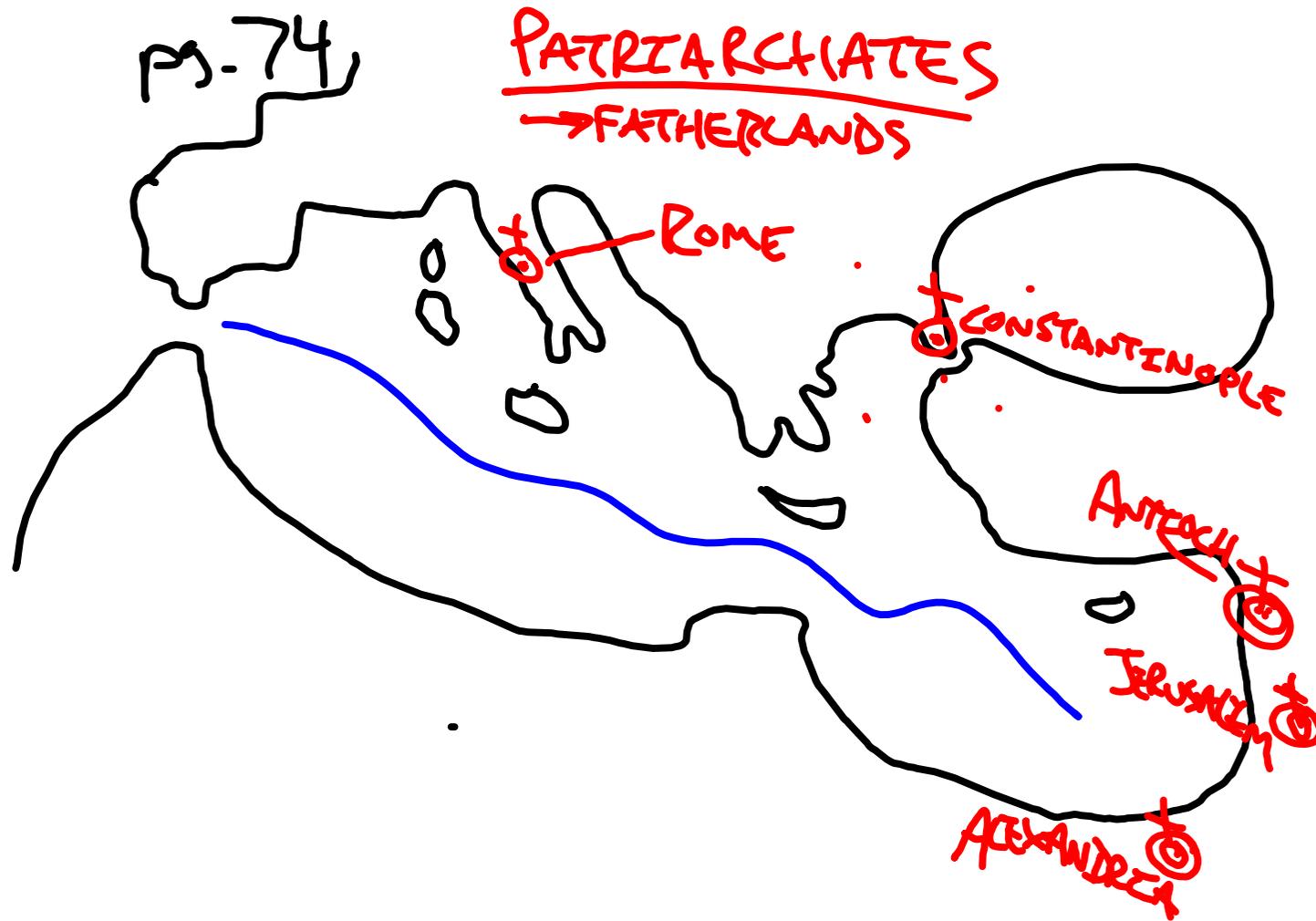


Ch. 11 - Saints in Our History, pt. 1



74-75
Although

St. Peter

As one of the Twelve

1 - mission to preach, teach, heal, forgive, etc.

2 - The Rock, the leader of the Twelve, first Pope

3) Buried on Vatican Hill

4) Martyred under the Emperor Nero 64-67 A.D.

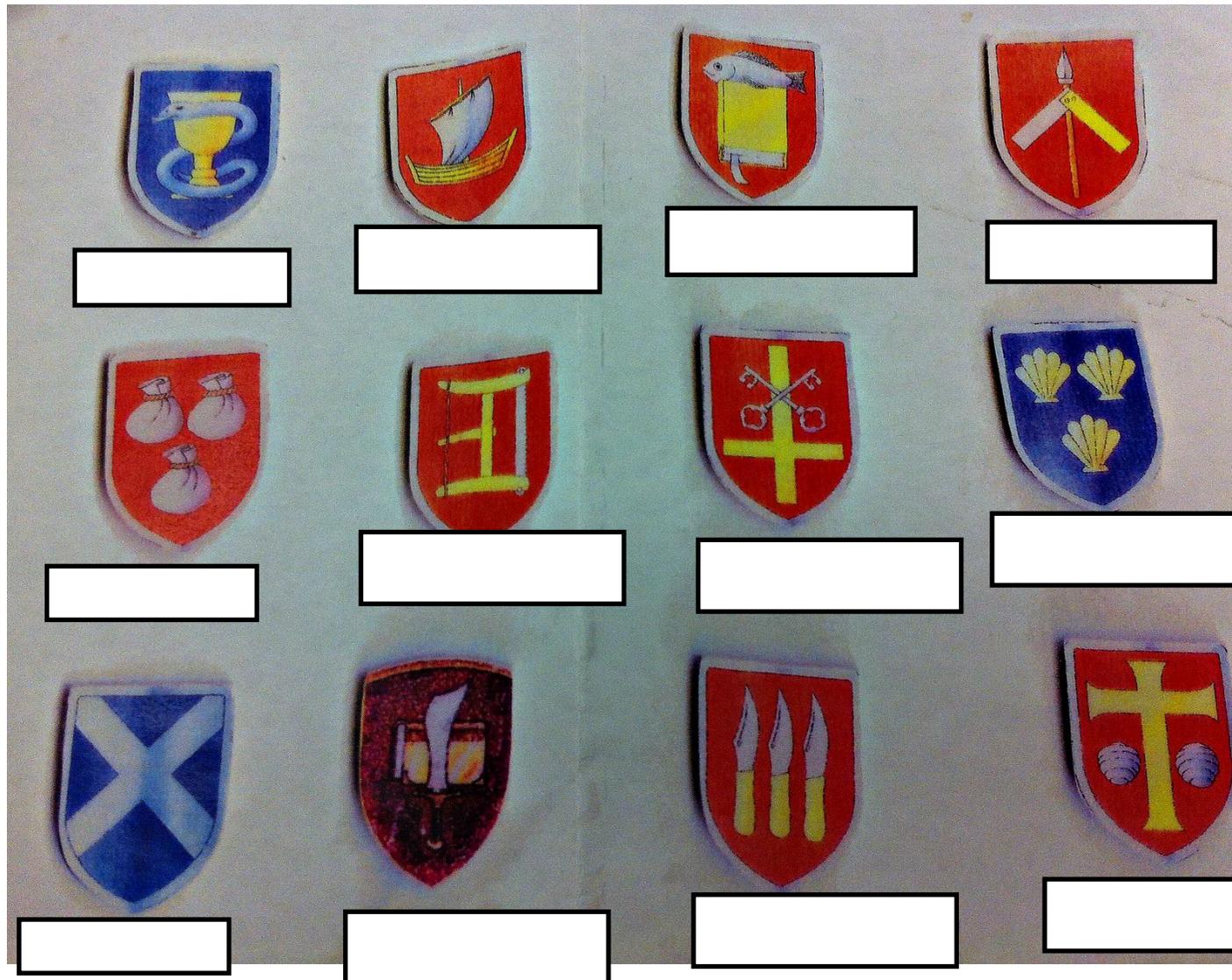
St. Paul

1 Preached throughout parts of Asia & Europe

2 He preached to all, including Jews & Gentiles

3 He survived being stoned and imprisoned

4 He wrote 14 letters to communities that he preached



Word Bank

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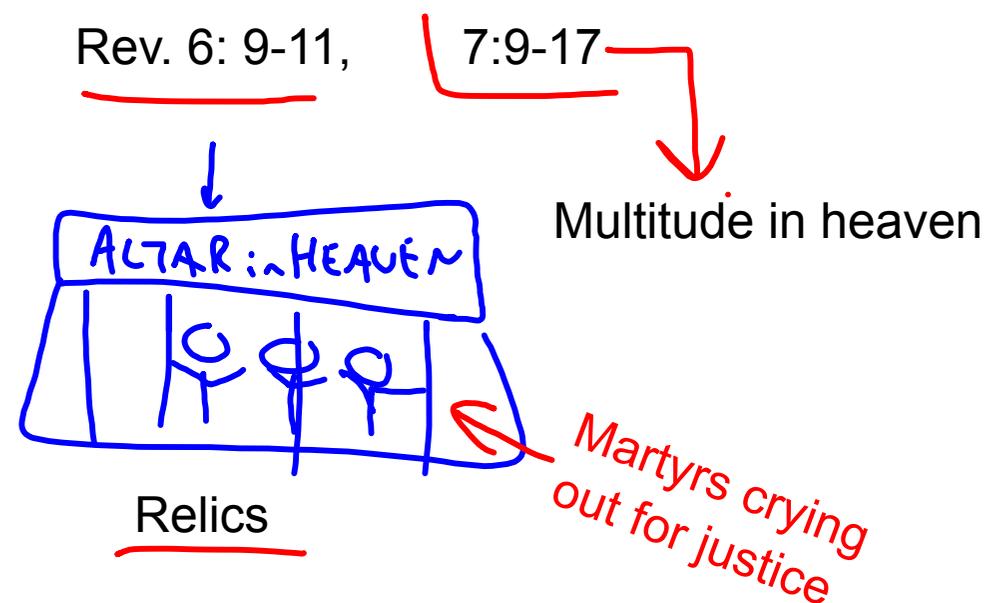
Gen 4 - Abel

Daniel 3
Three men refuse to worship an idol
They choose martyrdom (red)
God the Son (or angel) protects them
They suffer a "white" martyrdom

2 Macc. 7:1-41: Martyrdom, suffering can only
endured because of hope in the resurrection
of the Body

Acts 6:1-8:1

St. Stephen



Greeks vs Jews

Old Testament

2 Macc. 7:1-41

Jews vs Christians

New Testament

Acts 6:1-8:1

Why did the martyrs endure such suffering?

They had hope in the resurrection

7 = perfection

7 Martyrs = perfect love

8th Mom = complete eternal life

St. Stephen

- 1) falsely accused
- 2) trial before the Sanhedrin
- 3) "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."
- 4) "Lord, do not hold this sin against them."

Mary gives us the perfect offering = Jesus

Rev. 6: 9-11,

7:9-17



Altar in Heaven

Relics

Multitude in heaven

Martyrs crying out for justice

Roman Persecution of Christians.

Why?

- 1) Secrecy - gatherings were by invitation only; at night (after Sabbath worship)
- 2) Worshiped a crucified criminal?
- 3) Cannibals?
- 4) Would not worship the Emperor or Roman gods.
- 5) Pacifists = unpatriotic

martyrs Satan The Church Triumphant

Emperor worship Roman Empire

libelli Roman Emperors Nero

Revelation 13:1-18

The Dragon = Satan, ancient Serpent

The Beast = Roman Empire

v.1 "Then I saw a beast come out of the sea..."

Roman Empire

v.1 "and seven heads...and on its heads blasphemous names."

Roman emperors

v.2 "To it, the dragon gave its own power and throne, along with great authority."

Satan

v.4 "they also worshipped the beast", v.15 "anyone who did not worship it..."

Emperor worship

v.16-17 "it forced all the people...to be given a stamped image..."

Libelli

v.18 "it is a number that stands for a person. His number is six hundred and sixty-six."

Nero

Revelation 6:9-11 - many of these saints were baptized in their own blood; connects to the use of saints' relics in our altars

Martyrs

Revelation 7:9-17 - these are the saints depicted in the 4th painting in the back of our classroom

Church Triumphant

Ps. 75] Although the Church...

· REVELATION 13: 1-18.

List characters/elements

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St Peter Quo Vadis

Where are you going?

- Peter was fleeing Rome.

Tavern

JOHN 21:15-23

- He saw Jesus heading into Rome

- He asked Jesus:

"Domine, quo vadis?"

- JESUS: "I'm going to the Coliseum to be crucified again."

- PETER: had some wine, went back to Rome to be crucified.

Cult of the Martyrs

- practice of veneration of those who died witnessing for their faith

- Roman burial had to be outside the city walls, often alongside the roads leading out of Rome

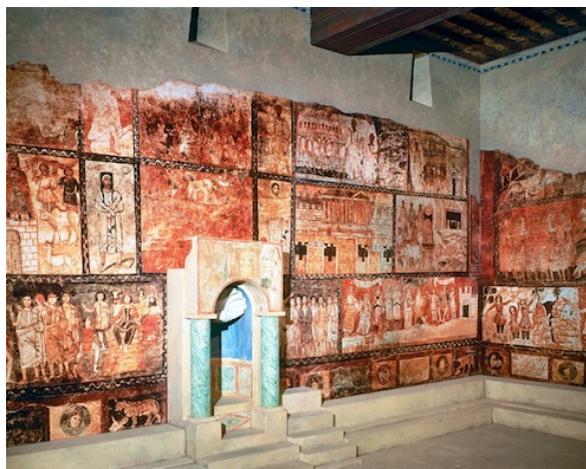
- Romans began to dig down into the base rock, which was soft to build catacombs



Good Shepherd



Earliest depiction of Mary



(info comes from Tacitus, a pagan Roman historian)



Nero wanted to rebuild Rome and his palace, but to do so, he had to clear out large sections of the city. He had a fire started and blamed it on the Christians. 64-68 A.D. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2s7LdMk-EM4>

Coliseum: called so because of the giant statue "colossus" of Nero just outside.

- To punish Christians, he instituted games for the public featuring Christians vs. beasts, etc.



Sts. Peter and Paul both died during the reign of Nero.

666

- Nero's garden parties featured crucified Christians on fire as torches.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JW42TnIE0Zs>

Persecution by the Emperor Decius

250-251 A.D.

- to unify the Empire
in belief and allegiance
and to target Christians
- Romans had to sacrifice
to the traditional Roman
gods and burn incense
before an image of the Emperor as a god
in public before an imperial official.



Libelli

Certification
that citizens
publicly worshipped
Emperor.



List the options Christians had in this situation and their consequences.

Options	Consequences
Run away	To where? Is it cowardly?
Hide	For how long? Is it cowardly?
Fight back	Imprudent. "offer no resistance"
Bribery	8th Commandment?
Apostasy	Idolatry; then renouncing the Holy Faith;
Persecution	Many were tortured and imprisoned
Martyrdom	Those who "witnessed" for Christ

Read 1 Peter 4:12-19

What to do with the *lapsis*?

Novatius:

No forgiveness for you!

The Church is for Saints only!

= Novatian Schism

Pope Cornelius:

Do penance and amend your life. Amen.



Persecution of **Diocletian** - 303-311

- Last, largest and most widespread Roman persecution
- Churches destroyed
- Property of Christians was confiscated; powerful Christians were degraded
- Christian books, including the Scriptures were collected and burned
- Bishops, priests and deacons were targeted, then later all Christians
- Whole towns were wiped out for refusing to renounce Christ



What to do with the **traditores**?

Are the sacraments administered by a sinful priest (*lapsis; traditores*) valid?

Donatus:

No. No mercy and no sacrament.
= Donatist heresy

Saint Augustine:

Yes. Sacraments work "*ex opere operato*", "by the work worked" - they work because Christ works them, and do not depend upon the virtue of the priest.



Meds work even if the doctor is sick

Martyrs of the Diocletian Persecution



Saint Lucy



Saint Sebastian



Saint Agnes

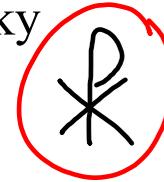


Saint Lawrence and
the Treasures of Rome
(Valerian Persecution)

Emperor **Constantine** - 1st Christian Emperor



He saw a golden cross in the sky
: "In hoc signo vinces" -
In this sign you will conquer



XP
CHRISTOS

His mother, **St. Helena**, was a Christian.
(discovered the true cross)

He put the Chi-Rho on the Roman shield
and won battles, becoming emperor

In 313 A.D. **Edict of Milan**, which made
Christianity a legal religion in the empire
Constantine had churches built in Rome
and Jerusalem; including the Church of
the Holy Sepulchre over Jesus' tomb and
Mt. Calvary

- He moved the capital of the empire to
Byzantium and renamed it
Constantinople (now Istanbul, Turkey)
- Constantine was baptized on his
deathbed.

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Emperor **Theodosius**, in 381 A.D.,
proclaims Christianity the official
religion of the Roman Empire



Pagan Roman
Emperors,
wanting to unify
their empire,
persecuted
Christians who
would not take
part in pagan
worship.

Christian Roman Emperors,
wanting to unify their empire, now
began to persecute pagans and
those who practiced Heresy.

Study Guide

Multiple
Choice

Additional questions from
Kahoot

Matching

- Edict of Milan
- Decius
- Helena
- Diocletian
- Lawrence
- Constantine
- Nero
- Lapsis
- Apostates
- Theodosius
- Libelli
- Traditores
- St. Stephen
- Donatus
- Catacombs
- St. Sebastian
- St. Lucy
- Byzantine Empire

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