

John Owen Timeline¹

- 1616** Birth of John Owen to Rev. Henry Owen and his wife Hester.
- 1625** James I succeeded by Charles I.
- 1626** Owen begins grammar school.
- 1628** Owen enters Oxford University.
- 1629** Charles I dissolves Parliament.
- 1630** William Laud becomes Chancellor of Oxford.
Puritans leave for New England and are led by John Winthrop.
- 1632** Owen graduates B.A.
- 1633** Laud appointed Archbishop of Canterbury.
- 1635** Owen awarded M.A.; begins 7-year B.D. program.
- 1637** Owen leaves Oxford University.
- 1640** Long Parliament (1640–1653) convenes.
- 1642** The start of the English Civil War; Owen moves to London and gains assurance of salvation.
- 1643** Owen takes up pastorate in Fordham, Essex; Owen marries Mary Rooke (c. 1618–1676); Westminster Assembly convenes.
- 1645** Laud executed; decisive Battle of Naseby.

- 1646** Owen preaches before Parliament (April 29).
Inducted as vicar of Coggeshall, Essex.
Owen becomes a congregationalist.
- 1647** *Westminster Confession of Faith* completed.
- 1648** First Civil War comes to an end.
- 1649** Charles I executed; England is declared a commonwealth.
As Oliver Cromwell's chaplain, Owen travels to Ireland.
- 1650** Owen appointed preacher to the Council of State and a chaplain
to Cromwell with the expedition to Scotland.
- 1651** Owen appointed Dean of Christ Church, Oxford University.
- 1652** Owen appointed Vice-Chancellor of Oxford.
- 1653** Cromwell dissolves Parliament and is appointed Lord Protector.
Owen awarded an honorary D.D. from Oxford.
- 1657** Owen opposes the offer of the crown to Cromwell.
- 1658** Owen takes a leading role at the Savoy Assembly.
Death of Cromwell (September 3).
- 1660** Monarchy restored under Charles II.
Owen leaves Christ Church and Oxford (March); lives
at Stadhampton.
- 1662** Act of Uniformity seeks to impose Anglican uniformity; two
thousand Puritan ministers ejected on St. Bartholomew's Day
(August 24); Owen moves to Stoke Newington.
- 1664** Conventicle Act prohibits Nonconformist pastors from preaching.

- 1665** The Great Plague kills many in London; Five Mile Act prohibits Nonconformist ministers from returning to parishes.
- 1666** The Great Fire in London destroys much of the city.
- 1672** Limited religious freedom granted by declaration of indulgence.
- 1673** Union of Owen's church with that of Joseph Caryl; congregation now meets in Leadenhall Street, London.
- 1675** Death of Owen's first wife, Mary.
- 1676** Owen marries Dorothy D'Oyley.
- 1683** Death of Owen (August 24); buried in Bunhill Fields (September 4).

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