

God Controls History

Scripture

“So the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry [land].” (Jonah 2:10 NKJV)

Commentary

In the verse above we can see God’s sovereign control over creation. We often live our days with a false sense of control. It’s true that our actions have consequences and that we are responsible for our choices, but ultimately God is orchestrating the events of history.

The birth of Christ is a tremendous example of God’s sovereignty. The details of Christ’s birth were predicted hundreds of years before their fulfillment. Isaiah prophesied of the virgin birth over 700 years before it happened. Then there are the details of the event.

“But you, Bethlehem, [in] the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.” (Matthew 2:6 NKJV) This is a quote from Micah 5:2 again written in the 8th century B.C. There are many more examples that could be cited, but we will let these two stand.

Therefore, when you find yourself worrying about the situation in our country, or your next financial move, remember God is in control. Nothing is going to happen without Him allowing it to happen.

Now, that is no guarantee that bad things won’t come your way. However, we have His promise that all things work out for our good. That is, “. . . for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to [His] purpose.” (Romans 8:28 NKJV)

I am sure the situation under Roman rule was horrific, but it provided the perfect condition into which our Lord was born.

Therefore, continue to make good choices, holy choices, but trust in God’s sovereign control. “Your word [is] a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” (Psalms 119:105 NKJV)