

## STUDY PACK 2

### THE BIBLE DOCTRINE OF HISTORY

“History, when rightly written, is but \_\_\_\_\_, and he who would read history rightly, must read it with his eyes fixed \_\_\_\_\_.”

~ Nineteenth Century historian as quoted by David A. Fisher ~

#### I. THE EVENTS OF THE BIBLE ARE REAL EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of liberals that there is a difference between “religious” truth and history is merely an invention of their imagination.
- B. The creation, the fall, the incarnation, and the resurrection are all \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. The children of Israel constantly saw \_\_\_\_\_ in space, time, and history. e.g. Ex. 24:9-11. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ proved that they were in the flesh. They saw the cloud and the pillar of fire daily.
- D. All the miracles recorded in the Bible actually took place.
- E. All the stories of the Bible, unless labeled by the Bible as fiction (for illustration) actually took place. Luke 16:19-31 is \_\_\_\_\_ as Washington’s Inaugural Address.

#### II. GOD IS IN CONTROL OF HISTORY, ISA. 46:9-10; PS. 33:8-11

- A. God is the \_\_\_\_\_, Malachi 3:6.
- B. God’s control takes many forms:
  - caring
  - governing
  - protecting
  - sustaining
  - preserving
  - chastening
  - judging
  - destroying
- C. God’s control sometimes comes through \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. God’s control most often takes place through \_\_\_\_\_ He is at work even though men don’t see Him.

#### III. GOD HAS A PLAN FOR HISTORY, ACTS 15:18

- A. God has an outline for history that will \_\_\_\_\_.

- B. God uses events that men are not aware of to carry out His plan. God is not even mentioned in the book of Esther but God is clearly seen at work in the events of Esther.
- C. God's plan for history is a plan of salvation, Eph. 1:4.

**IV. JESUS CHRIST IS THE \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. All of ancient history was a preparation for the coming of Christ. He came in the \_\_\_\_\_.
  1. He was the fulfillment of prophecies, Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-10; Daniel 9:24.
  2. The Lord declares that all the circumstances were right for His Appearance: Gal. 4:4; Eph. 1:10; I Tim. 2:6; Titus 1:3; Mark 1:15.
- B. All predictive prophecy points to the return of Christ.
- C. William H. Burnside:

“The perspective point of history is the incarnation and work of Christ in this world. The direction of history was towards the coming of Christ in His first advent. The victory Jesus brought over sin, death, and hell has given meaning and purpose to life and history ever since. It is still our perspective point while we await His second advent, when the original creation will be restored in a new creation in eternity future.”

**V. HISTORY IS A RECORD OF THE BATTLE OF THE AGES**

Satan has led every angel and every human being that he can in revolt \_\_\_\_\_.

**VI. THE LORD IS IN CONTROL OF ALL OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ AND THUS THEIR IMPACT ON HISTORY, NAHUM 1:3**

**VII. GOD USES THE WRATH OF MAN TO ACCOMPLISH HIS \_\_\_\_\_, PS. 76:10; GEN. 50:20**

**VIII. GOD WORKS IN THE HEARTS OF MEN TO ACCOMPLISH HIS PURPOSE**

- A. This is often done without their \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. God maneuvers kings so that His will is carried out:
 

Pro. 21:1; Deut. 2:30; II Chronicles 10:15; Nehemiah 2:8; Jer. 51:11; Ezra 1:1, 6:22.
- C. Perhaps the two most famous examples of this are:
  1. Pharaoh, Exodus 4:21, 7:13, 7:14, 7:22, 8:15, 8:19, 8:22, 9:12, 9:34, 9:35, 10:1, 10:20, 10:27, 11:10, 14:8.
  2. Cyrus, Isa. 45:1.

- D. God even uses \_\_\_\_\_ to lead the \_\_\_\_\_: I Samuel 18:10; I Kings 22:19-23; Judges 9:23.

**IX. HISTORY IS AN \_\_\_\_\_, THE NATURAL AND THE SUPERNATURAL ARE ENTWINED IN HISTORY**

- A. The supernatural is real and important — though often unseen, II Kings 6:15-17.  
B. Satan, demons, angels, and the Holy Spirit are all currently active in history, I John 4:1-4.

**X. MAN IS CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD, GENESIS 1:26**

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ has marred the image of God in man, Romans 3:9-10.  
B. Everything good in human history comes from the \_\_\_\_\_ that is still maintained in man:

creativity  
beauty  
art  
good literature  
inventions  
family love  
good music

- C. Everything evil in human history comes from the sinful nature of man — his selfishness.

**Isaiah 46:9-10:** Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

**2 Chronicles 10:15:** So the king hearkened not unto the people: for the cause was of God, that the LORD might perform his word, which he spake by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.