

Council of Nicaea.

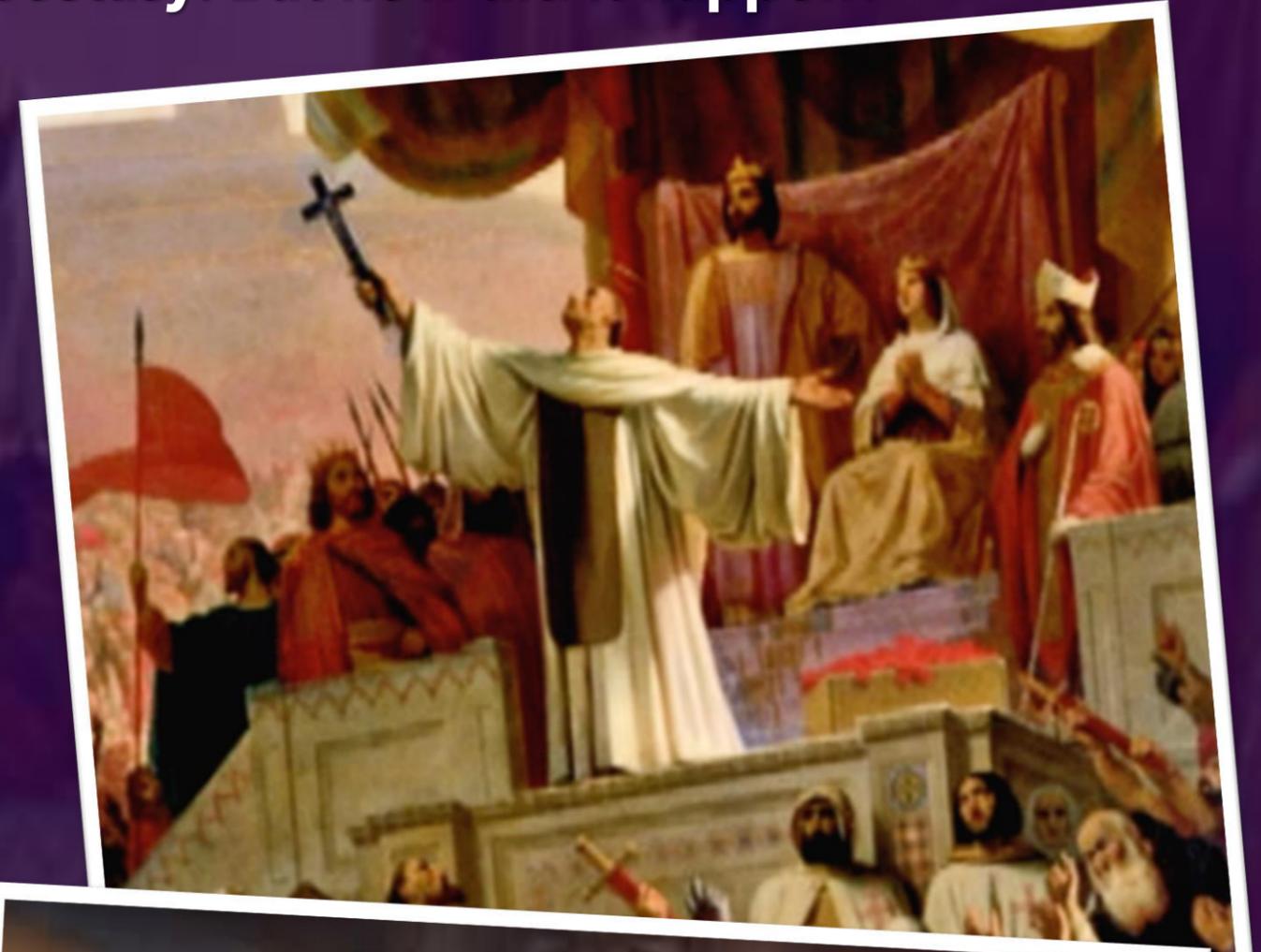
The Council of Nicaea (325 AD) was a big meeting of Christian leaders, called by the Roman Emperor Constantine, to settle arguments about Jesus. Some believed Jesus was just a great teacher or the son of God, while others said he was fully God. The council decided that Jesus was truly God Almighty and created the Nicene Creed, a statement of beliefs of Christendom. This meeting cemented false Christianity and taught the trinity was true!

This meeting held up the birth of:
THE GREAT APOSTACY!



The Great Apostasy.

Within 150 years of the death of the last Apostle, Christianity had started to change to a new counterfeit version. We call this the Great Apostasy. But how did it happen?

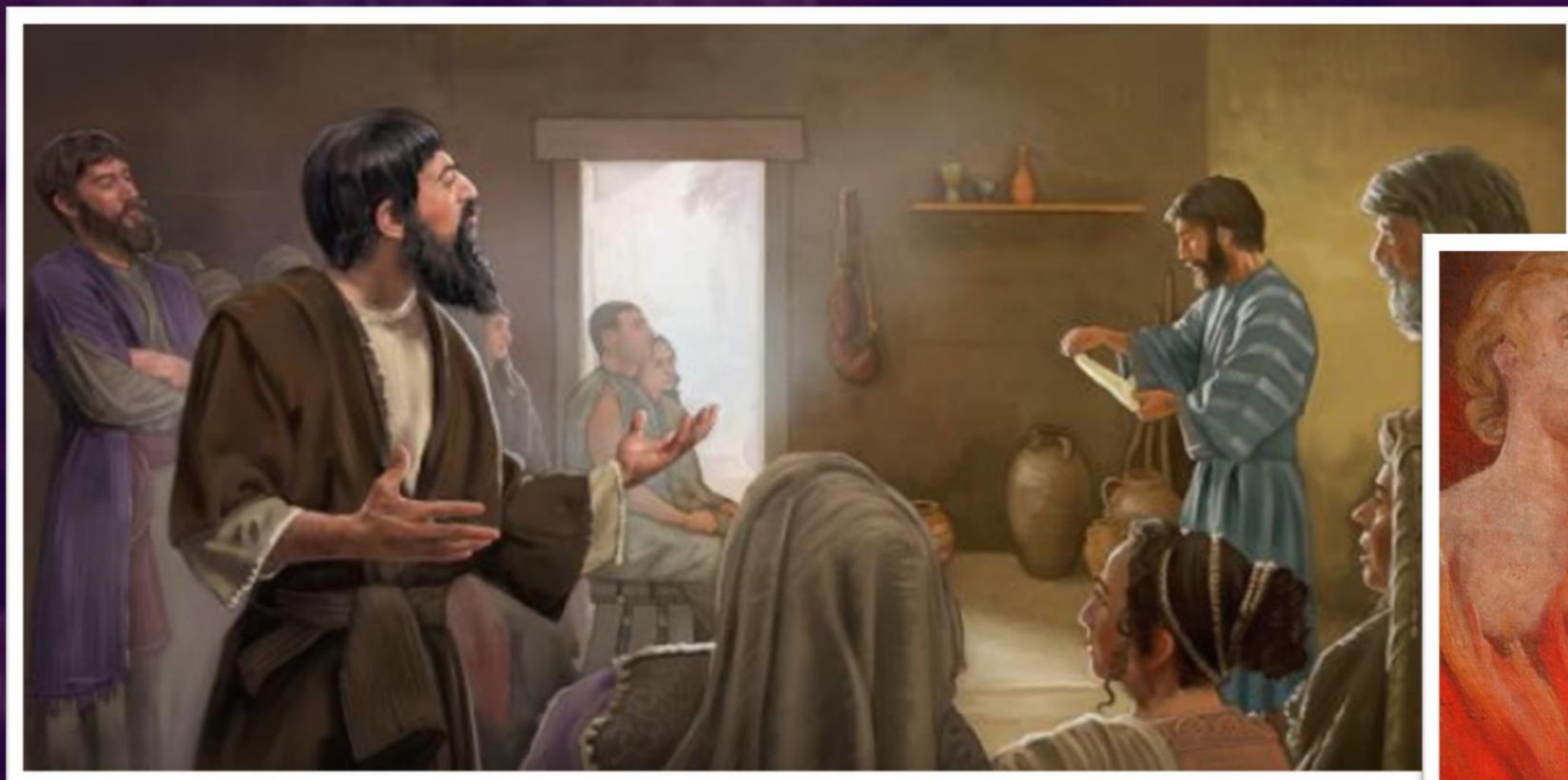


What was the Great Apostasy?

And why is it important in our understanding of Biblical history?

The Great Apostasy refers to the period-of-time when Biblical truths were compromised or lost. Understanding this era helps us grasp the reasons we have false Christianity today. This term refers to the gradual departure from original Biblical teachings. It's crucial to explore how and why this happened to appreciate the development of false Christian beliefs over centuries. Let's embark on a journey to uncover key events and figures that shaped this pivotal era!

Paul warned about these things in the Bible. Look at 1 Tim 4:1, and Acts 20:30.



The Early Threat - Persecution

Imagine you're a first-century Christian. Not only do you have to worry about Roman soldiers and angry mobs, but you also have to practice your faith in secret. From 36CE persecution was brutal, but it wasn't enough to wipe out Christianity. Instead, the real danger came from the inside. And that's where our story takes a surprising turn.

Inside Job - False Teachers

Jesus and his apostles saw this coming. They warned about "wolves in sheep's clothing" (Matt. 7:15) sneaking into the church. And sure enough as early as 55CE, some leaders started twisting the teachings, not to help others but to gain power for themselves. It's like when someone joins your group project but secretly changes all your work just to make themselves look good.



The Corruption Spreads

The apostles did their best to keep things on track, but once they were gone by 99CE, the false teachings spread like wildfire. Suddenly, people were arguing over things like resurrection and the return of Jesus. It was like an ancient social media debate, but with way bigger consequences.

Rise of Clergy & Hierarchy

Early Christianity was more of a team effort, - same class different roles (Matt. 23:8-10). But soon, some leaders started acting like royalty and became bosses of everyone else. This power shift led to the creation of a religious hierarchy, called the Clergy! The clergy class were at the top and became the Priesthood with ordinary believers at the bottom. *Klērikos (Clergy) is Greek. It means "Receives a lot, or heritage"*



Pagan Influences Sneak In

Imagine someone sneaks weird ingredients into your favorite recipe. That's basically what happened to Christianity. By 150CE as Greek philosophy mixed in, teachings changed. Suddenly, Christian doctrine included ideas borrowed from pagan religions. The result? A belief system very different from what Jesus originally taught. The eternal soul, hellfire and the beginnings of the Trinity - 3 gods in 1 - emerged.



Kingdom Hope Fades

At first, Christians were waiting for Jesus to return and bring paradise to Earth. But as Greek philosophy took over, people started thinking their souls would go straight to heaven and the earth was a testing ground for good and bad instead. By 400CE, a church leader named Augustine decided that "the church itself was the Kingdom of God." Talk about twisting the truth!

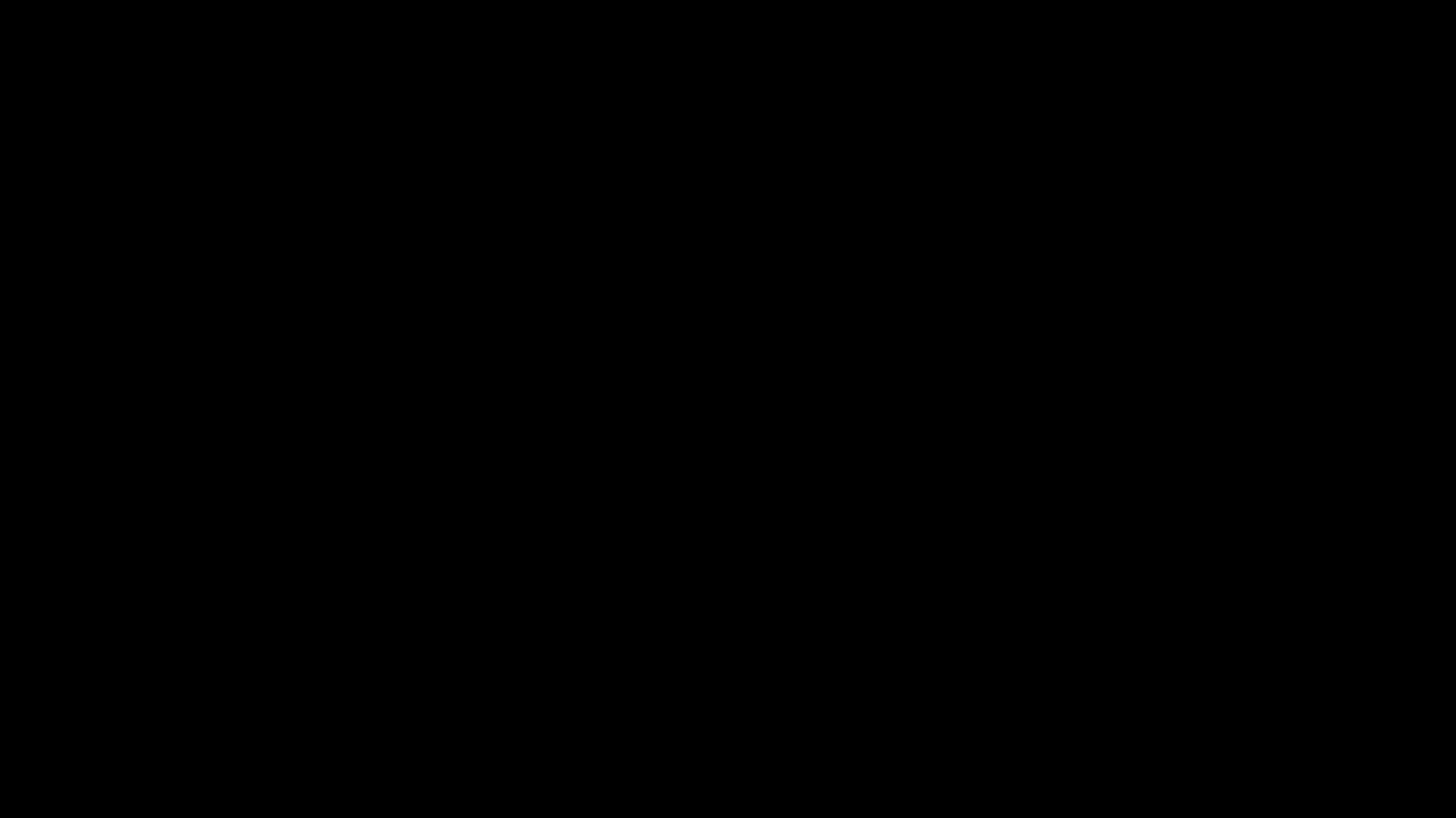
The Cross & Christianity Becomes Political

Christianity went from being an underground movement to the official religion of the most powerful empire on Earth - Rome. Sounds great, right? Well, not so much. Instead of staying true to Jesus' teachings, the church got tangled up in politics, power, and wealth. It was less about faith and more about influence.

"By this Sign; Conquer!"

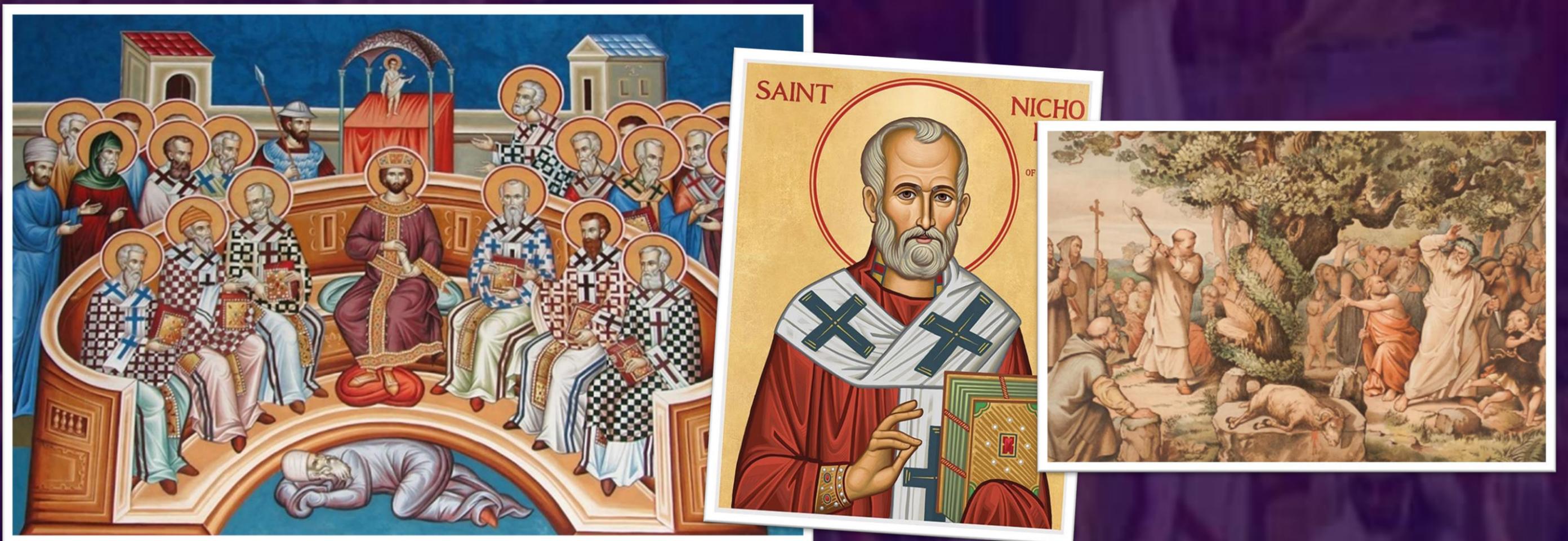
Enter Constantine! The Roman Emperor. He reportedly had a vision of a cross with the motto: "In this [sign] conquer" before a battle in 312CE, leading to his conversion to Christianity. However, his life was marked by murder, intrigue, and political ambition, suggesting that his adoption of Christianity was more a political move to unite his empire than a genuine spiritual transformation.





The Council of Nicaea & Constantine's Role there.

For over 100 years, people had argued about whether Jesus was God. To settle the debate, Roman Emperor Constantine called a meeting of bishops in Nicaea. Now, here's the kicker – Constantine wasn't even a true Christian! He also worshipped the sun and only got baptized as a "Christian" on his deathbed. But he knew religious disputes were bad for his empire, so he stepped in. According to history, Constantine led the discussions and pushed for the idea that Jesus was "of one substance" with God. Most bishops reluctantly agreed, more because of political pressure than conviction. However, he turned the day of Sun Worship; *Sol Invictus* into Jesus Birthday! And called it Christmas! Later the Pagan tree was added too!



More arguing.

After Nicaea, the debate raged on. For a while, people who believed Jesus wasn't equal to God made a comeback. But then Roman Emperor Theodosius shut that down. He made the Nicene Creed (an instruction document) the *official belief* of the empire and, in 381 C.E., called the Council of Constantinople to clarify things. That's when the Holy Spirit finally got promoted to full God status, and the Trinity, as we know it, started taking shape. But even then, it wasn't universally accepted. Many people resisted it, and some even faced persecution. It wasn't until the Middle Ages that the Trinity became a solid, official doctrine.



Emperor Theodosius

The Nicæan & Athanasian Creed.

These two key documents defined the Trinity and what Churches believe today. They are the Nicæan and Athanasian Creed. These creeds were pieced together until finally agreed upon. The Nicæan sometime in the 5th century, the Athanasian sometime in 8th. So, the Trinity didn't just appear overnight – it was pieced together bit by bit, influenced by church politics and philosophical ideas. These are the creeds:

The Nicæan Creed.

“We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth...And in one Lord Jesus Christ, ...Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life...who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified.”

Athanasian Creed.

“We worship one God in trinity and the trinity in unity... the divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one. Their glory equal; their majesty co-eternal. What quality the Father has, the Son has, and the Holy Spirit has. The Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty. Yet there are not three almighty beings. There is but one almighty being. Thus; the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there are not three gods. There is but one God.”

The betrayal is complete!

So today, as prophesied, we live with a fake apostate church that rules under the name of Christ. A master stroke of satan that has misled millions away from the truth. The main lies introduced are:

Jesus is God.

There are 3 God's in one.

Punishment in Hell.

Pagan celebrations incorporated into the church (Christmas & Easter).

Mother and Child worship (Mary and infant Jesus).

Worship of the Cross.

Concept of the ransom removed.

Paradise on earth deleted.

God's kingdom was the church.

Resurrection to earth deleted and introduction of the clergy.



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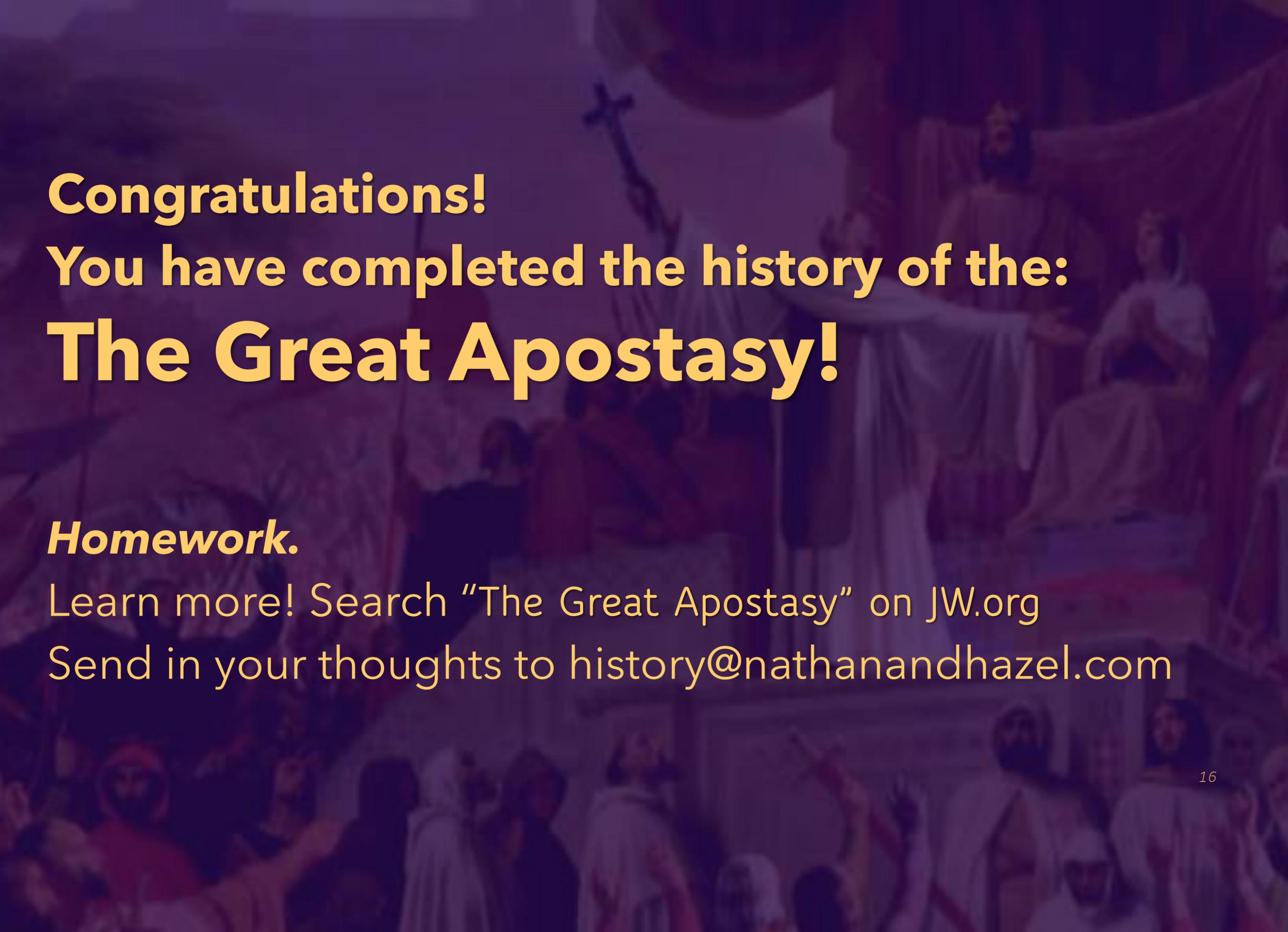
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