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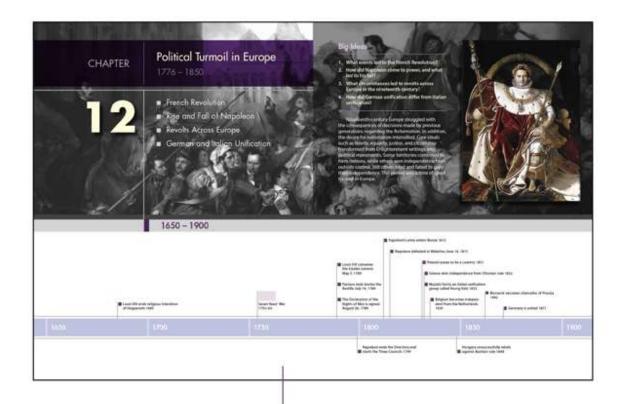
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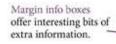
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Chapter openers offer a glimpse of major events with a photo or painting and a timeline. In addition, the chapter outline lists the major topics that will be covered.





Terms in bold type draw attention to important facts, ideas, people, or definitions.

III. The Culture of Islam

General feature boxes provide a more detailed look at a person, event, or concept mentioned in the text.

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The pronunciation key used in this text is designed to give the reader a self-evident, acceptable pronunciation for a word as he reads it from the page. For more accurate pronunciations, the reader should consult a good dictionary.

Stress: Syllables with primary stress appear in LARGE CAPITAL letters. Syllables with secondary stress and one-syllable words appear in SMALL CAPITAL letters. Unstressed syllables appear in lowercase letters. Where two or more words appear together, hyphens separate the syllables within each word. For example, the pronunciation of Omar Khayyam appears as (OHmar kie-YAHM).

INTRODUCTION

Why World Studies?

Have you ever wondered why you should study history? Historians have given many answers to this question, but for the Christian the most important answer is found in God. God created a world that works historically. God created a world in which events unfold through time. And when Adam sinned, God gave a promise of redemption that would take thousands upon thousands of years to fulfill. God didn't bring redemption immediately. Since the time of Christ, the church has spread around the world in a historical process.

Learning What God Is Doing in the World

God has planned all of human history. There is no historical happening that is out of God's control or that does not help to accomplish God's great purpose in the world (Ps. 22:28; Prov. 16:33; Acts 17:26). God's great purpose is to establish the kingdom of Christ (Dan. 4:35; Acts 28; Eph. 1:11).

When you read this book, it is right to continually ask the question "What was God doing in this event?" This is a harder question to answer than you might think. The Bible does tell us God's purpose for some events in the world. But most of the events in this book take place after the New Testament was written, and the Bible does not comment on them. Christians can look at what the Bible says God's goals are in history: redeeming sinners, establishing Christ's kingdom, and bringing glory to His name. Christians can then look at how historical events contributed to these purposes. Such answers will remain tentative, and Christian historians must present them humbly. Nonetheless, the question of what God is doing in history is important for the Christian historian to consider.

The Creation Mandate and the Development of Civilization

When God created Adam and Eve, He gave them a command: Be fruitful, multiply, and subdue the earth (Gen. 1:28). Human history is a record of the fulfillment of this command. God created mankind in His image. This bestowed on them the abilities to carry out the Creation Mandate. He also placed them in a garden with rivers that flowed out to the wider world. Those rivers were highways to places with resources that were needed to develop civilization (Gen. 2:10–14).

This original command from God is being fulfilled. The human population of the earth has grown from two people to over seven billion people. The story of civilization is the story of how people have subdued the earth. But the fulfillment of this command has been corrupted by the Fall of man into sin. The development of civilization is good. God intended it from the beginning. But sin has entwined itself deeply in the rise of every particular civilization. As you read about civilizations in this book, you will at times marvel at the artistic achievements of a civilization or the wisdom displayed in framing a government. But in those same civilizations you will

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be dismayed to see the presence of slavery or the evidence of widespread moral decay.

Evaluating History from a Christian Worldview

The reality of sin means that civilizations cannot simply be celebrated. Events in world history must be evaluated from a Christian worldview. You will gain a great deal of benefit from this evaluation. History allows you to look at previous generations facing the big issues of their day and deciding how to respond to them. There is much wisdom to be gained by learning from both the mistakes and successes of previous generations. To know which is which requires careful evaluation from Scripture.

In world history there are four major themes around which this book will focus its evaluation: justice, power, citizenship, and environment.

Justice

A society is just when people do right and respect each other's rights. For Christians, the rights that people have are based on the image of God that each human bears. Because humans are made in God's image, it is wrong to murder or steal or commit any number of sins against other people. Instead the Bible commands that people love others as they love themselves.

Most civilizations base their understanding of justice on something other than the Bible. Much of conflict in human history comes from conflicting views of what is just. As you read this book, we will draw your attention to issues of justice that need to be evaluated from a Christian worldview.

Power

Power is essential to any civilization. For a civilization to grow and thrive, its leaders must be able to provide order for the people who live there. In addition, civilizations need to exercise power over forces of nature that could threaten the civilization.

A Christian views the use of power as good and necessary, The command to exercise dominion over the earth is a command to exercise power in the world. But in a fallen world, power is often abused. Humans have used power to oppress others. Power that should have been used to cultivate creation has instead been used to damage it. You will notice these issues throughout this study of world history.

Citizenship

Within civilizations, some people are citizens. A citizen has a status that gives him certain rights, privileges, and duties within his civilization. Citizenship gives individuals a say in how their community is run. It also imposes duties that require significant sacrifice. Christians need to evaluate who should be granted citizenship, what rights citizens should have, and what duties should be required of a citizen.

Environment

Every civilization is placed in a particular geographical location. Each location has special features. Many civilizations grew up along great rivers. Others learned how to flourish in harsh climates. Whatever the environment, God called mankind to rule over this world in all its variety. Understanding the role the environment has played in shaping civilizations is important. Understanding how civilizations have shaped their environments in fulfillment of the Creation Mandate is also important.

Multiple Perspectives

Historians often have to evaluate different perspectives of historical events because the world is complex. Events often happen for a multitude of reasons, and untangling them all is not easy. In addition, everyone interprets the events of history from his own worldview. Throughout this book we will give you the opportunity to evaluate the perspectives of different historians. Sometimes you will be asked to judge if a historian is accurately understanding the historical evidence. In each case you will be looking to see if the historian is interpreting history from a biblical worldview.