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설교제목 (SERMON TITLE):
교회- I 성장과 변화
(CHURCH- I GROWTH & CHANGE)

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Acts 9:29–31

29 [Saul] talked and debated with the Hellenistic Jews, but they tried to kill him. 30 When the believers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus. 31 Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

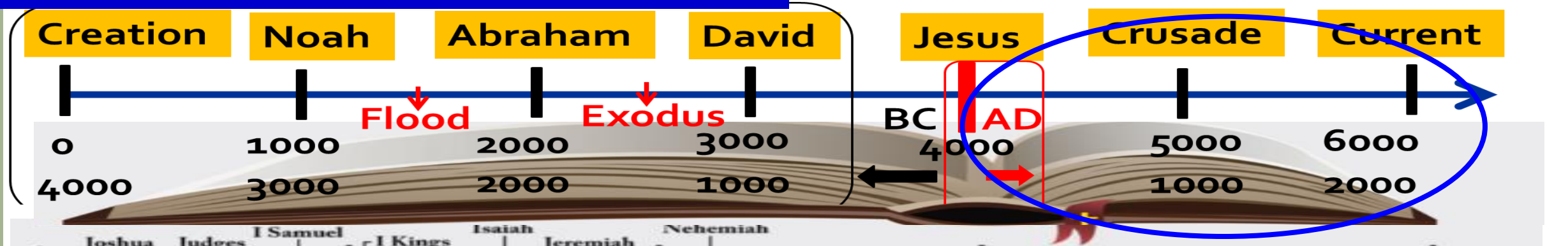
사도행전 (Acts) 9:29-31

29 [사울이] 또 주 예수의 이름으로 담대히 말하고 헬라파 유대인들과 함께 말하며 변론하니 그 사람들이 죽이려고 힘쓰거늘

30 형제들이 알고 가이사랴로 데리고 내려가서 다소로 보내니라

31 그리하여 온 유대와 갈릴리와 사마리아 교회가 평안하여 든든히 서 가고 주를 경외함과 성령의 위로로 진행하여 수가 더 많아지니라

Church Histories...



“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” -Ac 1:8-

Religions Now...

how many churches are in the world?

World's Largest Religious Groups Over Time



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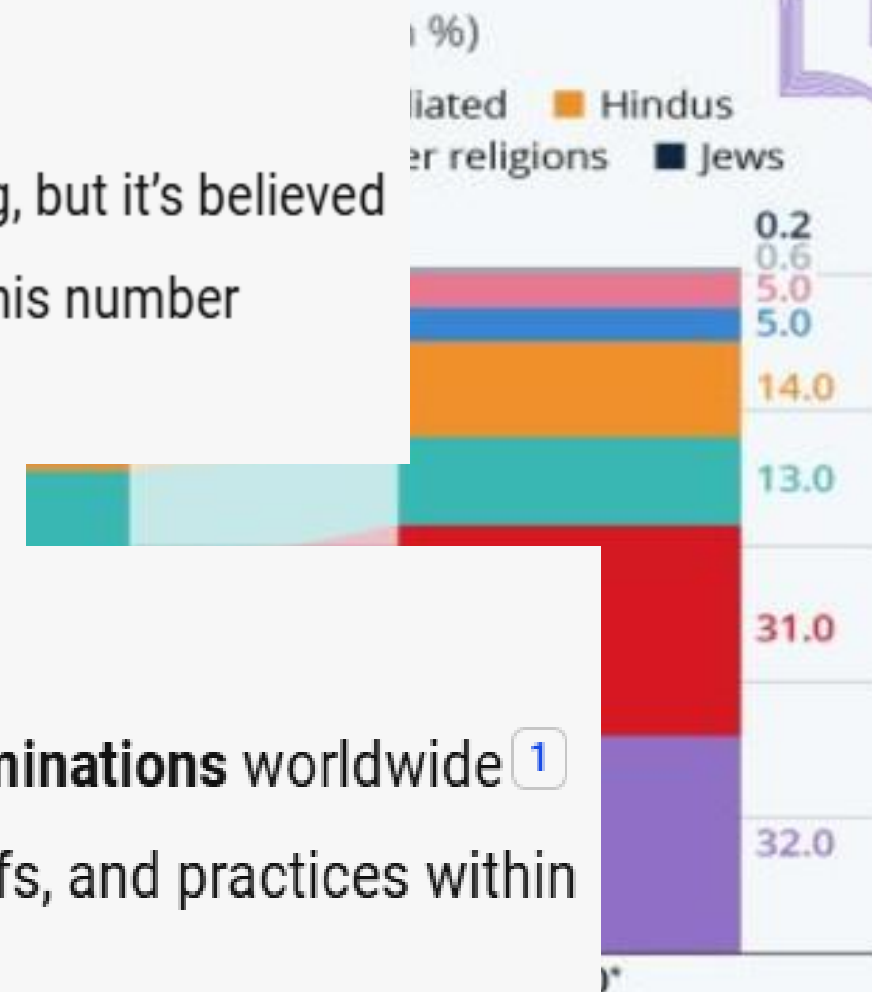
Estimating the exact number of churches worldwide is challenging, but it's believed there are approximately **37 million church buildings** globally^[1]. This number includes various denominations and sizes of congregations.

how many church denomination in the world?



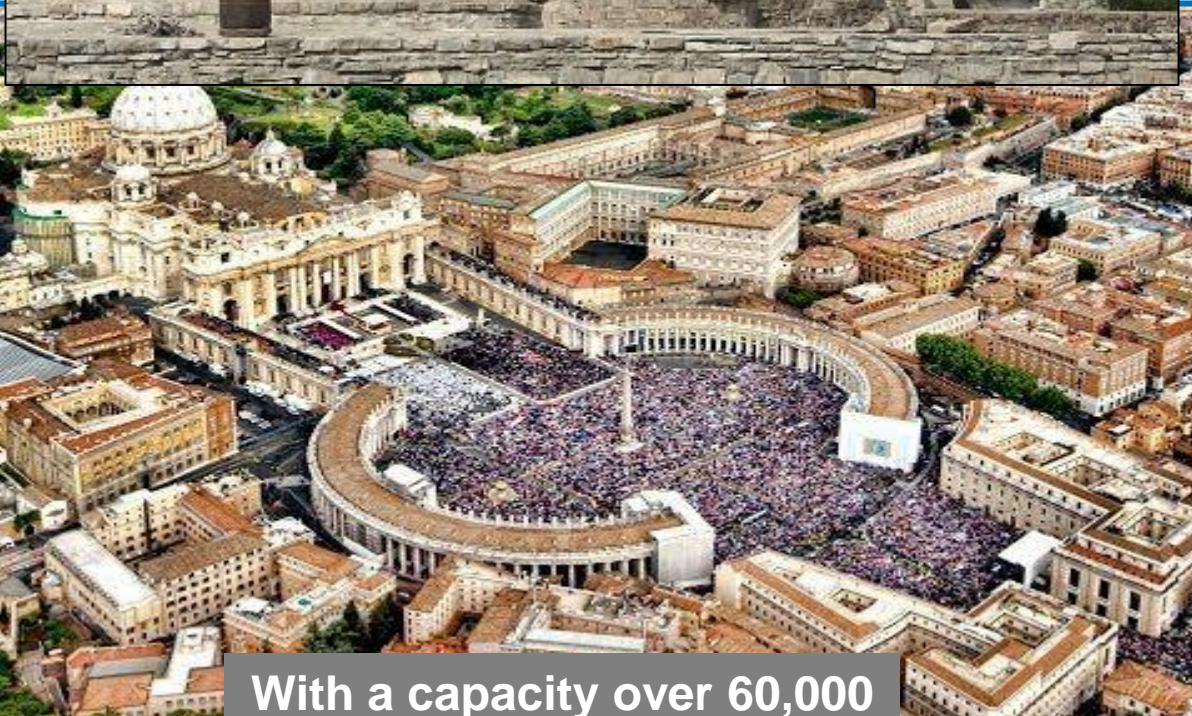
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There are approximately **45,000 to 47,000 Christian denominations** worldwide^[1]^[2]. This number includes a wide variety of traditions, beliefs, and practices within Christianity, reflecting its rich diversity.



Church...Then & Now?

Monastery of Saint Thaddeus, built in 66 AD, in Iran



With a capacity over 60,000



Church of Saint Sava Cathedral in Belgrade, Serbia



With a capacity of 10,800

Church... What Kind of...? Many Churches with many Jesus

19th century

- John Nichols Thom (1799–1838)...claimed to be the reincarnation of JESUS Christ ...
- Arnold Potter (1804–1872)...claimed the spirit of JESUS Christ ...
- William W. Davies (1833–1906)... declared his son was the JESUS Christ.
- Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian, India (1835–1908), claimed to be...the likeness of JESUS,
- Cyrus Teed (1839–1908), American physician, claimed to be the incarnation of JESUS Christ
- Carl Browne (1849–1914), American activist...claimed to be the partial reincarnation of JESUS

20th century

- Ernest Norman (1904–1971), an American electrical engineer ...was allegedly JESUS in a past life...
- Krishna Venta (1911–1958), born...in San Francisco...he stated that he was Christ...
- Jesu Oyingbo (1915–1988), a Nigerian man who proclaimed himself to be JESUS Christ returned.
- Ahn Sahng-hong (1918–1985), a South Korean...recognize him as the Second Coming of JESUS.
- Sun Myung Moon (1920–2012), believed by members of the Unification Church to be the Messiah
- Jim Jones (1931–1978), founder of Peoples Temple...claimed to be the reincarnation of JESUS
- Marshall Applewhite (1931–1997), an American... declaring, "I, JESUS—Son of God
- Laszlo Toth (b. 1938), Hungarian-born Australian who claimed he was JESUS Christ
- Ariffin Mohammed (1943–2016)...is believed by his followers to have been the incarnation of JESUS,
- Mitsuo Matayoshi (1944–2018) a Japanese politician...his conviction that he is God and Christ
- Hogen Fukunaga (b. 1945)... claimed to have realized he was the reincarnation of JESUS Christ
- José Luis de Jesús (1946–2013), claimed the resurrected Christ "integrated himself within me"

What is Church?

In the Old Testaments

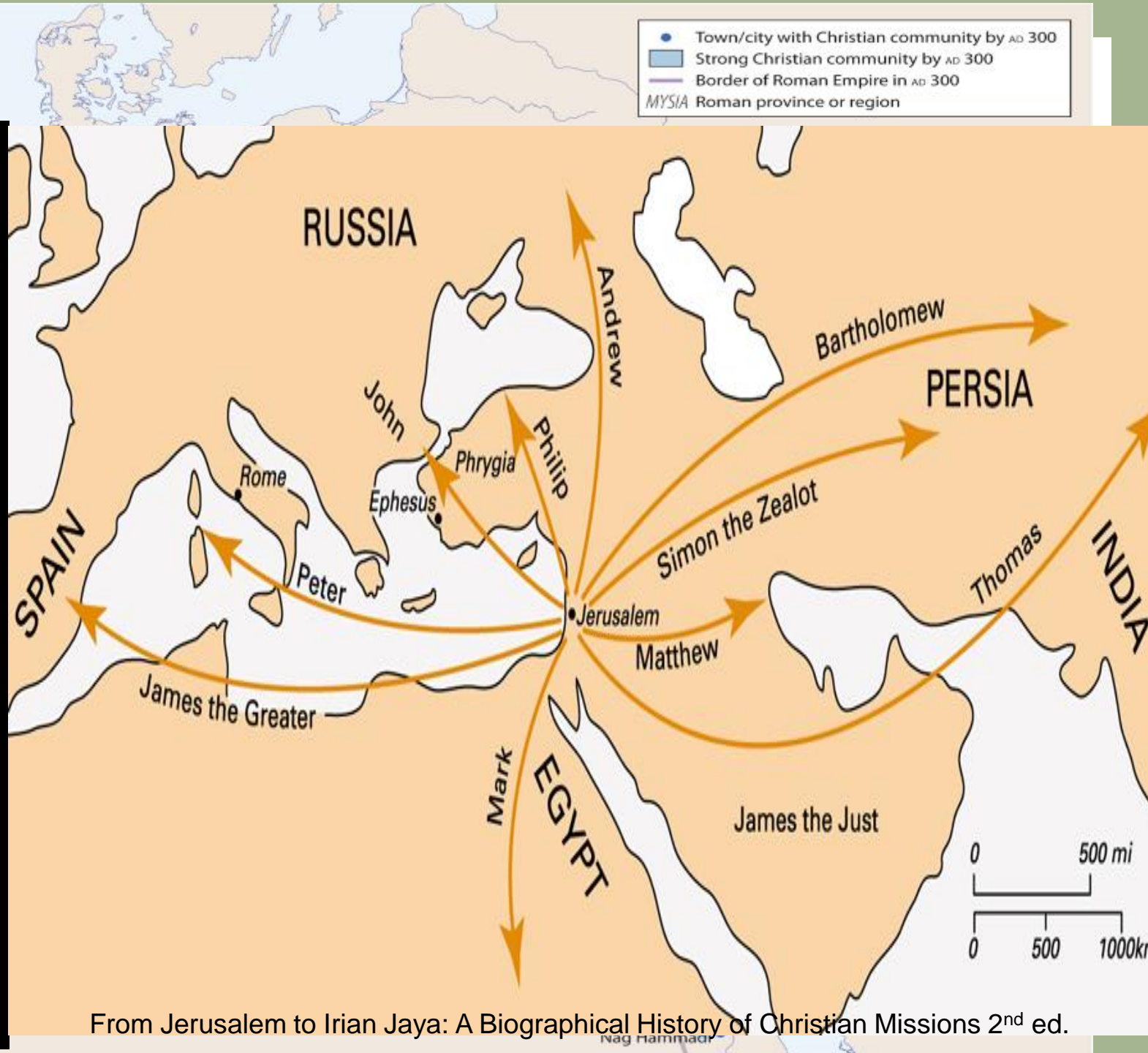
“Praise the LORD. Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of his faithful people” -Ps 149:1-

In the New Testaments

“God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. 23 And the church is his body...”

-Eph 1:22–23-

**“...Jesus... said
“...19 Therefore go
and make disciples of
all nations, baptizing
them in the name of the
Father and of the Holy
Spirit, 20 and teaching
them to obey
everything I have
commanded you...”
-Mt 28:18-20-**



THE CHURCH IN THE WEST IN THE 6th CENTURY



Church Position

Error types

**Christ is
truly God**
Nicea, 325

Christ is a
created being
(Arius)

**Full
humanity
of Christ.**
Constantinople, 381

Dominant Logos
over the
humanity
(Apollinarus):

THE GREAT SCHISM: 1054



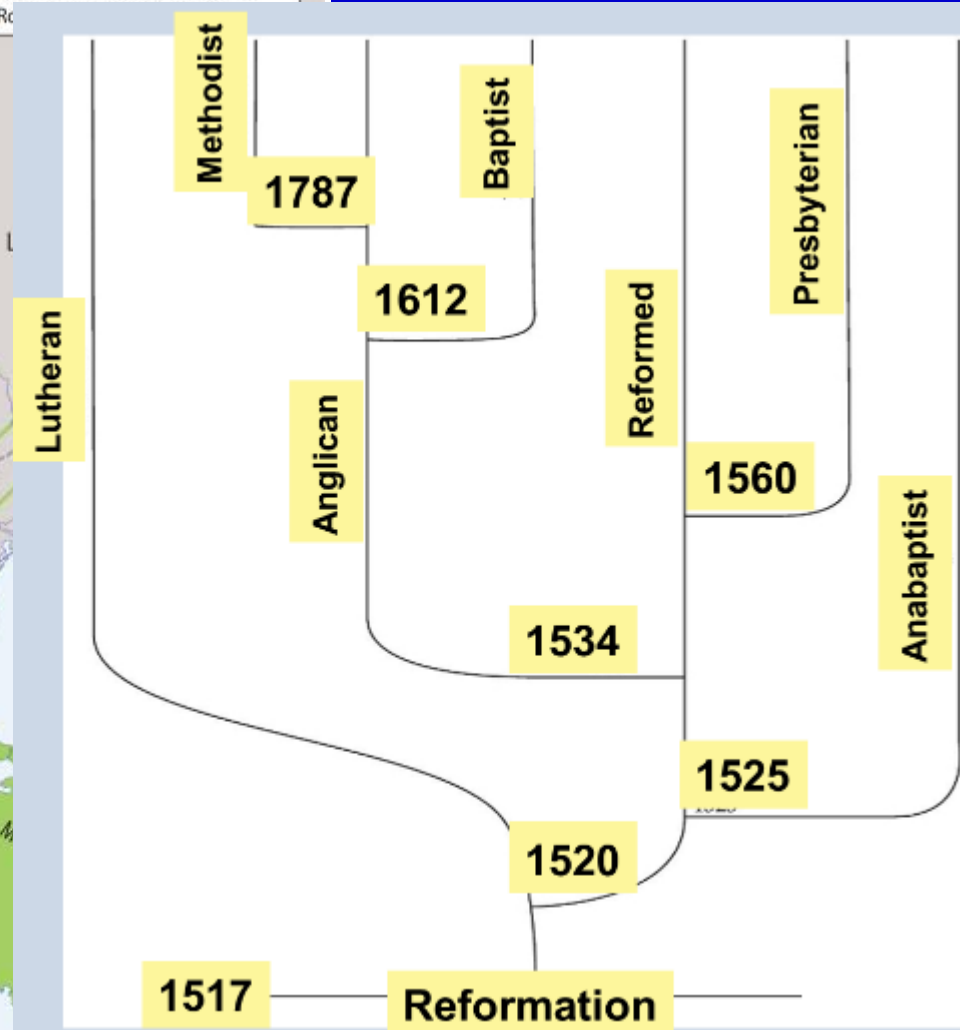
Atlas of Christian History

CAUSE	WESTERN CHURCH	EASTERN CHURCH
Political rivalry	Holy Roman Empire	Byzantine Empire
Claims of Papacy	Bishop of Rome claimed supremacy over the entire church.	Patriarch of Constantinople to be 2 nd in primacy to bishop of Rome.
Icon controversy	statues permitted	statues prohibited
Difference	Latin/Occidental	Greek/Oriental

Chronological and Background Charts of Church History

CHRISTIAN EUROPE: 1600

Protestant Denominational Groups



The Downside of Christian Denominations

“Denominations are based on disagreements over the interpretation of Scripture”

JESUS said, “a house divided against itself falls”
Luke 11:17

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” ” Jn 13:34-35

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