

## What does Genesis 48-49, Tammuz 17 - A Jewish Day of Fasting, the Biblical Seven Year Shemitah, and the Declaration of Independence - July 4th, all have in Common?

*They are all connected by a 4,000 year old promise of blessings by the Eternal, and a warning for the greatest nation that ever existed.*

### It was called the The American Experiment

The American experiment was unique and possibly the most improbable undertaking any nation had ever tried. When Thomas Jefferson penned the Declaration of Independence and the American colonies defied Great Britain, the most powerful nation on earth at the time, no one outside the colonies ever believed it would succeed. 241 years later, we can look back to those improbably humble beginnings and see God's hand in every step of our development. The blessings came from all areas, from the blessings of the land to the blessings of our founders who were inspired to lay out the documents that gave us the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave. Looking back America is truly a biblical fulfillment, in short a miracle.

In 1787, when the Founding Fathers had hammered out the U.S. Constitution in Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Benjamin Franklin told an inquiring woman what the gathering had produced; **"a republic, madam, if you can keep it."** Jefferson also knew how great the American experiment's appeal would be to others. "The flames kindled on the 4th of July, 1776, have spread across too much of the globe to be extinguished by the feeble engines of despotism; on the contrary, they will consume the engines and all who work them."

The self-evident truth that "all men are created equal; endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, including life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" remains the powerful philosophical and moral foundation of our successfully blessed nation. It is the foundation of the American republic itself.

Over the years, there has been much debate by many in the pro-

gressive and Godless society that continue rewriting history that the founders were never God motivated. The truth is, there would be no way that the founder's words could ever have been penned unless they were guided by the hand of the Eternal Himself.

### "At the Appointed Time"

Looking back, we see we've been blessed to have been given the insight via our calling, to see that by the time of 1776, it was time to bring the fulfillment the promises given by the Eternal through Jacob, and passed on to Joseph's sons in Gen 48 and 49. *Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall: the archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him: But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:) Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lies under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb: The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren."*

Looking through the hour glass of history, you will find that there are no other nations that can fulfill these promises of Genesis as America and Great Britain; America being the younger and the greater of the two nations.

### America Like Israel, or Actual Israel ?

Many looking at the documents of Israel can mistakenly claim that America is just like Israel. While it sounds nice, it is not factual. America is Israel. Notice Gen 48:16 **"The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."**



This is Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel telling us that **his name will be on the two lads**, Ephraim and Manasseh. What name is that? Israel! America being one of the lost tribes of Israel, and one of the nations who God has recorded to carry on the name of Israel. Notice Isa. 1:3-4 *“The ox knows his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.”*

The amazing fact that America is Israel continues to be denied by nearly all theologians. Because of this denial, the nations have no clue of their identity, nor are they able to correctly identify end time prophecy.

Let me bring one last point here. In I Chron. 17:9, long after Israel was in the promised land God tells us, *“Also I will ordain a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place, and shall be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the beginning,”* God was showing us that there would be another move that would come where God would place Israel. It cannot be in the location of modern day Israel. Because that is where they were when God gave this scripture.

### Tammuz 17 and the Shemitah

This is one of the most amazing points of the fulfillment of the promise of America. When we compare our July 4th, 1776, and overlay it on the Hebrew calendar, we find that July 4th, 1776, and Tammuz 17, on God's calendar are the exact same day. Why is that significant?

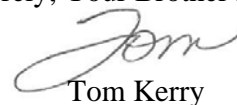
Throughout history, there have been many devastating events that have fallen on Tammuz 17, but primarily Tammuz 17, is recognized as the day of the breaching of the walls of Jerusalem of the temple in the N.T. in 70 AD. It is celebrated annually by the Jews as a day of fasting. We can see that the founding of America comes with a warning; should we ever abandon God, we will come to the same fate as Israel and Judah in the past.

Surprisingly, 1776, is also a Shemitah year. One of seven years where God commanded the Israelites to have a year of release, and a time of the seven year land rest. When we look though history, and compare the seven year Shemitah, we find it is a time of the beginning, and time of the falling of nations. For America, it is our time of beginning. Unless our nation repents, it will soon become the time of our falling.

Finally, July 4th, 1776 was the beginning of the removal of the 2,520 years of punishment given to Israel. God willing I plan to cover these points this coming month as I renew a couple of sermons delivered from several years ago that you probably haven't heard. Be on the look out. In the meantime, I invite you to go online and watch the sermon Tammuz 17 delivered just a couple of years ago.

God has certainly given us a lot to be thankful for in this great nation. Please remember to pray for our nation as we enjoy the promised blessings by the Eternal nearly 4,000 years ago. Please have a very safe and Blessed July 4th.

Sincerely, Your Brother in Christ,



Tom Kerry

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