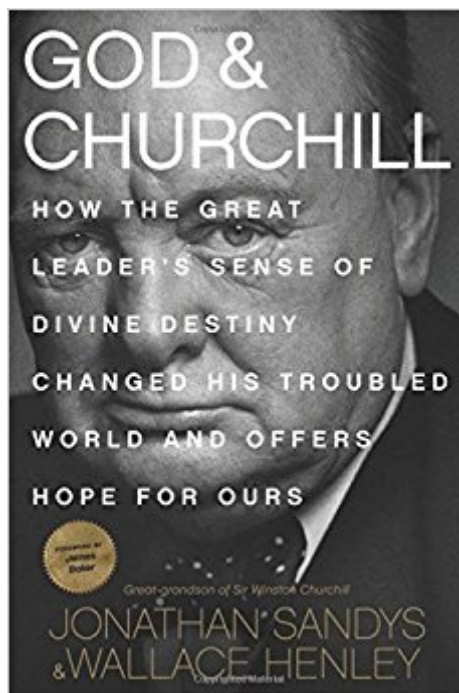




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# **God & Churchill: How The Great Leader's Sense Of Divine Destiny Changed His Troubled World And Offers Hope For Ours**



## Synopsis

When Winston Churchill was a boy of sixteen, he already had a vision for his purpose in life.

“This country will be subjected somehow to a tremendous invasion . . . I shall be in command of the defences of London . . . it will fall to me to save the Capital, to save the Empire.” It was a most unlikely prediction. Perceived as a failure for much of his life, Churchill was the last person anyone would have expected to rise to national prominence as prime minister and influence the fate of the world during World War II. But Churchill persevered, on a mission to achieve his purpose. *God and Churchill* tells the remarkable story of how one man, armed with belief in his divine destiny, embarked on a course to save Christian civilization when Adolf Hitler and the forces of evil stood opposed. It traces the personal, political, and spiritual path of one of history’s greatest leaders and offers hope for our own violent and troubled times. More than a spiritual biography, *God and Churchill* is also a deeply personal quest. Written by Jonathan Sandys (Churchill’s great-grandson) and former White House staffer Wallace Henley, *God and Churchill* explores Sandys’ intense search to discover his great-grandfather’s and how it changed his own destiny forever.

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## Customer Reviews

Sandys, a great-grandson of Sir Winston Churchill, is an international public speaker on Churchill’s life, times, and leadership skills. Henley was a White House congressional aide, journalist, and columnist, and he serves at Second Baptist Church in Houston, TX. Together, this

writing duo creates a robust picture of Churchill as a boy, young adult, politician, leader, and a man of strong faith values. Readers will delightfully discover much they have never known about Churchill. Neglectful parents scarred Churchill's childhood. He didn't naturally succeed at every level, but he is described as having a sense of destiny from early on, which drove him to never give up. As the text progresses, the focus shifts to Churchill's religious convictions and how they deeply influenced the way he conducted his life. Throughout this meaty primer on Churchill's personal beliefs and public life, there are countless intersections where he made tough choices based on Christian principles. The authors conclude their study of Churchill by offering his practical recommendations on sound leadership characteristics for today's readers. Benefiting from Sandys' intimate knowledge of Churchill's life and Henley's fine journalistic acumen for convincing facts, this is an excellent read. (Publishers Weekly)

Having witnessed firsthand how God moves to influence major events in the world for the good of his people, I cannot imagine anyone better suited to tell the story of God's work in the life and times of Churchill than Churchill's own flesh and blood. Jonathan Sandys brings an unparalleled vibrancy and perspective on the great man and his times. He and Wallace Henley have artfully woven together the best-known and most obscure pieces of history to present the beautiful and compelling tapestry that is God and Churchill. An absolute must-read. (Joanne King Herring, International diplomat, author, and president/CEO of the Marshall Plan Charities) Great leaders, and the times and circumstances in which they served, have long fascinated me. Winston Churchill has been of special interest to me for many years. I have read books about the British wartime leader, but they always seem to leave out a critical element. But Jonathan Sandys and Wallace Henley have captured it in this book. At last we have a detailed presentation not only of Churchill's legendary exploits but also of the inner dynamic that compelled him with a vision for a Christian civilization • and an iron will to defend it at all costs. Sandys and Henley, to use a Churchillian idea, have brought the inspiration and lessons of the past into our present for the sake of the future. This is a must-read for our critical times. (Ed Young, Senior pastor, Second Baptist Church, Houston) I have known four generations of the Churchill family. The noblest remaining of that family is Jonathan Sandys. He has both the vision and the voice to carry forth the legacy of his great-grandfather and is well worthy to offer this account of Churchill's life and faith. God and Churchill has earned a place next to the greatest of books ever written on the master statesman. (James C. Humes, Author and former presidential speech writer) A fascinating and well-argued book that adds a vital, missing component to understanding Churchill. As a lifelong admirer who as a boy

met Churchill and who has read widely on his life, I was curious to know what Sandys and Henley would present as evidence. I was not only convinced but delighted at the realism and relevance of their portrayal of Churchill. He emerges as anything but ardently religious, but he was more personally aware of his destiny and more biblically literate and attuned to the Christian worldview and Christian civilization than many Christians today. (Os Guinness, author of *A Free People's Suicide*) What a wonderfully enthusiastic book, written with the insights of a great-grandson of Winston Churchill who understands his great ancestor in unique and special ways. Jonathan is a fine Christian who grasps the spiritual dimensions of Churchill's life and the struggle against the pure evil of Nazi tyranny. How fabulous, too, to see Churchill's godly Christian nanny, Elizabeth Everest, given her true place in her charge's life. And there is no doubt: It was Churchill as prime minister in 1940 who not only saved Britain from defeat but saved Christian civilization itself, as Jonathan and Wallace make so very clear. This is a book for Christians as well as for Churchill enthusiasts. Thank God for Jonathan's ministry and historical perspective. (Dr. Christopher Catherwood, Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, Churchill Archives By-Fellow emeritus) A graphic portrayal of the life and legacy of Winston Churchill, with emphasis on his guiding belief in divine providence. Long before "the clash of civilizations" had become a common term, Churchill knew what it meant and spent his life defending the civilization so decisively shaped by the Christian faith. A fascinating study! (Timothy George, Founding dean of Beeson Divinity School)

A fascinating and thorough look at how the ancient promise God gave to Israel's founding father, Abraham, is still relevant for today. The promise that as a distinct people group they would be a significant part of global politics and in spite of all that swirls around them in the end be a blessing to all peoples of the earth. A promise that despite centuries of dispersions and attempts to annihilate them has endured to now when the Jews have not only survived but are once again a free and sovereign state. This book could be equally referred to as "The Promise".

This was a very insightful book about a great leader who wasn't perfect, but was the right man for the times and he helped win WWII, utilizing his belief in Christianity. This gives me hope for our present political climate and my belief that our Christian faith will triumph, good over evil.

A wonderful and well written testimony to Churchill's deep personal faith in God, based not only on his conviction that the war was a very real threat to Christian civilization as we know it, but also on the depth of his knowledge and understanding of the Bible. I don't think there are many books on

Churchill's life that reveal his faith so clearly, openly and honestly.

This was a great book about a man who led his country at a critical point in history. The authors illustrated the nature and character that enabled Churchill to see realistically but with optimism and vision for the future. They also point out the dangers in our time and what we need in our leadership today. Over it all is the message of the sovereignty of God over the affairs of men.

Although not a theological text, this book examines the God-denying roots of Nazism and why Churchill was spiritually compelled to actively resist this plague. While Churchill was not traditionally pious and an irregular church-goer, the authors make a strong case for his strong sense of divine destiny to preserve Western Civilization.

A wonderful read and interesting how Churchill became such a leader after the childhood he endured. A very thought provoking story on how a boy had the insight and fortitude to aim high and believe in the scriptures as well. Excellent book.

too much about Hitler. I was looking for more about Churchill's personal life.

God and Churchill is a well-written, well-researched book that I'll come back to for reference and quotes. It's thought-provoking and relevant to our world situation today. May we listen to Mr. Churchill's wisdom.

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