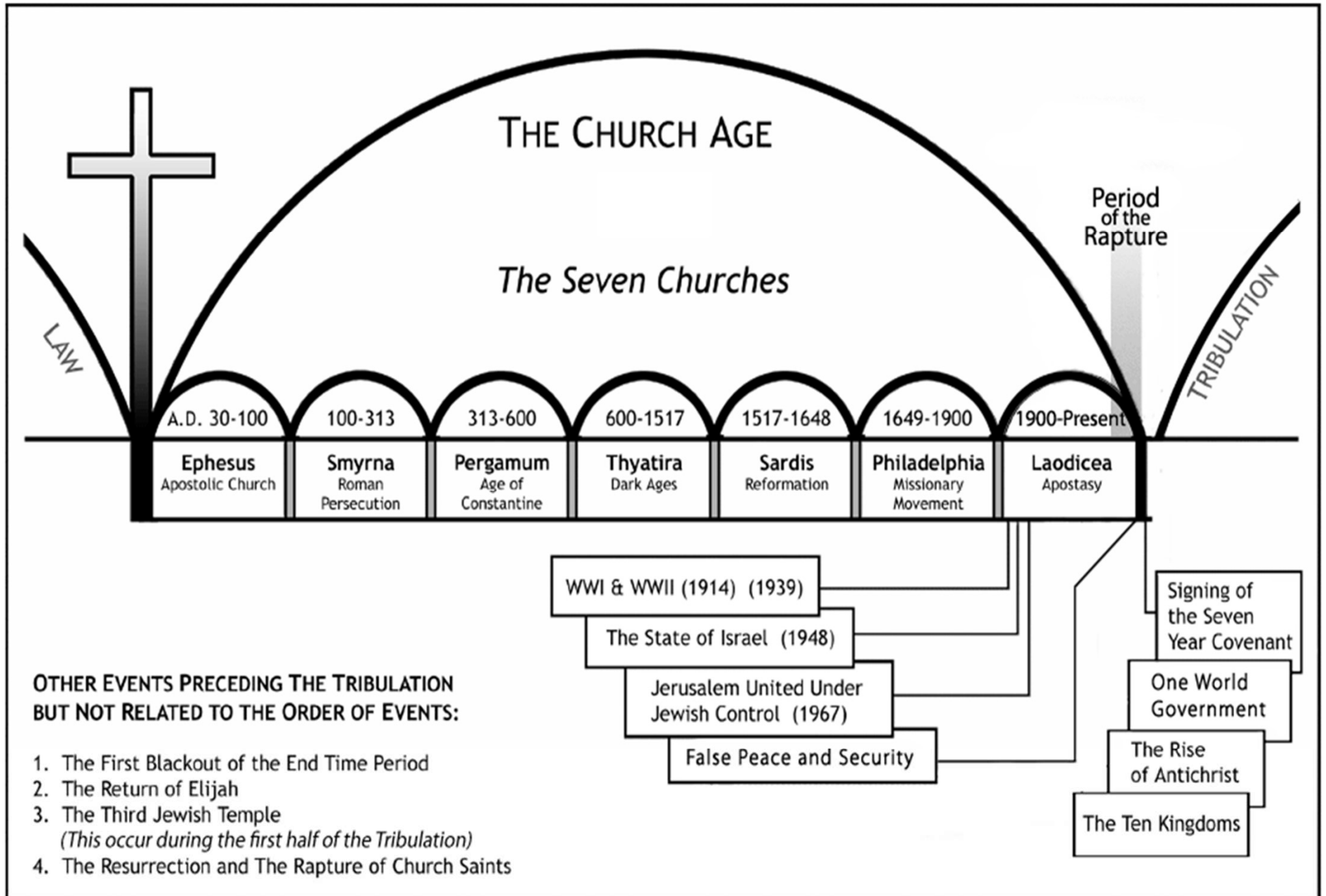


**“Letter to the Church of
Thyatira -
The Corrupt Church”**

Revelation 2: 18-29

June 7, 2020



True Repentance encompasses two things:

- 1) Change of mind
- 2) Change of action - *involves a life change*

Seven Churches of Revelation

— Chapters 2-3 —

- ① Ephesus
- ② Smyrna
- ③ Pergamos
- ④ Thyatira
- ⑤ Sardis
- ⑥ Philadelphia
- ⑦ Laodicea

Island of Patmos: where John received the vision



Verse 18

**Destination, Meaning,
and Description of Jesus**

The destination is to the Pastor
and the congregation -

God wants His people to know!!

Thyatira means continual sacrifice

The Description of Jesus - taken from Revelation 1: 14-15

*“These things says the Son of God,
who has eyes like a flame of fire,
and His feet like fine brass”*

Christ is pictured as a Righteous Judge

- **Jesus' eyes** pierce into your soul
- **Jesus sees** clearly what you are all about
- Most people have no problem with a loving Jesus, *but have a huge problem with a **judging Jesus!***

This Church was known for its “*going through the motions*” sacrifice -

Sacrifice is not a substitute for genuine worship

Learn from Israel's mistakes:

Isaiah 1: 4 and 11-15

Hear the words of the Psalmist,
David - Psalm 40: 6

What does God really want?

Psalm 40: 8

God wants obedience -

1 Samuel 15: 22 - *“to obey is better than to sacrifice”*

Verse 19
Commendation

The external appearance of this Church was positive - *they received the applause of men!*





God sees differently than man

The remnant will not follow the majority, but will stay true to God's Word -

No compromise with the culture, and viewed with disdain by the masses (*a pain to the world*)

Recall what Jesus said to His remnant Church:

“You are the salt of the earth”
Matthew 5: 13

Salt is used for seasoning, preservation and can be irritating

Which do you think applies to the remnant today?

Irritating!!

Verse 20 - 23
Condemnation

Jezebel refers to a literal woman who falsely claimed prophetic powers

- Power and control was her game

Biblical leadership is always male -

- 1 Timothy 3: 1-7; Titus 1: 5-9

Many today have claimed to be prophets, but none predicted Covid 19 or these riots

Hear Peter regarding false prophets -

- 2 Peter 2: 1-3

Do not overlook the mercy of God

Verse 21 - *“I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent”*

A GIANT WARNING:

- Those who refuse to repent will go into the Great Tribulation
- They will join the one world religious system

**In this Church, there are a few
believers**

**The majority of the Church will be
judged at the Great White Throne
Judgment**

Their destiny: Hell, Lake of Fire

Verse 24 - 25

Exhortation

Within this deceived Church, there is a faithful remnant

The Jezebel influence was great, yet, some held out

Some in this Church will go with Jesus in the Rapture

Verse 26 - 29

Promise

Satan has many deceived who believe they are sincerely correct in what they believe

The remedy for deception is truth; compare what is taught with the Word of God!

Those who are faithful will be rewarded

A characteristic of God is generous sharing

***Jesus will give the faithful
rulership in His Kingdom!***

God's promise to Overcomers:

"I will give him the Morning Star"

Revelation 22: 16 - Jesus is the
Morning Star

An *eternity* with our Lord,
an amazing promise!!

CLOSING: THE LETTER TO THYATIRA - *THE CORRUPT CHURCH*

In the midst of rampant compromise and corruption, what does Jesus expect of you?

- 1) Jesus expects you to know the truth - John 8: 31-32
- 2) Jesus expects you to abide in His Word

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- 3) Jesus expects you to spend time with Him
- 4) Jesus expects you to listen for the voice of your Shepherd
John 10: 27

In the midst of life's chaos, be assured by your Shepherd:

- Everything is progressing on schedule
- Remember, Jesus is coming for you!

If you still your spirit

You can almost hear

the "Footsteps of the Messiah"

JESUS IS COMING!

and

ALL WILL BE WELL SOON!!