

THE SECRET OF HIS PURPOSE THE PLAN FOR THE FULLNESS OF THE TIMES
TO HEAD UP ALL THINGS IN THE KING,
EVERYTHING IN THE HEAVENS AND ON THE EARTH,
IN JESUS....

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America—Wake Up!

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By the title, one might assume that this article is about the current condition of the soul of the United States of America (henceforth, just America). I started with this in mind, but it seems the spirit of the Lord steered me away from this approach. In large measure, it is time to focus on God's answer, not the problem that plagues humanity. Nonetheless, I will touch upon a few generic issues, but overall this is not about "bashing" America. Surely, there is a plethora of bad news to write about; as I often say, anyone with any level of discernment can see it on their own.

Overall, I would say there is a growing unrest among the people, not just in America, but throughout the world. On one level, this unrest could lead to a host of things (no need to catalogue them; you know what I mean). Yet, on another level, it could and, we pray, will lead to a great outcry that calls upon the Lord for help. Jesus the Savior of the world is the only one who can and will rescue and heal us from this unrest. Jesus is the answer!

As I have written before, I believe America and the world are heading toward an *Engedi* moment. In this great crisis that is coming, will a Jehoshaphat-like leader(s) arise to unite the nation(s) to call upon the Lord? Or, will Jehoshaphat not be one person, but a body of believers that rise up with an anointing the likes of which the world has never seen; an anointing that will rise up from within like a river of living water? Or, is it time for King Jesus to show up?

See *An Engedi Moment is Coming!* – <http://www.kingdomandglory.com/art/art55.pdf>

God hears the cries of His people and answers. Apart from a deliberate action on the part of God, there seems no way through the days ahead. This should not be taken as a negative or a sense of hopelessness; our God does not fail, and He will not fail to rescue humanity from itself. The love of God will see to it! Our hope is in the person of the Lord Jesus, the Son of God and the deliverer and peacemaker (Shiloh) of the world. King Jesus is the King of righteousness and of peace. He is coming!

Beginning of the End

America is not alone; the world is at what could be called several things—the beginning of the end, a crossroads, a perfect storm, "weighing in the balance," and again, you can use your own discernment to add to the list. Outwardly, it does not appear that the world is ripe enough, at this point anyway, to cry out to God for help and to turn to the one who is the true king of this earth. God knows how to get us there. As for me, I believe the world is at the end of our present age, meaning it is nearing the beginning of a new age that will manifest the kingdom of the heavens on earth with the arrival of King Jesus. It will be apparent there is a new sheriff in town.

This article, in large measure, is obviously about America. However, even though I have singled out my country, let it be known that this is not solely about America. The same things that follow could be written in some measure about other nations on earth today, especially the whole of Europe and the British Isles. This is not meant to be an *America-centric* article, but it is about America, for I believe God must wake us up from our deep slumber and turn us back to Himself if we are to continue as a nation. If He doesn't, then there is not much hope for us as we now exist. Given America's superpower status, whatever happens to us will most surely have a ripple-effect across the globe. This is not so much a negative as it is a fact!

Abraham's Multitude of Nations

Now, what is on my heart is not so much where we are today or where we are going (although, these are not to be ignored), but on America's past—in particular our birth as a nation, and how God has blessed us abundantly in fulfillment of the promises to Abraham, as the father of a multitude of nations, of which America is one of a multitude. As a nation, we need the eyes of our heart opened to remember, even recount, the faithfulness and lovingkindness of God toward us since our very beginning and to see that our beginning actually goes back to the promises made to Abraham.

I periodically meditate on David's 145th psalm. As I read it, I am amazed at how far we Americans have strayed from praising God for the *right things*. David knew how to praise God. He knew there was a king over him. He was a king himself, but there was one much greater than he was.

(By David for praise.) I will praise you, my God and King, and always honor your name. I will praise you each day and always honor your name. You are wonderful, LORD, and you deserve all praise, because you are much greater than anyone can understand. Each generation will announce to the next your wonderful and powerful deeds. I will keep thinking about your marvelous glory and your mighty miracles. Everyone will talk about your fearsome deeds, and I will tell all nations how great you are. They will celebrate and sing about your matchless mercy and your power to save. You are merciful, LORD! You are kind and patient and always loving. You are good to everyone, and you take care of all your creation. All creation will thank you, and your loyal people will praise you. They will tell about your marvelous kingdom and your power. Then everyone will know about the mighty things you do and your glorious kingdom. Your kingdom will never end, and you will rule forever. Our LORD, you keep your word and do everything you say. (Psalms 145:1-13 CEV)

To my knowledge, no one in national leadership in our generation has ever publicly praised God in such a fashion. However, absent the elite, do we routinely hear people on the streets talking about the fearsome deeds of God, or how great He is? Are we, as citizens of a great nation, continually talking about how great is our God? Does the news media remind us of this every night on the nightly news (if anyone watches it anymore)? Do we tell the world about the Lord's marvelous kingdom, how faithful He is, and how His word is solid and true? Are the creator God and His Son, in whom all things have been created, front and center in our thoughts?

I realize some of this goes on in the body of Christ, which is the *ecclesia*. But I am talking mostly about what is being said and praised in the daily life of our nation (add the world and all the

nations to this for a fuller picture). Our Creator and His Son, who holds all things together in His very life, should be worth a whole lot of praise, not lip service. Shouldn't they?

Inasmuch as there is none like You, O LORD (You are great, and Your name is great in might), who would not fear You, O King of the nations? For this is Your rightful due. For among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, there is none like You. (Jeremiah 10:6-7 NKJV)

Exhortation to Remember

When we look back on the first Israelite nation that was a fulfillment of a promise to Abraham, we discover that they were exhorted to remember their past. By the way, other Israelite nations have been birthed down through history; they are not recognized because they go by other names, as does America. Hear what the ancient prophets had to say to Israel.

"Remember the days of old, consider the years of all generations. Ask your father, and he will inform you, your elders, and they will tell you. "When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when He separated the sons of man, He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel. (Deuteronomy 32:7-8 NASB)

Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually. Remember His wonderful deeds which He has done, His marvels and the judgments from His mouth, O seed of Israel His servant, Sons of Jacob, His chosen ones! He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth. Remember His covenant forever [eonian; age-related], the word which He commanded to a thousand generations, the covenant which He made with Abraham, and His oath to Isaac. (1 Chronicles 16:11-16 NASB [CLV])

"Remember this, and be assured; recall it to mind, you transgressors. "Remember the former things long past, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, 'My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure'.... Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely, I will do it. (Isaiah 46:8-11 NASB)

The one thing in common within these verses (and many others like them) is the call to remember the Lord and His great deeds, that is, do not forget what He has done, call it to remembrance. The psalms are filled with remembrances of the Lord and what He has done in His faithfulness, lovingkindness, and mercy (e.g., see Psalms 77, 105, 107, 136).

Why the call to remember? Because we are prone to forget, and when we forget, we tend to fall away from the Lord, and when we do, things eventually do not go so well for us. Case in point is found in the history of the ancient sons of Israel that had one failure after another. For this reason, we need to continually recall the Lord, who He is, what He has done and is doing, and what He will yet do. The destiny of nations hangs in the balance!

We need to remember the past and live in the present for the Lord, for it points to the future.

God's heart has not been focused simply on one nation on earth but on all the nations, and, as I have shown in my article on *Abraham's Multitude of Nations*, it is on the basis of an unconditional covenant made with Abraham, the father of faith and of the nations. God the Father has installed His Son on the throne as the King of the nations and of the ages, and He alone will head up all things in heaven and on earth until all things have been subjected unto His Father *so that God may be all in all* (Ephesians 1:10; 1 Corinthians 15:28). Glory to God!

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A Question?

As I started to write this article, I had a question for us Americans: *Have we forgotten our past?* But then, I realized that many remember the past and many live in it. After all, we have parades, celebrations, and memorials for all sorts of past events, such as wars, 9-11, catastrophes, events of great loss, natural disasters, etc. Isn't it interesting how we seem to commemorate so many bad things that have happened in which a lot of lives have been lost? It is as if we are programmed to commemorate death in such a way that we memorialize it. It is humanity's way of giving death meaning and purpose, especially what could be called *untimely or unnatural death*. Of course, death is the last enemy of mankind, and, praise God, Jesus has defeated it.

The sequel to this question, and the most important one, is: As a nation, have we forgotten our history with God? Or, do we even recognize that the source and birth of our nation is traced back to God who, down through the centuries, has showered upon us His abundant grace? Do we realize our present and future continues to be totally dependent on Him?

It is unfortunate that our younger generation knows so little (if any) of our rich heritage, because they have not been taught it. Why? Because, for the most part, their elders were probably not taught it either or, if they were, they have forgotten it.

Let it be proclaimed to the deniers, our history is integrally linked to and utterly dependent on the Lord God Almighty, just as it was with ancient Israel. From my studies, as will be shown, I am convinced we are an extension of the history of ancient Israel. In a much broader sense, all nations—past, present, and future—have a history with God, for He alone raises them up and tears them down (Jeremiah 18:7-10; Daniel 4:25, 26, 32). Nations awake!

America in Prophecy

Some say America is not in ancient prophecy and, true to form, others say she is. What say you? Let's see if she is, based on Moses the prophet.

And if after these things you will not listen to Me, then I will chastise you seven times more for your sin; and I will break the pride of your strength, and will make your heavens as iron, and your earth as bronze; and your strength shall be consumed in vain, and your land shall not give her produce, and the tree of the land shall not give its fruit. (Leviticus 26:18-20 LITV)

This is not the only warning given to the sons of Israel, for all one has to do is turn to Deuteronomy 27-28 to learn of the blessings for obedience and the curses for disobedience. They were warned, and no one could accuse the Lord of hiding what He would do if they turned away from Him. In fact, the Lord prophetically revealed their history when He said: "*I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversity*" (Deuteronomy 30:15). This has been their history, even down to our present day.

Speaking directly to Moses, the Lord made it clear that He would be tolerant with them up to a point; however, if and when that point was reached and they did not turn back, He would increase their chastisement seven times. Some people believe that this simply meant that the intensity of the chastisement or punishment (as referred to in some translations) was going to increase sevenfold.

The number 7 signifies *completeness* or *completion of what is in view*, as well as *perfection*, as in *spiritual perfection*. So, at the heart of this number is the idea of completion and perfection.

Given this, as a minimum, *seven times* indicates that the chastisement has an endpoint, meaning a completion; when it does what it was intended to do, it is over. If something has an endpoint, then it also indicates that literal time must be involved.

In many of his writings, Dr. Stephen Jones proves that the "seven times" is a time factor. He makes the point that under *the law of tribulation*, Israel was sentenced to a "seven times" tribulation, and, when this was completed, legally speaking, God was obligated to set them free. Dr. Jones has many references to this topic throughout his web site, far too many to cite in this article. For those desiring greater detail of this fascinating topic, I refer you to his website for you to do your own search. — <https://gods-kingdom-ministries.net/>

Dr. Jones' premise is based on the number 2,520, which is 7 times 360. In long-term prophecy, this refers to 2,520 years; the seven times of tribulation for ancient Israel. In *The Prophetic History of the United States*, he writes:

"The number 2,520 is one of the most significant numbers in mathematics as well as in prophecy. The ancient Greeks discovered that 2,520 was the lowest common denominator divisible by all the numbers from 1-10. In Bible prophecy, it is set forth as "seven times." In Daniel 7:25 the kingdom of the beast is said to be for "a time, times, and half a time," or three and a half "times." This is interpreted for us in Rev. 13:5 as being "forty-two months," 1,260 days, or three and a half years.

Since a prophetic year is the mean distance between a lunar year (354 days) and a solar year (365 days), the prophetic year is set at 360 days, or a "time." Thus, three and a half "times" is equal to 1,260 days, and a full seven times is equal to 2,520 days.

When God gave the law to Israel, He warned them that if they refused to follow it, they would be judged "seven times" for their sin (Lev. 26:18). While this has usually been taken to mean seven times more intense, Daniel and Revelation interpret it literally as a TIME period. Moses defines it purely in terms of what will happen to them, but Daniel identifies

it as a period of time—though yet undefined. In the book of Revelation, John interprets in the clearest manner of all, making a "time" equal 360 days in short-term prophecy and 360 years in long-term prophecy.

Thus, the judgment of God upon the House of Israel, which began in 745 B.C. was to continue for 2,520 years. This time period ended in 1776 A.D. Was it just a coincidence that the Declaration of Independence was proclaimed in that same year? I think not. Although the nation was small at the time, history has proven just how important this event would become in the history of the modern world.

Even more interesting is the fact that the United States' Capital, Washington D.C., was completed in the year 1800. This happened to be precisely 2,520 years after Israel's capital, Samaria, had been destroyed in 721 B.C.

The parallel between ancient Israel and the United States was so striking that virtually every preacher and theologian in early America saw it and mentioned it in some way in their sermons. They called this land the "New Israel," "God's Vineyard," and even "The Kingdom of God," which may have been a bit optimistic, but revealing nonetheless." *End quote*

In case you missed the point; when ancient Israel's seven times of tribulation were up, the United States of America was born. Based on the Abrahamic covenant, it seems apparent that America was birthed by the hand of God through the descendants of the sons of Israel (ex-Israelites) that migrated to and then out of Europe. In 745 BC, the Assyrians began to take captive the northern tribes of Israel and 2,520 years later the Americans began to rebel against the British crown. In 721 BC, Samaria, the capital of Israel, fell to the Assyrians and 2,520 years later the present-day American capital of Washington DC was established.

Israel was no longer lost; her chastisement had ended; she had been found! Israel was set free in a nation established on the basis of freedom and the rights bestowed upon mankind by the Creator.

There is no other modern-day nation (except, perhaps Great Britain) that can lay claim to this specific prophetic history, at least as far as we know. This is not only highly significant but truly amazing, for this links or joins the history of America to the ancient nation of Israel. This does not make us a holy and righteous nation. The fact of the matter is that, at the present, we are anything but this, being, in many respects, more like ancient Sodom and the waning days of Solomon's kingdom, even with its high taxation.

God's Greater Estate of the Heavenly Kingdom

Many of us probably recall being taught that *America* was named after Amerigo Vespucci. Dr. Jones reminds us:

"*America* is an old Saxon and Danish compound word: *Amer* means "heavenly," and *ric* means "kingdom." It literally means "the Heavenly Kingdom," or the Kingdom of Heaven. The Pilgrims undoubtedly knew this, so if by chance they really had named it after Amerigo

Vespucci, it was only because his name, coincidentally, described this land precisely as they viewed it.

If we study the etymology of the entire name of this nation, "The United States of America," we find an even more interesting and complete meaning. *The* means "God's," that is, owned by God. This is why THEology is the study of God. In Greek, *theos* means God. And another connection is this: the Spanish word for "the" is *EL*, which is also the Hebrew word for *God*.

The word *United* means "greater." The word *State* means "estate." Thus, if we put all of this together, it means "*God's Greater Estate of the Heavenly Kingdom*."

The name does not manifest our actual national character, for we are anything but a righteous people. So please do not misunderstand this. The name indicates our national goal as envisioned by our founders." *End quote*

Most of us in America who have any sense of discernment would have to concur with his statement that we are anything but a righteous people.

I did some further research on the name *America* by looking at similar words to see if God may have a hidden a secret in this name. By breaking the word into syllables, I discovered this:

Hebrew *am* [H5971] means "people."

Hebrew *eri* [H6179] means "watchful," which comes from a primitive root that means "to open the eyes." According to the *Dictionary of Proper Names* (C.A. Potts, Bible Truth Publishers, 1981), in Latin, *Eri* means "Troop of God; watching, i.e., worshipping the Lord." According to Webster's Dictionary, Eric's origin is Scandinavian and means "eternal ruler, honorable ruler."

Amerimnos was an early Christian name that means "one without anxious care." The Greek word [G3308] *merimna* means "care, anxiety," but with *a* as a prefix it means "without care or anxiety; free from care."

From this, could we not say that America stands for or, perhaps, should stand for a "*watchful, people, free from care because they worship the Creator God, the Eternal Ruler*"? Can't say for sure, but it is nonetheless very intriguing!

Considering that ancient Israel's time of tribulation came to an end with the birthing of "the land of the free and the home of the brave," America is clearly and profoundly in the plan of God, and as such, we need to be reminded of the history that gave us birth and heed the warnings that God gave the ancients. He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow, which means that He does not change His ways. The good news is that His love does not change either, and His love never fails.

Taxation and 13 Colonies

Continuing on—America has many parallels to ancient Israel. Two parallels are discovered in taxation and the number of the original colonies.

The house of Israel revolted against the high taxes of the post-Solomon kingdom, and the American colonies revolted against the unfair taxation of the British kingdom. In both cases, a division of ones that could be called *brothers* occurred; after all, those that populated the American colonies had come from Britain and Europe. In the case of America, the American Revolution began two years later, leading to the independence of the colonies and the declaration of a new independent nation on July 2, 1776.

There were 13 original colonies that rebelled against Britain and became states, and there were 13 tribes of Israel. It is a fact that Jacob had 12 sons, but it is also a fact that Joseph's two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, who were blessed with the name *Israel*, became two tribes, yielding a total of 13 tribes. (Ephraim as Joseph [Numbers 1:32]; Levi as a tribe [Revelation 7:7])

Further, the number 13 generally refers to *rebellion*. Rebellion is a major part of the history of ancient Israel, and it was through rebellion that the American colonies were released from British control. Some would say that rebellion is at the heart of America. Derek Prince once said that the controlling spirit over America is rebellion.

Another fascinating fact is that 1776 AD is 1,300 years from the fall of the ancient western Roman Empire in 476 AD. What is the significance of this? In a nutshell, thirteen centuries after the fall of one of the world's greatest empires, America was birthed that led to it becoming the world's greatest superpower in little less than two centuries. America became the western superpower with the *eagle* as one of its symbols, the same symbol used by ancient Rome.

But perhaps, there is more to this. 1,300 is an intensification of the number 13, meaning we really would be a rebellious people. In our rebellion, we are known for our fierce independence. Also, multiplication of 13 by a factor of 100 indicates that America is under God's grace. The number 100 signifies *God's election of grace*. It also signifies *salvation of all and children of promise*. It seems to me that, in our rebellion, we continue under the grace of God. Or, could we not say that God brought forth a nation of rebels by His grace?

America being under God's grace is quite significant for obvious reasons. However, there is one reason that is not so obvious. In his book, *Secrets of Time*, Dr. Stephen Jones explains a Cursed/Grace time cycle of 414 years. He cites examples of how God has given nations 414 years of grace in order for them to repent. During this time, they are actually under a curse, but God's grace keeps them. If they do not repent and turn to the Lord at the end of this period, then He brings judgment upon them.

In doing some research, I discovered that we might be in a cycle of 414 years based on our colonial founding in 1607 AD, not our independence in 1776 AD. (Dr. Jones does not seem to see this cycle in reference to America, but I do.) The first British colony on American soil is dated to 1607 AD in what is called *Jamestown*, which was the first chartered royal colony of the entire

British empire. The founding of Jamestown is generally considered the beginning of the rise of the worldwide British empire. If this cycle applies, America has until the year 2021 (1607 + 414) to turn back to the Lord as a nation and repent of our rebellious nature, especially toward God. I see another interesting timing—2021 will be 76 years from when the USA released two A-bomb's over Japan, the first and, to date, last time any nation has done so. The number 76 signifies "blotting out" or "cleansing." Which will it be?

For those who have followed my writings, you know that I see 2021 as being a very critical year for America and the entire world. To add to this, I have been noting that some secular writers have been warning of big things happening in 2020-2021, both financially and politically. Let us not forget that the USA is fast approaching the next presidential election cycle that could be rather testy, based on what has transpired since 2016.

Here is one more fact for you: In 1620 AD, 13 years after Jamestown was founded, the Pilgrims or Puritans stepped foot on the shores of New England in their quest to establish the kingdom of God in America. (Although Christians were among the founders of Jamestown, the colony was different; it was established more for economics than religious freedom.) The Pilgrims were the ones who truly sought religious freedom. Again, the number 13 stands out as prophetic to the nature of America, especially in the way the colonies treated some of the Native American Indians as if they were Canaanites that had to be conquered by the physical sword rather than by the sword of the Spirit, the word of God.

National Characteristics of Ephraim and Manasseh

Now, let us turn to Ephraim and Manasseh. According to the orthodox Jewish scholar, Yair Davidy, Great Britain has the characteristics of Ephraim and America the characteristics of Manasseh. Others have made the same observation; yet, others claim America is more like Ephraim and Canada like Manasseh. However, scripture might answer this question for us. Consider Jacob-Israel's blessing upon the lads.

When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on Ephraim's head, it displeased him; and he grasped his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father, for this one is the firstborn. Place your right hand on his head." But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know; he also will become a people and he also will be great. However, his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his descendants shall become a multitude of nations." He blessed them that day, saying, "By you Israel will pronounce blessing, saying, 'May God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh!'" Thus, he put Ephraim before Manasseh. (Genesis 48:17-20 NASB)

As the story goes, Jacob-Israel—in a twist reminiscent of when he deceived his father Isaac into blessing him with Esau's blessing—at the end of his life, purposely did the same to Joseph's two sons. Ephraim the younger got the greater blessing, at least it might seem that he did; but did he? Without doubt, Great Britain became one of the greatest empires of the world. At her peak, she controlled vast territories and people. This is what *Wikipedia* has to say about the empire.

"The British Empire comprised the dominions, colonies, protectorates, mandates and other territories ruled or administered by the United Kingdom. It originated with the overseas possessions established by England between the late 16th and early 18th centuries. At its height, it was the largest empire in history and, for over a century, was the foremost global power. By 1922 the British Empire held sway over about 458 million people, one-fifth of the world's population at the time. The empire covered more than 33,700,000 km² (13,012,000 sq. mi.), almost a quarter of the Earth's total land area. As a result, its political, legal, linguistic, and cultural legacy is widespread. At the peak of its power, the phrase "the empire on which the sun never sets" was often used to describe the British Empire, because its expanse around the globe meant that the sun was always shining on at least one of its territories." *End quote*

Truly, out from this great empire or United Kingdom (note similarity with the united kingdom of Israel) came a multitude of nations, one of which is the United States of America. (I see the use of the word *united* as prophetic of Jesus, for as *Shiloh*, He is the *peacemaker* as well as the *unitymaker*. Only in Jesus is the world and its nations united.) Given these few facts, it is easy to draw the conclusion that the United Kingdom has a prophetic linkage to ancient Israel as well. By the way, tradition has it that Jeremiah the prophet made his way to the British Isles, notably Ireland; as did Paul the apostle make his way to the Isles. Keep in mind that the monarchs of England lay claim to being descendants of King David, and the flag of the United Kingdom is known as the Union Jack. Jack is a nickname for Jacob. It was Jack or Jacob that freed the present-day Jerusalem from the rule of the Ottoman Empire in 1917, and, in a reversal of roles and blindness, Jack (Jacob) was also blinded and deceived into giving the land (Palestine) back to his brother Esau; a fascinating story.

Prophetically speaking, the UK has manifested as Ephraim, the second son of Joseph, but historically and prophetically with a firstborn blessing.

So, although, this article is about America, again, keep in mind that we are not the only nation on earth today that has a prophetic fulfillment in the plan of God. There are many others; I am simply focusing on one of them because this is my home and because the USA is currently considered the global superpower. How long this will last? Only God knows!

Now, back to Manasseh, he was blessed to become a great people. It seems that his brother, the United Kingdom, came first in the fashion of a firstborn and became a multitude of nations through colonization as promised to Ephraim the second born, and out of this greatness came forth his brother the United States who also became great but not as a multitude of nations. Our trademark is that we are Americans, and we come from America and no other place. Some would say that we proudly and, at times, arrogantly carry our greatness wherever we go. But to be fair, this great people have, more times than not, reached out a helping hand to many throughout the world. To the degree this has occurred, we have truly been a blessing to the nations in fulfillment of the promise to Abraham.

In line with Jacob-Israel's prophetic blessing on Manasseh, America has never had grand desires to be a colonist like his older (younger?) brother. However, instead of establishing colonies, the USA has become a great *hegemonic* power that is not afraid to wield the physical sword and kill

off supposed enemies and thereby extend its global control, much like King David. Our footprint is in practically every corner on earth and definitely in most all hotspots.

America's Founding

Many peg our history to the year 1492 AD when Columbus came to the Americas. Notice I did not state that he discovered America, for many had already made their way to these shores. The Phoenicians (Israelites along with Tyrians and Sidonians) found their way here at least 1,000 years before Christ, and the Vikings made it here no later than 500 years after Christ. This does not mean that Columbus' arrival was not significant, for it most certainly was, only in a different way.

In our history, 1607-1620 AD stand out, for this was when the first English colonies were established on our shores. Again, the first colony was in Jamestown and was established for economic reasons. From a Christian standpoint, 1620 was the most significant year, for the Pilgrims from Europe came ashore in the area of Cape Cod in order to establish a Christ-centered covenanted community. They were escaping the religious bondage of the institutional church (Anglican, Roman Catholic) by traveling the Atlantic Ocean in marginally seaworthy vessels and suffering great hardship for the sake of freedom of religion. They saw themselves like Moses and the sons of Israel crossing the Red Sea to freedom. They had arrived in the wilderness, and they sought to establish the kingdom of God in their adopted land, the new Canaan. The Hebrews were on their last leg of their migratory trip that had begun nearly 2,400 years prior. They came to establish a new Israel, the New Jerusalem, and the kingdom of God.

Well, it didn't quite work out the way they had planned, for they came with an old covenant view of the kingdom. At best, we could say they were a mixed bag. Mind you, not all were like this, but time would prove what happens when the carnal mind, especially the carnal religious mind takes over. Instead of manifesting the love of God and winning hearts through the sword of the spirit, the early Christians saw themselves like Joshua taking possession of the land by the physical sword. [Not much has changed!] Over time, practically all, if not all, the treaties with the native American Indians were broken. As the colonies were established, some of the colonies identified with a particular denomination. Slavery was not settled until the Civil War that nearly broke us apart, and for which we are still paying the price. It took nearly a century to break this stronghold in a nation that was established for freedom.

In the 1700s, we discover great men like Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, James Madison, George Washington, Samuel Adams, Thomas Payne, and many others, who were well-read in history, economics, and philosophy, and who were keen observers of what had and what was transpiring in the old world of Europe. They embarked upon what many call an experiment in a republican form of government the likes of which no nation had ever attempted. It should be noted that it was also during the 1700s that the great missionary movement spread the gospel to the far reaches of the world. Another fulfillment of the promise to Abraham.

In the book, *America's Prophet—Moses and the American Prophet* (Harper-Collins, 2009), Bruce Feiler traces the influence that Moses had on the founding of our nation and how imagery of Moses' and the Exodus infiltrated much of the thinking of our forefathers and impacted our history. In another book, *A Miracle That Changed the World, The 5000 Year Leap* (National Center

for Constitutional Studies, 1981), W. Cleon Skousen traces the founders' basic principles by which they structured our government and the law of the land. With the adoption of our Constitution, we became a nation based on law. He reveals the influence of the Anglo-Saxon Common Law or People's Law and the People's Law of ancient Israel as given to Moses by the Lord. Mr. Skousen writes: *"As the Founders studied the record of the ancient Israelites, they were intrigued by the fact that they also operated under a system of laws remarkably similar to those of the Anglo-Saxons"* (page 15). The influence of these two systems was so great on the founders that when they were drawing up the American Seal, Jefferson, Adams, and Franklin recommended a two-sided seal with the profile of two Anglo-Saxon brothers, who are credited for bringing the People's Law to the British Isles around 450 AD, on one side, and with a portrayal of ancient Israel going through the wilderness led by God's pillar of fire on the other side. For a depiction of this, see Mr. Skousen's book, page 18. Unfortunately, they realized that this was too much to fit on a small seal, and it was lost to history.

There are revisionists that argue the founders were nothing more than deists, meaning they were not Christ-centered, as if to refute our biblically-based history, making it irrelevant. Did you know that Benjamin Franklin was the "biggest booster as well as publisher" of the great preacher George Whitefield (see page 39 of Mr. Feiler's book)? Do you think Ben Franklin was simply a deist by hanging around Whitefield whose preaching was Christ-centered? At the least, Franklin recognized the value, if not the essentiality, of a "religious" or "God-centered" people.

These two books are highly recommended for anyone interested in a non-revisionist history of our founding and its founders.

The fact that our founders gravitated to the Anglo-Saxon Law is not by coincidence. The Saxons are descendants of Isaac (i.e., Sac, Sax). It is by Providence, by a creator, to use terms from our founders. The Supreme Court opinion given by Chief Justice David Brewer in the 1892 case of Holy Trinity vs. US stated: *"These, and many other matters which might be noticed, add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterance that this is a Christian nation."* I would prefer to call us an Israelite nation or a kingdom nation.

Again, we are not alone in this as the nations go. We are not the only Israel-type nation on earth. Nevertheless, we are clearly linked to what God began in establishing Israel as His first kingdom nation on earth. But, having said this, I think we could also make the case that America is a manifestation of the first part of Abraham's Covenant, that is, the Lord's promise that Abraham would become a great nation. It appears that America is a modern-day version of the great nation promised to Abraham. This is a sobering thought, or at least it should be to us Americans.

The point I want to make, if not scream out, is that regardless of what label we put on people, deist or otherwise, or regardless of the many failings we have had on the way based on a carnal distortion of God's way, America is a prophetic extension of ancient Israel in a major way. One would have to be blind not to see this even with the few details that have been presented in this article and available in the many references offered throughout. Or, do we as a nation, have some form of national dementia, that is, forgetfulness?

Manasseh Forgets

Do you know that the meaning of the name *Manasseh* is "forgetting" or "made to forget"? As a type of Manasseh, America has been made to forget her birth and her roots that go back to Abraham and Moses. I believe this is God's doing. We have been destined to go the way of ancient Israel, but here is the good news: Israel is destined to be saved and to come into the glory of God, for God promised Moses. *So, all Israel shall be saved* (Romans 11:26). Who do we want to eliminate from this glory when God says ALL? Or, better yet: *Indeed, as I live, all the earth will be filled with the glory of the LORD* (Numbers 14:21).

Dear people of God in America, please hear this: We have forgotten the God who gave us birth. We don't even know our own history. Unfortunately, it seems some are cherry-picking our history, rewriting it to fit into some failed ideology and then teaching it to our young people. We are blind and ignorant. As a nation (not necessarily individuals), we have turned from worshipping God in our heart to worshipping the idols in our heart.

America Today

"But Jeshurun grew fat and kicked—you are grown fat, thick, and sleek—then he forsook God who made him, and scorned the Rock of his salvation. "They made Him jealous with strange gods; with abominations they provoked Him to anger. "They sacrificed to demons who were not God, to gods whom they have not known, new gods who came lately, whom your fathers did not dread. "You neglected the Rock who begot you, and forgot the God who gave you birth. (Deuteronomy 32:15-18 NASB)

Jeshurun means "upright one" and is a reference to Israel. As a play on words, this is what Israel was supposed to be, an upright or righteous nation, but they had become fat and sleek, which is like saying: "You have become gross and trampled down or despised." Not a very good testimony! They were to be one thing but had become something entirely the opposite. They turned to other gods, that is, idols in their heart, and forgot the God who gave them birth.

Have we become like ancient Israel, having grown fat, thick, and sleek? Data would tell us that we have literally become fat, as in obese. Is this a sign? As a nation, have we also grown fat in our prosperity, and not only neglected, but also forgotten the rock of our salvation?

I said this article is not, in general, about "bashing" America; nevertheless, Moses spoke of Israel in a specific way that applies to our day.

"For they are a nation lacking in counsel, and there is no understanding in them. "Would that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would discern their future! (Deuteronomy 32:28-29 NASB)

Are we not a nation lacking wise counsel? Where are the national leaders who are providing wisely and godly counsel? Are we any different than Solomon's kingdom near the end? They were the mightiest of the nations, filled with great wealth and prosperity. They were the global superpower. But what happened? Their leader turned to other gods and overtaxed the people.

Does this sound familiar? In our prosperity, have we forgotten the Lord? See Jeremiah 22:21. In our prosperity, have we turned from a reliance on God to a reliance on our own strength? Do we flatter God and deceive ourselves even with our national motto, *In God We Trust*?

See *In God We Trust* — <http://www.kingdomandglory.com/art/art68.pdf>

And He said to them, "Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME. 'BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.' "Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men." (Mark 7:6-8 NASB)

They speak falsehood to one another; with flattering lips and with a double heart they speak. May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, the tongue that speaks great things; who have said, "With our tongue we will prevail; our lips are our own; who is lord over us?" "Because of the devastation of the afflicted, because of the groaning of the needy, now I will arise," says the LORD; "I will set him in the safety for which he longs." (Psalm 12:2-5 NASB)

I am restrained by the love of God, as Paul would say, so I am compelled to end on a positive note. I will leave the above verses for you to ponder, in light of today.

All the Earth will Remember

And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations [King of the ages]! "Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; for ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE YOU, FOR YOUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS HAVE BEEN REVEALED." (Revelation 15:3-4 NASB [Numeric English New Testament])

All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will worship before You. For the kingdom is the LORD'S and He rules over the nations. (Psalm 22:27-28 NASB)

The day will come when forgetfulness will no longer abide, and America and all the nations will wake up and turn to the Lord. All the nations are destined to worship the God of all creation and His Son, the firstborn of creation and the firstborn from the dead.

"I invite the whole world to turn to me and be saved. I alone am God! No others are real. I have made a solemn promise, one that won't be broken: Everyone will bow down and worship me. (Isaiah 45:22-23 CEV)

So, at the name of Jesus everyone will bow down, those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth. And to the glory of God the Father everyone will openly agree, "**Jesus Christ is Lord!**" (Philippians 2:10-11 CEV)