

First Two Church Eras: Ephesus and Smyrna - 31 to 312 A.D

The Apostles & Their Disciples

Roman Emperor	Biblical Reference Point	Church Age	Disciples / (Church Fathers)
Julius Caesar 46-44 BC			
Caesar Augustus 44 BC – 14AD	5 BC Census Decree 4BC Jesus Born		
Tiberius 14-37	Jesus Ministry Crucifixion 31 Pentecost 31	Ephesus (Apostolic)	
Caligula 37-41			
Claudius 41-59	First Missionary Journey 45-48 Second Missionary Journey 50-53		
Nero (Serene) 54-62	Third Missionary Journey 54-57 Rome 60-62		Clement 60
Nero (Satanic) 62-68	Spain Execution 67		Ignatius 67 Polycarp 69 Papias 70
Galba 68-69			
Vespasian 69-79	Jerusalem conquered 70		
Titus 79-81			
Domitian 81-97	John to Patmos 96		
Trajan 97-100	John dies		Justin Martyr 100
.....		Smyrna (Persecution)	Irenaeus 130
Diocletian 284-305			
Constantine 306-337		Pergamum (Worldly)	Eusebius 264-340
Theodosius 337-395			
Empire Divided			

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

Revelation 2:3 and you have perseverance and have endured for My names sake, and have not grown weary.

Revelation 2:4 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.

Jeremiah 31:33-34 "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 us

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

John 14:16 I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper

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

Revelation 2:10 You will have tribulation for ten days.

Revelation 2:11 He who overcomes will ~~not be hurt by~~ **will not experience** the second death.