

## The Invisible Historical Impact of Jesus Christ

### I. Definition of Invisible Historical Impact:

1. Human history exists for the ultimate glory of God. ☐
2. The only way God is glorified by the human race is when believers accept Christ and then advance to spiritual maturity. ☐
3. This is a demonstration to fallen angels that a creature lower than they, but with the same free will, can accept God at His word. ☐
4. It is God's desire to show that simply through positive volition and spiritual growth through faith, the believer can conquer anything life has to offer. ☐
5. The battle is spiritual, the battleground is your soul, and the artillery is thought. ☐
6. It is our mission to have maximum spiritual impact on human history. ☐
7. However, this impact must be invisible. It is Jesus Christ Who controls history on behalf of the Pivot. ☐
8. Individuals are required to advance in the plan of God to the point they can have personal impact on those in their periphery. ☐
9. Personal impact occurs when believers and unbelievers are blessed by association with a believer executing the plan of God. ☐
10. Every advancing believer has people who are close to him: relatives, family, friends, business associates, classmates, fellow soldiers. ☐
11. This helps answer the question posed in:

**Jeremiah 12:1c**      Why has the way of the wicked prospered? ☐

It is because of blessing by association with a mature believer who functions as a member of the Pivot of mature believers. ☐

12. Blessing by association comes from two sources:
  - a. Direct: The one who is associated with a Pivot member receives blessings directly from God. ☐

**NOTE:** Isaac received direct blessing from God because of his association with Abraham. The same is true of Jacob and subsequently the 12 tribes of Israel. This blessing by association is also applied to the Arab nations throughout history. Today, Third World countries involved in the false religion of Islam are being blessed by their association with Abraham through Hagar. (Note Genesis 17:20 compared with Genesis 25:12–16) ☐



- b. Indirect: The Pivot member provides blessing from the source of his own prosperity. He gives from the abundance of his possessions: love, wealth, intelligence, know-how, time, personality, encouragement, leadership, and example. ☐
13. There are several areas in which blessings by association are found: ☐
1. Spiritual Life: The Pivot member blesses the local church, its members, and those associated with it, i.e., missionaries and evangelists. This blessing is the result of the maximum function of spiritual gifts as well as the power of prayer. ☐
  2. Love Life: Includes one's marriage, children, siblings, parents, grandparents, relatives, friends, and even animals. ☐
  3. Professional Life: Includes those with whom one associates in the professions of medicine, law, engineering, jurisprudence, military, government, theology, or the arts. ☐
  4. Business Life: Those with whom one associates in free enterprise such as the board of directors, management, labor, stockholders, partners, the organization, the corporation, the company, or the association. ☐
  5. Social Life: People from all walks of life may be associated with the mature believer in his pursuit of the arts, music, entertainment, literature, sports, or civic functions. ☐
  6. Geographic Area: The pivot member is able to bless those in his immediate vicinity, i.e., neighborhood, city, county, state, and nation. ☐
  7. Heritage: Blessing by association even continues after death. Because of one's membership in the Pivot, all those closely associated with him are blessed. His children, spouse, family, and friends continue to receive blessing whether they are believers or unbelievers; spiritual or cosmic; good or evil. ☐

**Psalm 37:25** I have been young and now I am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his descendants begging bread. ☐

14. The principle that Jesus Christ controls history:

In addition to the restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit and the functions of the Pivot in a client nation, there is the principle that Jesus Christ controls history in three ways: ☐

- a. Direct control based on His divine sovereignty. ☐



- b. Indirect control through the Laws of Divine Establishment. □
- c. Permissive control by allowing evil to run its course in the Angelic Conflict. □

## 1. Jesus Christ's Direct Control of History: □

Personal Historical Intervention: Theophanies and Christophanies □

1. Throughout human history, Jesus Christ has revealed Himself to the human race. □
2. All such appearances fall into four categories: **(a)** Theophanies, **(b)** the Incarnation, **(c)** Christophanies, and **(d)** the Second Advent. □
3. A theophany is an appearance of Jesus Christ as an angel, a man, or a phenomenon of nature prior to the First Advent. □
4. Several examples of theophanies include appearances of Jesus Christ under the title, Angel of the Lord: □
  - a. To Hagar by the fountain in the wilderness in Genesis 16:7–13. Hagar was astonished that God Himself had spoken to her. Jesus is identified as “the Angel of the Lord” in Genesis, Chapter 16, in verses 7, 9–11. □

Astonished that the Lord had spoken to her she said in:

**Genesis 16:13** Then she [ **Hagar** ] called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, “You are a God Who sees”; for she said, “Have I even remained alive here after seeing Him?” □

- b. Before Abraham at Mount Moriah: □

**Genesis 22:11** The angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, ‘Here I am.’ □

- c. Ordering Jacob back to Bethel in: □

**Genesis 31:11** “Then the angel of God said to me in a dream, ‘Jacob,’ and I said, ‘Here I am.’” □

- d. Before Moses on Mount Hóreb [ **חֹרֵב** (*Chórev*): **another name for Mount Sinai** ] in the burning bush: □

**Exodus 3:2** The angel of the Lord appeared to him [ **Moses** ] in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and He looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed. □



The desert bush is comparable to Israel's captivity in Egypt. Desert bushes had thorns, symbolic of Israel's sin. The fire portrays the discipline and suffering being endured by the Jews. However, the fact the bush was not consumed dramatizes the fact that Israel will fall under anti-Semitic assault, but never annihilated by it. □

The appearance of Jesus Christ out from this burning bush is testimony to the principle that God will preserve Israel through His divine power. Jesus Christ is about to give Moses orders to lead His people Israel out of bondage. □

**Exodus 3:6** "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. □

**Exodus 3:10** "Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt." □

e. Before Gideon by the oak in Ophrah [ עֶפְרָה ('*Ophrah*): **a town within the tribe of Manasseh** ]: □

**Judges 6:12** The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him [ **Gideon** ], "The Lord is with you, O valiant warrior." (See: **Judges 6:11–24**) □

f. With Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego in the burning fiery furnace. Daniel 3:23–38. □

**Daniel 3:28** Nebuchadnezzar responded and said, "Blessed is the God of: שְׁדַרְךְ Shādrach, מֵיֶשֶׁךְ Méshach, and אֲבֵד־נֶגוֹ Abéd-nēgo, who has sent His angel and delivered His servants who put their trust in Him, violating the king's command, and yielded up their bodies so as not to serve or worship any god except their own God." □

5. Theophanies of Jesus Christ as a Man: □

a. Talking with Abraham by the oaks in Mamore in Genesis 18:1–33 (see vv. 17–18). □

This is the passage in which the principle of the Pivot is established. There are no Pivots before the creation of Israel as history's first Priest Nation some 500 years later, but the principle is the same, nonetheless. □

b. As the Wrestler against Jacob in Genesis 32:24–32. □



**Genesis 32:30** Jacob named the place Peniel [ **The face of God** ], for he said, “I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been preserved.” □

c. Before the elders of Israel on Mt. Sinai. Exodus 24:9–12. □

**Exodus 24:12** Now the Lord said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and remain there, and I will give you the stone tablets with the law and the commandment which I have written for their instruction.” □

6. Theophanies of Jesus Christ as a phenomenon of nature: □

a. As a cloud by day and a fire by night at the Tabernacle: □

**Exodus 40:38** For throughout all their journeys, the cloud of the Lord was on the Tabernacle by day, and there was fire in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel. □

b. In this same passage, we see the Lord as the Shekinah Glory: □

**Exodus 40:34** Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory [ i.e.: שְׁכִינָה : **the Shekinah Glory** ] of the Lord filled the Tabernacle. □

7. The rationale for the conclusion that Jesus Christ is the member of the Trinity involved in the Theophanies: □

a. Jesus Christ is the visible God of the New Testament in: □

**John 1:18** No one has ever seen God [ **the Father** ], but the one and only Son [ **Jesus Christ** ], who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known. (NIV) □

**John 14:9** Jesus said to him [ **Philip** ], “Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? □

b. There are no appearances of the Angel of the Lord after the Incarnation: □

Incidentally, the term, “Angel of the Lord” can be found in Matthew 1:20, 24; 2:13. □

A far more detailed set of references to the “angel of the Lord” is found in Luke 1 from verses 11 through 38 and Luke 2, verses 9 through 21. □



In Luke 2:9, the “angel of the Lord” addresses the shepherds regarding the Virgin Birth of Jesus. This is not a theophany. On this occasion, the “angel of the Lord” is identified in Luke 1:19, 26 as the archangel Gabriel. □

- c. 1 John 4:12 reveals that, “no one has seen God at any time.” □

The third Person of the Trinity is a Holy Spirit Who is invisible. Thus, Jesus Christ is the only visible Member of the Godhead revealed in Scripture. Consequently, the preincarnate appearances of deity have to be those of Christ. □

8. Jesus Christ appeared to mankind in Hypostatic Union during His earthly ministry referred to as the Incarnation. □
9. The Incarnation was a 33+-year period between the Virgin Birth to His physical death on the cross. □
10. A Christophany of Jesus Christ is any appearance by Him in resurrection body before the Second Advent. □
11. Christophanies are broken down into two categories: □
  - a. After His resurrection but before His ascension: □
    - To Mary Magdalene at the tomb. John 20:11–18. □
    - To Mary, the mother of James and Salómē, outside the tomb. Matthew 28:8–10. □
    - To Peter. Luke 24:34 as Simon; 1 Corinthians 15:5 as Cephas. □
    - To Cléopas and his friend on the Emmaus Road. Luke 24:13–32. □
    - To the 12 disciples minus Thomas on the evening of the resurrection. John 20:19–25. □
    - To the 12 disciples including Thomas one week later. John 20:26–31. □
    - To seven of the disciples at the Sea of Tibérias (Galilee). John 21:1–2. □
    - To the apostles plus over 500 believers. Matthew 28:16–20; 1 Corinthians 15:6. □
    - To James, the Lord’s half-brother. 1 Corinthians 15:7. □
    - His final appearance at the Mount of Olives just before His ascension. Luke 24:50–52; Acts 1:3–12. □



- b. After the ascension but before the Second Advent:
- To Stephen at his stoning. Acts 7:55.
- To Paul at his conversion on the Damascus Road. Acts 9:3–5.
- To Paul at the home of Titus Justus in Corinth. Acts 8:9–10.
- To Paul at the Temple in Jerusalem. Acts 22:17–21.
- To Paul while under the protective custody of Captain Cláudius Lysias in Jerusalem. Acts 23:10–11.
- To Paul in a vision. 2 Corinthians 12:1–4.
- To John on the Isle of Patmos. Revelation 1:10–19.

12. The Second Advent is the future historical event which marks the personal and physical return of Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His Millennial reign on David’s throne in Jerusalem for 1,000 years. See: Joel 3:16–17; Zechariah 14:9; 1 Timothy 6:14–15; Revelation 19:11–20:6.

## 2. Direct Intervention by means of the Acts of God:

1. The term “act of God” has the following definitions in the following dictionaries:

**act of God. Law. An inevitable accident; such an interruption of the usual course of events that no experience, foresight, or care which might reasonably be expected could have foreseen or guarded against it.**<sup>1</sup>

**act of God: an extraordinary interruption by a natural cause (as a flood or earthquake) of the usual course of events that experience, prescience, or care cannot reasonably foresee or prevent.**<sup>2</sup>

**act of God. 1. A violent or destructive natural event, such as a lightning strike or earthquake. 2. Law An occurrence such as a natural event, that is beyond human control and whose consequences are therefore not a basis for legal liability.**<sup>3</sup>

2. Since it is Jesus Christ Who controls history, to be theologically accurate, this term should really be defined as, “Acts of Christ.”

<sup>1</sup> *Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary*, 2d ed. (Springfield, Mass.: G. & C. Merriam Co., Publishers, 1953), s.v. “act of God.”

<sup>2</sup> *Webster’s Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary* (G. & C. Merriam Co., Publishers, 1963), s.v. “act of God.”

<sup>3</sup> *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*, fifth ed. (New York: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016), s.v. “act of God.”



- a. **Weather.** The global weather machine is under the supervision of Christ, Who delegates control to the Cherub Commander of the Angelic Weather Service and its four Weather Wings noted in Revelation 7. □

**NOTE:** Chapter 7 reveals how people are evangelized during the Tribulation. Angels are deployed to restrain divine judgment until the divine command is issued from the Lord. □

**Revelation 7:1** After these things, I saw four angels [ Pursuivant messenger angels (wingless) ] standing ready [ on Red Alert to deliver Divine Judgement ] at the four corners [ quadrants ] of the earth restraining the four winds [ one 'wind system' for each of the 4 quadrants ] in order that no judgment or disciplinary wind should blow on the land or on the sea or against any tree. □

**NOTE:** This verse indicates that it is the angels who control weather. Each of the four weather angels controls the winds of one quadrant. □

Actually, there are 12 total wind cells, three cells to each quadrant of the earth. □

**Revelation 7:2** Then I saw another angel [ Pursuivant officer, Cherub rank and commander of the 4 Pursuivant messenger angels of the previous verse ] who had the seal of the living God [ a reference to the wall of fire ], coming up from the east and he shouted a command with a loud voice to the four pursuivant angels to those who were given power and authority to damage the land and the sea. □

**NOTE:** What follows is a Restraining Order to the Weather Angels from their commander: □

**Revelation 7:3** And he [ the Cherub Commander ] commanded [ negative command from higher authority ], "Do not damage the land [ the earth's surface ] or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads [ refers to the 144,000 Jewish evangelists (see Revelation 7:4–8) ]. (EXT)

**NOTE:** Grace always proceeds judgment. The natural disasters from the wind (hurricanes, tornadoes, storms, etc.) are held up until every unbeliever in the Tribulation has been evangelized. □



**b. Earthquakes.** An earthquake was the catalyst which delivered Paul and Silas from the Philippian jail in: □

**Acts 16:25** But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God and the prisoners were listening to them; □

**v. 26** and suddenly there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. □

**c. Floods.** The universal flood was a direct intervention into human history by Jesus Christ in order to preserve the Pivot of that day: Noah, his wife, his sons, and their wives: □

**Genesis 7:4** “For after seven more days, I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights; and I will blot out from the face of the land every living thing that I have made.” □

**Genesis 7:10** It came about after the seven days, that the water of the flood came upon the earth. □

**Genesis 7:11b** ... all the fountains of the great deep burst open and the floodgates of the sky were opened. □

**d. Creation:** The entire universe, its matter, energy, and space, were all created in a yactosecond of time in eternity past by divine fiat. In Genesis 1:1, the Hebrew verb “create” is **בָּרָא** (*bara'*) and means “to create something out of nothing.” Thus, where nothing previously existed, by the command of God, all things came into existence. The Person of the Trinity Who was the Agent of this creative act was Jesus Christ. □

**John 1:3** All things came into being through Him; and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. □

**NOTE:** The antecedent of the pronoun “Him” is identified in verse 14 which says, “The Word became flesh and tabernacled among us.” □

**Colossians 1:15** By means of Whom [ **Jesus Christ** ] we have redemption through His blood, the cancellation of sins. □



**Colossians 1:16** For by means of Him [ Jesus Christ, v. 15 ] all things were created [ κτίζω (*ktízō*): to produce from nothing, Gen. 1:1 ], both in the heavens and on earth, the visible things [ the universe ] and invisible things [ mathematics ], whether human governments or constituted authorities, or angelic rulers and authorities: all things through Him and for His purpose have been created. □

**v. 17** He eternally existed before all things, and by means of Him all things hold together [ intensive perfect active indicative of συνίστημι (*sunístēmi*): emphasizes the results of a past action, i.e., gravity ]. (EXT) □

### 3. Direct Intervention through Divine Sovereignty

1. The three members of the Godhead coordinate their control of history through several sovereign acts which occurred in eternity past. □
2. Sovereignty over life and death: God chooses both the manner and time of a person's death. The manner is determined by the wisdom of God while the time is a decision from the sovereignty of God. In His wisdom, He knows the best way for you to die. In His sovereignty, He dictates the precise time, noted in: □

**Job 1:21b** “The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.” □

**Psalms 116:15** Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones. □

3. Guardian Angels: Hebrews 1 establishes the fact that angels are not on a par with Christ but they are servants of Homo sapiens. □

**Hebrews 1:14** “Are they [ see “Angels” in *The Scofield Study Bible*: NASB, p. 1670, NIV, p. 1595, or KJV, pp. 1311–12 ] not all ministering spirits, sent forth to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?” □

**NOTE:** Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer provides helpful insight into the “faithful service” of angels in his *Systematic Theology*: □

**The faithful service of angels to mankind cannot be explained on the ground of their own love for humanity. They are interested in that which concerns their God.** □



If He would give his Son to die for a lost race of men, they would follow Him as far as possible and at least give instant service, for His sake, wherever it is appointed unto them. It is not imagination but reality that the angels are servants of men in a thousand ways.<sup>4</sup> □

It is the duty of angels to preserve the elect unto the day of their salvation and to be servants to them afterward. □

**Psalm. 91:11** “He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;

**v. 12** they will lift you up in their hands so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. (NIV) □

Your “narrow escapes” are not so narrow after all. Angels are assigned to the elect at birth to ensure that they do not fall victim to Satanic assault before the Gospel can be heard and followed by a response, positive or negative. After the elect are saved, angels continue to provide protection and security against the unforeseen. □

4. **The Divine Decree:** The Trinity, in eternity past, by means of omniscience, was able to identify every problem we would ever face in life. Through Their grace, solutions were also placed into the Divine Decree. □

This is how Jesus Christ goes ahead of us in order to solve our problems: □

**Deuteronomy 31:8** “The Lord is the One Who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.” □

**Isaiah 46:10** Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, ‘My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure’; □

5. Answers to prayer are already in the Divine Decree. □

**Mark 11:24** “Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe [ **present active imperative of πιστεύω (pisteúō)** ] that you have received them, and they will be granted you.” □

<sup>4</sup> Lewis Sperry Chafer, “The Mystery of the Angels” in *Systematic Theology: Angelology* (Dallas: Dallas Seminary Press, 1947), 2:22.



6. The verb, “believe,” is **πιστεύω**, and means “to place your faith in that which is believed.” Your faith must be placed in an object which is both unchangeable and trustworthy. The only such object known to mankind is Scripture, the Word of God. □

Your prayer requests must be structured from concepts which agree with God’s will, plan, and purpose. □

Such knowledge is available only through inculcation and facilitation of Scripture. □

Under the filling of the Holy Spirit, the believer will formulate a prayer from doctrine resident in his soul and thus ask for those things which promote the will, plan, and purpose of God. □

A basic question one might ask of himself regarding his prayers would be, “Is that for which I am about to pray necessary before I can do God’s will?” □

To pray a prayer which you know is incongruous with the plan of God would generate doubt and, therefore, unbelief. □

**Example:** To pray for God to override one’s volition and save an unbeliever violates the plan and will of God and cannot be answered. □

To ask the ability to do God’s will, but through extraordinary means, is a violation of the plan and will of God. □

**Example:** To pray that yourself or someone else will be healed of terminal cancer; or to pray for the gift of miracles and healing so you can heal yourself or others. □

Under the filling of the Holy Spirit, the believer will formulate a prayer from doctrine resident in his soul and thus ask for only those things which promote the plan and will of God. □

**Example:** If you don’t know any doctrine at all, there is one obvious prayer you can pray and know God will answer it. You can pray as David did in: □

**Psalm 25:4** Make me know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. □

**v. 5a** Lead me in Your Truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; □

**Psalm 86:11a** Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth; □



**Psalm 119:18** Open my eyes that I may behold wonderful things from Your law. □

**Psalm 119:33** Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes, and I shall observe it to the end. □

**v. 34** Give me understanding, that I may observe Your law and keep it with all my heart. □

**v. 35** Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it. □

**v. 36** Incline my heart to Your testimonies and not to dishonest gain. □

**v. 37** Turn away my eyes from looking at vanity, and revive me in Your ways. □

**v. 38** Establish Your Word to Your servant, as that which produces reverence for You. □

**Psalm 119:66** Teach me good discernment and knowledge, for I believe in Your commandments. □

**Psalm 119:124** Deal with Your servant according to Your lovingkindness and teach me Your statutes. □

**v. 125** I am Your servant; give me understanding that I may know Your testimonies. □

**Psalm 119:133** Establish my footsteps in Your Word, and do not let any iniquity have dominion over me. □

**Psalm 143:8c** Teach me the way in which I should walk; for to You I lift up my soul. □

**v. 9** Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies; I take refuge in You. □

**v. 10** Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground. □

**Principle:** There are conceivably those in everyone's general area who have placed their personal faith in Jesus Christ for salvation and have concluded that knowledge of Scripture is the sine qua nōn—that which is indispensable—of the believer's obligation to God. The above passages from Psalms are also directed to members of Grace Doctrine Church, East Ridge Bible Church, et al., who should each be on red alert to fulfill this duty with verses of encouragement and enlightenment to these new believers. □



I implore you regarding these things under the principle that the answers to prayers are already in the divine decree. The only thing that can cause them to fail is the overriding veto power of human volition. □

7. Another aspect of divine sovereignty's control of history is the principle of God's perfect timing. □
  1. God has perfectly timed our lives in the ROM chip of the Divine Decree. □
  2. The method which He has instituted to synchronize our lives with His perfect timing is our understanding of Scripture. □
  3. Consequently, prior to salvation, our timing was completely off with reference to the will, plan, and purpose of God. □
  4. Anyone who is an unbeliever right now is suffering from this absence of timing. □
  5. Among the greatest of the timing mechanisms are the 10 problem-solving devices. You either make good decisions based on Biblical analysis or bad decisions based on human analysis. □
  6. Good timing thus becomes a part of good leadership dynamics. One who is doctrinally oriented is able to effectively lead an organization. □
  7. Any success accomplished under human timing is called luck while success accomplished under God's timing is called blessing. □
  8. Bad timing from human viewpoint results in what is called bad luck but in reality, is lost opportunity. □
  9. Good timing from divine viewpoint results in what we call prosperity and is in reality the exploitation of opportunity. □
  10. Poor decisions from a position of weakness result in limiting future options. □
  11. Good decisions from a position of strength result in broadening future options. □
  12. To reject doctrine, or to fail to seize the opportunity to learn doctrine, results in being out of sync with the will, plan, and purpose of God. □



13. God's timing is perfect while man's timing is awful. In order to synchronize with God's perfect timing, we must learn to think the way God wants us to think. ☐
14. I would remind you of several passages at this point:
- 1 Corinthians 14:40** Everything should be done professionally and in an organized manner. (EXT) ☐
- 2 Corinthians 10:5b** We take captive every human-viewpoint system of thinking to the obedience of Christ. (EXT) ☐
- Romans 12:2a** Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renovation of your thought so that you will be able to prove what the will of God is. (EXT) ☐
- Ephesians 5:17** Stop being ignorant, but completely and thoroughly understand the will, purpose, policy, and design of the Lord. (EXT) ☐
15. In order to be a professional Christian who is synchronized in the plan of God, one must renovate his thinking and bring human viewpoint under captivity. This results in an understanding of the will of God. ☐
16. This understanding is only gained through the various ministries of the Holy Spirit plus the believer's objective willingness to be taught. ☐
17. Teachability is the result of Enforced and Genuine Humility acquired at Gate 3 of the Divine Dynasphere. ☐
18. Good decisions based on this developing inventory of ideas result in becoming synchronized with the plan of God. ☐
- 1 Peter 5:6** Humble yourselves, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. (NIV) ☐
19. When you place yourself under God's timing, you are not distracted by the exigencies of life. You leave details in the hands of the Lord. ☐
20. When wronged, you do not seek revenge; when maligned, you do not counter with gossip; when you are unfairly treated, you do not become jealous or envious; when you are unjustly ignored, you do not develop self-pity. ☐



21. When the believer gets his life in sync with the will, plan, and purpose of God, he becomes a willing agent in God's direct intervention into history through the principle of God's perfect timing. □

#### 4. **Jesus Christ's Indirect Intervention through the Laws of Divine Establishment** □

##### A. **The Divine Institutions** □

1. Volition, marriage, family, nationalism. □
2. Great restraint is placed on the human race through the free exercise of volition. □
3. Some with power lust may choose tyranny, but others may choose to throw off such bondage. □
4. Rampant sexual degeneracy is restrained through the marriage relationship. □
5. The attack today on marriage as being passe, Victorian, or simply one of a number of alternate lifestyles is satanic in its origin and concept. □
6. The attack today on the family utilizes the same rationales. When the family structure is damaged then the integrity of an orderly society is lost. □

##### B. **Authority Orientation**

1. To maintain order within the human race, **legitimate authority** is delegated to men by the sovereignty of God. □
2. **Illegitimate authority** is a creation of Lucifer through the function of the Cosmic Systems. □
3. **The Laws of Divine Establishment** provide the various areas in which legitimate authority is found. □
4. The Cosmic Systems produce illegitimate authority in three categories: (1) tyranny, (2) false doctrine from the cosmic systems, and (3) power struggles within cliques associated with the Dark Side. □
5. The believer is commanded to submit to divinely delegated authorities: legitimate governmental departments, employers, parents, officers in the military, teachers in the classroom, and coaches on the playing fields. □



## 5. Jesus Christ's Control of History

### 1. The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse in Revelation 6: ☐

**Revelation 6:1** Next I watched when the Lamb [ **Jesus Christ** ] broke open the first of the seven seals. Then I heard the first of the four angelic heralds speaking with a voice of thunder [ **a warning of coming judgment** ], “Come [ **present middle imperative of the verb, ἔρχομαι (érchomai)** ]!” ☐

- a. “Lamb” is a title of Jesus Christ in His First Advent which emphasizes salvation and His strategic victory at the cross. ☐
- b. The principle of historical trends revealed in Revelation, chapters 6 through 18 are based on prophecy, whereas, in the Church Age, historical trends are based on the cumulative decisions made by believers’ free-will decisions. ☐
- c. In the Church Age, as goes the believer, so goes the historical trends. It is loss of thought that results in the historical downtrends during the dispensation. ☐

**Revelation 6:2** Then I looked and behold a white horse [ **victory** ] and the one who sat on it had a battle bow [ **terrorism** ] and a crown [ **rulership** ] was given to him. In fact, as a conqueror he appeared in history in order that he might conquer through tyranny. ☐

**v. 3** And when He [ **Jesus** ] had broken the second seal, I heard the second angelic herald saying, “Come.” ☐

**v. 4** And then another, a fiery red horse [ **warfare** ], appeared into history; and to the rider was given power and authority to take peace from the earth so that they might slaughter each other. In fact, a great two-edged sword was given to him. ☐

**v. 5** And when He [ **Jesus Christ** ] had broken the third seal, I heard the third angelic herald say, “Come.” Then I looked and behold a black horse [ **economic disaster** ] and the rider had a pair of scales in his hands. ☐



**Revelation 6:6** Then I heard as it were a voice in the center of the four angelic heralds saying, "A quart of wheat [ just enough food for one day ] for a day's wages [ high inflation ] and three quarts of barley for a day's wages [ a denarius ], furthermore do not damage the choice oil and wine [ disaster through famine ]". □

**v. 7** When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the fourth angelic herald saying, "Come!" □

**v. 8.** I looked, and behold, an ashen horse [ shocking death toll ] and the rider, his name was Death. In fact, Hades was marching along, in step, with him. Furthermore, authority was given to them [ Death and Hades ] over a fourth of the earth [ unbelievers ] to kill with the broadsword and with famine [ economic depression ] and with deadly disease and by the wild animals of the earth. (EXT) □

- d. **NOTE:** intentional starvation causes an imbalance in nature, thus turning animals into aggressive predators of Homo sapiens. □
- e. Poor decisions by a world population in the Tribulation causes global catastrophes. □
- f. Man's inhumanity to man is manifest in this period because of no spiritual restraint by the human race. □
- g. God permissively allows men to function with negative volition. In the Church Age, political, economic, and military disasters, along with death, all serve to restrain evil men. □

**Psalms 76:10** Surely the wrath and anger of maladjusted mankind shall be caused to praise You [ Jesus Christ ]. The rest of Your wrath shall be ready for action [ against oppressors who survive ]. (EXT) □

- h. Some may regard this principle too intensive for a loving God so we must illustrate the principle from Scripture in hopes of showing the justice of these divine actions. □



## 6. Illustration of Divine Intervention on behalf of the Oppressed

1. One of the classic examples of divine utilization of human reversionism, inhumanity, and injustice is the reign of Pharaoh Amenhotep II of Egypt.<sup>5</sup> He is more popularly known as the Pharaoh of the Exodus. His tragic story is found in Exodus, Chapters 7 through 12. □
2. This man was a tyrant who held the Jewish people as slaves. Moses was commissioned by Jesus Christ's Theophany on Mount Horeb in Exodus 3:10 to free the Jews from the Pharaoh. □
3. Over two-million Jews were living in slavery to that dictator. In fact, they had been in slavery for over 400 years. Moses was granted the power to approach the pharaoh to request their emancipation. If pharaoh refused, Moses was granted power to work miracles. □
4. However, Pharaoh Amenhotep refused to comply with the request and Moses executed what is known as the Ten Plagues. Throughout the first six plagues, the Bible tells us that pharaoh hardened his own soul through negative volition. □
5. From plagues seven through 10, God hardened pharaoh's soul. This sequence of events transpired over the course of Exodus, chapter 10, verses 1–20. □
6. This passage reveals that pharaoh's negative volition through plagues one through six was a manifestation of his advancing reversionism. However, God would have allowed him to recover had he accepted the Messiah of Israel as his Savior. □
7. Yet, at Plague Six, when pharaoh said, "No," God at that point could have taken him out of his life under the sin unto death. □
8. However, God allowed him to continue living in order to demonstrate His power and His grace, indicated in: □

**Exodus 9:15** "If by now I [ the Lord (v. 13) ] had put forth My hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, you would then have been cut off from the earth. □

**v. 16** "But, indeed, for this reason I have allowed you to remain, in order to show My power and in order to proclaim My name through all the earth." □

<sup>5</sup> Reigned c. 1426–1400 BC, son of Thutmose III. Ruling at the height of Egypt's imperial era, he strove to maintain his father's conquests by physical and military skills. (*New Encyclopaedia Britannica*, 15th ed. [Chicago: Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc., 2010], 1:325.)



9. God's dealings with Pharaoh became known throughout the entire world and His reputation as the one true God was advanced as a result. For example: □
- Exodus 15:14** "The peoples have heard, they tremble; anguish has gripped the inhabitants of Philistia. □
- v. 15** "Then the chiefs of Edom were dismayed; the leaders of Moab, trembling grips them; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away. □
- v. 16** "Terror and dread fall upon them; by the greatness of Your arm they are motionless as stone; until Your people pass over, O Lord, until the people pass over whom You have purchased." □
10. This news reached Jethro, the priest of Media, whose daughter, Zippórah was Moses' wife and whose sons were Gérshom and Eliézer. (see Exodus 18:2–40). □
11. Rahab the harlot was a Moabite. Joshua 2:9–14 documents how the story of the Exodus and the divine dealings with Pharaoh was responsible for her conversion to Messiah. □
12. Moses instituted the divine commandment for the people to recite twice daily: the **שְׁמַע (Shama')**: "Hear, listen, obey." □
13. There are three passages that contain the texts that make up the *Shama'*: Deuteronomy 6:4–9; 11:13–21, and Numbers 15:37–41. This daily ritual gets its name from the first word of Deuteronomy 6:4, seen above: **שְׁמַע (Shama')**: "Hear." □
14. What follows is the text of the *Shama'* in English from the New American Standard Bible, beginning with: □
- Deuteronomy 6:4** "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is the unique One!" (EXT) □
- This verse introduces the *Shama'* and may be translated into English thusly: **יְשׁוּעָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ [ Shama' Yisra'el ] Hear, O Israel! אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה [ 'Athonai Elohenu ] The Lord is our God [ alpha glory ], יְהוָה אֶחָד [ 'Athonai Echath ], "The Lord is unique" [ omega glory: the God-man ]!** □
- v. 5** "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart with all your soul and with all your might. □
- v. 6** "These words which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. □



**Deuteronomy 6:7** “You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. □

**v. 8** “You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. □

**v. 9** “You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” □

**Deuteronomy 11:13** “It shall come about, if you listen obediently to my commandments which I am commanding you today, to love the Lord your God and to serve Him with all your heart and all your soul, □

**v. 14** that He will give the rain for your land in its season, the early and late rain, that you may gather in your grain and your new wine and your oil. □

**v. 15** “He will give grass in your fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied. □

**v. 16** “Beware that your hearts are not deceived, and that you do not turn away and serve other gods and worship them. □

**v. 17** “Or the anger of the Lord will be kindled against you, and He will shut up the heavens so that there will be no rain and the ground will not yield its fruit; and you will perish quickly from the good land which the Lord is giving you. □

**v. 18** “You shall therefore impress these words of mine on your heart and on your soul; and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. □

**v. 19** “You shall teach them to your sons, talking of them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road and when you lie down and when you rise up. □

**v. 20** “You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, □

**v. 21** so that your days and the days of your sons may be multiplied on the land which the Lord swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens remain above the earth.” □



**Numbers 15:37** The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, □

**v. 38** “Speak to the sons of Israel, and tell them that they shall make for themselves tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and that they shall put on the tassel of each corner a cord of blue. □

**v. 39** “It shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the Lord, so as to do them and not follow after your own heart and your own eyes, after which you played the harlot, □

**v. 40** so that you may remember to do all My commandments and be holy to your God. □

**v. 41** “I am the Lord your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt to be your God; I am the Lord your God.” □

15. Paul used Pharaoh’s rejection of divine grace as a method of evangelizing Jews in the first century: □

**Romans 9:17** For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I raised you up, to demonstrate My power in you, and that My name might be proclaimed throughout the whole earth.” □

**v. 18** So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires. □

16. The act of allowing Pharaoh to stay alive after the sixth plague meant that God could continue to demonstrate His power to any who would observe it. □
17. Pharaoh had gone past the point of no return in his soul. He was permanently locked into negative volition. Under normal circumstances, God would have removed him from this life. □
18. By allowing Pharaoh to remain alive every time he said, “no,” to God’s grace resulted in a demonstration of God’s power. □
19. These demonstrations of divine omnipotence resulted in bringing the heathen nations to God consciousness and the opportunity to accept Israel’s Messiah as the One true God. □
20. The permissive will of God is often misunderstood, but it is a method by which Jesus Christ controls history. □



21. Legitimate questions often arise regarding why certain things are permitted by God. Why are people born deformed? Why do the good die young? Why do the wicked prosper? Why do the innocent suffer? □
22. First of all, we must remember that there is no circumstance in life for which God does not have a solution. □
23. The Bible solves all problems. However, in order to utilize these problem-solving devices, one must know the Bible. □
24. Secondly, man chose to sin in Eden. He volitionally chose to separate himself from the perfect plan of God. □
25. Our original parents enjoyed a perfect environment with a perfect spouse and with perfect provisions. □
26. In rejecting this arrangement, they fell into a state of total depravity and acquired an old sin nature. □
27. With this imperfection and the propensity to sin, mankind became the source of countless manifestations of life without God. □
28. Through negative volition, man issued in a fallen environment in which imperfect people were forced to exist in that environment. □
29. Their fallen bodies produced not only fallen offspring, but, on occasion, often an offspring with a deformed body. □
30. But man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart (1 Samuel 16:7b). There are no deformed souls. □
31. When people are born crippled, deformed, and even mentally incompetent, their souls are in perfect shape. □
32. If their physical or mental handicaps do not allow them to clearly come to an understanding of the gospel, then they are saved by the justice of God. □
33. The fact we are born into this life spiritually dead is in fact a stroke of divine grace. □
34. Since we are born condemned, then we come into this life in need of a Savior. If we cannot mentally comprehend the facts about our lost state and God's grace solution through Christ, then justice demands our souls' must be saved. □
35. To make the statement, "the good die young," ignores the principle of God's perfect timing. We are here to fulfill His plan and to glorify His Person. □



36. God has the sovereign power to grant life and likewise to take it away. To question His timing in taking a person home is to challenge divine sovereignty and is consequently blasphemous. □
37. If an unbeliever dies young, in the eyes of God he was not good by divine standards and thus was lost in his sins. It really doesn't matter when the unbeliever dies. They are losers whether they die young or old. □
38. By the same token, it really doesn't matter when the believer dies. They are winners whether they die young or old. □
39. Jeremiah asks a probing question in: □  
**Jeremiah 12:1c** Why has the way of the wicked prospered? □
40. God permits it under two principles. We have noted the first under blessing by association. The second is mentioned by our Lord in: □  
**Jeremiah 12:5** "If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out, how can you compete with horses? If you stumble in safe country, how will you manage in the thickets by the Jordan?" (NIV) □
41. God blesses the wicked through association while at the same time using them to test the believer. □
42. We are to learn from apparent injustices in order to develop an attitude of humility, faith, and dependence upon God's grace provisions. □
43. We must learn not to depend upon the material things of a fallen world. We must learn to depend on God. □
44. The wicked may prosper materially, but spiritually they are bankrupt. No matter how long they are prosperous, they will never be happy. And God's justice can withdraw their assets in a New-York second. □
45. Why do the innocent suffer? The question must be addressed by another question: "What's your definition of innocent?" They may be innocent in your eyes, but God's omniscience knows all the facts. Often the innocent suffer to learn how to apply doctrine. □
46. Life in a fallen environment is filled with dangers which must be endured by all. God protects the life of the believer until that person's time to be with the Lord arrives. □



47. Our Lord said the following in:   
**Matthew 5:45b** He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.
48. Our challenge as members of the Royal Family is not to get tied down with questions for which we have no answers, but to become confident that God knows what He is doing.
49. One thing we do know is that God, through His mercy, has saved us unto an inheritance that is undefiled and will not pass away through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Peter 1:4)

## 7. Summary of the Divine Control of History

1. In spite of evil, Jesus Christ continues to control history in three ways. 
  - a. **Direct control** based on His own divine sovereignty which will be brought more forcibly to the earth at the Second Advent.
  - b. **Indirect control** occurs through the laws of divine establishment. Destroying these laws results in anarchy and revolutions. All people who have tried violent solutions have never found answers to their problems.
  - c. **Permissive control** is God permitting evil to run its course during the angelic conflict.
2. The permissive will of God recognizes the fact that human volition must be autonomous if man is to freely follow Him.
3. Consequently, under the directive will of God there is no discipline but instead blessing and happiness.
4. If man overrides the directive will, grace demands of justice that it discipline the believer in hopes of restoring him to the plan.
5. The first stage of this procedure is self-imposed under the Law of Volitional Responsibility.
6. No response earns an intensified stage called warning discipline.
7. Continued rejection of grace recovery results in the administration of the sin unto death.
8. Permissive control therefore allows evil to run its course in human history according to:



**Proverbs 16:3** Commit your works [ that you want to do ] to the Lord, and your plans will be established. □

**v. 4** The Lord works [ brings about ] everything for its own ends – even the wicked for the day of disaster [ retribution ]. □

**v. 5** The Lord abhors every arrogant [ גָּבוּהַ (*gavoah*) ] person; rest assured that they will not go unpunished. (NET) □

**Isaiah 45:7** “The One forming light and creating darkness [ God created the creature who created darkness ], the One manufacturing prosperity and the One creating the evil one; I Jehovah, am the One manufacturing all of these things [ Jesus Christ controls history ].” (EXT) □

9. Mankind must be controlled. Without the Laws of Divine Establishment, men will cease to behave like human beings and begin to act like animals. The writer of Judges 17 addresses this issue: □  
**Judges 17:6** In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was right in his own eyes. □
10. Jesus Christ indirectly controls history through the Laws of Divine Establishment so that human beings can coexist and become evangelized. □
11. Jesus Christ will simply not permit any type of satanic operation to eliminate the human race or to cancel one’s right to choose Christ as Savior. □
12. God created man with free will, but He also assumes the responsibility of keeping him alive so that one generation of believers may follow the next. □
13. Those who accept Christ as Savior and who advance in the plan of God become a part of that unseen cause which determines the destiny of Client Nation America. □
14. Those who do not respond are on the wrong side of history while those who do respond are on the right side of history. □
15. The unbeliever and the cosmic believer are on the wrong side of history. □
16. At the Rapture of the church, all those who are on the right side of history are instantly taken out of this life and transferred to the Third Heaven. □



17. All that remain are unbelievers on the wrong side of history. □
18. Although the Laws of Divine Establishment and the divine institutions remain in effect, all restraint previously provided by the Royal Family through the enabling power of the Holy Spirit is removed. □
19. Removed is:
  - a. The baptism, indwelling, filling, and teaching ministries of the Holy Spirit. □
  - b. The execution of the Christian way of life by the Royal Family. □
  - c. Blessing by association to those who were associated with the Royal Family. □
  - d. The perfect timing previously executed by the Royal Family in restraint of evil. □
  - e. Divine viewpoint is no longer available to restrain the insidious policies of Lucifer. □
  - f. There is no artillery barrage of prayer offered to the Father for restraint on evil. □
  - g. The trends of the sin nature are unrestrained due to no check and balance as previously administered by Judeo-Christian ethics and culture. □
20. Unrestraint results in lust patterns going unchecked, trends pursuing their ultimate objectives, and sin dominating the souls of the entire human race. □
21. Moral inversion results. That which is evil becomes good; that which is good becomes evil: □

**Romans 1:25** For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, Who is blessed forever. Amen. □
22. Unrestrained carnality leads to intensified involvement in widespread reversionism. The majority of the world's population becomes servants of Satan. □
23. Absent any ability for doctrinal analysis, Lucifer lures, through the Beast-Dictator as well as demon possession and demon influence, virtually the entire world into his cosmic system. □



24. Consequently, the restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit is a guarantee against any satanic success which would neutralize the positive believer in the Church Age. □

## 8. The Saturation of Evil means National Destruction. □

1. A vigorous nation can sin vigorously, but that doesn't mean destruction will fall upon it. Sin is not the issue; evil is. □
2. The fourth cycle of discipline is economic disaster: □

**Leviticus 26:26** 'When I break the staff of your bread, ten women will bake your bread in one oven, and they will bring back your bread in rationed amounts, so that you will eat and not be satisfied.' □

The fifth cycle of discipline is being taken over by a foreign power: □

**Isaiah 47:10** "You felt secure in your wickedness and said, 'No one sees me,' your wisdom and your knowledge, they have deluded you; for you have said in your heart, 'I am, and there is no one besides me.' □

**v. 11** "But evil will come on you which you will not know how to charm away; and disaster will fall on you for which you cannot atone; and destruction about which you do not know will come on you suddenly." □

3. Nations, not influenced by Bible doctrine or by the laws of divine establishment, make decisions influenced by one or more forms of evil. □
4. There are three things a nation must have for survival and blessing: (1) evangelism, (2) spiritual growth in local churches by means of pastor-teachers teaching doctrine, and (3) the laws of divine establishment functioning within the framework of free exercise. □

## 9. Evil Never Understands Grace Functions. □

1. Matthew 20 is the Parable of the Vineyard Workers. (Note especially verse 16.) □
2. The Bible always advocates capitalism and free enterprise. □
3. Evil is always antagonistic towards grace and always seeks to manipulate grace. □
4. God's standards for maturity and qualifications for blessing are the same for every believer: advance to spiritual maturity. □



5. It is blind arrogance for any believer to suggest or imply that he has achieved or enjoyed some unique experience or that his spiritual life has more impact than anyone else's. □
  6. Blind arrogance divorces the believer from the reality of spiritual things. Blind arrogance comes in many forms: legalism, salvation by works, spirituality by works, maturity by works. All three are signs of evil. □
  7. So, the person who assumes that the plan of God stands or falls on the basis of his behavior is arrogant and under the influence of evil. The plan of God depends on the essence of God, never on what we do. □
  8. Peter was like the arrogant person who sets up false standards, and then, by complying with those false standards, concludes that he is a great believer. Arrogance assumes many incorrect things, and always slips so easily into evil. □
  9. Like believers in reversionism and evil, the labor union of Matthew 20:1–16 had erroneous standards. Only blind arrogance made them cling to their standards instead of yielding to the superior standards of management. Labor becomes evil by complaining about or judging management. □
  10. The Bible refers to the owner of the vineyard as ἀγαθός (*agathós*): “generous,” for he kept his word to all the laborers equally which is noted in: □  
**Matthew 20:15** ‘Am I not permitted to do what I want with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous ἀγαθός (*agathós*)?’ (NET) □
- NOTE:** Of the four English translations of the Bible, the only version that does not translate *agathós* as “generous” is the King James Version which chooses “good.” English dictionaries define “generous” as follows: □
11. “Liberal in giving or sharing. Showing kindness and magnanimity.”<sup>6</sup> □
  12. “originally of noble birth; gracious, magnanimous; unselfish, beneficent, munificent.”<sup>7</sup> □

<sup>6</sup> *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*, fifth ed. (New York: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016).

<sup>7</sup> *Webster's New Twentieth Century Dictionary of the English Language: Unabridged*, vol. 1, second edition (Cleveland: The World Publishing Co., 1962).



13. “Characterized by a noble or kindly spirit: magnanimous; liberal in giving.”<sup>8</sup> □
  14. “Exhibiting qualities regarding as belonging to high birth; honorable; magnanimous.”<sup>9</sup> □
  15. The Bible calls the owner **ἀγαθός (agathós)**: “generous,” for he kept his word. □
  16. So blind arrogance keeps the believer from yielding to the superior standard of God’s matchless and perfect grace. Grace is related to doctrine, never to works. □
  17. Rewards for the believer in eternity depend on God’s policy of grace, not on the arrogant, legalistic, anthropocentric evil standards of blind fundamentalism. □
  18. God neither blesses in time nor rewards in eternity on the basis of arrogant standards of legalism. All His blessings are based on His grace standards. □
  19. You don’t make covenants or contracts with God. When you know and love Him, you depend on His wisdom to deal faithfully with you at all times. □
- Matthew 20:16** “So the last shall be first, and the first last.” □
20. So, the “first” in this passage are those under the influence of evil. The “last” are the mature believers, depending on God’s grace standards. □

## 10. The Invisible Historical Impact of Jesus Christ on History □

1. We have now consulted several categories of the Lord’s Control of History: **(1)** The Pivot; **(2)** The Client Nation; **(3)** Invisible Historical Impact; and **(4)** The Principle that Jesus Christ Controls History on behalf of the Pivot. □
2. Part of that divine control is shared by the Holy Spirit as He indwells and fills the Church Age believer. □
3. This restraining ministry is vital to producing the necessary environment required for evangelism and subsequent spiritual growth in the Church Age. □
4. From these four doctrines, we are able to establish several particularly important principles: □

<sup>8</sup> Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary, eleventh edition (Springfield, Mass.: Merriam-Webster, Inc., 2014).

<sup>9</sup> Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary, second edition (Springfield, Mass.: G & C Merriam Co., Publishers, 1953).



- a. Every member of the Royal Family, by virtue of a person's very presence on this earth, contributes in some way to the restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit. □
- b. Every member of the Royal Pivot has invisible historical impact as a part of the restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit. □
- c. A large enough Pivot establishes the nucleus of a Client Nation to God. Once the Client Nation is established, as goes the Pivot, so goes the Client Nation. (Genesis 18:20–32; Leviticus 26; Hosea 4:1–6; Matthew 5:13; 1 Peter 2:9.) □
- d. The Client Nation is God's oasis of refuge from Satan's rulership of this world. The Client Nation provides protection for the sacred ingredients of freedom: privacy, property, and human life. □
- e. As a result, **Satan will not be permitted by the sovereignty of God to accomplish his objective of global domination during the Church Age.** □
- f. We may therefore remain confident that "...greater is He Who is in us than he who is in the world." (1 John 4:4b) □
- g. The restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit is a part of the principle that Jesus Christ controls history on behalf of the Pivot. □
- h. The extent of the Holy Spirit's ministry of restraint is limited to the size of the Pivot in any Client Nation. □
- i. When the Rapture occurs, all restraint is removed. All believers are escorted into heaven leaving planet earth devoid of any believers and, consequently, no Pivots and no Client Nations. □
- j. This introduces the most traumatic period of all time as mankind enters into a dispensation in which the impact of evil on history becomes unrestrained. □
- k. This time of unrestrained history is restrained from occurring as long as believers remain on this earth. This is a condition which will remain constant until the Rapture occurs. □



- l.** Your personal relationship with God through faith in Christ, your membership in the Royal Pivot, and your citizenship in Client Nation America gives you more power to accomplish divine good in this world than all the special interest groups combined. □
- m.** This divine good is the invisible historical impact of the Christian way of life which is part and parcel of the Holy Spirit's restraining ministry in the Church Age. □
- n.** Knowledge of these principles enables us to remain tranquil, stabilized, confident, and courageous no matter what category of historical disasters may confront us in the present hour of our nation's discontent as well as the days and years yet to come. □

## II. Summary of the Doctrine: Jesus Christ Controls History □

### 1. Jesus Christ has direct control of human history through His divine essence. □

- 1. There are ten attributes that make up His essence:
  - (1) sovereignty, (2) justice, (3) righteousness, (4) love,
  - (5) eternal life, (6) omnipresence (7) omniscience,
  - (8) omnipotence, (9) immutability, (10) veracity.<sup>10</sup> □

**Deuteronomy 33:26** There is no one like God, O Jeshurun [ יֵשׁוּרֻן (**Yeshurun**): "Israel"<sup>11</sup> ], Who rides through the sky to help you, on the clouds in majesty. (NET) □

### 2. Jesus Christ has indirect control of human history through the function of the laws of divine establishment. □

- 2. There are nations that follow the laws of divine establishment and continue to survive and are even blessed by God through establishment principles. □
- 3. These are laws related to the individual believer's attitude toward Bible doctrine, marriage, family, and the national entity. □
- 4. A list of doctrines related to the laws of divine establishment are found in Romans 13:1–10. □

<sup>10</sup> R. B. Theme, Jr., "The Essence of God," *The Trinity* (Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr. Bible Ministries, 2003), 6.

<sup>11</sup> *Jeshurun* is a term of affection derived from the Hebrew verb יָשַׁר (*Yashar*, "be upright"). Here it speaks of Israel "in an ideal situation, with its 'uprightness' due more to God's help than his own efforts." (*The NET Bible* [Dallas: Biblical Studies Press, 2005,] Deut. 32:15sn415] See also: (M. J. Mulder, *Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament*, eds. G. Johannes Botterweck and Helmer Ringgren, trans. David E. Green [Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1990], 6:475.



**3. Jesus Christ controls history through the hostility of mankind. □**

**Psalm 76:10** Surely Your wrath of maladjusted mankind shall be caused to praise You [ **Jesus Christ** ]. The rest of your wrath shall be ready for action. (EXT) □

5. When the Lord intervenes to deliver a client nation from the wrath of a predator nation, believers among the ones delivered praise Him and are encouraged to stand fast. □

6. In the history of the United States, adversaries such as Joseph Stalin and Adolph Hitler have had to deal with Jesus Christ. Potentially, Xi Jinping (Ché Jìnpíng) may have an appointment with the Lord in the future. □

**4. Jesus Christ controls history with legal control through liability to the laws of volitional responsibility. □**

7. The underlying principle for this situation is that the sovereignty of God and the free will of man coalesce to resolve the prehistoric angelic conflict. □

8. This coordination is mentioned in the two following passages. First the negative situation: □

**Hosea 8:7** For they sow the wind and they reap the whirlwind. The standing grain has no heads; it yields no grain. Should it yield, strangers would swallow it up. □

9. A client nation in decline is encouraged to confess its sins, get in fellowship, and become a warrior for the Lord, a situation noted in: □

**Galatians 6:7** Do not be deceived! God is not one to be mocked! For whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

**v. 8** For he who habitually plants in the sphere of the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption. But he that sows to the Spirit shall from the source of the Spirit reap rewards unto life eternal. (EXT) □

**5. Freedom and volition are the issues in both human history and the prehistoric angelic conflict within which Jesus Christ controls history. □**

10. Freedom is necessary. Therefore, the free will of mankind and the sovereignty of God must coexist in human history in order to resolve the angelic conflict. □



11. The unique spiritual life of the Church Age is extremely important by providing its witnesses for the Prosecution in the rebuttal phase of Satan's appeal. ☐
12. Spiritual maturity and **πληρόμα (plērōma)** status is the key to spiritual freedom: ☐

**Psalm 119:45** I will seek freedom, for I seek your doctrines. (EXT) ☐

13. Those who are positive to doctrine and continue with it are the ones who enter into *plērōma* status. ☐

***Plērōma*, "fullness," is a Greek noun with an active meaning, "that which fills up," and a passive meaning, "that which has been completed or made complete." The New Testament uses *plērōma* to describe the execution of the unique spiritual life in history (Ephesians 1:10, 22–23; 4:13) by means of the same power source that created the universe (Colossians 1:19; 2:9–10). In Ephesians 3:19 πλήρωμα τοῦ θεοῦ (*plērōma tou theou*) describes the "fullness [of blessing] from God." The *plērōma* believer, equivalent to the *Jeshurun* believer in the Old Testament, fulfills the necessary divine objectives to become spiritually mature, receives optimum blessings, and glorifies God to the maximum.<sup>12</sup> ☐**

14. There is no freedom apart from the knowledge of truth: ☐

**John 8:32** You will know the truth [ ἀλήθεια (*alētheia*) ] and the truth will make you free. ☐

## 1. Jesus Christ Controls History through the Preservation of Israel. ☐

15. Israel has been given promises that must be fulfilled at some future point in history. ☐
16. Through three generations of believers in the Old Testament, a new racial species was born according to: ☐

**Romans 9:6b** For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel; ☐

**v. 7** nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: "through Isaac your descendants will be named." ☐

<sup>12</sup> Thieme, *The Integrity of God*, fourth ed., 2005), 35fn24.



17. Abraham was sterile, but whose gametes were restored possessing the genetic code of a Jew—an Israelite. Isaac was history's first natural-born Jew. See Genesis 21:1–8. □
18. As a result, Jesus Christ is called the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. See the following passages on this subject: Exodus 3:6, 15–16; 4:5; Matthew 22:32; Mark 12:26; Luke 20:37; Acts 7:32. □
19. Two principles must be considered as absolutes regarding both people and nations. Each category will be judged for their anti-Semitism. □

## 2. Jesus Christ Controls History through the Preservation of the Earth and the Universe which He Created: □

19. Note the following three examples: □

**Colossians 1:16** For by means of Him [ Jesus Christ, v. 15 ] all things were created [ κτίζω (*ktízō*): to produce from nothing, Gen. 1:1 ], both in the heavens and on earth, the visible things [ the universe ] and invisible things [ mathematics ], whether human governments or constituted authorities, or angelic rulers and authorities: all things through Him and for His purpose have been created. □

**v. 17** He eternally existed before all things, and by means of Him all things hold together [ intensive perfect active indicative of συνίστημι (*sunístēmi*): emphasizes the results of a past action, i.e., gravity ]. (EXT) □

**Hebrews 1:3** He is the radiance of His glory and the exact image of His essence, and constantly sustaining all things by the verbal expression of His inherent power having Himself accomplished purification of sins, He was caused to sit down on the right hand of the majesty on the highest places in the third heaven. (EXT) □

**Hebrews 1:10** “You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and founded the heavens, these are the works of Your hands.” (EXT) □

## 3. Mankind Does Not Have the Power to Destroy the Earth or the Universe. □

20. The universe will not be destroyed until the termination of human history by the Creator, the Lord Jesus Christ: □



**2 Peter 3:10** But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. ☐

**v. 11** Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ☐

**v. 12** looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! ☐

21. He will create a new universe for the eternal state: ☐

**2 Peter 3:13** But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells. ☐

#### 4. **The Mature Believer Is the Key to Spiritual Freedom when Everything Else Fails.** ☐

22. Jeshurun believers existed in the Old Testament in every generation. ☐

23. Pleroma believers exist in every generation of the Church Age. ☐

24. The key to understanding freedom is understanding that Jesus Christ controls history because of mature believers. ☐

25. Spiritual freedom will continue to exist for believers until the end of human history. ☐

26. There is no place for the false agenda and practice of Christian activism. ☐

#### 5. **Jesus Christ Controls History during Fifth Cycles of Discipline.** ☐

27. God punished King Hezekiah for his policy of appeasement and compromise with evil, demonism, and the enemies of Israel: ☐

**Isaiah 36:1** Now in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and seized them. ☐

**v. 2** And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem to King Hezekiah with a large army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool to the highway of the fuller's field. ☐



28. Psalm 46 is a song which many believe was written by King Hezekiah with music composed by Kórah according to its superscript: □

**Psalm 46: Superscript** To the chief Musician of the sons of Kórah, a song upon *'alamóth* [עֲלָמוֹת]. □

29. It has been suggested that Kórah wrote the lyric which is the text of the Psalm, the music is unknown, yet, by which the *alamóth*, the female members of a stringed orchestra, provide the music. □

**Psalm 46:1** God is our fortification and security; He is our help in adversity. He has been found faithful, tested, and proved. □

**v. 2** Therefore, for this cause, we will not fear when the earth undergoes change and though the mountains shake into the middle of the sea, □

**v. 3** when its waters shall roar and boil with anger and the mountains shake before the surging sea. *Sélah* □

**NOTE:** שְׁלַח (*Sélah*) occurs seventy-one times in Psalms and three times in Habakkuk. Most derive it from the root שָׁלַח (*sala*: “lift up”). Within this meaning some think of the lifting up of the voice in singing a benediction. Others think of the lifting up of instrumental music in an interlude or postlude. This is supported by the LXX [ Septuagint ] translation διάψαλμα (*diápsalma*).<sup>13</sup> □

30. We may also consider the following idea: □

“According to Hippólytus, the Greek term διάψαλμα (*diápsalma*) signified a change in rhythm or melody at the places marked by the term, or a change in thought and theme.”<sup>14</sup> □

**Psalm 46:4** The river and the channels thereof shall continually make intensively joyous the city of Elohim, the holy dwelling places of the Most High God. □

<sup>13</sup> H. M. Best and D. Huttar, “Music; Musical Instruments: Remaining musical terms in the superscriptions.” *The Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopaedia of the Bible*, gen. ed. Merrill C. Tenney (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1976), 4:324.

<sup>14</sup> De Lagarde, “Novæ Psalterii Græci Editionis Specimen” 10.



**Psalm 46:5** Elohim lives in the midst of her [ doctrine in the souls of believers ], she shall not be shaken. Elohim shall help her at dawn. [ The angel of Jehovah destroyed the Assyrian army at dawn; Jerusalem was spared. ] □

**v. 6** The heathen [ Assyrians ] raged in anger as kingdoms fell before them; Jesus Christ shouted and the earth melts. □

**v. 7** The Lord of the armies is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Sélah* □

**v. 8** Come to Líbnah and observe the actions of the Lord, Who has caused the annihilation of the dead in the land. □

**v. 9** The Lord causes wars to cease to the end of the land; He smashes in pieces the bow, and splits the spear in two; He burns the war chariot in fire. □

**v. 10** Be caused to relax and know that I am Elohim. I will be exalted and glorified among the Gentiles, I will be exalted in the land among the Jews. □

**v. 11** The Lord of the armies is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Sélah* (EXT) □

31. Without the intervention of Jesus Christ there could have been no victory over the terrorism of the king of Assyria which is the subject of Isaiah 37:33–38. □

32. Likewise, there will be no victory over the terrorism presently raging in Client Nation America without there being a Pivot of mature believers willing to stand fast behind the Lord’s wall of fire. □

**Since God surrounds the believer with a “wall of fire,” we are protected from evil. God constantly converts the evil that assails us to our benefit. As long as we live, God shields and defends us so that we can accomplish His plan.**<sup>15</sup> □

**Zechariah 2:5** ‘For I,’ declares the Lord, ‘will be a [ חוֹמָה ~~שָׁרָא~~ (*chomah* ’esh) ] wall of fire around her [ the priest nation ], and I will be the glory in her midst.’” □

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<sup>15</sup> Thieme, *Freedom through Military Victory*, 4th ed., 87.

