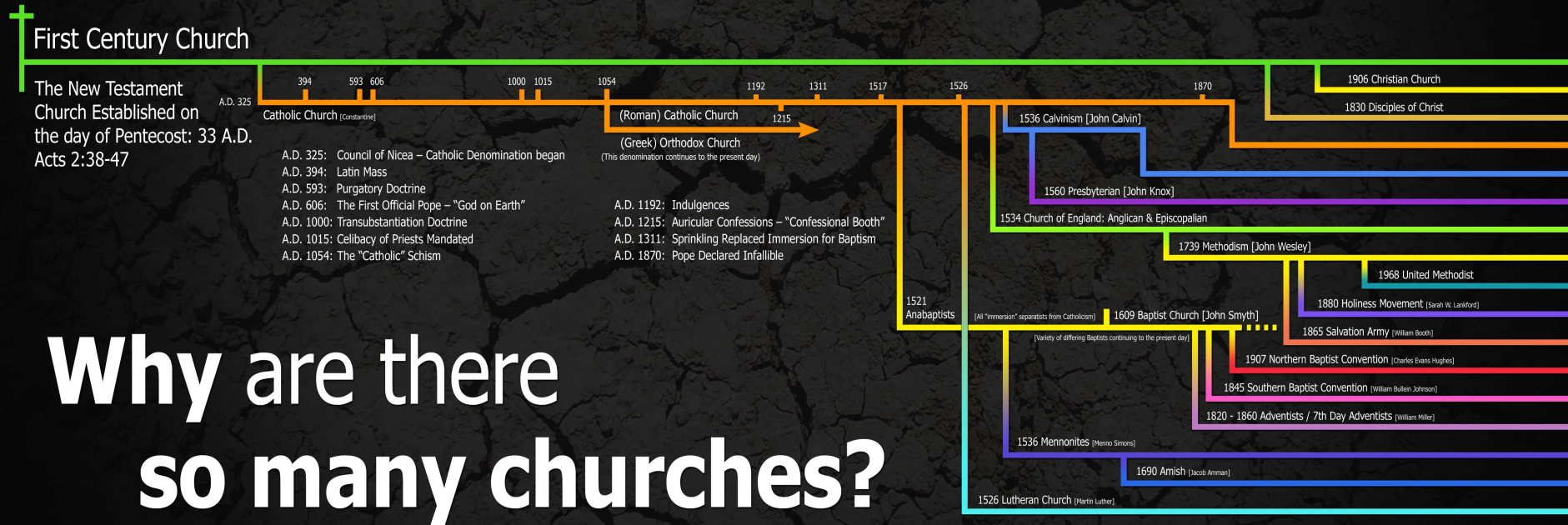


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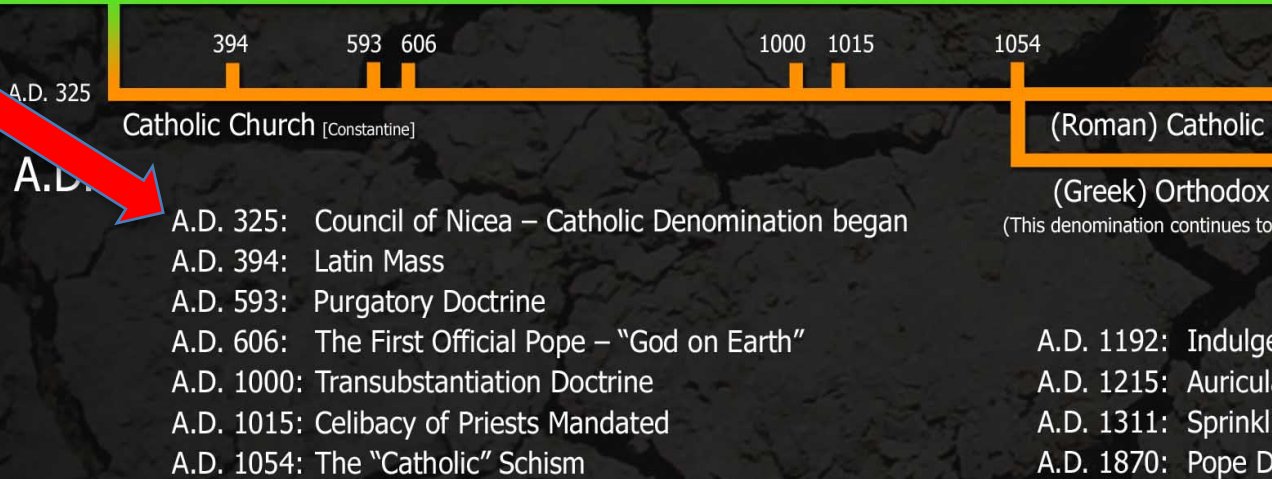
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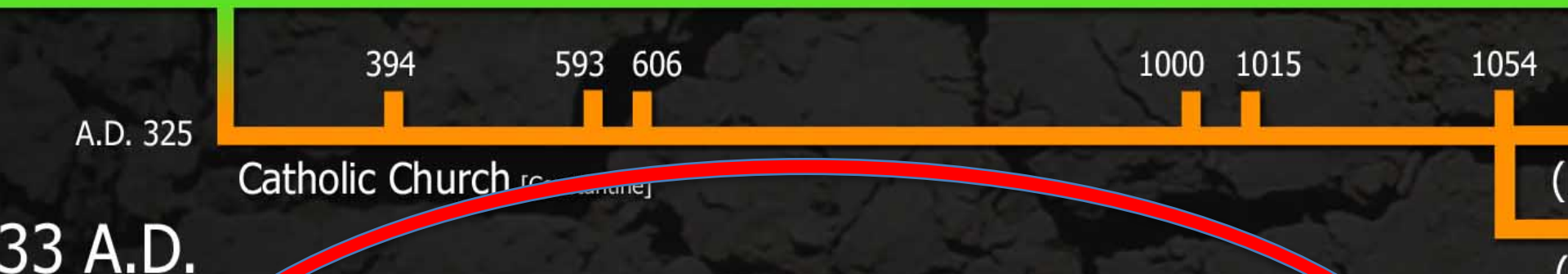


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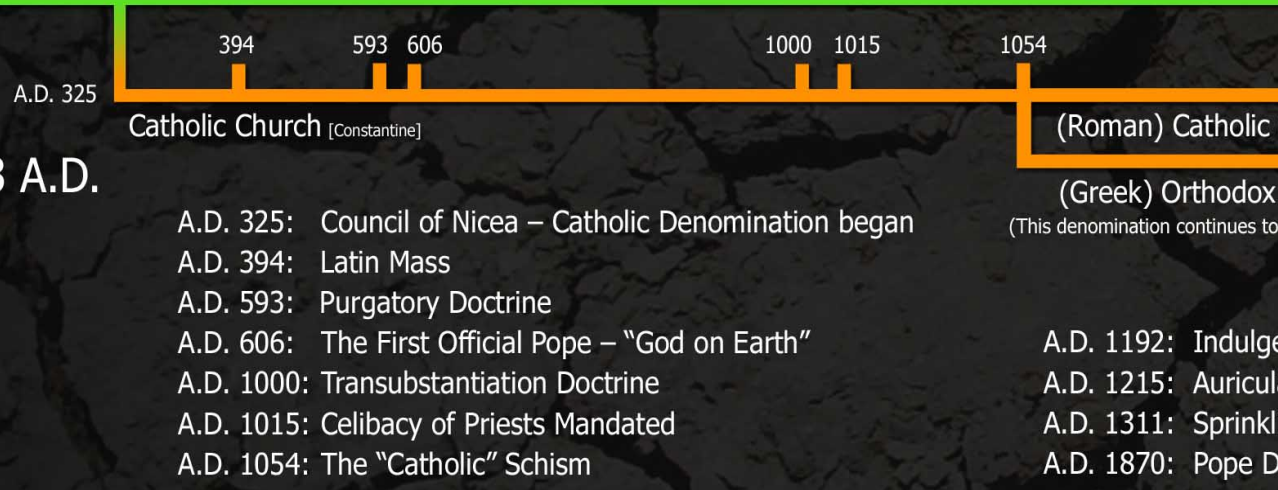
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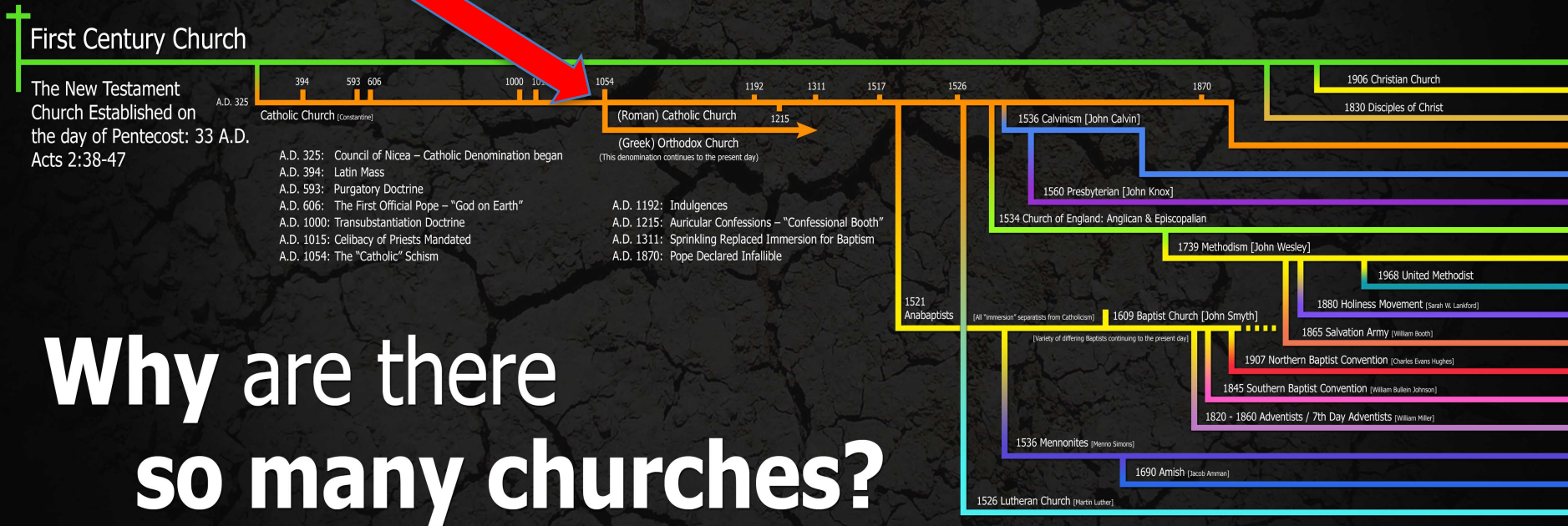
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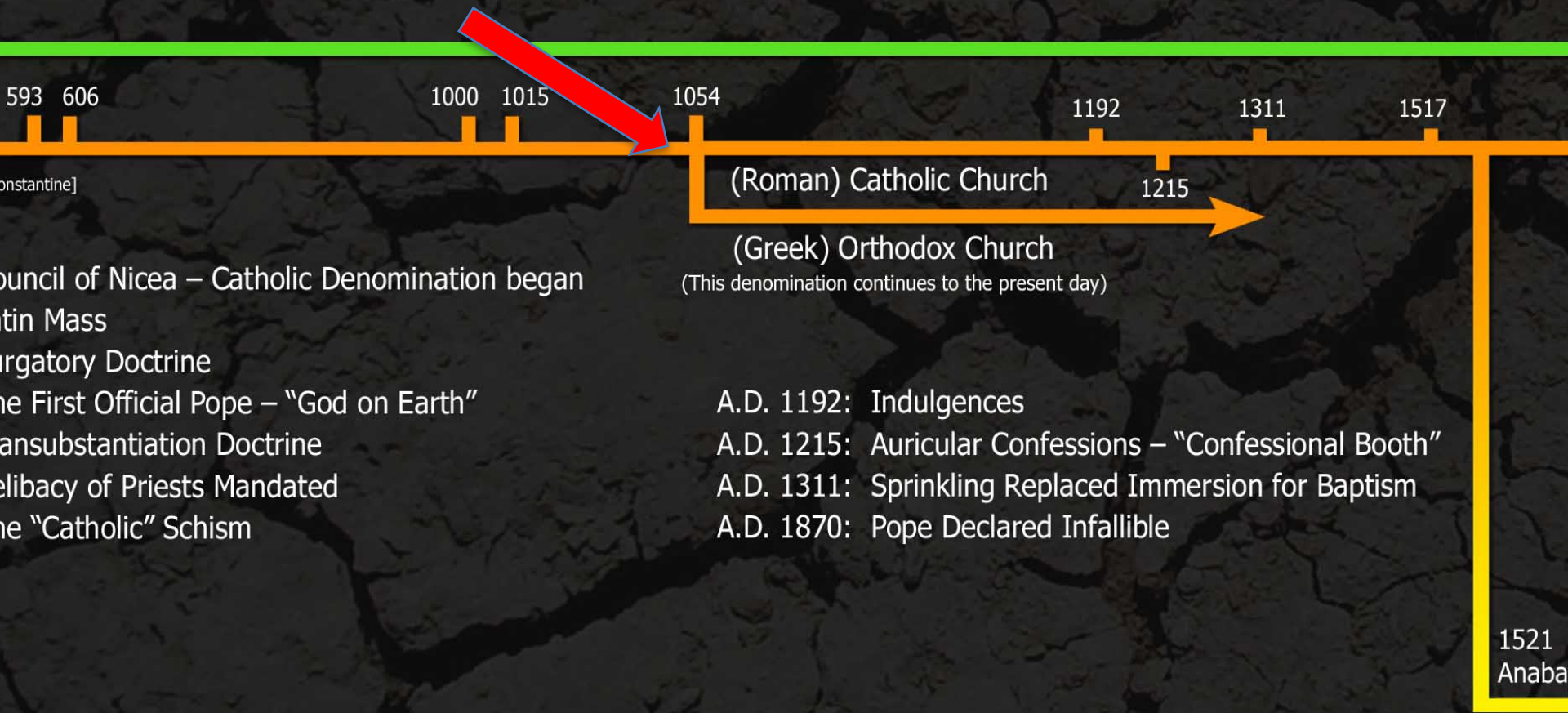
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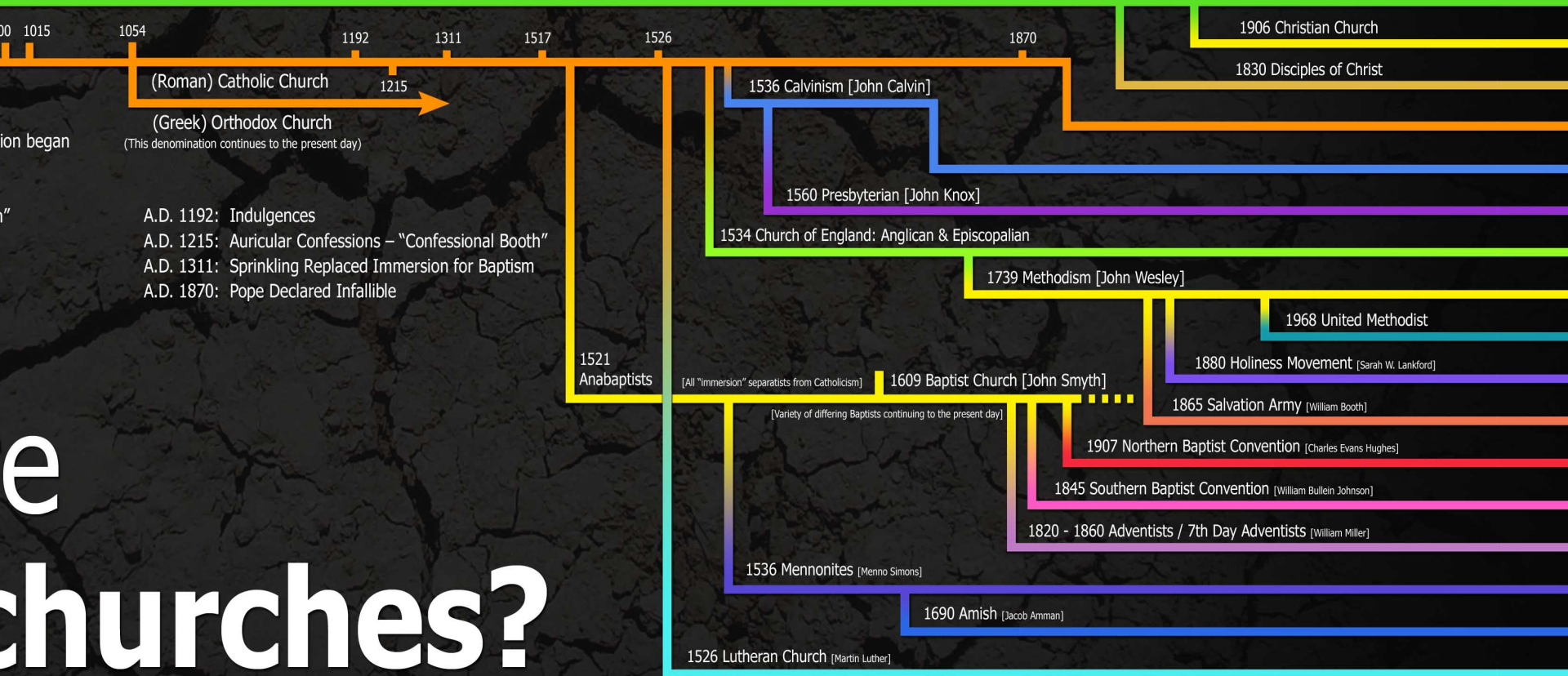
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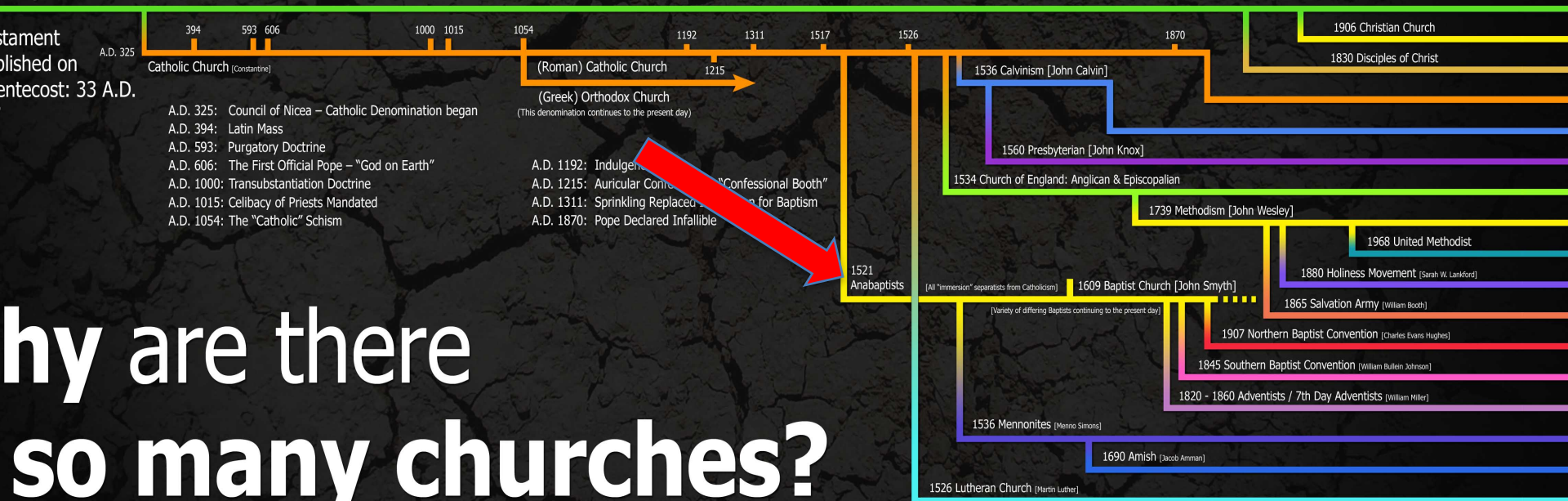
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New Testament
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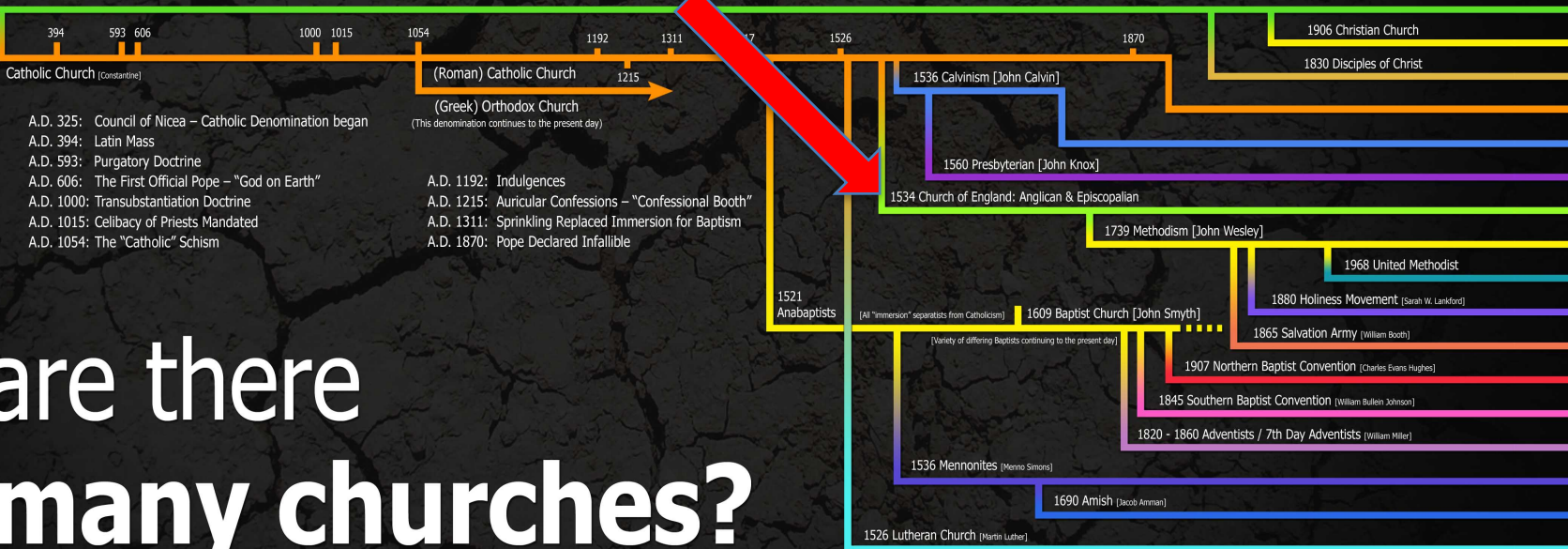


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1571

1534 Church of England: Anglican & Episcopalian

1536 Calvinism (John Calvin)

1560 Presbyterian (John Knox)

1571 Anabaptists

[All “immersion” separatists from Catholicism]

1609 Baptist Church (John Smyth)

[A variety of differing Baptists continuing to the present day]

1526 Lutheran Church (Martin Luther)

1536 Mennonites (Menno Simons)

1690 Amish (Jacob Amman)

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1820 - 1860

1739 Methodism (John Wesley)

1776 Holiness Movement (Sarah W. Lanford)

1807 Northern Baptist Convention (Charles Evans Hughes)

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