## Summary of

## History of the Seventh Day Church of God, Volume I

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This book is a comprehensive history of the Seventh Day Church of God. It was derived from many original sources, including personal interviews with numerous leaders of many church groups. It is not intended to be a mere collection of data, but an objective interpretation of historical facts.

John Kiesz' short work, *History of the Church of God (Seventh Day)*, paper number six in *Six Papers on the History of the Church of God*, concentrates on quotations from Church of God publications, including *The Bible Advocate* magazine. In contrast, *History of the Seventh Day Church of God*, *Volume I* traces doctrinal themes, personal biographies, and historical trends. In covering the years since 1933, *Volume I* elaborates on the many branches of the Church of God, and the reasons for divisions and doctrinal differences. While there is no such thing as a 100% objective history, you will find that *Volume I* has no denominational axe to grind.

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