

We are told we live in an age of terror. Indeed we see cause for alarm all around us, near and far. When we put things in perspective, we can see terror active throughout the pages of human history.

Why ? And what can we do about it ?

The Bible shows terrors of history as part of the reality of human existence. Like other historians, Dr. Marshall Foster of the World History Institute has documented what many observers also note.

Foster served as adviser for the excellent film www.MonumentalMovie.com which also reveals the scriptural principles foundational to successful civilization and society.

Forces of anti-God paganism, which offer a counterfeit version of reality, never rest. They promote religious idolatry, human sacrifice, tyranny, worship of leaders, enslavement, execution of enemies, rejection of God's law, imposition of counterfeit prejudicial laws, and persecution of Christian believers.

And yet Christianity flourishes – because believers are commissioned to serve Him, protected by the armor of Him who reigns over all things, and who providentially moves history toward His intended ends.

That's why your prayers matter, and why your life matters. As you trust and obey the Lord of history you find YOUR place in His story. He triumphs over terror – and you can be part of His story.

--Triumph through Redeemed Individuals – God invites individuals to come into right relationship with Him, reconciled through faith in the sacrifice of His Son who paid the penalty for sin and rebellion against God. (See John 3:16)

--Triumph through Godly Families – The Bible relates how God performed the first marriage and established the institution of the family, in order to build society consisting of people in right relationship to Him and to one another. Strong families perpetuate people living by God's principles to fulfill His purposes for His creation. (See Deuteronomy 6:4-7)

--Triumph through Commissioned Churches – God gathers His redeemed people into relationship with one another – the church. He commissioned His people to be His representatives, ambassadors, to proclaim the message of reconciling people to Him through Jesus Christ. God transforms the world through His obedient people. (See 2 Corinthians 5:17-20)

--Triumph through Society with Limited Civil Government – The Bible also relates how God laid out the principles for limited civil government. These principles have changed the world when people read the Bible in their own language. The foundations of America come directly from the principles of Scripture. For example, our founders set up three branches of government, based on Isaiah 33:22 where God is lawgiver, king and judge.

--Triumph through His Providential Grace – The Bible also shows when God's people are obedient to Him, His blessings overflow through us to the people and nations around us. God's people are blessed in order to bless others. And we are accountable to Him for the blessings He entrusts to us. (See Matthew 6:13-16)

The triumph of Christ over sin, the cross, and death reveals His transforming power for those who trust and obey Him. (See Romans 1:1-6). Through Him, we can change the world, one life, one family, one church, one community, one county, one country at a time !