

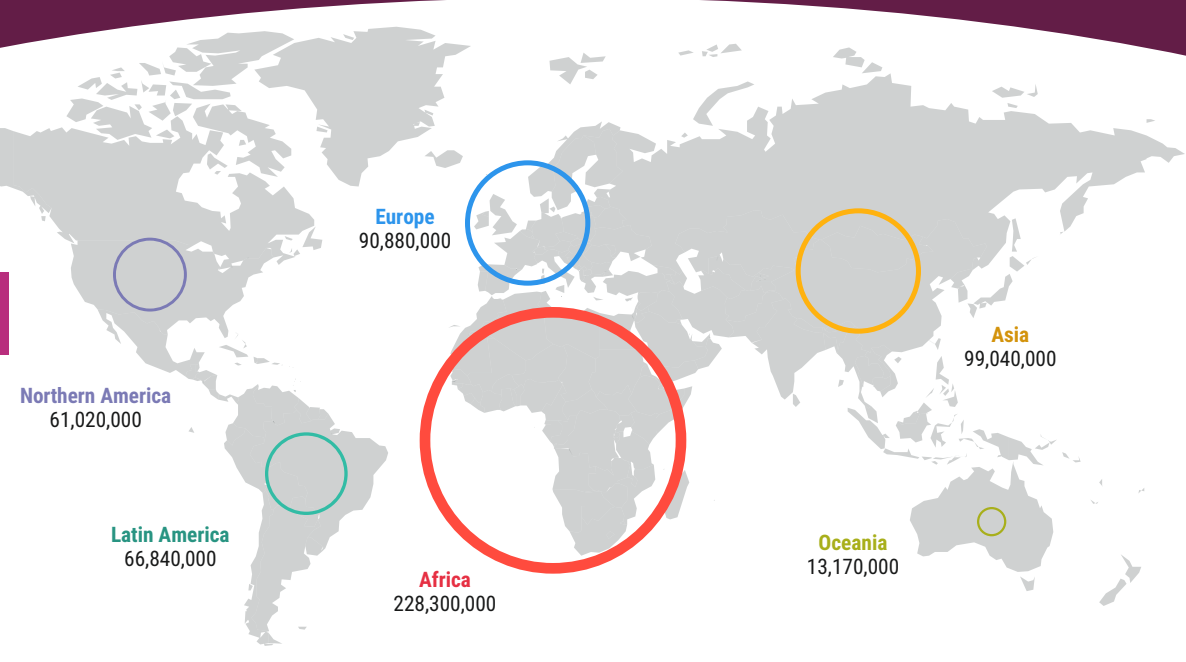
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500 YEARS OF PROTESTANTISM

A look at the major global changes in Protestant Christianity since 1517

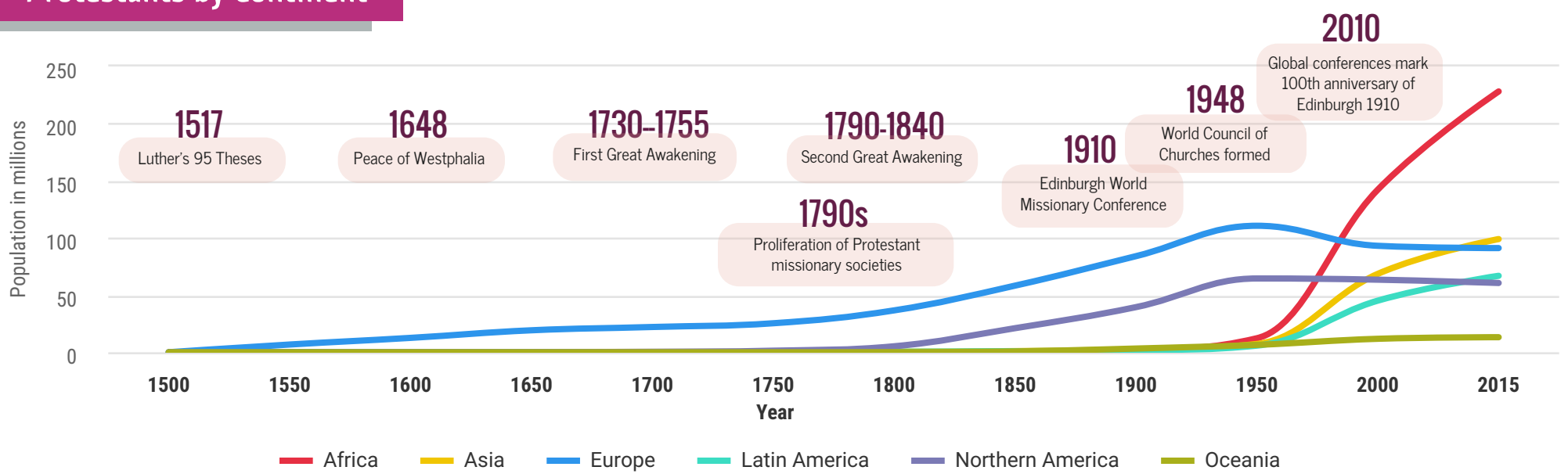
Number of Protestants

In 2017:
560 million



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Protestants by Continent



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TOP 10

Africa Asia Europe Latin America Northern America Oceania

Countries with the Largest Populations of Protestants

	1910	2015
1.	United States (42,360,000)	United States (56,177,000)
2.	United Kingdom (35,664,000)	Nigeria (53,106,000)
3.	Germany (28,351,000)	Brazil (34,836,000)
4.	Sweden (5,400,000)	United Kingdom (29,020,000)
5.	Netherlands (3,560,000)	China (26,556,000)
6.	Canada (3,407,000)	Germany (25,430,000)
7.	Finland (2,849,000)	India (20,994,000)
8.	Australia (2,778,000)	Kenya (19,249,000)
9.	Denmark (2,716,000)	Indonesia (18,213,000)
10.	Norway (2,383,000)	Ethiopia (16,714,000)

Countries with the Fastest-Growing Protestant Populations

	Annual Growth Rate 1910-2015	Annual Growth Rate 2005-2015
1.	Rwanda (13.01%)	Sao Tome & Principe (11.50%)
2.	Burundi (12.62%)	Bhutan (10.21%)
3.	Cote D'Ivoire (12.44%)	Niger (7.14%)
4.	Burkina Faso (12.32%)	Singapore (5.66%)
5.	Chad (11.98%)	Iran (5.51%)
6.	Viet Nam (11.85%)	Benin (5.40%)
7.	Central African Republic (11.38%)	Azerbaijan (5.31%)
8.	Republic of Congo (10.85%)	Senegal (5.13%)
9.	Philippines (10.82%)	Honduras (5.13%)
10.	Nepal (10.22%)	Laos (5.07%)

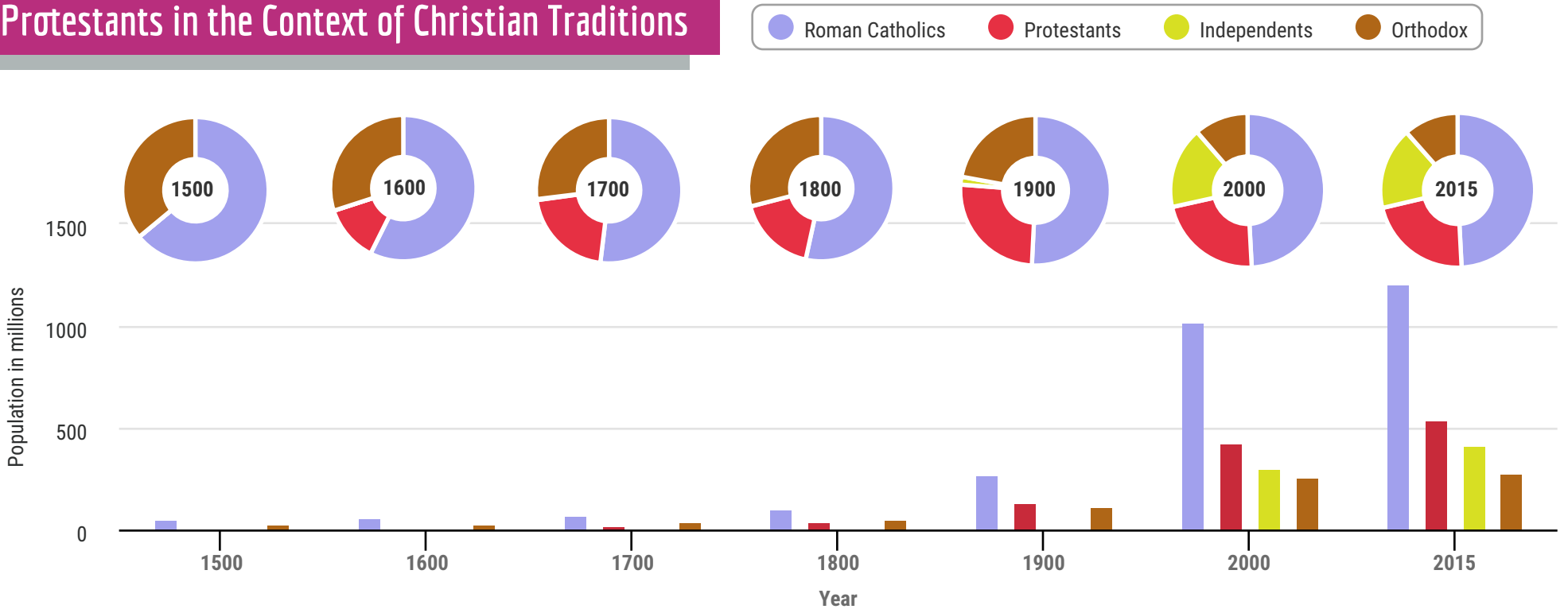
[in countries > 100,000 in population]

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Despite Europe being the birthplace of Protestantism, it is expected that by 2050, less than 10% of Protestants will live in Europe.

Today, Africa is home to 41% of all Protestants. By 2050, it is expected that 53% of all Protestants will live in Africa.

✝ Protestants in the Context of Christian Traditions



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Largest Protestant Denominations (in a country) in 2015

1.	Three-Self Patriotic Movement	China	26,000,000
2.	Assembléias de Deus	Brazil	25,000,000
3.	Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland	Germany	24,450,000
4.	Church of England	United Kingdom	23,700,000
5.	Anglican Church of Nigeria	Nigeria	22,000,000
6.	Southern Baptist Convention	United States	20,000,000
7.	Church of Uganda	Uganda	14,185,000
8.	World of Life Evangelical Church	Ethiopia	8,500,000
9.	United Methodist Church	United States	7,094,000
10.	Evangelical Church Winning All	Nigeria	6,800,000

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PROTESTANTS WHO ARE

EVANGELICAL

PENTECOSTAL/
CHARISMATIC



Protestant

Pentecostal/
Charismatic

Evangelical

The term "Evangelical" refers to the network of Protestant Christian movements begun in the 18th century in Britain and its colonies, the individuals who were associated with those movements, and a larger pattern of theological convictions and religious attitudes.

Pentecostals are members of Protestant denominations whose major characteristic is a new experience of the Holy Spirit. Pentecostal denominations hold the distinctive teachings that all Christians should seek a post-conversion religious experience called baptism in the Holy Spirit and that a Spirit-baptized believer may receive one or more supernatural gifts known in the early church. Charismatic Christians are found in existing Christian traditions (e.g., Catholic Charismatics) and Independent networks (e.g., African Initiated Churches). The majority of these latter groups are not Protestant, as depicted in the diagram above.

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