

# **Revolution is Revival**

*"In the declaratory exordium which prefaces the Declaration of Rights we see the solemn and majestic spectacle of a nation opening its commission, under the auspices of its Creator, to establish a Government, a scene so new, and so transcendently unequalled by anything in the European world, that the name Revolution is diminutive of its character, and it rises into a regeneration of man."*

*Thomas Paine, The Rights of Man*

*"The first and greatest commandment of government is to love liberty. The second is like it—to love your neighbor's as your own. All the law and constitutions hang from these two pillars, from which no crown can conceive a gallows."*

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## **Introduction**

Christians are profoundly ignorant of government. We proclaim the hope of the world, as if it were the enemy of the state. We practice the administration of the Gospel like a cult; we're a rambunctious, ever growing enigma to the world. We've let a deep state convert us into a mysterious club, as they have granted us a 501© 3. Afraid to lose our tax-exempt status, we avoid any mention of politics from the pulpit. Pastors preach the tithe, but can't address politics. Ushers take donations, but donors have limited rights in appropriation. High and mighty ministries need hundred dollar bills to continue, but have zero respect for Dr. Franklin who is staring back with a doleful look of disgust. We think we have perfected our theologies or methodologies, our execution of ministry. Truthfully, we have totaled our vehicle, the means to carry the gospel—the executive, the legislative and the judicial branch is a Holy Trinity that crashed and burned on our watch. Dropping the ruling scepter was our biggest fumble...ever. *Wake up—when Israel came out of Egypt, the church was the state; nothing has changed but our affections for the job. When we left the government, we left the church.*

Ever since Moses, Ezra, Nehemiah, Thomas Jefferson or Alexander Hamilton, governing has been a rightful extension of God's hand. It was plain that God commanded Moses to form a civil government (Exodus 18, Proverbs 11:14), and the Puritans, upon their arrival, made haste to replicate this biblical model. But the modern western church is skipping down the yellow brick road, hoping a man or a minister can save us. A president, a pastor, a board, a major, a congressmen, a tsar or a wizard. Christians think, rather hope that governing is not their job—as if

brushing shoulders with senators is a privilege and not a right; that ruling is a vile unnecessary evil and not our Christian duty. I've heard proud ministers say, "I need no king! I need no Saul to rule over me". Well, if they had any brains in that head, they'd recognize that they desperately need a government. I'd further question this Nebuchadnezzar—do you not have a retirement account affected by national politics? Do you not have a business, mortgage or grandchildren affected by state and federal politics? Do you not drive on roads, eat at restaurants or stop when you see red and blue flashing lights? How many churches have a building loan? Maybe you friend, are the Wizard of Oz himself, and you simply need to float away in your hot air balloon, back to the "land of E Pluribus Unum".

*Immersed in a rich faith establishment, our nation, and national body of Christ remains wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. A couple Gideonites are catching on, running for offices; Jack and Jill went to Capitol Hill, to run in the election, Jack fell down and broke his crown, his wife came tumbling after. Thinking a local or state office was a cushy throne easily surrendered, they got their butts handed to them. So Jack went down, in a priestly gown, never overturning abortion. Losing that first election, some gave up. The Christians that might have voted for them? Well, they're the spunky millennials chasing the revival (Emerald City) in a valley of poppies. "Jesus saves! Jesus Saves!" says the progressive Jesus people. Well, Jesus can save a man's soul, but it takes a holy trinity to save a nation.*

*"For the Lord is our judge, The Lord is our lawgiver, The Lord is our king;  
It is he who will save us."*

*Isaiah 33:22*

The judiciary, the legislature and the executive—the holy trinity we fumbled at our youth group super bowl party. A cord of three strands is not easily broken, but our three branches of government are falling into chaos. Do judges have heart? Do lawmakers have brains? Do executives have kingly courage? We approach government, church and missions from a positional leadership perspective, hoping to implore some wizard pastor or mighty government official. Maybe the Wizard of Oz can make all our personal convictions a societal reality. Maybe a pastor can pray away abortion. Maybe a prayer ministry can pray away a pandemic. But God will not send any manna in this wilderness, because it would spoil us and render us even more useless than we already are. Good government!—the world doesn't know how to drive that vehicle. We hit cruise control for them and bailed out. We wrote a letter, hosted a prayer breakfast, and gave a few bucks; we pat them on the back and returned to our "revival", our "kingdoms". Reader, government is Godly because Government was ordained of God. Government is our Christian identity and sacred trust—not a secular pursuit passed down by men in white wigs. *The Christian mind makes no connection with revival and the establishment of government. They gag when I say "this revolution is our revival."*

## **Chasing Revival**

Today's Christians have no idea what a revival looks like. In America, none of us have ever seen a national move of God in our lifetime. It goes beyond gay marriage, or the high crimes of the Democratic Party. As far as national revival, only glimpses, silver linings here and there. Take note of this—the first great awakening immediately preceded the American Revolution (1730-1755). And, the second awakening (1790-1840) succeeded it. In the west, Christians are waiting for the next "revival" (assuming God must send one), sound asleep in their American dream. Modern Christians, slobbering drunk on "new wine", are severely malnourished in their souls. They are milk-babies, bordering on little or no American History or church history; sheep wandering in church foyers, conferences and concerts. We are comfortable and approving of the jean culture—Levi's establishment (pun for Levitical priesthood). Will pastors wearing trendy attire bring America Revival? Will coffee bars and fog machines save us from a rising super state? Will another non-profit organization produce the tithe or prolong our impact? Who will champion revival for us? Disconnected from courage, we follow the yellow brick road. Like the lion, scarecrow and tin-man, we seek council with a wizard who can fix this mess.

If anything can be learned from American history, it's that the Church never was, and never did perceive itself as separate from the state. The church always was the answer to despotic governments. Over time, what was common sense to Ezra and Nehemiah is either an impossible crusade or a taboo topic today. Government is the power of God, but we aren't using it. *The growing sentiment of "we'll just keep being the church, and the world will just keep being the world" needs to die.* This essay will illuminate our next steps. 2020 is hindsight, and I beseech you to look back even further.

## **The Establishment**

Certainly the Assemblies of God, or any sizable, national denomination are not a universal papacy of hegemonic horrors. Still, the ratio of size to our national impact screams of pure impotence. The American Church presents as massive as the early Catholic Empire, and our programs and pleasantries resemble her same deceitful indulgences. Maybe if we just keep "giving to the establishment" we will save America; if we keep "giving to missions" we will save the world. When no one is giving tithes, we indulge in bake sales and fund raisers, hoping to make ends meet. *We can't serve God and money too. Some of us will have to leave our jobs in ministry to administer public funds in righteousness.* Lower taxes makes for higher tithes.

We know that size and money can't earn salvation; Martin Luther made this clear long ago, and still today, most Christian denominations properly adhere to salvation through faith alone. Still, we must entertain the possibility (rather the blatantly obvious) that *our establishment* is ineffective. What have we built over here in the west? Have we built a tower of babel with thousands of denominations, tongues and prophetic voices? Or have we built an ark? Maybe seminary has

become an ark of the covenant, an expensive gold box full of parchments—the dissertations and PhDs we parade around with? Pursuing revival like gypsies, maybe we've build a tabernacle, a nomadic church culture, roaming from church to conference, event to event? And the latest fad, the digital church; terabytes of teachings, podcasts and live meetings. Well, we can't serve two masters. Luther's disparate remnant is more divided than Washington DC, and since 1973, we have killed as many American babies as WW2 claimed human lives.

## **What if**

What if revival was bigger and stronger; what if revival is more ridged and robust, more stalwart than the church were building? What if revival was a longsuffering pursuit, gradually forming a seamless, strong, autonomous body of Christ across denominations, cultures and ethnicities? What if this power source of God's glory was funded by free markets, secured by clear borders and defended with actual military garrisons? Good laws on the books, and good news in the air, directed to the nations and protected under constitutional rights? I promise you, the three hundred or even twenty thousand gathering at your church, serving under by your elected board, made sovereign by your church constitution (rather fettered by Satan's 501©3) is no such organization. Fed up with government, the Church created a fake version. Fed up with the real, they are caught up in the surreal fantasy of uniting all Christians and reprobate civilians into one proper expression of faith. This is the togetherness doctrine in full force—the vestiges of an expanding Roman system, hardly tolerating a pure Christian presence. Our withering Western meritocracy is directly to blame by bad "kingdom theology", and the death count rests my case.

Christians are mad at the government. Getting furious is proper for a time; but if there is no fruit, then we will fall as a nation. Do we want a third awakening in America, or a third Reich? Even conservative media feels and sounds like pure anarchy; the wild and defamatory rhetoric of each outlet, showing no love and making no coverts. Just what are we building? Thomas Paine made it clear in 1791, when he wrote,

*"I am inclined to believe that what is called the present ministry, wish to see contentions about religion kept up, to prevent the nation turning its attention to subjects of government. It is as if they were to say, 'Look that way, or any way, but this.'"*

Maybe the church we have built in the west is the result of our philosophical understanding of *America*. Having Moses as the biblical framer of government, maybe we westerners should study some history? Many Christians have no understanding of east, west, north or south; no geography, world history or comprehension of national sovereignty period. Families, cities, neighborhoods are ravaged. If the state of our union is in shambles, then each believer is partially culpable. It's not for lack of effort, but of understanding (and a lot of empathy). This

knowledge might bring sorrow, but carry on—I have not brought my formal charges forward. I'd rather proclaim this with pride, than edify you to death.

## Indictment

Still failing to understand the marriage of Christ and kingdom, church and state, we hold to a form of Godliness while denying its power. We hold our services, host our events, while denying the power within us. We prophesy or pray over a civil leader, and that's it. Our willful departure from governing has rendered our religious observations just that—sermons, songs and dance. I think Amos had something to say about a church that excelled in the musical arts, while justice was perverted or ignored (Amos 5:21-24). The theatrics (from the perspective of the world) of the Pentecostal is quite a comical pantomime; the political puppets moving under Satan's strings couldn't give a care—we don't vote let alone run against them. In our religious deception, we thought the fivefold ministry was more powerful than the District of Columbia. *If we are to be Christ in the world, maybe the government was placed on our shoulders?* Brace yourself for the grand indictment:

*The Protestant reformation was a revolution of Luther's day, but her surviving vestiges are the over organized, under performing bastard children—the worthless aristocracies of the modern American clergy. Not knowing how to handle politics like Ezra and Nehemiah, we formed a Monarchy and called it "the kingdom of God".*

Yes—a big church is a monarchy (separate paper). In 1517, Luther's 95 was breakthrough, divulging to the masses, an original truth of salvation through faith alone. Five centuries later, in 2021, the remnant of reformation is a lukewarm aristocracy: a private school, university or center for ministry; businesses and seminaries—cold hearted, brick and mortar establishments of silence. We don't protest. We don't build on the fundamentals. We are hidebound, hell bound, spellbound sheep without a shepherd. We've made His precious body a brand, and His holy temple a good ole boys club. Golf outings, fundraisers and heartwarming holiday productions. Revival? Hardly. PHD's? Pathetic. This is country club Christianity without the accompanying political power our forefathers foraged for us in the wilderness of their callings. How dare we divide the sacred texts into "Old" and "New"? From the very first commandment, we were called to build civilization (Genesis 1:28). The "bride", (the body of Christ) is an ancient metaphor which we have maligned into a building—a promised nation we have neglected in our organizational idolatry.

*Jeremiah 2:1-2*

*"I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you loved me and followed me through a wilderness, through the wilderness, through a land not sown."*

The bride in the wilderness was commissioned to build! The land of Canaan had plenty of wells, houses and vineyards for the taking. What they did not have was a Godly government. (Deuteronomy 6:11, Joshua 24:13, 2 Samuel 7:10, 1

Chronicles 17:9). This power vacuum in our nation, absent of Godly leaders has been filled with biblical types (Ahab, Jezebel, Absalom). Babylon has risen on our poor understanding of revival. The election fraud hasn't set well with many bible believing Christians. They want to see change, but haven't moved from anger to action. We haven't flipped any tables yet, or voted out any political incumbents. Maybe Jesus used a whip, because he was foreshadowing the future need for a majority whip in your statehouse? Maybe the 153 fish in John 21:11 represents the total number of governmental branches across all fifty states? (50 states x 3 branches + three federal branches of government).

Angry Christians—they're not making enough impact. We complain, but incumbents don't care. We sing, but no one hears; we dance, but not naked, we preach, but darkness is not shaken. Moreover, we tithe, but were in debt, we marry, but divorce, we work, but we are losing our promised inheritance. What the hell is going on? You might spring up, full of piss and vinegar and cry out for revival. Ugh! That word revival, begs to question...what in the world is it? Seminary grads who studied Luther's 95 theses, are now scavenging for an n95 mask to cover their mouth. What an amazing object lesson of just how silent and stupid we are, as we hide from the coronavirus pandemic. We are more afraid of Covid-19 than the Planned Parenthood downtown. One virus kills < 1% of the elderly, while the other kills 100% of babies). Heck, early in the crisis, we were persuaded to stop meeting in the building, while abortion centers would rocking and rolling. God is getting our attention, the way he always did with his prophets and apostles; with a loud and proud history lesson. Every single time Israel backslid, obstinate men took to the stage. What did they do? They taught a comprehensive history that left the religious leaders plugging their ears and calling for security (Acts 7).

## **Revival is a Blanket**

What is revival? Well, spiritual revival is a blanket statement and very broad term. But spiritual breakthrough, is what engenders national breakthrough. Revival is a protective covering, much like a gigantic Amish quilt. *Not too long ago, richly colored and beautifully stitched patches of revival covered the United States like the swaddling clothes for a "coming baby".* The first great awakening (1730-1755) was a covering, like a quilt for the "coming messiah". The early American colonies, among their rudimentary dwellings spawned pockets and patches of revival; these movements were not the messiah, just the ragged manger and humble swaddling clothes. *The precious promised child was the baby—the emerging Republic, the United States of America.* Every Herod and Pharaoh of the day tried to abort this firstborn child. Therefore, spiritual revival was like a large quilt that kept a new baby warm and safe leading into, and coming out of a revolutionary age.

## **Revival needs a Cause**

Revival is like cash, a spiritual currency immediately useful to the man. It invigorates, esteems, and energizes the soul. Revival heals a man and his family, but revival cannot stop there. Like not getting taxed by a tyrant, revival forms

resistance. The obvious truth to the 18<sup>th</sup> century apostles and prophets was this: *America did not just need revival...revival needed an America.* No, the United States is not the center of the world, nor the only place undergoing church growth; but to the church of *that* day, unquestionably, *revival united their states.* Moments before America was formed, the Word of the Lord came in power. On the verge of losing everything we worked for, suffered for, married for, studied for, and tithed for...everything we braved crossing the frigid Atlantic for—on the precipice, a prophet entered our midst. Thomas Paine was the voice in the wilderness:

*"The Sun never shined on a cause of greater worth. 'Tis not the affair of a City, a County, a Province, or a Kingdom, but of a Continent—of at least one eighth part of the habitable Globe. 'Tis not the concern of a day, a year, or an age; posterity are virtually involved in the contest, and will be more or less affected, even to the end of time, by the proceedings now. Now is the seed-time of Continental union, faith and honor. The least fracture now will be like a name engraved with the point of a pin on the tender rind of a young oak; the wound will enlarge with the tree, and posterity read it in full grown characters."*

Scratch that into the pew in front of you. Listen—*America is the cause revival fights for.* The Herod of the day tried to snatch his head, but Paine dodged the French revolution Guillotine. The church, like America, has size, but no power. Consuming spiritual knowledge as our staple diet, and spending our time at work and church functions, we've forfeit the power to impose goodness. We let the devil rule the land. God sent us revival, so we could enter a revolution, and depose these tyrants from their places of power and influence. The early colonies needed a spiritual boost to know their worth, value and potential. They became self-aware of their right to life; they felt the baby kick, and they were willing to suffer the labor pains to bring it forth. America has been through much, but the ultimate shift took place when abortion became acceptable fifty years ago. *America is the cause the church must fight for in this hour. America is the baby getting aborted.*

## **Make America**

In 1776, Thomas Paine founded the "Make America" movement. Seeing the unsurpassable potential, he called on everyone to leave Britain and "Make America". As the ancient Exodus produced a new nation, so did the American Revolution. Moses, inspired by his own personal revival, went on to lead the first and greatest revolution in history. With little assistance from *his* tribes (Hebrew colonies), this baby in a basket, birthed that original firstborn: ancient Israel.

*"Then say to Pharaoh, 'This is what the Lord says: Israel is my firstborn son..." (Exodus 4:22)*

In 1300 BC, God trumped Pharaoh, and the exodus arose to generate a nation. In 1776, liberty trumped Tyranny, and God ordered his people to regenerate, to "Make America". It's just that simple. The great awakening jump started the engine, kick started that jalopy Moses used to drive. As the inhabitants experienced personal revival, it conceived a clear path. As Britain became the Pharaoh of this Exodus, the

only path was a revolution. *Revival conceived revolution, and revolution birthed the Promised Land.* Men with high rankings in the European establishment gave up those stations for a greater cause. Even our mighty Moses, the privileged Egyptian citizen gave up a great job in Egypt. He also left the job working for his father in law. English and French philosophers and statesmen almost simultaneously gave up their titles and affluence. Of the fifty six signers of the declaration of independence, nearly all lost life, limb or property. Isn't that exactly what Christ meant, when he said to "die to self"? Who convinced you that building a congress is not a cross to bear?

## **Cause of all mankind**

As Paine introduces his world renown classic Common Sense, he writes, "*The cause of America is in a great measure the cause of all mankind*". Is the not cross of the Jewish carpenter, not also the cause of all mankind? So we came together to receive the baby—the newborn—this metaphorical “messiah”. Franklin, Jefferson and Adams—these foreign “wise men” followed the star and brought their many gifts. Cash. Administration. Prophecy. Teaching. Crushing all crowns, they laid their gold, incense and myrrh at the foot of the manger. Here, the American church became a kingdom of priests (Exodus 19) as the baby, the nation was crowning the birth canal. The British Empire thrashed against our plight, but the world received us with joy and thanksgiving. In the furnace of refining, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego would survive their test of faith; the executive, legislative and executive were protected by a fourth that walked among the flames. In the shadow of His wings, we *breached the British monarchy (Satan's establishment)*. Here, this holy trinity, three branch kingdom of God was once again shadowed on earth. Not a Jewish paradise, not a Western utopia, but a shadow.

## **Finney & Paine**

Finney was an evangelist. Paine was a prophet. There is a demonstrable relationship between church ignition and state stability. The way Charles Finney explains the excitement of revival, is similar to how Paine describes the American Revolution. In Lectures on Revivals of Religion (1835), Finney writes,

*“A 'Revival of Religion' presupposes a declension. Almost all the religion in the world has been produced by revivals. God has found it necessary to take advantage of the excitability there is in mankind, to produce powerful excitements among them, before he can lead them to obey. Men are so [spiritually] <sup>1</sup> sluggish, there are so many things to lead their minds off from religion, and to oppose the influence of the gospel, that it is necessary to raise an excitement among them, till the tide rises so high as to sweep away the opposing obstacles. They must be so excited that they will break over these counteracting influences, before they will obey God.”*

Paine writes, fourty four years prior (1791), in his *Rights of Man*

*“It appears to general observation, that revolutions create genius and talents; but those events do no more than bring them forward. There is existing in man, a*

*mass of sense lying in a dormant state, and which, unless something excites it to action, will descend with him, in that condition, to the grave."*

Would men like Steve Jobs, Warren Buffet, Bill Gates, Elon Musk or Jeff Bezos have been so successful in other societies? Have their inventions, products and offerings not blessed the church immensely? What would happen, if these innovators and earth shakers were suddenly excited about Jesus Christ?

## **Closing argument**

The preacher and the political activist agree. *Basically, a nation is born or dies the same way a church is born or dies.* The genius, the talents lying dormant, would be put on display in Paine's future America. Or, they would be absorbed by another nation that does not honor God. This is exactly what happened in the book of Daniel. Daniel excelled in the arts and sciences, and so his talents were taken advantage of by the Babylonians (Daniel 1:1-5).

Thomas Paine describes a revival of "sense, genius and talent"; ironically, this "mass of sense" birthed the nation that contained and blessed Finney's church. *Nothing made more massive sense, than the American model of church and state.* Finney describes a revival of souls and the excitement of serving God. Salvation is the focus—to align the individual man with his need for a savior. But the inventions, economy, art and agriculture are also the things of God. The bible is saturated with stories of architectural feats, political victories and economic growth. The excitement of revival works naturally with the revolution to "bring talents forward": statesmanship, craftsmanship, orators, philosophers and evangelism of many types. Trade, banking, academia and national defense. Then, in the aftermath of our revolution, the newly won country safely harbored and fostered those talents, so the church could redeem them for Christ's glory. Our big fancy church needs both the country and benefits the nation provides. Where does our help come from? Jesus. But where do tithes offerings come from? A small business (much like a carpentry shop in Nazareth). American innovators were diligent to produce the very tools that make us excited to do ministry: Graphic design. Sound engineering. Email systems. Online platforms, social media, books and paintings.

My friends—we desperately need those proficient pagans, for more things than just notches on our belt. Question: are you going to engineer your own sound system? Maybe your church staff can build their own jet to fly to Jerusalem? From where does the private tithe originate if not the avenue of public commerce? Your mission trips, utility bills and special ministries are all publicly funded, as they are made possible by the *blessings of a state*—goods and services rolling down public roads and highways. Tithes and offerings are protected by labor laws and increased by free market capitalism. The government builds the roads our ministry busses travel on; ironically—the same government, if left alone indefinitely, will produce unspeakable terrors. How many Christians work for Amazon? How many Caesars are running for office? This doctrine of "church separate from state" or "in the world and not of the world" should be burned at the stake already. It's a pile of crap

someone sold you for in exchange for a denominational membership. Do we fire all the Christians that work for evil corporations? Do we only hire our Christian buddies and friends at our “Christian” schools and businesses? No! A little yeast can work its way through!

# Part 1 – The Baby

So America, this “cause of greatest worth”, was a life being carried in the womb of a continent up for grabs. Many different peoples and tribes made claims to this land. And so it took governmental bodies to bring about law and stability. It took a military, an economy, and a continental congress to frame the cradle for this coming newborn child. It was God’s gift of representative government (Jethro’s wisdom, Exodus 18), which protected the coming baby from outside interests, and ages later, themselves (Tyrannical England). From the humble Pilgrim establishments of Jamestown and Plymouth, burgeoned forth thirteen original colonies. In His perfect timing, these communities spread across the Eastern Seaboard, coalescing into the magnificent new “American birth” that we celebrate every Fourth of July.

Civilian, representative government was the material of the manger, which men like Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin understood to be the essential for the child to grow up safely. Judeo-Christian Pilgrims like William Bradford and John Winthrop—they knew this. Our forefathers endured heavy and lethal persecution back in Europe. Likewise, the biblical patriarchs witnessed the birth defects and ailments of other designs. They lived and experienced (like the prophet Samuel) the evils of monarchy. The Major Prophets, Moses (prophet in slavery) and Daniel (prophet in captivity) each experienced how deformed and sick the other babies were (modes of government). The founders felt the injustices and disfigurements of Egyptian and Babylonian systems. Moses grieved when the slave masters whipped his people, or fought amongst themselves (Exodus 2). He became the hero, and untouchable diplomat-general. Centuries after, Daniel endured the sting of Nebuchadnezzar’s regime, and despite being a brilliant administrator, he faced an order of execution.

## **Egypt, Babylon and “Mystery Zion”**

We have all heard prophecy teachings on “Mystery Babylon”. Hold off for now. Rather, let’s reveal a known truth in all its simplicity before we approach, or pretend to understand mysteries. Egypt. Babylon. We think we understand what they mean. To give them emphasis is wrong. Why? Because we mustn’t be enamored with counterfeit. The truth is what we want. The enigma is everything in the middle. Mystery Zion. What is this place scripture refers to as *Zion*? Well, the Puritans called the Massachusetts Bay Colony a “Zion in the wilderness” and “a city upon a hill”. Zion is precious and rare, appearing a sixth as often as the counterfeits: the word “Egypt” appears 674 times in the NIV. “Babylon”, 315x. But “Zion” only has 168 mentions. Provocative! Whether we are studying historical captivity (Exodus and Daniel), the concept of idolatry (the prophets) or the eschatological metaphors invoked (Revelation 11:8, Galatians 4:24, “Babylon” 11x in book of Revelation), *simpletons and scholars can both agree on this—the ancient Promised Land was a place that would represent the antithesis of Babylon or Egypt—an existence absent of slavery, sin and idolatry. The land flowing with milk and honey (Zion) must*

constitute a governmental, religious and cultural opposite of these two sickly civilization-types, namely Egypt and Babylon.

## Literal & Figurative

It is wonderful to read the bible *literally*. Zion was a literal city (25 references), fortress (1 Chronicles 11:5, 2 Samuel 5:7) and mountain (6 references). *Zion is not a Jewish or rabbinical idea. Zion is the figurative language for a literal existence—a rarity on planet earth.* It is a state under continual improvement and perpetual attack—a nation free from communism or plantation slavery; a land rich with worship and generosity; a state less affected by selfishness and witchcraft, and most affected by charity and religious devotion. A land with liberty. A land with law. People free to do good and constrained from doing bad. In Zion, people are not subjects of the state, or slaves to sin. Zion, therefore, is as much a country as a spiritual metaphor invoked by Jews. Zion was the goal of our ancestors. Zion is the spiritual-political paradigm we have fumbled as a Western church.

Pastors are well versed in the metaphorical Egypt and Babylon—the teaching templates that help us navigate our personal lives. You know, sermons on how to not get tangled in a metaphorical Egypt, such as “slavery to sin”, “bondage”, or “desiring old things”; it’s often been preached as the individual’s posture towards God, or “attachment to an old season or way of life”. Same with the metaphor of “Babylon”. We are taught how to be a “Daniel in Babylon”, representing the pious believer surrounded by Godless work associates. But look at us now—it is almost as if we are daring a modern Babylonian regime to invade our cities; it’s like we are training to fail as a nation. If we do, the conquerors might not be giving us jobs like “Daniel in Babylon”. Time to wake up and get literal again: *Christ is a ruler, and we are his ambassadors as co-rulers. And if we don't pass righteous laws, then we will stay as modern Pharisees. Pharisees were the creeps who vied for political power moments before the Romans crushed the nation, burned the temple, and threw the Christians to wild animals. Our churches have good men, but have confused our callings, enslaving congregations in the shackles of the 501©3. We've idolized organized ministry and metaphors—the sermons, concerts, conferences and "kingdom theologies". Our sin is the worship of the word pictures, a full-fledged, conscious abandonment of our country.*

Egypt and Babylon were, and are literal places that we do not wish to resemble or become. Like China or North Korea. They were, and are spiritual forces which rattle our gates and wage war with Zion. If a people can resist the opposites of Zion, the land of milk and honey is secure. Biblically, Egypt (slavery) was a place which kept people as hostages, physically preventing them from entering and building Zion. *Slavery was a force outside of their control. Once free, sin and self-worship (idolatry) was the internal poison that ruined all progress.* Centuries after the exodus, Babylon and Assyria were empires which invaded an Israel engulfed in both systems (oppressive to their own people, and ridden with all forms of wickedness). Individual Christians cannot secure Zion for their children and grandchildren, on a steady diet of metaphorical Egypt and Babylon. The object lessons are important,

but must go somewhere—Christians enslaved in debt and sin (metaphorical slavery) can't balance budgets or pass righteous laws; people in love with their own lives, careers and church functions (metaphorical idolatry) will never run for office. Metaphorical insight, should produce literal action in the God-given institution of civil government. To build Zion, we first threw off Egypt (oppressive government). Building a church in a country that shuts down your church—this is a literal problem. We can't cleanse a government with sheep who worship pastors and lumber mill ministries.

“Zion” and “Israel” are used interchangeably and often together. Scripture weaves in and out of literal and figurative usages. Nobody would disagree that Egypt had slaves, and Babylon had self-worshipping sociopaths (Nebuchadnezzar) who feigned immortality, forced people to bow down to their image, and burned dissidents alive. “Mystery Babylon”—if you believe you live there, then you have only two options: be like Abraham and move out, or follow Caleb and Joshua by moving in and conquering the land for Jesus. This means deposing the evil kings of Jericho, Ai, and the all the rest.

*Christ is our King and Mystery Zion is the object of His affection*—countries with statesmen who prevent Egyptian forms of government from rising (communism and socialism), and a devoted priesthood which keeps the communities pure from the moral filth of pagan Babylon. *Again, Zion is the mystery between*—it is the baby swinging in a cradle between the opposites—a spiritual concept that manifests itself on a world map—a tiny country south of Iraq and Syria (*Babylon*), and immediately northeast of *Egypt*. Even today, the nation of Israel (synonymous with Zion) is sandwiched between the actual nations currently named “Egypt” and formerly named “Babylon”. The map presents the sheer obviousness of a land pressed in by both. If the devil couldn't get Israel from without, he certainly tries from within. When Israel left Egypt in 1300BC, they were free to worship, and pursue representative government (Exodus 18, Proverbs 11:14). But when Israel left their God (many times), the Babylonians drug them away in chains. The first captivity lasted only seventy years. But after the Romans invaded, it took nearly two millennium to restore a place of peace and rest. Are you willing to risk that for your country? Your children's future? Your precious “ministry”?

## **Sermonically apostate**

The Eastern regimes hate Zion (freedom and Christ), and the Western church often refuses to accept she is piggybacking on a secure state. Evangelicals preaching a “Daniel in Babylon” message, are urging Christians to be faithful in a wicked culture. I'm similarly tired of the overplayed “Christian out of Egypt” nonsense, which only hits on the metaphorical—the pastors' watered down “Exodus sermons” intended to “get you in a better place spiritually” (really just a tactic to earn your membership). Both messages are incomplete, and I will not recant! Both enable us to dodge the obvious truth. What is Zion? A culture that fears the living God, and a government that protects and secures the rights of those who would. What is false Zion? Well, if the bible ascribes it to be a “city, fortress, and mountain”, then the

counterfeit must be a fake version of these three! *Cities* filled with cultural Christians, avoiding their civil duties; *fortress* like megachurches preaching metaphors, and fortress-like corporations that hate God. Mountains of sermons, books and theologies peddled by sheep pleasing preachers. Mystery Zion is not a mystery. *Let's get back to a better place politically.*

### **Mystery Zion: Close**

We spent decades immersed in the end time metaphors. We spun our wheels, and spent our cash vacationing in the physical Jerusalem. What we have neglected is the *land God has given to us*. And Americans, just like Israel, can learn everything, simply in the tallying of mentions. Egypt—why is it mentioned more than twice that of Babylon in the good book (674 to 315x)? Because the Exodus was the metaphorical cross, the literal crossroads—the sobering history lesson that the prophets and apostles used over and over again to save God's people from total annihilation. They preached the cross. They preached the Exodus. They opposed and appealed to tyrants. Egypt appears twice as often in both old (645 to 299) and new (29 to 16) testaments (Acts 17x, Hebrews 6x, Matthew 4x and once in Jude and Revelation). Profoundly so, Egypt the literal nation still bears its name on the map. Babylon, not so. Why is 'Babylon' so sparse in comparison? Because *America (mystery Zion)* can always work to clean up the influence of *Babylon*; because sin is merely a reproach, and not a total repossession of our heritage land...because the *baby* can endure a little "Baby-lon" from age to age. There will always be idols and sin in societies, no matter how faithful we are. Mystery "Zion" is not just rarest in mentions, but the rarest experience throughout history—it came into being only twice—and it was born out of the Exodus from Egypt.

If you are so hooked on America as being "Mystery Babylon", a land that will never recover, you have accepted the apocalypse here and now, and should ruefully contemplate such nonsense—the *cities* where your children sleep, the *fortresses* where your fathers work, and the schools where your virgin daughters study—they can endure a bit of "Babylonian" neglect—they will surely rebound from the years of shame and indignity. But mark my words: nobody in this present age, sinner or saint, can imagine the despair that follows with the surrender of liberty; with a march back into Egypt, where we have no civil rights or representation. So I fight for the baby—I sneak Moses into the basket once again; I press on to keep *this* precious "Zion" our ancestors forged. I resist the Babylonian temptations, and shake off the shackles of Egypt, *because one leads to the other. Globalism, socialism, conquest and captivity are not going to be my end times, and fair be it from you to accept them as your own. Babylon occurs eleven times in the book of Revelation, and so I refuse to go there looking for it.*

Therefore, this essay's introductory thesis for America as a nation-baby, approaching the birth canal, is more than a clever or banal literary tool. It is the very Word of God, as it is written:

22 *Then say to Pharaoh, 'This is what the Lord says: Israel is my firstborn son, 23 and I told you, "Let my son go, so he may worship me." But you refused to let him go; so I will kill your firstborn son."*

With no exaggeration, or writers' hyperbole, the "baby" metaphor fits—the text is clear that God's original intention for Israel, was like that of a newborn child. A firstborn child. And we know that our forefathers fled England because of religious persecution. The Semites trapped in Egypt, like our forefathers, were political and religious prisoners.

## Protect the Baby

So let's talk about babies for a while. Let's talk about protecting them. You would never let anyone hurt your baby, would you? Would you fight for your baby? Would you inflict injury or violence to protect your infant child? Truthfully, most mamma bears would die for their offspring. And so America is our baby, church. And our forefathers were willing to die for the baby they never lived to see grow up. Similar to Moses—he never saw the Promised Land. Or David's frustration—he gathered the materials for a temple that he never saw built. *A promised land, like a promised Messiah, is something so remarkable, that tens of billions will never see one on earth!*

*Matthew 13:17: For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.*

Today, the Western church is saturated with pastors and staff, who have never experienced a "dead baby". Never experienced a nation invaded by Babylonians or enslaved by Egyptians. Like the Old Testament prophets forewarned, we are the same exact audience now—a people who don't think the baby will actually perish. I see pastors taking better care of their cars than their country. First the sheep, then the Chevy, then maybe, if we have time, the kingdom of God. They have even modeled their end of time theology around the idea they we might be raptured out of this great responsibility. They have one foot in "millennial kingdom of God", with another foot in their 501c3 organization. Hearken now: it is everything in between that will matter most. It is the "kingdom between kingdoms" that we have neglected—the real world that we live in now, and a tangible plot of earth that our churches reside. Our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren will live in either Egypt (slavery), Babylon (idolatry), or something more desirable, based on our willingness to accept these fundamental truths.

And so the American nation was delivered crying and bloodied from war. Like the Exodus, the American Revolution was anointed to be a non-violent change of leadership, under a newly formed civil government. A land of milk and honey, with liberty and justice for all. Do you think this comes easy, or without any resistance? Look how Thomas Paine described the opposition:

*"I rejected the hardened, sullen tempered Pharaoh of England for ever; and disdain the wretch, that with the pretended title of FATHER OF HIS PEOPLE can unfeelingly hear of their slaughter, and composedly sleep with their blood upon his soul."*

It was governmental transformation, specifically the American Revolution, which made way for this baby dubbed the "cause of greatest worth". Don't get me wrong—I am not suggesting that democracy or American Triumphalism is a victory that shadows the finished work of the cross, or that good politics should replace the preaching of the gospel; however, if you knew just how fast the church exploded after this "baby was born", you wouldn't be so offended by this essay. You would already have five lines into Washington on a regular basis. Next, a short soap box.

### **Pharaoh's of organized Ministry**

And the big, organized churches, with all their pontificating kings and crowns of ministry, have been deluded for decades. They feel safe and secure within the structures and strictures of a larger organization. Their egos have been stroked by their boards, and their needs have been, amazingly so, met by their silent volunteers. But soon, Pharaoh's army will be swept away in a deluge. Their congregations, like the Red-Sea, are splitting. And what do Pharaoh's do when their slaves try to leave? They will predictably grasp onto their totem poles—calling emergency meetings, choking for air, desperate to stay afloat. Once the stern has struck the iceberg, and the hull is disappearing below the surface of the deep, these big shot ministers, like Pharaoh, will desperately cling to their pyramid schemes. Sinking pitifully under the weight of the 501©3, they have lost their true north. When the plagues fail to humble the maniacs of organized ministry, they will stubbornly board their royal carriage: their jets, their limos and their pulpits.

The elders will go back to running their businesses, while the pastors who have the hardest time letting go, will pompously, in false humility, mount their podiums, like captain Ahab, even until the bitter end. These madmen, though they are believers in Christ, won't be moved to the helm, nor turn the rudder but an inch—though were they to join in the revolution, they would miss the iceberg altogether and avoid the selfsame deluge of the ancient Egyptian Pharaoh. Below, Thomas Paine compares King George the 3<sup>rd</sup> with Pharaoh, who, via the mode of war, made one last attempt to surrender the sovereign colonies.

*"The King of England is one of the readiest believers in the world. In the beginning of the contest he passed an act to put America out of the protection of the crown of England, and though providence, for seven years together, has put him out of her protection, still the man has no doubt. Like Pharaoh on the edge of the Red Sea, he sees not the plunge he is making, and precipitately drives across the flood that is closing over his head." (American Crisis March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1782)*

And in 2021, church hierarchies, much like Pyramid schemes, are plunging deeper into their traditions and failed methodologies. Imagine if our forefathers failed to declare independence—failed to make a unanimous departure from the

intolerable acts of the British Empire? What if the religious leaders failed to join the cause? The tipping point of the American Revolution was the declaratory act. It was a single bill that would swallow us whole, wielding total dominion over our lives. It declared that the Motherland, the "Pharaoh" of the day,

*"had hath, and of right ought to have, full power and authority to make laws and statutes of sufficient force and validity to bind the colonies and people of America...in all cases whatsoever."*

History is repeating once again, as the final straw will again arrive in the form of legislation. It will be an insidious declaration, not issued by the royal Parliament, Pharaoh or a European Monarch, but the congress and state governments. By elected officials. What is the intolerable act today? The equality act or worse. Vaccine mandates. Masks on our children. Carbon tax. And this is unforgiveable. We have been granted power to change this outcome—a privilege our forefathers did not have. Far be it from us, to sit idly on the thrones of organized ministry.

As the rapid growth of Pharaoh's slave population raised concerns about Egypt's national security (Exodus 1), so did the rapid colonial expansion trouble the European Pharaoh, namely King George the 3rd. Both despots feared losing their illegitimate empire. Today? Church leaders cringe away from politics. Why? Because it means the end of their illegitimacy. The beginning of real change in America will require the end of organized ministry, and all the cultural Christianity around us, which distracts from the goal. The distraction can be summed up to this: Kingdom Theology without civil leadership.

Real Christians are declaring independence from the pyramid schemes their churches hoodwinked them into. But these religious zealots will not let go of their power, or be persuaded by the "cause of greatest worth" on my account. They will suffer plagues. They will lose money. They will compromise until they have nothing left to barter. To find the worst politicians in the world, look no further than your local church staff—they virtue signal, but put nothing on the line. They preach, but hear no opposing view. They play with relationships in order to promote their agendas. They want no association with reckless and punctual change that only a revolution of apostles and prophets can usher in. They are the face of turn-cheek Christianity. They are pathetic Pharisees with no moral backbone or civil authority. The dog catcher can get more done than a pastor these days. At least they remove canine threats with expedience.

The Tyrants of history, are reflected by the tyrants of today—they play their last card: bricks with no straw, work for little pay, taxation with no representation—one intolerable act after another, to "bind us in all cases whatsoever". Ministries will fire staff, or cut the hours of their part timers. They cut budgets. They review their insurance policies, their mortgage payments or assess their giving receipts. They preach ear tickling nonsense in efforts to keep us coming back—to "bind us in all cases whatsoever". Groping in the dark when things fall apart, but telling us a different story on Sunday morning. What should be our response to a spineless

monarch who claims to speak for almighty God, but fails to call out corruption (like abortion) in their own community? Four simple words: "Let my people go". And the revolution is underway, as the real church finds refuge and brotherhood in small enclaves of passionate believers. Let the dead bury the dead already.

Patriots didn't want to leave churches, but the system leaves them with no alternative. Our American Heritage is one where independence was a last resort; when violence was the last resort. The colonists reared up in self-defense to repel the largest aggressor in world history. Both the biblical exodus and the American Revolution launched from the same philosophical precedent: "Let my people go"—it was these four iconic words that defined the outcry of millennium leading to the birth of our beloved America. As sure as the sun will rise, "Let my people go" is spiritually synonymous with the declaration of independence—it captures the underlying theme of every letter, delegation and treaty we attempted. The royal Brute of Britain, and his Parliament, like Pharaoh and his magicians, had their chances to cooperate. Still, hard hearts relented. As the British struck with intensified legal and physical aggression, the tribes united, walking out in righteous defiance. Like when thousands walk away from social club churches that offer them no medical exemption forms, or support of their civil liberties. When lifelong servants and tithers are standing in shock to discover, that their "pastor" never really had their back when life and property hung in the balance. That their superintendents never had the children in mind; when parents pull their children out of public schools and educate them at home. What is the posture of those who leave watered down churches and schools today? Is it offensive and erratic? Absolutely not. It is pure self-defense. But the pastors, like King George the 3<sup>rd</sup>, will throw a fit and call us traitors.

One final recap here: as Israel walked out of Egypt in defiance of Pharaoh, so did the colonies walk out on King George's cruel and ungodly jurisdiction. Literal and legal plagues fell on deaf ears; and it was the tenth plague of Egypt that finally brought Pharaoh to his knees. What is it going to take Mr. Minister? Mr. Superintendent? Mr. Major? National denominations are failing to recognize, that their cherished traditions are outdated by a more sacred institution. An institution that cost a greater cost. An institution that brought a greater blessing. An institution that was born out of bloodshed and the accumulative sacrifices of pagans and Christians alike. Not a single soul with a dog in this fight came away unscathed. The American Exodus birthed a government that they refuse to respect. They propagate rapture theory and kingdom theology to the detriment of all their sheep followers. So let them remain on their thrones of perceived influence. And let the peasants pay for it.

*"Fruitless were all the entreaties, arguments, and eloquence of an illustrious band of the most distinguished peers, and commoners, who nobly and strenuously asserted the justice of our cause, to stay, or even to mitigate the heedless fury with which these accumulated and unexampled outrages were hurried on." (Continental Congress, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 1775)*

*<sup>3</sup>The Israelites set out from Rameses on the fifteenth day of the first month, the day after the Passover. They marched out defiantly in full view of all the Egyptians, (Numbers 33:3 NIV)*

## **Agitators to the Cause**

The Exodus story is the go-to story. It's been a timeless source of inspiration in pulpits, Christian literature and Hollywood. Nevertheless, we fail to comprehend it. We are living in a global exodus this very moment. People are leaving states. People are leaving Churches. Schools. Nations. The border crisis. And why? Freedom. Prosperity. Zion.

Those who fail to understand or support *this* cause are getting in God's way. The political, ecclesiastical and civil agitators of the Exodus were not just the Egyptians if you remember from scripture. Enemies of independence would often arise from within the ranks. In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, they were called Tories (colonists sympathetic with British rule). In the ancient world, the stiff-necked Israelites were named Nadab, Abihu, and Korah. They rebelled against Moses, because they were jealous of his power. Many Israelites desired to return to Egypt, so these rebels stirred public opinion against Moses. They offered to "lead them back home". Almost like, leading people back into a church that won't defend them, or a school that will abuse them. Resembling the wilderness years, a good portion of the colonists saw the immediate tangible benefits of remaining under British rule. Stability. Economy. A job. And the Israelites started to loathe the responsibility of independence: they liked the watermelons, the leeks and the fish (Numbers 11:5).

Many spiritual leaders today are the agitators of the cause set before us now. They tell us not to defect our churches, quoting scriptures. They call us dangerous radicals for taking our kids out of public schools. They ridicule us for refusing vaccines for our children. Again, we are the type of folks who will fight for our children. We will study the vaccines, and the injuries and the medical journals. We will learn the precepts of the curriculum now tied to our school's funding. Also, we will confront Pharaoh in the public square. Pastors who resist this Exodus, are 'letting the baby die'. They mine as well work for Planned Parenthood.

## **Abortion**

Thousands lost their limbs, their homes and their lives in the American Revolution. When the colonists finally picked a side, and congress adopted the measure—the "sea parted". The water broke and the Americans refused to standby and observe a late term abortion of the baby. The true believers aided in the delivery of America. It was Pharaoh, who in his obstinate fury, provoked the abortion of this "firstborn". Any pastors or non-profit organizations who do not feel the urgency or duty to help deliver America from the Pharaoh's today, are no different than dissenters in the dessert of Sinai. Had the early Americans rejected this clarion call to "Make America", your business, your church and all your dreams would have either died in the womb, or been abducted by another. Your ministry plans would not be—all our plans would have been aborted centuries ago. And regarding the sin of

slavery; had we fumbled the move towards independence, the abolitionist movement would have been in vain—the plantations and African slaves would have been swiftly absorbed by Britain. Slavery was not an American idea, but the continuation of it engendered agonizing labor pains that brought us into a “rebirth” era after civil war.

*“...that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.” (Lincoln, November 19 1863)*

President Lincoln’s words are on part with the prophet—this is about life. This is about birth. Thomas Paine describes the American Revolution as a womb.

*“How far providence, to accomplish purposes which no human wisdom could foresee, permitted such extraordinary errors, is still a secret in the womb of time, and must remain so till futurity shall give it birth.” (American Crisis March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1782)*

Therefore, if you would fight for your children, you sure as heck wouldn’t abort it right? It was the early American revival services that excited the womb, and stirred the child within. On the precipice of a national miscarriage, God moved our founders to do surgery at the climax of a troubled pregnancy. The declaration of independence was a dangerous procedure. Like a caesarean section, we were born through a gaping wound; we were birthed in a cutting; we cut ourselves off from Britain, and risked bleeding to death. Had troops despaired in the company of General Moses or General Washington, wearied people would never have crossed the red sea, the Potomac or the Delaware. Starving and chilled by the December breeze, or parched in the sun of Sinai’s dessert, we the People hung in there. With the faith of a mustard seed (very little faith), water burst forth from rocks. Bread fell from heaven. Greater armies were destroyed or vanquished by miraculous happenings. One of the most hopeless moments in our delivery, was Valley Forge. The army was short of supplies and low on morale. Bodies languishing and dying of *dysentery was a putrid stench in the muddy camp. Therefore, to quit then would have been an awful, and gruesome late term abortion. Isn’t that why people have abortions anyways? Because they don’t see how they will deliver and raise the child?*

## **Miscarriage**

The cause of greatest worth was a newborn republic. The baby doomed for a miscarriage was the institution of monarchy. It was never meant to survive. Freedom was. Liberty would trump every Monarchy of the European middle ages. It would ascend above every Egypt and Babylon. It was the crown of Europe that failed to adopt the baby—the government of the people. It was the European church that abused the saints. So they lost their babies. Absolute Monarchies and idolatrous Theocracies; generations of entitled aristocracies and hereditary priesthoods—those were the bastards doomed to die. Pharaoh lost his firstborn in his efforts to crush the revolution.

*"The Independence of America, considered merely as a separation from England, would have been a matter but of little importance, had it not been accompanied by a revolution in the principles and practice of governments. She made a stand, not for herself only, but for the world, and looked beyond the advantages herself could receive. Even the Hessian, though hired to fight against her, may live to bless his defeat; and England, condemning the viciousness of its government, rejoice in its miscarriage." (Rights of Man Thomas Paine 1792)*

We have a clear connection between ancient Israel and America. We will soon explore, just how the Exodus birthed the "the principles and practice of governments". The philanthropic ripple effects are case and point, that the establishment of Judeo-Christian governments have extended tremendous advantages to the greater world. Simple observation of history show us that the Ten Commandments have been widely adopted. Israel was the first nation in history to implement God's justice on earth. And had they avoided the pitfalls of Monarchy, they would have built a purer Zion. (1 Samuel 8 & 12:19)

*"He has revealed his word to Jacob, his laws and decrees to Israel. He has done this for no other nation; they do not know his laws." (Psalms 147:19-20 NIV)*

## **Baby Blanket**

Millennium later, America took this law, and conformed it to Christ. We have carried many of the burdens of the world. As mentioned earlier, it was colonial evangelism and revival that prepared us for the coming 'baby'. The first great awakening was likened to a 'blanket', a 'covering' for something even greater on the horizon. After the revolution, the second great awakening (1790-1840) finished the quilt needed to wrap the baby safe and warm. The Promised Land was preceded and succeeded with explosive Christian evangelism. The "Amish quilt" metaphor illustrates a full century of revival wrapped around this newborn baby. This newborn government arriving on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

## **Monarchy**

Its 246 years later. Let's be honest about the situation. We're in a pandemic. City officials, state and federal representatives are dropping the gavel on our civil and religious liberties like bloodthirsty monarchs. Legislatures are suspended as executive orders pile up like the edicts of Pharaoh or Herod; all are attempting to abort the birth of something ground breaking. As states are becoming bolder with pro-life legislation, we see demonic resistance like never before. Even the CEO of a tech company is offering to relocate their staff out of Texas, for the crime of passing regulations on abortion. "I'll help to relocate my employees somewhere else". Women are "refusing to have sex", if you mess with their rights to kill their own children. The public schools are still abusing millions with bogus curriculums and face masks.

We are losing the fight. Why? Because we are just like the ancient Israelites. We made Trump our champion. We failed to run for office. Our daughters are divas

and our sons are soft fingered princes. They were not taught biblical holiness, biblical protest, civil government, or American history. They spend every waking hour entrenched in social media and entertainment. The baby we received in 1776 was the blessing of civilian led, representative government. But today, every public voice resembles the spirit of monarchy; every tweet from the politicians or celebrities sounds like a pompous pronouncement of some self-absorbed emperor. We are affectionate with the concept of monarchy and now we are suffering the virus. Kings and their crowns, eh? The word "Corona" actually means "crown".

## **Ownership**

It's time for the church to depose these crowns and coronate a *kingdom of priests* (Exodus 19). Don't stand for applause or acclaim sir, but take your seat—take back God's government! Godly governance is a cross to bear. Government is a right of man and a burden to bear for any citizen of good conscience. Jesus would take a Muslim right now if they were dedicated to ending abortion. Beloved, you are truly capable! Government is like sports—the career politicians know the rules, but we have the perfect game plan. The incumbents have experience, but we have the Holy Spirit. We have talent imparted to us by the God of our ancestors. Imagine if the big ten ministries, over the decades, had transitioned high leadership into the Senate and Congress? Had these spiritual and financial powerhouses approached their golden years in politics, pooling their resources together, we might not have so much catch up work. Big church leaders must recognize when they outgrow their ministries. Continuing on the throne of organized ministry, the nation is suffering. This is as biblical as any statement thus far: *the decadence of a nation is a result of the impotence of a church*. The results are in. Here is a somber quote from an unbiased, non-religious study titled "The Fate of Empires". Its doctrine is as infallible as Deuteronomy 8:10-18. We got lazy and proud in the church. We let it all go. We let the devil take over the government that was entrusted to us.

*"...the members of the community have been corrupted by the enjoyment of too much money and too much power for too long a period. The result has been, in the framework of their national life, to make them selfish and idle..." (John Bagot Glubb, *Fate of Empires*, 1977)*

Sparing the rod, the ruling scepter of government, we grew spoiled; not careful to teach the disciplines of civil engagement, we failed to flog our enemies with the rod of filibuster. Daddy got lazy, no longer voting, participating in debates, or attending local board meetings. We have all neglected our firstborn at some point in this journey. Whether pastors or parents, leaders or volunteers of churches—we were all given *one* child to attend to: America. Like the house of Eli, we failed to restrain our child (1 Samuel 3:12-14). *The fat cats of ministry have gorged themselves on the offerings, while their only child, America was whoring it up* (1 Samuel 2:22 & 29). If we were called to become "a kingdom of priests", then it was every believer's job to hold the world of politicians morally accountable (and not just with our words). It is every believer's job to "subdue the earth". I will not bother to enumerate the dozens of scriptures that mandate the believer to hold civil offices.

Look at it this way—Eli was one of the first priests of Israel. Eli represents the American church today. He is an old man (verse 22), and by now, should have restrained his people with the rod of governmental authority. We were not just called to persuade through sermon, but to rule with governmental power. God still loves us as a firstborn child, and God is opening doors for us to take ownership.

Yes, America is a child that has outgrown the cradle and overgrown his britches. She is a belligerent and bombastic teenager. He is a violent and sarcastic adolescent. The baby is ignorant of life's realties. Monarchies always produce spoiled brats, and now our American baby is a contemptible young adult. Still, this teenage baby is God's baby. In 1776, Thomas Paine birthed the "Make America" movement. Lots of time went by. Things got bad. Suddenly, the Trump administration birthed the "Make America Great Again" movement. Well, who the heck is supposed to champion that? The church ding-a-ling! For decades, we had our shot, but we "stayed in the world but not of the world". We ignored the 'baby' of civil government through many seasons of decline. Civil rights. The feminist movement. The sexual revolution. Roe vs Wade. The rap culture of the 90's. But because things seemed somewhat okay, we dropped the cross. We shrugged off our most important mantle, never expecting to be in this predicament now. It is time to pay the piper. It is time to fund a super-Pac and campaign like our lives depend on it (and it does).

## **Trophies**

So the church monarchy marches on, expanding to the nations they believe they are on "missions" to. With the current state of the union, I strongly object. It would leave our baby naked, exposed, cold and vulnerable. We would unravel centuries of efforts that none of us can appreciate. If we lose America, Western civilization will cease to exist, and the church will digress back into the dark ages. We won't have religious liberty or missions organizations. We will all be martyrs and enemies of the state. Faced with this simple reality, we just can't go back to business as usual. Israel, Jerusalem and global missions have become idols; and if not idols, then ministry trophies. In our evangelical crusade, the Christian's have become like the Muslims, making Jerusalem their cherished Mecca. Every year, millions of fans pilgrimage to the holy land, mesmerized by the tours, tapestries and antiquities. We are swallowed in by its allure, and we take tours with our pastors who invite us annually to join their royal highness. The prophecy, antiquity and holy sites are like religious dope. The sheep just can't get enough of it.

## **Crushing Crowns and Trophies**

Well, now is the time to crush our crowns and tear our credentials. *We must raise our children before we raise our trophies. We must raise America before we foster the global church.* An American family will spend thousands of dollars to adopt a child, and much more to raise it; yet America is the baby in harm's way right now. They will spend thousands of dollars and hours in prayer for countries on the other side of both oceans. Did you know that New York City alone is the home to 52 different unreached people groups? Well, our nation is like a spoiled teenager that

does not need a third awakening—rather, a rude awakening. This teenager fell on their butt and needs to come home. It's time for our baby to get right with God. It's a holy time. Even the concept of revival has become an "idol" in the sense that many young Christians are empathetic towards national matters like government, but would somehow die for the mission? What mission? Digging a trench in South America? What mission plan? Plant a church in the crosshairs of a communist regime? Let's make that sentiment a martyr right here, right now—a real missionary would be willing to be martyred in Washington's army. So we see this inseparability between church and state. We see how there can be no peaceful co-existence without a massive effort to restore the governing authorities. The tent revivals and the tents of the continental armies are indistinguishable objects—two parts to the same move of God, identical twins with different personalities. This isn't a call to leave the church, or abandon the great commission, but rather to repair the vehicle that drove global missions in the first place.

## **Caesarean Section**

So we are shifting away from our failed understanding of revival. We see the historical reality of how we got here. *Revival was the covering, the catalyst, the cutting. Revival cut through darkness like a caesarean section, a gaping hole, a new and living way for God's people. Revival illuminated the path for the American dream, but a dream that could not be realized absent a revolution of good government.* Moments before losing the child, God ordered surgery. Moses's revolution cut a massive caesarean section through the Red sea. Israel, the firstborn, was delivered in the throes of political revolution and war. And this is why the 501c3 is completely worthless—it takes God's people out of the political arena.

## **Authentic Passover**

Many Christians are learning some of their Hebrew roots. Many are finding intrigue and joy from studying biblical festivals and holidays. And these truths carry into the crisis of 2020. The Jewish Passover takes place every spring. In 2020, the Passover came in full effect. The plague of the corona virus was upon us. If the first Passover foreshadowed Christ (the Passover lamb), then why do we neglect its relevance on matters of national freedom? Of course—this is where Christians and Catholics derive their Easter celebrations. But this year was different. Never before in history, had Easter been completely shut down. And globally. The saints around the world never expected the Passover (Easter) to become what it originally was: a political revolution which would divide God's people from absolute governments. A series of plagues. A season of political turbulence. We wanted the Easter bunnies, baskets of chocolate and children's choir. Instead, we got a raw Old Testament reproduction of what made Israel, Israel. A free nation. Just how many times did the people of God attend a school board meeting, and politely ask the superintendent to "let their children go"? When we ignore history, and dodge our duty in the public arena, God will send plagues on Egypt.

## Precarious Paul

Paul's letters above all, should compel us, that separating Christ from country makes ministry very difficult. In the book of Acts, we see how even the ancient Romans treated Paul with more respect and dignity than the American government treats Christians today. Revival meant salvation to thousands of inhabitants of the early colonies. Evangelism saved souls in the short term, but it was an Exodus, the path to national sovereignty and security which extended the mission statement for generations. Today, our global missions is nearly shot. We are nearing a civil war. The great commission of Matthew 28 is a precarious endeavor now. A Jew should never be forced to produce papers; a Christian should never be forced to take vaccines to work, or become a foreign missionary. And a good Zionist should never cooperate with Pharaoh in hopes to achieve a better world.

## Forced Abortion

Why did God have Moses leave the land of Egypt? Well, for one, the Egyptian form of government was not conducive to public participation. They were not pro-democracy. Rather, they were pro-choice; worse even, Pharaoh ordered the killings of Israelites from the very start (Exodus 1:15-18). When the Passover lamb finally arrived in a manger, the Pharaoh of the day (Herod) ordered the execution of *all* the Judean children, two years old and younger. Can you imagine an America where infanticide is not only celebrated, but mandated?

With abortion in our land, God cannot bless our ministries or businesses. Without a nation of life, liberty and happiness, Matthew 28 will be excruciating. If we drop this baby now, two thousand more years of darkness could follow with the destruction of Zion. In this mayhem, we still have hope—we still have been granted a wonderful chance to turn the ship around. The greatest gift to mankind, other than the incarnate God, was the gift of civilian representative government. This institution defined the blueprints for Israel (Exodus 18, Deuteronomy 16:18). The miracles in the dessert were astonishing, but God couldn't make the Israelites do everything. Government was not just a gift, but a commandment brazenly ignored when they later put Saul in charge. No persuasion is necessary. The text could not be plainer. This mandate is laid out ubiquitously, in the open for all to see, saturating all 66 books; and, was precisely the message of the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel.

## House of Zerubbabel

Haggai 1:3-9

*3 Then the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: 4 "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?"*

*5 Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. 6 You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it."*

7 This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. 8 Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored," says the Lord. 9 "You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?" declares the Lord Almighty. "Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house.

What is the "House of Zerubbabel"? "My house" says the Lord. Well, the passage begins by describing the damage. The ruin of "God's house" is characterized by dwindling agriculture, economy and trade; specifically the fleeting earned wages, which escapes between their fingers. Haggai declares that God himself has brought these trials. Why? Because the people were pre-occupied with other houses. They were occupied with projects that did not matter. So which part of "God's house" was being neglected? Why the suffering? Why the lack? Might this economic despair be indicative of governmental regulations and tax increases? Might the dwindling resources here reflect how a monarchy will plan and distribute goods to people who refrain from keeping them accountable? *Is this Old Testament communism?* Who today, is too busy to build on the 'house' that really matters? What houses do not matter as much? Today, we have habitat for humanity. Today, we have church buildings and construction projects. Today, there is a booming residential housing market. Seems like the 'house' should be just fine.

Read the verse again. Mysteriously, in the best economic conditions, there were hungry, thirsty, cold and poor people. Israelites living in squalor. How? I am sure that the religious Jews were tending to the temple. I am equally certain that the common Israelites were striving to provide good incomes for their families. These people are working their tails off, but getting nothing in return. Either they have an economy built on communistic principles, or a church that isn't alive. Truthfully, it was both. What is an offering plate in a socialistic society? Bag with holes. What is corporate bank account in a communist revolution? Bag with holes.

*They were working, consuming and working some more. But that was exactly the problem.* The people of Israel were only building on religious organizations and personal wealth. Translated today? Fifty states filled with trendy suburban churches. Millions of Lukewarm Americans who are working jobs, buying homes, laying tile, cutting grass, improving their man caves and going to Church. When religious leaders and their sheep carry on like this, the "The house of God" goes to hell. This is where we are now! God has allowed Covid in our houses, so that we will begin to perceive "His house". But rebuilding does not mean doing things better, or differently. It's not more mission's money, bible translations or even open air evangelism. It is not a sozo session, or a prayer movement. It is doing the one thing that we haven't for generations—it's working in the realm of government.

Haggai 2:1-5

2 1 on the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: 2 "Speak to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, **governor** of

*Judah, to Joshua son of Jozadak, the high **priest**, and to the remnant of the **people**. Ask them, 3 'Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing? 4 But now be strong, Zerubbabel,' declares the Lord. 'Be strong, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,' declares the Lord, 'and work. For I am with you,' declares the Lord Almighty. 5 'This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.'*

This next chapter prescribes the solution for "the house". It summons three people groups to begin working together. First, the *governor*. Second, the *high priest*. Thirdly, the "*remnant of the people*". The remnant are the real believers among the citizenry—they are not currently in office, or in the pulpit, but have treasure and talents to offer. The text is abundantly clear: *God is calling for a unity among three groups—civil leaders, religious leaders and common civilians*. The "House of the Lord" is built on the sturdiness and soundness of the country itself. And the country is falling apart, not because we lack church buildings or nice homes. It's because the government (the Zerubbabel's of the day) is not playing well with the other two. Like I said before, Jesus can save a man's soul, but it takes a holy trinity to save a nation (Isaiah 33:22, the inspiration for a three branch government).

The church, the state, and all the citizens—only when these three groups work together, does God declare, "For I am with you". You see, the union of church and state is the formula for "mystery Zion". It requires that we engage leaders, and take ownership of our government. Why? Because it has authority over our churches. No, not the authority to legislate away our salvation, but our buildings, our homes, our crops and our wages (this is why socialism and communism has always been partnered with secular humanism and atheism). In closing, Haggai resurrects the dead—the prophet closes with a reminder of the original plan, when God first commanded Moses to form a representative government (Exodus 18, Deuteronomy 16:18 among many). He makes a direct connection between covenant and government. It is not conjecture to say, "*Government was covenant*", but literal, sound exegesis.

From cover to cover, the voice of the Lord reminds the compromised religious leaders, as well as the fading remnant, the meaning of the monolith—the *purpose* of the Exodus out of Egypt. The phrase "Out of Egypt" has 142 occurrences. How blind are we, to think that another coffee bar or sound system will cut it. Another Wednesday class will not cut it. Christian leadership conferences will not repair the house. Another marriage retreat, or men's ministry will not fix the house of God. We have our "work" cut out for us.

Examine the etymology of the name Zerubbabel: "a stranger at Babylon. Dispersion of confusion." Also, take notice of the last five letters: "babel". This brings us back to my earlier question: What church have we built in the west? Have we built a tower of babel with thousands of denominations, tongues and prophetic voices? Have we built an ark like Noah? Are we building a fortress, furnished with

guns, food and bug out gear? Maybe seminary has become an “ark of the covenant”, an expensive gold box full of relics that cannot be touched by the peasantry; PhDs, certificates we enshrine in our offices and hold over others? Pursuing revival like gypsies, maybe we’ve built a tabernacle, a nomadic church culture, roaming from church to conference, annual events and retreats? And the latest fad, the digital church; terabytes of teachings, podcasts and live meetings.

It is time to build the “House of Zerubbabel”, and “disperse the confusion”. We are “strangers in Babylon” because we are strangers in the circles of governing bodies. Elders will run for city council. Pastors will support those campaigns. Pastors’ wives will impact the public schools. Wealthy church members will fund political action committees, and organize the flock of constituency. The citizens—the sons and daughters of Zion, the “remnant of the people”, will shepherd the flocks that perceive this. The House of Zerubbabel will be restored!

## **Shipwrecked**

Amidst a global pandemic, we are at liberty to stop. In this critical juncture we must pause, reflecting on these truths. If our forefathers abandoned the call to Make America, then we would have aborted the baby that makes our ministries possible. To abandon the American Revolution would have been a national abortion with generational and immeasurable consequences. We talk about conservatism and morality; yet a spiritual Revival without a nation to contain it would be impractical and nearly impossible to maintain. Global missions without a home base would cast us back to the 1<sup>st</sup> century. Constant persecution and martyrdom.

Wake up and do the math—it took nearly two thousand years for the Western Church to be what it is. Sure, persecution will refine us in fire, but national forfeiture will get us all burned at the stake. What do you think the Iranians, Chinese or Russians would do with a people like us? Pastors don’t rebuke sin in their churches, or call out wicked politicians. How would UN would troops, or worse, expect us to handle if they launched an invasion now?

We often preach about the tribulations of Paul. But do we really want to live life like Paul? It’s inconceivable to read Paul’s letters and not be equally discomfited by his living conditions as you are convicted by his gospel message. We read Paul’s epistles at Panera Bread. We talk missions at potlucks. We raise banners at ministry conferences. The problem is, we don’t feel Paul’s pain—Paul was imprisoned, nearly killed a dozen times, pursued and shipwrecked. He was beaten within inches of his life, more than once, and never had a missions home base. What a precious thing we have here in America—a home base! Our baby, our base, our boat still floats! It’s a miracle! So what are we building for the missionaries to come home to?

*Pressed in on every side, were not crushed. We are perplexed at the treachery of our leaders, but not in total despair. American sovereignty, strength and security is under total persecution, but we have not abandoned ship. Our twin towers have been struck down, our troops fallen, our flags burned and our military grave yards desecrated...yet, we are not destroyed.*

## Irony of Missions

So, to avoid Paul's shipwreck, I'm calling for all hands on deck. Or, if your heart is as hard as the Pharaoh's, you might keep sending children on mission trips to jungles, deserts and underdeveloped nations. Send them to public school. Sure, try to find the good in the teacher's unions and school curriculums. Imagine the irony here: we send young men to countries without roads who couldn't fix a flat tire; to villages to dig wells, who have never toured a water treatment plant. Church buildings? We send boys who cannot frame walls, rebuild engines or repair civil infrastructure. We commission girls who cannot type, sew, balance a checking account, cook or clean. It's time to wake up, smell the coffee, and get serious. The time is now to rebuild America. It's time to restore Israel under the model Haggai prescribed. The way Nehemiah exemplified in 440BC, incorporating a tight union of civil authority with church conscience. Wouldn't you rather be a councilmember in America than a president of a third world nation? Paul left his office of Pharisee to be a tentmaker; I'm sure he'd rather be a door greeter in Wal-Mart than dwell in the councils and committees of the wicked. What about the blue collar saints? Peter was a fisherman. The apostles were journeymen. The prophets were farmers and our Lord was a carpenter.

*Before we are shipwrecked, let's sail back to 1776 where youth learned trades, citizens read books and common sense permeated our schools and statehouses.* Without question, were you born in a different age, your church theology would be drastically different. It's the ease of the times, and the sheltered environment of Western civilization which has led you off the cliff of rapture theology. How convenient it is, to start preaching eschatology, every time the going gets tough. Life, for the saints, and the common man, has been exponentially worse throughout the ages. This Pandemic can't hold a candle to the horrors of the Middle Ages leading up to the protestant reformation. You are lucky I didn't nail this message to the driver door of your car pastor. That is the least I should do.

## Quick History

Quick recap now. The Exodus out of England. The great awakening, tent revivals, up and down: the means. The baby, the big "C" church, the political establishment in 1776: the ends. God moved the remnant here, and possessed our minds to finally create the model given to us in the holy writ. The preamble, constitution and bill of rights reconstituted the Exodus in superior fashion. Our American Heritage, was to once again, create from many people, one nation (Deuteronomy 4:34). A nation with life, liberties, laws and blessings. Thomas Paine writes,

*"As revolutions have begun, it is natural to expect that other revolutions will follow."*

What the creator offered to ancient Israel, we brought to near perfection. America was a regeneration of the Promised Land, and a second shot at life (Exodus 18, Deuteronomy 4, 16:18 among many). For every colonial 'Israelite' trudging

through a wilderness of political oppression, a new government was about to be placed on *His* shoulders. The Exodus was the clear path and *the explicit prescription of representative government*. So why has the church made this story so religious and pathetic? Easter Bunnies? Chocolate? Baskets, ribbons and foyer photography? I think the pandemic is restoring our biblical foundations. Liberty. Justice. National unity.

*"All power exercised over a nation, must have some beginning. It must either be delegated or assumed. There are no other sources. All delegated power is trust, and all assumed power is usurpation."* (*Rights of Man, 'Of Constitutions'*)

And I hear people say that we are not called be like Israel, in any instance of Old Testament code. Sure thing buddy. I guess if I run over your wife and baby stroller with my pickup truck, you would not seek legal counsel? What rocked my universe, was the discovery of what the Passover means—what it meant for all of Israel's history, and still means for us now. *All the foundations of American government are sitting right there, under your nose.* Let's tackle this now.

### **You wanted proof**

Moses assumed his power as the first executive branch. This assumed power was rightful; a justified usurpation of Pharaoh and his slave masters. The first "president" was Moses, and he possessed the service record and rapport of George Washington. Having been a private citizen, over the age of 35, and taking no salary, Moses was both the first military general and the first executive officer of the burgeoning nation. Next, we see the forming of a congress (legislature) and judiciary.

*<sup>17</sup>Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing is not good. <sup>18</sup>You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. <sup>19</sup>Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him. <sup>20</sup>Teach them his decrees and instructions, and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave. <sup>21</sup>But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. <sup>22</sup>Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you. <sup>23</sup>If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied."*

*<sup>24</sup>Moses listened to his father-in-law and did everything he said. <sup>25</sup>He chose capable men from all Israel and made them leaders of the people, officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. <sup>26</sup>They served as judges for the people at all times. The difficult cases they brought to Moses, but the simple ones they decided themselves.* (*Exodus 18:17-26*)

Moses was a ruler in Egypt, but not because of a ballot box. He was snuck in through a tar covered basket (Much like the speedwell or Mayflower; crude vessels the Pilgrims used to escape their oppressors). If he was going to free his people, he would either take power by delegation, or assumption. But the slaves in Egypt were not going to take the initiative to partner with Moses. So the power of Israel began with Moses's assumption of power; he assumed he wasn't crazy when He spoke with the great "I am" (Exodus 3:14). The red sea crossing got the ball rolling, but there was much more work to do. Exodus chapter 18 demonstrates that the majority of Israel's power was justly delegated through trust. Like Washington, *Moses did not want indefinite power, and therefore entrusted powers to the people*. The divisions of "thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens" represent everything from a small village to a congressional district. Capable and trustworthy men were selected to lead, legislate, judge and preside over cases where they lived. We also see the workings of the first Supreme Court, with Moses the first court justice—smaller cases, unresolved, appealed upwards. Now we are ready for business. *We do not have the establishment of religion here, but the ground breaking concept of a representative government arising from simple people*. It's impossible to put Moses on the "religious side" and Israelites on the "state side". There was no separation, but a natural unity. Moses did not impose religion, or Judaism on society, or his people. There was just one side to this coin.

*"...there is no such thing as the idea of a compact between the people on one side, and the government on the other." (Rights of Man)*

Moses met with his committee for forty days and nights. Once the documents were prepared, they were brought before the people. God's finger was the John Hancock and We the People gave it force with verbal agreement. The preamble, the constitution and bill of rights were forged in stone. This new congress was built by Semites who were, for sixteen generations, *all slaves*. And those enlightened misfits, moved to ratify it unanimously.

*"Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, 'We will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey.'*  
*(Exodus 24:7 NIV)*

Moses, face weathered and eyes fierce, clutching the tablets, gazes down upon those sovereign Semites. What flowed now was surely the vintage, the luscious, intoxicating wine, the declaratory exordium, the solemn and majestic spectacle of *the state of Israel* opening its commission. Here on the mountain, under the auspices of his Creator, Moses, rightfully assuming the power vested to him by the burning bush of Liberty, gave the first presidential inaugural speech...It sounded something like this:

*"This nation, under God, shall have this new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." (at least not forever)*



# Part 2 - Regeneration Theology

## Replacement Theology

I promise you this is not some valiant attempt at pushing replacement theology, meaning that America has replaced Israel. Replacement theology (how it got its name) is the belief that the new covenant in Jesus Christ has superseded or replaced the Mosaic covenant; specifically, that the church (global body of Christ) has replaced the state of Israel as an earthly institution under God's original promises. Certainly not—the messiah's redemption of mankind does not repeal or replace the promise to establish (Genesis 12:2) and restore (Isaiah 66:8) the state of Israel. But let's take this a step further. What good is recognizing the biblical state of Israel, if we neglect the need for our own state? Western Christians will tour the Promised Land in droves of mass psychosis, failing to recognize they have been guilty of establishing a new version of replacement theology. Consider this a contemporary fallacy, dubbed "replacement theology version 2."

Replacement theology is hardly a sin—if God has sworn to do something, our opinions matter not. What is sinful, is the doctrine of escapism that Western evangelicalism has dubbed "kingdom theology". *Most of the Western church holds the belief that the body of Christ has replaced the need for earthly government, and that the saints don't have to run for office or directly support righteous leaders*—that "God is in control", and everything will be just fine. The rapture is any day now. All eyes on Israel. This type of "Kingdom theology" is a worse permutation of replacement theology, teaching believers around the world that we are only mandated to spiritually "hold down the fort", lifting up an invisible kingdom until Christ returns to establish the millennial reign. Both views are false. If we all agree that replacement theology is bogus (that God established and protects the land of Abraham) then why would we let ours go to hell? The logical end of this reasoning is to assume that the state of Israel in the Middle East is the only legitimate country every conceived, and that others are either not in the bible, or unimportant.

America, the American church and American government are not replacements to anything. Rather, America itself is a regeneration of the freedom that makes the church prosper. We are a regeneration of what Israel represents. We need to retire the fanaticism of end time's prophecy—namely, "mystery Babylon". We need to understand the truth. We need to comprehend "mystery Zion".

The principles of Israel form the bedrock of all civilization. The Ten Commandments. National borders. Immigration. The constitution and qualifications for public office. This includes national defense. *America has been called upon at times, to keep the world free from total annihilation. In a sense, this is almost a new and unique directive for God's people*. The people of America have been liberators, as 405,000 Americans died to end Hitler's regime. I find it interesting that the star actor in *The Patriot* was also the producer of *The Passion of the Christ*. If there is

one man who understands the mystery of “church and state”, it is Mel Gibson. Maybe we are weak on American history? Maybe the graphic depiction of a tortured savior are too offensive? Therefore, let us meet me in the middle at Hacksaw Ridge, where the *same producer, Mel Gibson*, brings this dichotomy to life. Gibson tells the story of a heroic combat medic who refuses to carry weapons.

Desmond Doss, a Seventh Day Adventist Christian refuses to embark on his main mission until he finishes his Sabbath prayers. This “America as a liberator” theme is beautifully portrayed, as Doss carries seventy seven fallen soldiers to safety (clutching the bible under his arm). This is the Judeo-Christian spirit at its finest. Doss embodies the irrational and mysterious gospel, where the Lion meets the lamb. Doss represents not just the shepherd qualities of Christ, nor does he solely model the warrior king from the book of Revelation. Doss models the reckless love of a savior who will conquer with his passion, and require no violence unto his enemies. Yet, the totality of this character is diminished, rather watered down without the polarizing themes on either side—the themes of “The Patriot” and “The Passion of the Christ.” Whether the “liberator” is killing redcoats in New England, or accosting the Pharisees in the Easter blockbuster, the message is one. Remember, the Passover story begins with freedom from absolute tyranny, simultaneously alluding to a coming messiah. As Israel becomes free politically, the blood of lamb is present on the door posts. So in a sense, the message of the cross is a trilogy—the Patriot, the Passion of the Christ, and Hacksaw Ridge. This trio sort of wraps up the idea of “mystery Zion”.

As it is written, “there is a season for everything under the sun”. In the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, there was no need for Mel Gibson’s character to die at the hands of the British. Atonement had already been made on the cross, nearly 1,750 years prior. Therefore, it was during the spring Passover (April to be exact) when the Americans made their exodus out of the British imperium. Then, in the late thirties, the same nation was called upon to ensure the continuation of freedom throughout the world. The American people are a unique extension of the state of Israel (for many reasons I will explain) in that the violence of the gospel is continually on display. The American Revolution, the civil war, WW2 is quite a trilogy of cross bearing and self-sacrifice. And this brings us back to the beginning of the story—the Exodus, which has been the most misunderstood bible story in American history. Somehow, modern church opinion has made the Mel Gibson “patriot camp”, as lost in the “freedom” camp. What the Lord is revealing now, is that the same father who drove an ax into the skull of a British barbarian, shares in the same ministry as the man who allowed those nails to be driven into his wrists and ankles. This is where rebellion meets sacrifice, and pastors get lost. This is mystery Zion.

## **What is the Exodus?**

What was the Exodus? The grandest bible story after the flood? A sermon? A biblical object lesson? False on all accounts. The concrete material facts, in a court of law would allow for one simple answer. We never heard anyone preach or teach the Exodus as it literally was—the first great revolution. Sure, to ascribe political

value only to the biblical account would be error. Likewise, the American Revolution, by that title, is grossly diminutive of its character. *Revolution implies a return, not a beginning. Revolution often involves violence, but not every party is the aggressor. It questions to conceive, not to abort, labors to legitimize, not disorganize, rising to birth, not kill, rebelling not to destroy, but to regenerate—to bring us back to square one. Spiritual revival paves the way for political revolution. In this process, a legitimate purpose rises, while the illegitimate is exposed and deposed.* The word does not suggest, but demands a return, and the American Revolution was such return to our biblical roots. The Semitic population which fled ancient Egypt, was the original she-bang.

It would be the universal, undefiled template. The standard for all revolutions to come. Let us examine all the elements: An illegitimate government (1 Samuel 12:17). An oppressive regime (Exodus 1:11-14). Ethnic cleansing and abortion (Exodus 1:16); new leaders with prejudice and fear of people groups; the lingering threat of insurrections or mass migrations (Exodus 1:8-10). A long history of unchallenged tyranny (Genesis 15:13, 400 years). Finally, catalysts which births passion, leading to action (Exodus 2:11, Exodus 3). They are competent insiders who can get the ball rolling (Exodus 2:10, Acts 7:22). Initial confrontations which led to escalating negotiations. A show of force to keep control over the proletariat (Exodus 5:6). A steady shift in the balance of power, causing the oppressors to slacken their grip, and agree to transfer resources back to the people (Exodus 12:36). A victory for defiant people, without violence (Numbers 33:3). Party agitators who attempt to squash the movement (Numbers 14). Splits, factions and counter-revolutions (Numbers 16). A final clash with the oppressor (Exodus 14), and opportunistic military assaults from nearby hostiles (Exodus 17, Amalekites). Last, but not least, the most important element of the vintage—the greatest reason for any revolution—a new government of common people (Exodus 18), built on religious liberty. Religious liberty equals religious expression, and the word worship occurs a whopping twenty one times in the following passages: Exodus 3:12, 4:23, 4:31, 7:16, 8:20, 9:1, 9:13, 10:3, 10:7, 10:8, 10:24, 10:26, 12:27, 12:31, 20:5, 23:24, 23:33, 24:1, 33:10, 34:8, 34:14.

*"Let my people go, so that they may worship me".*

## **Reinterpreting the Awakenings**

We are learning how spiritual revival gives birth to political transformation, specifically before and after the American Revolution. But thousands of years prior, this hypothesis was already demonstrated. We must interpret an "awakening" in context with the ancient record—the 1300BC personal awakening at the burning bush. And we should then determine that the first outcome was the new state of Israel. Call that basic arithmetic. When you sum these figures: Revival, diplomacy, plaques, miracles, wilderness wandering and the establishment of government, what do you get? The Exodus. The original. Add them again, but just three thousand years later? America. Good things take time.

Israel fell in 70AD. America rose in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The time between is where the believer gets lost. Circa 1776, mankind experiences a full regeneration in the works. The “second great awakening”, in a sense, was represented by the protestant reformation, and the liberation of the human mind—the access to the scriptures, and the plight out of the Egypt (Church of England). When Moses spoke with God, everything clicked—these people could be free, if they simply believed and obeyed. Like the Europeans who read the bible fresh off the printing press—they we marveled, and so they moved. The story is boiled down to one word—Exodus—leave one place to go to “a land I will show you” (Mystery Zion). It is a physical exit from a bad place, into the unknown place. It is also a political paradigm shift. Moses got his political passion when he saw the abuses taking place (Exodus 2:11). But Moses got his political strategy, his eureka, when he heard the voice of God. He got his confirmation when his snake swallowed Pharaoh’s snake. Likewise, the thirteen colonies had their eureka when they heard the voice of God through Thomas Paine’s “common sense”. The entire pamphlet was an exposition of the Exodus, and how God never intended man to be ruled by a king. Colonists saw the confirmation of the Word, when miracles started popping up. Britain was losing ground, mysteriously.

The “cause of greatest worth”: the outcome being the United States of America. A regenerated representative republic initially framed under Moses, which would not see completeness for three thousand years (1300BC – 1776). So why is Moses revered as a humble and pious man of God, while the American founding fathers are depicted as reckless, deistic and intrepid? How is Joshua some great conquer from the American pulpit, but the “patriot” is a disrupter of the gospel? Why don’t ministers understand what holy rebellion is? *Because they were raised in a church theology which was framed outside of biblical and historical reality.* Our church methodology was designed to go around scripture, because of the 501c3.

The 501c3 is a yeast bomb. It was created in the most propersious times in human history, when the largest middle class was rising in a post-war era. Life was great. We did not seen the danger signs. Communism was out. Hitler was dead. The church was good and the economy was better. At the height of American triumphalism, we did not see the need to protect the government from ourselves. We did not see a need to organize against an oppressive government (unless you were black). The American Revolution was not a way of life, but a country song and a history we thought was behind us. We had no experiential concept of “holy rebellion”, or a practical need to defend our institutions. But my friend, there is a thing called righteous indignation, and the campfires of Washington’s army were a pleasing aroma to the Lord.

“Revolution” connotes mayhem, but the word implies a whirling rotation back to a place that we see in scripture—an existence the Israelites failed to architect. The American Patriots were not inventing, but salvaging an old engine; not rebelling, but redeeming and reclaiming. The church was revolving to their initial design, coming full circle to a holy blueprint. The pinnacle of the Exodus was the red sea

crossing; and despite impossible odds, the remnant crossed the Atlantic to victory. Washington crossed the Potomac. Diplomats crossed (rebuked) the pharaoh's of England. Writers and rugged men of God revolted against a system that God never instituted. Therefore, a revolution is not an uprising, but a necessary event that brings us to a biblically prescribed outcome. The American Revolution is the most misunderstood and neglected event in the American church today, nevertheless its having happened yielded the glorious homecoming that Caleb and Joshua experienced. Spirited men know how to dutifully oppose darkness, and the Holy Spirit was an every present voice in times of great tribulation. The American Exodus was beautifully and wonderfully made. A true move of God.

## **Power to Begin the world Again**

*Reagan was a president who personified the American Spirit of self-reliance and global freedom.* He quoted Thomas Paine in a speech, saying that we "Had the power to begin the world again". Regeneration theology. For something to start again, it is assumed to have happened before. Hence, my doctrine of "regeneration", making America's founding the logical corollary to Israel's original appearance.

But to truly solidify my case for "regeneration", it will be important to demonstrate that our founding documents were not just inspired by the biblical text, but almost identical, modern paraphrases. For instance, per the Torah, the 8<sup>th</sup> commandment criminalizes theft: "Thou shalt not steal". A simple criminal code, which comes with limits and classifications, such as petty theft vs grand theft. Still, the commandment is considered canon and immutable. But the principle needed some expansion. If we look at the bill of rights, we have evidence of an intelligent being moving in concert with the 8<sup>th</sup> commandment. Today, "Thou shalt not steal" lives on, but fuller. Now, society is even better protected, and better restrained from the crime of stealing. In American law, much theft comes to a screeching halt, as we are constitutionally protected against of our own prejudice. For example—now we need to obtain a warrant to lawfully seize *stolen* property. Today, we do not operate on hunches and feelings, but just cause and due process. The Holy Spirit has upgraded the 8<sup>th</sup> commandment, and brought meaning to the idea of theft. How often is stolen property turned around and sold for bribes? Theft, like adultery, does not take new meaning, but is expanded upon. Laws that prohibit the personal enrichment of politicians, by nature of their office, is meant to keep them from stealing. The bill of rights is almost canonically a Matthew 5 reading, where we are faced with the deeper truths we conveniently ignored.

Life, liberty, property and security; the bill of rights was a brilliant, near bulletproof update of ancient Israel's blueprints. A speech prepared for Kennedy the day he was assassinated ended with, "*We in this country, in this generation, are—by destiny rather than choice—the watchmen on the walls of world freedom.*" (Undelivered speech prepared for November 22, 1963) We, like ancient Israel, were supposed be the gold standard in government and society. When communist regimes take over resources, America is supposed to lead the outcry. When stable and relatively fair governments are threatened by insurgencies and terrorists, we

are supposed to have their back. Ancient Israel was an isolated monarchy, which held larger territories than it does today. Babylon, Assyria and Rome all took turns conquering them. Why? Because they failed to keep their blueprints. It was bad enough that they never held to the original plan of self-government, but their failures to stay moral and upright led to their extinction for generations. (Deuteronomy 28 cause and effect). But the essence of Israel reemerged, under the red white and blue. The timing of this American regeneration came right before the literal, physical Israel reemerged in 1948. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776, America became like a second born, fraternal twin of the older brother.

The benefits of self-government allowed America to care for themselves, as well as neighboring countries. Monarchies are always at war, which is why Eurasia has not been a fun place to be most of the time. Monarchies are self-interested and self-destructive institutions. Sure, the queen of Sheba was impressed with Solomon's wealth, but with that treasure came a responsibility. Ancient Israel could not live out their highest calling without representative government. Had America not existed in 1948, I wonder how Israel's war for independence would have panned out. Their political system now, is far superior and more biblical than before. I am certain it is why Israel does more good in the world than the princes and kings of Saudi Arabia, Africa and Iran. Jews might have their set of problems, but at least they have a parliament and elections. But let's get into the messianic theme, since 1948 causes us to address bible prophecy.

The borders of the Promised Land have shifted some, but the spiritual atmosphere of the Middle East remain stagnant. It contains peoples still opposed to the gospel; as Paul writes "*the hardening in part*" continues. The literal Promised Land, Israel, and the inhabitants have not fully received the Messiah. And this is by God's design. I would expect the biblical Promised Land to be fully grown to make room for end time prophecy (Genesis 15:18, from the Euphrates to the Nile). Modern Israel doesn't even hold its original borders as described by the Abraham promise. The United States, which should be considered "Spiritual Israel", under this "regeneration theology", is not only the envy of the world, but is called to make the Jews Jealous (Romans 11:11).

## **What is Israel**

This is not replacement theology, but a basic spiritual truth. God *will* keep his promises to the land situated around the Mount of Olives. Like the Exodus, I think we have failed to perceive what Israel really is. Was it a country founded by a patriarch named Jacob? Is it a state? Is it a group of states? Can it only exist on the shores of the Mediterranean? Is it inhabited only by people of Jewish Heritage? Well, if heritage or race is the driver, then Israel is certainly not a "Jewish State". As Paul writes, "is a Jew a Jew outwardly or inwardly? If we believe Paul here, then the corollary question is sufficient to rest my case: "Is the state of Israel one inwardly or outwardly".

Scripture contains a list of prophetic metaphors and object lessons as large as the North American continent. Surely God will use America, the land of *peoples who were not peoples*, to provoke the literal Jews to jealousy. (Deuteronomy 32:21, Romans 10:10). The confusion, I believe, lies in the eighteen hundred years having passed between Paul's missionary journeys and the American missionary model. Thus, as time creates more converts to traditionalism than scripture itself, it's widely accepted that America is some *new country*, standing alone, and often in opposition to Israel at times—like this despised “mystery Babylon”. The debate goes on: Will the USA support Israel? Will Israel be destroyed by their enemies this year? The best question will always contain a shroud of mystery: *What is Israel?*

By now, we should start to accept that the Judeo Christian nation hereby named America, is as old as dirt. Its laws, customs and experiences are cookie cuttered from every season and struggle that we see in Israel's Chronicles. The Exodus. The frontier days and the Wild West, namely the “days of the Judges” when men did what was right in their own eyes. The civil war. The moral decline and threat of annihilation. Old concepts here. If Wyatt Earp wasn't a modern day Judge, like Samson or Jephthah (rugged men with sin), then Biden is your uncle and I will stop writing. If General Lee, or General Washington weren't America's Joshua's, then you have been reading too much Christianese literature.

*“Though it might be proved that the system of government now called the new, is the most ancient in principle of all that have existed, being founded on the original, inherent Rights of Man: yet, as tyranny and the sword have suspended the exercise of those rights for many centuries past, it serves better the purpose of distinction to call it the new, than to claim the right of being called old.” (Rights of Man)*

Regeneration implies an original movement with a reprise. In years, America is young. In essence, America is old. If pastors in the USA wish to keep praying the 2 Chronicles 7:14 promises (among dozens) over their churches here, then they are in practice, believing that others also share a covenant relationship, or at least a covalent bond with Israel. They surely know, that their forefathers extended, rather than replaced, the cause of greatest worth. The truth is this: God will deal with America, and every single nation, almost exactly how he dealt with Israel. The nature of America is not new. The republics of Europe are therefore not new. If I could revise Thomas Paine's introductory Common Sense mantra, it would be revised from:

“The cause of America is in a great measure the cause of all mankind”

To

*“The cause of the Exodus was by God's design, the cause of all mankind, and the establishment of America, was a regeneration, not a replacement of that cause.”*

So Paul, preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the New Testament, was suffering the fetters of the old—the Roman oppression in the first century. Is it possible that the thorn in the flesh was literally *a messenger of Satan*? Like a courier of a king? Maybe a decree, or a crown, arising in a time where men like Caesar Augustus, would constitute the menace:

*"A government calling itself free, with an hereditary office, is like a thorn in the flesh" (Rights of Man)*

*"<sup>27</sup>Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. <sup>28</sup>They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head."* (Matthew 27:27-29 NIV)

Paine knows that a crown of thorns is not something normal. It would fall under the "cruel and unusual", 8<sup>th</sup> amendment. A torture device is fashioned from illegitimate governments. Jesus came to earth when the Romans and Jews coexisted in a broken spiritual-political system. We don't see a book of Haggai house of Zerubbabel restoration, where priests and leaders worked to build a better world. To the contrary, the church and the state conspired together like a two headed snake. The romans were brutal, but the religious establishment had never been worse. Public torture and killings of innocent men without fair trial: the hallmark sign of a church already in decadence. Do moderns' have to personally kill babies to be guilty of the Sanhedrin's sin? What about the persecution of rightful citizens, who simply wish to promote their beloved ideas? Yes, this was the Greco-Roman world. Jesus was crucified just forty years before Rome crushed their remaining vestige to bits.

### **Devils plans after Crucifixion**

Now, Christ having been crucified, leaves us on the edge of a world that is bound for mayhem. What would the devil's plans be from this time forward? Exterminate any light that would dare to shine forth from a bushel. To extinguish any revolution, which might attempt to roll us back to an age when men were free. When men could speak. When ideas could germinate and republics could contend with barbarians and warlords. Such was the case with the Greeks and the Persians. The battle of Marathon. The battle of Thermopylae. From the decline of Rome in 376, to the sixteenth century, things were grim. Then, almost suddenly, a light flickered in the dark. Mankind was breathing, and stirring again—men were longing to expand and be self-driven. To be self-governed. From the late middle ages, to the Renaissance, to the enlightenment—the match lit on the third strike. Once salvation was attained to, the greatest threat to darkness was not a few pockets of open air evangelism or underground churches, but none other than the regeneration of the vintage. Mystery Zion. A people of mercy. A government that valued life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

*1 Peter 2:10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

After Pentecost, the gospel spread rapidly throughout Asia and the Greco-Roman world. The Spirit of God longed to propagate—to re-establish Himself—a legitimate nation, free from every form of oppression. The Spirit of God moved through the ages, to establish a church that would resist the illegitimate churches and governments. We are getting closer to understanding Ezekiel Chapter one (Hang on). Paul produced a Greek New Testament, while the Greeks produced democracy. As it is written, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free".

### **Passover to Pentecost (Freedom to Fruitfulness)**

The holiday to follow the Passover, is Pentecost. Now we will delve into a "Pentecost" that we failed to study in our religious circles. Western evangelicals teach that Pentecost was the time when the Holy Spirit fell in power, and the gifts of the spirit were released. Indeed, this was a fulfillment of the prophet Joel. Prophecy. Tongues of fire. Healing gifts. But do not stop there friend. We must examine the etymology of the word. Pentecost: the root word means "fiftieth" in the Greek. In the early halls of our early congress, men hashed out the future of civilization. The future of the world we know today. And their activities represent the centuries of Christian thought that survived dark ages, plagues and perpetual warfare.

We cannot fathom the raw power that was swirling over those meetings. In the city of Philadelphia, the gifts were once again, in full operation. Prophecy, teaching, and tongues of fire raged in every impassioned speech and debate—each and every heated address was likened to a figuratively speaking "day of Pentecost". The apostles were the builders of the church-state. The prophets were the writers and political activists that brought the baby through the birth canal. What began with thirteen original colonies, would one day become a "Pentecost". A perfect fifty. A united thirteen tribes. Sure, I like numbers, but don't discount this bizarre interpretation yet. We are nearing a conclusion that will dumbfound you.

By August 21<sup>st</sup>, 1959 we added Hawaii to complete our fifty United States. Our great nation was transplanted from the original burning bush. Christ's America was carved from the oaks of Bashan. Christ's America was standing taller than the cedars of Lebanon and growing faster than any persecuted church. America, a country made of Jews and Gentiles, emerged like the melting pot that we read in scripture: Ruth the Moabite. Moses the Egyptian. Uriah the mercenary Hittite and the Jebusites, among many "ites" who were grafted in. We now have the Liberty to be free from persecution, and free from the requirement to think and act and dress like any particular sect or tribe. It was the blessing of Liberty that grafted in Ruth the Moabite and Josephs' two Egyptian sons. Here is the flow—Exodus—Passover—Pentecost—America—fifty.

Priest, are you ready to accept, that we are an interim Israel? Are you even able to comprehend that the "Jewish state" never existed to begin with? That

heritage and religious preference never was the substance of Israel from day one? That the original Israel was 17% Egyptian (Ephraim and Manasseh). In a best case scenario, only 85% (three of thirteen) of Israel was formed by Jacob's natural sons. Worst case scenario? Joseph's two, plus Bilhah and Zilpah's kids makes a whopping six non-Jewish "bastard" children. So at worst, only six of the thirteen tribal heads that crossed the Jordan were pure "Jewish". That's 54% from Jacob (Jewish or Israeli) and 46% something else; and, of that 46%, a guaranteed 15% are recorded as half-Egyptian (Ephraim and Manasseh), leaving 31% for the imagination. It all depends on where Laban liked to purchase his maids. From our character assessment of Laban, well, he's a cheap business man, and likely acquired them cheaper by the dozen. Maybe Jacob got his "Jewishness" under the influence of his father in law (Not that ruthless frugality is genetic, but you know what I mean).

This melting pot of thirteen tribes that formed the borders of ancient Israel was much like the original thirteen colonies that formed our nation. The truth is, "We the people" were at least 31% bastards in our day. *Mean* bastards, because many thought it was okay to have slaves. *Literal* bastards, because we were all half-breeds, from all corners of the globe. As one very notable bastard, Alexander Hamilton once wrote,

*"Who talks most about freedom and equality? Is it not those who hold the bill of rights in one hand and a whip for affrighted slaves in the other?"*

You see, even spiritual Jews are pagan Gentiles if they don't understand the Pentecost. If they don't grasp hold of the fifty. Liberty appears first in scripture in Leviticus 25, and marks a 50 year cycle. That number again! Liberty allows for immigration and naturalization into the true vine of mystery Zion. Paine continues his message, from one metaphor to another; from thorns to "grafting in".

*"It is on this system of the American government is founded. It is a representation ingrafted upon democracy"*

All people would be grafted into this mighty "oak of Bashan". The species of freedom does not change—nor the basic laws, nor the source of grace. God would powerfully use America, (spiritual Israel, mystery Zion) as a home base for monumental global missions. Paine, like any Old Testament prophet, could not fully see the vision he spoke of, but this oak of Bashan metaphor is very dear to my heart, when I re-read this breathtaking statement, ending with a tree:

*"The Sun never shined on a cause of greater worth. 'Tis not the affair of a City, a County, a Province, or a Kingdom, but of a Continent—of at least one eighth part of the habitable Globe. 'Tis not the concern of a day, a year, or an age; posterity are virtually involved in the contest, and will be more or less affected, even to the end of time, by the proceedings now. Now is the seed-time of Continental union, faith and honor. The least fracture now will be like a name engraved with the point of a pin on the tender rind of a young oak; the wound will enlarge with the tree, and posterity read it in full grown characters."*

## **Tree House Treaty**

What a solemn and imperceptible mass of responsibility to be thrust on their shoulders. Thanks be to God, both the church and state worked together in our revolution. The “Patriot” camp was in full unity with the “Passion of the Christ” camp. But this is not the case in the west anymore. Today, the church establishment has created their own clubs, with constitutions and bylaws that make the devil laugh. The rules and mission statements of these thousands of denominations are laughable and unlivable. Nothing can compare to the “Cause of Greatest Worth, yet our best attempts at church government are merely juvenile and foolish tree house treaties. Meaning, they are about as real as playground imaginations and juvenile thinking.

There is a biblical formula for local church government. The New Testament letters identifies elders and deacon, and pertaining qualifications. There are gifts and callings to seek out, sure. But somehow, we created these ridiculous empires, with ridiculous constitutions! They have no force local, state or federal. They have no gravity. The dog catcher has more civil authority than the priest. The 501©3 is the polar opposite of the American Constitution, and it's time we burn them in one large pile (book of Acts style). If rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, then maybe our churches are in rebellion to the authentic? Maybe a Church that fails to govern is more like a coven than a congregation of saints.

When we read of “establishing justice and loving mercy”, (such as ending abortion) our church constitutions are worthless alongside a 501c3. Counterproductive is an understatement. More like a crutch that keeps us hobbling this way and that, until we just fall over. The bible instructs us to build the kingdom publicly (government) as well as to congregate privately (church). I pray the church will not need more persecution than Covid, to get a grasp on these responsibilities. I pray the western church, like those original colonies can decipher the difference between a tree-house treaty with King George the Third, and an Oak of Bashan type of root. Though persecution can be a good thing, we have time to reverse course. Our present day afflictions were sent by heaven to wake us up. The colonies were eventually struck, persecuted, tested and tried. Ironically so, it was a self-declared Christian organization (Great Britain) which did the persecution. Thomas Paine again, in *Rights of Man*,

*“The more it struck the more sparks it will emit; and the fear is it will not be struck enough. It has nothing to dread from attacks; truth has given it an establishment, and time will record it with a name as lasting as his own”.*

## **Netanyahu's 2015 Address**

Truth and liberty, like Christ, withstands the beatings; the more lashes, political blows, military strikes, plagues and otherwise will not prevail. All the attacks we see now, are moving America closer to a mystery Zion that was meant to be. A place of refuge. A city on a hill. A place we can eat from our own vines and not be afraid. Contrast yet again, recent and ancient history: the anguish of the Semites;

bricks without straw and infanticide by Egyptian law. Plague after plague. Fast forward: The British Imperium: taxation without representation. Unprovoked killings. Usurpation of local authority. The more Britain struck, the more sparks were emitted off the foreheads of diverse patriots. Britain kept striking, and the sparks set the world ablaze. These things worked together for the good of those that loved God. Each time the continental congress convened, where two or more gathered, Christ was present. As often as the enemies of *this house* are working, God is working to procure citizens of *His great state*. When terrorist states are enriching warhead uranium, the more sparks fly in public hearings. In March of 2015, Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu addressed the US congress. In the fray of the Iranian nuclear conflict, listen closely to his words:

*"I'm standing here in Washington, D.C. and the difference is so stark. America's founding document promises life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Iran's founding document pledges death, tyranny and the pursuit of jihad. And as states are collapsing across the Middle East, Iran is charging into the void to do just that... You stand with Israel, because you know that the story of Israel is not only the story of the Jewish people but of the human spirit that refuses again and again to succumb to history's horrors."*

Suddenly, Netanyahu gestured upwards to the mighty figurehead of Moses, beckoning us to observe his greatness. Netanyahu continues:

*"Facing me right up there in the gallery, overlooking all of us in this chamber is the image of Moses. Moses led our people from slavery to the gates of the Promised Land. And before the people of Israel entered the land of Israel, Moses gave us a message that has steeled our resolve for thousands of years. I leave you with his message today, (speaking in Hebrew), be strong and resolute, neither fear nor dread them."*

The wounded combat vet, and longest serving Israeli prime minister was not crafting words when relating the Jewish story with the human spirit: "steeled our resolve for thousands of years". Indeed, there was Jewish spirit alive in the world for the 1,878 years no ethnically homogenous Jewish state existed. Israel fell last in 70AD, and this spirit was put on display during the interim years, especially during the American Revolution, which was still 170 years behind May of 1948. Netanyahu was born in Tel Aviv, but raised in both Philadelphia and Jerusalem. The first prime Minister born in Israel understands the bond between Israel and America. The Covid crisis arrived only five years after his congressional address, shaping this into a relic of political-prophetic history. "Strong and resolute". "Neither fear nor dread them". This was assuredly another recitation of the Master's ongoing plans—the survival and endurance of Liberty—the perpetual sustaining of this *mysterious state continues for millennium*.

As I asked you before, "What is the state of Israel?" Just contrast Netanyahu's childhood dwellings—Philadelphia and Jerusalem; one, containing the liberty bell—liberty, the most contested idea in human history, and Jerusalem, the most

contested city in history period. Is there a difference between the city of brotherly love (Philadelphia), and the city of peace (Jerusalem)?

I remember watching the speech on television. The leader of the nation of Israel (at the time of writing), contrite but erect, was addressing the most powerful ruling body on earth, the United States Congress. And, peering downward was the figurehead of Moses, a leader separated by 3,500 years from this very Netanyahu. A man made replica of Moses, glaring down at the modern ruler of the never antiquated state. Israel is not a sliver of land in the Middle East, but a spiritual phenomenon that will never die. If you kill one Israel, another will take its place. If you scatter one flock, another will gather and flourish in its place.

If the figurehead of Moses could speak, what would he be saying to us now? Would he call upon the American church to incorporate another 501c3? Or would he magnificently reiterate the criticality of this hour. Would he not remind the men and women gathered there, of the cause of greatest worth? A land of milk and honey? Might he mention the constitutional republic that their ancestors failed to implement before King Saul?

## **The great state of Israel**

Netanyahu's speech was the word picture of this entire essay. *This moment*, my friend, paints the picture of *the state of Israel* as good as the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. Netanyahu's stern address to congress demonstrates the necessity of Liberty in the eastern world—the interdependence between East and West. Like Jacob and Esau, they are two nations, passing through the same spiritual womb, now arriving on the scene at the same moment in time. This is the mystery of the twins—one nation the size of New Jersey, represented by Netanyahu, a fierce vestige of Moses now appealing to a wild and ferocious Esau—an America the size of the Sahara Desert. Twin nations sharing all heritage, history and hardships. Netanyahu's speech is converging these sovereign states the way Michelangelo painted the Secret in Plain Sight—the nature of state, and the nature of man, woman and the quest for survival.

The *state* knows no gender, as women are called to fight. In WW2, there was the rise of Rosie the riveter—the lady with the hankie curling her arm to reveal a bicep—she is no different than the brave Israeli women who serve in the IDF. *The state* mandates no religion, though Judaism is prevalent; it respects no patriarch, as many peoples, tribes and tongues support the *state*, and the *state supports them*. It is not Jewish, but called to be just. It is not merely Christian, but compassionate. The state of Israel is akin with a friend who always gives more, takes less, and locks arms with a willing ally. The *state of Israel is simply that—a state of being—a perpetual bastion of freedom, forever bound by an eternal law within our universe—the law of liberty*. The *state* is more fervently compelled than bound by obligation, and the *citizens of the state, Jew or Gentile*, delight in this law. The golden rule is upheld by good humans, and this is the law of Christ—the pressing on and reciprocity of mankind in carrying their neighbors' burdens, even to the gates of hell. WWI.

WW2. Yom Kippur 1973. The six day miracle in 1967. The fall of the Soviet Union. Fill in the blank.

When Hitler was on the warpath, the “state of Israel” came through again. American intervention saved the world. Question: without the west, would ancient Israel have reemerged as she did in 1948? I know these concepts are bursting many bubbles of thought, and dropping many stumbling blocks in place of your comfortable and not so easily abandoned doctrines. My teaching on “House of Zerubbabel”. The Exodus 18 model for civilian government. The Deuteronomy 16:18 ballot box. The Isaiah 33:22 three branch government. America as a fraternal twin to Israel “the firstborn”. The biblical debunking of an ethnically distinct “Jewish State”. The thirteen colony melting pot as a larger rendition of the original thirteen tribes which took possession of ancient Canaan. Finally, the American Exodus out of European bondage. But these are not ideas—it is revelation from the Father. Every word.

The almighty could care less who is Jewish, Arab or American. God respects no one, and remains neutral towards the ethnic or religious background of those mighty men otherwise known as the Gideon’s; ethnicity and religion are of little consequence, as long they are fighting for the *great state...the state of Israel*. It matters not who the Gideon’s of the day are; as long as they lap their drink with the tongues of ferocious sheep-dogs, squatting alert and ready for action...*the state of Israel will survive the dogfights of history*. The “doctrine of the state of Israel” warrants a book all of its own, but in order to get us to the climax, I will finish this section with a quote from a book themed on the 1948 Jewish war for independence.

*“...not until later would someone point out the irony that in the most dramatic air to air encounter of the Arab Israeli war, none of the combatants was Arab or Israeli, or even Jewish...” (Angels in the Sky, Robert Gandt)*

## **Fullness of the Gentiles**

Modern Israel, a political and religious mess, has not escaped God’s providence. Like I said before, God will keep his promises to the place where Messiah was baptized, and far be it from me to replace her. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. As long as Jesus Christ has given us *this* American milk and honey, a hardening in part has come to the Jews. Why? So that the seven eights of the remaining habitable Globe, the “fullness of the Gentiles”, may enter! I declare, let the Gentiles enter right into New York Harbor, where they have for generations! The cause of greatest worth is an America flourishing with freedom and gospel activity. Thomas Paine was a prophet when he said that America will stand, “even to the end of time”. We have no right or practical reason to wash our hands of the United States. To the contrary, we are like an Israel that has the power of choice. The power to choose its destiny and escape the perils that the false prophets are heaping upon her. So let the fullness of the Gentiles come into fullness! Let Ellis Island be the port of entry for global missions. New York represents fifty two

unreached people groups, including the Jews. New York is a spiritual "Jerusalem", a central hub where Christians, Jews and Muslims all live in relatively close proximity.

So we take our eyes off of the Idol of mission's trips and the city of David. We realign in the spirit with these mysteries I am unfolding. You see, the Jews like to have their cake and eat it too—this is why you see them hopping back and forth between New York and Tel-Aviv. They love to have a heritage land where they can break Sabbath bread with extended family, but they sure as heck won't give up on their United States residence or business—this is the Zion that seems most promising, as New York has historically been a place to "eat from one's vine and not be afraid". Even the Jewish poet Emma Lazarus, in her writings, echoes these ideas with brilliance.

So we are winding down here. Let's get back to my original metaphor of "the baby". God is not letting His baby go. He has mighty plans here in America. Many have their eyes fixed on Israel, or the executive branch. The truth is, the saints must attack the mountain of government in America so the missionaries can advance the cause of Christ here and everywhere else. This is the nutshell of my "church and the state" power close. Too many are sneering at leadership when they should be running the race marked out for them. The American president is not a king, but many have made Donald Trump a Saul in their place. The mind of Christ formed our institutions, and there are plenty of other verses that teach about the value of shared leadership. There are numerous proverbs which call for distributed powers in society.

The purpose of this essay is to hit you with everything, in sixty pages; to effectively dismantle the prevailing "Kingdom theology" that the west has held onto. In order to understand the "Kingdom", we have to understand which kingdoms were in competition with the people of God. Our evangelical Kingdom theology is pipe dreams without a firm grip on American history.

*"But where says some is the King of America? I'll tell you Friend, he reigns above, and doth not make havoc of mankind like the Royal Brute of Britain."*

*(Common Sense, Thomas Paine 1776)*

## **Kingdom of Priests**

Let's hit on some kingdom concepts which will wrap things together in anticipation for our Ezekiel 1 grand finale. The theme of Liberty (Leviticus 25, Galatians 5:1). The doctrine of free-will. The rule of law. The mandate to fill and subdue the earth. The biblical command to implement law and justice. We know that the law was given through Moses, but the scripture also reveals that Moses saw Christ on Sinai. Christians who love Jesus, would not only obey His commands, but make his laws known in both the pulpits and the law books.

*"For as in absolute governments the King is law, so in free countries the law ought to be King; and there ought to be no other."*

We honor Christ by keeping His laws, the laws our land. What the enemy fears most now, is an army of saints marching into civil offices and political battles. In running for government offices, we invoke real “kingdom” energy. As the saints take their oaths of office, the King in heaven is pleased. The only redemptive truth of the current “kingdom theology” is that a King in heaven is madly in love with his children on earth. But we don’t stop there—we move swiftly to coronate this “kingdom of priests” (Exodus 19:6). We vote them in. God will see to it that many get elected. Think of the “Kingdom” as a middle ages “Camelot” for a second: the saints are the rightful heirs of this “Camelot kingdom”, and the body of Christ draws the “sword from the stone”. Think of the ‘sword’ as the Word, and the ‘stone’ as Jesus Christ. It is a magical moment, when we see the connection between Jesus and the rule of law. When the hero of the story liberates the Word of God from the Rock of ages.

It will be a tumultuous time, when our warriors carry the sword into battle. When the “kingdom” people plunge the sword (the Word) back into the legislatures and city ordinances. It will create a shockwave which rolls across the fruited plains. There will be backlash when abortion is abolished. Yes, the truth is terrorizing to the unbelievers in the Kingdom of darkness. But for the church, it is not an election year of fear and dread, but when we see Jesus as the mighty warrior and politician. When we see David reincarnated in modern day. When military patriots run for office and stand on high moral ground. Why do we never, for the life of us, preach David as a military politician? How did we get hung up on that nonsense “kingdom theology”? Mark my words, it will be a dreadful day for the agents of darkness, when the valley of dry bones comes to life, filling offices, legislatures, board rooms, and city squares across this land.

When we contend for the position of Sheriff, secretary or even cleric, the King will bless the Kingdom again. Brethren, it is when we get off our high horse, that the high king of heaven gets off His throne. When we secure political offices in America, things shift in heaven. The “kingdom” comes to life, and the Israelites feel a new sense of hope and rejuvenation. When unwavering men and women of virtue hold to these stations, He that wrote the law, becomes judge, jury and executioner on our behalf. The faithful and true, carpenter Jew will be showing the establishment a side they never anticipated. When we stick our noses where it doesn’t belong, the warrior king, Jesus Christ, He that reigns above... *brings hell down, from on high.* For where there is no law, there is no liberty. And where there is no freewill, there is no salvation.

## **Freewill and Liberty**

Here in America, we have nearly perfected the vintage that ancient Israel lost sight of. We have their constitutional representative republic, with some marvelous adjustments. The first amendment, protecting religious liberty is paramount—freedom of speech and thought is as much a right for the Muslim as it is the Jew or atheist. The very first amendment solidified what theologians have published as “the doctrine of free will”. Or do we Christians longer believe in free will? Religious persuasion is always a gentleman, so when the law of freewill reigns in America,

Christ will appear as often as his followers obey. We know Christ is the highest truth, and his nature is divinely attractive. The first amendment makes room for this blessed assurance: Christ will move in power as often as His church moves in obedience.

*"But such is the irresistible nature of truth, that all it asks—and all it wants—is the liberty of appearing..." (Rights of Man Thomas Paine 1792)*

Jesus doesn't demand an audience or platform—when he speaks, His kindness draws hearts. It's wasn't Christ's Jewishness that attracted crowds, or having been a Rabbi. He draws all men to himself by his love, not coercion. To borrow Paine's words, Jesus only asks for the "liberty of appearing". Truth is patient. Truth is kind. Truth does not envy or boast. Truth is not self-seeking. Truth hides from no man—darkness hides from Him. Paine also writes,

*"The sun needs no inscription to distinguish him from darkness".*

The first amendment not only protects Christians' right to gather and preach, but attracts a lost world, placing them in our bosom. How beautiful are the feet that bring good news, and how brilliant is the first amendment, which allows Christ to be aired, and moves the sinner's feet right into our path? The absolute, eternal God is not only the giver of freewill, but the inspiration of free, unencumbered speech. It is religious liberty, not absolute monarchy, which wins hearts and minds. Honey attracts more Philistines than vinegar, and we should never be afraid of religious pluralism. We should never fear the Satanists setting up shop.

*Our study has thus proven that the biblical text does not call for a state sponsored Christian theocracy, but a republic build on the laws placed on our hearts. A land of seminaries and steeples was not the baby God birthed in 1776. Even if it was, who would run it? The Baptists? The Pentecostals? The Mormons? Despite your passion for the Christ, He is not as ridged or excitable as you, though He loves truer, and He fights harder than any Patriot or republican that ever lived. As time makes more converts than reason, so does choice make more Christians than compulsion. We love, listen, discern and respond to the sinner, not raise unholy hell over their present error. We trust that the creator knew what He was doing, when He moved the pens of our Patriarchs to grant liberty to the unbeliever—but a liberty not detached from good and just laws.*

Modern Israel is a diamond in the rock, but not without many flaws. Even today (2022), Christian evangelism is illegal. Muslims are tolerated, barely, and for good reason. The culture is ridden with sin, and hardly resembles the values they were built upon. But they sure like their American neighbors. They sure like the concept of freedom. Did you know that Israel has streets named after icons like Abraham Lincoln and George Washington? The last time I was in New York City, I saw hospitals named after Jewish monuments like Mt. Sinai. The city of Jerusalem is home to a posh establishment named "King David's hotel", but it is the park immediately south of here which should grab your attention—Liberty Bell Park. I'm

shaking off of you all those crazy beliefs you adopted and cherished watching Christian television and pop-culture theologians.

As long as a nation has moral laws, civil people, and religious liberty, any State can rise to glorious heights (this was the Lord's Prayer: on earth as it is in heaven). As long as Lady Liberty stands tall, lifting her flame, and as long as the Liberty bell chimes, Christ will appear. Think of the burning bush and Joshua's trumpet as "two witnesses". The bush represents the flames of liberty, and the shofar represents the occupation of God's people. Likewise, America has two witnesses—the liberty torch and the liberty bell. Liberty is so essential to our Christian theology, because it represents free-will, free speech, free markets and even salvation. Likewise, liberty is essential to understanding Jewish law; liberty was present with Moses on Sinai, and represents every blessing of every festival on the Jewish calendar. The word appears first in Leviticus 25, when describing the Jubilee year, a time which only occurs every fifty years (separate study).

Heaven on earth is an upside down idea! The power of free speech and religious diversity is the *foolishness of God in a world of Herod's and Nebuchadnezzar's!* Referring back to false "Kingdom theology", be reminded of "the upside down kingdom" modern preachers describe with confidence: Up is down, down is up, the first shall be last, and the last shall be first. Agreed, but don't make it "invisible" just because you aren't willing to run for office! Liberty is the prophetic codename for Christ (Leviticus 25), and Mosaic Law was the first king of Israel (before they enthroned a man named Saul). When Christ set his feet on Sinai, it was to dine with the founding fathers, and give them guidelines that would govern and bless them. Your seminary class slipped down Sinai covered in greasy grace nonsense preaching—time to climb back up and dine with the lawgiver—because the law tutors us, and teaches us how much we need Christ.

#### *Exodus 24:9-11*

*9 Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, 10 and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity. 11 But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank.*

Ancient Israel was unlike Egypt, the land of the Chaldeans and the powers that existed pre-flood. And our first amendment is absolutely an "upside down" idea. Meaning, how bizarre is it, that a nation sworn to "make no law respecting an establishment of religion", could spread the gospel so effectively? How counter-intuitive is it that free market capitalism, a system which rewards the pursuit of wealth for the individual, is the best system to create wealth for the church and her missionaries? How backwards is it, to open up a legislature to a population of people who might not share the same values? (Matthew 13:47 perhaps?) Free elections, free markets (Matthew 13 & 20), debt forgiveness (Matthew 18:22-27) and religious Liberty are all proof of the upside down kingdom here and now. America's greatness

almost never makes sense—the riches and advancements and absurdity of Americanism—this is the parable of the Kingdom Jesus unraveled with parable after parable. They are heavenly principles that guide and preserve nations and the church which resides within them.

Where can the common man become a president? The upside down kingdom. Where can an ignorant person run for office? The upside down kingdom. Which nation turned the largest empire in world history on its head, with a farmer militia armed with pitchforks? The upside down kingdom. I think you get the point. America is the upside down Kingdom. Our values are not just biblical, but our creeds are intentionally opposite to the nations around us. Brace yourself for the basics again: The original nation of Israel was supposed be upside down. Israel was called to be the polar opposite of Egypt, Babylon, and the barbarian tribes that settled in Canaan. Israel would be the antithesis of Babel—the post flood new world order ascending to making men famous while putting God on the back burner.

## **The Two Headed Serpent**

If you remember the opening page of this writing, I was forthright. I sounded the clarion call to all American Christians: pursue with focus and intensity the mountain of government. To understand that our church, and our state is wrecked because of the negligence of the saints. That there is no biblical or historical evidence for escapism or pietism; that Jesus did not teach us to neglect governmental offices, but that they were instituted by his Father in heaven (from Exodus to Acts). What a total brainwashing we must overcome. I feel it would be fruitless to enumerate the verses which call judgment on a nation filled with idolatry, witchcraft and child sacrifice. Not all sin is the same, but if sin is what you are interested in, then read primer “The Iceberg”. *Original sin has lost its meaning—it exists in both the spirit world and the real world. We’ve left something egregiously overlooked—the doctrine of original sin, as pertaining to developed nations.*

Friends, it is time to move beyond the forbidden fruit and the flood. It is time to explore the original sin of not Adam, but Jacob—the original national sin of *Israel*. What is it? No, we don’t get to lump it into a word like “idolatry” or “witchcraft”. In knowing that child sacrifice is the worst sin, (see primer “The Iceberg”) we are misled. But a clear understanding of *national original sin*, is foundational to everything we believe and do. Forget that bloody fruit in the garden—I’m not talking about the fall of man—I’m talking about the fall of the country that might leave your children and grandchildren starving, enemies of the state, religious exiles, or dead. This is serious stuff.

The first transgression was not in rejecting Jesus, re-interpreting the moral commandments, or even child sacrifice. Israel’s first blunder was the institution of monarchy. And, once a single nut-job is in charge, great evils can come and go like the wind. The original sin of Israel, was the complete reliance and adoration of a singular human ruler, or king. So the debate on “church and state” continues because people don’t read the classics. They don’t read the bible, and they don’t

read the national archives. They don't read the letters and memoirs passed between our ancestors. The "original sin" theological term, is best understood through my concept of a "two headed serpent". I will use this serpentine analogy to help you understand that there is nothing wholly "sacred" or "secular"; there is no biblical basis for "Christ did not come to do politics, so neither will I".

Throughout time, religious people have destroyed the reputation of government. People who claim to be priests, or have access to God in ways other do not, ruined the public image of public office. Some, by taking the job lightly. Others, without outright corruption. Each compromise of pure and wholesome religion, hurts the credibility of the office. Like a two-headed serpent, there has always been a marriage between secular governments and compromised clergy. This was exactly the case with Great Britain. Lukewarm and compromised religious leaders are the reason why many Americans think "church and state" have no common ground. Because of centuries of conquest and compromise (Christian, Muslim or Mongol crusades), many people reject Christ. But this is natural—in a world where a handful of men make all the rules, pastors almost have no option but to grovel, bargain and beg for a seat at the table. Pastors today, who refuse to run for office, or support those who will, are forming a new Sanhedrin. Today's Pharisees are men who wish to keep their influence with the congregation, but refuse to stand up to Caesar. They are afraid of losing their power, so they adhere to the 501©3, and in doing so, they relinquish it from day one.

The original sin of Israel, was rejecting the principles of a civilian led, constitutional model—the same original sin which almost aborted America, was the European monarchy. The original sin which keeps us from ending abortion, is refusing to organize politically. In Genesis, the original sin of eating the fruit, was preceded by accepting an untruth. Israel rejected the truth of civil government, and adopted the lie of monarchy. The lie that a good king could replace the greatest gift other than Jesus Christ—the gift of the republic.

*"What is the history of all monarchical governments but a disgusting picture of human wretchedness, and the accidental respite of a few years' repose? Wearied with war, and tired with human butchery, they sat down to rest, and called it peace. This certainly is not the condition that heaven intended for man; and if this be monarchy, well might monarchy be reckoned among the sins of the Jews." (Rights of Man)*

Human butchery eh? Wasn't it bloodshed that prevented David from building the temple? (1 Chronicles 28:3). For centuries, governments and religious establishments have colluded together like a two headed serpent: taxing the poor, dominating resources, killing the innocent...and calling it "kingdom work". Ponder the audacity of Great Britain—they were the ones who persecuted Gandhi, oppressed indigenous peoples, brought slavery and monopoly to the shores of America, while claiming to be the "arm of almighty God". Here is a wonderful irony—The United Kingdom designates different governmental departments as "ministries". For example, the Ministry of Defense, the Ministry of Justice or the Ministry of

Housing. As sure as the sun will rise, *government work is ministry*, but we have to give it a good reputation again.

What did Moses overcome? A two headed serpent—Pharaoh and his magician. Who did Jesus overcome? A two headed serpent—the Sanhedrin and Rome. This two snake collusion of Jesus's day was the same monster facing our forefathers—the government pretending to be a church, and the church pretending to influence government. Therefore the two headed serpent is the absence of both—a regime where one serpent swallows the other, and the super-state becomes God.

A two headed serpent is like the Spanish inquisition. In November of 1478, Catholic Monarchs, Kings Ferdinand II and Queen Isabella I established the Tribunal of the Holy Office of the Inquisition. The goal of the state was to manage and maintain Jewish and Muslim allegiance to the Catholic orthodoxy in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century. How do you think they got that done? (Read it for yourself). There were many inquisitions in history, but this one went from 1478-1834. Executing and banishing those not deemed allegiant to the church-state—does this sound like a “Holy Office”, or a two headed serpent?

Thomas Paine references the story of Gideon from the book of Judges to illustrate the biblical case for a representative republic; and, there are plenty other examples. They tried to make Gideon a king after his political successes. But Gideon was well read in Israel's history, and therefore declined the offer. If the robberies listed in 1 Samuel 8:11 isn't enough, then the ebb and flow of war swiftly ends the debate: conquest, peace, corruption and coup; good king, bad king, divided kingdom, good king, bad king.

What made Ancient Israel special is not that they were “Jewish”, but that they were just—a civilization founded on morality and sensibility—everything prior was a wretched contrivance of man—a despotic empire of bloodthirsty polygamists, or a tower of babel. Moses was not a Jew, but an Egyptian Semite who led a revolution out of absolute despotism. It was a long and treacherous journey, from death to life, from slavery to freedom. *God's blueprints for Ancient Israel would end all forms of human Tyranny. Liberty was the lifeblood of Zion, but civil-government was soon replaced with a monarchy. Then, arrived generations of religious and political tyranny.* Every biblical scholar knows that Israel's priests and rulers repeatedly defecated upon the sacred laws, and deconstructed the truth to satisfy their perversions (yeast of the Pharisees).

Pay attention—this is where we get lost. In 30AD, something happened that saved the world, but warped our theology. What was this? It was the good news! The gospel! Romans 8:28 teaches that all bad things work together for good, and the cross is the perfect example. The crucifixion—*this momentary transgression meant riches for the world. This two headed serpent (collusion of church and state) only ever served God's purposes once—when the Jewish Pharisees convinced the Roman authorities to crucify an innocent man.* The Jews pressured the occupying Romans that Jesus should die. And the rest is history. I've often believed that God

chose Rome, because of the wretchedness and wonder of the cross; how it would foment deep and intense feelings, forever representing the ugliness and reckless love of God. And it surely does! Therein lies the problem! Our understanding of Adam's original sin has been conflated with all sin, and ultimately contaminated what we believe about government.

It would be almost impossible to crucify an innocent man in a republic of biblical laws. It would be impossible to forever enslave, persecute and segregate anyone in a nation like America. When good religion backs down from government, the two headed serpent is born, producing a failure that has caused us to confuse persecution with church growth. Israel fell to Rome, not because Jesus was a Messiah sent to die, but because they broke God's laws! This is basic bible folks! The nation of Israel trampled the law of God, and henceforth fell under the curses. The injustice of an innocent man's crucifixion, under the authority of a Roman prefect name Pontius Pilate, and a King Herod of Judea, became salvation for the Romans, Jews and the rest of mankind. This deadly duo of priest crafters and state crafters would continue for quite some time; for centuries even, wreaking havoc on Earth...until that time...when Zion reappeared.

### **Two-headed Serpent Crushed, Zion born again**

This is the American saga: after centuries of sword, conquest and corruption, our forefathers made it happen—Christ was already crucified, so there could never be an occasion for a Romans 8:28 rationalization to allow monarchy on the earth. In the sixteenth century, failure to join the synagogue of Satan (the Church of England) was a capital crime. The Pilgrims (among many) were persecuted for non-compliance with the "Pharisees". Religious freedom was a fugitive, and liberty was the accomplice—there was zero tolerance for scripture and civil government in the old world. So we crossed the sea in arks—the speedwell and the Mayflower were two less than seaworthy vessels which carried this huddling remnant to Plymouth's shores. The Pilgrims' plight, the patriots pride and the most precious gift of every slave before abolition, was resting on this entire doctrine—that Christ and country (church and state) was inseparable. That freedom from tyranny (not just hell), was purchased with blood. That scripture not only contained the principles of government, but commanded it. Cooperation with anything else, was sin. Making bribes with politicians, or abusing a political office was the new "original sin". A broken model of "church and state" has been the reason for bad "kingdom theology". The yeast of the Pharisees spreads fast, and here we are again. (You have heard of the Mayflower Compact, correct?)

*"An avidity to punish is always dangerous to liberty. It leads men to stretch, to misinterpret, and to misapply even the best of laws" (Thomas Paine, First Principles of Government 1795)*

### **The Trinity, the "Omnis" and the Truth**

Alexis de Tocqueville, a young French nobleman travelled America extensively. Over nine months, he observed and wrote the following:

*"Upon my arrival in the United States, the religious aspect of the country was the first thing that struck my attention; and the longer I stayed there the more did I perceive the great political consequences resulting from this state of things, to which I was unaccustomed. In France I had almost always seen the spirit of religion and the spirit of freedom pursuing courses diametrically opposed to each other; but in America I found that they were intimately united, and that they reigned in common over the same country.*

*...they brought with them into the New World a form of Christianity which I cannot better describe than by styling it a democratic and republican religion. This sect contributed powerfully to the establishment of a democracy and a republic, and from the earliest settlement of the emigrants politics and religion contracted an alliance which has never been dissolved.*

*...there is no country in the whole world in which the Christian religion retains a greater influence over the souls of men than in America; and there can be no greater proof of its utility, and of its conformity to human nature, that that its influence is most powerfully felt over the most enlightened and free nation of the earth.*

*Religion in America takes no direct part in the government of society, but it must nevertheless be regarded as the foremost of the political institutions of that country; for if it does not impart a taste for freedom, it facilitates the use of free institutions...I am certain that they hold it to be indispensable to the maintenance of republican institutions. This opinion is not peculiar to a class of citizens or to a party, but it belongs to the whole nation, and to every rank of society.*

*The Americans combine the notions of Christianity and liberty so intimately in their minds, that it is impossible to make them conceive the one without the other."*

You might need to read that several times. The nutshell of this excerpt is such: liberty is the glue that makes church and state work as one. But like the "passion of the Christ" camp in America, evangelicals still fail to understand. Nearly all the religious institutions fail to understand.

Let me provide a splendid example of how liberty (not the 501c3) is the fuel for church growth. Before automobiles, fog machines, lattes or podcasts, we had bold church initiatives in America. In 1824, the American Sunday School Union was established. Their goal was simple: plant a Sunday school in every new community on the western frontier. The results are breathtaking. Thousands of churches eventually sprang up from these Sunday schools. The Mississippi Valley Enterprise (MVE) was the missionary division of the ASSU, and they managed to plant 61,000 Sunday schools enrolling 2,650,000 pupils. *All this was accomplished in fifty years.* Let me contrast: the federal government employs roughly two million people today. Yet two centuries ago, without any modern conveniences, these religious zealots were able to enroll in excess another half a million bodies? Why then, in modern times have we not expanded with such momentum? Why have we not expanded the moral consciousness across the modern frontier, equipped with star-trek grade

"communicators", social media and mega churches? There are hundreds of thousands of churches in the USA. Big and small. Some have large staffs, with performing arts and business offices. We have a plethora of religious institutions and seminaries. So how have we digressed? Why do only 30% of pastors seem to care about religious liberty? Why do nearly none of them care to know, or join the abortion fight in their own community? With so much money and so many "Christians", how has the West (freest church on earth) failed to abolish the greatest evil (other than monarchy) in our land? Why have we not ended child sacrifice in the same fifty year timeframe? (1824-1874 & 1973-2021). Awake yet?

The 501c3 "kingdom theology" model is the quintessential example of uselessness. We are an impotent organization. We don't grow like this. We exalt kings of ministry and look down on peasants like Stephen Paxon, who started 1,314 Sunday schools with 83,000 students in twenty years. Paxon suffered from a speech disability, and hence was nicknamed "Stuttering Stephen". But his speech impediment was non-factor. It is abundantly clear, that we do not value life and Liberty in the west. I think our "pleasantries" and "indulgences" speak for themselves (see part 1). We love our jobs, homes, hobbies and our churches. Oh how we love to go to church on Sunday and virtue signal with our fake friends. We do not love Jesus. We love our lives. *Abortion has endured for fifty years, because we hate the government.* Had we loved our enemies, we would have worked with them. Had we accepted *that calling*, we would have been present, in great numbers, affecting votes and outcomes. But instead of running for office, we ran up some debt to go to seminary. Why? So somebody would think highly of us and give us a job. So a religious monarch would respect us, and give us an open door.

### 1 Samuel 2:34 – 36

*"And what happens to your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, will be a sign to you—they will both die on the same day. I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and mind. I will firmly establish his priestly house, and they will minister before my anointed one always. Then everyone left in your family line will come and bow down before him for a piece of silver and a loaf of bread and plead, "Appoint me to some priestly office so I can have food to eat.""*

That's right—Christians today want a "priestly office"—a job that makes them look spiritually awesome. And our culture is still attached to the idol of academic accomplishments. Seminary in a word. To help the academic mind grasp hold of these truths, I will functionally decompose the subject Liberty. I will break things down the way seminary breaks God's heart: by invoking some language used in theological seminary—the "Omni's". Omnipresent. Omnipotent. Omniscient.

America's miraculous departure from Britain led to a domino effect around the world for centuries. Thomas Paine prophesied that future revolutions would follow ours. France (1789-1799, which he aided), Europe (1848), Russia (1917), China (1940's), Cuba (1959), Iran (1979), and the European Revolutions of 1989 are arguably the glorious outcomes his biblical breakdown "Common Sense" helped

produce. Liberty (Christ), which is the arch enemy of Monarchy (antichrist), is a spiritual force that must be understood.

Before I invoke the “Omni’s” taught in seminary, let’s review the basics—let’s take a fresh look at the doctrine of the trinity. Let’s try fully understand the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. America was founded on three principles: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Now, merge them for a marvelous “rhema” interpretation; Think of God, as our “Life”. Think of Christ as our “Liberty”. Think of Holy Spirit as the source of our “Happiness”. Again, this is not replacement theology, or even a scriptural departure. As it is written,

*Genesis 2:7*

*Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.*

*Proverbs 8:26*

*“But those who fail to find me harm themselves; all who hate me love death.”*

The Father is our life source. The reason the state is forcing us to cover our noses with masks, is because even the sight of our nostrils gives glory to the one who breathed life therein. Most theologians understand that Christ offers the ultimate liberty, both in the present life and afterlife. Jesus offers us freedom from the Old Testament code that brings us death—the moral, civil and even dietary laws that cannot be perfectly adhered to by any human being (you know the scriptures on this topic). Thirdly, “happiness” represents the joy and peace that flows into believers through Holy Spirit (Luke 10:21, Acts 13:52, Romans 14:17 & 15:13, 1 Thessalonians 1:6). The indwelling of the Spirit is what makes us look “happy” to an unhappy world. Therefore, many founders stood on the trinity, even without a conscious understanding of theology. Liberty is not just the fuel for church growth, but a full blown Trojan horse which releases heaven into dark places. Let me explain.

The gospel can move faster through free societies than the sword of opposition can squash it. *Don’t mistake persecution as a gift from God. That would be the greatest heresy of our day.* History reveals that liberty moved Christianity faster than Monarchy ever moved Judaism or Islam. Communist regimes, Arab princes and terrorists cannot keep up with the sound of the liberty bell. The police state can never ever keep up with the outpouring of the Spirit, or quench free speech in the public arena. The communist police could not contain, or capture all the Europeans who leapt over the Berlin Wall in 1989.

The Lord Jesus is our liberty. The rider of the horse “Faithful and true” (Revelation 19) moves must swifter than the closed off religious institutions, namely the “religious and Jew”. Religious institutions are the byproducts of liberty, not the birthers. Liberty is a universal language, and mysteriously the political impetus for the gospel itself—it is far too radical for militant Islam to subjugate or expel; it is way too fast, too peaceful and *powerful*—it’s a bull too strong to corral, a heifer too stubborn to teach (Numbers 19) and a truth from which no citizen can hide forever.

*"Government founded on a moral theory, on a system of universal peace, on the indefeasible hereditary Rights of Man, is now revolving from west to east by a stronger impulse that the government of the sword revolved from east to west"* (Thomas Paine, *Rights of Man*)

For the theologians now: *Liberty, like God, is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent*. The all-powerful all-knowing deity we pursue in seminary has given us the tools to make His body work efficiently. When the saints engage in the affairs of government, the power of God is no longer theoretical but experiential. Some things become compulsory (law and order), while salvation remains optional. And this is what God intended. The power to end abortion. The power to end gay marriage. The power to uphold free speech. *The power to end wars before they begin. Christians are called to be an extension of the omnipotent God.*

There are over 90,000 state and local governments in America. This figure includes counties, cities, towns and school districts. When believers flow into them, the body of Christ becomes "omnipresent"—we are suddenly everywhere, affecting the all policies and discussions in society. We become "omniscient" in a sense, helping today's Israelites know what is going on, so we can help adopt good ideas and resist the bad ones. And you thought we only needed prayer in school? We need board members! We need city council members. We need a saint in every district, office and municipal building. *Christians are called to be omnipresent—everywhere.* Again, Exodus 18 and Proverbs 11:14 are just two examples of civil representation.

The first amendment is how "all things become known". Public discourse, therefore, represents "omniscience"—free speech, public hearings and public records. Nations which come out of darkness and into light, become *omniscient*. With liberty, everything is *knowable*. Elections. Taxes. Public projects. As revolutions sweep the earth, omniscience represent the ruling bodies that are forced to hear every viewpoint and disclose it to the public. Liberty provides vast knowledge. Liberty is the right to be heard, the right to be wrong, and the rule of free-will on all continents and islands. The body of Christ is called to be *omniscient—knowledgeable*.

It is God's design that liberty be everywhere, in every country, at all times. It makes the nations like Him. But for some reason, the calling to build on free and fair governments has been sidelined, or made flat out heresy by the prevailing "kingdom theologians". Free governments are as old as dirt, and the Father wishes to breathe life into the nostrils of every "ecclesia". Without power, we become the slaves of despotic empires (Egypt, Babylon, Britain). Without presence, we become weak and inconsequential (501c3). Without knowledge, we perish.

*Power* is the means by which we free slaves and topple dictators. *Presence* is the means by which we change culture. *Knowledge* is the call to be aware and judicious. Omnipotence. Omnipresent. Omniscience. It is fancy language for the three branches of government. Executive: power. Legislative: presence. Judicial: discovery and discernment. So liberty is the God force of our republic. Free elections,

public debates, discourse and records are the instruments that keep men honest, culture clean, and the means by which Christ can come up in every conversation.

Every free society can thank the supreme God who moved upon Moses; Sinai was the foundation head of original freedom. We thank you Moses—we know you saw the person of Jesus up on that mountain, though a veil covers their hearts (Exodus 34:35, 2 Corinthians 3:15).

## **Jewish State**

If you read this far, you have no substantial argument to deny that Moses received a constitutional republic in the wilderness. Then came original sin (refer back to Kings and the Two Headed Serpent). They gravitated towards a Theocratic monarchy. If there was a pure “Jewish State”, we should expect a moral, free and stable state. If Solomon lacked any wisdom, it was accepting the throne—the pleasures and position of an office which had no blueprint or blessing to begin with. And Christian scholars are as confused as the rabbi’s they reach out to. Both are vying for religious power, while the geo-political landscape is crumbling back into the dark ages.

We mustn’t mistake present day “Judaism” with “justice” or “freedom”. We mustn’t replace Liberty with a bigger religious institutions. And referring back to my teaching on the “state of Israel”, be for certain, that it was not Judaism or religion that framed the Promised Land, but universal, common sense civility. With brevity: Moses installed justice, not Judaism. Jefferson championed liberty and civility, not Christianity. The world knows that Christians are not perpetually compassionate, that Jews are not always just, and that the melting pot is not always civil. And so drop the notion of America as Mystery Babylon—every state runs the risk of becoming and Egypt or Babylon. We must accept the truth of *mystery Zion*. The state of Israel is a *spiritual discerned state*, and a place where the top ten laws get precedence—not getting robbed, murdered and cheated on are the positive freedoms of negative commandments. A day off work (the fourth commandment), personal property rights and criminal rights (Deuteronomy 19:141-5) are just wonderful, no?

In a sentence, the “Jewish state” or “the State of Israel” needs absolutely no religious affiliations. Somehow that word “Jewish” confounds the best of scholars. Aren’t you sick and tired of a western Church promoting this bogus “kingdom theology”, while annually worshiping the literal state of Israel? Millions of Christians just waiting for Armageddon or hoping they get raptured.

## **May 14, 1948**

Life, liberty, happiness. Give me Liberty, liberty and some more liberty. Give me Jesus until the end of my days. Let’s take a brief glance at a prophetic sign that appeared in recent years. Israel’s Independence Day: May 14, 1948. David Ben-Gurion, the Executive Head of the World Zionist Organization and first Prime Minister of Israel, declared an independent state. This event clearly fulfilled bible prophecy.

(Isaiah 66:8). Independence would take effect as of midnight that very day, when the British Mandate would expire. Consider that profundity alone—the American Revolution of 1776, and Israel's war for independence in 1948 share a common denominator. When independence was on the line, Britain was the stumbling block (A wretched monarchy that claimed to be a Christian kingdom). But the precise timing is astounding. Why? Because over a century before this moment, John Adams would prepare a letter to Richard Rush; and this letter, *dated on exact same day, May 14<sup>th</sup>*, 127 years later (1821) marks the mirror image, the prophetic timestamp that we have only ever attributed to 1948! It was not coincidence, but divine providence that this signature, *occurring on the day*, would embody the theme I have been bombarding you with—Liberty. John Adams writes:

*"Strait is the gate and narrow is the way that leads to liberty, and few nations, if any, have found it."*

Christ is our life and our liberty. If Liberty isn't the highest religion of government, or the best vehicle to move good ideas such as the gospel, you might have a hard time explaining modern day Israel. In 1948, only three years after the Holocaust, the newly founded nation of Israel came under siege from a coalition of Arab states. The invaders vowed to annihilate the tiny country and its 600,000 settlers. A second Holocaust was in the making. Outnumbered sixty to one, the Israelis had no allies, no regular army, no air force or superpower to intercede on their behalf. The United States, Great Britain, and most of Europe enforced a strict embargo on the shipment of arms to the embattled country. In the first few days, the Arab armies overran Israel. The Egyptian air force owned the sky, making continuous air attacks on Israeli cities and army positions. Israel's extinction seemed certain. And then *Liberty...*

From the United States, Canada, Britain, France, South Africa arrived a band of volunteer airmen. Most were World War II veterans—young, idealistic, swaggering, noble, eccentric, courageous beyond measure. Many were Jews, a third were not. Most of them knowingly violated their nations' embargoes on the shipment of arms and aircraft to Israel. They smuggled in Messerschmitt fighters from Czechoslovakia, painting over swastikas with Israeli stars. Defying their own countries' strict laws, the airmen risked everything—their lives, careers, citizenship—to fight for Israel. They were a small group, fewer than 150. In the crucible of war they became brothers in a righteous cause. They flew, fought, died, and, against all odds, helped save a new nation. The saga of the volunteer airmen in Israel's war of independence stands as one of the most stirring—and untold—war stories of the past century.

But herein lies the enigma of “mystery Zion”. These men were not biblical scholars. These pilots were not seminary grads. They had never done a “holy land” tour. They did not grow up in a suburban church atmosphere. They simply loved the idea—the noble idea of fighting for a good cause. They loved the idea of liberating a country, but they were completely ignorant of the mystery. They were volunteering

in a “Salvation Army” so to speak—they were willfully carrying a Christian cross without conscious thought.

This global, covert network of freedom fighters, working with the Jewish Haganas was only made possible by defenders of *Liberty*. In communist nations, under dictatorial regimes, buying airplanes, opening offices or starting new airlines doesn’t happen. Working around the embargoes, or refurbishing old aircraft was difficult enough. *American Liberties* specifically made just enough room for these hero’s to fulfill bible prophecy. The *state of Israel*: it’s a spiritual entity through and through, birthed by God through unexplainable miracles and supported by a diversity of peoples. It’s not new by any means. The altar of Elijah is the ultimate example. Each prophet of Baal had the freedom of religious expression. As long as Liberty is allowed, the fire of God will consume the enemies of *the state Israel*. The state of Israel—it’s not Jewish heritage by any stretch of the imagination (Romans 2:29). Isn’t it rather fascinating that during world war two, the most bombed place on earth was also the location of Paul’s Shipwreck? The final resting place for the sage who revealed the mystery of Christ, was also the most pulverized piece of earth during a time, when the Axis forces almost conquered the world?

### **The Altar of Liberty**

You must be exhausted. But we now circle back to my original metaphor—the baby. America. The cause of greatest worth. The land of Milk and honey. The land of Liberty. The house of Zerubbabel. Our beloved children and grandchildren. Your family might seem okay for now, but America is now fighting for its life in intensive care. You are watching it die! Are you in tears yet? Yes, while Christianity is being savagely attacked, souls are being saved. But any visitor with half the intelligence of Alexis de Tocqueville must accept that our baby is on life support, and our posterity does not stand a chance. What is a place like Liberty University doing to end abortion? What is Hillsdale Christian College doing to protect life? What will open air evangelism alone, do to protect the Promised Land?

My friends, government work is hard work, but we must undergo the fatigue it requires of us. Through government, we the people will repeal abortion. Through government we will protect marriage. Through government we will stay sovereign and strong, an undilutable melting pot and beacon of hope. The first amendment is not tolerated by the Christian, but harnessed. Religious liberty—the freedom to think and choose one’s conscience—this is the first and greatest commandment of all governments, rendering religious liberty almost *holy*; certainly to love God is to love your neighbor enough to let them choose salvation; a love so ridged and real, that it would continually stand against infanticide, while preaching the fullness of Jesus Christ.

We are not as “New Testament” as we think we are. We are barely “Old Testament”. The purpose of America was to explode the church, and prepare the nations for revival. Here, we welcome all cultures, ethnicities and faiths to join in a system of virtual peace—America. Here, unbelievers have a chance to meet

Christians in government. The American creed is a Judeo-Christian mystery, welcoming gentiles everywhere to join us—to build their faith centers and believe on their gods. Then, because of the 2 Chronicles 7:14 promise, virtual becomes reality, as the peace that passes all understanding will flood in. The Spirit floods over the altar previously doused and diluted with world religions. This is perfect! Why? Because *the true believer knows that Elijah's altar will be consumed by the One and only. The All-consuming Fire is hovering above us, waiting, burning and asking, "Build me an altar of liberty!"* No drenching of watered down world religions or witchcraft can quench the coming flames. No flood of Muslims, atheists, or immigrants can dilute the melting pot. *Jesus Christ, our high priest, simply asks that we prepare this altar of Liberty. That we make America great again. It is Liberty that made mystery Zion a reality on earth.*

Face it, the battle hymn of the republic is the gospel truth: *Christ died to make men holy and Americans died to make men free.* The people in the "patriot" camp understand that many died for people who disagree with them—and this is Godly. Liberty reaches out to the world, like the arms of a father, embracing and protecting all His wayward children. To love liberty is to love your enemy so completely, so thoroughly, that you would fight to protect *that reprobate's right to be dead wrong.* To love your neighbor is to love their liberty as your own, and to guard it with passion; to hold them safe and sound in their error, in the arms of a patient and tolerant father, until the gospel can reach them in a spiritually vulnerable place—a state of despair that only Holy Spirit can govern (When their life falls apart). *The Lord himself, Liberty, has broken every chain, and bound everyone over to disobedience so that His mercy can find us all.* Paine cements this, writing,

*"He that would make his own liberty secure, must guard even his enemy from oppression; for if he violates this duty, he establishes a precedent that will reach to himself." (First Principles of Government)*

It's crucial that the church makes the necessary sacrifices so the gospel can continue. We can't all be pastors or missionaries. At least 30% of ordained ministers today were called into government, but they passed on that cross for a crown in religious circles. Their sermon was supposed to be a filibuster or debate; their fear of rejection led them to the pulpit, where only a couple members of *one* party are heard and unanimously received with "amen" and "preach it brother". Hopefully by now, we won't let words like "family", "church", "religion" or "government" stir up negative emotions. *Family* is simply the smallest body of government. *Church*, is a large family. *Religion's* bottom line is to *do good* while government is the E Pluribus Unum, our burden to carry, our blessing to establish. The nucleus of this nation is a family, and the religion of the government is to do right by all. Diverse Americans, all sharing in responsibility, all enjoying the prosperity. "Mystery Zion", the unity of people's needs no religious affiliation, label or brand. As Paine writes,

*"Persecution is not an original feature in any religion".*

Every American must sprinkle the altar of liberty with the blood of personal sacrifice—especially *the Christian*. Then, trust God with the rest. If America was a rebellious teenager, and it is; and if our posterity were the unborn children in the womb, which they are, then maybe those sweet babies, doomed to die, can hear us arguing? Maybe, instead of doing anything but “save America” in this hour, is merely patchwork? Surely a prayer table at every Planned Parenthood is just a Band-Aid for a gaping wound. Let’s not emancipate ourselves from this adolescent teenager, nor standby while abortion continues. Raise the child, run for office, and answer the cry of Hosea. Stop hiring music ministers, and get on the river of justice.

*Amos 5:23-24*

*“Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream”.*

Again, were we expecting a lost world to provide a steady stream of good legislation in our land? We’re we hoping one president could chance the course of history? Maybe to make America Great again really is that simple—as simple as just *saving the babies*. A backslidden church is clearly, without question, a church that tolerates the regulated murder of its sons and daughters of Zion.

*“I am not induced by motives of pride, party, or resentment to espouse the doctrine of separation and independance; I am clearly, positively, and conscientiously persuaded that it is the true interest of this continent to be so; that every thing short of that is mere patchwork, that it can afford no lasting felicity,—that it is leaving the sword to our children, and shrinking back at a time, when, a little more, a little farther, would have rendered this continent the glory of the earth.”* (Thomas Paine, *Common Sense* 1776)

Christians, easily stirred by current events, are falling into an ancient trap. How audacious to plant a church in Africa, or build a church in America, before we the people have even ended abortion. Would we be so arrogant to think we can save another, before we ourselves are saved? Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, in that particular order. First, a baby must have life; then, it must have parents. And the parents must have the liberty of raising them to fear and admonish the Living God.

## Part 3 - Clarion Call

If you are part of Western Ministry today, you can thank the remnant that left the pulpit, and places of comfort for the revolution. You must diligently study their lives and discover how they did not leave the burden of the day to providence; how they prevented the greatest miscarriage of history. We have great Christian thinkers and voices in America, but we’ve drifted. The younger leaders specifically have failed to discern the baby from the milk; the baby is America, and the milk is the watered down faith messages fed to millions of baby Christians every Sunday. Thinking the building or the local church is the baby, we have drawn and quartered this child,

spreading her too thin, calling it “missions”. Now, the four horsemen of the apocalypse are upon us, hoping to snuff out the world’s last hope for reason, justice and prosperity.

How far will you go for Jesus Christ? Ask yourself the same questions your predecessors faced. The preacher said, “Do I take up arms against the redcoats” or just hang back? For the blacksmith, did he say “no weapon fashioned against me will prosper” as the enemy hammered out the armaments of his demise? For the elders and diplomats, who tried to keep the peace; did they still think, “the pen is mightier than the sword”, as the British fired their canons and jabbed their bayonets into our little boys? Did Joshua make friends with the enemies of Israel, or March on Jericho? Did we wave our church banners in the face of absolute ahniliation?

No. They did not shrink back from the obvious revival they were called to lead. They did not shrink back from a timely and Godly revolution. The Lord will invade the city square when His body is present! Let the ladies know that we need them too—that we must “patch the quilt”. Cry out to the militias of passionate pagans! Gideon will throw his fleeces, as the churches throw off broken models and agendas. To lighten our load, we must take some real offices. We will no longer respect both extremes—the oval office and the church business office. We will wake up from our slumber, and perceive the absurdity of our Emerald city initiatives. We are not sheep, but sheepdogs—we do not look to a man, ministry or office for a speedy remedy, when thousands of offices across the land are for the taking. There are over 90,000 local and state governments. There are hundreds of thousands of church congregations. To throw Gideon’s fleece is to run for office. These fleeces of faith, if thrown in unity, will bind together as a gigantic golden Gideon’s quilt; and the dew will settle and accumulate. The droplets will rise to regenerate this nation like a tidal wave of living water. Those who hold fast to the hierarchy, the establishment, waving their “titles” and diplomas? Well, they will drown in this tidal wave of truth. For those in despair, who plan to bug out and buy guns? They will not be of use to the revival, or the revolution.

We leaders have thought this through; we used to think our purpose serves the nation, or blesses the nations. Rather, the *baby* serves us all. America is the baby we dropped in our efforts to build a 501c3 organization. *You do not support the root, the root supports you.* The baby is starving for the life giving enrichment of liberty, the spiritual sustenance which nourishes and protests us all. Israel is the apple of His eye, and the Big Apple (NYC) has something coming bigger than you could imagine. The quilt represents the spiritual covering of the greater political struggle for our survival. Like the Exodus, this is a holy resistance. We are not rebelling, but revolving back to our origins—we are in a new beginning. We are renewing *the state Israel*. We are the rising remnant. We are building Zion. We are the United States of Israel—we the People are her, and she is us. JerUSAlem. The house of Zerubbabel was not a church mission statement, but the complete restoration of society, where all people, treasures and talents could find reconciliation, and be grafted into the root which is Christ. Christ is the King of

America, and we recognize that our Kingdom theology has been wrong; we have let the sheep make monarchs out of us; we have been put on pedestals of ministry seeking to compete with other local kingdoms for people and influence. Abandon the throne of organized ministry and receive your reward. Do not rebuke this Word, but rejoice! *The revolution is the revival.* The Father is our life, the son is our liberty, and the Holy Spirit is our happiness.

*Moses was a wealthy and privileged man. He didn't need the aggravation of the exodus. But the slaves needed a promised land. Just as Moses's personal revival at the burning bush blackened the Egyptian sky and bloodied the waters, so did the great awakening light up the colonies with canon fire and torches. The ramparts we watched were as gallantly streaming as David's garrisons.*

## Ezekiel's' Whirling Wheels

Now the essay has reached its high note, among the canon's and musket's, roars and riots. The old city Jerusalem, Yorktown, Virginia is moving in a holy chaos. The pools of Siloam have been troubled, and angels are rushing to our aid! Like the blaze of 1776, a fire has been kindled and the melting pot has been stirred, swirled by the pitchforks of farmers and friends of the republic. The Lord's wrath has been kindled against kings and cowards. The worthless shepherds are departing the false kingdoms of organized ministry. Every man and woman of God, doing their respective part, moves as one body now. Before the Liberty bell was formed, the blacksmith struck the anvil, and the sparks flowered grandly. Ezekiel's vision is not the throne of a monarchy, but a vessel of freedom; the prophet has seen a chariot of fire and the wheelwright is working diligently with mallet and chisel, to give it movement; the statesman is laboring nose to the grindstone, to give it authority; the impassioned people, are sacrificing everything they once knew (including their ministries), to give it purpose and power and strength and honor!

*Behold Ezekiel's wheels, the whirling wheels of freedom!*

*Two wheels—one named church, the other named state.* The mysterious wheel within the wheel, is the synergy of two becoming one...they are now fastened to the chariot. Now, the revolution is under way, and the wheels are spinning fast with holy equilibrium. Righteous vibrations are rattling the rule makers and removing the iron fetters that held down our people. Perplexed, the redcoats cannot pinpoint the power center of this organization. Trapped in a maze of holy hell, each British solider, aristocrat and noble is now replaced with members of a more royal body—the body of Christ. Oh how His precious body pours in, offering their talents to the pool, *releasing their fire onto the four living creatures of society: family, church, religion and government.* God knows that two of these four living creatures were out of alignment; hungry peasants and huddled masses knew this pain; understood that two of these heads had been perpetrating calamity for centuries—*families and churches, crushed and oppressed by the two headed serpent—two misaligned monsters: government and religion.* So the whirling wheels will redeem them! These

*two heads, church and state, were created with value and validity. But they were hijacked. They had been maligned and made invalids, but no more! Like the French revolution that would follow, the heads would fall and sprout back.*

*And today... the head comes off. The day of reckoning is here.* This is the great regeneration—the realigning and reordering of creatures and faces, communities and statehouses. This holy ruckus grows and grows, culminates and culminates! Ezekiel is getting bolder! Flint upon foreheads, church within state, *and the wheels are spinning...faster and faster... and the dry bones are rattling... louder and louder.* Wherever a redcoat did gander, no single leader stood out from among them. The redcoats were caught in a whirlwind. The redcoats would ask: "Where is the power? Where is their king? Where is the leader of this uprising? Where can we focus our firepower? All of Britain thought, "*Where can I sever the miserable head from the rider of this chariot, which glides on Eagles wings and makes war with our Pharaoh?*"

*Suddenly, the four living creatures manifest four distinct faces: man, lion, ox, and eagle.* All faces are beholding the glory of the Lord, as the train of His robes now fill the temple...*the body of Christ* is the lifeblood of the kingdom, and they the people were the *kingdom of priests*. The faces of the creatures are illuminated with His radiance. The British are bamboozled, and the Church of England is sweltering in heaven's heat! The core of the movement is blazing and the *center of the fire looks like glowing metal*. From out of the fires of this ethereal foundry, a leviathan of righteousness is rising.

*The four faces are beaming now: the man of God, the lion of civility, the ox of resource and the eagle of liberty.* The four creatures and the four faces are moving in one accord, merging into one spiritual article...it is terrible and frightful. It is beautiful and awesome! *We the People* are dropping the giant! *We the People* will cut the head off the serpent! The false Levites, the "Levi-athan", the two headed cobra is coiling and snapping, biting and twisting, hoping to catch a heel or toe. The Church of England, and that miserable King George is unravelling. We wounded it, but we will kill it soon enough. The heel once bruised, is back; the foot once pierced is the mighty boot of General Washington. The wrists once pierced are back; the hands that once healed and fed; the fingers which once touched the eyes of the blind, are now gripping muskets, drums and flags. The hand cannot say to the foot, "I don't need you"! Snug within the patriots' weathered boots, are the beautiful feet! The body of Christ is crushing the serpents' heads...and the wounded snake is twitching and turning, slower and slower now, gathering strength for another assault.

These creatures, faces and wheels are now in concord, levitating, waiting to be lifted by the wings of the cherubim and the constitution—the Word of the Lord. *And the rims of the wheels were high and awesome, and all four rims were full of eyes all around* as the great cloud of witnesses gathered upon the storm—the departed saints and the patriarchs are watching, looking with their eyes to see just what would become of their life's work. They are worried, as they watch—they wait to see what handsome price we are willing to pay for their blood. Will the staff called

Union, be broken? Will the *wheel within the wheel, the church within the state*, be restored? Will we shepherd the flock marked for slaughter? The cloud of witnesses, including the fifty six signers of the declaration are watching us now! Jefferson watches! Lincoln sees! Harriet Tubman hopes! Frederick Douglass looks down upon his gale! This is the whirlwind that the cloud of witnesses has waited for so patiently!

Then the wings moved; flapping and touching, whooshing and pulling, lifting the creatures and wheels upward! Family, churches, religions and government are lifted up; given new life in His liberty. When the creatures moved, the sound of their wings was like the roar of rushing waters—the Potomac and the Delaware—the voice of the Almighty was like the tumult of the congress and continental army. Then they stood still, and lowered their wings; softly descending for a moment, the eyes beamed as Heaven sprung open wide! Appearing was a beautiful crystal vault; and, high above this vault a glimmering throne of Sapphire. There, seated upon this throne was the figure of a man. From His waist up, He appeared to be like glowing metal; *He seemed to be the source of the fire that was all around, the object of the revival and the leader of the revolution. The rider of the chariot.* Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on rainy day, so was the radiance of the rider.

When the cloud of witnesses saw this, they heard in their spirits the voice of the Supreme Deity—the great King who possessed the faces; the Omnipotent One who moved the wheels, *and the treacherous one, who broke and bridled the creatures.* They all fell facedown. But the voice told us to “stand on our feet”.

*“The sons of the republic are my beloved sons, in whom I am moving, and in whom I am well pleased!”*

The invalids and the house of Eli cried aloud,

*“Ichabod! Ichabod! Ichabod! The glory has departed the monarchy!”*

Bones and sinew came together as the “I” became the “we”; and the “we” became the nation, and the body of Christ was the yeast which rose us to prominence—the E Pluribus Unum: the sacred unity of a singular God. The prayer of our Lord, the seventeenth chapter of John came into being—*Family, church, religion and government:* four wild creatures now bridled and directed, racing into freedom! Circles of wheels mightily convened, coalescing together in the eye of the storm, under the auspices of their creator, and under the pressure of the Super State. Many circles and city squares were filled with the eyes and the wheels—the unity of concerned citizens and real Christians. People of conscience and renown met together from the four corners of the earth. The family, the church, religious leaders and governmental figures in precious unanimity, now merged into one massive public square of divine purpose—stern and inflexible, with foreheads of flint, they came, they saw, they conquered. And the redcoats roared and grimaced, thrashed and slashed, glaring upwards, when suddenly, a mighty trumpet sounded over Yorktown,

*"Hear O Israel; it is here that the Lord your God is one!"*

As we became one, the serpent tried to divide us in the great revolution. Now came the attack; the shouting and the muskets and canon fire. The appearance of the living creatures was like *burning coals of fire and flaming torches*, the dawn's early light just breaking as forge fires raged and hammer's struck reddened metal. Ezekiel's vision was that of freedom and liberty, swarming the alleys and roadways. Booms were shuddering off the stonework as *fire moved back and forth from among the creatures, the tongues of diplomacy and the torches of the patriots*. Ducking under a relentless barrage, *the whirling wheels were moving mankind into perfect harmony*; the four creatures of society were reconciling to their four faces—mankind back to his *family, civility* in the house, resource to and from *government*, and *liberty* to Himself; all for one and one for all! Religion would never outweigh the cause of greatest worth—the country. The trifling of the fake and faithless has lost its luster, and the wizard of Oz was exposed. Courage, heart and brains emboldened this body, as we the people were in the throes of war. The two headed serpent was wounded, bleeding out filthily in the dust. The oil of Britain's lamp was running dry.

*"The lamp of a wicked man is snuffed out; the flame of his fire stops burning"* (Job 18:5)

The enemy was accustomed to the systematic dismantling of governments and colonies; quite familiar with the conquest of nations—but this fight was different. This struggle burst forth from a different impetus, as a new and unanimous force resisted their age old imperialistic maneuverings at every turn; for here, upon the outstretched arm of Almighty God, the entire eastern seaboard was spinning the wheels. The enemy was not fighting a nation or a government; not an armada made of wood, or a fortress made of stone, or a battalion of servile, mindless pawns. On hallowed streets of cobblestone, worth their weight in gold, darkness was embattled therewith a more daunting and devastating opponent—a *people*—a peculiar people—a kingdom of priests who meant to take their place in the world. A republic of people, made in the image of the God, meant to take their offices and oaths seriously.

*"It has been the remark of the enemy, that every thing in America has been done by the force of government; but when she sees individuals throwing in their voluntary aid, and facilitating the public measures in concert with the established powers of the country, it will convince her that the cause of America stands not on the will of a few but on the broad foundation of property and popularity.*

*Thus aided and thus supported, disaffection will decline, and the withered head of tyranny expire in America."* (American Crisis, October 4<sup>th</sup> 1780)

Frantic now, and desperate for something, those miserable redcoats, those sellouts, those worthless shepherds were aghast. Those traitors, those tories...those *"Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city officials,*

shouting: 'These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus'." (Acts 17:5-7 NIV)

The fire of revival was the kindling of the blaze—all political and ecclesiastical resistance could not douse the flames. The unauthorized fire of the agitators were reduced to a smoldering wick, and the grace of this glorious outcome was extended to both the aggravators and the builders of Zion; the stumbling blocks were removed during her travails and construction, then added back amidst this *solemn and majestic spectacle of a nation which was opening its commission, under the auspices of its Creator, to establish a Government, a scene so new, and so transcendently unequalled by anything in the European world, that the name Revolution is diminutive of its character, and it rises into a regeneration of man.*" The vision of Ezekiel.

Never before were a people group more primed for nationalization. Never before had a country expanded upon the truth of God, flourishing to reflect the full expression of the Supreme Being—a workshop for His muscles, a canvas for His creativity, a school for His thoughts and a playground for his children—His pride and joy, the apple of His eye had never known such freedom and prosperity and hope abundant. Never before, could the ostracized and displaced peasant become a nobleman; never before could the orphan, the outcast and the reprobate become a joint-ruler; never before could millions of wearied and subjugated souls, living in squalor, become dignified and established, strong and confident... *and never before could the slaves become both vessels of mercy and instruments of wrath—wealthy owners and rulers. On this sacred ground, the slaves became royal heirs of a kingdom Christians still fail to comprehend.*

## **Surrender**

And so the crowns of the ministry of Britain surrendered. And today, the crowns of organized ministry surrender as well. The siege of Yorktown proved to be the last major land battle of the Revolutionary War. The British general, Cornwallis, surrendered here. This victory prompted the British government to negotiate an end to the conflict. Legend has it, that upon surrender, Washington denied Cornwallis a wartime respect. Washington would not allow the redcoats to honor them in playing a traditional tribute to the American victory. *But why would we desire any worship? Our entire movement was built upon the upside down kingdom!* The cause of greatest worth exposed us all—we were all sinners, in the hands of a graceful God; there was no distinction between men and kings, clergy and commoners. The whirling wheels brought us back to the upside down kingdom.

Instead, the British army band played worship that day. The tune was titled "The World Turned Upside Down". This was an English ballad, with biblical origins. The last word spoken was a song of victory, and the lyrics were inspired by the above scripture (Acts 17). This book of Acts revolution was regenerated here, on this hallowed ground. This Liberty, this land, and its king, Jesus Christ, have been

"turning the world upside down" ever since. So let this sound ring lovingly into in your ears; yes, let the Liberty bell chime on and on, a resounding gong and wretched reminder in the ears of religious tyrants everywhere—for so steady and strong is this gospel truth, this Jesus, our Jubilee King, still longsuffering our Pentecost, our fifty states, still inscribed upon it.

*"Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all inhabitants thereof."*  
(Leviticus 25:10)

(End of essay)

### **Excerpts from *Civil Liberty and Self Government* by Francis Lieber**

*"For we are of kindred blood, of one Christian faith, of similar pursuits and civilization; we have one science and the same arts; we have one common treasure of knowledge and power; our alphabet and our numeric signs are the same; and we are members of one family of advanced nations..."*

*"if it help to show that the political and national Know Thyself is as important as the individual..."*

*"There is no right without a parallel duty, no liberty without the supremacy of law, and no high destiny without earnest perseverance—that there can be no greatness without self-denial."*

### **Excerpts from *Rights of Man* (Thomas Paine's concluding remarks)**

*"But as religion is very improperly made a political machine, and the reality of it is thereby destroyed, I will conclude this work with stating in what light religion appears to me.*

*If we suppose a large family of children, who, on any particular day, or particular circumstance, made it a custom to present to their parents some token of their affection and gratitude, each of them would make a different offering, and most probably in a different manner. Some would pay their congratulations in themes of verse and prose, by some little devices, as their genius dictated, or according to what they thought would please; and, perhaps, the least of all, not able to do any of those things, would ramble into the garden, or the field, and gather what it thought the prettiest flower it could find, though, perhaps, it might be but a simple weed. The parent would be more gratified by such a variety, than if the whole of them had acted on a concerted plan, and each had made exactly the same offering. This would have the cold appearance of contrivance, or the harsh one of control. But of all unwelcome things, nothing could more afflict the parent than to know, that the whole of them had afterwards gotten together by the ears, boys and*

*girls, fighting, scratching, reviling, and abusing each other about which was the best or the worst present.*

*Why may we not suppose, that the great Father of all is pleased with variety of devotion; and that the greatest offence we can act, is that by which we seek to torment and render each other miserable? For my own part, I am fully satisfied that what I am now doing, with an endeavour to conciliate mankind, to render their condition happy, to unite nations that have hitherto been enemies, and to extirpate the horrid practice of war, and break the chains of slavery and oppression is acceptable in his sight, and being the best service I can perform, I act it cheerfully.*

*I do not believe that any two men, on what are called doctrinal points, think alike who think at all. It is only those who have not thought that appear to agree."*

*"As to what are called national religions, we may, with as much propriety, talk of national Gods. It is either political craft or the remains of the Pagan system, when every nation had its separate and particular deity."*