



## ONE NEW MAN ASIA

Restoring the Roots of Our Faith

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Our Purposes:

1. To help Christians connect with Israel in a balanced way
2. To reach Jews and introduce them to their Messiah, Yeshua



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## THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH AND ISRAEL

### Part 1 From Light To Darkness



### I. Foundations

A. Overarching theme of the Bible – The Kingdom

1. Adam and Eve were given dominion over creation

Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." NKJV



Gen 1:28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." NKJV

Dominion = authority, rulership



Lucifer wanted to be king: Isa 14:12-13

12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; NKJ

When Adam and Eve sinned he became the ruler of this world.



Jesus called him ruler of this world

John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. (Also John 14:30, John 16:11



## 2. Definition of church

The Greek word for church is ekklesia – those who are called out.

God found Abram (Abraham) in Ur in Chaldea and called him out to the land of Canaan and from him created a nation through who Messiah would come



## 3. Israel was meant to be His Kingdom

Exodus 19:6 And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel." NKJV



They were chosen to be His witnesses:

Isa 43:9-11

9 Let **all the nations** be gathered together, and let the people be assembled. Who among them can declare this, and show us former things? Let them bring out their witnesses, that they may be justified; Or let them hear and say, "It is truth." 10 "You (Israel) are My witnesses," says the Lord, "And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me. 11 I, even I, am the Lord, And besides Me there is no saviour.



Great commission was a reiteration of this:

Matt 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of **all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,



#### 4. John and Jesus' message

Matt 3:1-2

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" NKJV

Matt 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." NKJV

The gospel is about the kingdom:

Matt 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. NKJV



#### 4. The end of the book

Rev 11:15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

The throne in New Jerusalem:

Rev 22:1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. NK



### B. The Origin of the church

#### 1. We are children of Abraham

Isa 51:1-2

Listen to Me, you who follow after righteousness. You who seek the Lord: Look to the rock from which you were hewn, And to the hole of the pit from which you were dug. 2 Look to Abraham your father, And to Sarah who bore you; For I called him alone, And blessed him and increased him." NKJV

Gal 3:29 And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you. (NLT)



#### 2. We share all the promises with Israel

Eph 3:6 This mystery is that through the gospel the **Gentiles are heirs together with Israel**, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. NIV

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## II. The Birth of the Church

### A. The Birthday.

Acts 2:1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.



Pentecost = Feast of Weeks.

Lev 23:15-16

15 "And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering: seven Sabbaths shall be completed. 16 Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the Lord.

Traditionally a celebration of the day God gave them the Torah on Mt Sinai, on the same day God gave the Holy Spirit.



## B. The People

Deut 16:16 "Three times a year all your males shall appear before the Lord your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed.

Acts 2:5 At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem.

The church remained completely Jewish until Cornelius' family get saved in Acts 10, approximately 10 years later.



## III. Church begins to move

The first step

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." NKJV

Acts 8:5-6

5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. 6 And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. NKJV

Acts 13 – the gospel begins to move into the nations; prime mover was Saul of Tarsus. Later also known as Paul the Apostle.



## 2. Antioch

Saul/Paul was called to bring the gospel to the Gentiles (Acts 9:15)

From Antioch in Syria Paul and Barnabas began their mission to the Gentiles (Acts 13)

He goes westward and eventually brings the gospel to the Greeks, Acts 16



## C. The church in Jerusalem

Acts 21:20-21

20 And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord. And they said to him, "You see, brother, how many myriads of Jews there are who have believed, and they are all zealous for the law; NKJV

Myriads from Greek "myriados", meaning multiple tens of thousands, so at least 20,000 approximately 15% of Jerusalem's population of 300,000 in those days.

New people group emerged in Jewish society; the Nazarenes



## D. Destruction of Jerusalem

### 1. Predicted by Jesus

Mat 23:37-38 – overlooking Jerusalem

Matt 24:1-2 – Not one stone left upon another

Luke 13:6-9 – Barren fig tree



### 2. The Revolts

Great Revolt – 70 AD; Jerusalem destroyed, Jews expelled from city, Temple demolished, stones cast down, city renamed Aelia Capitolina, temple of Zeus erected in the place of the Holy Temple.

Bar Kochbah Revolt – 135 AD; Jews expelled from Judea, country renamed Syria Philistina (Palestine)



#### IV. The Roman Empire

Roman Empire began with the rule of Julius Caesar, in 45 BC (First Emperor)

Prior to that it was a republic – conquered Judea in 66 BC

- Christians and Jews lived under Roman rule
- Persecuted by Rome
- Considered pagans for belief in one God



#### A. Constantine

Became Emperor in 306 AD

In 312 AD he saw a vision of a cross - “with this sign go and conquer”

In 313 AD he issued the edict of Milan, which recognised Christianity as one of the official religions in Rome, thus persecution ceases.

In 324 AD he convenes the Council of Nicaea, today Iznik



#### Nicaean Creed

*We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.*



*And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.*

\*Catholic = universal



He also changed the observance of the Lord's death and resurrection from Passover (Jewish Calendar) to the first weekend of spring.

He said we (Christians) should have nothing in common with the murderers of Christ (Jews)



#### B. Theodosius I

1. 380 AD he made Christianity the official religion of Rome

2. The citizens “converted” yet kept many of their pagan customs

3. They created their own celebrations to replace the Biblical Feasts given in the Old Testament.

- Easter – celebration of Fertility goddess
- Christmas - Saturnalia



Created their own doctrines like:

- Use of statues and paintings, they call them icons
- Praying to saints
- Deifying Mary (immaculate conception and ascension), giving her equal status to Jesus, some even call her “co-saviour”
- Purgatory and indulgences (originally paying for the souls’ passage to heaven, now in the form of prayers and special masses performed for the dead.
- Salvation through the sacraments



What began as move of God became merely a religion with a form of godliness but without power (2 Tim 3:5).



C. East V. West

Up until around 1000 AD the headquarters of the church was in Constantinople (Istanbul, Turkey)

Council of bishops representing Western and Eastern churches

Western bishops decided to move HQ to Rome, eastern bishops rejected it

Western church became the Roman Catholic Church, Eastern churches became the Eastern Orthodox Churches

Doctrinally they are very similar to the Roman Catholic Church



- They do not accept the authority of the Roman Catholic Pope.
- They are ruled by a “synod”, a council of bishops who are elected from the different nations, thus Russian, Greek, Syrian etc. This synod is considered the head of the church.
- They celebrate the same holidays as the Roman Catholic church except they are on different dates, e.g Orthodox Christmas falls in the first week of January.



D. The Crusades

➤ First Crusade – late 1000 AD, Muslims conquer the Holy Land

Pope sees opportunity to reunite the church  
Sends thousands of people to fight promising them “no purgatory”  
Allowed to kill Muslims and Jews but not Christians. They mistake Christians in Turkey for Muslims  
Killed thousand in the synagogue in Jerusalem



- Second Crusade took place from 1147 – 1149
- Third Crusade 1187-92, included an army from England led by King Richard the Lion Heart - thousands of Jews were massacred in York
- Fourth Crusade from 1198 to 1204 – Constantinople fell.
- Final Crusade from 1208 to 1271 included the “children’s crusade” in 1212



### C. Purging "heretics"

#### 1. Waldensians

- Late 12<sup>th</sup> century in France
- Bible is authority not Pope
- Named after leader Peter Waldo
- Rejected some Catholic teachings like: purgatory, indulgences and some sacraments
- By end 13<sup>th</sup> Century most eliminated or returned to Catholicism



### 2. Spanish Inquisition

- Late 1400s in Spain, Jews prospered, Spanish nobility felt threatened
- Church concerned about intermarriage with Jews
- King Ferdinand appoints Torquemada to apply forced conversions
- Period inquisition as to genuineness of converts
- Accused were tortured to confess and punished upon confession



## THE CHURCH FELL INTO DEEP DARKNESS



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