

The First Two Church Eras – Ephesus & Smyrna 31 → 312 A.D. *The Apostles & Their Disciples*

Roman Emperor	Biblical Reference Point <small>(All dates AD unless otherwise indicated)</small>	Church Age	Disciples of Apostles / Church Fathers
Julius Caesar 46 - 44 BC			
Caesar Augustus 44 BC – 14 AD	Census Decree 5 BC Jesus Born 4 BC		
Tiberius 14 - 37	Jesus' Ministry 28 – 31 Crucifixion 31 Pentecost 31	<p>Ephesus (Apostolic Age) <i>Began at Pentecost</i></p>	
Caligula 37 - 41			
Claudius 41 - 59	Paul's 1st Missionary Journey 45 - 48 Paul's 2nd Missionary Journey 50 - 53		
Nero (Serene) 54 - 62	Paul's 3 rd Missionary Journey 54 – 57 Paul in Rome in house awaiting trial		Paul's disciple - Clement of Rome
Nero (SATANIC) 62 - 68	Paul to Spain Paul beheaded in Rome 67 Peter crucified in Rome 67		<p>John's 3 Disciples:</p> <p>Ignatius of Antioch</p> <p>Polycarp of Smyrna</p> <p>Papias of Hierapolis</p>
Galba 68 - 69			
Vespasian 69 - 79	Gen Titus conquered Jerusalem 70		
Titus 79 - 81			
Domitian 81-97	John exiled to Patmos 96		
Trajan 97-100	John died Of natural causes 100		
(Extended number of Emperors)		<p>Smyrna (Constant persecution)</p>	<p>Disciples of disciples:</p> <p>Justin Martyr of Rome</p> <p>Irenaeus of Lyon</p>
Diocletian 284-305			
Constantine 306-337		<p>Pergamum ("Worldly")</p>	Eusebius 264-340
Theodosius 337-395			
Empire Divided			

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Revelation 1:11 saying, "Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

Revelation 2:1-2 To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ... I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance

3 and you have perseverance and have endured for My names sake, and have not grown weary.

4 But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

Jeremiah 31:31-32 "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers..., My covenant which they broke, "declares the LORD.

33-34 "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, "I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it. I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

Luke 22:20 "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood."

2 Corinthians 5:14 The love of Christ controls {*i.e.* frees up, envelops, directs and walks through situation with} us

John 14:15 ~~If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.~~ If you **are loving** Me, you **are keeping** My commandments

16 I will ask the Father, and He will give you another ~~Helper~~ **Constant Companion**

Romans 5:5 The love of God has been poured out within our hearts through ~~the~~ Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Revelation 2:8 And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: The first and the last, who was dead, and has come to life

10 You will have tribulation for ten days.

11 He who overcomes ~~will not be hurt by~~ will not **experience** the second death.

Joshua 24:18 "We will serve the LORD, for He is our God."

19 Then Joshua said to the people, "You will not be able to serve the LORD, for He is a holy God

21 The people said to Joshua, "No, but we will serve the LORD."

15 "As for me and my house, we will ~~serve~~ **yoke ourselves to** the LORD."