

## Doctrinal Studies

# JESUS CHRIST AND HISTORY

- I. History is a record of man's thoughts, motives, decisions and actions. Yet Jesus Christ still controls history (Revelation 1:15).
- II. All believers are weak, and must therefore choose a power greater than self; there are only 2 choices: (1) Power system of Satan or (2) Power system of God (the Divine Dynasphere).
- III. Individual decisions made by believers determine historical trends in any given generation.
- IV. When a maximum number of believers perpetuate spiritual momentum to the point of maturity, then there can be historical prosperity.
- V. When a maximum number of believers live in Satan's power system, then the client nation undergoes historical disaster (the five cycles of discipline for a nation).
- VI. Historical blessings in a given geographical location are the result of advancing believers. This is the invisible factor of advancing believers (in our priesthood), rather than the visible factor of human leadership, or even our ambassadorship, in action.

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- VII. History is often the story of how the weak control the strong. Weak, insecure, irresponsible and arrogant people often control policies, procedures and people in social, business, and professional life – both in culture and in government.
- VIII. Human history is a narrative of man's weaknesses, not his strengths. Those who have – or have had – great strengths and virtue, too often are blotted out of historical records; or, they are ignored, ridiculed or presented in a distorted manner.
- IX. With the fall of Adam I, history became a matter of human self-determination and volition to exercise soul-options (our God-given free choice).
- X. Before the fall, there were 3 categories of "trees of blessing":
- Trees that were a blessing to the soul related to perfect happiness in the Garden
  - Trees that were a blessing to the body God had given Adam and Eve, good for food
  - The Tree of Life, the blessing of immortality
- XI. *Negative* folks present to us the *downtrends* of history, while *perceptive* folks present to us the *up trends* of history.