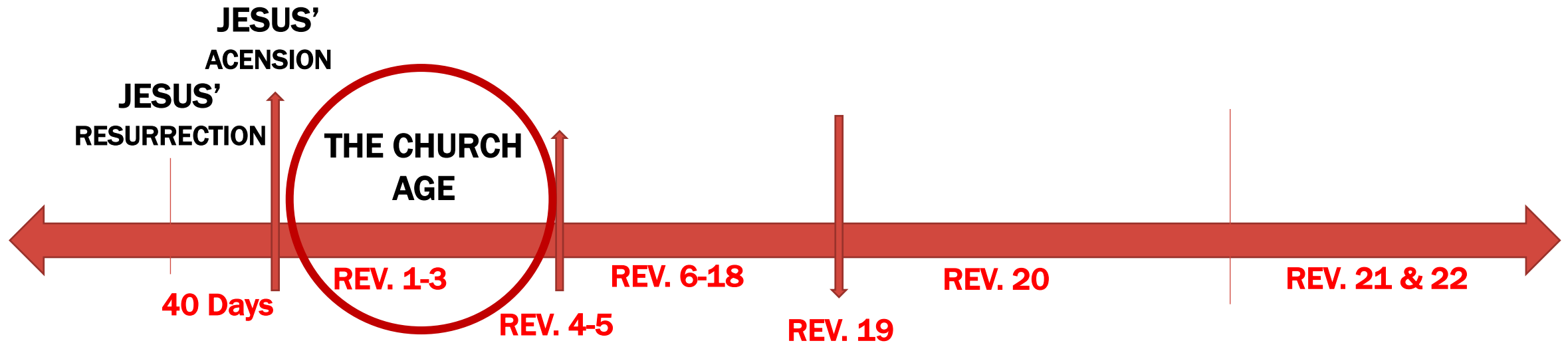


THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

SESSION 4

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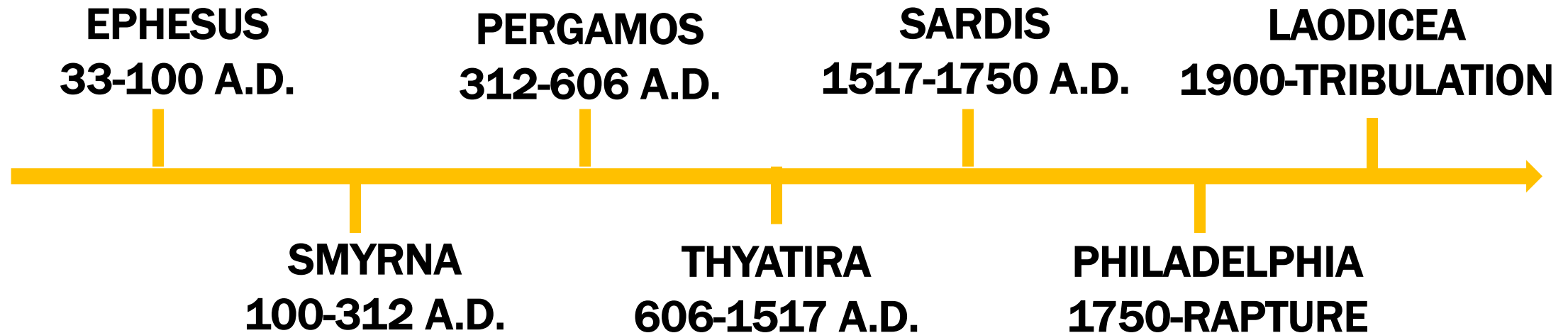
TIMELINE OF END TIME EVENTS



LETTERS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES (REV. 2-3)

- **LITERAL** in existence — Each church was an actual church located in Turkey during the 1st century!
- **SPIRITUAL** in relevance — Each church addresses spiritual issues relevant to churches today!
- **HISTORICAL** in significance – each church represents a distinct time period of church history...

TIMELINE OF CHURCH HISTORY



MAP OF THE 7 CHURCHES



EPHESUS-THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH (33-100 A.D.)

- **A.D. 33 – Pentecost**
- **A.D. 100 – the death of John (end of Apostolic Age; end of the first century church)**

EPHESUS

THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH (33-100 A.D.)

JESUS' TITLE: "Him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands"

COMMENDATION: Hardworking; persevering; discerning of false doctrine (the Nicolaitans)

COMPLAINT: Left their first love

REWARD: To eat from the tree of life in the paradise of God

SMYRNA – THE SUFFERING CHURCH (100-312 A.D.)

- **A.D. 100 – end of Apostolic Age**
- **A.D. 312 – Constantine made Christianity a state religion**

SMYRNA

THE SUFFERING CHURCH (100-312 A.D.)

JESUS' TITLE: “The First and the Last, who was dead and came to life”

COMMENDATION: Afflicted, poor, persecuted, yet faithful and “rich” in the Lord

COMPLAINT: NO COMPLAINT!

REWARD: the crown of Life; unhurt by the second death.

PERGAMOS – THE STATE CHURCH (312-606 A.D.)

- **A.D. 312 – Constantine made Christianity the state religion permeated with pagan customs and practices.**
- **A.D. 606 – Beginning of the Holy Roman Catholic Church**

PERGAMOS

THE STATE CHURCH (312-606 A.D.)

JESUS' TITLE: "Him who has the sharp, two-edged sword"

COMMENDATION: They have not renounced their faith despite the martyrdom of Antipas.

COMPLAINT: Marriage of the Church and the World, (Doctrine of Balaam; Doctrine of Nicolaitans)

REWARD: Hidden Manna; White stone with a new name