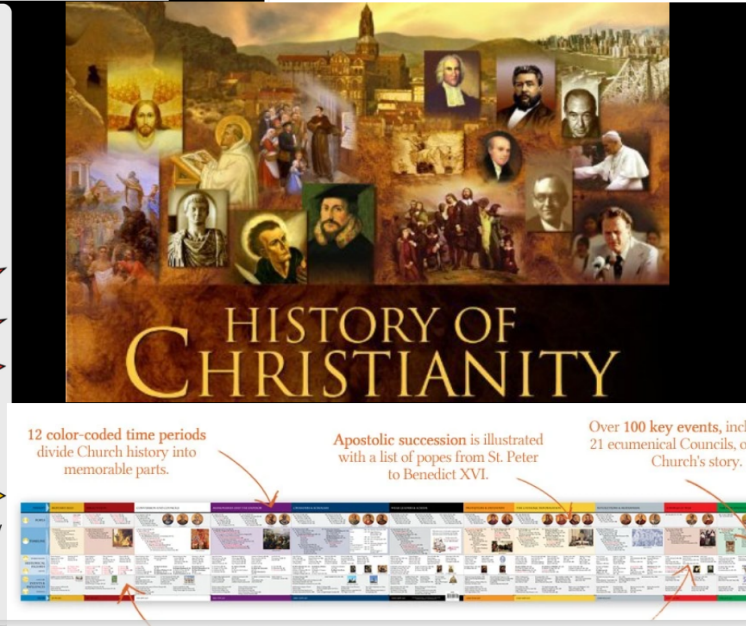
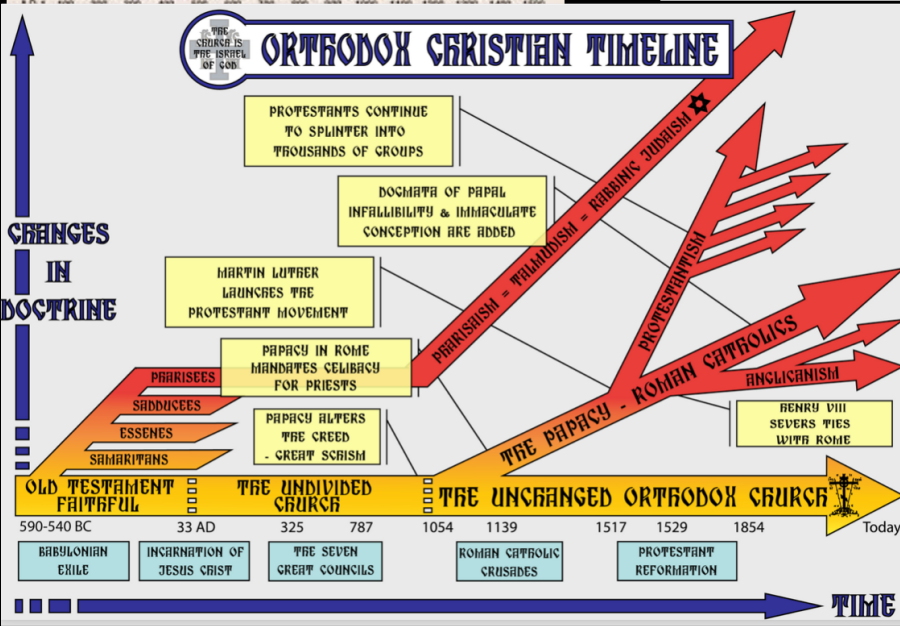
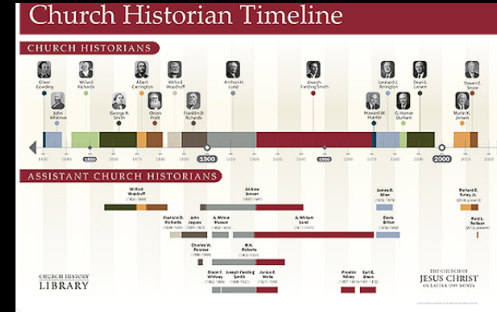
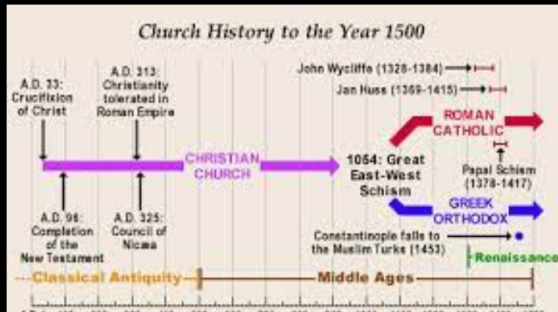


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**Issues in our Contemporary World Season 18**

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**What the Historical Church Got Wrong And why it matters!**



# Season 18 2021-2022

- Last week we started our 18<sup>th</sup> season, (Biblical) Issues in our Contemporary World.
- Originally my plan was to start with **the Enlightenment** (1680-1790) and the **French Revolution**.
- But by then (1789) christianity had inherited many egregious ideas— courtesy of the church fathers.
- This necessitated moving the study back in time to consider the errors at their seminal point.

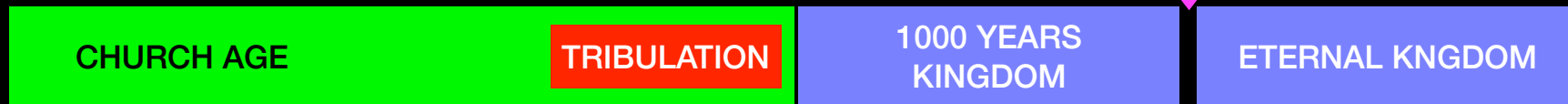
# Post-Millennialism Born

- Interesting for our study—for many christians\* the French Revolution was understood as the “Tribulation” of Daniel’s 70<sup>th</sup> week.
- Of course the French Revolution did not correspond point by point to Revelation (chpts. 6-18) but the extent of the blood shed alone was decisive.
- \*Christians — not used in a born again sense.



# Post-Millennialism Born

- With the church “being found” in the Tribulation (rather than “raptured” out) it followed that the millennial period (Given in Rev. 20) had arrived and the duty of the church was to prepare the world for the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming—hence a post 1000 yrs, (Post-Millennium) return of Christ—was born.



# Post-Millennialism Born

- However, in preparing the Kingdom for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming many christians turned to moralism—promoting **a moral christianity** rather than **the new birth** (Chas. Finney 2<sup>nd</sup> Great Awakening).
  - No doubt there were elements of both, saving faith and morality.
- As it was, a morally acceptable world would be prerequisite for the Lord's return.
- **Surely Jesus could not return to a world of corruption. Not surprising—**
- The product of the moral impulse was the Civil War et al. A war over the practice of slavery in the southern states.

# Post-Millennialism Born

- The Civil War is a great tie in to our lesson series —tracing the roots of WOKE Culture.
- It has been sheer genius to invent the present day WOKE crisis—where it is said that the white continues to enslave the black (add women, genders, the poor , etc.) people.
- This, in-spite of the successful prosecution of the war—producing the emancipation proclamation.



# 1. Marxism vs Christianity-20th Century

## 2. Now Christian-Neo-Marxism-21st Century

- The present WOKE crisis (appeals to christian moralism) can be traced to the thinking of the “far left” in **Reformed Evangelical circles** of the 1960-70s and Fuller Seminary.  
(See Social Justice Goes to Church.)
- But the movement nearly died for lack of participation until it took hold in the 1990s—Remember Promise Keepers?
- The intellectual left has always been enamored with destroying christianity by adopting Marxism—
- See the title phase 1 and phase 2

# Neo-Marxism vs True Christianity

- As we said that it would take sheer genius to enslave the blacks again after they were liberated by a war that cost 600k lives.
- But according to the Marxist the blacks are enslaved by the commonly held culture, which is christian. (Christianity is a white man's religion.)
- The slave holder in this scenario is the straight white man.
- His white dominance enslaves all that have a minority status. It is systemic with no hope of redemption.

# Neo-Marxism vs True Christianity

- But the flipped irony is — it is **THE WHITE ELITIST MAN WHO ENSLAVES the black people**— the white intellectuals have established a “modern-day psychological plantation” and rule with an iron whip. (This metaphor is not original with me.)
- **The real unflipped**—slave holders are the **WOKE** intellectuals who are mostly white— who rule from their campus classrooms.
- From this lofty position they demand destruction of the common (cancel) culture and demand reparations for blacks—
- Recall the direct statements by a professor at UNL in the 1990s.

# Neo-Marxism vs Christianity

- Indeed the white man\* **enslaves the black people, by speaking for them, deciding what is best for them, the essence of racism.** Proof: All dissenting blacks are silenced for they are not allowed to speak on their own. **In essence they must remain silent on the plantation as the master controls what is “best for them.”**
- \*There are now (likely) as many women, with advanced degrees in these positions that add their power having minority status. Complicit blacks are recruited to the cause are financed and put into elected offices and appointed to powerful political positions. Often without merit but by financial backing. Take a look at the office holders in large cities.

A construction of  
the white man for  
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slavery

**WOKE CULTURE  
IS  
MARXIST CULTURE**

The new  
plantation

**The Roots of WOKE Culture Exposed  
A History of Christianity**



# Neo-Marxism vs Christianity

- How is it possible that one set of whites accuse another set of whites of systemic unredeemable racism—and succeed in the juxtaposition?
- We will deal with this phenomena but suffice to say that ‘language’ produces “realities” (Noam Chomsky) at least as they are perceived.
- The **political correct language reverses meaning**. This is the essence of political correctness. Consider the meaning of “Broken and Beautiful” is this a handicapped child or a derelict drug addict? Double entendre? Abortion is good it saves the mother.

# Reversal of Meaning/Values

- “Even taking this radical skepticism as just another well-intentioned lie—assuming, for example, that the politically correct know deep down that a man who believes himself to be a woman is not actually a woman, **but they consider it good for that individual and for society to pretend that he is**—[this uncovers] an even more radical premise at the heart of political correctness: **the evil of truth and the goodness of lies.**
- **Ed>Does Beautiful and Broken fit here?**
- Knowles, Michael. *Speechless: Controlling Words, Controlling Minds* (p. 23). Regnery Publishing. Kindle Edition.

# Neo-Marxism vs Christianity

- In essence, if you can control the speech you can control reality.
- I believe this is why lying is the chiefest of the sins. It can destroy without war and put the opposition off balance and continually on the defensive.
- When something is said often and by restricting opposition common sense speech a new unchallenged reality can be constructed.

# Religion and Politics?

- As a reminder—if these were simply political concerns we may pass over this with a comment or two.
- However, the WOKE culture has been ushered into the Reformed churches and has the attention of all evangelicals —hence our study.
- We do not intend to change the course but warn our church of the subtleties of the movement.

# Will the Real Racist Stand Up

- We leave the discussion here but to conclude that what the “white man” (in his tenured professorship) wants for the Black man is the most racist in that he does not believe that black man is capable of an independent choice, or speech!
- We have observed before— take the white educated advanced degreed unmarried women out of the riots, (barring the help from ANTIFA) the riots would die out.
- Most of the blacks are at home protecting life and limb!



# The Roots of Woke Culture

- We talked about WOKE IDEAS here since this is the end product of the church off track.
- We will study the early church and move systematically forward keeping our eye on the coming “Enlightenment product” a social order made in the mind of Man.

A state of being aware, especially of social problems such as racism and inequality.  
CAMBRIDGE DICTIONARY



# Our Template is Jude

“Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you **contend earnestly for the faith** which was once for all handed down to the saints. Jude 3



**WOKE CULTURE  
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**The Roots of WOKE Culture Exposed.**

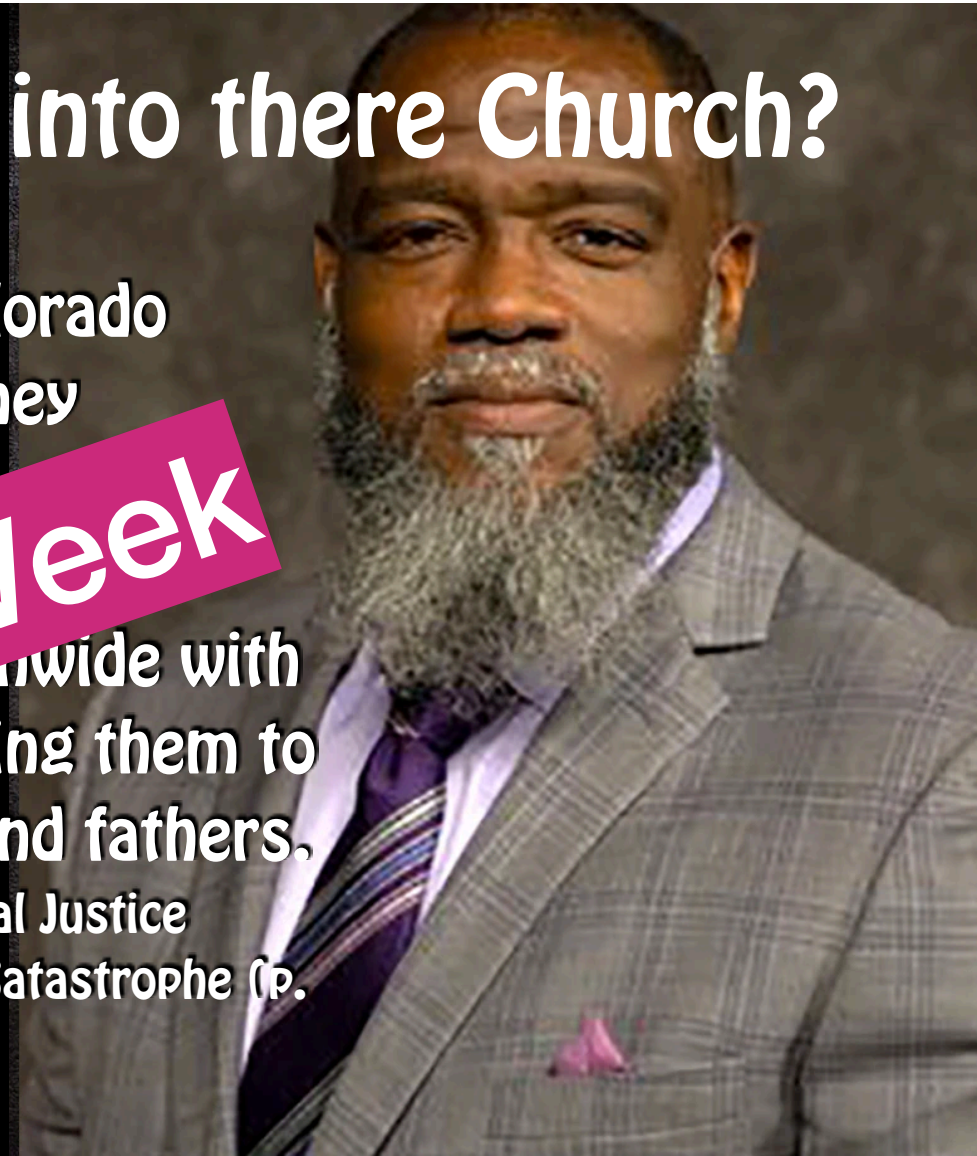
**Secular left and  
Marxism/Utopia**

**Religious left and  
Marxism/Kingdom**

# How did CRT Etc Get into there Church?

- UB” “In 1990, University of Colorado head football coach Bill McCartney founded Promise Keepers.
- The movement spread like wildfire, eventually filling churches nationwide with tens of thousands of men, training them to become God-fearing husbands and fathers.
- Baucham Jr., Voddie. Fault Lines: The Social Justice Movement and Evangelicalism's Looming Catastrophe (p. 33). Salem Books. Kindle Edition.

**Last Week**



# How did CRT Etc Get into there Church?

- UB: “However, McCartney, who was used to working with young men from diverse backgrounds, was disappointed with the “whiteness” of the crowds. **Consequently, diversity became a central focus and theme of the movement.**
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# How did CRT Etc Get into there Church?

- Skipping a paragraph—
- UB: “I remember taking part in several Promise Keepers events in the mid-1990s. Up to that point, **I had never seen such a drive for diversity among believers.** Then in **1995,** **the Southern Baptist Convention passed a resolution REPENTING OF ITS RACIST HISTORY.** Suddenly, **I found myself surrounded by people calling for racial reconciliation.**”
- Baucham Jr., Voddie. *Fault Lines: The Social Justice Movement and Evangelicalism's Looming Catastrophe* (p. 33). Salem Books. Kindle Edition.

# About Face!

- VB: “But instead of being encouraged, I was convicted. **I had spent my short Christian life pursuing segregation.**
- “Now here I was speaking at PK events that highlighted **racial reconciliation!**
- **Ed: A NEW IDEA — FOREIGN TO A BLACK MAN!**

# An Integrated Black Man

- “Eventually, this conviction led to action. **I was not aware of, nor had I ever met, a black pastor who was working for or even passionate about racial reconciliation.**
- “Not one had ever lamented the fact that their church was 99 percent black, or that the remaining 1 percent included exactly zero white members.
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# An Integrated Black Man

- “I am not saying that was the entirety of the black church experience, or that those leaders were evil or ungodly—only that for the first time, I was coming face-to-face with brothers who, through tear-stained eyes, were begging God to diversify His church, and all of them were white.
- Baucham Jr., Voddie. *Fault Lines: The Social Justice Movement and Evangelicalism's Looming Catastrophe* (p. 34). Salem Books. Kindle Edition.

# Voddie and Family Moved to Africa

- “Finally, living in Africa for the past five years has broadened my perspective on social justice in two major ways: 1) I have come to understand that the Critical Social Justice (CSJ) movement is global. Just like people in the U.S. are arguing that racial disparities are de facto evidence of racism and white supremacy, the global version of CSJ is arguing that the same is true in regard to global inequities. (Marxism)
- Baucham Jr., Voddie. Fault Lines: The Social Justice Movement and Evangelicalism's Looming Catastrophe (p. 38). Salem Books. Kindle Edition.

# Voddie and Family Moved to Africa

- “Thus, power and resources must be redistributed not only within nations, but between them.
- “And since America is the wealthiest nation on earth, guess who needs to “check their privilege” and divest themselves of power the most?

**End of Baucham's quotes.**

- Baucham Jr., Voddie. *Fault Lines: The Social Justice Movement and Evangelicalism's Looming Catastrophe* (p. 38). Salem Books. Kindle Edition.

Thus far—

The end of an introduction to the  
destruction of christian culture.  
Using the tool of “WOKENESS”

# Know the Time Line

The first step in understanding history and the Bible  
Isolate the historical books of the Bible in order



# The First 500 years After the Birth of Christ

The Apostolic  
Age to 100

Post-Apostolic  
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Christian Era  
325-430

Augustinian Era  
After 430

## Organize Church History

Breaking down the first 500 years  
of the Church Age

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Augustine

The Byzantine Era

# The First 500 years After the Birth of Christ

## The Apostolic Age to 100

- We do not want to think that during this time that there were no problems facing the church.
- All we need to do is reflect on the letters of Paul and Peter etc. to see that the church was dealing with false theology immediately.
  - Understandably, a change from Judaism was problematic. The question of Jewishness arises immediately since Christianity is out of Judaism.
- Think of Galatians the first Pauline letter and the issue of the Law, as only one example circa AD 48
- What about Romans 9-11, a defense of Jewish promises, in Gentile ears, which were already under attack, before AD 70.

## The First 500 years After the Birth of Christ

The Apostolic  
Age to 100

- We can be assured that the errors in the early Apostolic church were telegraphed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> century.
- The question of the Law (its Jewishness) and the rightful place of the Jewish family in God's promises still has not been universally settled even in our age.

Covenantalist vs  
Dispensationalists

# The First 500 years After the Birth of Christ

The Apostolic  
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Covenantalists—  
Active Obedience  
of Christ to the  
Law!

- The question of the Law and customs was settled biblically in the 1<sup>st</sup> church council at Jerusalem, see Acts 15. Resulting—
- No, the Gentiles do not have to become cultural Jews. Neither do the Jews have to give up their familiar O. T. culture.
- But opposing the Scriptures, the Gentiles adopt the Jewish election and consistently assume that they are obligated to the legal system—this continues into our day. To wit: The Law must be preached in the church.

# The First 500 years After the Birth of Christ

The Apostolic  
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- (+) What we can say is, after the first 100 yrs. the church had the completed Scriptures. The infallible standard.
- This legacy was understood by the faithful at beginning of the second century.
- The standard existed. On this there was agreement. The 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New.

# The First 500 years After the Birth of Christ

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- Given this legacy, recovery is always possible. Even in our day. The Word has a correcting quality only when given its literal sense.
- Heaven and earth **WILL pass away** but not the Word of the Lord. (Matt. 24:35)
- Our study is about, how/when/why errors start? Starting an error is easy perhaps slow.
- But getting rid of it is another nearly “impossible task.”

# “It seems to me...”

- Errors start with ill conceived ideas. Ideas the seem to **make sense**. Ideas that agree with **my thinking**. It only takes a **small bias** to **reject an obvious truth** or an **obviously superior authority**.
- We do not claim any psychological insight but a cursory review of history will show the tendency to **overlook the Word of God** for a more acceptable, a more **humane—result**.
- When theology is defended by “It seems to me...” apostasy cannot be far behind.
- This is more common than we want to believe. **There are some surprising examples.**



# The Root?

- It will be impossible to retrace the historical steps to the place of the seminal errors. They likely occurred in more than one place and in more than one time.
- The Bible does not give us this information —time and place.
  - Rarely are names given, although some are.
- So perhaps it matters little when, where, why the local church or its leaders took the wrong fork but **it surely happened.**
- Read the letters to the seven churches in Asia, Revelation 2-3.
- **Only one of seven seems to have stayed true. Yet they are all considered churches belonging to the Lord of the Lampstands.**

# The Seven Churches

- With the “eye popping messages” to the churches one wonders if all the so called churches, even the apostate ones are held accountable to the Lord?
- Most likely, yes!
- There is a wideness in His mercy Ps 86:15
- **<sup>15</sup>But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, Slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness and truth. More study here!!!**

# The Post-Apostolic Church

- We must be prepared — as we look into the historic church we find little to emulate.
- Of course, God is not at work in a flamboyant manner but in “still small voices” as Elijah heard while hiding in his cave. 1 Kings 19:12.
- These small voiced church laborers and their achievements receive no attention from the culture but —They are shaking the WOKE culture today. “The Fundamentalist” is the ugly monster created by Washington, Academia and Hollywood and in the elitist ivory towers—spoken in unison, TRUTH MUST BE SILENCED AT ALL COSTS.
- Yet the Holy Spirit as the Restrainer is silently at work. He appears to propel the opposition to commit acts of insanity.

# The Washington Fears!

- This summer we had a wonderful reminder (Brian Trainer 8/15/21 2 Kings 6:8-23)) that while we stand alone as an unorganized force in the face of a challenging enemy—**there are invisible armies that hedge about the enemy.**
- While the opposition to anything christian, cannot see the armies there is a paralyzing fear of them. Just observe their actions. When liars lie they are busy looking over their shoulder watching to see if they have been found out. **They do irrational things for protection.**
- It is apparent that the leadership in Washington have “felt the MONSTER” that is sprung ready to pounce on them at any moment.
- They continue to have the national guard protect them from an army they cannot see or to their greatest fear—control.

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# Anti-Semitism

**We must pick a beginning point.**

- **Two colossal errors appear in formal dress in the second century.**
- **1. The idea that the Gentiles replaced the Jews, based on anti-Semitism.**
- **2. The practice of baptismal regeneration follows on replacement or supersession theology.**

# The Anatomy of an Error

- Errors show up as “infant” ideas. They are likely “hopes” of the fallen nature. These errors do not start with a full blown theology in their defense. In this case it simply is that God has forsaken the Jews—and so do we! Later spiritualizing the text will allow anything imagined, Origin c 250.
- So with the Anti-Semitism of the early church a full development of how the Jewish promises will mutate to Gentile ones will take centuries.

# The Anatomy of an Error

- In the meantime the settled idea that the church has replaced Israel cannot be remotely be justified. But because it is the desire of the Gentiles, a coherent theology is not necessary for over 1500 years.
- This will develop around the 17-18<sup>th</sup> centuries as Covenant Theology develops a “plausible” way for the Jews to be rejected on “theological grounds.” Perhaps the Reformation a partial return to Scriptures exposed the lack of biblical support for Anti-Semitism.



# Anti-Semitism

## The 1<sup>st</sup> Error

- 1<sup>st</sup> —The Gentiles replace the Jews after the Old Testament period.
- As we said, of course there are some **insurmountable problems** with this at first but if there is a desire to jettison the Jews the rest can be “worked out”—as a “it seems to me theology” which is hard to ignore.

# Anti-Semitism

- Anti-Semitism was a problem before AD 70, the Fall of Jerusalem. (Judgment of the Jews.)
- Paul had gone to the Gentiles on his 2<sup>nd</sup> Missionary Journey. Apparently, this led the Gentiles at Rome to believe that since Paul had changed focus that God had changed course as well.
- Paul's letter to Romans chap 9-11 settled that question but Gentilism raised it head even higher after AD 70, 115 and finally at 135.
- Replacement theology held sway until the beginning of the Restoration Movement in the 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> centuries. For 1400—1500 years!

# From the Post-Apostolic Church

- During these (AD 100) years and up to today in Reformed Churches, the church struggles with just how and in what way, is the church the New Israel?
- There is no end to the books written to settle this question. Still publishing today.
- Q. The Temple was destroyed! No one suggested such a grotesque thing as bloody altars in churches—what about a dry altar? Q. Was the Law to adapt to a “church shape?”

# From the Post-Apostolic Church

- **Q. After all Christ the Lamb of God was slain. But what about the rest of the Law? What about the rest of the ceremony?**
- **Q. What about circumcision? What about priests, ritual and the moral law? What about Temples “sanctuaries” and form worship? What about passover? What about prophets, priests speaking for God, listening on behalf of God? These and many more cross-overs must be worked out—**

# From the Post-Apostolic Church

- In time “wise men,” worked it out as it seemed to them...figured that the Law could be divided as the **ceremonial**, the **judicial** and the **moral** Law.
- Even though the Law forbid its break up, (James 2:10) but the desire to do so over-powered the Scripture and the Reformers had their solution.
- Jewish ritual was welcomed into the churches after 325 when churches were allowed construction. We have two traditions the Western ritual and the Eastern. More later.

# Briefly the 2<sup>nd</sup> Error

- The second error you could say fell into their lap.
- The Scriptures makes clear that water baptism is the sign of conversion (salvation) to Christ. It follows on profession, in Acts, even on the same day, Acts 2:41.
- This close association of profession and baptism, in this order, is critical to the statement made in water baptism.
- Baptism makes an unseen event “visible” as a witness of a profession.

# Sins Forgiven Only to a Point

- However a grave mistake was made in assigning the wrong value to water baptism.
- As it goes, forgiveness of sins went as far as the event of conversion and its closely corresponding sign, water baptism. Only sins committed thus far were fully forgiven.
- 1 John 1:9—.
- "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Nothing is said about future sins here.

# Sins Forgiven Only to a Point

- This half truth of sins forgiven but only to water baptism, delayed it not by a week or two but to the end of life.
- Logic: Surely, there was a likelihood that those sins committed after baptism could sink your salvation.
- A dire outcome! How to fix this huge uncertainty?



# Baptism and Sin's Forgiveness

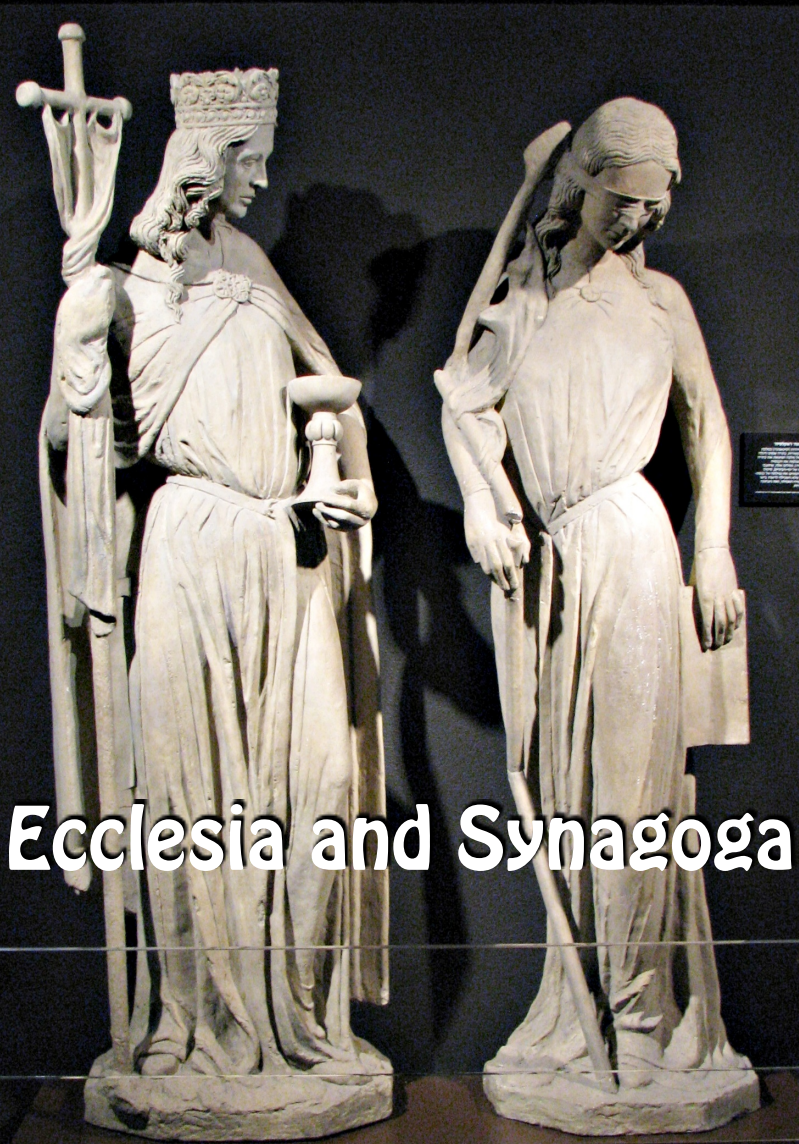
- Therefore—when to get baptized (once) was a balancing act. Too soon, could kill you. Too late, you may be spiritually dead being unbaptized.
  - It was virtually impossible to hit the sweet spot!
- The Truth: **Sins are not forgiven by baptism at all—at any time. All sins past and future are covered in the death of Christ.**
- However—
- **They chose to go the wrong way and make baptism efficacious FOR ALL FUTURE sins as well. We are into “It seems to me...” theology.**

# Adult Baptism Covers All Sins

- With the adult sins covered— Aha, err, 🙇 on confession of faith—
- It did not take a creative genius to deduct that if water baptism can save adults from all sins even those not yet committed— then we have a way to assure us that **our precious littles bundles**, who have not sinned yet, can have the same hope— if their parents pay attention.

# Adult Baptism Covers All Sins

- Wall-a, infant baptism began it's deathless reign in the church.
- **Even M Luther supported the idea. Who can deny a confession of faith from speechless infants especially with the vibes of agreeing parents and godfathers are nearby.**
- Sure, later some attempt is made to extract an agreeable confession in a catechism class but the battle for the soul was lost—
- Since baptism was a prerequisite for church membership, all baptized were “family members” under the Covenant (Remember Solomon Stoddard in North Hampton MA. 1700) the unregenerate populating the church would not easily give up their voting rights and membership in the Heavenlies—who would dare deny them this, especially if they were our children.



Ecclesia and Synagoga

Replacement Theology  
Supersessionism  
Anti-Semitism

It is a stroke of genius for Satan to suggest that the Gentles reject the Jewish election and claim the promises for themselves.



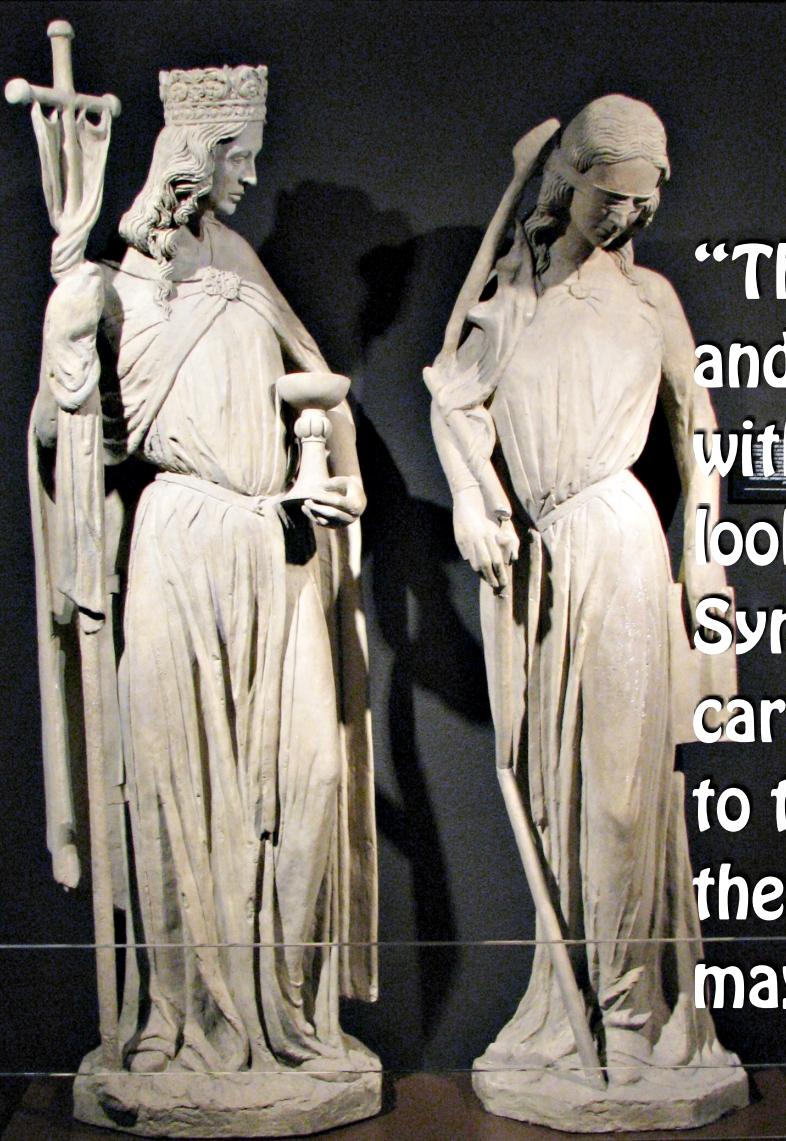
**Strasbourg Cathedral**  
**Classic motif showing**  
**attitudes**  
**towards the Jews**





## Anti-Semitism on the Cathedrals

**“The two female figures are usually young and attractive; Ecclesia is generally adorned with a crown, chalice and cross-topped staff, looking confidently forward. In contrast, Synagoga is blindfolded and drooping, carrying a broken lance (possibly an allusion to the Holy Lance that stabbed Christ) and the Tablets of the Law or Torah scrolls that may even be slipping from her hand.” Wiki**



# Thus we have Two Fatal Errors



The Roots of WOKE Culture Exposed.

Both at the root of WOKE culture Theology

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investigate these  
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