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# 500 YEARS OF PROTESTANTISM

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

1517

2017



## Number of Protestants

In 2017:  
560 million



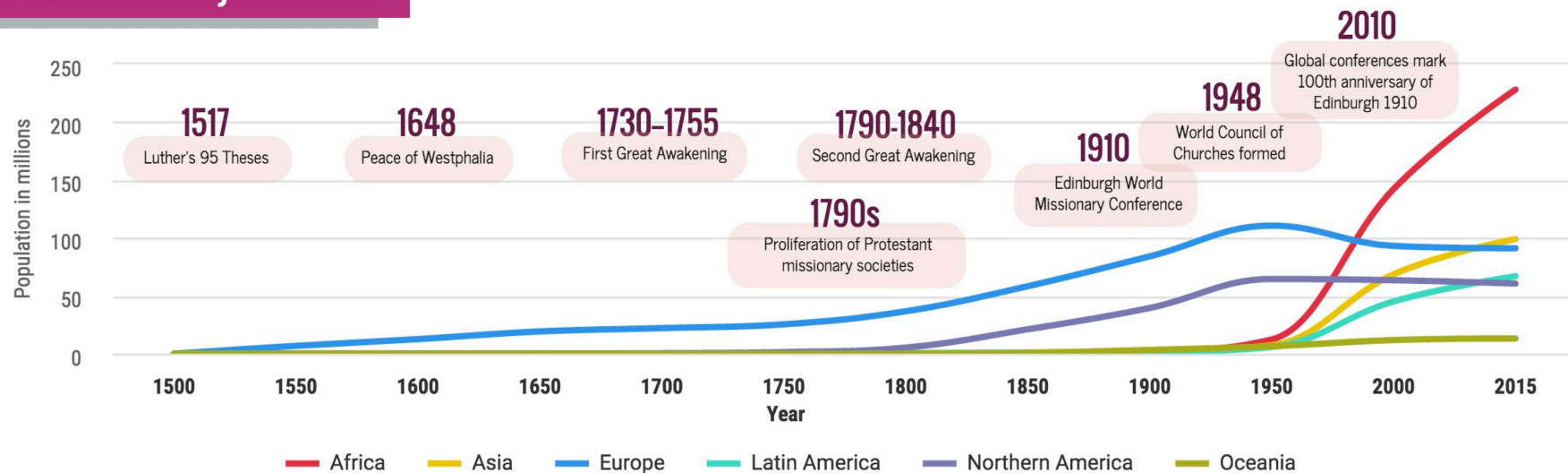
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## Protestants by Continent



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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	1. — United States	56,177,000
2. — United Kingdom	35,664,000	2. — Nigeria	53,106,000
3. — Germany	28,351,000	3. — Brazil	34,836,000
4. — Sweden	5,400,000	4. — United Kingdom	29,020,000
5. — Netherlands	3,560,000	5. — China	26,556,000
6. — Canada	3,407,000	6. — Germany	25,430,000
7. — Finland	2,849,000	7. — India	20,994,000
8. — Australia	2,778,000	8. — Kenya	19,249,000
9. — Denmark	2,716,000	9. — Indonesia	18,213,000
10. — Norway	2,383,000	10. — 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%	1. — Sao Tome & Principe	11.50%
2. — Burundi	12.62%	2. — Bhutan	10.21%
3. — Cote D'Ivoire	12.44%	3. — Niger	7.14%
4. — Burkina Faso	12.32%	4. — Singapore	5.66%
5. — Chad	11.98%	5. — Iran	5.51%
6. — Viet Nam	11.85%	6. — Benin	5.40%
7. — Central African Republic	11.38%	7. — Azerbaijan	5.31%
8. — Republic of Congo	10.85%	8. — Senegal	5.13%
9. — Philippines	10.82%	9. — Honduras	5.13%
10. — Nepal	10.22%	10. — Laos	5.07%

[in countries > 100,000 in population]

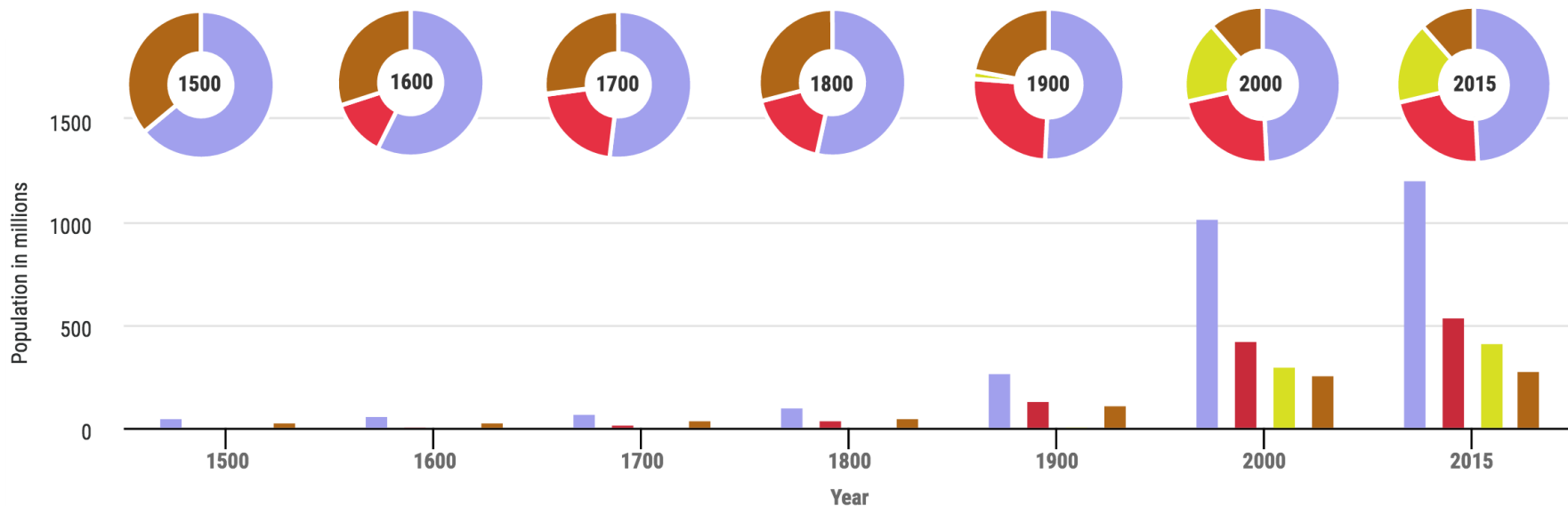


Despite Europe being the birthplace of Protestantism, it is expected that by 2050, less than 10% of Protestants will live in Europe.

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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