

INTRODUCTION



- I have decided to follow Jesus
- Story of Nokseng,
 Garo tribe Assam



Note: Garo Traditional Outfit



PROVIDENCE, WHAT?



Everything begins and end with/in GOD * Edmund Chan *

THE THEOLOGY



- God , the Creator
- God, the Sustainer, Provider, Protector, Deliverer
- God is active and working
- God, the Sovereign, He alone is in control, "works out all things for good"

Isaiah 14:24 & 46:10

THE THEOLOGY



 God of Covenant - bound Himself and pledge commitment in an asymmetrical and co-dependent relationship.

THE IMPORTANCE



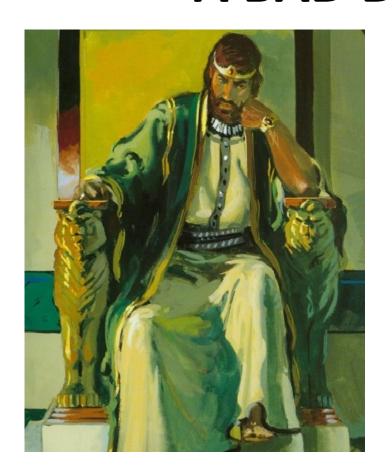
Biblical WORLDVIEW

The meta-narrative/BIG STORY or GOD STORY

 CONFIDENCE and COMFORT – faith, love, courage, comfort, perseverance, patience, hope

'A BAD DAY IN OFFICE'





King Hezekiah

Assyrian army is at Jerusalem's doorstep

Existential threat

HEZEKIAH'S PRAYER



¹⁵ And Hezekiah prayed to the LORD: "LORD, the God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, You alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. 16 Give ear, LORD, and hear; open Your eyes, LORD, and see; listen to the words Sennacherib has sent to ridicule the living God.

¹⁷ "It is true, LORD, that the Assyrian kings have laid waste these nations and their lands. 18 They have thrown their gods into the fire and destroyed them, for they were not gods but only wood and stone, fashioned by human hands. 19 Now, LORD our God, deliver us from his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You alone, LORD, are

THE EVIDENCE



- God's dealing with the Jews
- God's provision in Jesus Christ as PERFECT ATONEMENT / SACRIFICE, REDEEMER, JUSTIFICATION, RIGHTEOUSNESS, HOPE

THE JEWISH HISTORY



- Assyrian EMPIRE
- Babylonian EMPIRE
- Persian EMPIRE

THE JEWISH HISTORY



- Greek EMPIRE (Hellenisation)
- Roman EMPIRE (Good Infrastructure and Local Government – PAX ROMANA)

Gal 4:4 But when the time had fully come ...
 God

Our Destiny

Isa 49:14-16

14 But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me."

15 "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!

16 See, I have engraved you on the palms of My hands; your walls are ever before Me.

PROVIDENCE

Matt 10: 29-30



- ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?* Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care.
- ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.
- ³¹ So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.
- •penny = 1 cent

EVERYDAY PROVIDENCE



- Life is full of uncertainties ex. JOB
- Trusting God is difficult
- Perseverance and patience required

EVERYDAY PROVIDENCE



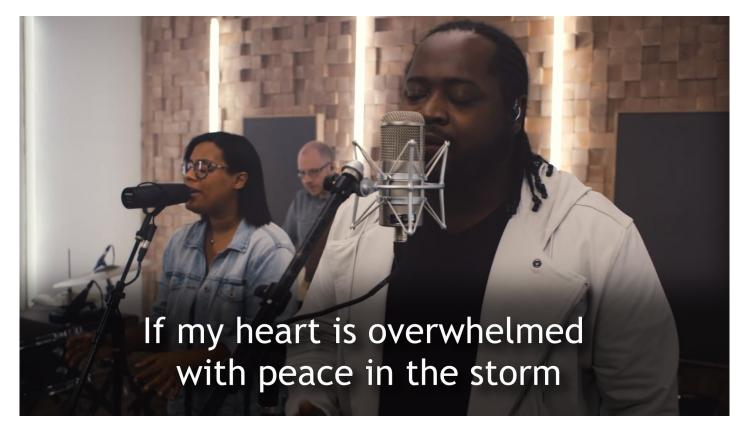
- Recognise and Celebrate PROVIDENCE
- Focus NOT on expected/desired outcome
- Mystery of PROVIDENCE Continue with Nokseng's story





So I will stand and see it through
I will stay the course and make it home
Oh my heart is overwhelmed with peace in the storm
It's all, it's all because of Christ

~ All because of Christ



"All Because of Christ" - Austin Stone

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_LGWqPp2nco