



0 TIMELINE 30-70 AD

YEAR (AD)	EVENT
30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yeshua the Nazorean is executed by the Romans. Three days later He rises from the dead. 40 days after His Resurrection He ascends to the Father.• Fifty days after the Resurrection (ten days after the Ascension), on the Jewish Feast of Weeks (called the Feast of Pentecost by Greek culture Jews) God the Holy Spirit descends upon and indwells the disciples waiting in the Upper Room. It is the Second Great Pentecost and the birth of the New Covenant Church
33 ? 34	Stephen is martyred. Christian persecution by Jews intensifies
35	Peter is Bishop of Antioch for 7 years
37	Roman Emperor Tiberius smothered to hasten his death
41	Emperor Caligula assassinated and succeeded by Claudius
42 -67	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peter goes to Rome to establish the headquarters of the Church• James the Just is Bishop of Jerusalem
43	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roman Emperor Claudius initiates conquest of Britain.• Paul's conversion
46 - 67	Paul's missionary journeys
49 - 50	Council of Jerusalem
54	Emperor Claudius poisoned by his wife and succeeded by her son Nero
59	Nero orders the death of his mother
60	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nero murders his wife and marries Poppaea, a Jewish sympathizer.• Queen Boudicca's revolt in Britain

62	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parthians revolt against Rome. • James Bishop of Jerusalem martyred
64	Great fire of Rome. Rome begins persecution of Christians
65	Nero murders his pregnant wife Poppaea
66	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roman procurator of Judea, Gessius Florus, murders 3,600 Jews (crucifying about 2,000) in May. May-Oct. Christians flee Judea. • Jewish Revolt against Rome begins with massacre of Jerusalem Roman garrison in Oct. • Roman gentiles of Caesarea kill 20,000 Jews • Jewish army defeats and massacres the Roman garrison at Masada • Gentiles of Damascus, Syria massacre 10,000 Jews • Roman occupied cities across Judea, Samaria, Egypt, Syria, and Asia attack Jews. • Roman General Cestius Gallus' army defeated in Nov. and driven out • Jews fight each other; 3 different factions. Each leader claims to be 'messiah.' • Numerous earthquakes
67	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Vespasian and son Titus come across the Euphrates River; arrive in Judea from Syria with 4 Roman legions to destroy the Jewish revolt. • Revolts against Rome in Gaul and Spain • Peter and Paul executed in Rome (sometime between 64-67?)
68 - 69	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "The Year of Four Emperors" Nero commits suicide and is succeeded by Galba, Otho, and Vitellius who is succeeded by General Vespasian. Vespasian is named Emperor by Roman Senate • Roman army destroys Qumran (community where Dead Sea Scrolls found)
70	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Titus begins siege of Jerusalem in March • The Temple and Jerusalem are destroyed by the Roman army. Jewish historian Josephus estimated the dead of Jerusalem at 1,197,000. • Jews who survive revolt are sold into slavery

1. Main reasons for the Jewish revolt against Rome

- Rome took over the appointing of the Jewish high priest
- They only chose those who backed Rome.
- This was an attack on the Jewish religion and they hated this
- The Zealots were a radical group who just wanted to overthrow the Romans
- Caligula declared himself a deity and wanted a statue of himself in every temple but the Jews refused.
- He hated them and threatened to destroy the temple
- This strengthened the Zealots cause because the Jews could not defile the temple
- Times following Romans would burn a Torah
- Taxes were increased
- Rome has a huge fire and Nero blames the Christians for it
- He persecutes them
- In 66AD Nero stole vast quantities of silver from the Temple
- This outraged the Jews and they attacked a garrison of Romans in Jerusalem
- Rome sent reinforcements but the Jews beat them
- The Jews thought they might overthrow the Romans
- Rome sent 60 000 soldiers and killed or sold into slavery about 100 000 Jews
- The Jews in Jerusalem did not assist in this battle and so the Jews who fled to Jerusalem killed all their Jewish leadership (they liked Rome)
- The civil war inside Jerusalem made it easy for Rome to besiege Jerusalem and destroy the Temple
- fire
- The lives and deaths of the 12 Disciples

2. Summary

Persecution forced the church to go out