1. The purpose of this book and chart is to show according to History that Baptists have an unbroken line of churches since Christ and have fulfilled His prophecy -

"I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH AND THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT."

2. The numbers at the top and bottom represent 21st centuries. The first vertical line is A.D. 1, and the second, A.D. 100, and so on.

3. The horizontal lines at the bottom have between them the nicknames given to Baptists during the passing years and ages - Novatians, Montanists, Paelicans and Waldenses.

4. THE RED CIRCLES REPRESENT BAPTIST CHURCHES beginning with the first at Jerusalem, founded by Christ during His earthly ministry, and out of which came the churches of Judaea, Antioch and others. The red indicates they were persecuted. In spite of the bitterest opposition and persecution Baptist Churches are found in every age. The first nickname given them was Christian, the next Ana-Baptists, and so on. You will notice that the dark ages are represented by a dark space. Even during this time you will notice a continual line of churches called Ana-Baptists. They were continually and bitterly persecuted even unto death by the Catholics. Near the foot of the 16th Century Ana was dropped and they were simply called Baptists.

5. THE BLACK CIRCLES REPRESENT CHURCHES INTO WHICH ERROR CAME AND ARE THEREFORE CALLED - IRREGULAR CHURCHES. The first error was in Government - Pastors assumed authority over the Churches.

6. It was in the year 251 that Baptist Churches declared non-conformity with the irregular churches. They refused to accept Baptists administered in infancy or for Salvation and thus came the oldest nickname - Ana-Baptist which means repudiators.

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1504 LUTHER

1510 Calvin

1512 Calvin

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1555 AUGSBURG

1612 Disciples

1622 Congregationalist

1331 Church of England

1765 Methodist Church

1907 Holiness Movement

1906 Pentecostal Movement

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