

BEWARE OF THE LEAVENING OF THE PHARISEES!

A BASIC SPIRITUAL TIMELINE & A HISTORY OF GOD’S TRUE CHURCH – WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN A SECT!

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Christ warned of the leavening of the Pharisees (Mt. 16:6, 12) and Luke calls them a “sect” (Acts 15:5). Who, then, are part of the true Church and who truly are the sects in the world? (See Acts 24:5, 14; 28:22). A sect is a branch that separates from the main group. The Church is “the pillar & ground of the truth” (1 Tim. 3:15), a small flock (Lk. 12:32) that has never been a sect and is the one that keeps the commandments of God & the faith of Jesus (Rev. 14:12). Here is what we presently know about our Church’s history and those that separated from it and became part of the world’s false sects.

OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY – WE NEED TO FIND THE “ROOTS” OF GOD’S TRUE WAY OF LIFE & FOLLOW IT (Jer. 6:16; Is. 8:20)

THOSE LISTED BELOW ARE NOT A SECT BUT ARE THE OLD TESTAMENT CHURCH—THOSE WHO KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD & HAVE THE TRUE FAITH (REV. 14:12)

Righteous Abel—the first of the faith (Mt. 23:35)	Righteous Enoch (Heb. 11:5)	Noah & family (1 Peter 3:20)	Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Ex. 3:15-16)	Joseph (Heb. 11:22)	Moses & Aaron (Ex. 4:13-16)	Joshua, Caleb & loyal team (Num. 14:30 - 31)	The 12 Judges of Israel (Jud. 2:16-19)	David & a few other kings (Heb. 11:31)	The O. T. Prophets (Heb. 11:32)	Ezra, Jeshua, Zerubbabel & Nehemiah revive faith (Ezra 1-7)
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TIMELINE

THE GROUPS BELOW ARE THE O.T. SECTS (from Gk. *hairesis*) – APOSTASY – THEY LEFT THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD

Adam & Eve (Rom. 5:14)	Cain and his way of life (Jude 11)	Majority pre-Flood world (Gen. 6:5)	Nimrod & those who built Tower of Babel (Gen. 10 - 11)	After the confusion of tongues, they form the pagan religions (Gen. 11:9)	The majority of the first generation of Israelites who apostatized (Num. 14:29)	Solomon & majority of the kings of Israel & Judah apostatize (Neh. 13:25-27)	House of Israel led into captivity because of its sins (2 K. 17:21-23)	House of Judah taken into captivity – many Jews apostatize (2 Chr. 36:15-21)
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NEW TESTAMENT HISTORY & BEYOND: GOD'S PEOPLE – THOSE WHO KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD & HAVE THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST (REV. 12:17)

John The Baptist & Jesus Christ teach God's True Way (Mt. 7:13-23)	Apostles & the Church follow the True Way (Acts 2:41-43)	In the 2 nd Century, Polycarp Papias, Polycrates & others follow God's Way	In the 2 nd Century to the 500's) they were called Nazarenes, keep God's laws & faith of Jesus	In the 600's to 1000) Constantine of Mananali (650's) was the leader of those called Paulicians who kept God's way	In the 900's to 1100's, Paulicians & Bogomils were known to keep the Sabbath & the rest of God's laws	In the 1100's to the 1500's, Peter de Bruys, Henry & some Waldenses & some Anabaptists keep the Sabbath	In 1664, Steven Mumford brings Sabbath keeping to the New World – name -- Seventh Day Baptists	19th Century Church of God 7 th Day. They refused to follow the 7 th Day Adventists & doctrine of Ellen White	1930's – the Worldwide Church of God until 1995 & then those who continued keeping God's Commandments	The United Church of God & other COGs groups up to the present
Ephesian Era		Smyrna Era		Pergamos Era		Thyatira Era		Sardis Era		Philadelphia Era until now (later will come the Laodicea Era)

(BELOW ARE THE FALSE SECTS THAT WERE FORMED DURING NEW TESTAMENT PERIOD AND UP TO TODAY)

TIMELINE

Majority of Jews rejected Christ & left the Truth (Jn. 1:11)	End of 1 st Century – Much of the Church apostatizes (Jude 3-4; 3 Jn. 9-10)	Formation of Roman Church & other sects (Rev. 17)	Nicaean Council (AD 325) consolidates Catholic Church; Synod of Laodicea Rule 29 bans Sabbath-keeping (364 AD)	The Dark Ages of the True Church persecuted by Catholic Church (325-1585)	False Church rides European Beast (Pope & Emperor) (Rev. 17)	Many of the Church apostatize due to fierce persecution During this time	During the Protestant movement in the 1500's, many Waldenses apostatize and start keeping Sunday	Many Ana-Baptists also adopt Sunday instead of the Sabbath	Many 7 th Day Baptists adopt Trinity (1700's)	In 1995 majority in WCG reject biblical truths taught by HWA & other leaders (1 Jn. 2:4)	More apostatize through the false teaching of successors in WCG – form GCI
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