

# The Cycle of Civilization

## The Rise & Fall from Bondage to Freedom and Back to Bondage

The rise proceeds from the *spiritual faith* of a few, their belief and supreme confidence in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The pivot of believers infuses *courage* to a nation, a willingness to sacrifice all for *liberty* and freedom.

Freedom propels a nation to the summit: to supreme *abundance*, to evangelism, to promotion of divine establishment—a client nation to God.

But with abundance, a change. God, the source of all blessing, is forgotten.

The downward cycle spirals through *selfishness, complacency, apathy, dependency*, and finally back to *bondage*.

The only hope to reach and remain at the pinnacle of human existence is Always faith and trust in the living hope, the Lord Jesus Christ.

R. B. Thieme, Jr., *In Whom Do You Trust? The Future Hope of a Nation* (Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries, 1992), frontispiece.