

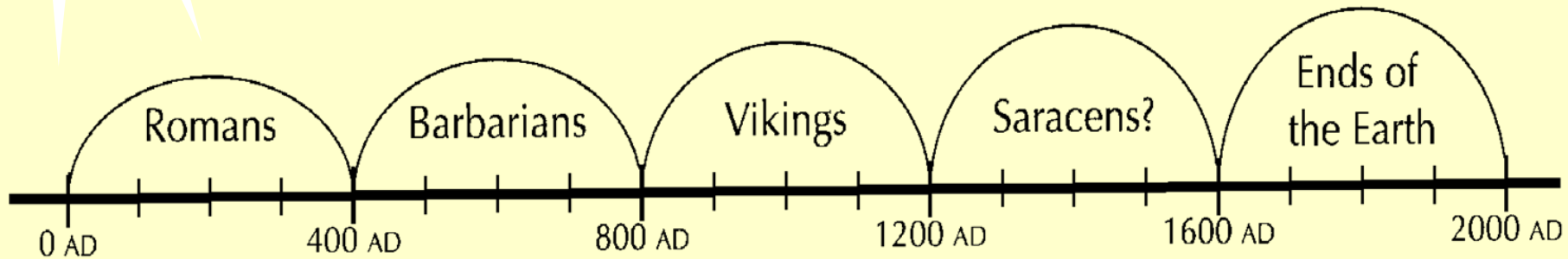
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5 Epochs of Redemptive History

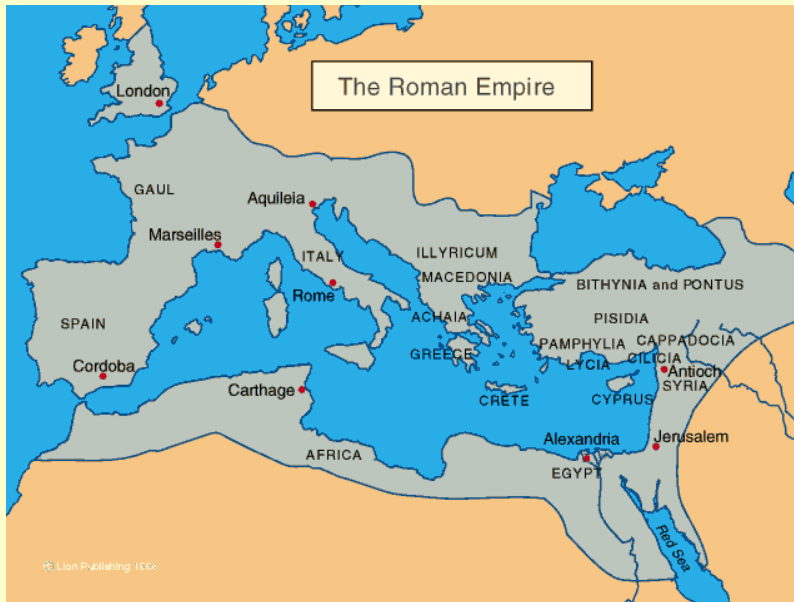
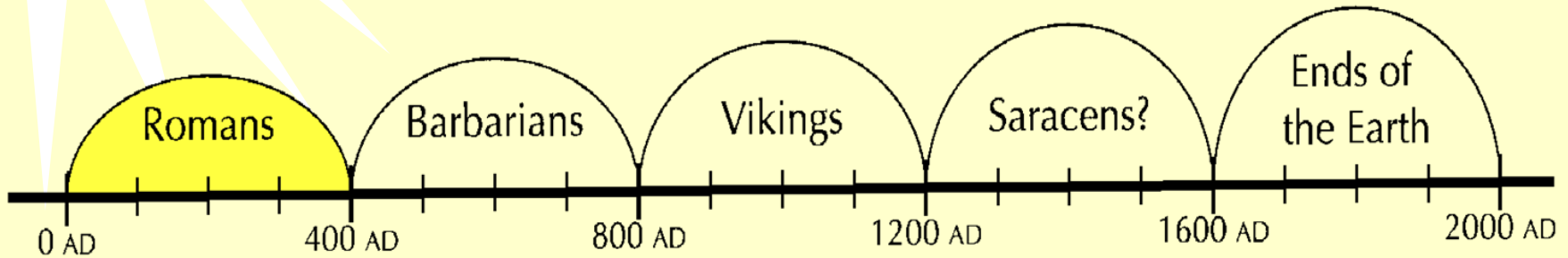


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Winning the Romans

AD 0-400



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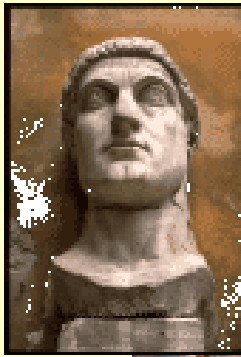


Early Roman Fresco of St. Paul



Bible in Gothic
translated by Ulfilas

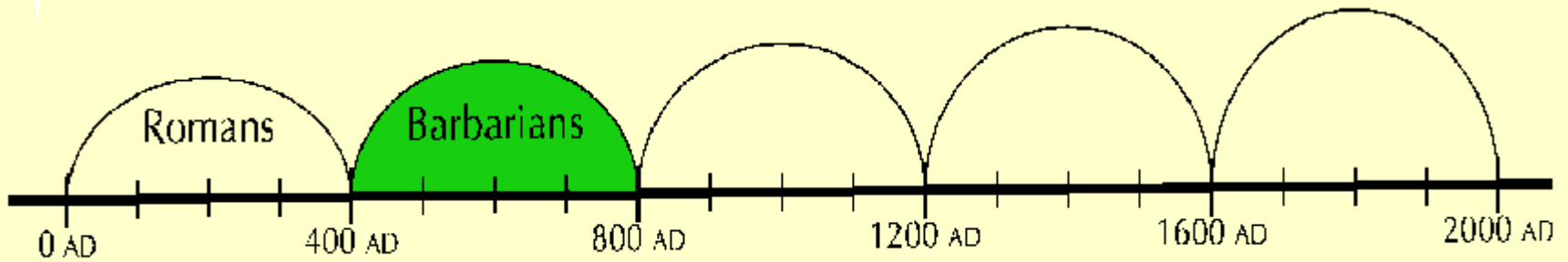
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Emperor Constantine's Vision

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Winning the Barbarians AD 400-800



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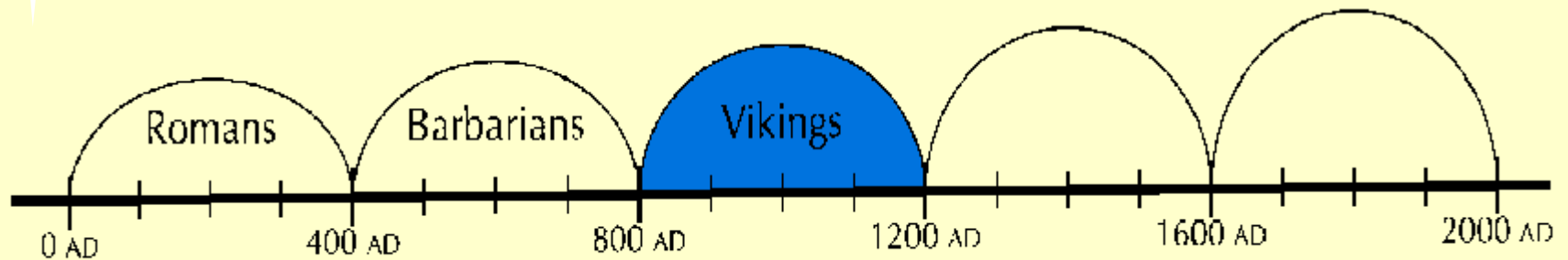
Boniface after chopping
down the sacred oak
of the thunder god

Cyril and Methodius,
missionaries to the Slavs

Origin of Christmas tree?

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Winning the Vikings AD 800 - 1200



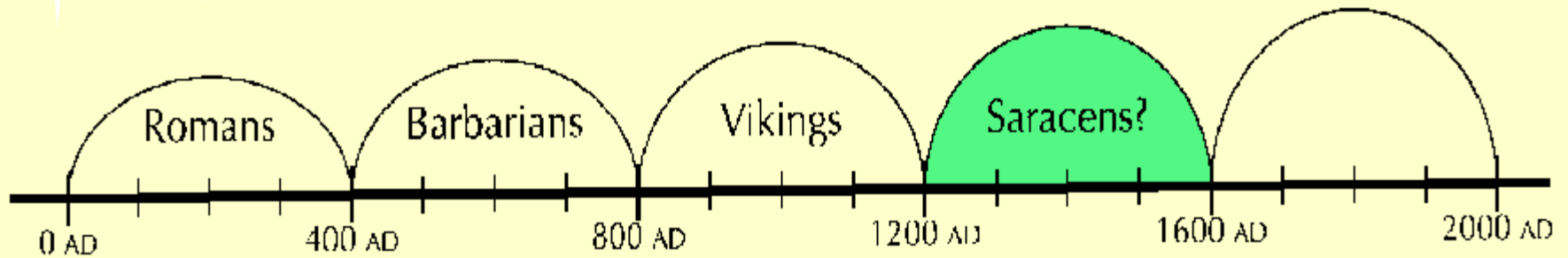
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Winning the Vikings AD 800 - 1200



- ⊗ Vikings delighted in
 - killing people in the churches
 - burning churches
 - selling monks into slavery.
- ⊗ Anskar (801-854)
 - “Apostle of the North”
 - Sadly, no visible, lasting results
- ⊗ Though England and the Continent were devastated by the Vikings, it was not a victory for paganism

Winning the Saracens? AD 1200-1600



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The stain of
the Crusades

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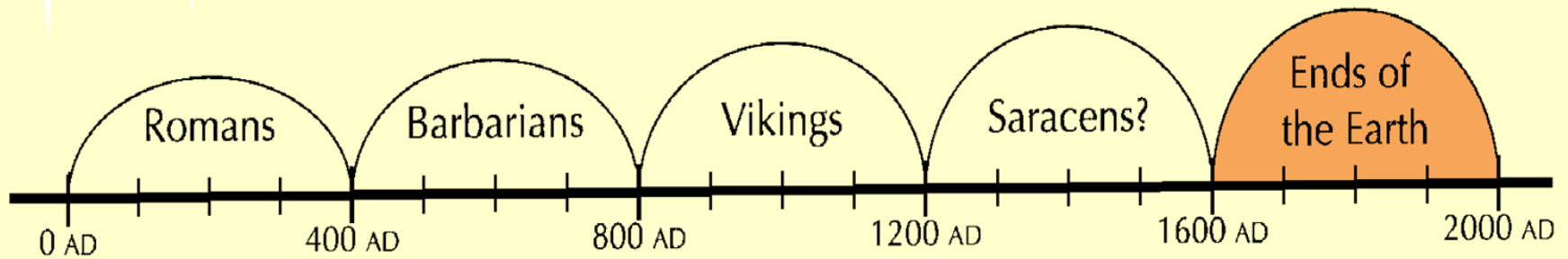


St. Francis of Assisi and
the Sultan of Egypt

Raymond Lull's
martyrdom in
North Africa

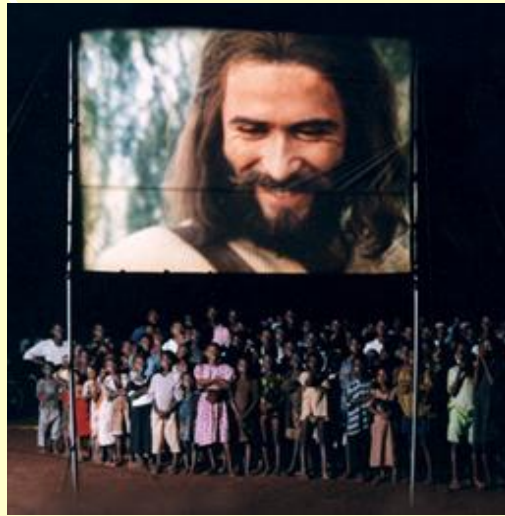
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To the Ends of the Earth AD 1600-2000



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1792-1914:

The Great Century

(in historian Latourette's words)

⊗ Opened:

- William Carey forms Baptist Missionary Society

⊗ Ended:

- World War I

“Imperfect as they were, those nineteenth-century missionaries turned what some thought to be a declining Caucasian religion into the largest and most dynamic religious faith in the world”

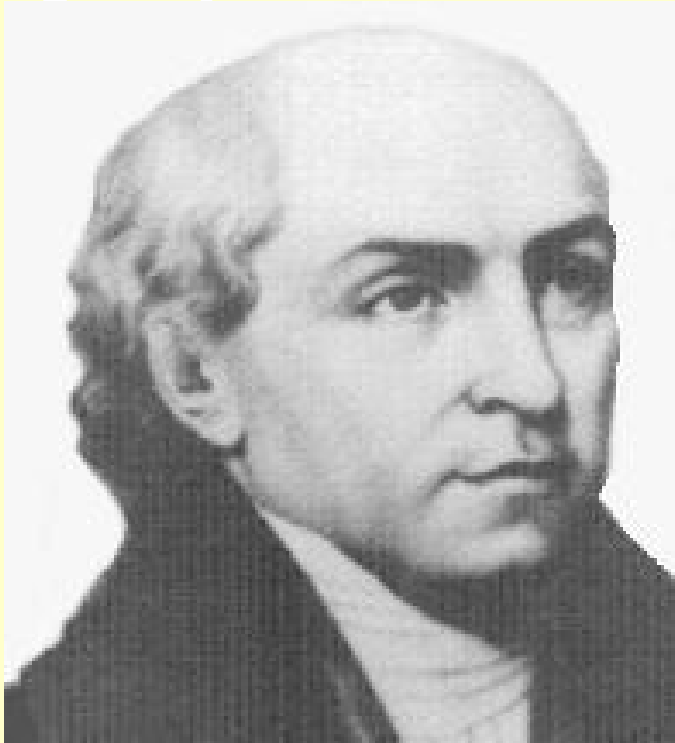
Ruth Tucker

Three eras; four men

- ⊗ To the coast lands (1792-1910)
 - William Carey
 - “Haystack” prayer meeting
 - European dominance
- ⊗ To the inland areas (1865-1980)
 - Hudson Taylor
 - “Faith” mission agencies
 - American dominance
- ⊗ Unreached groups (1934- ?)
 - William Cameron Townsend
 - Donald McGavran

William Carey

⊗ Father of Modern Missions



The rebuke to Carey:
*“When God chooses to win
the heathen, He will do it
without your help or ours.”*

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Hudson Taylor

✿ China Inland Mission

A Chinese convert:

“What! For hundreds of years you have had these glad tidings and only now have come to preach it to us? My father sought after the truth for more than twenty years, and died without finding it. Oh, why did you not come sooner?”



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Unreached Peoples

An Indian's
question:
*“How come God
doesn't speak my
language?”*

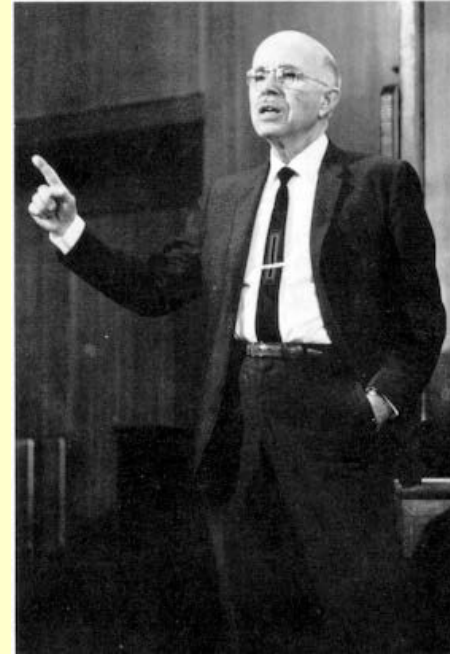


William “Uncle Cam” Townsend

Unreached Linguistic Groups

Unreached Peoples

*“God wants His
lost children
found!”*



Donald McGavran

Unreached Ethnic Groups

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World Missionary Conference Edinburgh 1910

Focus: What will it take to finish the job
in *the unoccupied fields*?

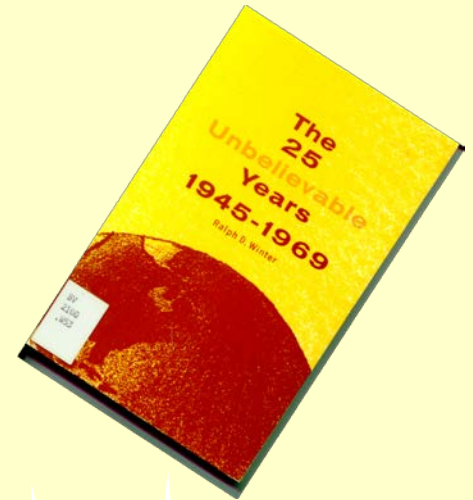


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1945-1969: The Twenty-Five Unbelievable years

(Ralph Winter's phrase)

- ⊗ Returning veterans bring global consciousness
- ⊗ Nationalism explodes
- ⊗ Collapse of Western control (from 99% to less than 5%)
- ⊗ Upsurge of Christianity in non-western world



The 21st Century?

Issues and themes to deal with

- ⊗ Sending
- ⊗ Overseeing
- ⊗ Intermediacy
- ⊗ Support
- ⊗ Shrinking World
- ⊗ SOP, PDQ, ETC, FYEO
- ⊗ Tentmaker Witnesses
- ⊗ Multicultural Teams
- ⊗ Colonialistic vestiges
 - “Missionaries can go anywhere”
 - “Missionaries can do anything”
 - “We are here to build things for God”
 - Using stewardship as excuse for a controlling posture”

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The end

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