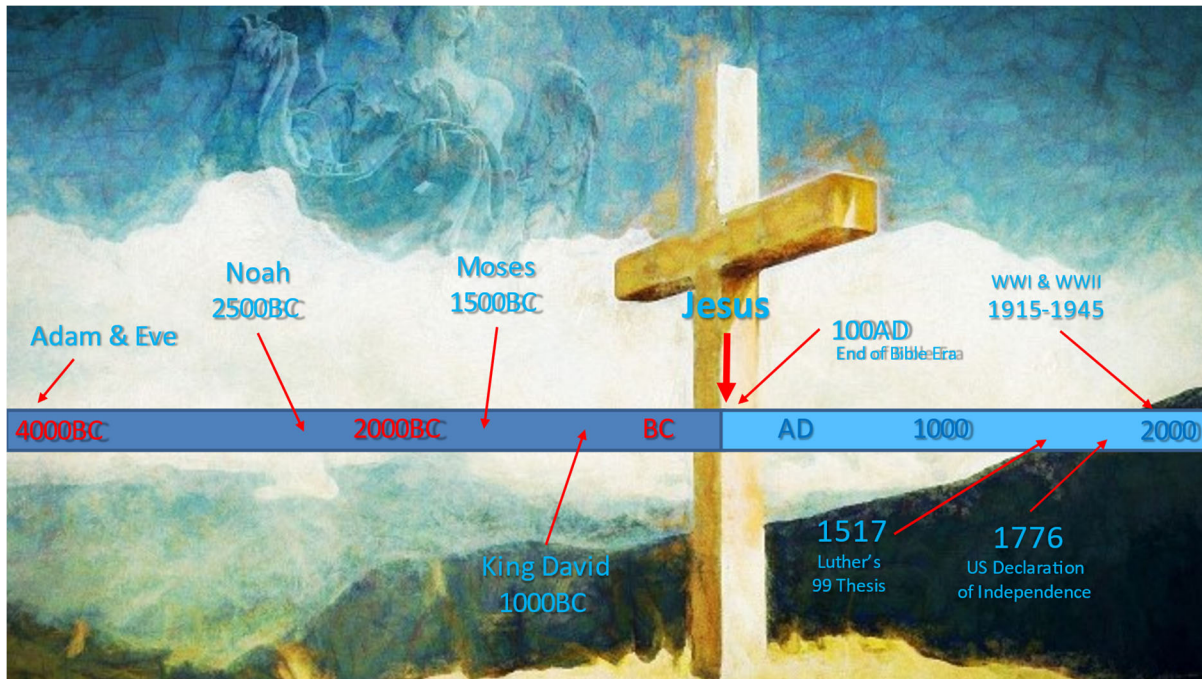


## 21H01 Introduction to PUNLA Coffee Table Heroes

Hello my friends. I want to thank you for joining me today at the PUNLA Coffee Table. So, grab your coffee or tea and get comfortable at PUNLA Coffee Table so we can talk.

Today I'd like to introduce you to PUNLA Coffee Table Heroes Series. I love History. There is so much we can learn from the past. Good, Bad, the people. The lessons of the past inspire us, teach us things we can use and apply in our lives. History and the knowledge of history makes us better citizens and give us advantages over those who don't know history.

As Christians, most of us would agree with the timeline you see. Starting in Genesis of the Bible with Creation and Adam/Eve, Noah and the Flood, Babel, Abraham/Isaac/Jacob, (Egypt) Moses, Israel (Judges & Kings), Jesus, then 2000 years of what? Many of us might know of few dates. Like the reformation (Martin Luther 99 thesis in 1517), the so-called discovery of the Americas by Christopher Columbus 1492, US Declaration of Independence 1776, World Wars I (1917) & II (1942), and so on. But, I have noticed few Christians seem to know the History of our Faith after the bible. It seems most Christians act like the Christian history ended in 1<sup>st</sup> century with the death of the apostles and bible writers. But the Christian Church has been around for nearly 2000 years. And in that time a lot of History has taken place. Amazing events and amazing people of faith. Their stories are compelling and inspiring because they are real. Written by the creator of the universe, our God.



So why do you think so few Christian know or care to know Christian History.? I truly believe we are cheating ourselves when we don't take the time to learn about the amazing courageous Christian brothers and sisters who have come before us. These stories are inspiring. They help us to prepare to face trials and troubles in this life in the way Jesus would want us to.

Names like, Pascal, Wycliffe, Tyndale, Luther, Mueller, Perpetua, Huss, Polycarp, Whitefield, Lewis, Willard, and on and on. I am starting this series to introduce you to some of these Heroes. These names are just a few of the many Heroes of our faith we will be talking about in the coming sessions. And, hopefully encourage you to research and learn more about each of them.

Seeing how our fellow brothers and sisters dealt with difficulties, most of these stories are beyond our imaginations. Faith and perseverance that should inspire us all to be better, stronger, and more confident as Christians.

So, in our future installments of the PUNLA Coffee Table Heroes & History, we will be introducing you to Christian Heroes and Historical Events from the last 2000 years, post biblical heroes of our faith and events that have shaped the Christian Church. I'll give you a quick summary of these amazing people and some of their stories. Then I'll give you some resources for further study on these truly amazing people.

I love this quote from Eric Metaxes, "God Has Powerful Lessons for Us in the Heroes of History".

I will be referencing many sources throughout this series but two I really like are Eric Metaxes, and Phil Vischer. You may know them both and not know it. They both were part of the "Veggie Tales" Christian Children's Series. Phil was the creator and Eric was one of the writers. But both have a keen sense of history and the remarkable people and events. If learning more about early Christian Heroes appeals to you check out their websites. I'll attach links below this video.

Our next Coffee Table Hero will be Blaise Pascal, French mathematician, physicist, inventor, philosopher, writer and theologian.

### **Let's Pray**

**Father God. Help us to know the great Christians who came before us. Help us to learn from their stories and apply their lessons to our lives. These stories prepare us for the future you want for us. Be with me as I prepare these short stories, help me to stay out of your way and let you lead so that your will is done.**

**Thank you so much for these people and their stories. I pray these things in your name Jesus, Amen**

Thank you for joining me at the PUNLA Coffee Table for Coffee Table Heroes. If you liked the message, please select like. And Please Subscribe to our channel. Leave comments here, or our website or mail me at [kip@punla.org](mailto:kip@punla.org). I want your feedback so let me know what you think.

Until next time at the PUNLA Coffee Table. God bless.

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