

THEME:

**ON THE PHASES OF PEOPLE IN THE
BIBLE**

Topic:

**How Turkey became predominately
a Muslim country.**

There are more than 200,000–320,000 people of different Christian denominations, representing roughly 0.3–0.4 percent of Turkey's population ("The Global Religious Landscape". *ResearchGate*. Retrieved February 8, 2019)

Two out of the five centers (Patriarchates) of the ancient Pentarchy are in Turkey: Constantinople (Istanbul) and Antioch (Antakya). Antioch was also the place where the followers of Jesus were called "Christians" for the first time in history, as well as being the site of one of the earliest and oldest surviving churches, established by Saint Peter himself. For a thousand years, the Hagia Sophia was the largest church in the world.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity_in_Turkey#Early_Christianity

Philip the Apostle was said to have lived and buried in Hierapolis, Turkey

Paul the Apostle lived in Ephesus, Turkey. Ephesus was one of the seven cities addressed in the Book of Revelation.

Turkey is also said to be home to the Seven Churches of Asia, where the Revelation to John was sent.

REASON FOR THE DECLINE OF CHRISTIANITY IN TURKEY

- **Change of Leadership (ottoman)**
- **First world war** (During the first world war, up to 3 million indigenous Christians are alleged to have been killed.)
- **Genocide of Greece, Armenians and Syriacs (including : Arameans, Assyrians, and Chaldeans**
- **Population exchange between Greece and Turkey**
- **Emigration of Christians**

**CAN FINLAND MOVED FROM
BEING A CHRISTIAN NATION TO A
NON-CHRISTIAN NATION?**