

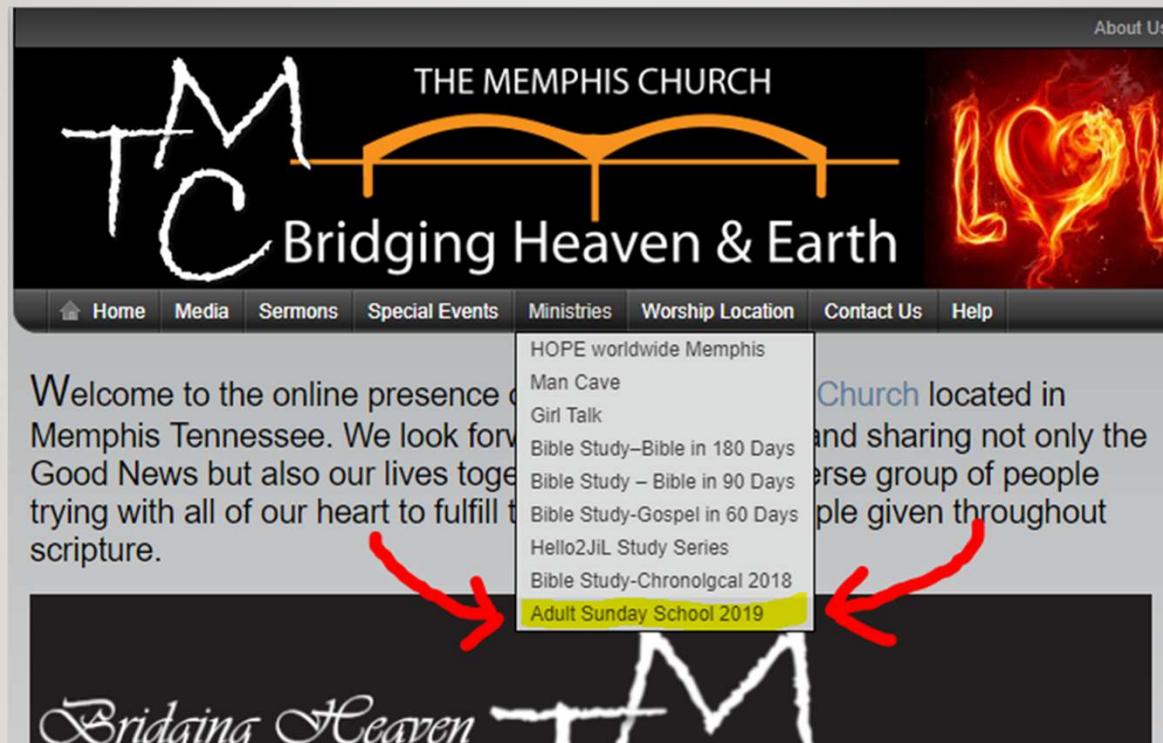
EXTRA-BIBLICAL LITERATURE

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – THE MEMPHIS CHURCH – WINTER/SPRING 2019

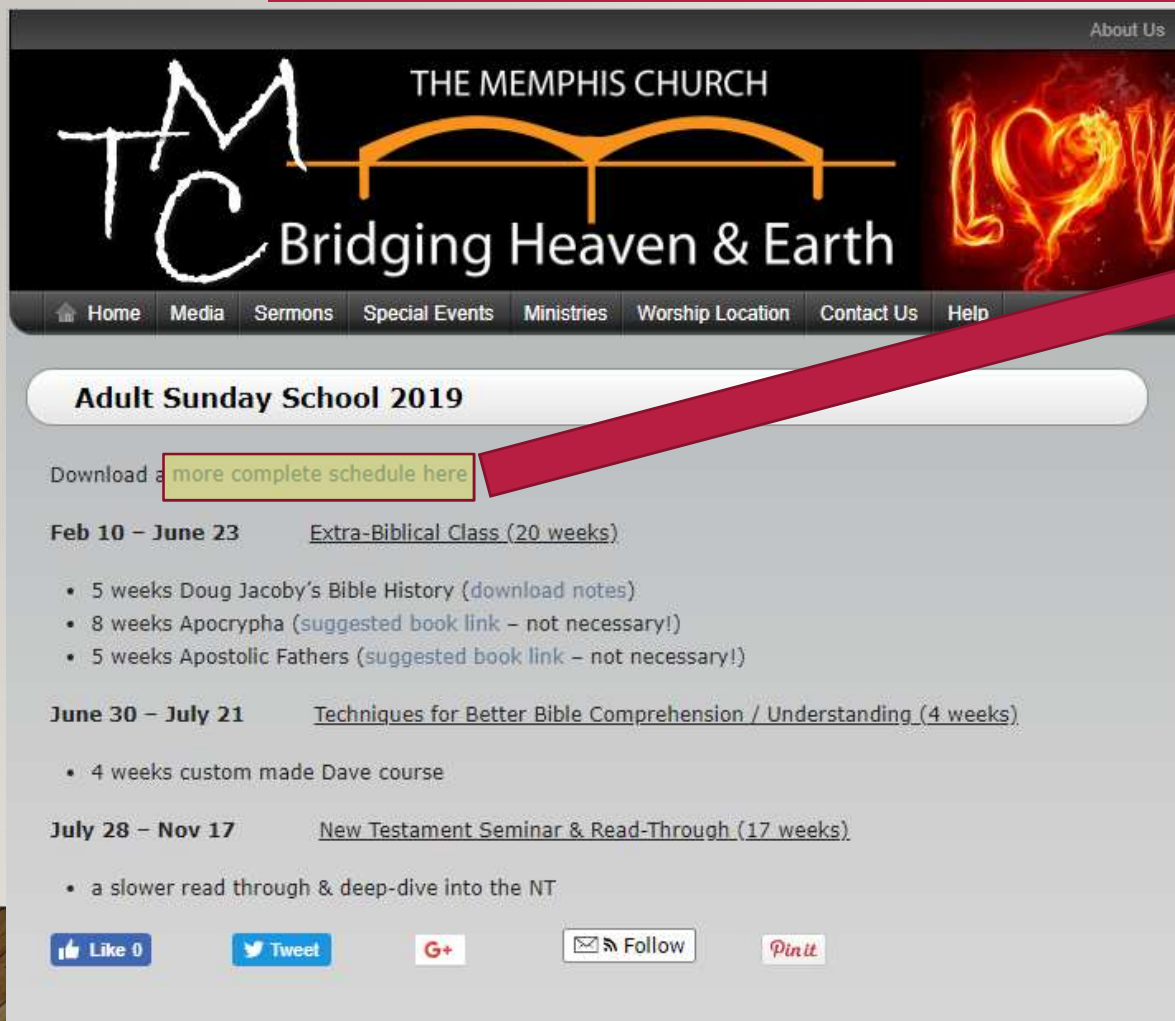
SUMMARY

- Where have we journeyed / stopped on this trip?
- What's next?
- Cautions

EBL – On the Church Website



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Adult Sunday School 2019

Download a [more complete schedule here](#)

Feb 10 – June 23 [Extra-Biblical Class \(20 weeks\)](#)

- 5 weeks Doug Jacoby's Bible History ([download notes](#))
- 8 weeks Apocrypha ([suggested book link](#) – not necessary!)
- 5 weeks Apostolic Fathers ([suggested book link](#) – not necessary!)

June 30 – July 21 [Techniques for Better Bible Comprehension / Understanding \(4 weeks\)](#)

- 4 weeks custom made Dave course

July 28 – Nov 17 [New Testament Seminar & Read-Through \(17 weeks\)](#)

- a slower read through & deep-dive into the NT

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Extra Biblical Class (20 Weeks)

10-Feb	Introduction to Topic, materials needed, & present the history/plan
17-Feb	Class 1 - Old Testament - Formation (42:26)
24-Feb	Douglas Jacoby Class 2 - Old Testament - Apocrypha (25:03)
3-Mar	How the Bible Came to Be Class 3 - New Testament - Formation (42:28)
10-Mar	Class 4 - New Testament - Apocrypha & Pseudepigrapha (40:22)
17-Mar	Class 5 - Gospels - False & True (35:55)
24-Mar	Tobit
31-Mar	Judith
7-Apr	Additions to the Book of Esther / Wisdom of Solomon
14-Apr	Ecclesiasticus (Part 1 of 2)
21-Apr	Ecclesiasticus (Part 2 of 2)
28-Apr	Baruch / Letter to Jeremiah / Additions to the Book of Daniel
5-May	1 Maccabees
12-May	2 Maccabees
19-May	1 Clement
26-May	2 Clement
2-Jun	The Letters of Ignatius
9-Jun	Letter of Polycarp to the Philippians / Martyrdom of Polycarp / Didache
16-Jun	Shepherd of Hermas
23-Jun	Wrap-up / Party

Techniques for Better Bible Comprehension / Understanding (4 weeks)

30-Jun	
7-Jul	
14-Jul	
21-Jul	

New Testament Seminar & Read Through (17 Weeks)

28-Jul	Introduction / Discussion of Plan
4-Aug	Matthew 1-14
11-Aug	Matthew 15-28
18-Aug	Mark
25-Aug	Luke 1-12
1-Sep	Luke 13-24
8-Sep	John 1-11
15-Sep	John 12-21
22-Sep	Acts 1-13
29-Sep	Acts 14-28
6-Oct	Romans
13-Oct	1 & 2 Corinthians
20-Oct	Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians
27-Oct	1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews
3-Nov	James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1 & 2 & 3 John, Jude
10-Nov	Revelations
17-Nov	Wrap-up & Party

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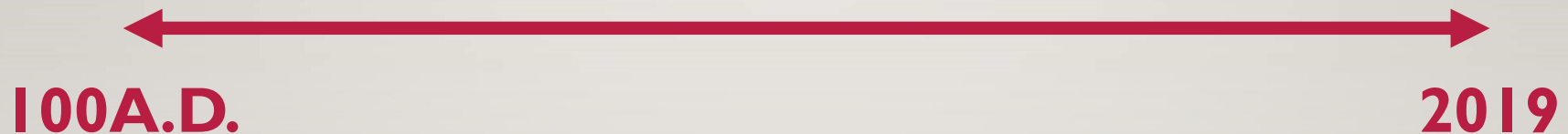


Early Christian Writings

Browse by range of dating or by category: **New Testament** — **Apocrypha** — **Gnostics** — **Church Fathers** — **Other**, or use the search box.

30-60	Passion Narrative	120-180	Trimorphic Protennoia	180-220	Bardesanes
40-80	Lost Sayings Gospel Q	120-180	Gospel of Perfection	180-220	Kerygmata Petrou
50-60	1 Thessalonians	120-200	Genna Marias	180-230	Hieronymus of Rome
50-60	Philippians	130-140	Marcion	180-230	Sentences of Seneca
50-60	Galatians	130-150	Aristo of Pella	180-250	1st Apocalypse of James
50-60	1 Corinthians	130-160	Euphrosyne On Righteousness	180-250	Gospel of Philip
50-60	2 Corinthians	130-160	Ophite Diagrams	182-202	Clement of Alexandria
50-60	Romans	130-160	2 Clement	183-195	Maximus of Jerusalem
50-60	Philemon	130-170	Gospel of Judas	185-195	Polycrates of Ephesus
50-80	Colossians	130-200	Epistle of Mathetes to Diognetus	188-217	Talmon
50-90	Sigva Gospel	140-150	Epistula Apostolorum	189-199	Victor I
50-95	Book of Hebrews	140-160	Protevangelium	190-210	Pantenus
50-120	Didache	140-160	Judith	190-230	Second Discourse of Great Seth
50-140	Gospel of Thomas	140-170	Fronto	193	Anonymous Anti-Montanist
50-140	On the Virginity 1224 Gospel	140-170	Infancy Gospel of James	193-216	Inscription of Abercius
50-150	Apocalypse of Adam	140-170	Infancy Gospel of Thomas	197-220	Tertullian
50-150	Euphrosyne the Blessed	140-180	Gospel of Truth	200-210	Serapion of Antioch
50-200	Sophia of Jesus Christ	150-160	Martyrdom of Polycarp	200-210	Apollonius
65-80	Gospel of Mark	150-160	Justin Martyr	200-220	Cassius
70-100	Epistle of James	150-180	Excerpts of Theodotus	200-220	Philostorgius
70-120	Hebrews	150-180	Heracleon	200-225	Acts of Thomas
70-160	Gospel of Peter	150-200	Ascension of Isaiah	200-230	Ammonius of Alexandria
70-160	Secret Mark	150-200	Interpretation of Knowledge	200-230	Cosmianus
70-200	Fayyum Fragment	150-200	Testimony of Truth	200-230	Three Stiles of Seth
73-200	Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs	150-200	Acts of Peter	200-230	Exegesis on the Soul
73-200	Mara Bar Serapion	150-200	Acts of John	200-250	Didascalia
80-100	2 Thessalonians	150-200	Acts of Paul	200-250	Books of Jeu
80-100	Philemon	150-225	Acts of Andrew	200-300	Pata Sordas
80-100	Gospel of Matthew	150-225	Book of Thomas the Contender	200-300	Tinartine Tractate
80-110	1 Peter	150-250	Paraphrase of Shema	200-300	Hypostasis of the Archons
80-120	Epistle of Barnabas	150-250	Fifth and Sixth Books of Ezra	200-300	Prayer of Thanksgiving
80-130	Gospel of Luke	150-300	Authoritative Teaching	200-300	Coptic Apocalypse of Peter
80-130	Acts of the Apostles	150-300	Coptic Apocalypse of Paul	200-330	Apostolic Church Order
80-140	1 Clement	150-300	Prayer of the Apostle Paul	200-350	Holy Book of the Great Invisible Spirit
80-150	Gospel of the Egyptians	150-300	Discourse on the Eighth and Ninth	200-450	Monarchian Prologues
80-150	Gospel of the Hebrews	150-300	Malchus	203	Acts of Perpetua and Felicitas
80-250	Christian Sibyllines	150-350	Preaching of Paul	203-250	Orestes
90-95	Revelation	150-350	Epistle to the Laodiceans	210-245	Lucian of Antioch
90-120	Gospel of John	150-350	Questions of Mary	217-222	Callistus
90-120	1 John	150-350	Alloreses, the Stranger	230-265	Prophets of Alexandria
90-120	2 John	150-350	Hypocritism	230-268	Firmilian of Caesarea
90-120	3 John	150-350	Valentinian Exposition	240-260	Commodian
90-120	Epistle of Jude	150-350	Act of Peter	246-258	Cyprian
90-120	Flavius Josephus	150-360	Concept of Our Great Power	250-274	Gospel of Mari
95	95	150-400	Acts of Pilate	250-300	Teaching of Sibraxus
100-150	1 Timothy	150-400	Anti-Marcionite Prologues	250-300	Excerpt from the Perfect Discourse
100-150	2 Timothy	150-400	Dialogue Between John and Jesus	250-350	Coptic Apocalypse of Elijah
100-150	Apocalypse of Peter	160-170	Tatian's Address to the Greeks	250-400	Apocalypse of Paul
100-150	Secret Book of James	160-180	Claudius Apollinarius	251-253	Pope Cornelius
100-150	Preaching of Peter	160-180	Abelias	251-258	Novatian
100-160	Gospel of the Ebionites	160-180	Julius Cassianus	254-277	Pope Shenhe
100-160	Gospel of the Nazoreans	160-250	Octavianus of Minucius Felix	259-268	Discourses of Rome
100-160	Shepherd of Hermas	161-180	Acts of Cyprian	260-280	Theophrastus
100-160	2 Peter	165-175	Melito of Sardis	265-282	Gregory Thaumaturgus
100-200	Odes of Solomon	165-175	Hegeuppus	269-274	Pope Felix
100-200	Gospel of Eve	165-175	Diognetus of Corinth	270-310	Victorinus of Pettau
100-230	Thunder, Perfect Mind	165-175	Lucian of Samosata	270-312	Methodius
101-120	Book of Elchasai	167	Marcus Aurelius	270-330	Marianus
105-115	Ignatius of Antioch	170-175	Dattasagar	270-350	On the Origin of the World
110-140	Polyeup to the Philippians	170-200	Dura-Europos Gospel Harmony	270-350	De Recta in Deum Fide
110-140	Panias	170-200	Muratorian Canon	280-300	Hexychius
110-160	On the Virginity 840 Gospel	170-200	Treatise on the Resurrection	280-310	Pierius
110-160	Traditions of Matthias	170-220	Letter of Peter to Philip	280-310	Pamphilus of Caesarea
111-112	Phry the Younger	170-250	Thought of Norea	297-310	Ammonius of Sicca
115	Suetonius	175-180	Athenasoras of Athens	300-311	Peter of Alexandria
115	Tacitus	175-185	Iraneas of Lyons	300-320	Pseudo-Clementine Homilies
120-130	Quadratus of Athens	175-185	Rhodon	300-340	Eusebius of Caesarea
120-130	Apology of Aristas	175-185	Theophilus of Caesarea	300-350	Lamachus Acts of Leucius Charinus
120-140	Basilius	175-190	Galer	300-390	Letters of Paul and Seneca
120-140	Naasene Fragment	178	Celsus	300-400	Apocalypse of Thomas
120-160	Valentinus	178	Letter from Vienna and Lyons	300-400	Frederic Loring
120-180	Apocryphon of John	180	Passion of the Scillitan Martyrs	300-600	Gospel of Gamaliel
120-180	Gospel of Mary	180-185	Theophilus of Antioch	303-316	Lactantius
120-180	Dialogue of the Savior	180-185	Acts of Apollonius	310-334	Reticus of Autun
120-180	Gospel of the Savior			320-380	Pseudo-Clementine Recognitions
120-180	2nd Apocalypse of James				

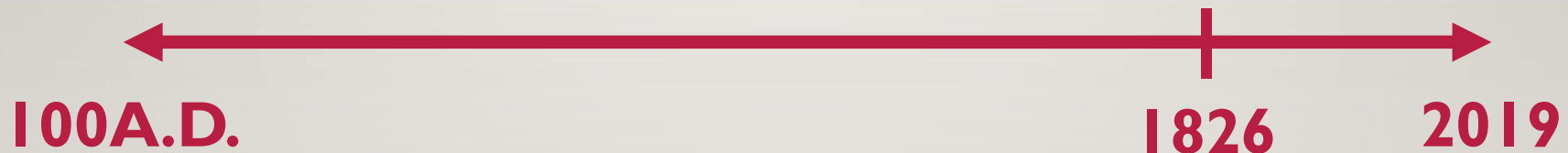
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Only 11% of the time....

89% of the time something else



In 1826, the National Bible Society of Scotland petitioned the British and Foreign Bible Society not to print the Apocrypha, resulting in a decision that no BFBS funds were to pay for printing any Apocryphal books anywhere.

$$100 \text{ AD} - 1826 - 2019 \Rightarrow (2019 - 1826) / (1826 - 100) = 193 / 1726 = 11\%$$

THE AGRAPHHA

Of the more than 200 of these sayings, only between eight and sixteen of them are consider authentic: **Jesus likely said these things!**

The Agrapha must satisfy three conditions:

- They must be Sayings, not discourses
 - *i.e. not stories 'about' Jesus but things He actually said*
- They must be Sayings of Jesus
- They must not be in the canonical Gospels

The Criteria Question – Canonization

Apostolicity – was it written by an apostle...Hebrews?

Orthodoxy – did it conform to the generally accepted understanding of the Christian faith

Antiquity – was the writing produced during the time of the Apostles? – Gospels of Mark and Luke?

Use – widely used or cited by Christians in the majority of major churches in the first three centuries?

Adaptability – can the book adapt, or to be continually adapted, to changing circumstances and needs.

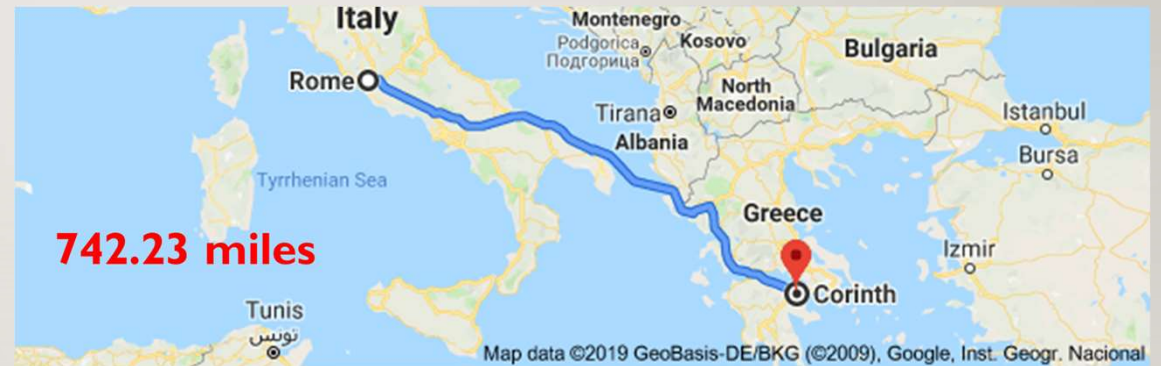
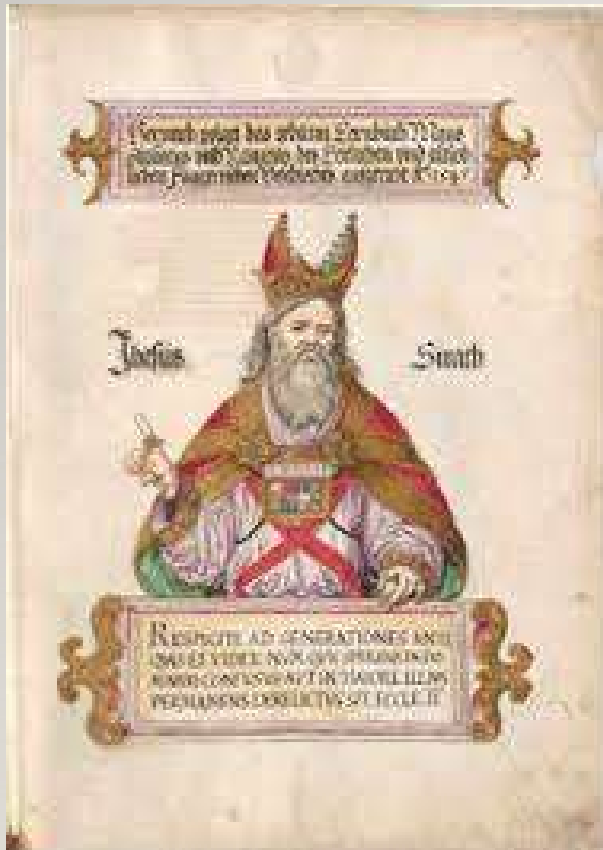
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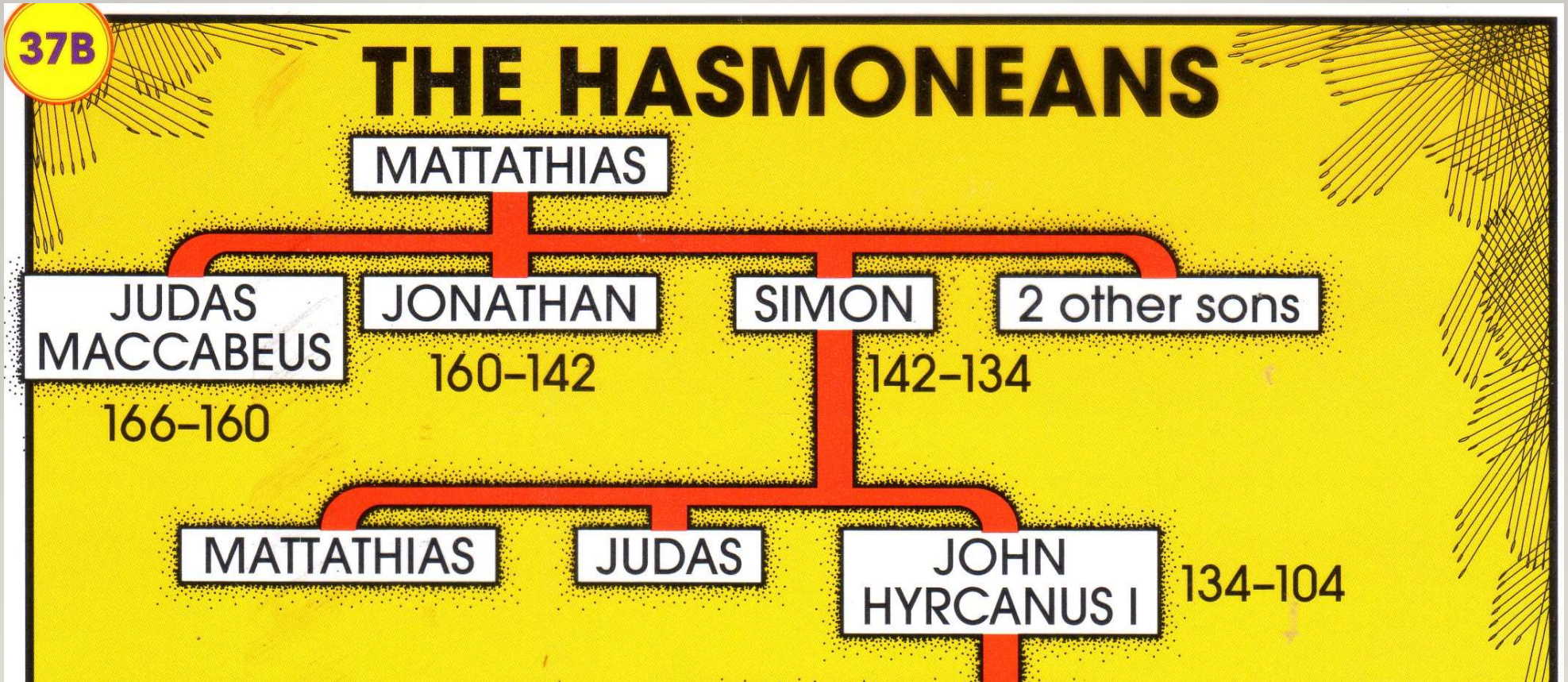
Tobit & Judith



Guest Speakers!



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Repentance...

2 Clement 8:1-3

So, then, while we are on earth, let us repent. For we are clay in the craftsman's hand. For example: while a potter is making a vessel, if it becomes misshapen or breaks in his hands, he simply reshapes it; but if he has already put it into the kiln, he is no longer able to repair it. So it is with us: as long as we are in this world, let us repent with our whole heart of the evil things that we have done in the flesh, in order that we may be saved by the Lord while we still have time for repentance. For after we have left the world, we are no longer able there either to confess or to repent any more.



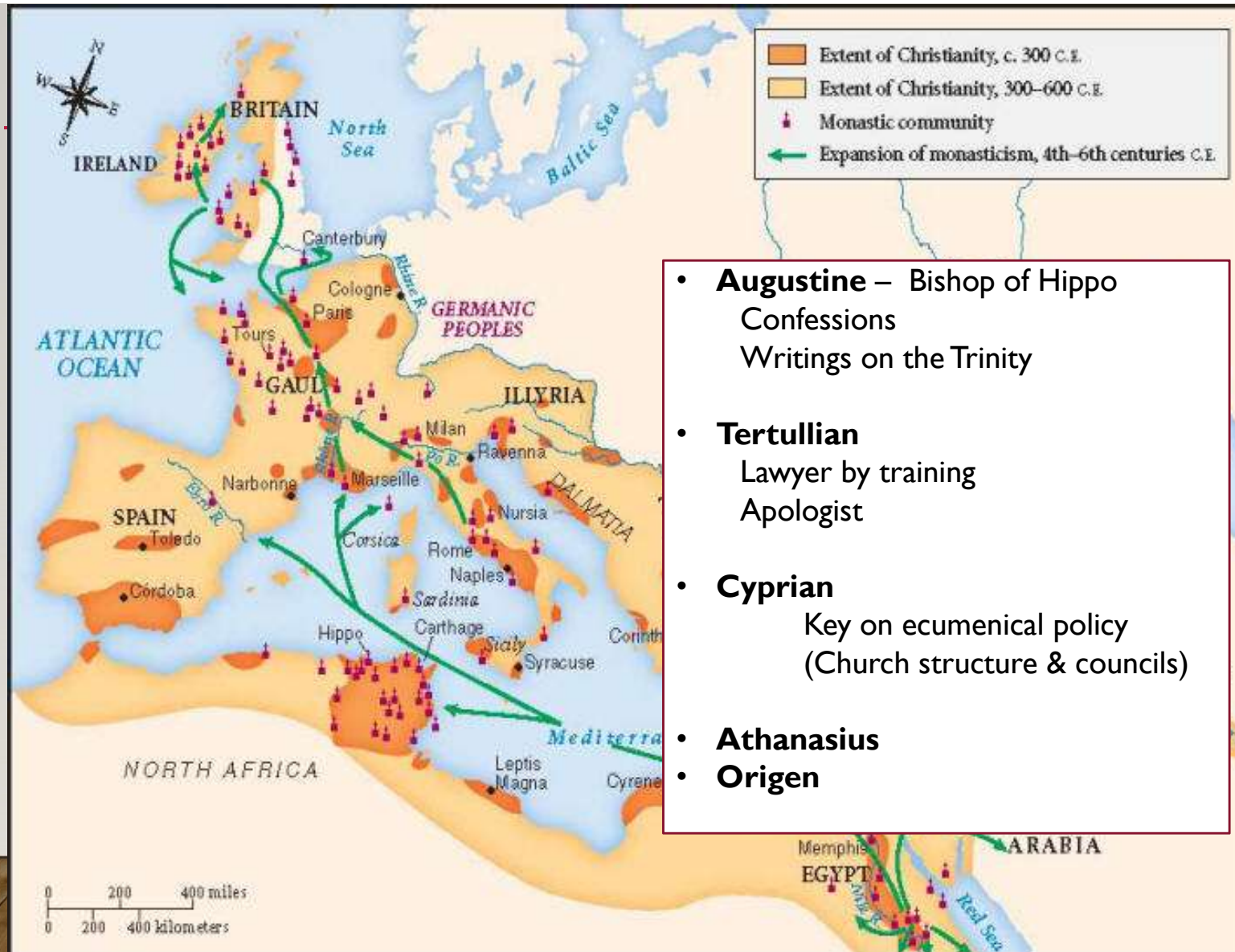
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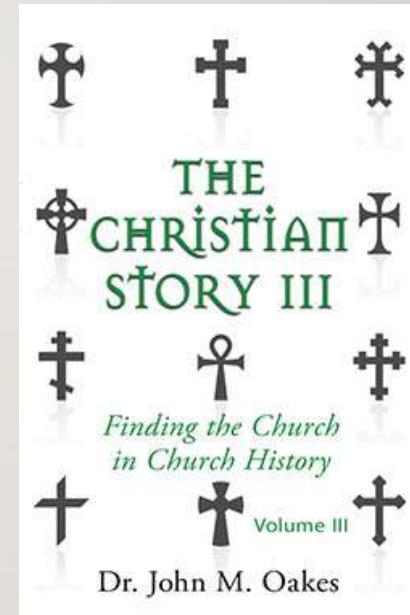
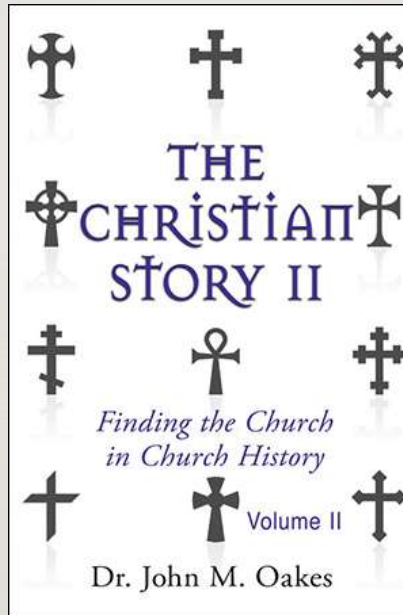
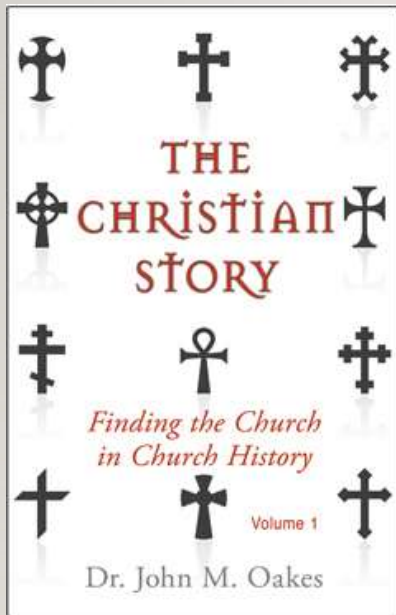
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Two more 'books' in Michael Holmes' Collection:

- The Epistle of Barnabas
- The Epistle to Diognetus



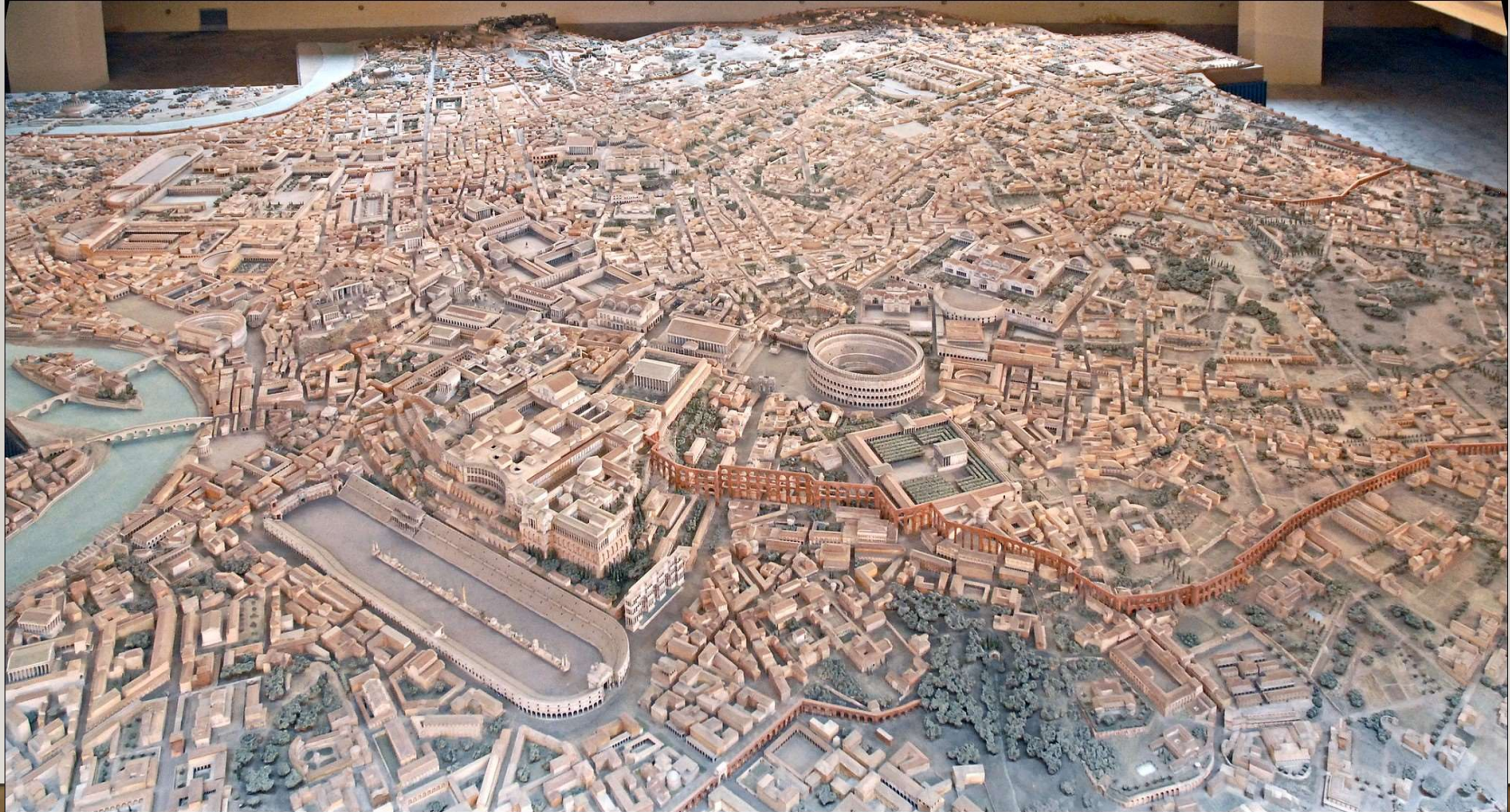
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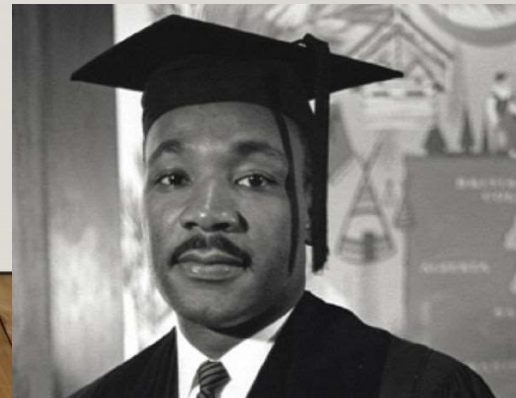
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“To think incisively and to think for one’s self is very difficult. We are prone to let our mental life become invaded by legions of half truths, prejudices, and propaganda.”

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. But education which stops with efficiency may prove the greatest menace to society. The most dangerous criminal may be the man gifted with reason, but with no morals.”

“We must remember that intelligence is not enough. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education. The complete education gives one not only power of concentration, but worthy objectives upon which to concentrate.”



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-Martin Luther King, Jr.

One Final Word



**HAZARDOUS WASTE
STORAGE AREA
UNAUTHORIZED
PERSONS KEEP OUT**



Doxology– 2 Clement 20:5

To the only God, invisible, the Father of truth, who sent to us the Savior and Founder of immortality, through whom he also revealed to us the truth and heavenly life, to him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

