God’s Family Through The Centuries

Daniel 2:44
Daniel 2:44,45

• 44“And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. 45“Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.” - Daniel 2:44,45 NKJV
Jesus Taught:

Mark 9:1 – Some Standing Here Will Not Taste Death Before The Kingdom Comes

Matthew 16:13-19 – “Upon This Rock I Will Build My Church . . . And I Will Give Unto You The Keys Of The Kingdom Of Heaven”
On That Day Of Pentecost

• Prophecy Fulfilled
  – vv. 16-21 – Joel 2 – God’s Great And Notable Day
  – vv. 25-28 – Psalm 16:8-11 – David’s Prophecy
• Church Starts – v.38-40
• Kingdom Rule Begins Thru Apostles’ Binding Authority, cf. v.42-47 with Matthew 16:18,19
Problems In The Church

Required Letters

- 1 & 2 Corinthians
- Disunity Through Partyism
- Taking Brothers To Law
- Incest
- Denial Of The Resurrection, etc.
- Colossee – Mysticism, Gnosticism
- Revelation – 7 Churches – All With Problems
- Acts 20:28ff – Paul’s Warnings
The Johannes Gutenberg Printing Press - 1454

- Arguably History’s Greatest Invention
- Produced In Mainz, Germany
- First Produced Book: The Bible
The Age Of Enlightenment & The Reformation

- John Wycliffe – English Reformer (1329-1384)
- Jan Hus – 1373-1415 — Prague, Czechoslovakia
- Martin Luther – 1483-1546 - Germany
- Girolamo Savonarola —1452-1498, Florence, Italy
- William Tyndale — 1494-1536 English Reformer
- Ulrich Zwingli – (1484-1531) — Geneva, Switzerland
- John Calvin – 1509-1564 — Another Swiss Reformer
Death of George Wishart

• Burned At This Place By Cardinal Beaton March 1, 1546
Fathers Of Congregationalism

John Glas
1695-1773

Robert Sandeman
1718-1771
Tottlebank Church

A Church of Christ
-Early As 1669
Robert & James Haldane

- Baptist Ministers Who Brought About Reform In The British Isles
By 1824 a church after the ancient order was serving the Lord at Kirkby.

It was 30 years before any hear of Barton W. Stone or Alexander Campbell.
Movements Independent Of Stone & Campbell Part II

Old Philadelphia
Warren Cty. W
1805

John Taylor
1807-1895

Dr. Chester Bullard
1809-1893

Christian H. Dasher
1789-1866
The Work And Influence Of Barton W. Stone
Cane Ridge Revival
August 14-19, 1801

- Area Settled In The Mid 1700s By Daniel Boone And Group From North Carolina
- 1791 – Built Largest One–Room Log Cabin In America
- Between 15 & 25,000 People Gathered From All Denominations
- Many Got Religion, Repented Of Sin And Confessed The Lord
- Different Preachers Would Get Up On The Back Of Wagons And Speak To Groups In Their Area
- People Left When Food Ran Out At The End Of Six Days
The Influence Of Thomas & Alexander Campbell

1809, Thomas & Alexander Campbell, Bethany, Virginia

Thomas Campbell
1763 - 1854
Thomas Campbell born February 1, 1763 in Newry, County Down, Ireland. Arrived here May 13, 1807. A Presbyterian preacher who through study of the Bible saw the need to preach it and live wholly under its authority. Now buried at God’s Acre, Bethany, West Virginia next to his son, Alexander.
1831 Union Of The Reformers (Disciples of Christ) and Christians Under The Leadership of Barton W. Stone in Kentucky. This United Body Had 10,000 Members In The State.
Coming Together Of A Movement

• Meeting Of Stone’s Christians & Campbell’s Disciples At Hill Street Church In Lexington, Last Week In 1831

• January 1, 1832 Joined Forces With A. Campbell’s Disciples Movement

• “Let us, then my brethren, be no longer Campbellites or Stoneites, New Lights or Old Lights, or any other kind of lights, but let us come to the Bible, and to the Bible alone, as the only book in the world that can give us all the light we need.” — John Smith

Hill Street Church, Lexington, Kentucky

“Raccoon” John Smith
The Printing Press Contributed To Union

B.W. Stone’s
1826 *Christian Messenger*
A. Campbell’s
1830 *Millennial Harbinger*

Distributed The Message Of Union Among Christians,
Later Others Like
1884 *Firm Foundation* &
1855 *Gospel Advocate*
Continued The Unity Call
Christian Education

- 1834 – Bacon College, Georgetown, Kentucky
- 1840 – Bethany College, Virginia
- 1843 – Franklin College, Tennessee
- 1869 Henderson, Tennessee, Henderson Male & Female Institute Begins, Root School Out Of Which Would Later Come Freed-Hardeman University
- 1891 – Nashville Bible School Begins, Later Lipscomb University
1860 — The Incident At Midway, Kentucky

Adam Hibler Grave

L.L. Pinkerton Grave
Other Things Contributing To Division

- American Christian Missionary Society – 1849
- The Civil War – 1861-1865
- 1866 Christian Standard Begins With Isaac Errett As Editor – Devoted To A More Progressive Approach To Christianity
Splintering Continues In The 20th Century

• March, 1917 Major Controversy In The College Of The Bible Exists Over The Subject Of Higher Criticism, Leading To A Major Split Among Christians, Enter: The Disciples Of Christ

• 1920s Controversies With R.H. Boll Over Premillennialism

• 1930s & 40s Relative Quietness Due To Economic Depression & War

• 1950s To 1970s Battles Over Support Of Institutions/Sunday School/Located Preachers/Christian Colleges/etc.

• 1980 To Today – The Change Movement – New Hermeneutics/Worship Styles etc.