

**DECREES,
PRESIDENTIAL
CAMPAIGNS AND THE
PURPOSES OF GOD**

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Luke 2:1-7

“In the summer of 2008...I had been speaking at a conference in Rome. I was standing on the roof of a hotel that was on a hill overlooking the entire city. As I gazed at that incredible city, I realized that this was the city that had ruled the known world for more than five centuries. Emperors had walked those streets. Armies had marched out from Rome

and returned victorious. Laws had gone forth from Rome to govern many nations. *And* it was all under the sovereign, invisible providence of God, working out his purposes in history...Caesar Augustus in his palace in Rome along with the mighty Roman armies whose soldiers began to enforce that decree had no idea that God in

heaven was using them to fulfill his plan, so that “when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law” (Galatians 4:4-5). Caesar Augustus thought he ruled the entire civilized world. But far above him, reigning eternally was the Lord, who “rules over the

nations” (Psalm 22:28). So it was
throughout the ages, and so it is
today.”

~ Wayne Grudem
Politics According to the Bible

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I. God Will Accomplish His Purposes

A. God rules over all, including rulers!

B. God's ultimate plan for all of history is that His Son will one day rule over all!

C. Until God's ultimate plan of Christ's triumphant return is fulfilled there will be remaining evil.

II. God Works Through Our Actions To Accomplish His Purposes

“If we only focused on biblical verses about God’s sovereignty in history, we would have a mistaken picture, because we would have only half of the total biblical teaching regarding human history. In order to oppose and overcome evil in the world, God calls his people to serve him in many ways.”

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II. God Works Through Our Actions To Accomplish His Purposes

A. Evangelism

B. Works of Compassion

C. Personal Holiness

D. Engage in civil affairs

E. Pray!

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