

The Guaranteed Direction of Human History

Daniel 2:31-45

- 1. Human governments will tend to pursue more and more _____ and _____.**

James 4:1-2

- 2. Human rulers will tend to crave God-like sovereignty and will often set themselves up _____.**

- 3. Human governments will tend to oppress God's people, both the Jews and the church.**

- 4. The power of human rulers, despite its impressive appearance, is actually very _____.**

5. The overall trend of human nations and governments will tend to degenerate rather than progress.

Matthew 20:25-28 "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

6. The certain direction of all human history is toward the establishment of the _____.

Revelation 21:1-6

1. Realize the way things are going to be.

1 Peter 4:12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

2. Rejoice to invest your life for the kingdom that is an eternal rock.

Matthew 6:31-33 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

3. Recognize the foretastes of God's final triumph.

4. Rest in the final triumph of God.