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A New Order of the Ages

(2 Chronicles 7:14)

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Similarities Between Israel & America

- Relationship with God
 - Israel was chosen by God (Deuteronomy 7:6; Isaiah 44:1)
 - America was founded in Christian values
- Rejection of God
 - Israel rejected God by taking Him out of their nation (by wanted a king, 1 Samuel 8)
 - America rejected God by taking Him out of our nation
- Reconciliation with God
 - Remnants of Israel will be saved (Jeremiah 31; Romans 9:27, 11:26)
 - Will remnants of America be saved?

Israel was chosen by God (1)

Deuteronomy 7:6-7 For you *are* a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples

Israel was chosen by God (2)

Isaiah 44:1- “Yet hear now, O Jacob My servant,
And Israel whom I have chosen. Thus says the
Lord who made you

And formed you from the womb, who will help
you:

‘Fear not, O Jacob My servant;

And you, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.

America was founded in Christian values (1)

Early Christian Settlers

- New Haven (Connecticut) and Massachusetts - founded by Puritans who wanted to reform the Church of England.
- Rhode Island – founded by Roger Williams based on the principle of freedom of conscience.
- Pennsylvania - established by William Penn as a Quaker colony.
- Maryland - a haven for Catholics from Protestant England.
- New York – settled by Dutch Reformed
- Other settlers included Swedish Lutherans, French Huguenots, English Baptists, and Scottish Presbyterians.

America was founded in Christian values (2)

A Christian Seal of the USA?

On 4 July 1776, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams & Thomas Jefferson were appointed as a committee to prepare a Seal of the United States of America:

- Franklin wanted a design featuring Moses with a background of the troops of Pharaoh drowning in the Red Sea and the message reading: “Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God”.
- Jefferson suggested a design showing the children of Israel in the wilderness, “led by a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.”

America was founded in Christian values (3)- The Great Seal on US Currency

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Translation

- One out of many – (God) has smiled on our undertakings – 1776 – a new order of the ages

America was founded in Christian values (4)- The National Anthem

- Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n rescued land
- Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
- Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
- And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."
- And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
- O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave

Israel rejected God

- Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations (1 Samuel 8:4)
- they have not rejected you (Samuel), but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them (1 Samuel 8:7)
- This will be the behavior of the king who will reign over you ... (1 Samuel 8:11-18)
- Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, “No, but we will have a king over us, that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles” (1 Samuel 8:19-20)

America Rejected God

- Ten Commandments removed from schools, government buildings, courts and other public places
- Prayers no longer allowed in public schools
- God removed from the Democratic National Committee platform (2008).
- God left out of Thanksgiving Addresses (2011)

Separation of Church & State

- The Anabaptists were the first to coin the phrase Separation of Church & State
- A country can be founded in Christian values but still have Separation of Church & State, just like America
- Separation of Church & State does NOT mean to create a secular nation without God.

The Destiny of Israel

Remnants of Israel will be saved

- Romans 9:27- Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel: “Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, The remnant will be saved.
- Romans 11:26- And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: “The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;

The Destiny of America

America is not Mentioned in the Bible

But,

- Psalm 33:12 says, Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.
- Proverbs 14:34 says, Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people.
- Psalm 9:17 says, The wicked shall be turned into hell, And all the nations that forget God.

Will Remnants of America be saved?

2 Chronicles 7:14- if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

The phrase “A New Order of the Ages” is rhetoric of a revolution. No one knows exactly what the patriots meant. It could mean a revival like that of the “Great Awakening” , marked by extraordinary conviction of sins, burden to pray, and sense of God’s presence.

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