




REFORMATION CHURCH TIMELINE

1500-1700



- 1492 Christopher Columbus reaches North America
- 1500 Pencil invented in England
- 1503 Leonardo da Vinci completes *Mona Lisa*
- 1508 Henry VIII ascends to English throne
- 1511 Desiderius Erasmus publishes *In Praise of Folly*
- 1512 Michelangelo completes Sistine Chapel
- 1517 Martin Luther posts “95 Theses” in Wittenberg
- 1519 Ulrich Zwingli preaches reformation in Switzerland
- 1521 Martin Luther excommunicated by Pope Leo X
- 1525 Peasants’ War in Germany; Anabaptist movement begins
- 1526 William Tyndale publishes English New Testament
- 1527 Luther writes hymn “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”
- 1533 Thomas Cranmer becomes Archbishop of Canterbury
- 1534 Church of England separates from Rome; city of Münster taken by Anabaptists
- 1536 Menno Simons becomes Anabaptist leader in Holland; John Calvin publishes first edition of *Institutes of the Christian Religion*
- 1543 Nicolaus Copernicus publishes *On the Revolutions of Heavenly Bodies*
- 1545 Katherine Parr publishes *Prayers or Meditations*; Anne Askew burned at the stake; Council of Trent begins
- 1547 Henry VIII of England dies; Edward VI ascends throne
- 1552 *Book of Common Prayer* published
- 1553 Mary Tudor ascends English throne
- 1555 Nicholas Ridley and Hugh Latimer burned at the stake by Mary Tudor
- 1556 Thomas Cranmer burned at the stake by Mary Tudor

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- 1558 Elizabeth I ascends English throne
- 1560 Jeanne d’Albret converts to Protestantism; French Calvinists first called Huguenots; John Knox publishes *First Book of Discipline*
- 1572 St. Bartholomew’s Day Massacre
- 1596 Thermometer invented; Rene Descartes born
- 1598 Henry IV of France signs Edict of Nantes, ending French Wars of Religion
- 1601 William Shakespeare publishes *Hamlet*
- 1603 James VI of Scotland ascends English throne as James I of England and Scotland
- 1605 Telescope invented
- 1611 “King James Version,” Bible translation authorized by James I of England, published
- 1619 Synod of Dort
- 1620 The Mayflower lands at Plymouth Rock
- 1634 Catholics found Maryland Colony
- 1647 Westminster Assembly ratifies *Westminster Confession of Faith*
- 1661 Louis XIV of France begins construction on Versailles
- 1663 John Eliot publishes Algonquian Bible, first Bible printed in America
- 1666 Great Fire of London
- 1675 King Philip’s War begins in Massachusetts
- 1678 John Bunyan publishes *Pilgrim’s Progress*
- 1685 Johann Sebastian Bach born
- 1689 Peter the Great becomes Tsar of Russia
- 1692 Salem witch trials execute twenty people
- 1700 Amish split from Swiss Brethren

