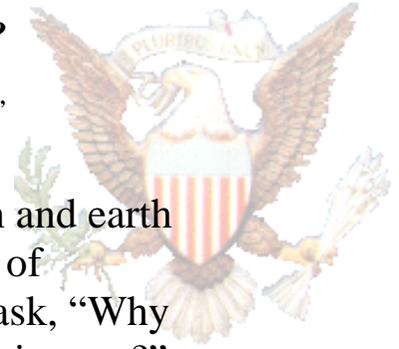




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It is impossible that Almighty God the Creator of heaven and earth could have somehow missed the era of the United States of America? Surely God foresaw the USA. Therefore we ask, "Why is it that there is no mention of this great nation in the Scriptures?" Surely this most blessed nation in the history of mankind, this nation that is the primary sponsor of the worldwide Gospel can be located somewhere in the Scripture!

We are going to make an amazing discovery concerning these United States of America! Like a spiritual Columbus, we are going to come upon the fascinating discovery of the USA in the pages of the Bible! We are going to explore amazing Scriptural patterns, which identify the United States as **the nation** that God Almighty chose long ago to preach the gospel in all the world as a witness unto all nations!

After we observe these patterns we will explore the question, "If the United States of America has been selected by God to preach the gospel, then will not the Almighty judge this nation more severely?" After all, scripture says, "that *judgment must begin* at **the house of God**" (1 Peter 4:17); Jesus went on to say, "unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required" (Luke 12:48). Once we have unmistakably identified the USA in the Bible, we will attempt to bring clarity to the events of these days in which we live!

Some claim that the USA is modern Babylon and is therefore fated to receive God's judgment; others claim that we are more closely associated



with the Romans. Which of these two allegorical types is closest to the truth? We will answer that question though this Bible Study!

America has been a superpower in the world for the last fifty years. Indeed today, we are the indisputed superpower of our time; in the same way, Rome was the sole superpower during



the time of Jesus Christ. The major Roman emblem was the eagle (*as shown at right*);



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likewise, the foremost American symbol is the bald eagle (*shown at left*)! The Roman government was composed of a senate that met on the hill named Capitolina; in the same fashion, the United States of America has the Senate meeting on Capitol Hill! Rome's populace was obsessed with entertainment; they regularly attended sports arenas where they always opened games by pledging allegiance to Rome and singing the Roman anthem. In the same fashion, America is obsessed with games played in modern arenas where the national anthem always precedes the games! Roman buildings were built according to Greek and Roman architecture; likewise, the United States Governmental buildings are of Greek and Roman architecture.

We can see at least from a physical perspective that America is an image of ancient Rome. However, and more importantly, let's take a look at America from a spiritual perspective. You may be surprised to learn that spiritually, America is an image of ancient Israel! Notice some of the correlations between these two nations. Israel miraculously crossed the Red Sea during the birth of that nation; likewise the puritans crossed the sea with the miraculous help of Almighty God during the birth of this nation! Israel started out with 13 tribes (*when counting the two tribes that sprang from Joseph*); likewise our nation stated out with 13 original colonies! After King Solomon, the nation of Israel split into two kingdoms (*The House of Judah in the south & the House of Israel in the north*); in fact, the first time that we find the word "Jews" in the Bible, they are at war with Israel! Notice that amazing passage, "Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah king of *Israel came up to Jerusalem to war*: and they besieged Ahaz, (*king of Judah*) but could not overcome him. 6 At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drave the *Jews* from Elath" (2 Kings 16:5-6). In the same fashion, America's most costly war in terms of loss of life and casualties was the war between the north and the south! Thirteen tribes and thirteen colonies is but the beginning of the correlation that we will discover.



If there were a number associated with the United States it would certainly be thirteen. However, doesn't the Great Seal of the United States have negative connotations since it is so closely associated with the number thirteen? Observe the many thirteens associated with the Great Seal of the United States of America (*shown above*): there are

thirteen steps on Pyramid; thirteen letters in the words, "Annuet Coeptis;" thirteen letters in the phrase, "E Pluribus Unum;" thirteen stars above the eagle (*in the shape of the Jewish*



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Magen David); thirteen plumes of feathers on each span of the eagle's wings; thirteen bars on the eagle's shield; and thirteen leaves on the olive branch.

We have learned in previous studies that "rebellion" and the number thirteen are closely tied together; notice the negative connotation associated with the first Biblical occurrence of the concept of thirteen, "in the *thirteenth* year they *rebelled*." The English name Judas Iscariot (*who betrayed -rebelled against- Jesus*) has thirteen letters. Without doubt, thirteen definitely has negative connotations! If you would like to learn more about what those negative connotations are you can download or print a copy of the *Rivkah Ministries* Bible Study entitled, "*Revelation Part 13 (The Beast)*" from <http://www.Rivkah.org>. Since the United States is so closely associated with thirteen and therefore by implication "rebellion," how could the United States of America be a spiritual picture of Israel?

Without question, thirteen has sinister connotations; however, most people do not realize that the number thirteen also has a **Jehovah** connection! The very name Jehovah YHVH has a numerical value of 26, (2 x 13.) Notice that through gematria all of the following Patriarchal personalities share a numerical factor of 13: Abraham, 104 = (8 x 13;) Isaac, 208 = (16 x 13;) Jacob, 182 = (14 x 13;) also his new name Israel, 546 = (42 x 13;) and Joseph, 156 = (12 x 13;)! Even Moses fits this pattern, 351 = (27 x 13.) We find that the numerical value of the Hebrew name for Jesus is 391 and can be reduced (3+9+1) to 13!

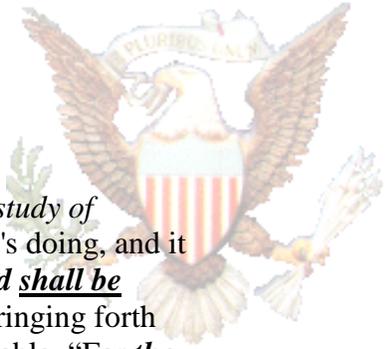
The point is that thirteen is like a coin with two sides; it also has a positive connotation! Therefore, the fact that the USA has thirteen so indelibly etched into its national identity is not necessarily an ominous sign. Indeed, we are going to examine how the United States is actually a spiritual picture of the nation of Israel! However, if the USA does truly portray Israel then we should expect to find that many of the patterns associated with the United States will also match with patterns of Israel.

We will investigate these many patterns; however, first let's take a look at a very significant (*to this topic*) parable given by Jesus, "Hear another parable: There was a certain householder (*God the Father*), which planted a vineyard (*House of Israel*), and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen (*Ancient Jewish Leaders*), and went into a far country: 34 And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants (*the Prophets*) to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it. 35 And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise. 37 But last of all he sent unto them his son (*Jesus Christ*), saying, They will reverence my son. 38 But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. 39 And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him. 40 When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen? 41 They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons. 42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, *The stone which the builders*



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rejected, the same is become the **head of the corner**: (We learned from our study of Revelation Chapter Twenty-two that Jesus is the headstone.) this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? 43 Therefore say I unto you, **The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation** (who, when, where is this nation?) bringing forth the fruits thereof. Lets look to the prophet Isaiah to help interpret Jesus' parable, "For **the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel**, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry" (Isa 5:7).

Our question is, "To which other nation was the Lord's vineyard given?" Most people might believe that the church in general is that new nation, "But ye are a chosen **generation**, a royal priesthood, **an holy nation**, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light" (1 Peter 2:9). Perhaps in a figurative sense the church is that nation; but within which physical nation has the Church of God most flourished?

Lets begin in earnest to look at the prophetic symbolism of Israel and the United States of America. We have learned through recent studies from the Book of Revelation that God regularly reveals things through signs and symbols! It follows since Jesus Christ is, "the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Heb 13:8), that if God has chosen the USA then He certainly will have left signs and symbols that will identify His hand on this nation.

Jesus specifically revealed the existence of a "**nation**," "**The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation**." Therefore, the Lord must have known that there would have to be a specific future people that He would use. Let's study the Hebrew and American spiritual connection! It is one of the most fascinating elements to discover in scripture; we will start by examining the period when America was originally founded?

Columbus was on the boat 71 days from the 10th of AV. Seventy is the number of punishment to God, "And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon **seventy years**" (Jer 25:11). It is interesting that Columbus put off sailing one day so that he would not sail on the **9th of AV** (*The day that the Jewish Temple was destroyed, both times!*). Columbus "happened" to reach landfall on the eighth day of the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles called by the Jews (*the concluding day of wandering*). Perhaps the most famous event that ever took place on this Last Great Day in Jewish History was the dedication of the Jewish Temple by Solomon; some have wondered if Columbus symbolically dedicated a **new temple** on the day that he set foot in the new world! Columbus believed that God had sent him on his mission to help bring the Jewish people into a homeland! In fact, He set sail on the day that the Spanish Inquisition officially expelled the Jews from Spain!

The Puritans referred to themselves as fellow Jewish citizens! They founded various towns like Bethlehem, Zion and other such towns with clear Hebraic overtones. Indeed, the



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famous Bay Colony was first called **New Jerusalem**. In fact, they originally adopted the Mosaic Law to be the law that would govern the new settlement.

In the late 1970's a stone was discovered in New Mexico upon which all Ten Commandments had been carved. The amazing thing is that it was carved using the most ancient Hebrew characters from around the era of 1000 B.C!

America is named after Amerigo Vespucci an Italian who helped outfit Columbus' voyages. The Italian name "Amerigo" means "rich in wheat!" The pilgrims that came on the Mayflower to the new world came from Britain. By the way the word "British" can be derived from two Hebrew words: *Brit* = covenant and *Ish* = people therefore, the word "British" from the perspective of the Hebrew language, literally means "covenant people!" The people first settled in a town called Jamestown; the Hebrew name for James is Jacob! Therefore, the name Jamestown literally translates to the name Jacobs town!

In December 1606 three ships carrying 144 men left England for the new world. On **May 14th** 1607 they landed in Jamestown. It is no coincidence that on the same day 341 years later, **May 14th** (1948), that the modern nation of Israel was founded! In the same way that Jacob supplanted the people with which he came into contact in the Old Testament, so the people who settled in Jamestown (*Jacob's town*) supplanted the original American Indians!

Notice from the map of Cape Cod (*shown at left*) how it naturally forms the shape of the Hebrew Letter (b) *Bet* which means "house!" Notice Plymouth on the western side of the cape.



This brings to mind the Psalm, "Except the LORD **build the house**, they labour in vain that build it" (Ps 127:1)!

After the children of Israel crossed into freedom from Egypt they soon learned about the concept of jubilee (*liberty*.) "Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the **jubile** to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, (*We will get back to this 10th day of the 7th month.*) in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land. 10 And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and **proclaim liberty throughout all the land** unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a **jubile** unto you;

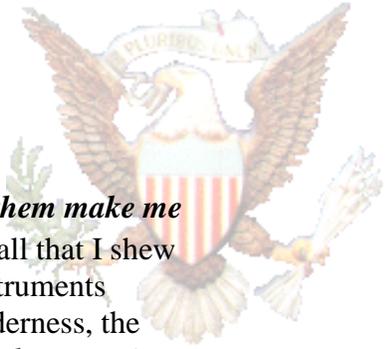
and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family." (Lev 25:9-10). This is a "jubilee" scripture, which means 50! Has God set a symbol on the American flag, which proudly displays fifty stars? Remember that fifty is Biblically associated with liberty?

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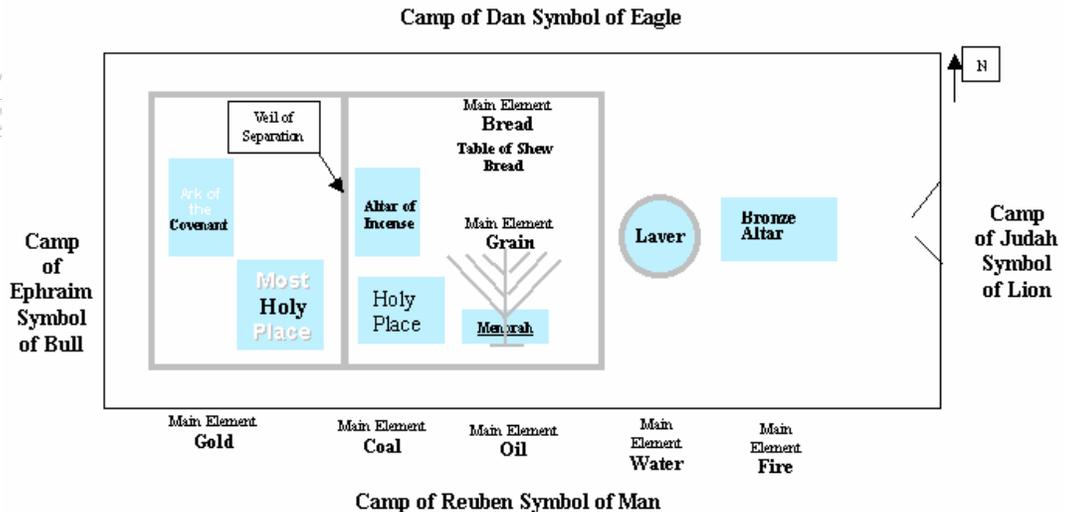
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The Children of Israel were told to build a sanctuary for the Lord, "And **let them make me a sanctuary**; (*house* (ב) *Bet*) that I may dwell among them. 9 According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle (*house*), and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it." (Ex 25:8-9) While wandering in the wilderness, the ancient Tabernacle was arranged according to the map (*at right*) (*pay particular attention to the six "main elements" which are bread, gold, coals, oil, water, and fire*):

Has God provided any symbolism to the USA? Notice once again the passage, "And **let them make me a sanctuary**; (*house*) that I may dwell among them. 9

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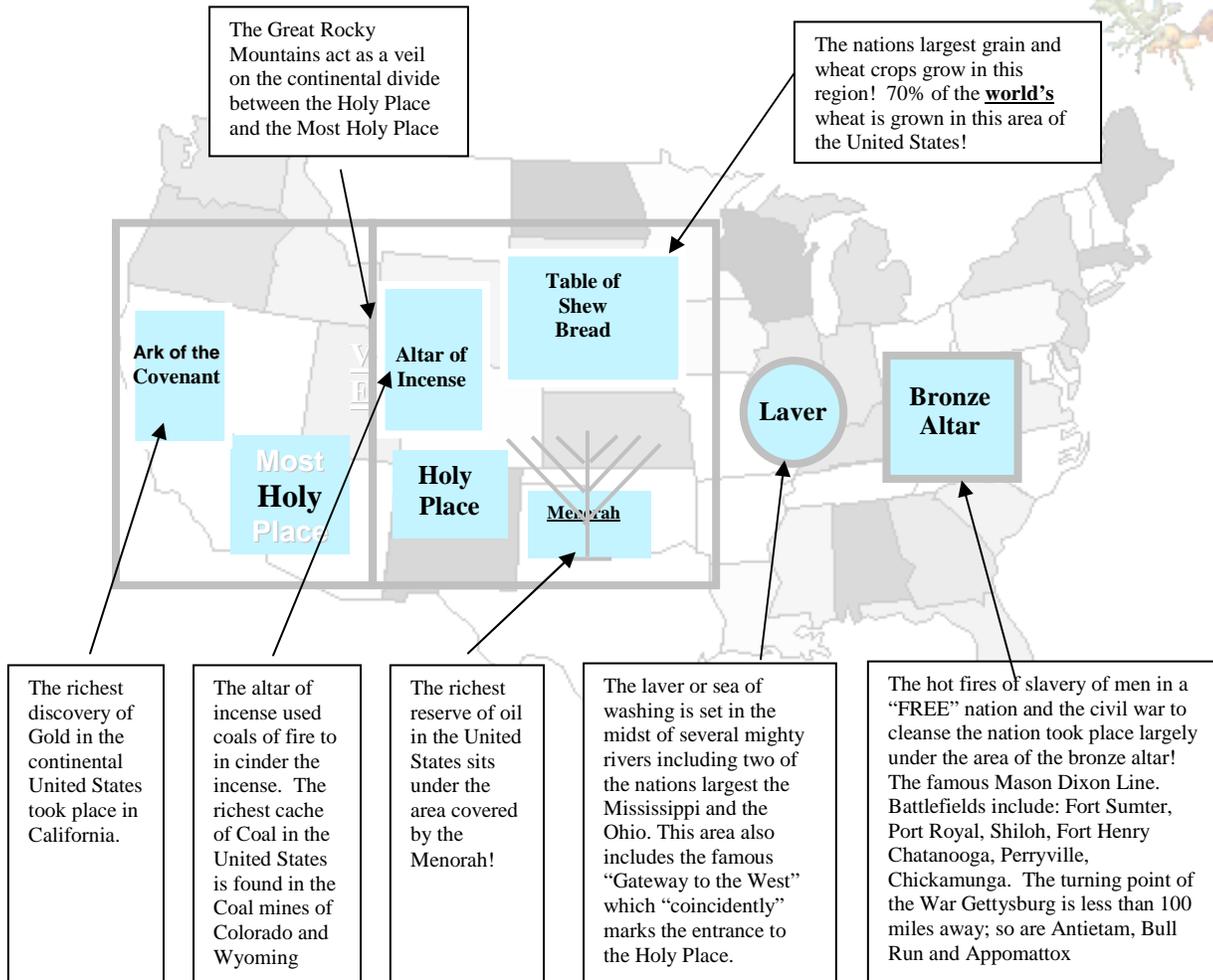


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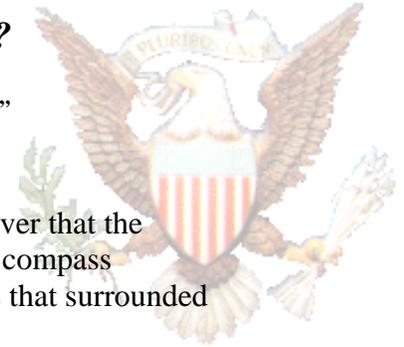
Compare the main elements from the tabernacle in the wilderness to the placement of America's greatest treasures! One keeps their treasures in the tabernacle!

At the very center of the word "JerUSAlem" we find the initials of the United States of America! These amazing concepts don't stop with the details that we have already observed; next we are going to take a look at the amazing city by the name, Washington D.C. Refresh your memory (*see page five*); we specifically want to focus our attention upon the four major camps that surrounded the Tabernacle. Each camp had its own emblem (*ensign or flag*); on the north was an eagle on the south was a man; on the west was a bull and on the east was a lion.

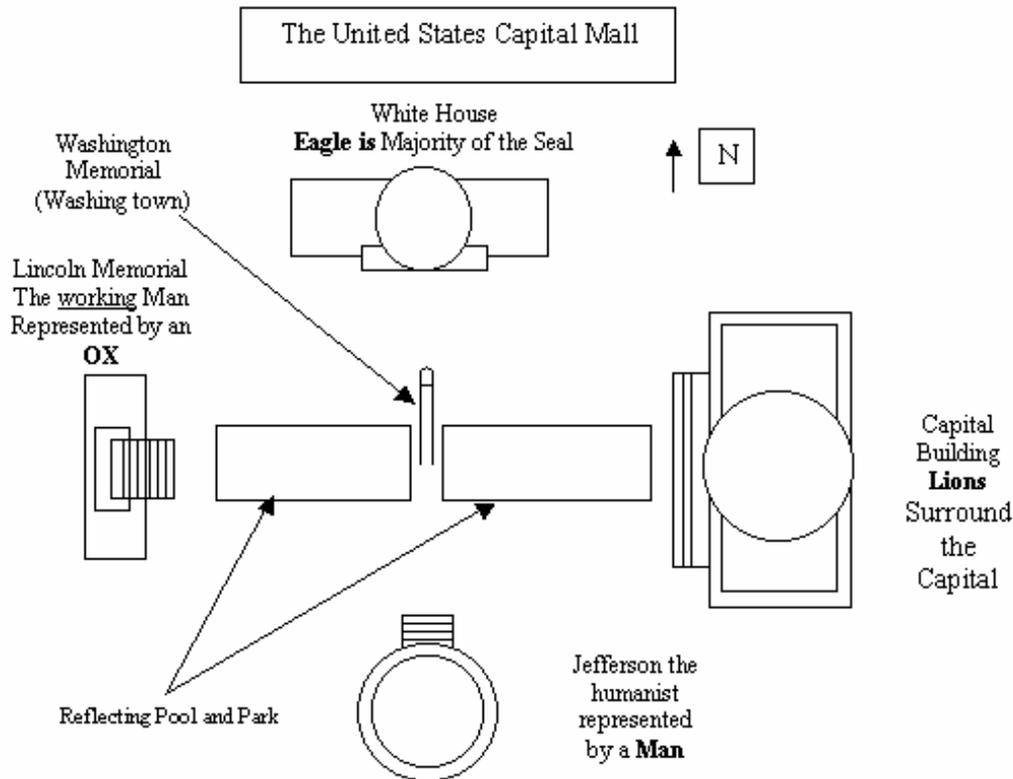


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Notice those same cardinal directions in the graphic below. You will discover that the major emblem or symbol which is located at the four cardinal points of the compass surrounding the Washington memorial are expressive of the same emblems that surrounded the Tabernacle in the wilderness!



Remember,
Matt 21:43
“Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and *given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.*” Have we answered the questions, “Which is that nation that God has chosen

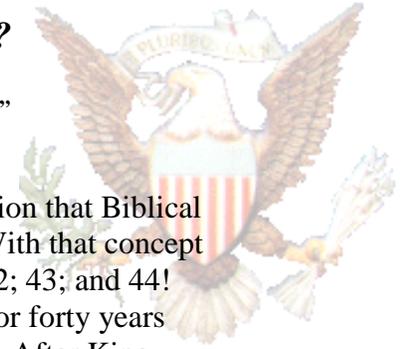
to receive the fruit of His vineyard?

Now lets specifically take a look at cycles:



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Kings of (combined) Israel

1053	1 Saul	
1013	2 David	
973	3 Solomon	
	Kings of Judah	Kings of Israel
933	1 Rehoboam	1 Jeroboam I
915	2 Abijah	
912	3 Asa	
911		2 Nadab
910		3 Baasha
887		4 Elah
886		5 Zimri
886		6 Omri
875		7 Ahab
874	4 Jehoshaphat	
855		8 Ahaziah
854		9 Joram
850	5 Jehoram	
843	6 Ahaziah	10 Jehu
843	7 Athaliah	
843	8 Joash	
820		11 Jehoahaz
806		12 Joash
803	9 Amaziah	
790		13 Jeroboam II
787	10 Uzziah	
749	11 Jotham	
748		14 Zechariah
748		15 Shallum
748		16 Menahem
741	12 Ahaz	
738		17 Pekahiah
738		18 Pekah
730		19 Hoshea
726	13 Hezekiah	
721		
697	14 Manasseh	
641	15 Amon	
639	16 Josiah	
608	17 Jehoahaz	
608	18 Jehoiakim	
597	19 Jehoiachin	
597	20 Zedekiah	

We have learned during our study of Revelation that Biblical numbers have a great deal of significance. With that concept in mind we are going to study the numbers 42; 43; and 44! Kings Saul, David and Solomon each ruled for forty years (*one hundred and twenty years all together*)! After King Solomon’s rule there was a split in the kingdom; twenty kings ruled over Judah and nineteen kings ruled over Israel; this made a total of 39 kings who ruled after the monarch was divided. When we include Saul, David and Solomon, we arrive at 42 total kings who ruled over the children of Israel.

Remember, we are looking for patterns of ancient Israel which match with patterns of the United States! When we take a look at the 42nd king (*Zedekiah*) we discover some important aspects. In the 11th year of Zedekiah’s reign the Babylonians (*modern Iraqis*) invaded Jerusalem and the Jews went into captivity (*bondage*) during his rule. There are two major reasons for Israel’s captivity by the time of king Zedekiah: (1) they stopped serving the true God of Israel; and (2) the nation slipped into moral decay.

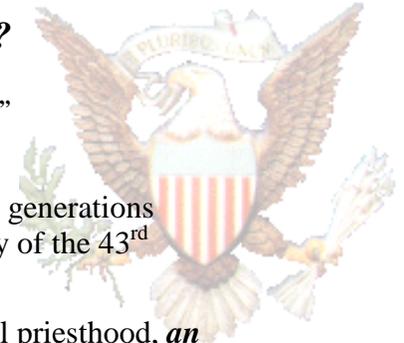
George Washington was the first president of the USA, and Bill Clinton was the 42nd president. Under president number 42 the Monica Lewinski calamity was merely an outward manifestation of the fact that the nation’s ethical moorings had totally broken down! After the presidential scandal, a little twelve-year-old girl in Tennessee was arrested for having oral sex with several boys. She defended herself by arguing that the same activity was okay for the president! Since those dark days, the nation has focused upon using the law to remove the Ten Commandments from judicial courts. At the same time, rogue judges are forcing governmental authorities to recognize “same-sex marriages!”

So how does 42 and 43 relate to us today? Obviously, George W Bush happens to be the 43rd President. We can best understand the correlation between Israel’s kings and US presidents by observing Jesus (*the King of Kings*). In order to understand more clearly we must research the generations in the genealogy of Jesus Christ, “So all the generations from Abraham to David are *fourteen generations*; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are *fourteen generations*; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto



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Christ are **fourteen generations**" (Matt 1:17). This means that there are 42 generations until Jesus Christ! He is the 42nd. All we need to do is discover the identity of the 43rd generation and we will be on our way.

Notice how God views the church, "But ye are a chosen **generation**, a royal priesthood, **an holy nation**" (1 Peter 2:9). Notice what David wrote, "A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord **for a generation**" (Ps 22:30). If the church is that "seed" then the implication is that the church does not represent many generations. Instead each successive generation goes through a "course;" as Paul said, "I have finished my **course**, I have kept the faith" (2 Tim 4:7). When Paul went to be with the Lord, he passed the baton on to Timothy! In God's eyes, the church is not composed of several generations; instead each successive era is simply running its own course of the same long 43rd generation! Let's find out why is the number 43 so important in Biblical connotations.

This brings us back to the 10th day of the seventh month (**The Day of Atonement**, perhaps the most holy day of the Hebrew calendar,) the High Priest would sprinkle blood from a bull and a goat on the various elements within the tabernacle. The High Priest would sprinkle the elements 43 times! This suggests that 43 sprinklings happens to be the number associated with atonement!

When Jesus poured out His blood during his death upon the cross, His Bride was born! She is composed of the entire the 43rd generation of the Church! The Church becomes the 43rd generation. In the Old Testament, the atonement took place on the 43rd sprinkling!

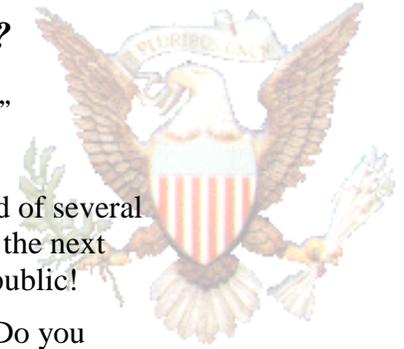
The first president of the United States went by the name George W. The 43rd president of the United States goes by the name George W. They both attended the same Methodist church in Washington. We have studied in an earlier Bible Study entitled, "**The Solomon Concept**;" <http://www.rivkah.org/PDFs/030904.pdf> available on the Internet at <http://www.Rivkah.org> that history repeats itself. Solomon wrote, "The thing that **hath been**, it is that which **shall be**; and **that which is done** is **that which shall be done**: and there is no new thing under the sun" (Eccl 1:9). The point is that history repeats itself!

The number four is symbolic of the earth. On the fourth day, God set the heavens in the proper relationship with earth. The number four represents the relationship of the earth with the heavens which are used to measurement time, seasons, and history. The earth has four major directions (*north, south, east, and west*). The earth has four seasons (*summer, autumn, winter, and spring*). Four rivers flowed out from the Garden of Eden (*north, south, east, and west*). The number 44 can be very dangerous (11 (*rebellion*) X 4 (*the world*))! That interesting number can mean worldliness! Perhaps the 44th president will take the United States along with the rest of the world into the prophesied Babylonish system. We all need to realize that the 44th generation of Israel ended up in the bondage of Babylon (*Iraq*)! Now let's observe that when the 44th president comes into office that there will very likely be a very significant transition period! We are going to discover how the transition will go from "atonement" to "worldliness!"



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We are next going to discover that the United States will experience the end of several important cycles between the years 2007-2008. Therefore, the selection of the next president may be one of the most critical selections in the history of our republic!

What does it mean that 2007-2008 completes a major cycle for America? Do you remember when the original settlers first landed in Jamestown? That date was **May 14th** 1607! Now notice the passage where Abraham was told, "Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them **four hundred years**" (Gen 15:13). A Biblical period of four hundred years ends with "transition!" Israel was in bondage four hundred years then transitioned out of bondage! From the time of the Book of Malachi until John the Baptist was a 400-year period; indeed, Jesus said, "the Law and the prophets are until John;" then transition took place with His ministry. In 1517 the Turks took over Jerusalem and four hundred years later in 1917 the British took Jerusalem from the hands of the Turks. In is interesting that $400 = 8$ (*new beginnings*) X 50 (*Jubilee or freedom*).

It was on America's first settlement in 1607 where the people literally planted a cross in the ground and dedicated the land to Jesus! From 1607 until 2007 is the conclusion of a four hundred year period and the beginning of a transition! Prior to the rise of the ten kings of prophecy in the Book of Revelation, we should look for one of two major trends that will manifest in the next four years: (1) the USA will either go into isolationism from the rest of the world or (2) it will join itself with the prophetic rise of the EU. Another final point to consider concerning this time-frame is that the Jewish New Year starts in September; therefore, in a Biblical sense the year 2008 starts in September of 2007!

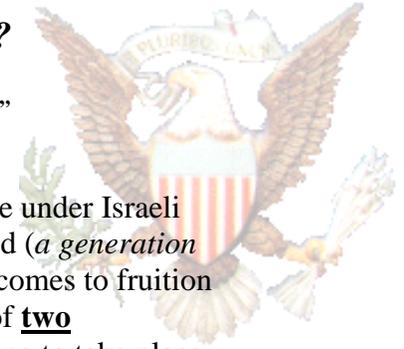
We have already mentioned that marriage is under a severe attack in this nation! Notice the early Biblical context in which the institution of marriage was first mentioned, "And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. 24 **Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh**" (Gen 2:23-24). That same institution of marriage, which was established by God Almighty by the second chapter of Genesis, is now clearly under attack! Christians are the individuals (*citizens of the nation chosen by God*) who are assigned with the specific responsibility to defend the Scriptures within our existing governmental structure (*rule of the people*)!

So we have learned that we are coming to the end of an important 400-year time cycle, the end of which will certainly be a transition! However, there is a second important forty-year time cycle that will also come to a conclusion at the same time! Now let's understand that forty years is a Biblical period known as a "generation of unbelief," "When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works **forty years**. 10 Wherefore I was **grieved with that generation**" (Heb 3:9-10). The point is that in 1967, Jerusalem was reestablished as the gem of Israel, "When the LORD shall **build up Zion** (*Jerusalem in 1967*), he shall appear in his glory" (Ps 102:16)! When we take the year 1967 and add forty years we arrive at 2007!



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Forty years will have transpired since the city of Jerusalem once again came under Israeli control. Therefore, 2007-2008 is the conclusion of another important period (*a generation of unbelief*). Along with that cycle is the cycle of 1607 + 400 years which comes to fruition in 2007. This is not insignificant that the year 2007-2008 is the end point of **two important Biblical cycles!** Without question, important transitions are going to take place at the end of those two coincident but unrelated cycles.

However, there is more! We have already observed a 400-year cycle and a 40-year cycle. Another lesser-important time cycle will come to an end in 2007-2008. The president that is selected to lead the USA during this next (*November*) election will serve a 4-year cycle until the end of 2007! This is of importance to us because presidents select federal judges! At present, unjust judges are marrying (*homosexuals*) in opposition to God. At the same time a judge in Alabama who put the Ten Commandments in the state capitol was fired. Nobody wants to mention that, the Ten Commandments currently **exists** on a monument in the Supreme Court of the United States.

The question for America is, "Will the next leader, who will face the important transition of the year 2007-2008, be the 43rd or the 44th president? What difference does it make?"

We must realize that marriage is the first institution ordained of God; therefore, marriage is a "sacred union." It was created before any human culture or society ever existed; therefore the institution of marriage (*between one man and one woman*) predates and is therefore superior to **any civil authority!** We must keep this in mind, because human governments are intent upon fostering a massive social revolution. Their desire is to change marriage into a purely "civil union" and totally disregard the fact that God made marriage a "sacred union."

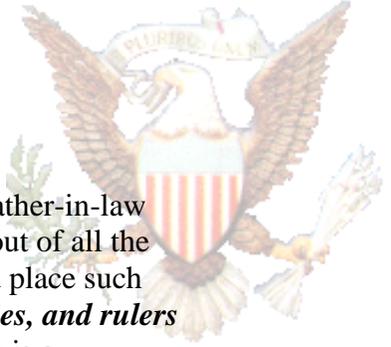
Now you might think, "So what is the big deal? If homosexuals want to marry it doesn't hurt me; let them marry!" However, same-sex marriage **has a very distinct possibility of hurting you!** If same-sex marriage were to become merely a "civil union" according to the state, further, if your (*any*) church were to refuse not marry individuals of the same-sex, based upon Biblical authority, then churches may well be shut down and the clergy may be liable to imprisonment! Today in Canada, preachers cannot read anti-homosexual passages out of Bibles in public (*even in the church*) with out breaking the law! Society and governmental authorities are messing with the very foundations of our government, "***If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?***" (Ps 11:3). That is a very important and significant question! Don't be lulled to sleep. The homosexual community has patiently taken the last twenty years to slowly change the spin on their lifestyle by using the much more appealing and socially acceptable title, "GAY!" There is nothing gay about rebelling against God's Word! If Christians will not stand up for their freedoms associated with the Bible now, then they are destined loose those freedoms later!

Are Christians responsible for what is taking place in the secular (*non-spiritual*) arena? God's word has a lot to say about civil government! In fact, the concept of government



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based upon representation, originates from the Bible! Notice how Moses' father-in-law (*with the help of the Holy Spirit*) influenced Moses. He told him to select "out of all the people **able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness**; and place such over them, **to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens**: 22 And let them judge the people at all season" (Ex 18:21-22). This is a representative-based form of government while the children of Israel were still wandering in the wilderness! Moses could not have chosen these leaders by himself; Israel was probably well over one million people! Notice that the qualifications of these leaders are the same qualifications that we ought to rely upon today, "**able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness!**"

We who live in the United States of America are responsible to choose out from among ourselves, "leaders!" Since 1992, the Christian vote has dropped by 40%! If Christians are not influencing elections they are abrogating their responsibility; you can sure expect that the devil has his influence! So are Christians Biblically responsible for their leaders, let's observe the Scriptural answer to this question, "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but **when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn**" (Prov 29:2).

If we Christians continue to put godly people into office, we will change the direction of this country! Christians of the New Testament were accused of, turning, "the world upside down!" (Acts 17:6) Today's 40% drop in the Christian vote is a far cry from that activism!

It is our job to choose Senators and Presidents who respect life and the word of God! Notice the political picture during the time of the rebuilding of the temple, "**set magistrates and judges**, which may judge all the people that are beyond the river, all **such as know the laws of thy God**; and **teach ye them that know them not**. 26 And **whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily upon him**" (Ezra 7:25-26)!

Do not be fooled by the arguments that the **economy** needs to grow in order to make this nation stronger! Notice the Scriptural teaching as to what makes nations strong, "**Righteousness exalteth a nation!**" (Prov 14:34). Stand up and be counted; if the Lord tarries we must do our best to shape the society that we are leaving to our children!



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Arguably, the greatest president of the United States set his signature and the seal of the United States of America to the following dated March 30, 1863,

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the Senate of *the United States, devoutly recognizes the supreme authority and just government of the Almighty God* in all the affairs of men and of nations, has by a resolution requested the President to designate and set apart a day for national prayer and humiliation;
and . . .

Whereas it is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that *those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord;*

And, insomuch as we know that by His divine law nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war which now desolates the land may be but a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people? *We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven;* we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power *as no other nation has ever grown.* But we have forgotten God. *We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us,* and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness. . .

ABRAHAM LINCOLN