

"Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted◆ now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition◆1 Corinthians 10:6-11</p><p style="text-align: justify;">◆</p><p style="text-align: justify;">Learn From History</p><p style="text-align: justify;">Reformer John Calvin declared: "Histories are a true school for learning how to order our lives."</p><p style="text-align: justify;">◆</p><p style="text-align: justify;">Everything Has Consequences</p><p style="text-align: justify;">History tells us what has worked and what has not. We need to develop the ability to recognise these lessons in every area of life. We need to discover our roots. Everything has consequences. History illustrates the consequences of ideas and actions. In history we can see examples and illustrations of man's depravity and rebellion against God, and God's mercy, grace and sovereignty in intervening in the course of human events.</p><p style="text-align: justify;">◆</p><p style="text-align: justify;">"History is and must ever continue to be next to God's Word, the richest foundation of wisdom, and the surest guide to all successful practical activity." Philip Shaff</p><p style="text-align: justify;">◆</p><p style="text-align: justify;">Examples of Excellence</p><p style="text-align: justify;">History can provide us with the visions of those who impacted society and examples of excellence to inspire us to courageously stand firm in spite of all opposition. We need to learn from positive Godly role models - examples of excellence that can inspire us to reach higher, go further and achieve more through the collective wisdom of the past. We also need to learn from the mistakes of others, to benefit from the painstaking developments and sacrifices of our Fathers in the Faith.</p><p style="text-align: justify;">◆</p><p style="text-align: justify;">"To be ignorant of what happened before you were born is to remain a child forever." Cicero</p><p style="text-align: justify;">◆</p><p style="text-align: justify;">Inspiration and Encouragement</p><p style="text-align: justify;">In history we can find encouragement to persevere, a rebuke to short-sightedness and selfishness. We can learn in history lessons to expose false doctrines and correct unwise policies. History can teach us humility as we consider the great sacrifices that others have made for many of the privileges we enjoy today. History can put our

justify;">A Linear View of History</p> <p style="text-align: justify;">Unlike Eastern religions which have a circular view of history, Christians believe in a linear view. "You only have one life, it will soon be passed. Only what is done for Christ will last." History is heading towards a climatic conclusion: The fulfilment of the Great Commission, the Return of Christ and the Judgement of both the living and the dead. Because of the importance of history, manuscript research and archaeology is vital. </p> <p style="text-align: justify;">◆</p> <p style="text-align: justify;">Apostolic Injunctions</p> <p style="text-align: justify;">The Apostle Paul warns the brethren not to be ignorant of the lessons of history (1 Corinthians 10:1-11). The Apostles Creed focuses on the historical roots of our Faith. When the Gospel is summarised in 1 Corinthians 15:3-9, it is focused on historical events. Stephen's defence of the Faith in Acts 7 is a lesson in Redemptive History. History is His Story.◆</p> <p>"All nations will come and worship before You◆"Revelation 15:4</p> <p style="text-align: justify;">◆</p> <p style="text-align: justify;">Eyewitness Accounts</p> <p style="text-align: justify;">Luke who authored the Gospel and the Book of Acts was a meticulous historian. "Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the Word delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account◆ that you may know the certainty of those things◆"Luke 1:1-4◆</p> <p>"The kingdoms of the world have become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever." Revelation 11:15</p> <p>◆</p> <p>Dr. Peter Hammond</p> <p>Frontline Fellowship
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