

CHAPTER - 35

THE ERA OF DARKNESS AND THE FORE RUNNERS OF REFORMATION

Portion to read: Revel. 2:18-19, 3:1-6

Memory Verse: Phil. 2:14-15:- 14 Do all things without complaining and disputing, 15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

Objective: Even though the Christian church was in darkness from AD 400, in the midst of this there were some saints who stood bravely for the gospel, suffering persecution. To encourage the students to suffer for Christ, in this generation where the faith and love of people is growing cold.

Introduction:

Prophet Mohammad and Islam

The degradation of Roman Empire

The five heads of the church

The crusades

The fore runners of reformation

John Wycliff

John Huss

Questions:

1. Why is the period between AD313 to 1525 known as "Dark Age"?
2. What was the reason for the spread of Islam in West Asia?
3. When did Roman Empire degrade? Which were the capitals of the degraded nations?
4. What was the objective of crusades? What were the positive outcomes of crusades?
5. Write a short life history of John Wycliff and John Huss?

