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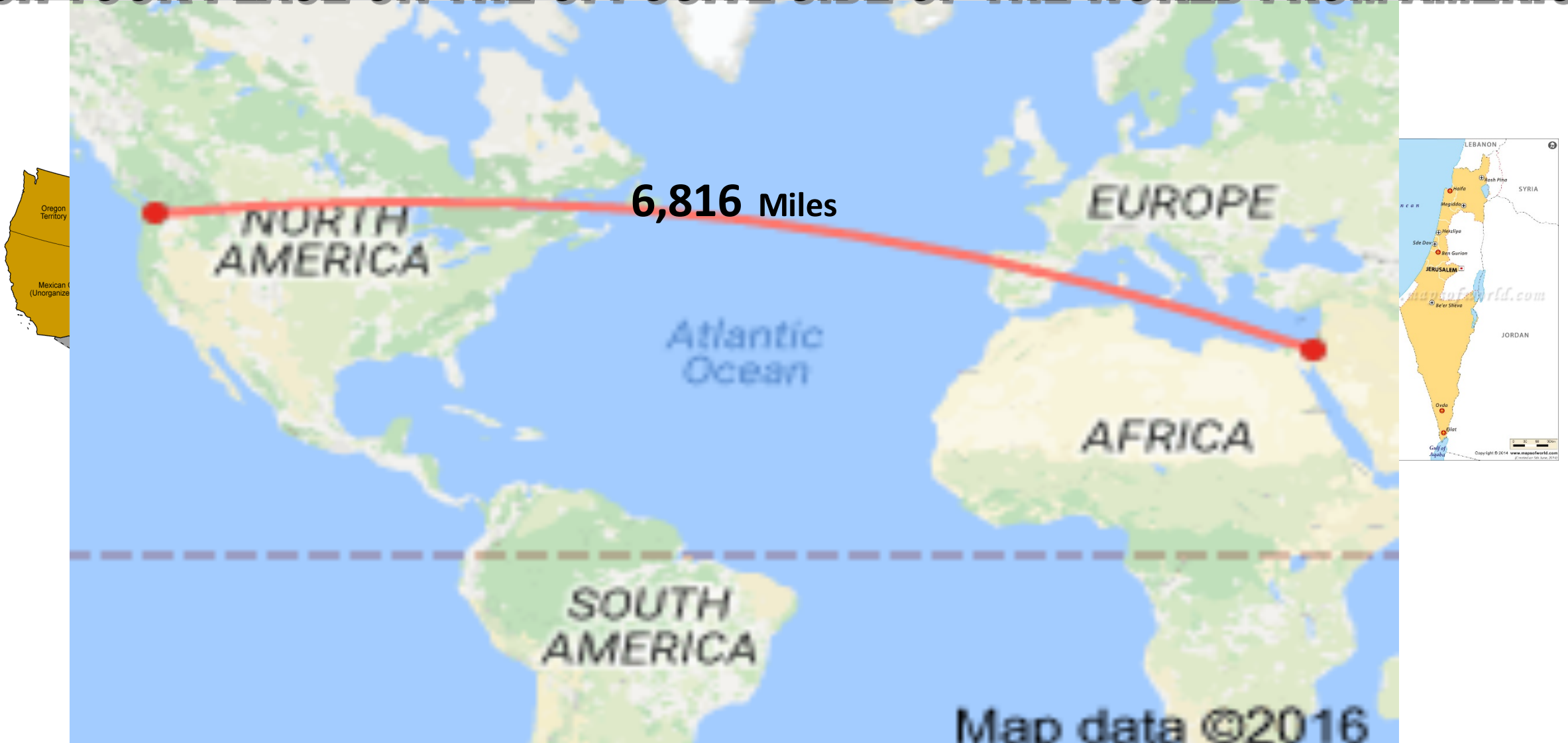


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THIS MORNING WE STUDIED THE GREATEST RELIGIOUS MOVEMENT IN THE WORLD

Now the parable is this: Luke 8:11 The seed is the word of God

THE RESTORATION MOVEMENT

Restoring the same church in
America as they had in the
New Testament

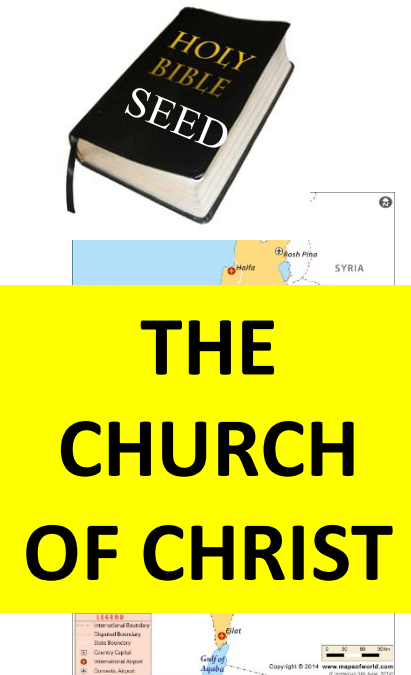


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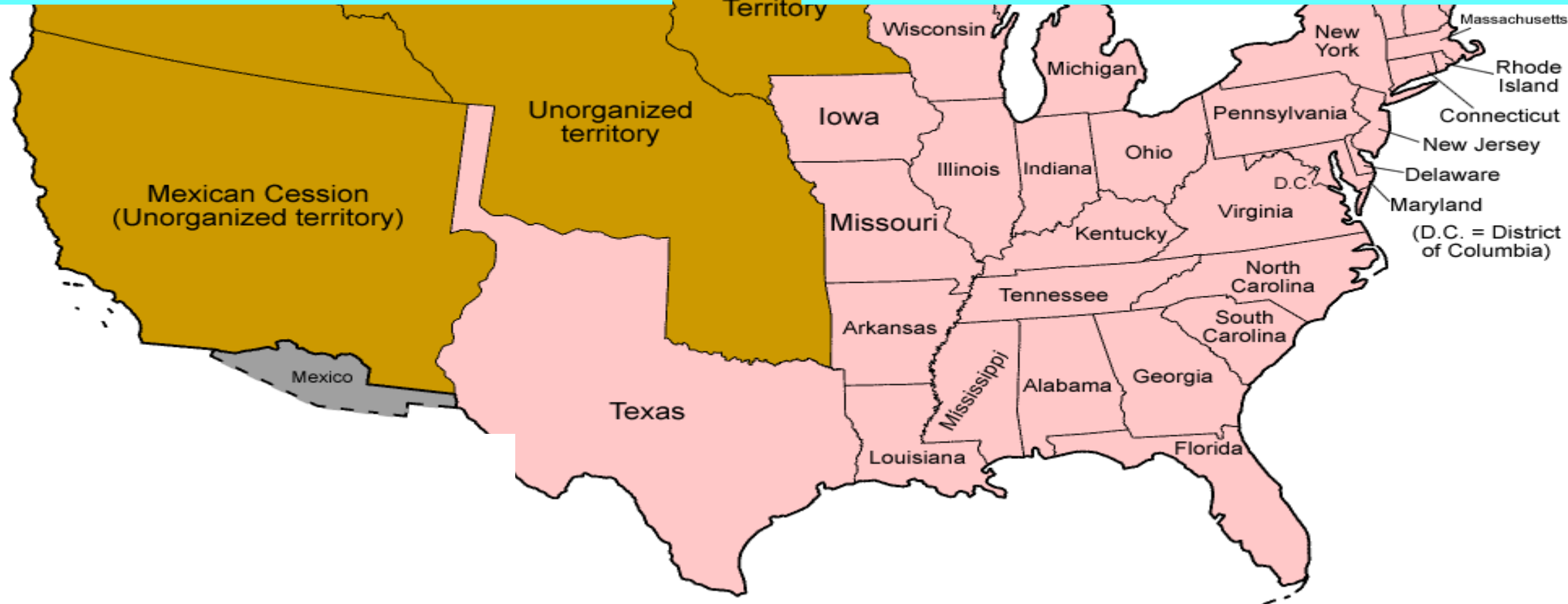
**THE
CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



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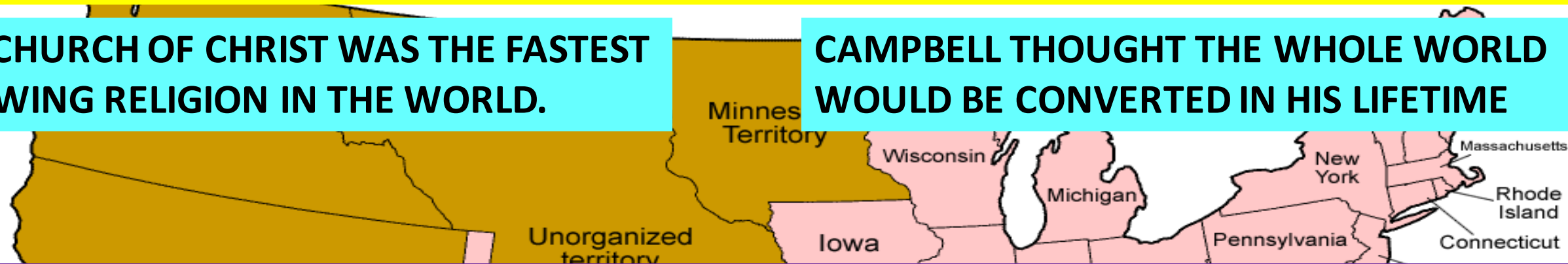


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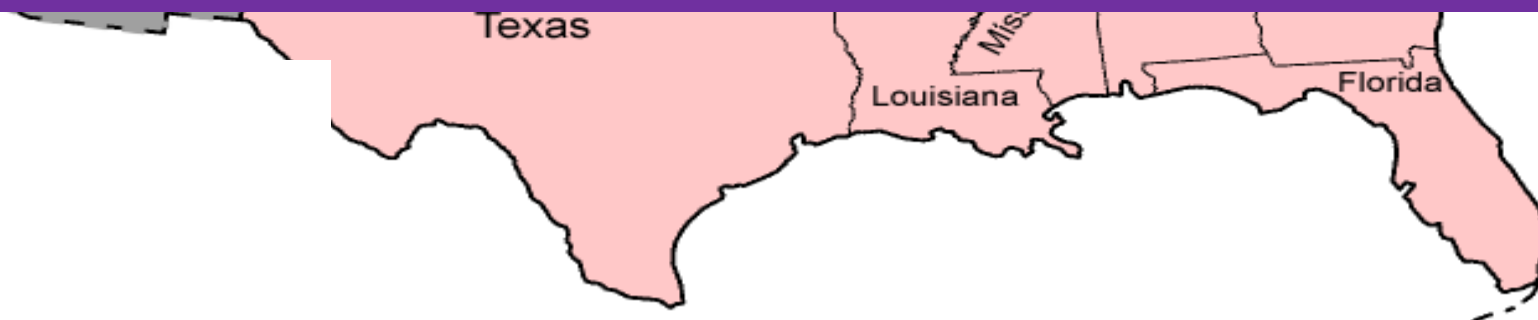
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AND
WHY THEIR PREACHING WAS SO EFFECTIVE

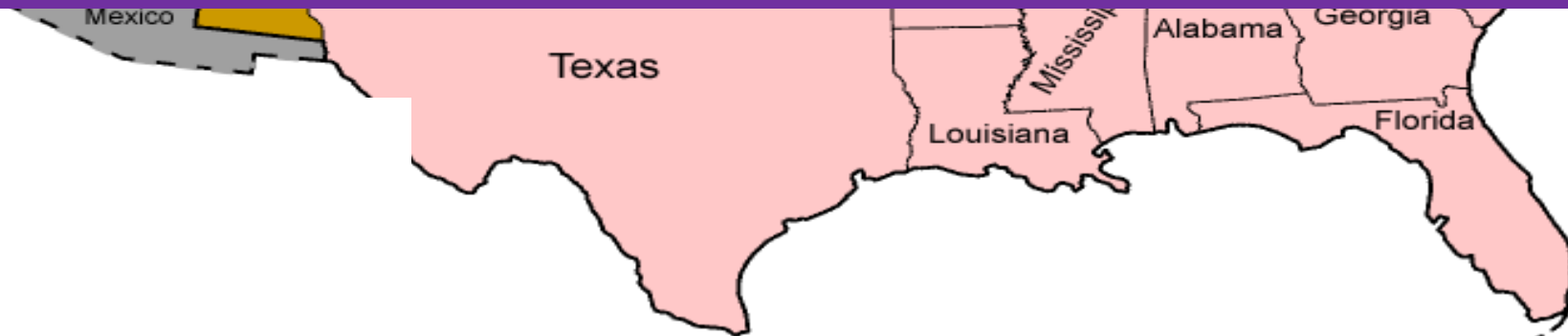


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FROM 1849 - 1906



**TONIGHT WE HEAR THE STORY ABOUT HOW IT ALL
WENT ASTRAY AND BECAME THE
THIRD APOSTASY**



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JESUS CHRIST

WE KNOW HOW FAST THE CHURCH GREW IN THE N.T. TIMES WITH THIS SIMPLE ORGANIZATION

WE KNOW THAT BETWEEN 1800 -1849 IT BECAME THE FASTEST GROWING CHURCH WITH THIS SIMPLE ORGANIZATION



EACH CONGREGATION FUNCTIONED UNDER ITS OWN ELDERS. EACH CHURCH DID ITS OWN WORK. NO ELDERSHIP HAD ANY OVERSIGHT OVER ANYTHING CONNECTED TO ANY OTHER CHURCH. THERE WAS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THE CHURCHES. IF ANY CHURCH WENT ASTRAY, IT HAD NO EFFECT ON ANY OF THE OTHER CHURCHES. EACH CONGREGATION WAS AUTONOMOUS.

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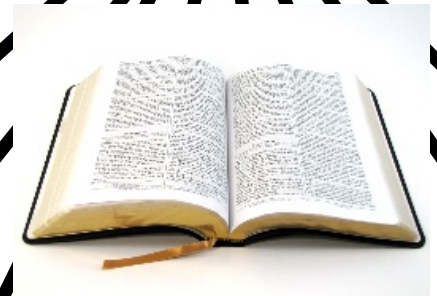
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JESUS CHRIST

IF ANY CHURCH GOES ASTRAY,
IT WILL NOT AFFECT ANY
OTHER CHURCH

JESUS WILL SIMPLY REMOVE
THOSE APOSTATE CHURCHES



Rev 2:5
Remember therefore from
where you have fallen;
repent and do the first
works, or else I will come
to you quickly and remove
your lampstand from its
place — unless you repent.

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JESUS CHRIST

THIS SIMPLE ORGANIZATION
WAS PRACTICED UNTIL 1849
WHEN CAMPBELL CAME UP
WITH A NEW IDEA



AND WE HAVE THE
FIRST STEP IN THE
THIRD APOSTASY

HE DEvised A PLAN WHEREBY **ALL OF THE CHURCHES** COULD POOL THEIR
MONEY AND DO A MUCH GREATER WORK THAN EACH CHURCH DOING ITS
OWN WORK

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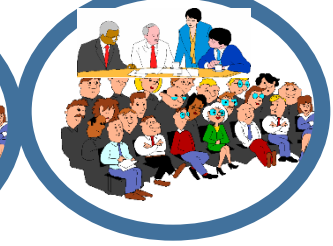
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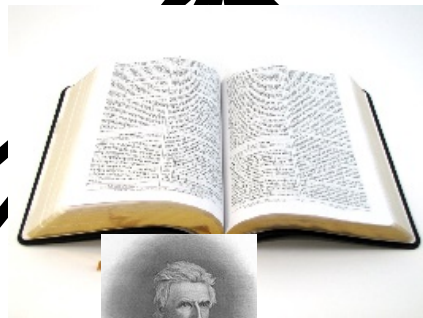
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CAMPBELL TOOK THE LEAD IN SETTING UP A BOARD WHERE MANY CHURCHES COULD WORK UNDER ONE HEAD

NO
BIBLE
AUTHORITY



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Missionary Society**

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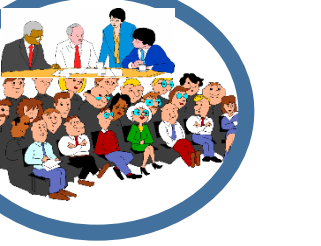
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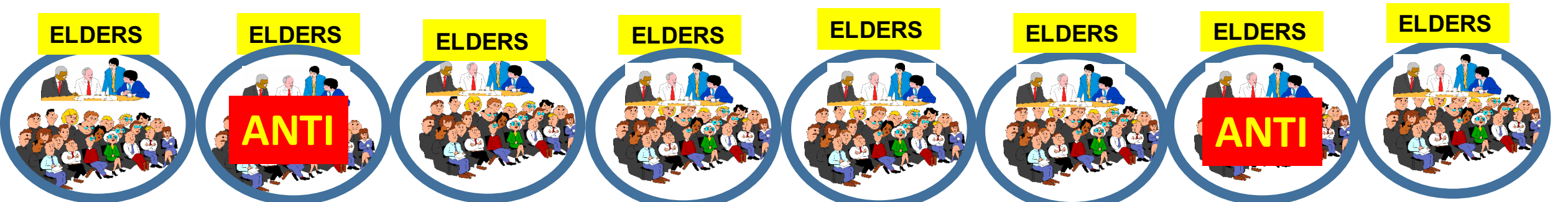
THE NEXT STEP WAS THE MYSTERY OF LAWLESSNESS BEGINNING ITS WORK



IF WE CAN HAVE A MISSIONARY SOCIETY WITHOUT BIBLE
AUTHORITY THEN WE CAN ALSO HAVE OTHER THINGS

USE OF
REVEREND
AS A TITLE

USE OF
INSTRUMENTAL
MUSIC



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC FINALLY CAUSED A SPLIT IN CHURCHES

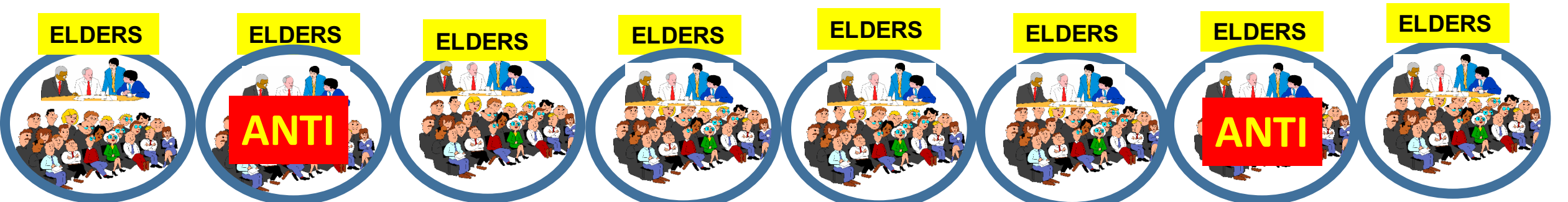


HERE WE CAN LEARN AN IMPORTANT LESSON.
WHY SPLIT AT THIS POINT RATHER THAN AT OTHER SINS?

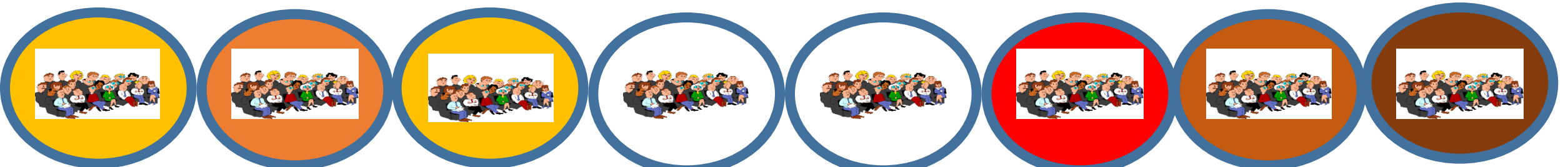
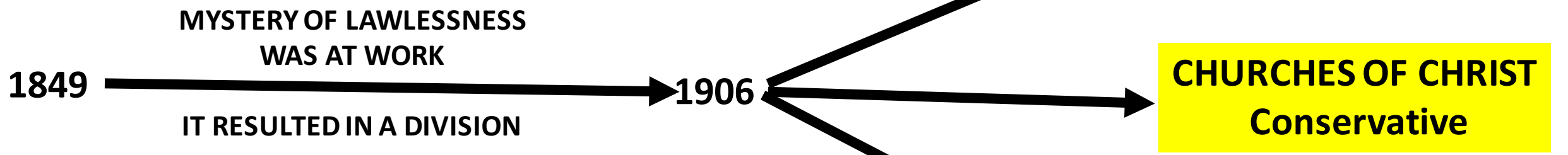
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WE CAN LEARN FROM THIS EXAMPLE, AND FROM THE BIBLE TEACHING LATER ON
THAT CHURCHES DON'T DIVIDE UNTIL A MEMBER CANNOT REMAIN THERE WITHOUT BEING
PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN SIN



THREE GROUPS IN THE DIVISION



MEANING OF LIBERAL AND CONSERVATIVE



Open to new behavior or opinions and willing to discard traditional values.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Very liberal

1849

MYSTERY OF LAWLESSNESS

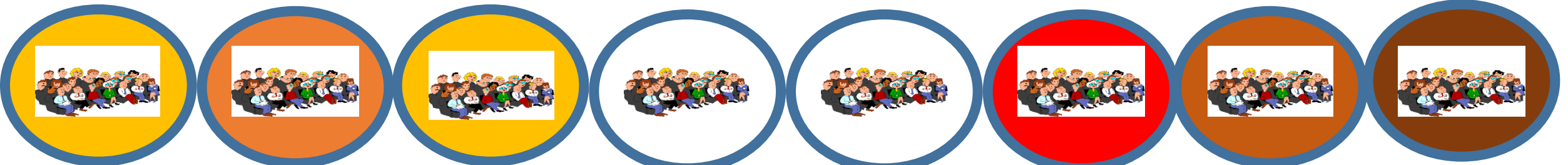
A TIME OF DIVISION



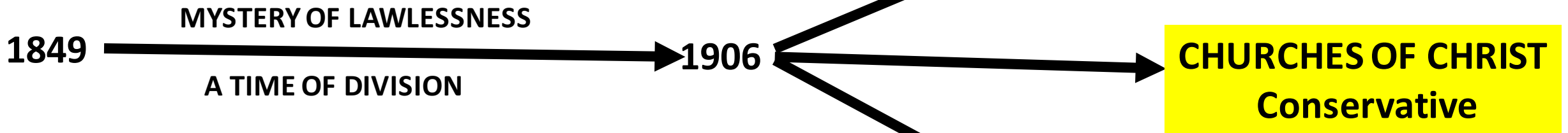
CHURCHES OF CHRIST
Conservative

Holding to traditional attitudes and values and cautious about change or innovation, typically in relation to politics or religion

THE DISCIPLES
Extremely Liberal

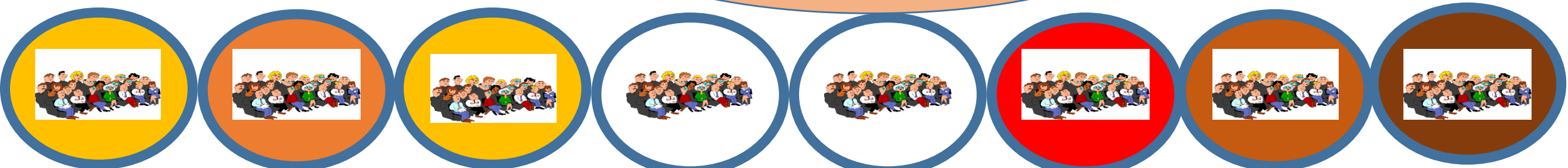


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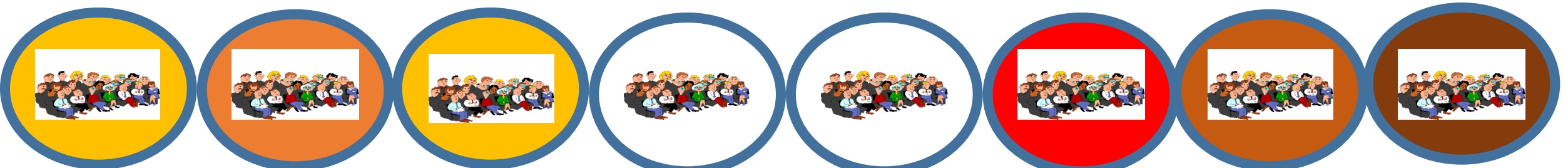
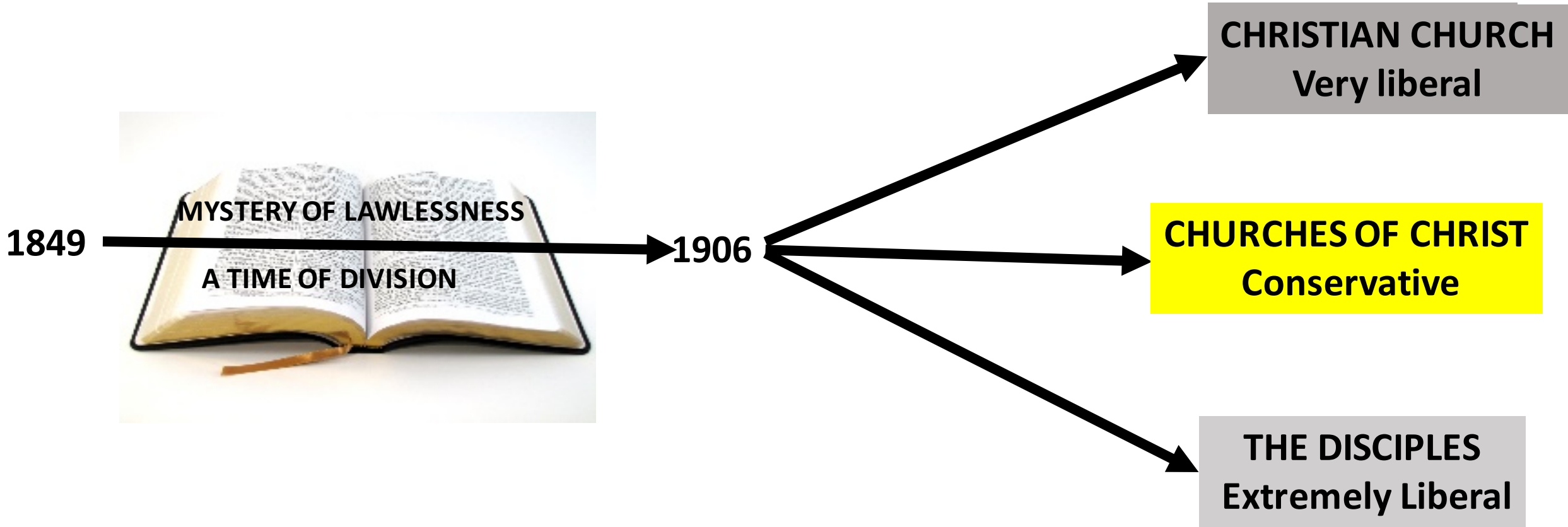


- 1. HUMAN ORGANIZATIONS
- 2. TITLES FOR PREACHERS
- 3. INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

- 1. DO NOT BELIEVE TAKING THE BIBLE LITERALLY.
- 2. DO NOT BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

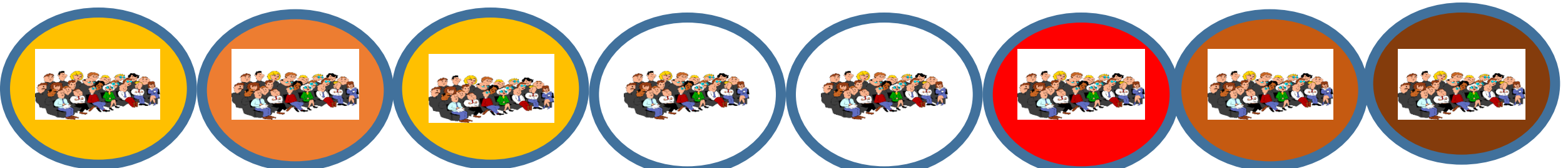
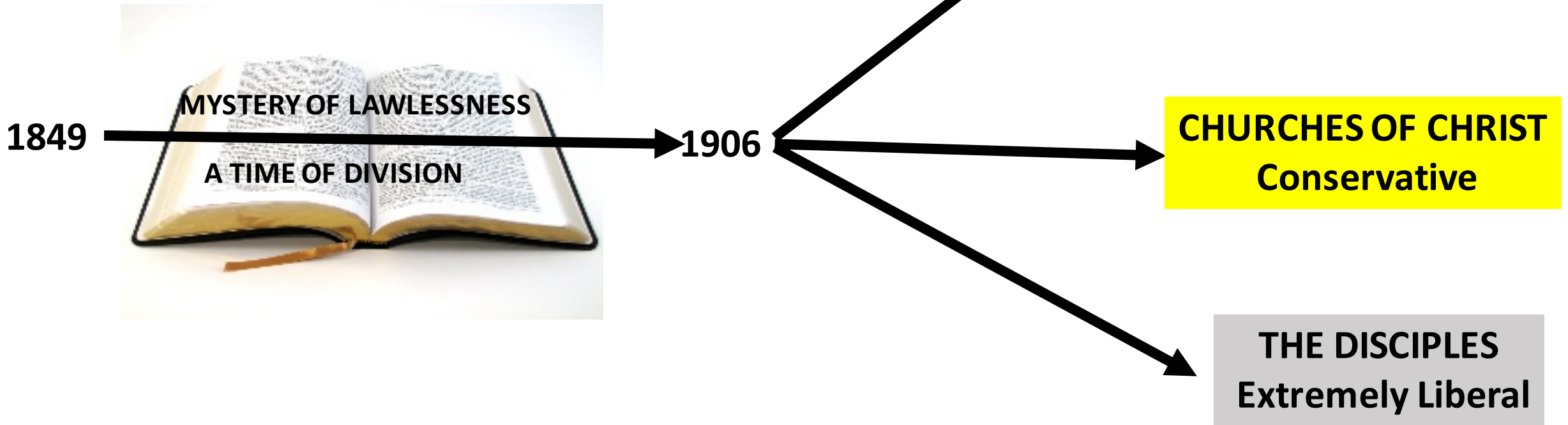


AND THE THIRD APOSTASY WAS COMPLETED IN 1906



BUT WAIT
WHAT KIND OF A RELATIONSHIP
WITH THE PROBLEM
CAN WE HAVE WITH THEM

THERE IS ONE MORE THING



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