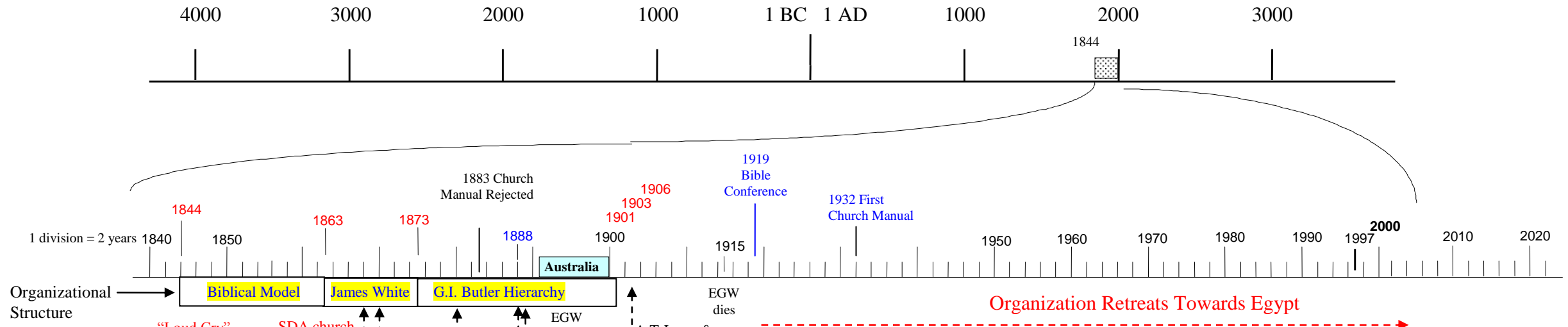
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Major Events of the SDA Church



Early SDA Organizational Changes



See: Samuel Snow
Seventh-day Adventist
Encyclopedia, 1976,
Vol.10, p.1357.

Sequence of Reorganization:
(1844 Original Organization)

- 1863 (1st James White Reorganization)
- 1873 (2nd G.I. Butler Reorganization)
- 1901 (3rd A.T. Jones Reorganization)
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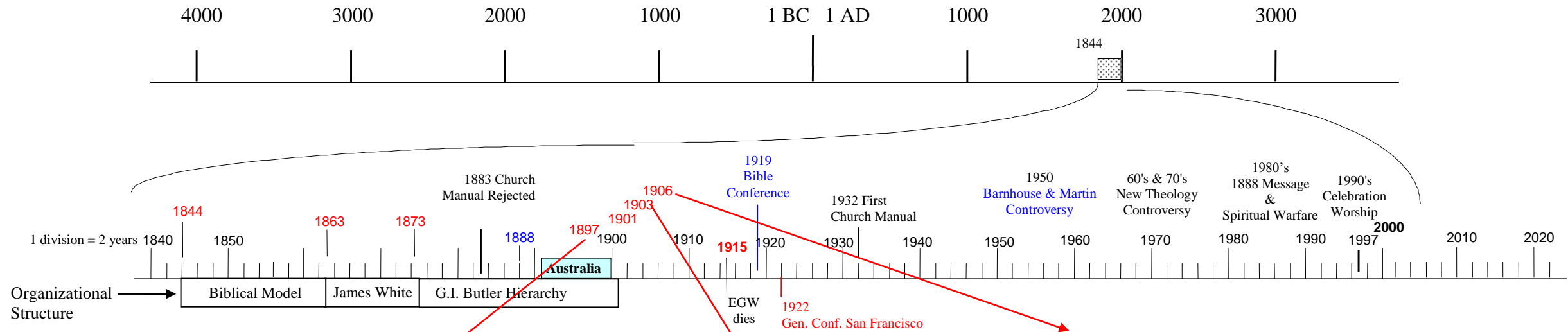
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1897
Rapidly are men ranging [*aligning*] themselves under the banner they have chosen, restlessly waiting and watching the movements of their leaders. There are those who are watching and waiting and working for our Lord's appearing; while the other party are rapidly falling into line under the generalship of the first great apostate. . . .

Organizations, institutions, unless kept by the power of God, will work under Satan's dictation to bring men under the control of men; and fraud and guile will bear the semblance of zeal for truth and for the advancement of the kingdom of God. Whatever in our practice is not as open as day belongs to the methods of the prince of evil. His methods are practiced even among Seventh-day Adventists, who claim to have advanced truth. . . .

If men resist the warnings the Lord sends them, they become even leaders in evil practice; such men assume to exercise the prerogatives of God--they presume to do that which God Himself will not do in seeking to control the minds of men. They introduce their own methods and plans, and through their misconceptions of God they weaken the faith of others in the truth, and bring in false principles that will work like leaven to taint and corrupt our institutions and churches. TM 364-366

Early SDA Organizational Changes (cont.)



1897

But how do men fall into such error? By starting with false premises, and then bringing everything to bear to prove the error true. In some cases the first principles have a measure of truth interwoven with the error, but it does not lead to any just action, and this is why men are misled. **In order to reign and become a power, they employ Satan's methods to justify their own principles.** They exalt themselves as men of superior judgment, and they have stood as representatives of God. These are false gods. {TM 364.1}

1903

Our position in the world is not what it should be. We are far from where we should have been had our Christian experience been in harmony with the light and the opportunities given us, had we from the beginning constantly pressed onward and upward. Had we walked in the light that has been given us, had we followed on to know the Lord, our path would have grown brighter and brighter. **But** many of those who have had special light are so conformed to the world that they can scarcely be distinguished from worldlings. They **do not** stand forth as God's peculiar people, chosen and precious. It is difficult to discern between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not.

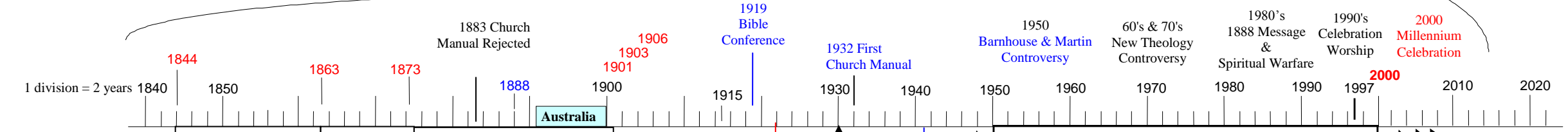
In the balances of the sanctuary the Seventh-day Adventist church is to be weighed. She will be judged by the privileges and advantages that she has had. If her spiritual experience does not correspond to the advantages that Christ, at infinite cost, has bestowed on her, if the blessings conferred have not qualified her to do the work entrusted to her, on her will be pronounced the sentence: **"Found wanting."** By the light bestowed, the opportunities given, will she be judged. {8T 247}

1906

The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great **reformation** was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a **process of reorganization**. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? -- The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church would be discarded. . . . A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath, of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but **God being removed**, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and **storm and tempest would sweep away the structure.** {SpTB07 39.3}

Latter SDA Organizational Developments

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Organizational Structure
 See: Samuel Snow Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia, 1976, Vol.10, p.1357.

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1844 1888 Message Wieland & Short

1941 E.S. Ballenger Found 1844 Karaite Error

1948 Liberal theology takes root

1957 Questions On Doctrine

1963 Vatican II

1973, 74, 78 Elder Pierson's Annual Council Appeals

1974 Biblical Hermeneutics Symposium

1977 Adventist Affirm

1980 John Dart Los Angeles Times Plagiarism (Adventists Exit)

1980 SDA Trademark of name begins

1986 Rio de Janeiro Document

1987 Adventist Affirm

1988 Adventist Theological Society

1989 "From Controversy to Crisis: An Assessment of Seventh-day Adventism" published by W. Martin's research institute.

1997 Return of Conservative Independents ? NOT

1997 Independent Ministries Exit

2000 GC Lawsuit, GC Report

2003 QOD Republished

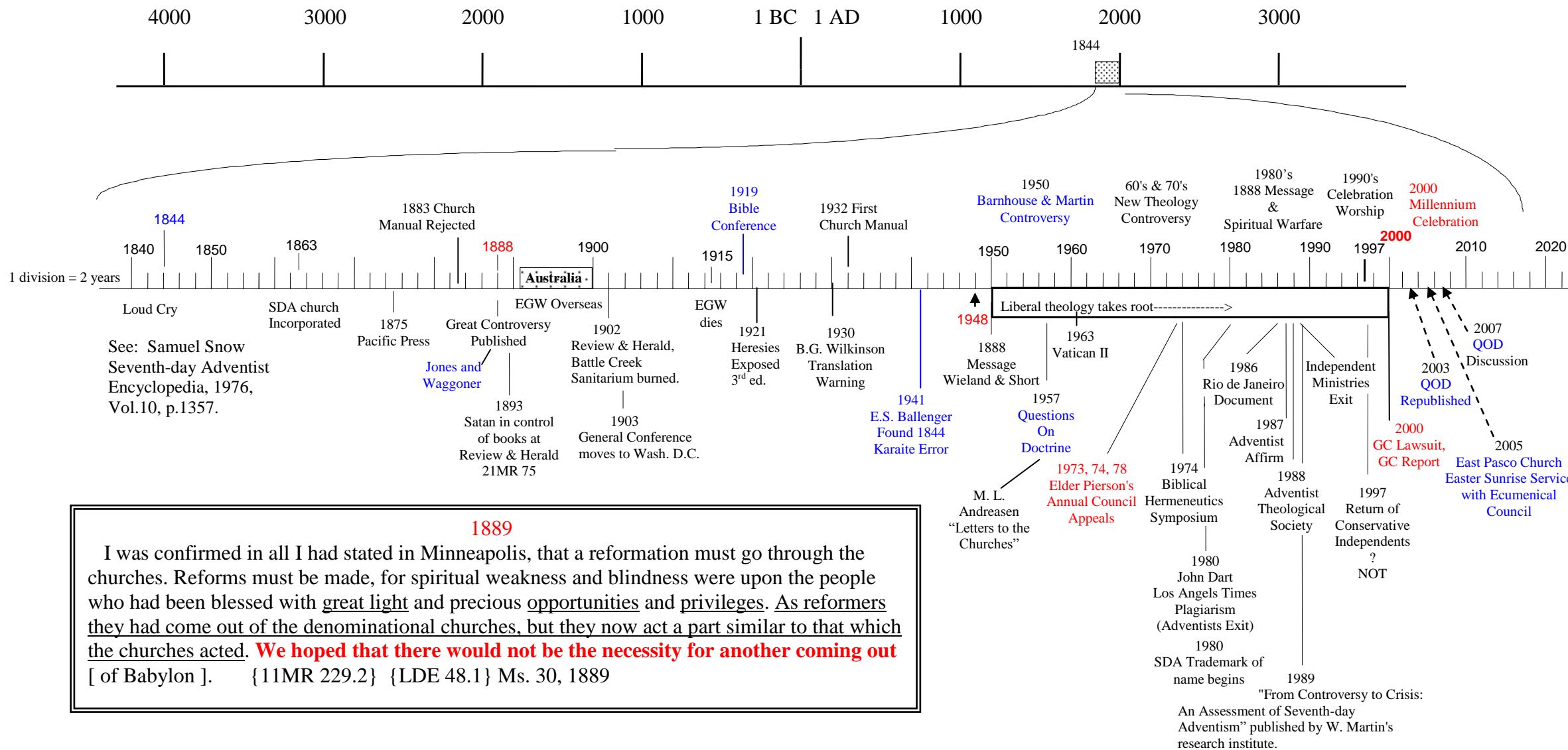
2005 East Pasco Church Easter Sunrise Service with Ecumenical Council

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Organization Retreats Towards Egypt

Tragic Events of the SDA Organization



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1888 – Issues, Outcomes, Lessons

MINISTRY MAGAZINE / FEBRUARY/1988

Robert W. Olson, Ph.D., is secretary of the Ellen G. White Estate in Washington, D. C.

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The General Conference session held at Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1888 proved to be a **major turning point in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church**. The change in our course was made slowly during the three years following the conference. During that time the unflagging efforts of Ellen White, A. T. Jones, and E. J. Waggoner helped move the church away from the debating spirit and legalism of former years to an emphasis on justification by faith in the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

But this change in direction was not a natural outgrowth of the Minnesota conference. **In many ways the Minneapolis meeting was a disaster**. The church hit bottom spiritually at that session. Ellen White called it

"the saddest experience of my life" and "the most grievous trial of my life."

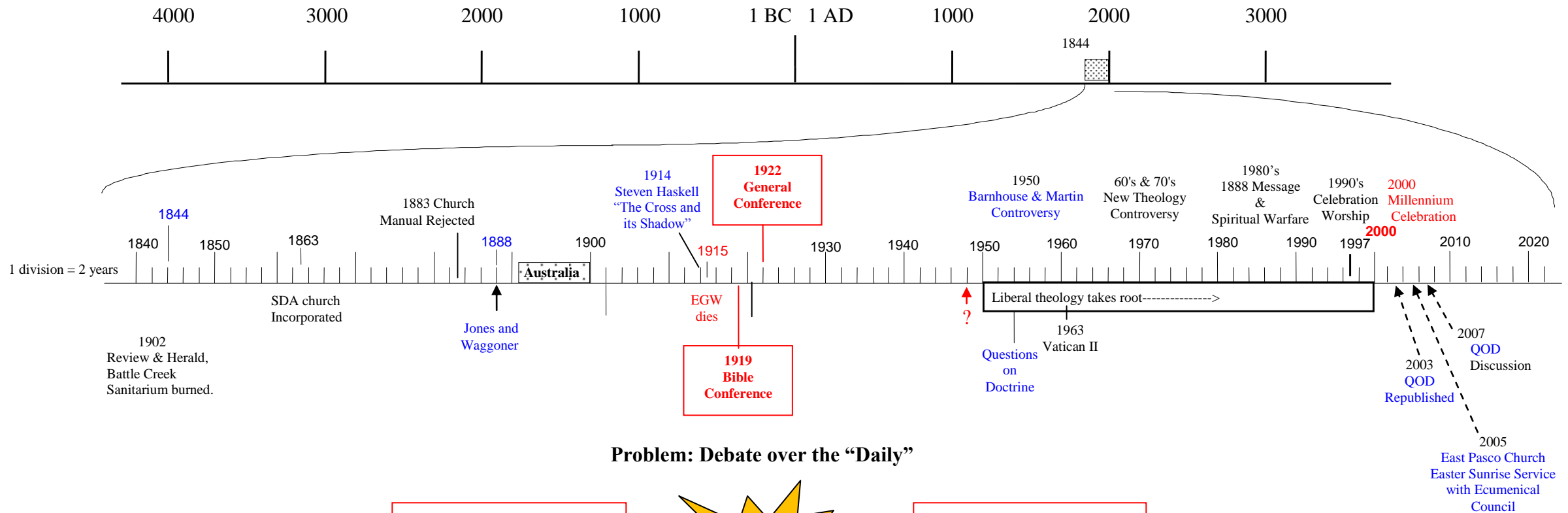
It is the only General Conference session in Adventist history that was marked by open rebellion against Ellen White on the part of a large number of our ministers. She even wondered at one point whether God might have to call out yet another *movement*. Concerning many of the delegates, she declared: "As reformers they **had come out of the denominational churches, but they now act a part similar to that which the churches acted. We hoped that there would not be the necessity for another coming out.**" E.G. White manuscript 30, 1889

See the complete document: *1888 Ministry Magazine.doc* for Olson's tragic portrayal that the SDA church never repented nor recovered.

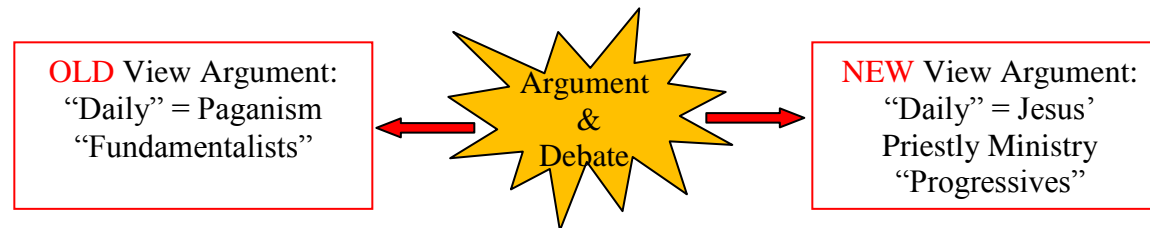
See also:

The Fragmenting of Adventism, Pacific Press, By William G. Johnson; *With Cloak & Dagger*, Hartland Pub., By H.H. Meyers; *Receiving the Word*, Berean Books, By Samuel Koranteng-Pipim; and *Group Think*, Hartland Pub., By Horace E. Walsh

1919 Bible Conference & 1922 General conference



Problem: Debate over the "Daily"

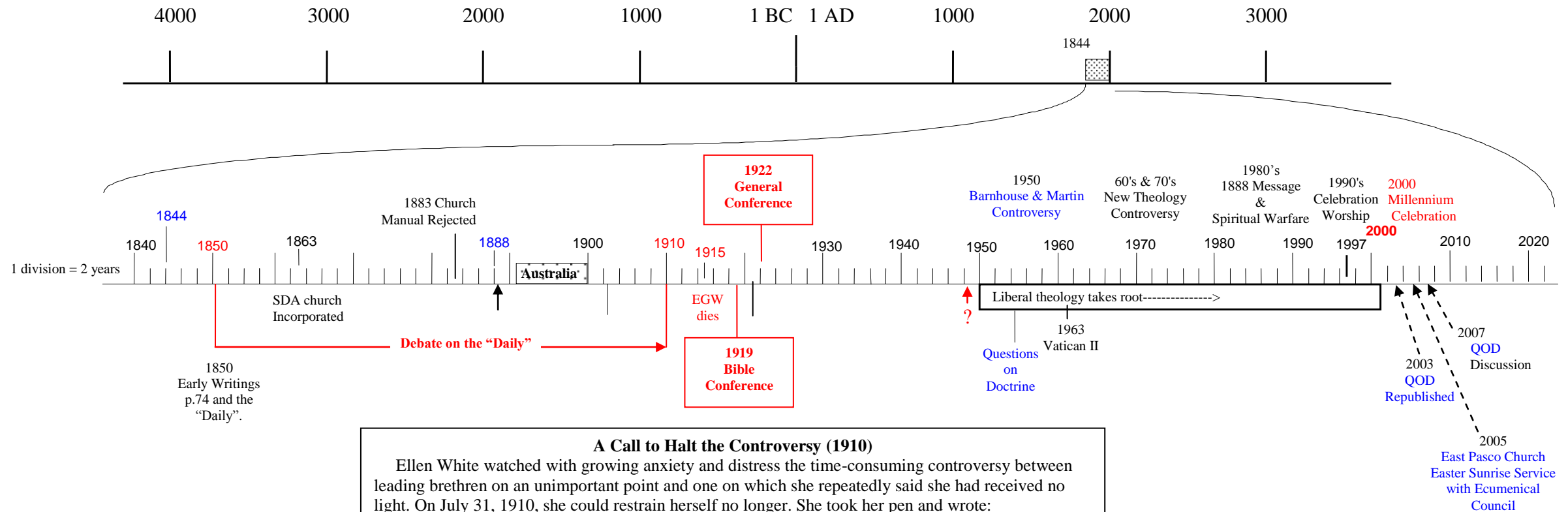


Debate over the "Daily" linked to a debate over the inspiration of the "Spirit of Prophecy"

Then I saw in relation to the "daily" (Dan. 8:12) that the word "sacrifice" was supplied by man's wisdom, and does not belong to the text, and that the Lord gave the correct view of it to those who gave the judgment hour cry. When union existed, before 1844, nearly all were united on the **correct view of the "daily"**; but in the confusion since 1844, other views have been embraced, and darkness and confusion have followed. {EW 74.2}

W. C. White considered two other questions of even greater importance. He wrote Daniells in March of 1910: "I have told some of our brethren that I thought there were two questions connected with this ["daily"] matter that were of more importance than the decision which shall be made as to which is most nearly correct, the old or the new view regarding the "daily." The **first** is, How shall we deal with one another when there is difference of opinion? **Second**, How shall we deal with Mother's writings in our effort to settle doctrinal questions?"

W. C. White tried to maintain objectivity relative to the "**pioneer view**," ["old view] he clearly considered those representing that position as the **primary aggressors in the debate**. He objected to attempts to prevent publication of Conradi's book on Daniel in the Danish-Norwegian and in the United States, he opposed circulating of the O. A. Johnson and L. A. Smith pamphlets at the 1909 GC session, and he opposed the methods used in discrediting the views held by those supporting the "new view."



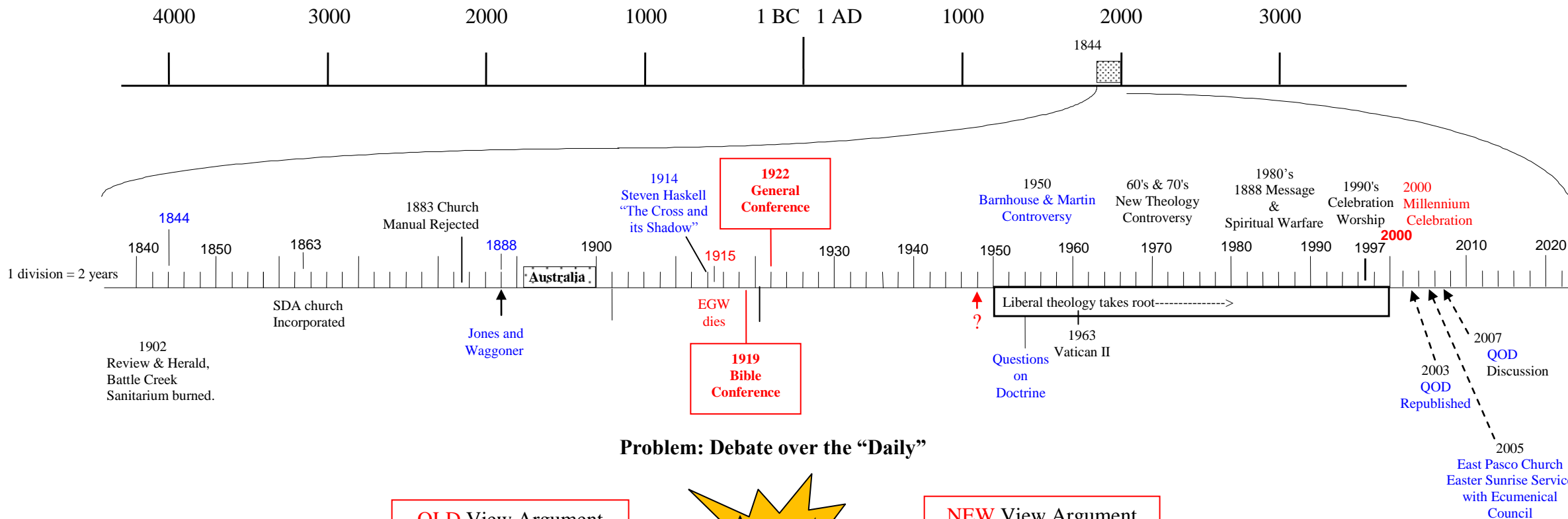
A Call to Halt the Controversy (1910)

Ellen White watched with growing anxiety and distress the time-consuming controversy between leading brethren on an unimportant point and one on which she repeatedly said she had received no light. On July 31, 1910, she could restrain herself no longer. She took her pen and wrote:

“I have words to speak to my brethren east and west, north and south. I request that my writings shall not be used as the leading argument to settle questions over which there is now **so much controversy**. I entreat of Elders Haskell, Loughborough, Smith, and others of our leading brethren, that they make no reference to my writings to sustain their views of the "daily."

It has been presented to me that this is not a subject of vital importance. I am instructed that our brethren are making a mistake in magnifying the importance of the difference in the views that are held. I cannot consent that any of my writings shall be taken as settling this matter. **The true meaning of the "daily" is not to be made a test question.**

“I now ask that my ministering brethren shall not make use of my writings in their arguments regarding this question; for **I have had no instruction on the point under discussion**, and I see no need for the controversy. Regarding this matter under present conditions, **silence is eloquence.**” --MS 11, 1910 {6BIO 257-258} (see also 1SM, p. 164).



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Third position never discussed: "Daily" = Continual Evening & Morning Ministry in Temple Hebrew language never consulted.

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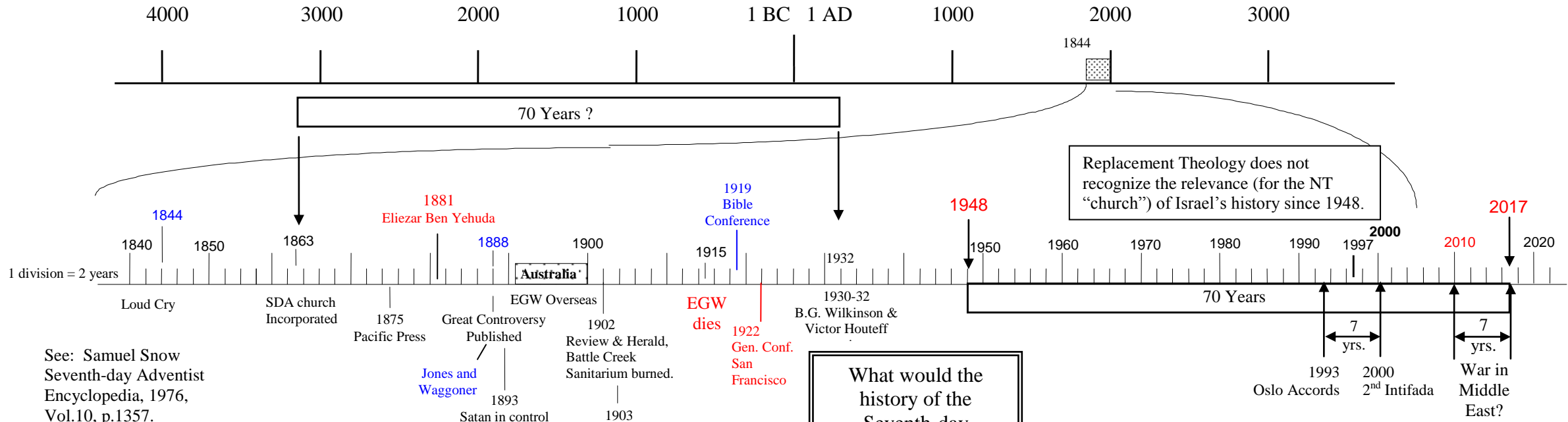
W. C. White on June 1, 1910, wrote to Edson, taking the position that the context of the statement [on the daily] must be considered. {6BIO 254.2}

It is evident that the vision of September 23, 1850, as published in Early Writings, new edition, pages 74-76, under the title "**The Gathering Time**," was given to correct the prevalent error of time setting, and to **check the fanatical doctrines being taught regarding the return of the Jews to Jerusalem.** {6BIO 254}

The statement concerning the "daily" of Daniel 8:9-14, as published in Early Writings, appeared first in Present Truth, Vol. I, No. 11, dated Paris, Maine, November, 1850. 4.3

Washburn:
Two of our best writers told me that articles on the **Turkish question** were kept out of our papers since that secret council had thrown doubt on that question and many others. So **while Islam is gathering her millions for the last great fulfillment of the prophecy of Daniel 11th and 12th chapter**, our papers, our ministers, **our sentinels are chloroformed to sleep, are muzzled into silence**
See: 1919 Bible Conferencnt.docx, pg. 23

What Would Have Happened If . . .



See: Samuel Snow
Seventh-day Adventist
Encyclopedia, 1976,
Vol.10, p.1357.

1882

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5T 217

1904

There is to be no change in the general features of God's cause. . . . We are to enter into no confederacy with the world, supposing that by so doing we could accomplish more. {8T 160}

What would the history of the Seventh-day Adventist church have been if they had remained faithful to God?

Question: Are the events surrounding the establishment of the State of Israel biblically significant or insignificant?

Replacement Theology or Restoration Theology – which?
“And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.”
Matt. 17:11

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LOCAL & FLORIDA NEWS

Adventists' leader sees better days ahead for church

■ During a visit to the bay area, Seventh-day Adventists leader Jan Paulsen says people are starting to see a new side of the religion.

By WAVEENEY ANN MOORE
Times Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG — The world leader of Seventh-day Adventists told Tampa Bay believers Saturday that they must unite around their shared identity and demonstrate charity to everyone.

Jan Paulsen, who is Norwegian, is the first European to head the American-born church. He spoke to about 3,000 Seventh-day Adventists attending a convo-

cation at the Mahaffey Theater Saturday. “It’s just as if the president had come,” said Paul Campoli, pastor of a church in Plant City and another church in Wesley Chapel. “He’s just such a gentle, compassionate, godly person.”

Saturday’s audience included women wearing saris and African gowns, Messianic Jews in prayer shawls and yarmulkes, Spanish-speaking families and some with Jamaican accents.

The church, formally organized in 1863, has had to combat negative publicity in the past. A church pioneer predicted when the world would end, a date that came and went.

Saturday, Paulsen mentioned how much his church has in common with other Christian communities, and talked about its worldwide contribution to edu-



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tion, health care and charitable work. He spoke of the denomination’s 6,000 educational institutions worldwide, global relief system and large number of hospitals and clinics, which include Florida Hospital in Orlando and East Pasco Medical Center in Zephyrhills.

“I think that we are better understood today than we were years ago,” said Paulsen, 70, who serves at the church’s headquarters in Silver Spring, Md. “I think

there is a growing understanding that, in fact, the Seventh-day Adventist churches and their adherents are a positive part of the life in the community.”

Seventh-day Adventists observe the Sabbath from sundown Friday through sundown Saturday. The church advocates a vegetarian diet and teaches abstinence from smoking, alcohol and illegal drugs. The church also teaches its followers to prepare for the imminent return of Christ.

“We believe in the second coming of Christ as a literal event in time,” Paulsen said. He said the church does not predict a date for that return.

“We wouldn’t even hint at that. . . . It was done previously, but we’ve said that today than we were years ago,” said Paulsen, 70, who serves at the church’s headquarters in Silver Spring, Md. “I think

the denomination, which has more than 85,000 believers in Florida, is attracting growing numbers around the world, church leaders say. Paulsen said it is growing about 1.5-million baptized members annually, with most of the growth occurring outside North America. Worldwide, the church has more than 23-million followers.

Paulsen credits the denomination’s positive spiritual message, strict adherence to the Bible and caring about the daily lives of people for its strong growth.

“People don’t thrive on being depressed. They want to have something to build on. They want to have hope. I think our church is able to communicate that we are not alone. God is with us. God has a future,” he said.

St. Pete Times
Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005
Interview

Adventists urge end of arms race

The world president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church has asked the leaders of the United States and the Soviet Union to end the international arms race when they meet Nov. 19-20 in Geneva.

In letters to President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, Adventist General Conference President Neal C. Wilson said "millions of men, women, and children around the circle of the earth... are most anxious that the (Summit) Conference will be the beginning of the end of the international arms race, a contest which consumes huge portions of the world's financial resources while millions of our human family suffer in poverty and die from famine and disease."

Wilson urged the American and Soviet leaders

"to find ways whereby nations can channel their energies and resources into positive, non-military, humanitarian endeavors in order to make our world a happier, healthier, and safer place to live."

"In a world filled with hate and struggle, in a world of ideological strife and military conflicts, Seventh-day Adventists desire to be known as peacemakers. We trust your goal is the same," Wilson continued.

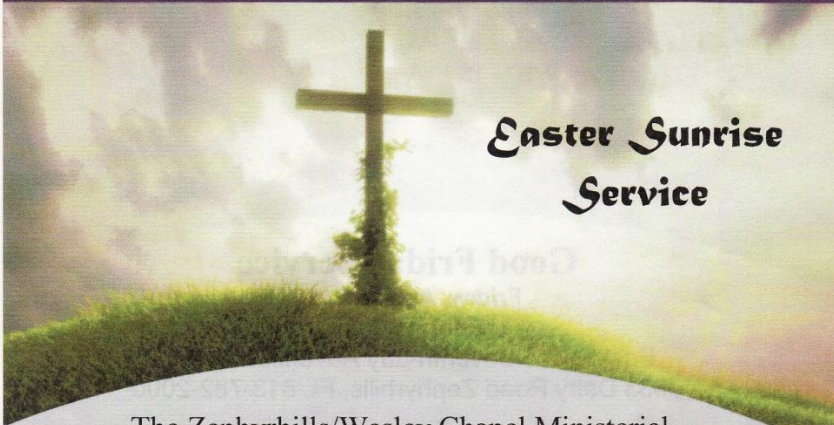
The Adventist leader said he will ask the nearly 5 million Seventh-day Adventists in 184 countries to pray for the success of the Geneva Conference during the denomination's annual Week of Prayer and "that individually and collectively we will respond to the appeal of the United Nations to make 1988 the International Year of Peace."

Church News

Result of New Movement

2010 East Pasco Seventh-day Adventist Church Bulletin insert:

COME WORSHIP OUR RISEN LORD!



Easter Sunrise Service

The Zephyrhills/Wesley Chapel Ministerial Association
Invites you

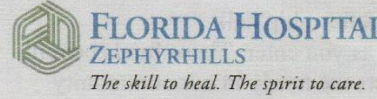
Sunday April 4, 2010 at 6:15 am


On the grounds of
Florida Hospital Zephyrhills

Speaker: Jeff Smith, Assoc. Pastor
First United Methodist Church

"When the Stone Was Rolled Away"

Complementary refreshments
Seating limited, bring lawn chairs

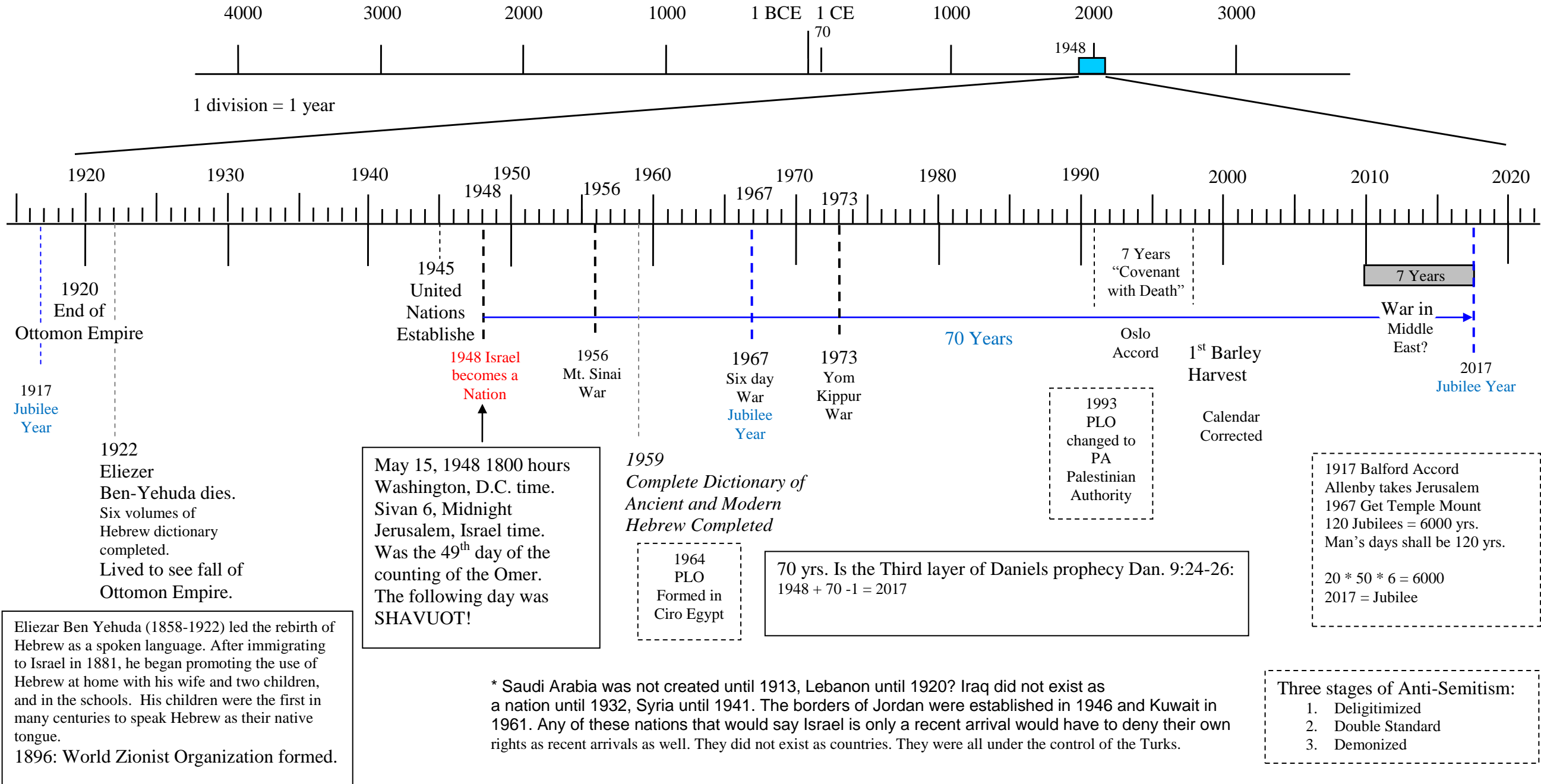
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"For when they shall say, **Peace** and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, ..." 1 Thess. 5:3

Restoration of Israel (draft – under construction)



Covenant with Death? ... (Isa. 28:18-21)

The **Oslo Accords**, officially called the **Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements** or **Declaration of Principles (DOP)** was a milestone in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It was the first direct, face-to-face agreement between Israel and political representatives of Palestinians. It was the first time that some Palestinian factions publicly acknowledged Israel's right to exist. It was intended to be a framework for the future relations between Israel and the anticipated State of Palestine, when all outstanding final status issues between the two states would be addressed and resolved in one Package Agreement.

The Accords were finalized in Oslo, Norway on 20 August 1993, and subsequently officially signed at a public ceremony in Washington D.C. on 13 **September** 1993, with Yasser Arafat signing for the Palestine Liberation Organization and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin signing for the State of Israel. It was witnessed by Warren Christopher for the United States and Andrei Kozyrev for Russia, in the presence of US President Bill Clinton. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oslo_Accords

Exactly 7 Years to the day!

The **Second Intifada**, also known as the **al-Aqsa Intifada** (Arabic: انتفاضة الأقصى, *Intifāḍat El Aqṣa* or *Intifāḍat Al Aqṣa*; Hebrew: אינתיפאדת אל אקצה, אינתיפאדת אל-אקצה), (or hyphenated) *Intifādat El-Aqtzah*) refers to the second Palestinian uprising which began in **September** 2000.

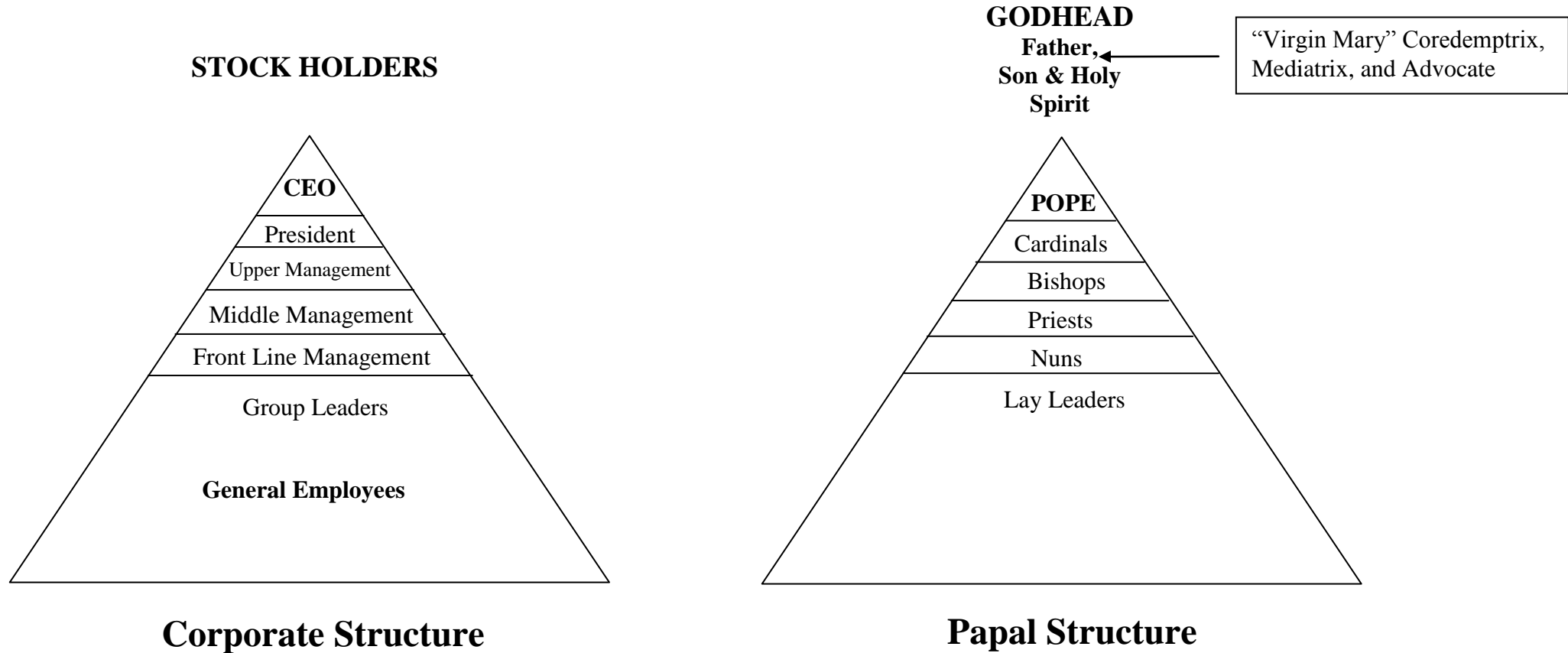
"Intifada" (also Romanized to *Intifadah*) is an Arabic word that literally translates into English as "shaking off" and "Al-Aqsa" is the name of a prominent mosque in the Old City of Jerusalem. Most Israelis consider it to be a terrorist campaign whereas supporters describe it as a war of national liberation against foreign occupation.

Palestinian tactics ranged from carrying out mass protests and general strikes, as in the First Intifada, to armed attacks on security forces, mounting suicide bombing attacks, and firing Qassam rockets into Israeli residential areas. Israeli tactics consisted of creating checkpoints, enforcing strict curfews in certain areas, riot control (sometimes shooting stone throwers along with better-armed rioters), returning fire, mounting incursions, constructing the West Bank barrier, demolishing houses, destroying shops without permits, conducting arrests, and assassinating militant leaders (sometimes also causing civilian casualties).

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) codenamed the events (prior to their outbreak) **אירועי גאות ושפל** ("Ebb and Tide events"). This name remained an internal codename used by the Israeli Security Forces, but among Israelis at large, the Intifada is generally referred to as *al-Aqsa Intifada*^[citation needed].

It is also called the **Oslo War** (מלחמת אוסלו) by Israelis who consider it to be the result of concessions made by Israel following the Oslo Accords, and **Arafat's War**, after the late Palestinian leader whom some blame for starting it. Both Israelis and Palestinians have blamed each other for the failure of the Oslo peace process. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al-Aqsa_Intifada

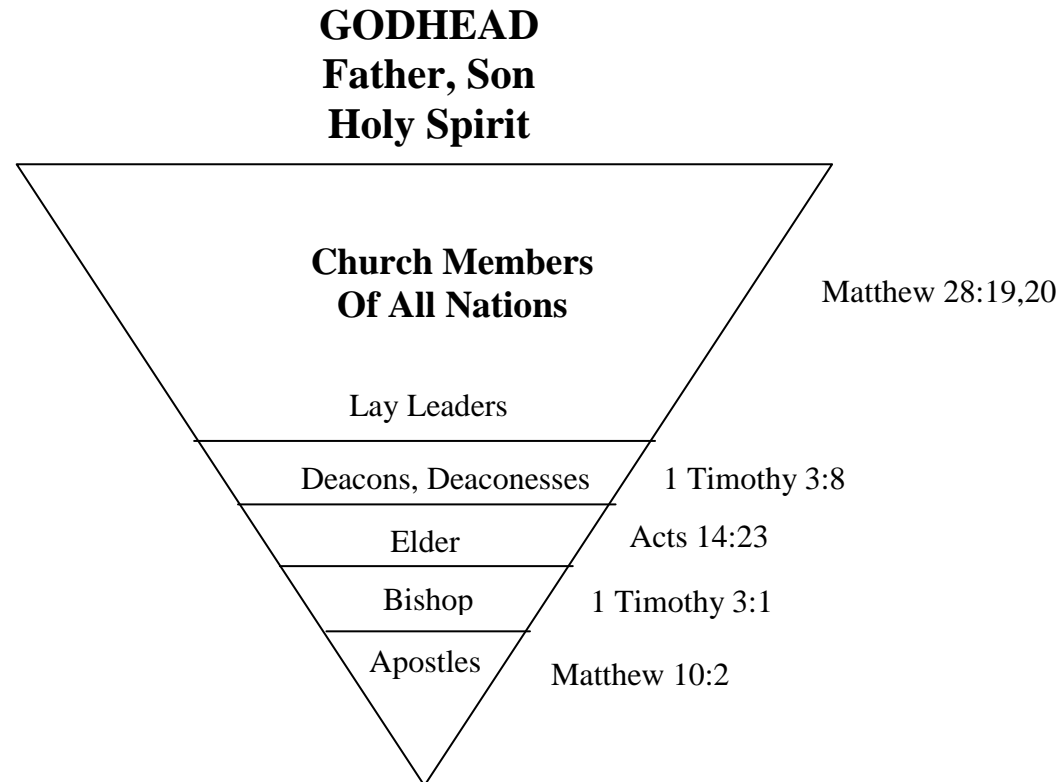
Corporate Organizational Structures



Note: The 5th and final Marian Dogma was proposed in 2000 that would make the “Virgin Mary” Coredemptrix, Mediatrix, and Advocate.

See: Isa. 44:24; Gal. 4:4,5; Titus 2:14 - 1 Timothy 2:5 - 1 John 2:1

Biblical Christian Church Structure



“Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees **sit in Moses' seat**: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, *that* observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not. For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay *them* on men's shoulders; but they *themselves* will not move them with one of their fingers. But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.

But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, *even* Christ; and **all ye are brethren**.

And call no *man* your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.

Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, *even* Christ.

But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted. But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in *yourselves*, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.” Matthew 23:1-13 (See: Hebrew Matthew)

Transformation of Church Structure In Just Four Generations

ROBERT H. PIERSON (Outgoing General Conference President)
From Annual Counsel Leadership Address; October 16, 1978
Adventist Review, October 26, 1978
See: Pierson at Annual Counsel.doc

- **First Generation:**

- Tremendous drive and commitment.
- Protests against wordiness and formalism.
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- Strict standards maintained.
- Preachers have inner compulsion.
- Little concern about public relations.

- **Second Generation:**

- With growth there comes a need for organization and buildings.
- As a result of industry and frugality the members become prosperous. Children born into the movement do not have to make personal decisions to join, and they do not necessarily know what they believe.

- **Third Generation:**

- Organization develops and institutions are established.
- Members have to be exhorted to live up to the standards, while at the same time the standards are being lowered.
- Missionary zeal cools off. There is more concern over public relations.
- Youth question why they are different from others and intermarry with those not of their faith.

- **Fourth Generation:**

- There is much machinery [leaders and workers are extremely busy].
- Great church counsels are held to define doctrine.
- Universities and Seminaries are established and these go to the world for accreditation and tend to become secularized.
- There is a re-examination of positions and attention is given to contemporary culture.
- Their movement seeks to become '**relevant**', services become formal, the group enjoys complete acceptance by the world.

Four Generations Chronological View

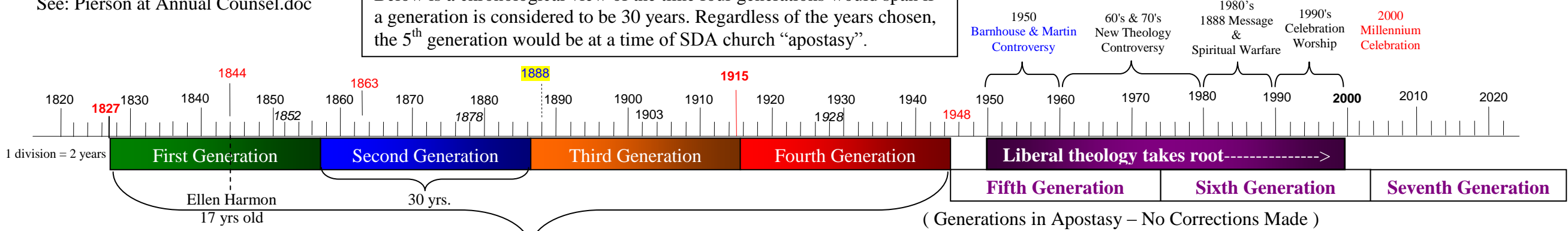
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Below is a chronological view of the time four generations would span if a generation is considered to be 30 years. Regardless of the years chosen, the 5th generation would be at a time of SDA church “apostasy”.



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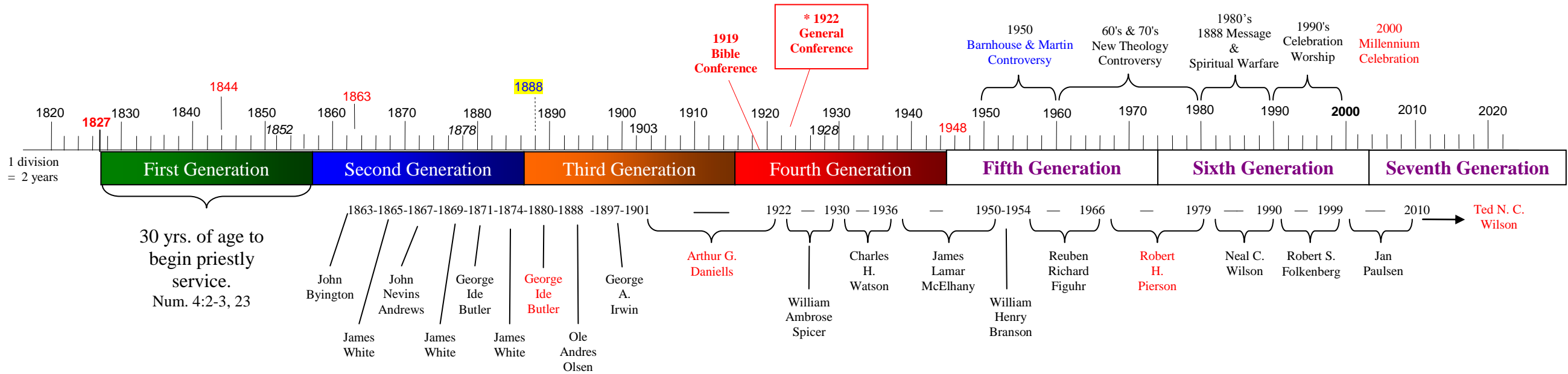
- Organization develops and institutions are established.
- Members have to be exhorted to live up to the standards, while at the same time the standards are being lowered.
- Missionary zeal cools off. There is more concern over public relations.
- Youth question why they are different from others and intermarry with those not of their faith.

Fourth Generation:

- There is much machinery [leaders and workers are extremely busy].
- Great church counsels are held to define doctrine.
- Universities and Seminaries are established and these go to the world for accreditation and tend to become secularized.
- There is a re-examination of positions and attention is given to contemporary culture.
- Their movement seeks to become ‘**relevant**’, services become formal, the group enjoys complete acceptance by the world.

Generations: (1827: birth of EGW)
1. 1857 2. 1887 3. 1917 4. 1947 5. 1977 6. 2007

GENERAL CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS



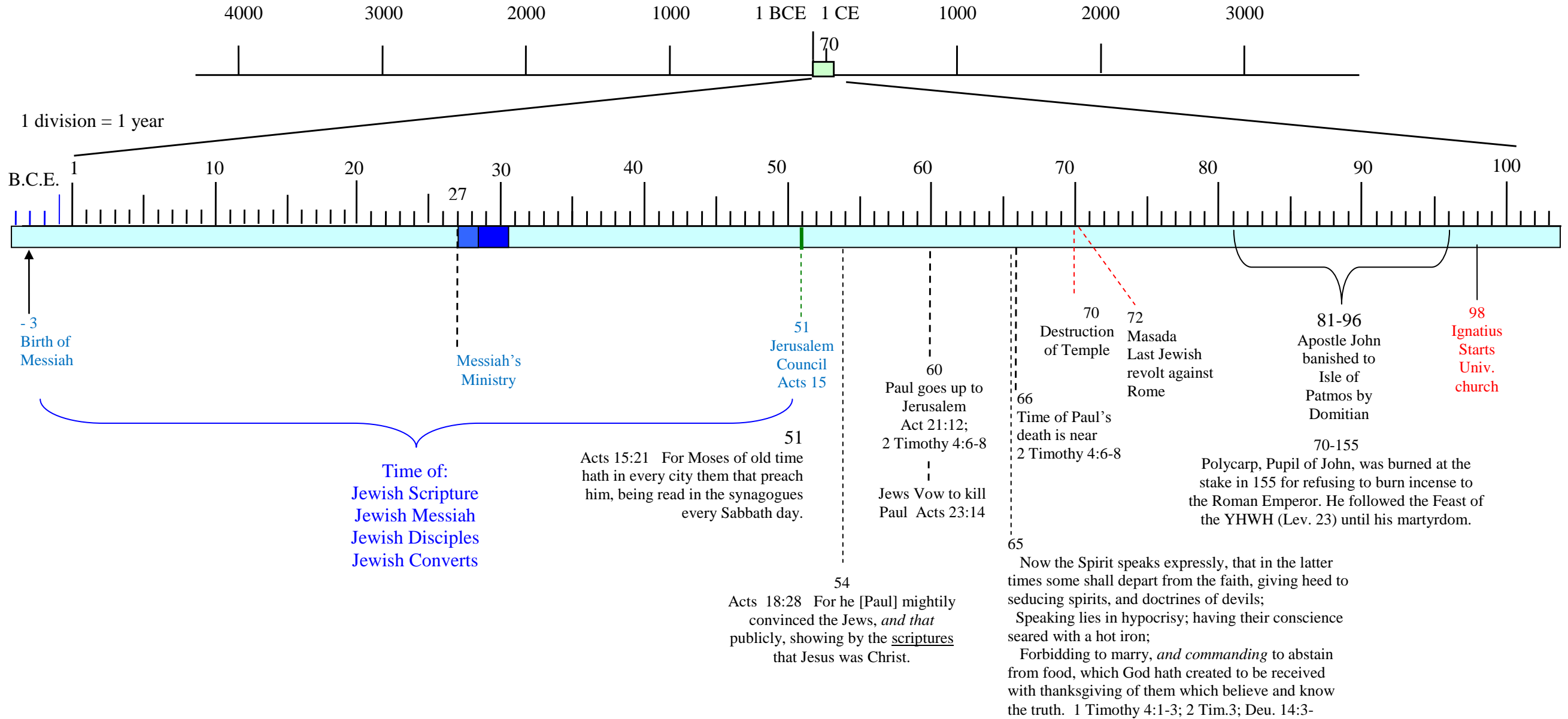
General Conference Presidents (21 terms):

March 20, 1863 – May 17, 1865: John Byington
 May 17, 1865 – May 14, 1867: James White
 1867 – 1869: (3 yrs.) John Nevins Andrews
 1869 – 1871: (3 yrs.) James White
 1871 – 1874: (4 yrs.) George Ide Butler
 1874 – 1880: (7 yrs.) James White
 1880 – 1888: (9 yrs.) George Ide Butler
 1888 – 1897: (10 yrs.) Ole Andres Olsen
 1897 – 1901: (5 yrs.) George A. Irwin
 1901 – 1922: (22 yrs.) Arthur Grosvenor Daniells

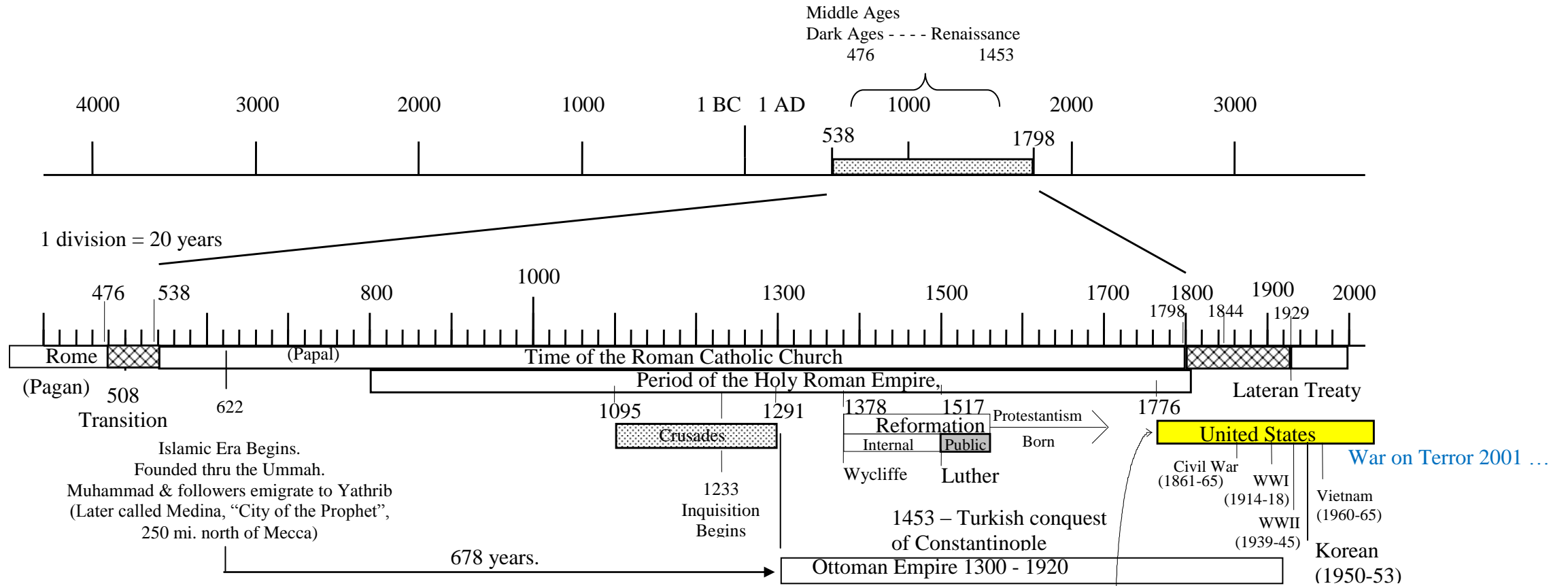
1901 – 1922: (22 yrs.) Arthur Grosvenor Daniells
 1922 – 1930: (9 yrs.) William Ambrose Spicer
 1930 – 1936: (7 yrs.) Charles H. Watson
 1936 – 1950: (25 yrs.) James Lamar McElhany
 1950 – 1954: (5 yrs.) William Henry Branson
 1954 – 1966: (13 yrs.) Reuben Richard Figuhr
 1966 – 1979: (14 yrs.) Robert H. Pierson
 1979 – 1990: (12 yrs.) Neal C. Wilson
 1990 – 1999: (10 yrs.) Robert S. Folkenberg
 1999 – 2010: (12+ yrs.) Jan Paulsen
 2010 – present: Ted N.C. Wilson

*There were no discussions relative to the issues of the 1919 Bible Conference at the 1922 General Conference. The focus was on Evangelism not theology in the "Fourth Generation".

First Century Events



Appendix II – Historical Path of Christianity



Dark Ages (Medieval) -The period in Europe from the fall of Rome in the fifth century A.D. to the restoration of relative political stability around the year 1000.

Renaissance -The period in European history between 14th through the 16th century.

Papacy – 1. office of dignity, or jurisdiction of the Pope. (Websters Dictionary)

Vatican City – an independent state of 109 acres within the city of Rome, Italy created in 1929 by Benito Mussolini and Pope Pius XI with the Lateran Treaty.

"Like a silent seed we grew into an empire."
The Great Controversy, 1888, p.440

Figure 2 - The Dark Ages Apostasy

“In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.” Mark 7:7

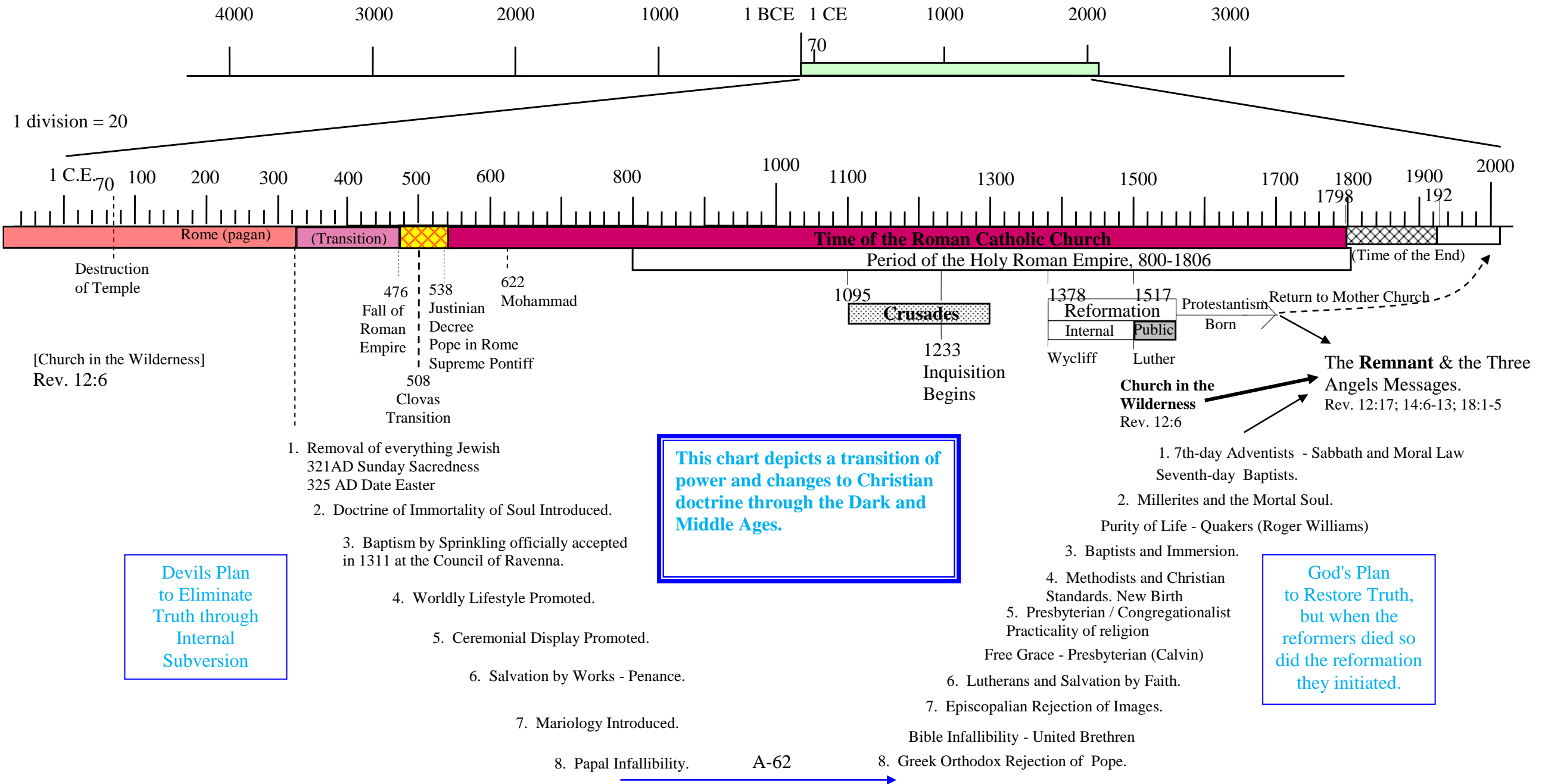


Figure 3 – Paths of Christianity

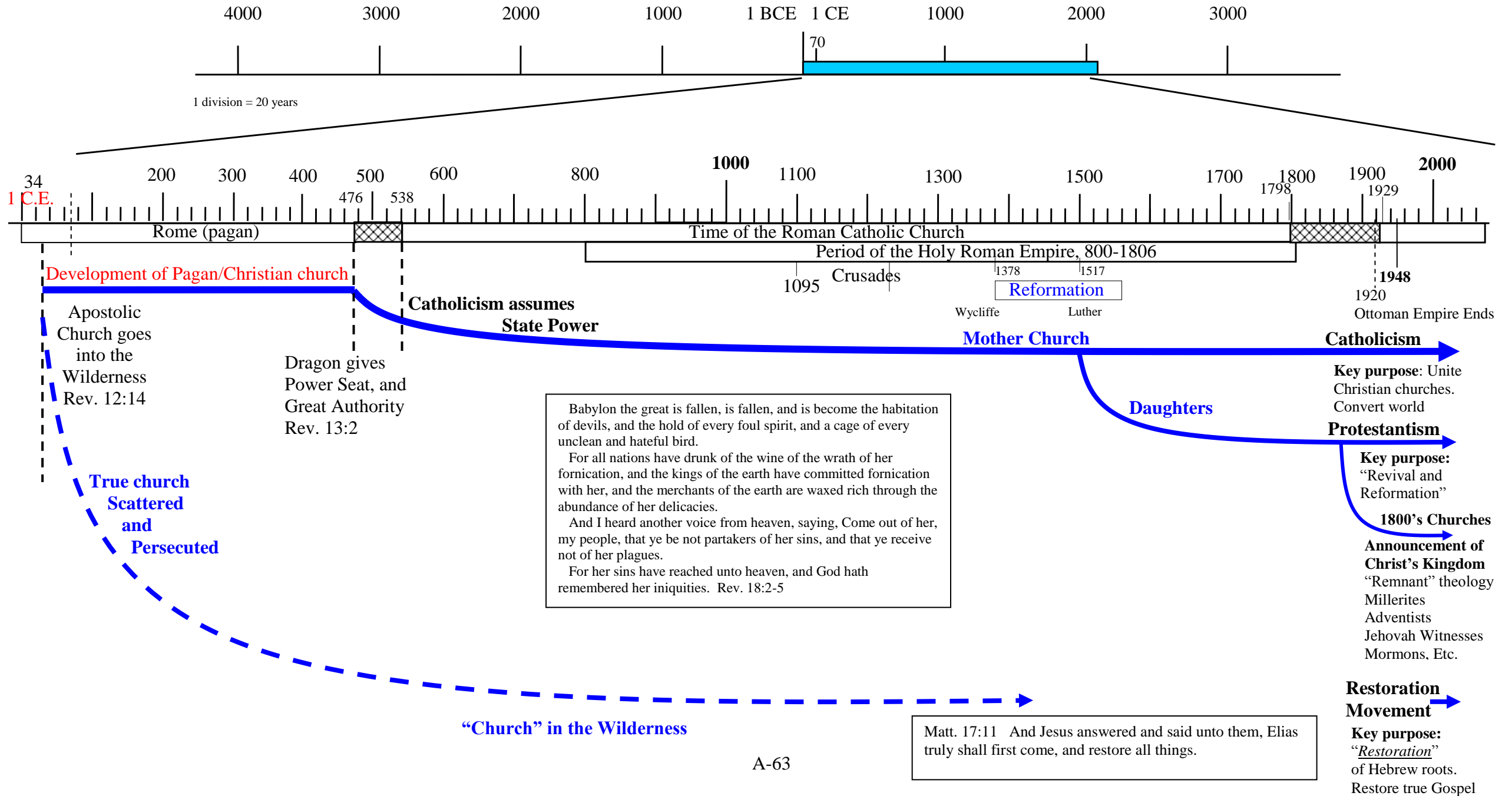


Figure 4 – Paths of Christianity (cont.)

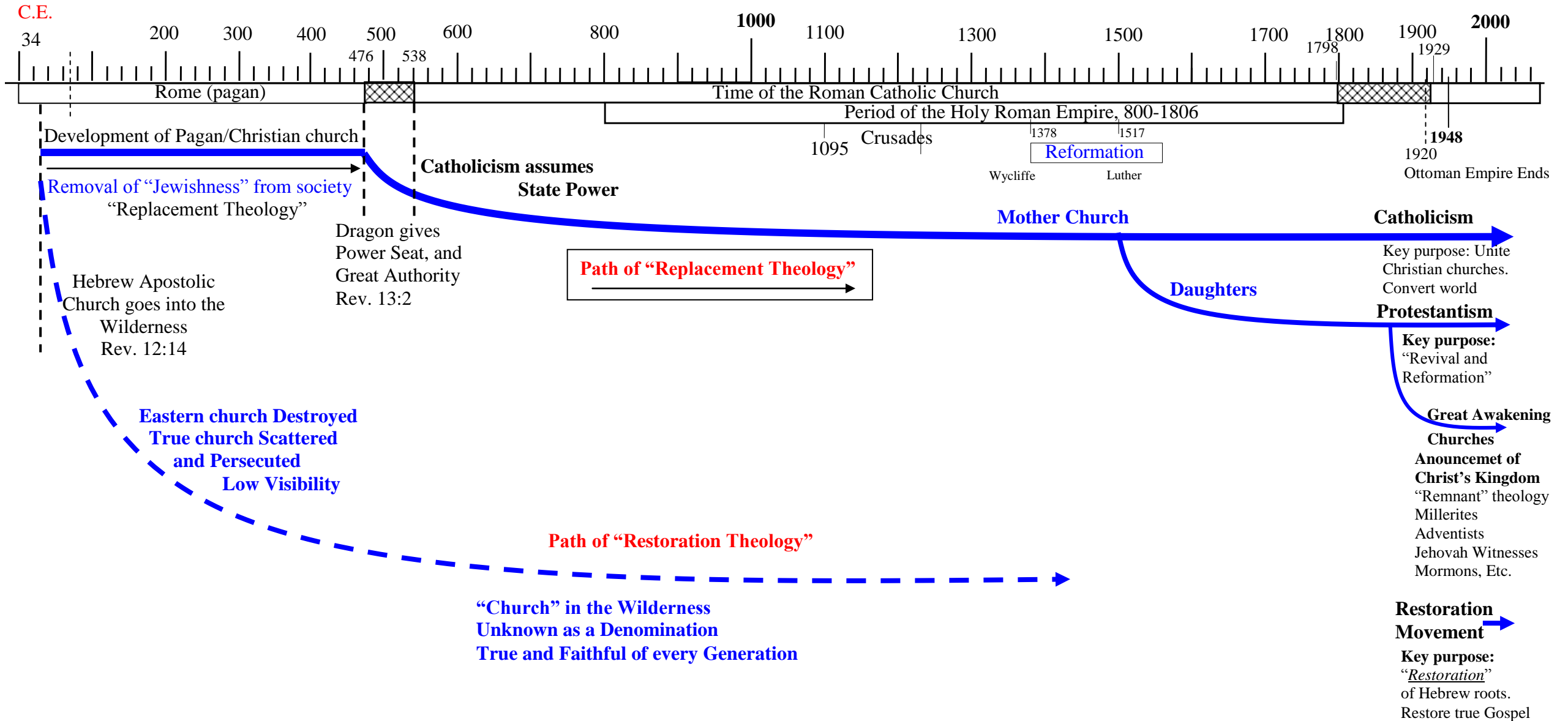
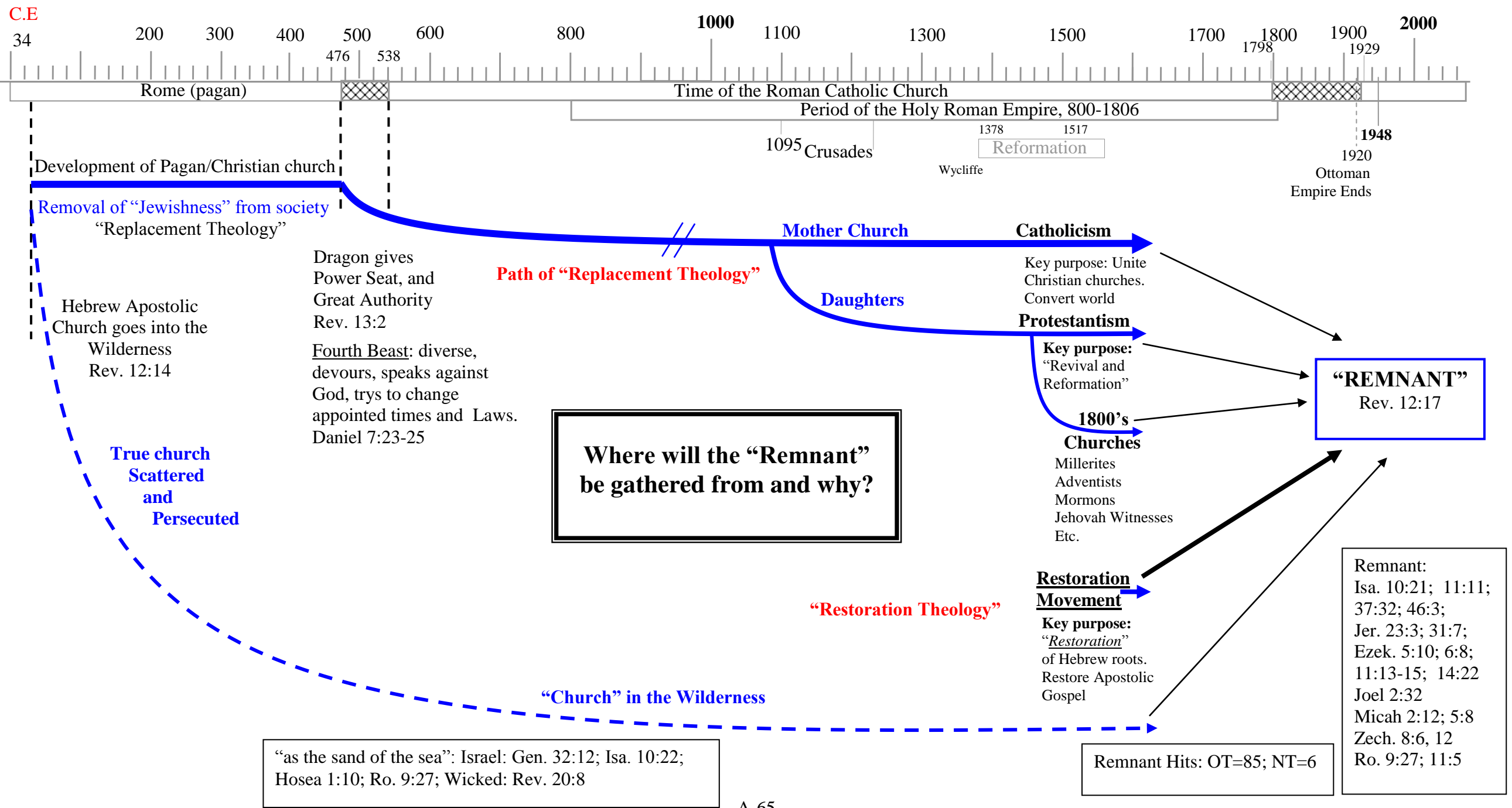
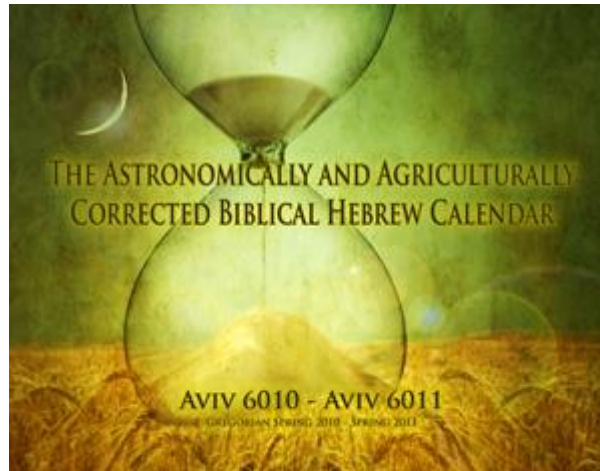


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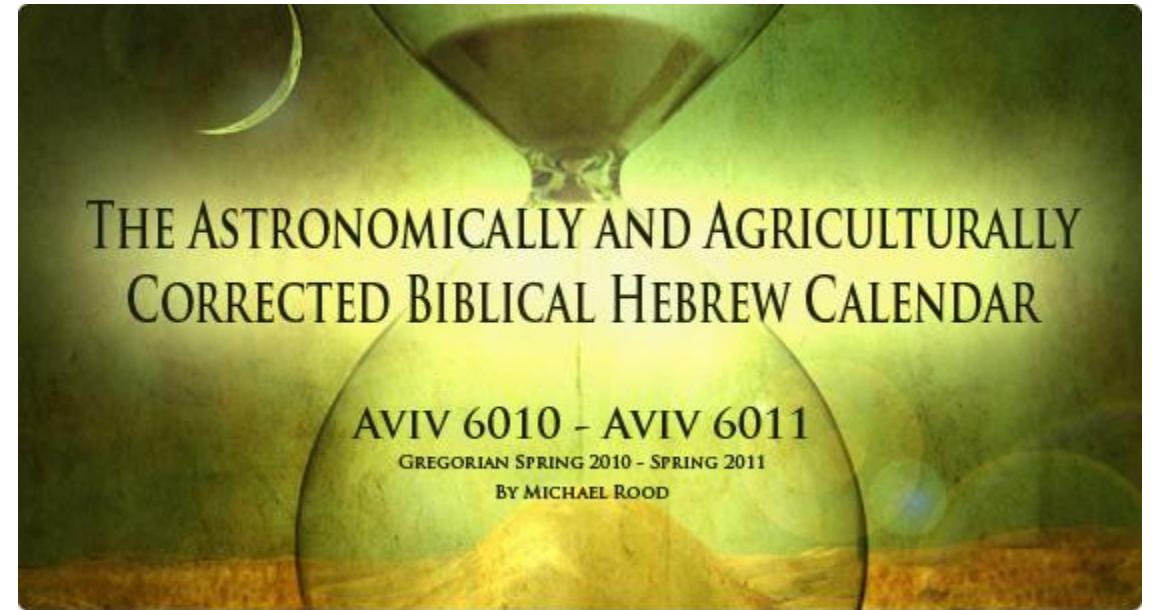


CORRECTED Biblical HEBREW CALENDAR



Has the western Gentile Christian world forsaken God's calendar?

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The Creator's reckoning of time is clearly detailed in the first scroll of the Hebrew Scriptures. Yet, the western Gentile Christian world has forsaken **God's calendar**. Instead, it has adopted a pagan reckoning of time in which every day of the week and month of the year is named after a pagan god or fallen angel. Days, weeks, months, and years all begin at completely fictitious points in time. Those raised within the western paradigm have no idea what time it is. It is as if the hands have been broken from the face of the clock.

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				40 Days of Repentance			
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Week 124 Massei Num 34:1-30:8	
22 Aug	23 Aug	24 Aug	25 Aug	26 Aug	27 Aug	28 Aug	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Week 125 Massei Num 35:9-30:13	
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Week 126 Devarim Deut 1:1-45	
5 Sep	6 Sep	7 Sep	8 Sep	9 Sep	10 Sep		
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1 Begins 40 Days of Repentance leading up to Yom Kippur - the Day of Atonement							

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