

The Story of the New Testament Church

The God of Eternity Past: Every story starts here

Jesus Comes to Earth

- 4 B.C. – A.D. 28 The Life of Jesus (from conception to the start of his ministry)
- A.D. 28 – A.D. 30 Calling and Training Disciples
- A.D. 30 The Cross, Grave and Ascension of Jesus

The Church Is Born

- A.D. 30 – A.D. 41 Jerusalem

The Holy Spirit arrives / first believers in Jerusalem / the Church gathers constantly / Peter and John preach Jesus and face persecution / Leaders are called into ministry (including Stephen) / Stephen is martyred / The Church scatters throughout Palestine / Philip evangelizes / Jesus appears to Saul / Saul goes away for three years / Peter travels through Palestine / The first Gentile Church is planted in Caesarea

- A.D. 41 – A.D. 47 Antioch

A Church is planted in Antioch / “Christians” and “The Way” first used / Famine hits Jerusalem / James is martyred / Antioch cares for the Church in Jerusalem / Barnabas and Paul are sent

- A.D. 47 – A. D. 50 Paul’s First Journey

1200 miles travelled / Churches planted in Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe / Paul visits south Galatia / Paul writes Galatians (49) / The Jerusalem Church clashes over circumcision / Crisis in the Jewish Churches of Palestine / James writes the letter of James (50)

- A.D. 50 – A.D. 53 Paul’s Second Journey

2800 miles travelled / Churches planted in Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Corinth / Paul writes I Thessalonians (51) / Paul writes II Thessalonians (52)

- A.D. 54 – A.D. 58 Paul’s Third Journey

1375 miles travelled / Churches planted in Ephesus, Laodicea, Colosse, Hieropolis, throughout Asia Minor (including Smyrna, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Pergamum), Troas, and Illyricum / Paul writes I Corinthians (55) / A Church is transplanted in Rome / Paul writes II Corinthians (57) / Paul writes Romans (57)

- A.D. 59 – A.D. 62 Paul's Journey to Rome

Paul imprisoned in Caesarea for 2 years / Paul shipwrecked in Malta / Mark writes his gospel (late 50s – early 60s) / Matthew writes his gospel (late 50s – early 60s) / Luke writes his gospel (60-61) / Paul's first imprisonment in Rome / Paul writes Colossians (61) / Paul writes Philemon (61) / Paul writes Ephesians (61) / Paul writes Philippians (62) / James (brother of Jesus) is martyred

- A.D. 63 – A.D. 70 Paul's Fourth Journey

Paul travels to Spain / A Church is planted in Miletus / Paul writes I Timothy (63) / Luke writes Acts (63) / Hebrews is written (64) / Nero's massacre of Christians begins (65) / Paul writes Titus (65) / John writes his gospel (65) / John writes I John (65) / John writes II John (65) / John writes III John (65) / Peter writes I Peter (65) / Paul writes II Timothy (67) / Peter writes II Peter (67) / Paul and Peter are martyred / Jude writes the letter of Jude (68) / John writes Revelation (70)

- After A.D. 70

John leads the church in Ephesus until he is 100. The Gospel is spread throughout the world and the remaining apostles lose their lives in the process. While the glow of the New Testament Church fades, God's purpose for His Church does not.

The Groom will return for his Bride!

The God of Eternity Future: The story has not ended