

Timeline from Jesus to 1700 AD

A.D. (= Anno 'Domini' = After our Lord)

30 Jesus Ascends, Holy Spirit received
Some Jews believe, Pharisee leaders not

Disciples start home churches in Israel

35 Most Jews reject Jesus & hate Christians & start persecuting (jail or kill) Christians
Paul, a pharisee, chases & persecutes Christians. Jesus meets & saves Paul.

Apostle Paul starts new churches in the north, in cities of Galatia, Asia (which is Turkey today), Greece. Others start the church in Rome (Italy)

50 Paul writes letters to these cities, Romans, Galatians, Ephesians, Colossians, Phillipians, Thessalonians. Also to friends Timothy and Titus.

60 These letters are copied by hand and sent to new churches in other cities. Copies of these letters become our bible, later collected into one book.

All disciples, except John, get killed. John writes the Book of Revelation

90 Churches grow all across the Roman Empire. They keep meeting in houses. Roman Empire stretches from England, France, Austria, Italy, Israel to Egypt

Roman people worship the Emperor (leader) as one of their gods. (also Zeus, Apollo, Venus, Mars, etc.) People start noticing that Christians do not worship the emperor & start accusing them. Great persecution starts and Christians are fed to lions as entertainment for the Roman people.

Home churches keep growing across the Roman Empire for the next 200 years

Rome has many bad and some good Emperors for the next 200 years.

New Emperor Constantine's wife becomes a Christian and Christianity becomes the Empire's new religion. Persecution stops but unfortunately a lot of the pagan feasts stay the same but just get a Christian name.

320 Emperor Constantine splits the Roman Empire as Western & Eastern Empire.
City of Rome is capital of the west (Italy) and Byzantium (Greece) in the East

He re-names the city of Byzantium after himself (Constantinople) and the new eastern empire is called the **Byzantine Empire**. The church also splits and becomes Roman Catholic (in west) vs Orthodox (in east) church

330	Empire & Church Split	
340	ROME (West)	BYZANTIUM (East)
	<u>Catholic Church</u> Uses a Latin Bible	<u>Orthodox Church</u> Uses the original Greek bible No angel worship
375	Church starts honouring angels & dead saints	
431	The worship of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the use of the term, "Mother of God". The Bible teaches that we pray to God alone. There can never be prayers directed to Mary	No Mary Worship
453	ROMAN EMPIRE COLLAPSES	Byzantine empire grows stronger
610	Pope now church head -Is headship of apostles ok? Bible forbids any such idea. (Luke 22:24-26; Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18; 1st Corinthians 3:1)	No Pope as 'head of church'.
788	Cross, image & relic worship was authorized	TBA
850	Holy Water authorized	TBA
988	Fasting on Fridays & Lent were imposed	TBA
1079	Priest not to marry. Paul said that bishops were to have wife and children. (Read 1st Timothy 3:2,5, and 12; Matthew 8:14-15)	Priests may marry
-	Much false teaching, purgatory, pope infallible	TBA
1190	Sale of forgiveness certificates for cash	TBA
1215	Confession of sin to priest once a year	TBA
1229	The Bible forbidden to common man	Bible spreads to Russia, Chech, etc
	The Latin Bible was corrupted, & greek unused.	
	BYZANTINE EMPIRE COLLAPSES	

Middle Ages

1455 Printing Press invented

Greek scholars escape to Europe.
Bring with them greek bibles, books

1495 Erasmus starts on a greek new testament

1516 Erasmus completes greek new testament

BYZANTINE TEXT PRINTED

	Reformation starts	
1517	False catholic 'christianity' fights to keep bible away from the man in the street	Bible translated in all languages. People become literate and wiser.
1550	Catholics are expelled from England	Bible now available to every man
	Italy, France, Austria, Belgium and Spain remain catholic	King James Bible printed. Great increase in true Christianity Education increases
1700's	Prosperity in England commences.	

Reformation