

# Biblical Trace of the Church

...The church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. 1 Tim. 3:15

Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Mt. 16:18; Rev. 11:2,9; 12:6

1. The church of the morn-ing bright, Like crys-tal so clear her light, Tri - um-phant, she knew no fears;  
2. The sun went down ere his time, The moon al-so ceased to shine, Left Zi - on in bit - ter tears;  
3. A ris - ing the sun of day, Dis - pers-es the night a - way, While pop - er - y quakes with fears;  
4. We wel-come the eve-ning light; The gos-pel so clear and bright Breaks forth as in days of yore;

In fin - est white lin - en dressed, Pure ho - li-ness she pos-sessed Two hun-dred and sev'n-ty years.  
No star then ap-peared in sight, Oh, long drear-y pa-pal night! Twelve hun-dred and six - ty years.  
Shone dim - ly the gos - pel ray, There fol-lowed a cloud-y day— Three hun-dred and fif - ty years.  
The mists are all cleared a - way, All hail the su - per-nal day! The sun shall go down no more.

## Refrain

Hell nev - er can de - stroy the church, Built by the Sav - ior's hands; Up - on the Rock, the

sol - id Rock, Christ Je - sus, still she stands; In spite of per - se - cu - tion's flood,

And gates of hell for - sooth; She's still the king-dom of the Lord, The pil - lar of the truth.