

A few observations:

History, humanity and nature work together to serve God's purpose.

There is comfort in providence.

God sent me before you to preserve life. Genesis 45:5

You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. Genesis 50:20

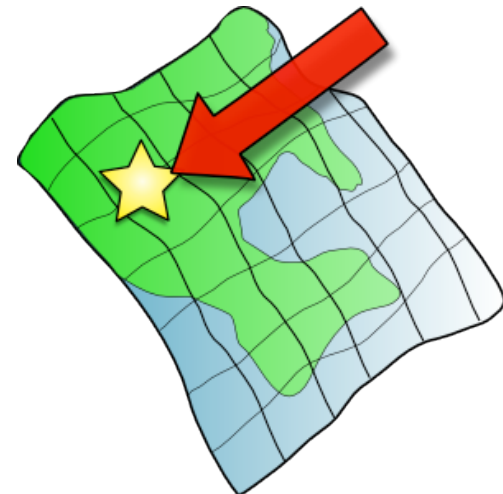
And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

the Lord has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble. Proverbs. 16:4

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God Is My Travel Agent

Ignorance of providence is one of life's great miseries where an understanding of providence leads to it's highest happiness. -John Calvin

upholding the universe by his word of power. Hebrews 1:3

upholding = active, purposeful control over what is carried

God guides history.

The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will. Proverbs 21:1

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Micah 5:2

God guides human events.

Joseph also went up from Galilee... with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. Luke 2:4

your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. Psalm 139:16

What have you that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift? 1 Corinthians 4:7

For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this? Esther 4:14

God guides nature.

For to the snow he says, 'Fall on the earth,' ... and cold from the scattering winds. By the breath of God ice is given, and the broad waters are frozen fast. Job 37:6,9,10