

Dominion Covenant Church presents...



2008 SPRING  
**PROVIDENTIAL  
HISTORY FESTIVAL**

~ *Creation to the Cross* ~

May 30, 2008 • Omaha, NE



**“...He has made His wonderful works  
to be remembered...”  
Psalm 111:4**



**Prov-i-dence, *noun*:**

The almighty and ever-present power of God whereby he still upholds, as it were by his own hand, heaven and earth together with all creatures, and rules in such a way that leaves and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and unfruitful years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, and everything else, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

*Q. 27, Heidelberg Catechism*





## Welcome

to the Spring Providential History Festival.

All history is HIS story because all history is the working out of God's providential plan (Rom. 11:36; Eph. 1:11; 3:9-10). Thus, "history is the story of what God has ordained in His inscrutable wisdom. History is not just a collection of events to be recorded in consecutive order. History is not primarily about the progress of man. History is not a collection of dates and trivia to be remembered by the erudite. Rather, history is the grandeur of a sovereign God's actions. It reveals His character, timing, patience, grace and severity. This then is the place to look for the lessons of life" (*Advancing the Kingdom*, by Donald W. Schanzenbach, p. 30).

Our hope is that you grow in your understanding of God's plan in the affairs of man through this Festival. If "developing a Biblical view of history" is a new idea to you, then you should find great encouragement at this festival through watching others and gleaning from them.

Each participant has carefully crafted their presentation to communicate with you these providential concepts. You will find a wide range of creative mediums used. We hope that this fun and educational experience will bring Providential History alive for you.

This event is for all ages. So, whether you are an individual or group, young or old, you are invited to join us next time. Please share with us your knowledge of Providential History as it relates to God and His redemptive purposes in history. Again, our desire is to bring Providential History alive. The older, wiser history buffs can inspire the younger ones. So, come and aspire or be inspired.

# Understanding Providential History

1. The providence of God is the Central Lesson of history. “Know therefore today, and take it to heart, that the Lord, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other” (Deut. 4:39).
2. The Central Figure of history is Jesus Christ. “...that in the dispensation of the fullness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth – in Him.” (Eph. 1:10)
3. The progress of the church is the Central Theme of history. “...I will build My church and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.” (Mt. 16:18)
4. The Moral Value of history is that it gives vivid subject matter for understanding the impact of righteousness and evil. “These things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction.” (I Cor. 10:11)
5. The End Goal of history is to show forth the glory of God. “Who created all things so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in heavenly places.” (Eph. 3:9-10)

In the end, we hope to transfer to the next generation an excitement and confidence for what God has done, is doing and will do. May God raise up the next generation to be historical, theological and covenantal thinkers who can see God’s purposes in history. May He raise up statesmen like the “sons of Issachar” (1 Chronicles 12:32) who “knew the times and knew what Israel ought to do.” May He raise up God-fearing husbands and wives and God-fearing children. May He raise up passionate singles who can influence the kingdom like Daniel and Nehemiah did. And in the process may we learn to enjoy all of life as a gift from God’s hand. To God be the Glory! (*Advancing the Kingdom*, by Donald W. Schanzenbach, pp. 35-37)

# Awards

Our Judging team will be evaluating the entries to determine the:

- Best Drama
- Best Table Display
- Best Speech

YOU will get to vote to determine the:

- Audience Choice Award

**Voting is open from 5:00-7:00pm**

This is your chance to pick your favorite Providential History Presentation. You have **10 coins to allocate**.

All 10 can go to one entry (even your own) or divided up however you like.

Please place your coins in the correct containers.

There are 2 voting locations in the sanctuary.

Voting coins can be picked up at the PHF Information table.

Parents, please pick up the coins you will need for your children (it is suggested that children who cannot read have an accompanying adult).

Key	Name	Category	Topic
1.	Kayla Denekas & Co.	Drama	Ruth
2.	Melanie Denekas, Ruth Kayser & Co.	Drama	David and Goliath
3.	Shepherd Family	Drama	Shepherding
4.	Collen Family	Table	Nebuchadnezzar
5.	Duff Family	Table	Walls of Jericho
6.	Tom Paugstat	Table	The Life and Times of Christ
7.	Audrey Elliott	Table	Women in the Line of Christ
8.	Hannah Stougard	Table	Ancient Egypt
9.	Hannah Stougard	Speech	Ancient Egypt
10.	Dan Hamilton	Speech	Chinese Language
11.	Phil Kayser	Speech	Ptolemy II and Antiochus II
12.	Tom Collen	Speech	Paleolithic Cultures
13.	David Dykstra	Speech	Ahab
14.	Ben Kayser	Speech	Alexander

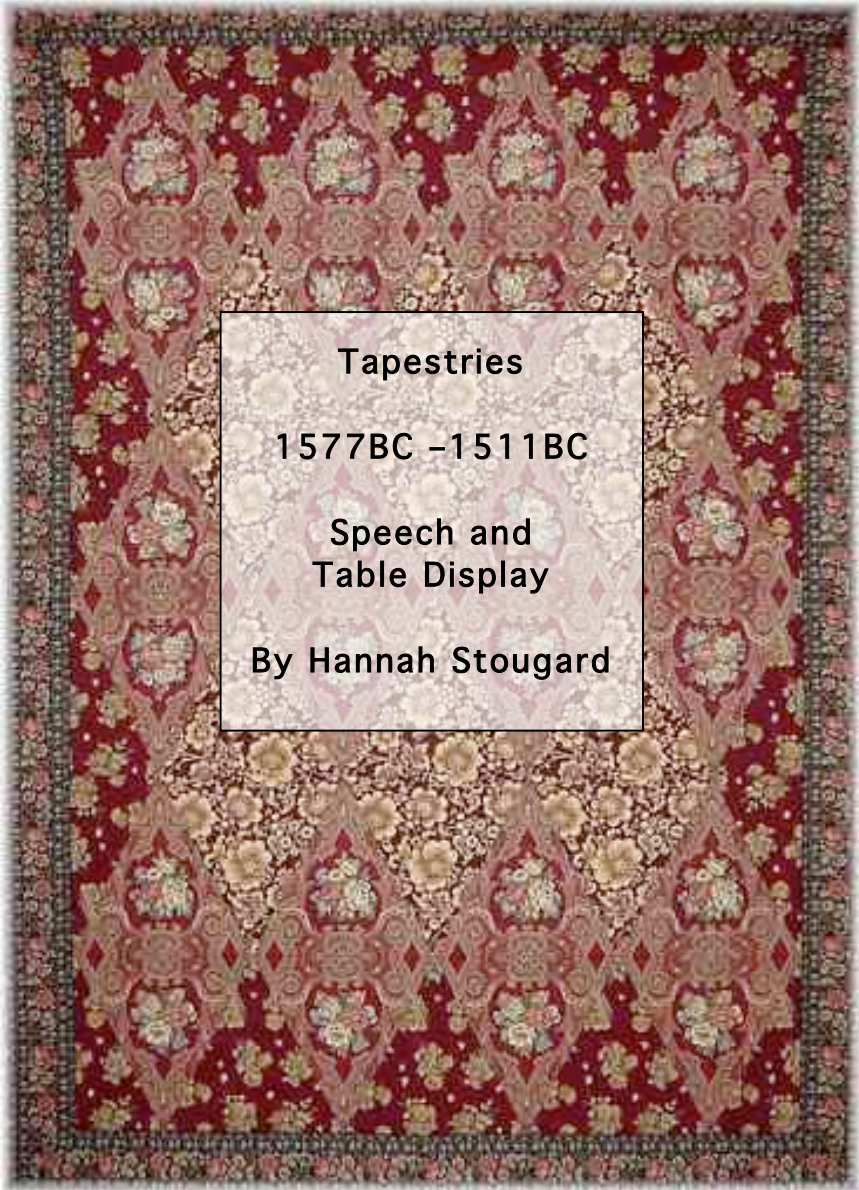


# Ruth

Directed by Kayla Denekas  
Between 900 and 500 B.C.

**Where you die, I will die,  
And there will I be buried.  
The LORD do so to me, and more also,  
If anything but death parts you and me.”  
Ruth 1:7**

**Resources:  
New King James Bible**



**Tapestries**

**1577BC -1511BC**

**Speech and  
Table Display**

**By Hannah Stougard**

**Resources:**

The Holy Bible

*The Annals of the World* By James Ussher

*Heritage Studies 6* By Bob Jones Press

# The Fulfillments of God's Prophecies Against Ahab

Speech by David Dykstra



**Resources:**  
The Holy Bible (NKJV)

# David, Gods Mighty Warrior

A Musical Drama Directed by Melanie Denekas and Ruth Kayser  
Music By Ben Lueders

1042 B. C.



**Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD.**

**1 Samuel 17:45a**

## **Resources:**

The New King James Bible

# “Not Without A Witness”

A Speech by Dan Hamilton



## Resources:

Kang, C.H., & Nelson, Ethel R. (1979). *The discovery of Genesis: How the truths of Genesis were found hidden in the Chinese language*. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House.

Jones, S., Martin, R. and Pilbeam, D. (Eds) (1999). *Cambridge encyclopedia of human evolution*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

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New King James Version. (1982). *Genesis 11:7-8*. Thomas Nelson, Inc.

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# Alexander The "Not so Great"

How God used "Alexander the Great"  
to spread the gospel through unification  
of the language

**B.C. 323**

**A Speech By Ben Kayser**

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying,  
"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.  
Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing  
them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy  
Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have  
commanded you; and lo, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age." Amen.

**Matthew 28:18-20**

### **Resources:**

Dana, H.E. *The New Testament World*. Broadman Press. Nashville, Tennessee, 1937.

Ussher, James. *The Annals of the World*. Master Books. Green Forest, AR, 2003.

Stanton, Mary and Albert Hyma. *Streams of Civilization*, Vol. I. Illinois: Christian Liberty Press, 1976.

# *The “Shepherds” Look at Shepherds*

A discussion of Psalm 23:

How it was used to teach David to be a great King

How it pointed man to the Son of David Jesus,  
the Good Shepherd



## **Resources:**

*A Shepherd Looks At Psalm 23*, Phillip Keller, Zondervan Press, 1970.

*Shepherd Motif in the Old and New Testaments*, Mary Beth Gladwell, Xenos.org Online Journal.

# **Antiochus II *versus* Ptolemy II**

How God used the strife between the Seleucid kingdom (Antiochus) and the Ptolemaic kingdom to keep them from destroying Israel.



Antiochus II



Ptolemy II & his wife

**A.D. 250**

**Speech** By **Phillip Kayser**

**“The Lord raised up an adversary.”**

### Resources:

- Walton, John H. *Chronological and Background Charts of the Old Testament*. Zondervan, 1978.
- Rushdoony, R. J. *Taped Lectures and Syllabus - A Christian Survey of World History* (Vallecito, California: Ross House Books, 1974)
- Barclay, John. *Jews in the Mediterranean Diaspora from Alexander to Trajan*. T&T Clark, 1996.
- Feldman, Louis. *Jew and Gentile in the Ancient World*. Princeton University Press, 1993.
- Grabbe, Lester. *Judaism from Cyrus to Hadrian*, 2 vols. *Fortress*, 1992.
- Whiston, William (translator). *Josephus, Complete Works*. Kregel. 1974.
- Schurer, Emil. *A History of the Jewish People, section 1, vol. 1*. Hendriksen. 1995.
- House, H. Wayne. *Chronological and Background Charts of the New Testament*. Zondervan, 1981.

# THE WORLDVIEW OF PALEOLITHIC SOCIETY



BY TOM COLLEN

## Resources:

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*The Boy in the Bubble*, Paul Simon, Warner Bros.  
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*After the Flood*, Bill Cooper, New Wine Press, 1995  
*The Genesis Record*, Henry M. Morris, Baker Book House, 1992.  
*Luther's Works: Lectures on Genesis*, Chapters 6-14, Concordia.  
*Smallest Undertaking*, Sallust. Publishing House 1960.

# Women In The Line of Christ



By Audrey Elliott

## Resources:

Genesis 29.20, 23, 25; Numbers 24.19; Genesis 29.31a, 35a;  
Genesis 38.14-16, 24; Genesis 49.10, Genesis 38.27-29;  
Joshua 2.1, 4, 14; Matthew 1.5a; Hebrews 11.31  
Ruth 1.12a, 13-14; Isaiah 11.10; Ruth 4.13, 17b;  
2 Samuel 12.9; Jeremiah 23.5, 6b; 2 Samuel 12.24-25;  
Matthew 1.20; Isaiah 7.14, 9.7; Matthew 1.24-25.

# *The March* around Jericho



A re-enactment of the fall of Jericho  
Date: 1451 B.C.

**And the LORD said to Joshua,  
“See! I have given Jericho into your hand,  
its mighty king and the mighty men of valor.”**

#### **Resources:**

Matthew Henry Commentary  
Calvin’s Commentary  
Geneva Study Bible  
The Old Testament Speaks -Schultz

And None Can Stay His Hand



By The Collen Family

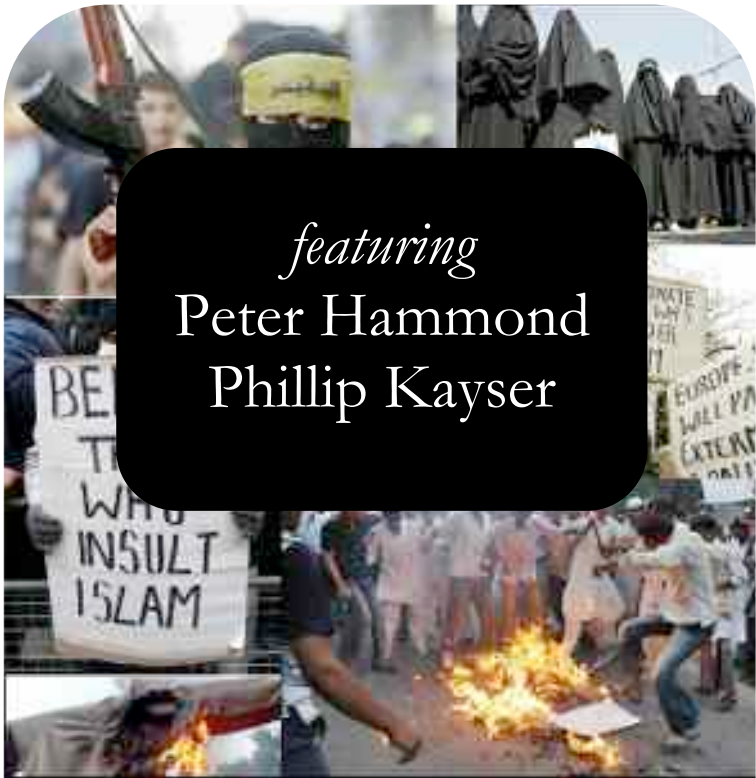
**Resources:**

Daniel 4,

*The Annals of the World* by James Ussher.



**Tomorrow...**



*featuring*  
**Peter Hammond**  
**Phillip Kayser**

# JIHAD

**Today's Threat to Christianity**

The Challenge of Islam – The End of Islam  
The Victory of Grace Over Islam

**9am-5:30pm**

# Schedule

Time	Category	Event	Presenter
1:00		Welcome and Announcements	
1:10		History Movie Clip	
1:30	Drama	Ruth	Directed by Kayla Denekas
1:50	Speech	Ancient Egypt	Hannah Stougard
2:00	Speech	God's Judgment of Ahab	David Dykstra
2:10		<i>Explore Table Displays and Book Table</i>	
2:40		History Movie Clip	
3:00	Drama	David and Goliath	Directed by Melanie Denekas and Ruth Kayser
3:20	Speech	Chinese Language	Dan Hamilton
3:30	Speech	Alexander the 'Great'	Ben Kayser
3:40		<i>Explore Table Displays and Book Table</i>	
4:10		History Movie Clip	
4:30	Drama	Shepherding	Directed by MaryAnne Shepherd
4:50	Speech	Ptolemy II and Antiochus II	Phil Kayser
5:00	Speech	Worldview of Paleolithic Society	Tom Collen
5:10		<i>DINNER, Explore Table Displays and Book Table</i>	
6:55		Frontline Fellowship DVD clip	
7:15	Keynote	Ezekiel	Peter Hammond
8:15		Awards	