

Making an interactive timeline

This document outlines how to prepare your timeline information and submit it so others can view your timeline in an interactive format.

Figure 1 shows the interactive timeline slider views and an individual event detail. Drag the timeline through history and click on individual events for more information.

How to create your dataset

Create a spreadsheet (e.g. **Figure 2**) using Excel or OpenOffice (www.openoffice.org), with the following column headers: **Start**, **End**, **Title**, **Content**, and optionally, **Image**, **Category**, or other information. Enter in new events using the following guidelines:

- Start: Enter a start date (year-month-day format) for the event.
- End: Enter an end date, if this was a period or era. Otherwise, leave blank if a one-time event.
- Title: Enter a brief title of the event.
- Content: Enter a short description of the event (if you know how, you can insert hyperlinks, too).
- Images (optional): Enter the title of the image you want associated with this event.
- Category (optional): enter in what kind of event this is (e.g. secular, eastern church, political, etc)

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Start	End	Title	Content	Image	Category
2	0001-01-01		Anno Domini	The beginning of the Gregorian calendar.		secular
3	0027-01-01	0030-01-01	Jesus' Ministry	More than you could write in all the books in the world.		Christian
4	0027-01-01		Jesus is baptized	Jesus baptized by John the Baptist, and begins his ministry in Gailee, traveling and speaking in synagogues.	baptism.jpg	Christian

Figure 2: Example spreadsheet with timeline dates (blue), event details (red), and categorical or other information (green & beyond).

The current timeline can be seen at http://trueword.freehostia.com/church_history.html. Email your spreadsheet to tedtower1@yahoo.com and I will try to convert & upload in a couple of days.

Adding Images to your timeline (Optional)

Adding images to your events is very easy (e.g. **Figure 3** shows one way). Images should be under 20K (shrink if necessary).

Place your images in a folder, zip it (e.g. right click on folder, >Send To, >Compressed (zipped) folder), and email the zipped folder to tedtower1@yahoo.com.

Have fun!

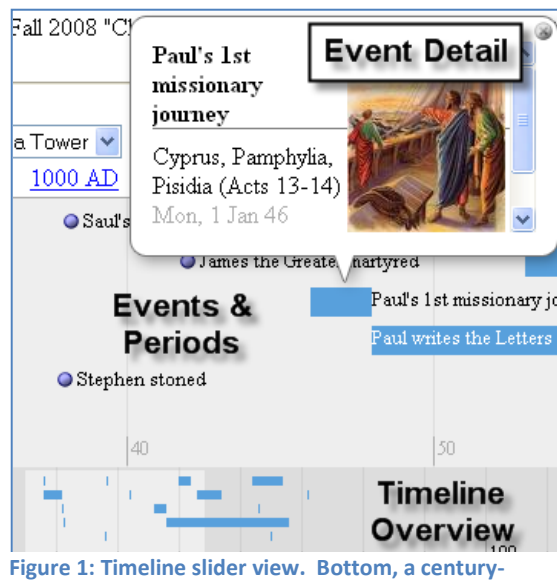


Figure 1: Timeline slider view. Bottom, a century-based view of events. Middle, the individual events and periods on a decade-basis. Top, when selected, a particular event detail window opens.

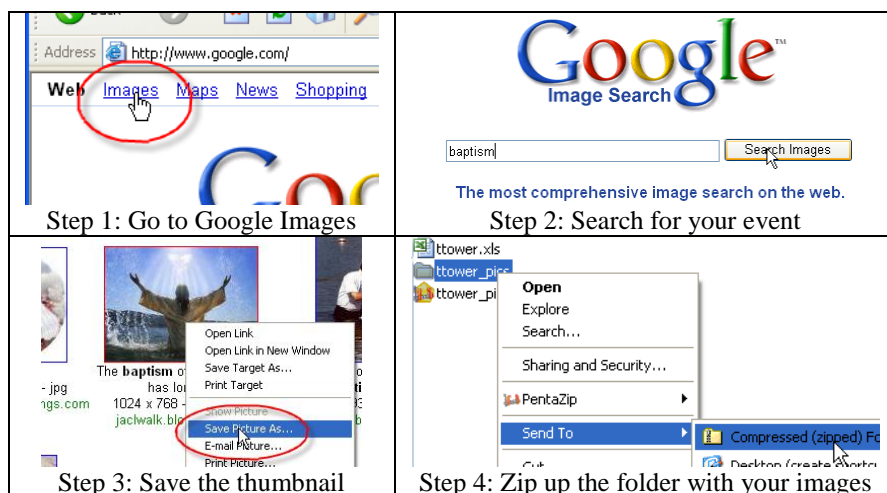


Figure 3: Finding images for your timeline