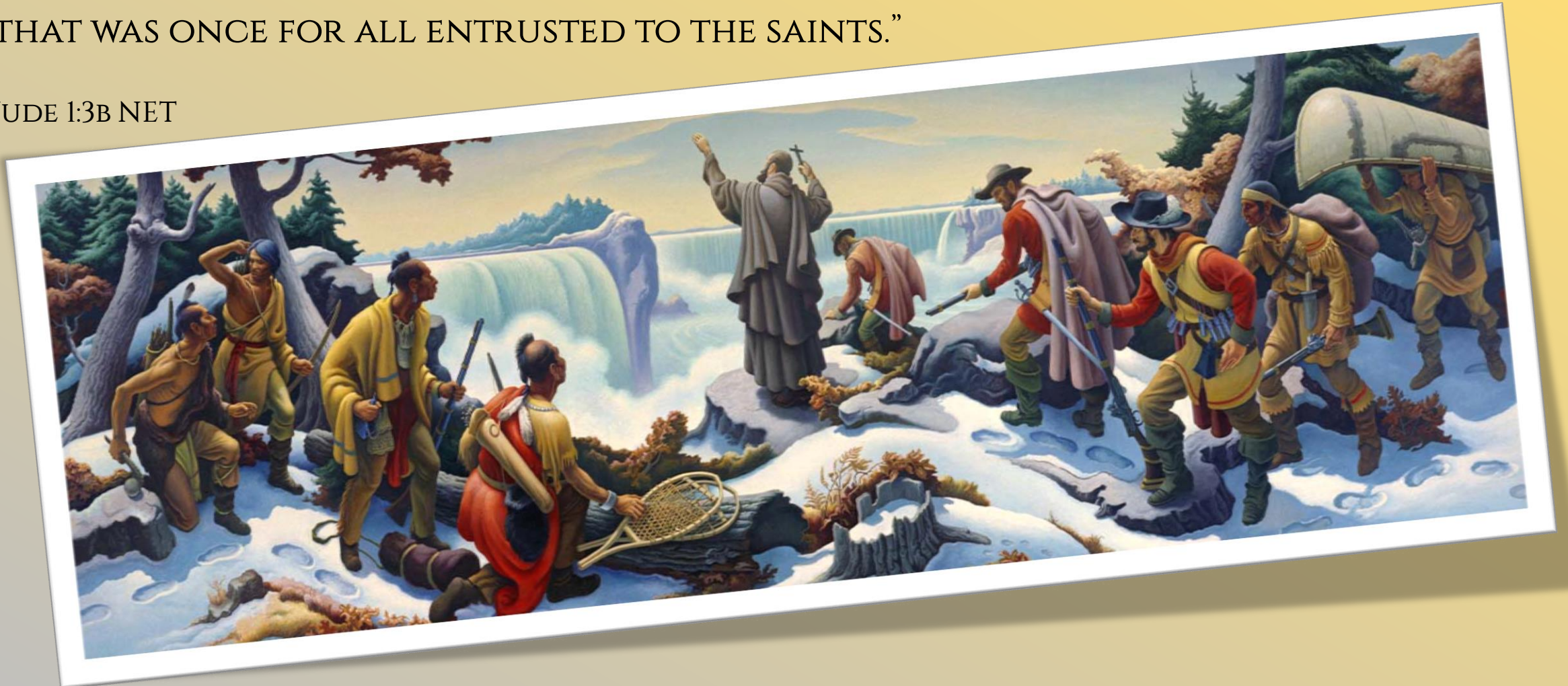


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PART 4

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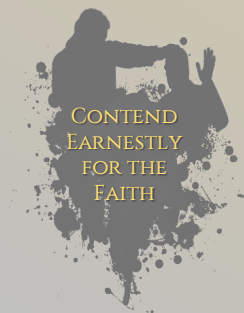
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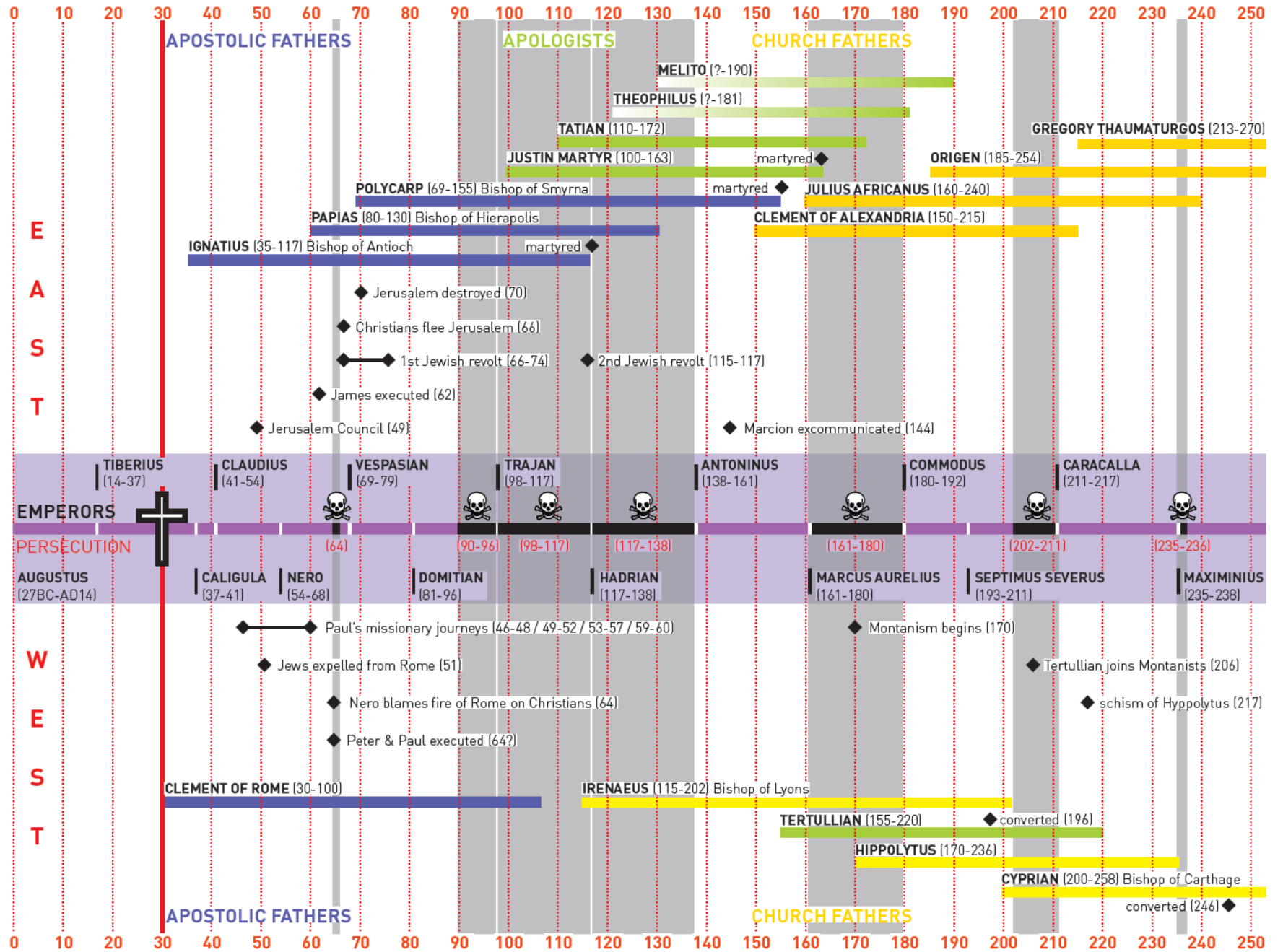
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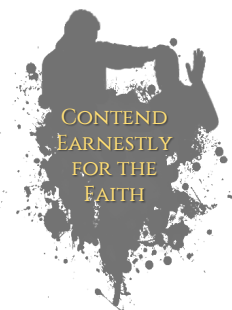
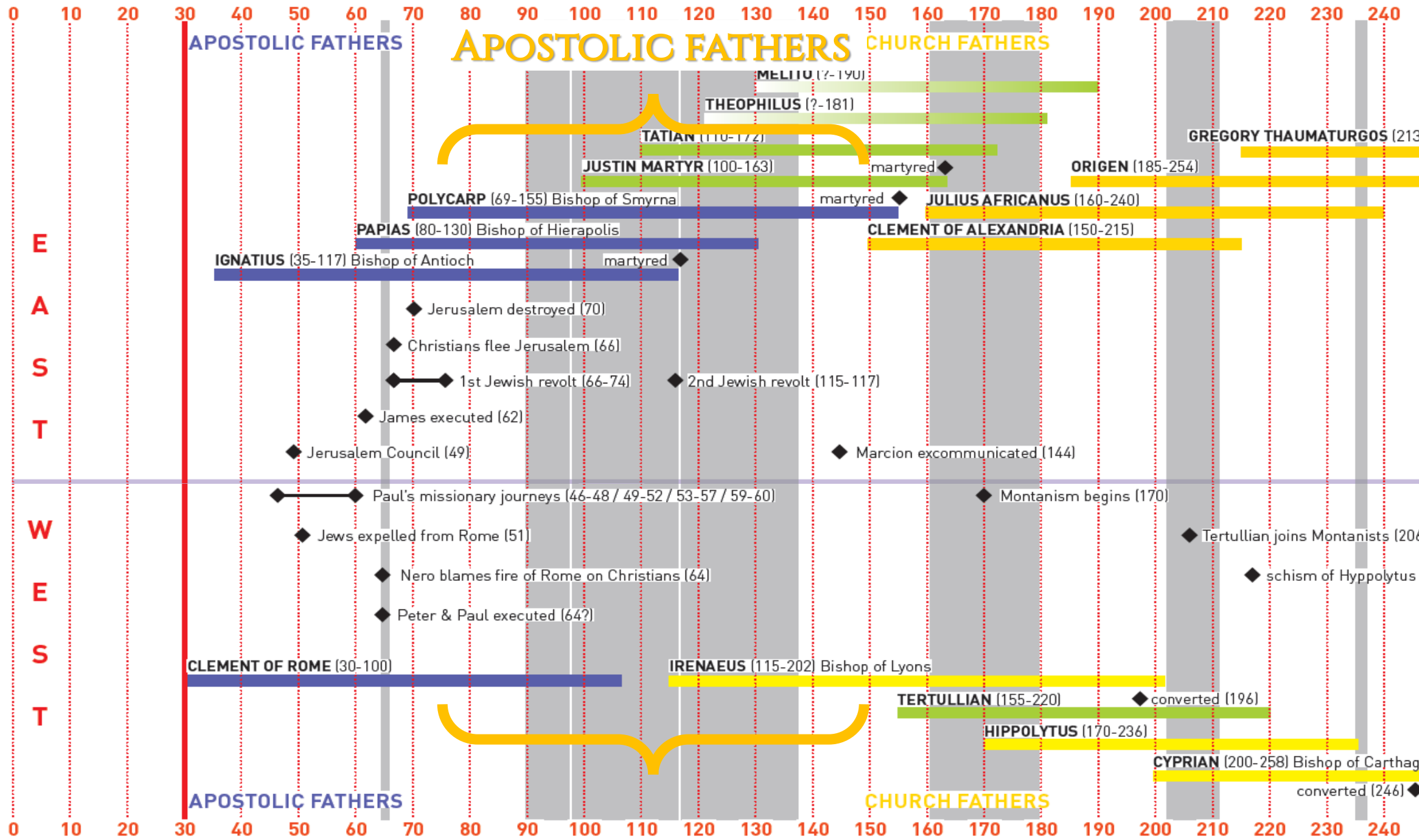




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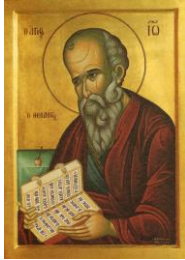
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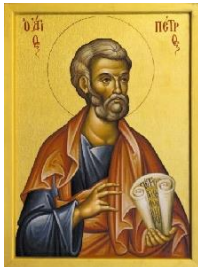
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The screen displays a timeline of the Apostolic Chain of Custody, showing the transmission of the Christian faith from the apostles to the early church fathers. The timeline is organized into three rows, each representing a different line of transmission. The first row starts with Paul (30-33AD) and ends with Justin Martyr (165AD). The second row starts with John (30-33AD) and ends with Hippolytus (220AD). The third row starts with Peter (30-33AD) and ends with Eusebius (339AD). Each figure is accompanied by a small portrait and a date. The timeline is set against a dark background with a grid pattern.

Row	Figure	Approximate Date
Row 1 (Paul's Ministry)	Paul	30-33AD
	Linus	~60AD
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	Hyginus	~135AD
	Pius	~143AD
	Justin Martyr	165AD
	Tatian	~170AD
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	Irenaeus	~185AD
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	Church Council	363AD
Row 3 (Peter's Ministry)	Peter	30-33AD
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	Anianus	~80AD
	Kedron	~100AD
	Justus	~130AD
	Pantaenus	~180AD
	Clement	~230AD
	Origen	~220AD
	Pamphilus	~300AD
	Eusebius	339AD

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Didache

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The ***Didache*** (/ˈdɪdəkiː/; **Greek**: Διδαχή, translit. *Didakhé*, lit. "Teaching"),^[1] also known as *The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles*, is a brief anonymous **early Christian treatise**, dated by most modern scholars to the **first century**.^[2] The first line of this treatise is "The teaching of the Lord to the Gentiles (or Nations) by the twelve apostles".^[a] The text, parts of which constitute the oldest extant written **catechism**, has three main sections dealing with **Christian ethics**, rituals such as **baptism** and **Eucharist**, and Church organization. The opening chapters describe the virtuous Way of Life and the wicked Way of Death.^[3] The Lord's Prayer is included in full.^[3] Baptism is by immersion, or by affusion if immersion is not practical.^[3] Fasting is ordered for Wednesdays and Fridays.^[3] Two primitive Eucharistic prayers are given.^[3] Church organization was at an early stage of development.^[3] Itinerant apostles and prophets are important, serving as "chief priests" and possibly celebrating the Eucharist.^[3] Meanwhile, local bishops and deacons also have authority and seem to be taking the place of the itinerant ministry.^[3] The Didache is considered the first example of the *genre* of **Church Orders**.^[3] The Didache reveals how Jewish Christians saw themselves and how they adapted their practice for Gentile Christians.^[4] The Didache is similar in several ways to the **Gospel of Matthew**, perhaps because both texts originated in similar communities.^[5] The opening chapters, which also appear in other early Christian texts, are likely derived from an earlier Jewish source.^[3]

The Didache is considered part of the group of second-generation Christian writings known as the **Apostolic Fathers**. The work was considered by some **Church Fathers** to be a part of the **New Testament**,^{[6][7][8]} while being rejected by others as **spurious** or **non-canonical**.^{[9][10][11]} In the end, it was not accepted into the **New Testament canon**. However, the **Ethiopian Orthodox Church** "broader canon" includes the **Didascalia**, a work which draws on the *Didache*.

Lost for centuries, a **Greek** manuscript of the Didache was rediscovered in 1873 by **Philotheos Bryennios**, Metropolitan of Nicomedia in the **Codex Hierosolymitanus**. A **Latin** version of the first five chapters was discovered in 1900 by J. Schlecht.^[12]



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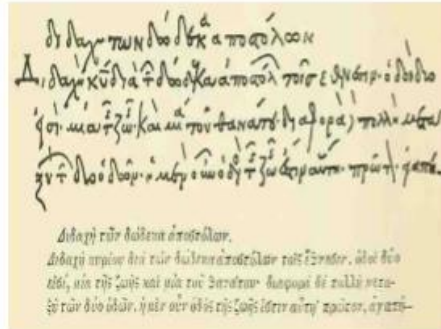
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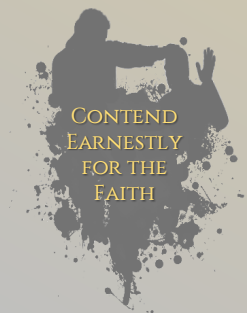


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CHAPTER 1 — THERE ARE TWO PATHS

1:1 There are two paths, one path leads to life and one leads to death, and there is a great difference between the two paths.

1:2 Now the path leading to life is this – first, you shall love the God who made you and your neighbor as yourself. What you do not want someone do to you, do not do it to another.

1:3 And the teachings of these truths are as follows. Bless them that curse you and pray for your enemies. Fast on behalf of those that persecute you; for what reward will you have if you love only those who love you? Do not unbelievers do the same thing? But if you love those who hate you, you will not have enemies.

1:4 Abstain from sensuous and worldly passions. For example, if any one hits you on your right cheek, do not hit him back, instead turn your left cheek to him as well, and you will be perfect; if any one forces you to walk a mile with them, do not fight him, but go with him an extra mile; if a man steals your shirt, give him your coat also; if a man takes from you what is rightfully yours, do not demand it back because you do not have the power to do so.



1:5 Give to everyone when he tells you he is needy, and do not ask for it back; for the Father wishes we share with the needy from His many gifts to us. Blessed is he who gives according to this commandment, for he is free from the guilt of greed; but to him who receives the charity there is a burden upon him as well. For if a man is truly in need, there is no guilt or shame; but if he asks for and receives charity when he is not in need, then he shall have to defend his motives for taking the gift, and how he plans on using the gift. If he is put in jail he shall be questioned concerning the things that he has done, and shall he will not be released until he has paid back every cent.

1:6 Regarding matters concerning giving, there is an old saying which is true; “let your charity stay in your hands until you know to whom you are giving.”

CHAPTER 2 — THE NEXT GROUP OF TEACHINGS

2:1 The next group of teachings are as follows.

2:2 You shalt not murder; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not corrupt the young; you shall not have sexual relations outside of marriage; you shall not steal; you shall not practice magic; you shalt not practice sorcery; you shalt not kill a child by abortion, nor slay it when it is born; you shalt not covet the property of your neighbor;

2:3 you shall not commit perjury; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not speak evil; you shall not desire in your heart to harm another or have evil intentions towards others.

2:4 You shall not be intentionally ambiguous or speak with double meanings in order to deceive, for to be double-tongued is the snare of death.

2:5 Your speech shall not be false or empty, but concerned with truth and real action.



2:6 You shall not be greedy, or predatory, or hypocritical, or malicious, or proud; you shall not conspire or plot an evil plan against your neighbor;

2:7 you shall not hate any man, but some you shall call to account for their actions and for some you shall pray, and some you shall love more than your own soul.

CHAPTER 3 — MY CHILD, FLY FROM EVERYTHING THAT IS EVIL

3:1 My child, fly from everything that is evil, and from everything that is like it.

3:2 Do not be an angry or hot-tempered person, for anger leads to murder; do not be overly zealous or aggressive or quarrelsome, for from all these things murder is derived.

3:3 My child, do not be a person who is owned by his passions, for passions leads to sexual immorality; do not use obscene language; nor flirtatious, for from these things come adulteries.

3:4 My child, do not play with occult or witchcraft, since it leads to idolatry, nor a user of spells, nor an astrologer, nor practice token rituals or games, nor even wish to be entertained by these, because these things involve the worship of false gods.

3:5 My child, be not a liar, for lying leads to theft; be not envious or self-absorbed, for from these traits, taking from others what does not belong to you will be the result.

3:6 My child, do not be a grumbler or complainer, since it leads to slander and do not insist on having things your own way or be evil-minded, for from all these things insults and character assassination are produced;

3:7 but rather be reasonable and mild-tempered, for the meek shall inherit the earth;



3:8 be long in your mercy, and compassionate, and harmless, and peaceable, and good, and fearing always in great respect and wonder the words that you have heard.

3:9 You shall not praise or applaud yourself, neither shall you be arrogant. Do not become bound to or walk only with the elite, but walk and stand with people who are just and humble.

3:10 Accept the things that happen to you as good, knowing that nothing happens without God.

CHAPTER 4 — MY CHILD, YOU SHALL MIND

4:1 My child, you shall mind every night and day him the one who teaches you about the Word of God; you shalt honor him as you do the Lord, for where the teaching of the Lord is given, the Lord is there also;

4:2 everyday you shall be among and listen to God's holy children that you may rest and gain support in their company and words;

4:3 you shall not incite disputes among one another, but instead you shall help make peace among those who quarrel; you are to judge righteously; you shall not show favoritism to anyone when you hold them accountable for their bad behavior;

4:4 you shall not be indecisive after deciding whether a thing will be or not.

4:5 Do not be the kind of person who stretches out of his hand to receive help, but then draws his hand back when it is his time to help others.

4:6 If you have things because you worked for them, you shall give back something as a obligation that you have because you too are a sinner;



4:7 you shalt not hesitate to give, neither shall you grumble when giving; for you should remember who is the one who will repay with [His] rewards.

4:8 You shall not turn away from him that is in need, but shalt share with thy brother in all things, and shall not say that things are your own; for if you as brothers are partners in what is immortal, how much more are you partners in what is mortal?

4:9 You shall not withhold teaching your son or from you daughter, but from their youth you shall continuously instruct them to be mindful and in awe of God.

4:10 You shall not be harsh when you give instructions to your male and female employees, who also trust in the same God as you do. Otherwise they may lose their respect [because of your witness] in the God who is over both employer and employee; for God does not call someone because of their status here on earth, but [He calls] those whom the Spirit has prepared.

4:11 And to employees, submit yourselves to your employers with respect, because you are witnesses of God.

4:12 You shall hate and reject all hypocrisy and everything that is not pleasing to God;

4:13 you shall not abandon the commandments of the Lord, but you shall guard what you have received [God's commandments], neither adding to them nor subtracting from them;

4:14 you shall confess your misbehavior in the Church, and do not come to prayer with an evil conscience. This is the path of life.



CHAPTER 5 — THE PATH OF DEATH

5:1 But the path of death is this. First of all, [the path of death] is evil, and full of cursing. On this path are found murders, adulteries, lusts, fornication, thefts, idolatries, soothsaying, sorceries, robberies, false witnessing, hypocrisies, double-mindedness, magic, pride, malice, hatefulness, self-will, greed, self centeredness, filthy talking, jealousy, disrespect, audacity, pride, arrogance.

5:2 There are those who persecute the good — lovers of a lie, not knowing the reward of righteousness, not holding on to the good nor to righteous judgment, not focusing on the good but the bad, from whom meekness and patience are far off, loving things that are trivial, chasing after their own advancement and caring about the needy, nor considering that they could work in order to help someone who is in trouble, thus not appreciating the God who made them. [They are] child murderers who abort what God has formed, they turn away from those who are in need, who oppress people who are in trouble, they are unjust judges of the poor, sinners in everything they do. From these, may you be preserved.

CHAPTER 6 — SEE TO IT THAT NO ONE TURNS YOU AWAY

6:1 See to it that no one turns you away from this doctrine concerning the two paths, the one who causes you to stray from this teaching does so without God.

6:2 If you are able to keep the whole yoke of the Lord, you will be perfect; but if you are not able to do so, then do all that you can.

6:3 Concerning food, keep that which you are able. But regarding things sacrificed to idols, beware, because they involve the worship of the gods of hell.



CHAPTER 7 — CONCERNING BAPTISM

7:1 But concerning baptism; immerse yourselves in running water; having first recited all these precepts; baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit;

7:2 if you do not have running water, immerse in some other water, and if you cannot not immerse in cold water then baptize in warm water;

7:3 but if you have neither, pour water three times on the head, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

7:4 Before the baptism, let the person who will perform the baptism and the one who will be baptized fast, and also any others who may be able. And you shall instruct the one who is to be baptized to fast at least one or two days before.

CHAPTER 8 — YOUR FASTS AND PRAYERS

8:1 Do not let your fasting, take place at the same time as the hypocrites, for they fast on Monday and Thursday, but as for you, fast on Wednesday and Friday.

8:2 Do not pray as the hypocrites do: instead pray as the Lord hath commanded you in his gospel. Pray like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, so as in heaven and on earth. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debt, as we also forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil: for yours is the power, and the glory, forever.”

8:3 Pray like this three times per day.



CHAPTER 9 — CONCERNING THE EUCHARIST

9:1 Now concerning the Eucharist [thanksgiving or communion supper], here is the way you should give thanks.

9:2 First, concerning the cup. [Say this] “We thank you our Father, for the holy vine, of David your servant, who you have made known to us being Jesus Christ your Son; to you be the glory forever.”

9:3 And concerning the broken bread. [Say this] “We thank you our Father, for the life and knowledge which you have made known to us through Jesus your Son; to you be the glory forever.”

9:4 “As this broken bread was once scattered on the mountains, and afterward it was brought together to become one again, likewise may your Church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom; for yours is the glory, and the power, through Jesus Christ, forever.”

9:5 Let no one eat or drink of your Eucharist [communion supper] unless they have first been baptized in the name of the Lord, since the Lord said concerning this, “Do not give what is holy to dogs [unbelievers].”

CHAPTER 10 — AFTER THE EUCHARIST

10:1 When you have completed your meal and are full, again give thanks in this way;

10:2 “We thank you, holy Father, for your holy name, which you made to live in our hearts, and for the knowledge and faith and immortality which you have made known to us through Jesus your Son; to you be the glory forever.”



10:3 “You Almighty Master, created all things for the sake of your name, and give both meat and drink, for all men to enjoy, that we might give thanks to you. But to us you have also given spiritual meat and drink, and everlasting life, through your Son.”

10:4 “Above all we thank you because you are powerful and able to save; to you be the glory forever.”

10:5 “Remember your Church oh Lord, preserve it from every evil, and make it perfect with your love. After your Church has been perfected and sanctified, gather it together from the four winds [of the earth], to your kingdom which you have prepared for it; for yours are the kingdom and the glory forever.”

10:6 “Let grace come, and let this world pass away. Hosanna to the Son of David. If anyone is holy let him come; if anyone is not, let him repent. Oh Lord Come [Maranatha], Amen.”

10:7 Regarding the prophets among you, allow them to give thanks as much as they want.

CHAPTER 11 — WELCOME THE TEACHER

11:1 In keeping with this [regarding prophets among you], whoever comes and teaches you all the things said above, receive him.

11:2 But if a teacher turns aside and instructs you in another doctrine that subverts and destroys what you have learned, do not listen to him; however if his teaching adds to your righteousness, and your knowledge of the Lord, receive him as you would the Lord.

11:3 Concerning the apostles and prophets, act in this way which is according to the decree of the Gospel.

11:4 Let every apostle who comes to you be received as the Lord.



11:5 He can stay [with you] one day, and if necessary, a second; but if he remains three days, he is a false prophet.

11:6 And when the apostle departs let him take nothing but enough bread to get him to his next resting place; but if he asks for money, he is a false prophet.

11:7 You shall not test or dispute with any prophet who speaks in the spirit; [do not judge him] for every other sin shall be forgiven, but this sin shall not be forgiven.

11:8 Not everyone who speaks in the spirit is a prophet – only the one whose behavior is of the Lord; by their actions they shall be known, both the false and the true prophet.

11:9 Any prophet who gives orders to lay out a meal in the spirit, shall not eat of it himself, but if he does eat of it, he is a false prophet;

11:10 and every prophet who teaches the truth, yet does not practice the truth, he is a false prophet;

11:11 every prophet who is accepted and true, and is caring for the earthly needs of the Church, yet does not teach others to follow his example shall not be judged by you, for this prophet will be judged by God; for this is the way that the ancient prophets were judged.

11:12 Do not listen to any prophet claiming to be in the spirit if he says, “Give me money,” or things of that kind; but if he asks you for something to help others who are in need, let no one judge him.

CHAPTER 12 — WELCOME ANYONE COMING IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

12:1 Let everyone who comes in the name of the Lord be received by you. Later you should examine him and get to know his character, for you have knowledge both of good and evil.



- 12:2 If the person who comes is just passing through, help him so far as you are able; but he will not remain with you more than two or three days, unless it is a necessity.
- 12:3 If he wishes to settle down with you, and he is a craftsman, let him work, and so eat;
- 12:4 but if he does not have a trade, you should use your creativity to prevent an idle Christian from living among you. Give him some productive work to contribute.
- 12:5 But if he be not willing to contribute, he is using Christ to make a living. Avoid such a person and be on guard against him.

CHAPTER 13 — EVERY TRUE PROPHET

- 13:1 Every true prophet who is willing to live among you is worthy of his food.
- 13:2 In the same way a true teacher is just as worthy of his food as a laborer.
- 13:3 You shall take the firstfruits of what is produced by the winepress and the threshing floor, of the oxen and sheep, and you shall give it to the prophets, for they are your chief priests;
- 13:4 but if you have no prophet among you, give your firstfruits to the poor.
- 13:5 If you prepare a feast, give the firstfruits according to the commandment;
- 13:6 in like manner when you open a jar of wine or of oil, take the firstfruits and give them to the prophets;
- 13:7 take also the firstfruits of money, of clothes, and of every possession, as seems appropriate to you, and give them according to the commandment.



CHAPTER 14 — ON THE LORD'S DAY

14:1 Assemble on the Lord's day [Sunday], and after you have met together, break bread and give thanks, confessing your sins, so that your sacrifice may be pure.

14:2 But do not let anyone who has a quarrel with his friend assemble with you until after they have been reconciled, this, so that your sacrifice may not be profane and impure;

14:3 for the Lord said; "In every place and time offer unto me a pure sacrifice, for I am a great King, says the Lord, and my name is wonderful among the Gentiles."

CHAPTER 15 — SELECT FOR YOURSELVES BISHOPS AND DEACONS

15:1 Select for yourselves bishops and deacons worthy of the Lord, men who are mild-tempered and not greedy, and who are true and approved, for they perform for you the service of prophets and teachers.

15:2 Do not despise or disregard them, for they hold honored positions among you, together with the prophets and teachers.

15:3 Correct one another, not in anger but peaceably, as you are commanded in the written Gospel; and let no one speak to the one who does wrong to his neighbor, neither let him be heard by you until he repents.

15:4 Practice your prayers, tithes and offerings and all your other works, as you are commanded in the written Gospel of our Lord.



CHAPTER 16 — WATCH OVER YOUR LIFE

16:1 Watch and be vigilant concerning your life; do not let your lamps go out or your waist belts be loose, but be ready, for you do not know the hour when our Lord will come.

16:2 Gather together frequently, seeking what is profitable for your souls; for the whole period of your faith will not be profitable unless you are found to be perfect in the last days.

16:3 For in the last days false prophets and seducers will be multiplied, and the sheep will turn into wolves, and love shall be turned into hate;

16:4 and because lawlessness will abound they will hate each other, and persecute each other, and deliver each other up; and then shall the Deceiver of the world appear as the Son of God, and shall do signs and wonders, and the earth will be delivered into his hands; and he will do unlawful things, such as have never happened since the beginning of the world.

16:5 Then shall the creation of man come to the fiery trial of proof, and many shall be offended and shall perish; but they who remain in their faith shall be saved by the rock of offence itself [the one cursed — i.e. Jesus].

16:6 And then shall appear the signs of the truth; first the sign of an appearance in heaven, then the sign of the sound of the trumpet, and thirdly the resurrection of the dead

16:7 however not all of the dead, but as it has been written, The Lord shall come and all his saints with him;

16:8 then shall the world behold the Lord coming on the clouds of heaven.



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