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### Charting Our Course

1) \_\_\_\_\_ ... Is \_\_\_\_\_.

The LORD has established his throne in heaven,  
and his kingdom rules over all. (Psalm 103:19)

See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power,  
and he rules with a mighty arm. ...  
Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket;  
they are regarded as dust on the scales.  
(Isaiah 40:10, 15)

In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a  
kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to  
another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring  
them to an end, but it will itself endure forever. This is the  
meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain,  
but not by human hands—a rock that broke the iron, the  
bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces. The  
great God has shown the king what will take place in the  
future. The dream is true and its interpretation is  
trustworthy. (Daniel 2:44-45)

Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever;  
wisdom and power are his.  
He changes times and seasons;  
he deposes kings and raises up others. (Daniel 2:20-21)

2) \_\_\_\_\_ ... Is A \_\_\_\_\_.

John 13:34-35 & 17:20-21/1 Corinthians 8/Romans 14-15

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to  
please ourselves. ... Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you,  
in order to bring praise to God. (Romans 15:1, 7)

3) This \_\_\_\_\_ ... Is \_\_\_\_\_ Our \_\_\_\_\_.

Mark 14:61-64

In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of  
man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of  
Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and  
sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his  
kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. (Daniel 7:13-14)

Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the  
Blessed One?"

"I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand  
of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

The high priest tore his clothes. "Why do we need any more witnesses?" he  
asked. "You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?"

They all condemned him as worthy of death. (Mark 14:61-64)

Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the  
Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything  
under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his  
glorious body. (Philippians 3:20-21)