The Church Age

Revelation 2-3

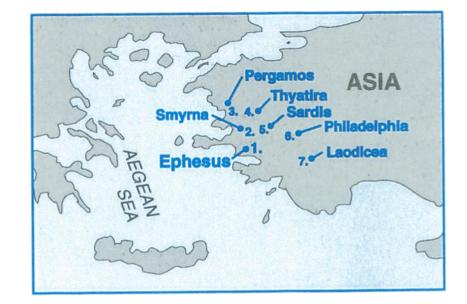
(all dates approximate)

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	Ephesus	Smyrna	Pergamos	Thyatira	Sardis	Philadelphia	Laodicea	
	"desirable" Apostolic Church	"crushed" Persecuted Church	"married Worldly, imperial church	"continual sacrifice" Pagan, papal church	"remnant" Reformation church	"brotherly love" Revival, missionary church	"rights or rule of the people" Lukewarm, tolerant, ecumenical church	
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Periods of imperial persecution

Ten Roman emperors launched merciless assaults on Christians:

- 1. Nero (A.D. 54-68)
- 2. Domitian (A.D. 81-96)
- 3. Trajan (A.D. 98-117)
- 4. Marcus Aurelius (A.D. 161-180)
- 5. Septimius Severus (A.D. 193-211)
- 6. Maximinus (A.D. 235-238)
- 7. Decius (A.D. 249-251)
- 8. Valerian (A.D. 253-260)
- 9. Aurelian (A.D. 270-275)
- 10. Diocletian (A.D. 284-305)



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Dogmas Introduced into Roman	Catholicism						
(approximate dates)							
Prayers for the dead	A.D. 330						
The sign of the cross	A.D. 330						
Worship of Mary and use of the title "Mother of God"	A.D. 431						
Latin language used exclusively in worship	A.D. 600						
Title "pope" officially given to the Bishop of Rome	A.D. 610						
Kissing of pope's feet	A.D. 709						
(Pagans by custom kissed the emperor's feet. The							
Bible forbids this in Acts 10:25, 26; Rev. 19:10; 22:8-9)							
Temporal power of popes	A.D. 750						
When Pepin, the usurper of the throne of France, invade	ed						
Italy and conquered the Lombards, he gave the city of							
Rome and surrounding territory to the Pope. Jesus							
Forbids such a thing and refused worldly kingship (Matt.							
4:8, 9; 20:25; John 18:36)							
Adoration of saints	A.D. 788						
Adoration of the cross, images, and relics	A.D. 788						
Blessing of the bells	A.D. 965						
Fasting: Lent, Advent, Fridays	A.D. 998						
Fabrication of holy water	A.D. 1009						
Marriage of priests forbidden	A.D. 1070						
Rosary beads invented	A.D. 1090						
Sale of Indulgences	A.D. 1190						
Sacrifice of mass officially recognized	A.D. 1215						
Transubstantiation of bread	A.D. 1215						
Articular confession of sins to a priest	A.D. 1215						
Adoration of the water	A.D. 1220						
People forbidden to take cup of Communion wine	A.D. 1414						
Purgatory proclaimed	A.D. 1438						
Tradition held equal with the Bible	A.D. 1545						
By tradition is meant human teachings. The Pharisees							
Believed the same way, and Jesus condemned them, for							
By human tradition, they annulled the commandments o	of						
God (Mark 7:1-13; Col. 2:8; Rev. 22:18)							
Aprocryphal books added to the Bible	A.D. 1546						
Immaculate conception of Mary made official	A.D. 1845						
Infallibility of the pope made official	A.D. 1870						