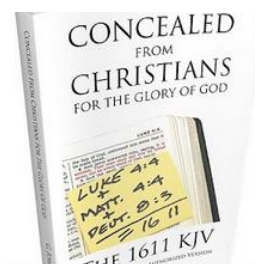


## Leah's Children and the Seven Churches

### Introduction

Brother G. John Rov<sup>1</sup> has drawn my attention to the typology that exists between Leah as a type of the Church, Rachel as a type of Israel and Leah's 7 children, Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Dinah, Genesis 46:8-15 as types of **the seven churches which are in Asia...Ephesus...Smyrna...Pergamos...Thyatira...Sardis...Philadelphia...Laodicea** Revelation 1:11.



### Importance of the Typologies

The importance of studying those typologies is to understand and apply lessons **for instruction in righteousness** 2 Timothy 3:17 according to James 1:22 **But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.**

This study will focus on *Typology for the Seven Churches*. However, application of *Typology for the Church and Israel* may be summed up as follows for today's believer:

**Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it** Ephesians 5:25.

**For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them** Romans 11:13-14.

### Typology for the Church and Israel

The typology for the Church and Israel is evident in Genesis 29:17 **Leah was tender eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well favoured.**

Rachel ≡ Israel:

Rachel:

Genesis 29:10, 17 **Jacob saw Rachel...Rachel was beautiful and well favoured**

Israel:

Deuteronomy 32:10, Zechariah 2:8 **the apple of his eye**

Psalms 17:8 **the apple of the eye**

Proverbs 7:2, Lamentations 2:18 **the apple of thine eye.**

The circularity of those scriptures may suggest Israel with the Lord, Israel away from the Lord and Israel back with the Lord. **the apple of the eye** and related expressions occur only in the scriptures listed and exclusively with respect to Israel.

Leah ≡ the Church:

Leah:

Genesis 29:17 **Leah was tender eyed**

The Church:

Song of Solomon 1:15, 4:1 **thou hast doves' eyes**, the only scriptures with that expression.

Note that it is night when Jacob comes to Leah, Genesis 29:23, 25 and the night is said to typify the Church Age, Song of Solomon 6:10<sup>2</sup>, Daniel 7:2-7<sup>3</sup>, John 3:19, 8:12, 12:46, Romans 13:12 - prophetically, Ephesians 6:12, Philippians 2:14-15, 1 Thessalonians 5:2.

Jacob serves 7 years for Rachel, Genesis 29:20 but then 7 years for Leah, Genesis 29:27-28.

The 7 years for Leah may typify the 7 intervals in the Church Age, Revelation 2, 3, noting that the 1611, 1769 Editions of the King James Bible emerged in the time of the Philadelphian Church to whom God said specifically and to no other church **I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name** Revelation 3:8.

The questions of course are prompted, what is the numeral significance of 1769, of the time lapse between 1611 and 1769 and will decoding of the 1611 Holy Bible give pointers to the dates of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Advents and the Church Age rapture, keeping in mind of course, however they apply:

Matthew 24:44 **Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.**

Luke 12:40 **Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.**

Those questions have yet to be answered according to Proverbs 2:6 **For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.**

### *Typology for the Seven Churches*

Note first **The sons of Leah; Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun...These be the sons of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob in Padanaram, with his daughter Dinah** Genesis 35:23, 46:15.

The typology for Leah's 7 children as types of **the seven churches which are in Asia...Ephesus...Smyrna...Pergamos...Thyatira...Sardis...Philadelphia...Laodicea** Revelation 1:11 is apparent by association.

**And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?** Genesis 37:9-10.

**Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches** Revelation 1:19-20.

The association between Leah's sons and the 7 churches is that like Leah's sons, included in Genesis 37:9-10, angels are appearances that can be beheld, like the Lord Himself, Genesis 28:12-13, 48:3, Exodus 3:2, Judges 6:12, 13:3, 21, Matthew 1:20, 2:13, 19, Luke 1:11, 22:43, Acts 7:30, 35.

The omission of Dinah, though a type of one of the 7 churches, namely Laodicea, from that association is explained in that she is never said to bow down to Joseph, the greatest Old Testament type of the Lord Jesus Christ<sup>4</sup>. That anomaly will be addressed in consideration of the Church of Laodicea.

Dr Ruckman<sup>5</sup> lists the 7 churches with respect to the Church Age as follows. I've added Leah's children as they relate to each church in the order as they were born, Genesis 29:32-35, 30:17-21:

Ephesus - the apostolic Church A.D. 33-200 Reuben

Smyrna - the martyred Church A.D. 200-325 Simeon

Pergamos - the imperial Church A.D. 325-500 Levi

Thyatira - the medieval church A.D. 500-1000 Judah

Sardis - the persecuting church A.D. 1000-1500 Issachar

Philadelphia - the Reformation and revival church A.D. 1500-1900 Zebulun

Laodicea - the apostate church A.D. 1900-Rapture Dinah\* \*Brother Rov notes *Also, Leah gave Jacob 7 children, the last being the weakest, Dinah (the church of the Laodiceans).*

The 7 churches as 7 intervals in the Church Age with each interval represented by a particular church corresponding to each of Leah's children in order of birth will now be considered in turn. See Dr Ruckman's work<sup>6</sup> for the history of the 7 intervals in the Church Age as he has listed them.

### *Reuben - Ephesus*

Reuben did not love his father, Ephesus stopped loving the Lord Jesus Christ and both incurred censure thereby, though both tried to do right.

**And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine: and Israel heard it...Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch** Genesis 35:22, 49:4.

**Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love** Revelation 2:4.

**And Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him. And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again...And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes** Genesis 37:21-22, 29.

**I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted** Revelation 2:2-3.

However, neither Reuben nor Ephesus is recorded as showing repentance for wrong doing.

The lesson according to 2 Timothy 3:17, James 1:22 for today's believer is that doing right of itself does not make up for wrong doing with the Lord because Paul testifies **Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance** Acts 26:19-20.

### *Simeon - Smyrna*

Joseph imprisoned Simeon for a limited time and because **Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth** Matthew 28:18 the Lord empowered the devil to persecute Smyrna by imprisonment. The imprisonment was temporary in each case.

**And he turned himself about from them...and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes...And he said, Peace be to you, fear not: your God, and the God of your father, hath given you treasure in your sacks: I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them** Genesis 42:24, 43:23.

**Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life** Revelation 2:10.

The lesson according to 2 Timothy 3:17, James 1:22 for today's believer is as King David testifies. Psalm 30:5 **For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.**

### *Levi - Pergamos*

Levi through his descendant Phineas is associated with Balaam and Balac as was Pergamos<sup>7</sup>. In each case the Lord commended those steadfast for Him after the manner of 1 Corinthians 16:13 **Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.**

**And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab...And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baalpeor. And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a**

**Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses... And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up...and took a javelin in his hand; And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel...And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy. Numbers 25:1, 4-8.**

**I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith...But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication Revelation 2:13-14.**

The lesson according to 2 Timothy 3:17, James 1:22 for today's believer is as James exhorts **Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you** James 4:7.

### *Judah – Thyatira*

Judah and Thyatira are closely associated by rulership, Judah in that respect as a forerunner explicitly revealing in type **our Lord Jesus Christ...who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords** 1 Timothy 6:14-15.

**Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee...The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be Genesis 49:8, 10.**

**But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father Revelation 2:25-27.**

The lesson according to 2 Timothy 3:17, James 1:22 for today's believer is as Paul and Peter exhort. **Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus...ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light** Hebrews 3:1, 1 Peter 2:9.

### *Issachar – Sardis*

Issachar and Sardis are associated by imperfect works, Issachar with no mention of serving the Lord by his works and Sardis with the Lord being displeased with their works.

**Issachar is a strong ass couching down between two burdens: And he saw that rest was good, and the land that it was pleasant; and bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant unto tribute Genesis 49:14-15.**

**Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God Revelation 3:2.**

The lesson according to 2 Timothy 3:17, James 1:22 for today's believer is as Matthew and Paul exhort. **And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them...For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them...For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure** Matthew 21:6, Ephesians 2:10, Philippians 2:13.

### *Zebulun – Philadelphia*

Zebulun and Philadelphia are uniquely associated by seafaring, *germane to worldwide evangelism*.

**Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he shall be for an haven of ships...** Genesis 49:13.

**I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name...Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world** Revelation 3:8, Romans 10:18.

See the graphic **Two Lines of Church History – Antioch vs. Alexandria** showing how worldwide evangelism in fulfilment of Revelation 3:8, Romans 10:18 and typified by Zebulun's emphasis on seafaring was achieved 1500-1900 A.D. despite enemy opposition.

The lesson according to 2 Timothy 3:17, James 1:22 for today's believer is that the Great Commission still applies despite enemy opposition<sup>8</sup> as the Lord commands in Acts 1:8 **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

### *Dinah – Laodicea*

Dinah and Laodicea are associated by worldly defilement, entered into voluntarily. Note that neither Dinah nor Laodicea were willing to separate from that defilement.

**And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her...he had wrought folly in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done** Genesis 34:1-2, 7.

**...thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked** Revelation 3:17.

Dinah willingly entered the worldly environment of **the daughters of the land** Genesis 34:1, **asked not counsel at the mouth of the LORD** Joshua 9:14 and was not victimised like Tamar with Amnon **he...being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her** 2 Samuel 13:14.

Worldly Laodicea shut out the Lord Who must knock for entry, Revelation 3:20, though He does not have to because **...when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you** John 20:19.

Bizarre as it sounds, Laodicea like Dinah in her defilement declared the Lord of glory 1 Corinthians 2:8, James 2:1 *persona non grata*<sup>9</sup> - person not welcome<sup>10</sup> - according to 2 Chronicles 36:16, Proverbs 1:24-25 **...they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets...I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof.**

Dinah was forcibly – ironically - and suddenly removed from the worldly environment into which she had voluntarily sunk, *and so will Laodicea be so removed, even as the Lord warned Sardis*.

**...two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males. And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went out** Genesis 34:25-26.

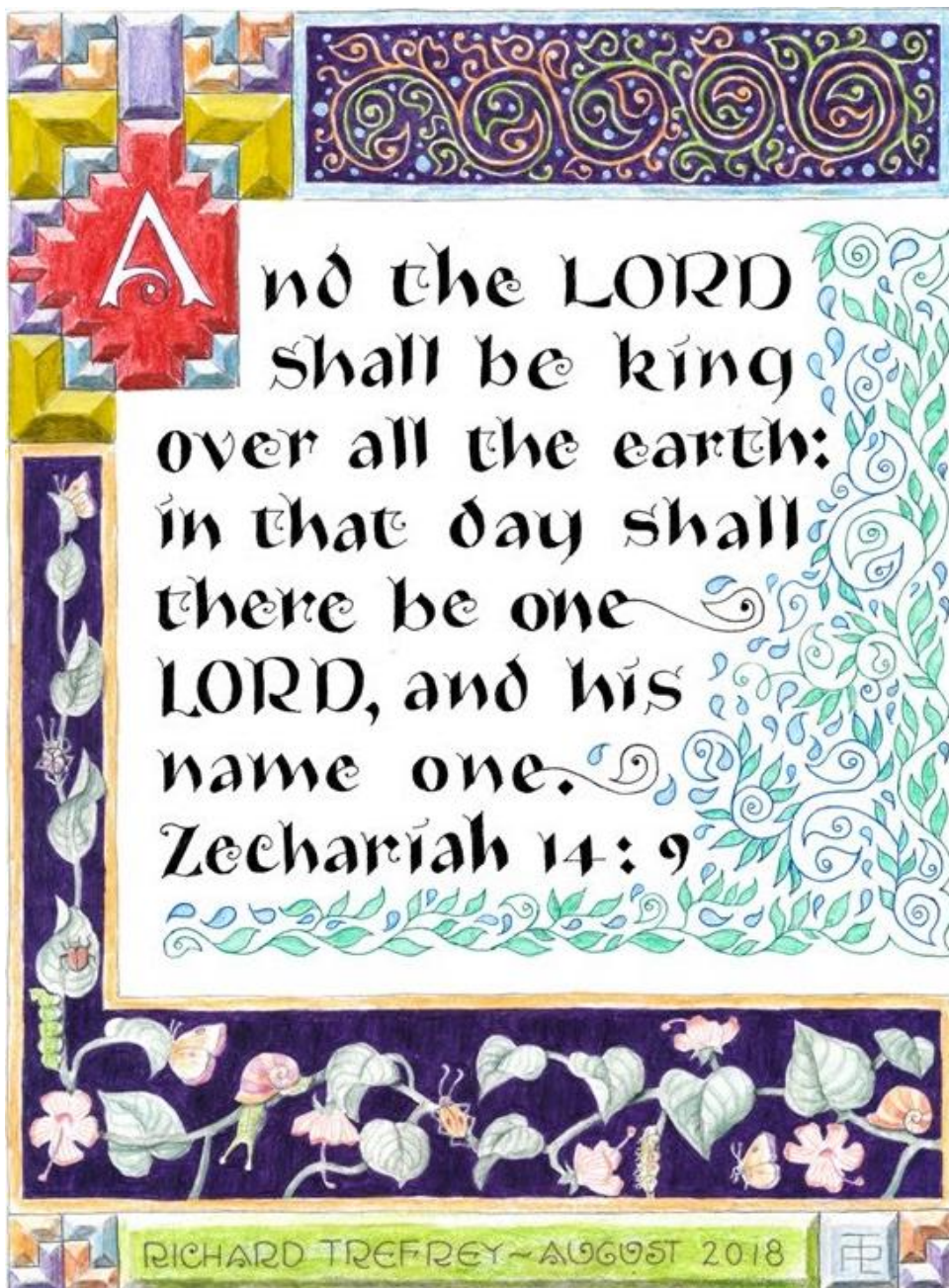
**...If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee** Revelation 3:3.

Even in the midst of the mayhem of Genesis 34:25-26 the lesson according to 2 Timothy 3:17, James 1:22 for today's believer is **clear as crystal** Revelation 22:1<sup>11</sup>.





*Conclusion*<sup>12</sup>



### Two Lines of Church History – Antioch vs. Alexandria<sup>13</sup>

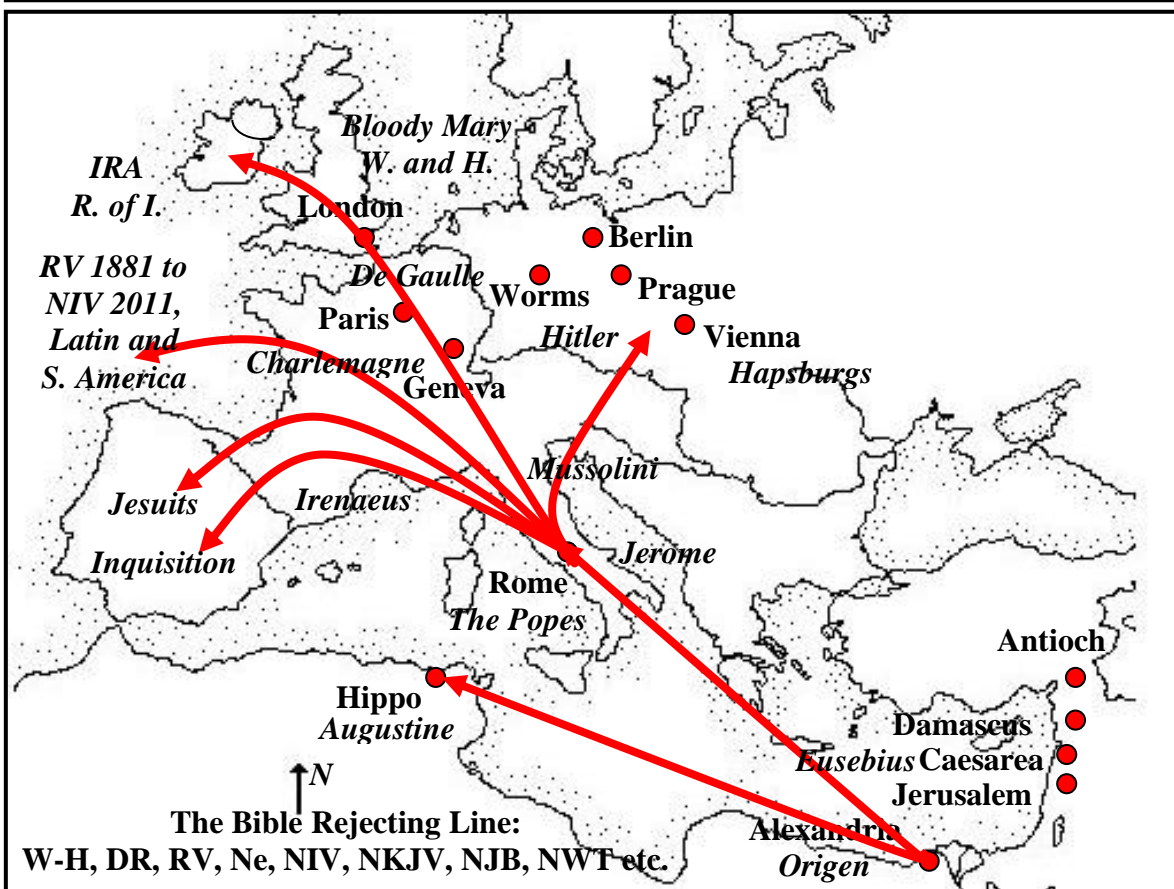
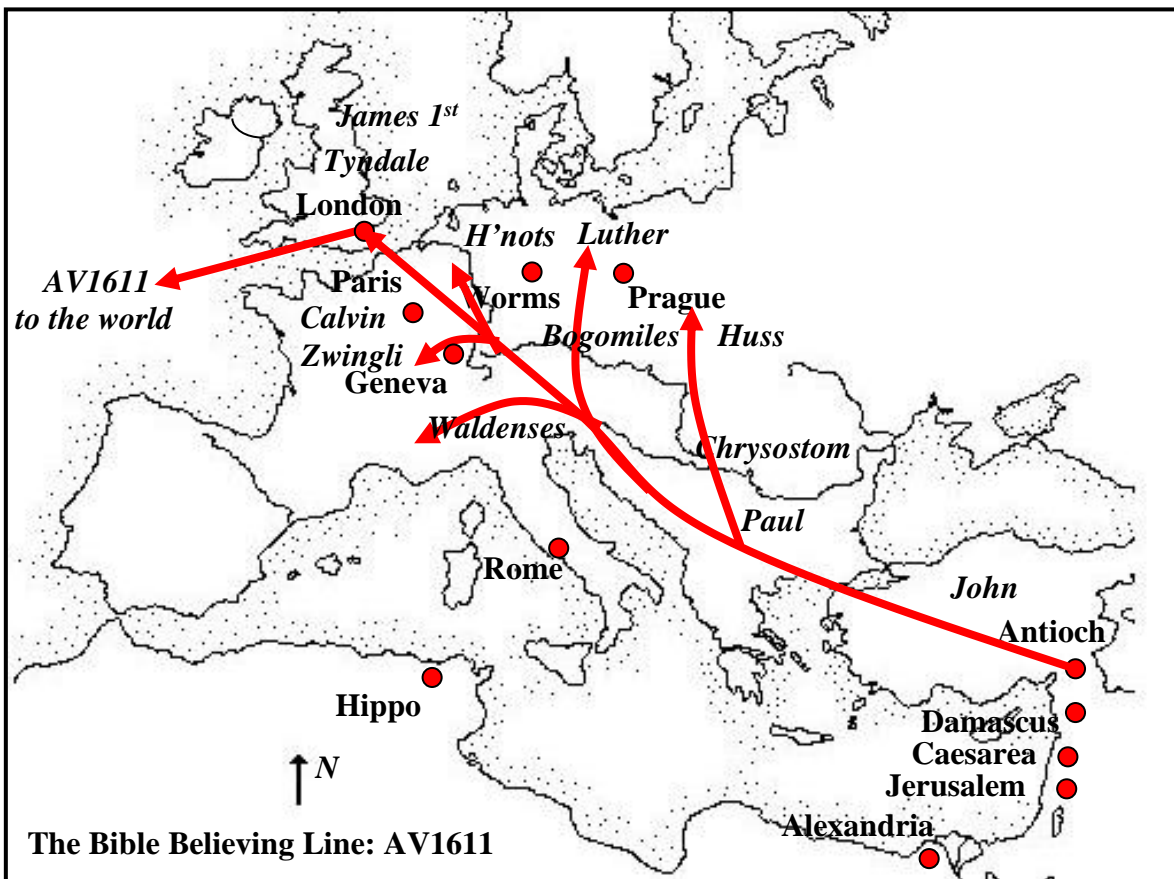


Figure 3 Two Lines of Church History, Antioch vs. Alexandria  
 “The time of reformation” Hebrews 9:10 via the AV1611 Text  
 “Destruction and misery” Romans 3:16 via Rome and Alexandria

### ***Typology Annotations from Brother Rov***

Brother Rov has drawn attention to these typologies with respect to Jacob and Leah, Simeon and Levi and Dinah:

*Here are a couple thoughts...see how they ought fit in:*

*Jacob works 7 years for Leah (church age of the 7 churches as you said). Then another 7 comes in Gen. 29:27 as Jacob is told he must finish out Leah's bridal week (7 days) before he gets Rachel = The 7 years after the translation when the church is in the bridal chamber of heaven with the Lord. He must give her those 7 years together in privacy before going to get Rachel (2<sup>nd</sup> coming for Israel).*

*Dinah goes willingly into worldliness then is swiftly removed. The brothers who kill FIRST deceive the men using circumcision to set them up for the slaughter. This pictures antichrist FIRST deceiving the world (after the church is swiftly removed) to set them up for the tribulation.*

Those typologies are addressed as follows:

#### *Jacob and Leah*

Re the 7 years when the church is in the bridal chamber of heaven with the Lord, that is most helpful and points to the time between the rapture of the Church and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent as all of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week yet to be fulfilled, *with no additional years between the rapture of the Church and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent*. One school of thought maintains that Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week has only 3½ years to run but that conflicts with Genesis 29:27 **Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years.** See these related studies<sup>14</sup>.

The lesson according to 2 Timothy 3:17, James 1:22 for today's believer is King David's testimony of Psalm 40:1 **I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.**

#### *Simeon and Levi and Dinah*

Re Simeon and Levi, **the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully** Genesis 34:13 as **the great dragon...that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan...deceiveth the whole world** Revelation 12:9 **And Hamor and Shechem his son came unto the gate of their city, and communed with the men of their city, saying These men are peaceable with us...** Genesis 34:20-21.

**this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world** 1 John 4:3, one with **thou, profane wicked prince of Israel** Ezekiel 21:25 **that man of sin...the son of perdition** 2 Thessalonians 2:3:

**and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many...but he shall come in peaceably...He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches** Daniel 8:25, 11:21, 24 noting<sup>15</sup>:

Genesis 34:25 **And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males.**

Genesis 34:26 **And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went out.**

Genesis 34:27 **The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and spoiled the city, because they had defiled their sister.**

Genesis 34:28 **They took their sheep, and their oxen, and their asses, and that which was in the city, and that which was in the field,**

Genesis 34:29 **And all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their wives took they captive, and spoiled even all that was in the house.**



Noting Hosea 6:2 **After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up...** the typologies for the Church Age Rapture and the actions post-Church Age Rapture i.e. **the third day** as set out in Daniel 8:25, 11:21, 25 of **that spirit of antichrist** 1 John 4:3, one with **thou, profane wicked prince of Israel** Ezekiel 21:25 **that man of sin...the son of perdition** 2 Thessalonians 2:3 run in parallel:

**After two days...the third day** coincides with the end of the Church Age when the Church, namely Laodicea typified by Dinah, **went out** Genesis 34:26 via the Rapture.

The remainder of Genesis 34:25-29 typify the actions post-Church Age Rapture i.e. **the third day** as set out in Daniel 8:25, 11:21, 25 of **that spirit of antichrist** 1 John 4:3, one with **thou, profane wicked prince of Israel** Ezekiel 21:25 **that man of sin...the son of perdition** 2 Thessalonians 2:3.

His actions are confirmed by Daniel 11:44 **therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.**

Revelation 6:2, 4<sup>16</sup> are appropriate cross references.

The lesson according to 2 Timothy 3:17, James 1:22 for today's believer, with an embedded warning against deception, is Genesis 49:5-6 **Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations. O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united...** as King Solomon exhorts **Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go...An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression** Proverbs 22:24, 29:22.

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