



Modern Church History (1600 – 1800)

Summer, 2019

“Where, alas, shall we have the liberty to appear before the Lord in His own house, without our lives being thereby endangered ?”
– Protestant Preacher, 1638

“Our most holy religion is founded on Faith, not on reason; and it is a sure method of exposing it to put it to such a trial as it is, by no means, fitted to endure.”
– David Hume, 1711-1776

Topics



- Introduction to Church History 1600-1800
- The British Church: The Anglicans
- Grace Abounding: The Puritans
- For Christ's Crown & Covenant: The Scottish Presbyterians
- God's Free Mercy: The Church in the Netherlands
- The Westminster Assembly
- Calvinism in the New World
- Protestant Orthodoxy
- The Path of Life: Brother Lawrence and Blaise Pascal
- The Great Divide: Enlightenment and Romanticism
- A Warmth From the Fire of God in the Heart of Germany: Pietism and Bach
- The Inextinguishable Blaze: The Evangelical Revival in Great Britain
- The Great Awakening in America
- From the Awakening to the Revolution: Davies to Witherspoon
- Summary

James 3:1 - Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. (ESV)

Introduction

Why Study Church History?

- The “Third Testament” – The Record of God’s Work in the Midst of His People
 - Both faithful and unfaithful people
- Intriguing / Useful – Real People facing real problems
 - Some Similar, Some Different than what we face today
- Connection with an Extended Church Family (**Hebrews 11, 12:1**)

Bounding the Scope

- When? – Discussion will focus on ~1600 AD to ~1800 AD
- Where? – Discussion will focus on Western Europe and the New World
- This is a survey level discussion based on a 13 lecture online course

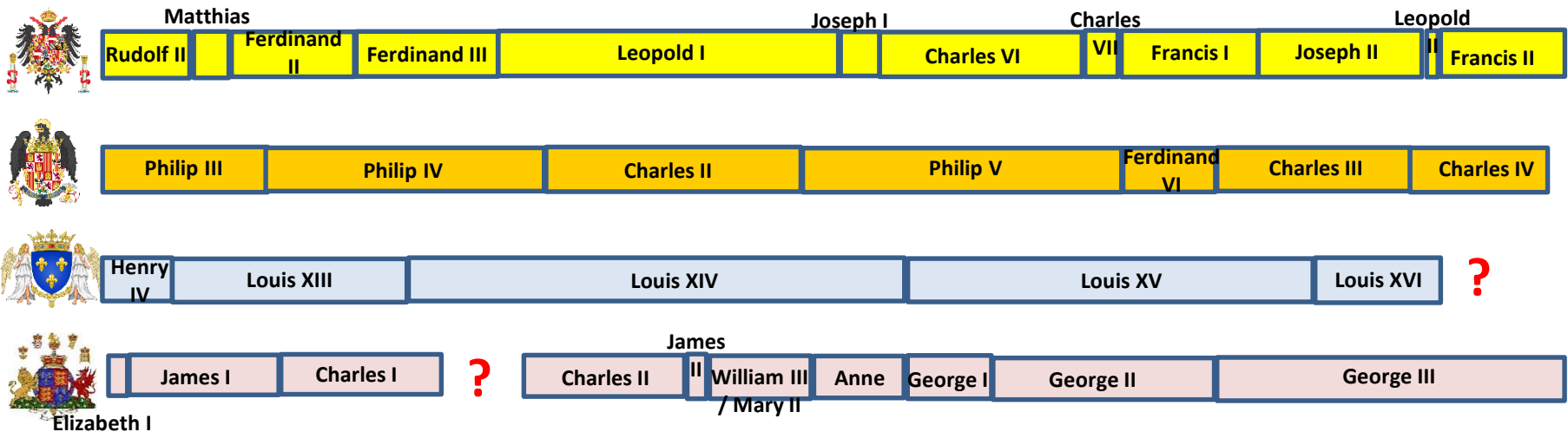
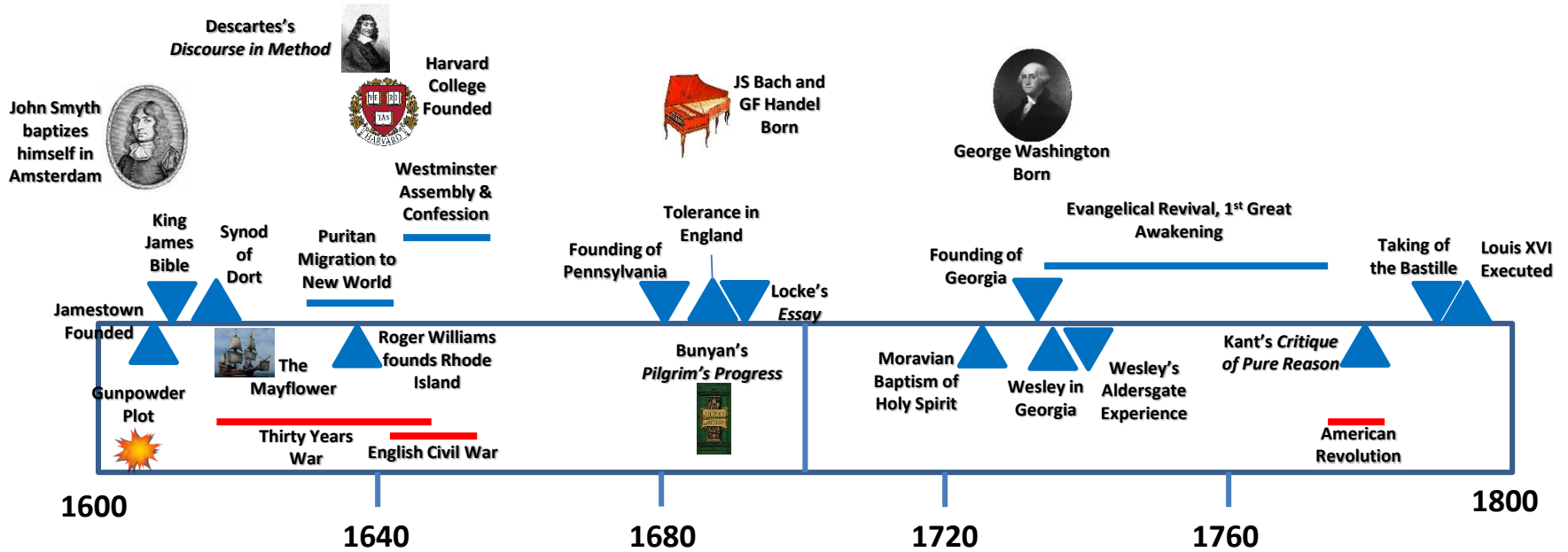
Hebrews 12:1, 2a - *Wherefore seeing **we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses**, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us ...*

“The past is never dead. It’s not even past.” – William Faulkner in Requiem for a Nun

“Augustine and Thomas Aquinas and Luther and all the others are not dead, but living. They still speak.” – Karl Barth

“Every Christian should know their church history so we won't repeat the same errors.” – Axe M.

Timeline 1600 - 1800



Denominations by Geography ~1600



Thirty Years War in Germany 1618-1648

Cuius regio, eius religio (Whose realm, his the religion) – NOT working

- Prelude to War

- 1609 HRE Rudolf II grants freedom of worship to the major religious groups in the Letter of Majesty
- Ferdinand of Austria (King of Bohemia - 1617, HRE - 1619) is a dedicated advocate of [Catholic] religious unity
- Dispute over Ferdinand's refusal to allow construction of Protestant churches results in riots, arrests
- The [2nd] Defenestration of Prague

- 30 Years War - The Bohemian / Palatinate Phase 1618-1625

- Bohemian Protestants rebel attempting to install Calvinist Frederick of the Palatinate as King
- Battle of White Mountain (1620) – Frederick out, Ferdinand in
- Persecution of Protestants in Bohemia and beyond



Emperor Ferdinand II
1578 - 1637



Frederick of Bohemia
1596 - 1632



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- 30 Years War - The Danish Phase 1625-1629

- Christian IV of Denmark intervenes for the Protestants
- Wallenstein drives the Danes out of Germany (and part of Denmark)

- 30 Years War - The Swedish Phase 1630-1635

- Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden intervenes for the Protestants
- Protestant success on the battlefield
- Adolphus dies in battle (1632), Protestant successes wane, Treaty in Germany in 1635

- 30 Years War - The Franco/Swedish Phase 1635-1648

- Catholic France joins the Protestants – too much Hapsburg power!
- Hapsburgs pushed back and eventually sue for peace

- Results – Treaty of Westphalia in 1648

- Territorial winners – Sweden and France
- Massive Destruction, Disease, Death, Famine
- **Princes & subjects free to practice their own religion** (except Anabaptists)
- **Growing distaste for settling religious matters by force of arms**



Maximilian of Bavaria
1573 - 1651



Gustavus Adolphus
1594 - 1632



Albrecht von Wallenstein
1583 - 1634



Cardinal Richelieu
1585 - 1642