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A Shaking

During the last two centuries, several independent developments have shaken Christianity's foundations, causing many people to disbelieve God's existence, the reliability of the Bible, and the historicity of Jesus Christ. These tremors have also undermined the once commonly-held Protestant perspective that united Americans.

America was founded by devout Christians, mostly Protestants, many of whom fled to the New World to escape the persecution perpetuated against those who sought to worship God as they thought best. The devotion of those colonists directed the establishment of its government, economy, culture, and social interactions.

America remained unashamedly Christian in its expressions, celebrations, and observances, in fact, in every facet of public life, until the last half century. As its religious attitude gradually dissipated, which began at least a century ago and accelerated during the last few decades, many of America's youth never learned, let alone embraced, it. No commonly-shared Christian attitude currently exists to bind and guide present-day Americans. Without a significant, perhaps miraculous revival, it will probably disappear.

God's Existence

The transition from a religious culture to a secular one has not been without conflict. Preachers and traditionalists denounced America's declining devotion, growing worldliness, and increasing immorality, only to encounter ridicule and contempt. Commentators exposed the roots and interconnections of the advocates of change, only to meet denial and accusations. While such resistance may have slowed the rising doubt, secularization's persistent and unswerving advancement has finally won a significant portion of citizens. Christianity in America seems to be under attack, while religious and traditional Americans seem to have little, if any, ability to silence the insistence that God is dead, the Bible mythologically based, education, not Jesus, is the world's savior, and America has no divine purpose.

If God exists; if He revealed His word in the Bible; if He guided America for His purposes, then only He can exonerate them. Defenders of America's fading attitude have exhausted their resources and their wits. The astounding assortment of evidence that confirms belief has not proved sufficient and often never reaches those who are daily besieged by the revisionists' narrative. In fact, the debate between progressives and traditionalists does not bring clarity, but only adds to the confusion in which the attractions of gratification and acquisition lead people away from Christian values.

Light is the only thing that dispels darkness. If God is light, as the Bible states, then it is only His light that can dispel the confusion that America's present cultural war is causing. If God has a purpose for America, He must rise up and bring the nation to it. Otherwise, proponents will continue to batter and wear out those who assume the task. History's culmination, if it has a divine end, must be finished by the same being who commissioned it in the beginning. Otherwise, new generations will not remember, let alone accomplish, the purpose for which America's first colonists came to the New World.

The Puritan Hope

The Church of England, which Henry VIII created after separating from the Roman Church, fell far short of purifying Christianity in England. More ideological Christians sought a more Biblical church, but their quest conflicted with the English crown, who was head of the Church of England. Charles I tried to suppress the Puritan movement, which only motivated its members to migrate to America, colonizing near the successful Plymouth colony of 1620. The first Pilgrims came to America seeking unfettered freedom to worship God as their conscience dictated. The Puritans had similar motives.

On April 6, 1630, while aboard the *Arabella*, John Cotton preached the farewell sermon for the first Puritan flotilla bound for America. It contained 11 ships. He used as his text, *"Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime"* (2 Sam 7:10). He applied the Lord's promises that were given to the ancient Hebrews, including this one, to the Puritans fleeing the English king. Like ancient Canaan, America was already spied out and somewhat divided by regal claims and charters. Like those early Hebrews, they were strangers in their own country obliged to journey to another land, a land prepared for them. America was their Promised Land, a place of refuge, where they would be divinely protected from the *"children of wickedness"* and free to build up the purified church and divine kingdom.

As time elapsed, believers realized that the land of which Nathan prophesied could not have been Canaan, the territory bequeathed to Abraham and his descendants and over which, at least in part, King David reigned. That land was near the nations that later conquered them: Assyria, Babylon, Persia, and Rome. Their kings and citizens were *"the children of wickedness,"* pagans, who afflicted them. The appointed land must be another place, a country that was far from the territories those kingdoms ruled.

The Other Land

Additional Old Testament scriptures added to the insight that America was the divinely appointed place. Jacob testified that God gave him more land as an inheritance than he gave his grandfather, Abraham, and his father, Isaac. He told his sons, *"The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills"* (Gen 49:26). Those extra lands, *"the utmost bounds of the everlasting hills,"* are likely parts of the continents' coasts and isles of the sea. Jacob bequeathed them to Joseph: *"They shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren"* (Gen 49:26). Like Joseph, who was sold and ended up in Egypt, only to rise to authority and receive his kinsfolk years later as refugees from the famine, Joseph's descendants would receive a separate Promised Land as a place of refuge in the later centuries to receive other Israelite descendants and provide them refuge. This land fit the place to which the Pilgrims and Puritans came.

Isaiah hailed *"the land shadowing with wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia"* (Is 18:1). The rivers of Ethiopia are the rivers surrounding Seba, which Josephus

identified as the Nile, Antapus, and Astaborus Rivers.¹ It was the same city from which the Queen of Sheba came to prove King Solomon (1K 10, 2 Chr 9). Jesus mentioned this event when He said, "*The queen of the south . . . came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon*" (Matt 12:42). The phrase "*uttermost part of the earth*" is an archaic way of saying the end of the known habitations of the earth. The land beyond the rivers of Ethiopia refers to a place outside the habitations known in Biblical times.

After hailing it, Isaiah called people to notice when God would lift up an ensign on that land. He said, "*All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see ye, when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains; and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye*" (Is 18:3). Elsewhere, Isaiah revealed that the place on which God would raise an ensign was at the end of the earth or the other side of the globe. He said, "*He will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth: and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly*" (Is 5:26). America is beyond the habitations known in Biblical times and on the other side of the earth. It is among the isles of the sea, the extra land given to Jacob and bequeathed to Joseph. It is the appointed place where Joseph's descendants could prepare a land of refuge for his brethren in the last days.

Additional Confirmation

After Solomon, the Hebrew nation divided into two parts. The Northern Kingdom was composed of 10 tribes and was called Israel. Because its capital was in the land allotted Joseph's younger son Ephraim, the Northern Kingdom was also called Ephraim. They were defeated by Assyria, taken from their lands, and placed in other territories, never to return. Hosea prophesied, "*Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure*" (Hos 8:8), while Zechariah, when referring to Ephraim (Zech 10:7), foretold, "*I will sow them among the people: and they shall remember me in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and turn again*" (Zech 10:9). The intermingling of these ancient Israelites among the Gentiles happened as these Israelites moved west from their exiled lands, being pushed by migrating peoples from Asia's central plains.

By the 1850s, when Reverend F. E. Pitts addressed members of Congress on February 22 and 23, in celebration of George Washington's birthday, Bible readers had become aware of other passage that foretold America's rise and destiny. He listed in his speech the characteristics of America that he saw detailed in Biblical prophecy. They are:

1. The land of the promised nationality was to be located between two seas — the eastern sea and the great western sea (Ezek 38:18, 20).
2. This land is described as being hitherto uncultivated and unimproved (Ezek 38:8, Is 35:1).
3. That wonderful country was to be inhabited by a people "*gathered out of the nations*" (Ezek 38:8,12).
4. In the promised nationality, unlike the political economy of ancient Israel, foreigners were to be allowed a place to dwell, enjoy their homes and the pursuits of happiness in common with the citizens of the country (Ezek 47:22-23).

¹ Josephus, *Antiquities of the Jews*, Book 2, Chapter 11 as published in *Josephus Complete Works* (Kregel Publications: Grand Rapids, MI, 1969) 58.

5. The principle of extension, in enlarging the boundaries of their primary possessions, should specifically characterize the prosperity of the promised nationality (Is 49:18, 20).
6. The land of restored Israel is described as a country restored from its desolations, by the peculiar construction of its towns and villages, and the prosperity and quietude of its inhabitants (Ezek 38:8,11,12).
7. The infancy of that country should receive the attention of royal patronage (Is 49:23).
8. A country would be remarkable for the number of its majestic rivers (Is 35:21).
9. The land of restored Israel is described to be literally more elevated than any portion of the world (Is 2:1-2).
10. The peaceful character of the inhabitants and the intelligibility and uniformity of their language should designate that people (Is 33:19).
11. The rapid advancement of intelligence and divine instruction should mark the rising progress of that people (Dan 12:4, Is 54:13).
12. The country inhabited by the people "*gathered out of the nations*" should be settled in thirteen distinct States, like as it was with Israel: only "*Joseph should have two portions*" (Ezek 27:13)
13. Our country is the land described by the prophet Isaiah lying westward from Judea (Is 18:1-2).
14. The promised nationality was to be a republic (Jer 30:21, Hos 1:11, Is 1:26).
15. Finally, the waiting isles of Isaiah are a sublime announcement of our great country, and its early occupation by European emigrants (Is 60:9).²

America's Destiny

When Nathan revealed that God would appoint another place, a country different than where David reigned as king and from which the Lord's people would never need to leave, he added this divine promise: "*Neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them anymore, as before time*" (2 Sam 7:10). After King David, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome all afflicted Israel. The latter four subdued it. Daniel foretold this succession of kingdoms, of which Babylon's king was the first and greatest, as well as a fifth power that was partly strong and partly broken (Dan 2:31-44). It was in the form of a statue that was struck by a stone. Daniel saw the stone roll down a mountain, "*which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth*" (Dan 2:34-35). John, in his Revelation, called the destruction of the statue the *fall of Babylon*: "*There followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication*" (Rev 14:8). Although ideological descendants of these oppressors gather against the Lord's people in the last days, try as they may, they will not be able to afflict those who have assembled in

² F. E. Pitts, *A Defense Of Armageddon or Our Great Country Foretold In The Holy Scriptures* (Baltimore, MD: J. W. Bull, 1862) as published at http://originofnations.org/old_bi_literature/Pitts.htm.

America. Instead, the Lord will set up His kingdom on earth (Dan 2:44), which kingdom will destroy those children of oppression. Afterward, the Lord's kingdom "*shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever*" (Dan 2:44). God has destined America as the appointed land on which to establish His kingdom, promising that it would stand forever and fill "*the whole earth*" (Dan 2:35).

America Will Prevail

Isaiah revealed that after the Lord placed His people where "*they that swallowed thee up shall be far away*" (Is 49:19), He promised to protect them: "*Thus saith the Lord, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children*" (Is 49:25). Those who fight the Lord's people, regardless of the weapons that they choose, will not succeed. Elsewhere, Isaiah prophesied, "*No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord*" (Is 54:17). The Lord will save His people so spectacularly that those who remain will acknowledge God's power and sovereignty. Isaiah added, "*I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh . . . and all flesh shall know that I the Lord am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob*" (Is 49:26).

The salvation that the Lord will provide requires that He directs His people's army. Joel foretold it: "*The Lord shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?*" (Joel 2:11). The prophet added, "*But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate*" (Joel 2:20). America will prevail only because God dramatically intervenes. That intervention will end the doubt that currently surrounds the existence of God, the accuracy of the Bible, the divinity of Jesus Christ, and the destiny of America.

Egyptian Plagues Foreshadows Saving America

The Hebrews, who, during Old Testament times, were God's people, once lived as slaves in Egypt. The Lord revealed Himself to Moses as Yahweh and sent him to deliver His people, but the Egyptians did not want to free them. Their luxury depended on their slaves' submission and sanction. Instead of equipping His people to overthrow their oppressors, Yahweh sent plagues, ten in all, to persuade the Egyptians to let them go. The first three befell everyone in Egypt, but the last seven afflicted only the Egyptians.

At the time of Christ, Rome ruled the civilized world. It was the successor to ancient Babylon and began oppressing Jews and Christians about 30 years after Jesus' resurrection. John the apostle received a revelation describing Rome's destruction, which forever freed His people from tyranny. That book, often called the Apocalypse, revealed that Rome was divided into three parts (Rev 16:19) and details seven judgments in two different places. The first comes when angels sound seven trumpets in succession and the second happens when angels pour out seven vials. The trumpets describe seven judgments that cause two parts of the Roman Empire to fall. The first part began its fall shortly after 570 and succumbed by 751. The second part fell in 1453.

The vials describe the seven judgments that destroy the last third of the Roman Empire. That part gained eminence after ten invading kings divided the old Roman Empire,

which allowed (2 Thes 2:7) “*the man of sin*” (2 Thes 2:3) to emerge. That remnant ruler is the Papacy, which lost its temporal dominion by 1873 and whose influence will soon be destroyed, along with the conspiratory network of opponents to Christianity and freedom, in the same devastative judgments which will save America.

Both sets of judgments that John described correlate to seven of the plagues that God sent on Egypt. This correlation shows that the Egyptian plagues foreshadow the seven judgments that destroy Rome and its influence over the Lord’s people in the last days. It also confirms that the purpose of those judgments is to free the Lord’s people from their wicked oppressors who are trying to take away their liberty. The following chart illustrates that correlation.

Vials	Egyptian Plague	Trumpets
Sores inflict people 1: Rev 16:1-2	Boils 6th: Ex 9:8-21	1/3 trees, grass burned 1: Rev 8:7
Sea becomes blood 2: Rev 16:2	Waters become blood 1st: Ex 7:17-21	1/3 sea becomes blood 2: Rev 8:8-9
Rivers become blood 3: Rev 8-9	Waters become blood 1st: Ex 7:17-21	Rivers become Wormwood 3: Rev 8:10-11
Sun scorches 4: Rev 8-9	Darkness 9th: Ex 10:21-23	1/3 sun, stars darkened 4: Rev 8:12
Darkness, pain, & sores 5: Rev 16:10-11	Locusts 8th: Ex: 4-20	Demonic locusts 5th: Rev 9:13-21
River dries up 6: Rev 16:12-16	Invasion of river frogs 2nd: Ex 8:2-4	Invasion of army from river 6th: Rev 13-20
Storm, earthquake, hail 7: Rev 16-17	Hail 7th: Ex 9:18-26	Voices, ström, hail, quakes 7th: Rev 11:15-19

Four of the Egyptian plagues are not repeated in those that befall John’s Babylon, which is the modern-day conspiracy. The most obvious, which was the last, took the lives of all the first-born of Egyptian, except for those who painted the blood of the Pascal Lamb on their doorposts and lintels. Once Jesus fulfilled that sacrifice, His blood saves all who paint it on the doorposts and lintel of their hearts. In our day, those who refuse Jesus, even after He unveils His arm of salvation (Is 52:10) to single-handedly save His people (Is 63:5), are destroyed in the destruction that ends the latter-day oppressive conspiracy, just like the last plague took the lives of the stubborn Egyptians’ firstborn.

The three other Egyptian plagues that Revelation’s trumpeters do not repeat are the lice, the flies, and the death of livestock. While the Hebrew slaves lived separately from the Egyptians, being confined to the land of Goshen, today the Lord’s people are scattered throughout the nations. Jesus revealed that the good is not separated from the bad until the

very end (Matt 13:30, 49-50). Because the Lord's people are not separated from the bad during the judgments announced by the seven trumpets, three of Egypt's plagues are omitted to make only seven that conform to the plagues on Egypt. This arrangement also confirms that the events surrounding the Hebrew exodus from Egypt foreshows the events of Revelation's judgments against Rome.

The Final Deliverance

Once the plagues forced Pharaoh to release the Hebrews, Moses led them to the Red Sea. Remorse quickly filled Pharaoh and he pursued them by marshaling his army, which quickly overtook them. Moses had led the Hebrews down a canyon that ended at the shores of the sea, where they camped. The Egyptians reached the entrance to the canyon, whose steep walls kept the freed slaves from any escape and where their prey camped. The Hebrews immediately complained, forgetting the wondrous plagues that had led to their freedom. The Lord comforted their fears by promising that He would fight their battles: *"The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace"* (Ex 14:14). He also placed a cloudy pillar between the two camps until the night ended. Throughout the night, Moses held his rod over the sea. The Lord's wind opened an escape route. At daybreak, with the sea parted, Moses led the Hebrews through it on dry ground. As they reached the opposite bank, the cloudy pillar left and the Egyptian army pursued only to see the restraining walls break and the sea crash over them. The entire Egyptian army was destroyed as the Lord alone defended His people.

After the crashing waves drowned the vast Egyptian army, the Hebrews sang a song of praise for their salvation (Ex 15:1-21). About 600 years later, Isaiah revealed that those saved at the fall of Babylon will sing a similar song: *"In that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee"* (Is 12:1-6). This prophecy not only reveals that the Egyptian plagues foreshadow the destruction of the modern-day Babylon, but the Lord's deliverance is the same. He completely protects them without His people having to defend themselves.

Jesus Prevails

According to the Apocalypse, after Babylon falls, Jesus comes to lead His people: *"I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS"* (Rev 19:11-16). The titles emblazoned on the man riding a white horse are the titles of Jesus: Faithful, True and Righteous Judge, Word of God, King of kings and Lord of Lords. Later verses foretell His rule with the rod of iron and His trodding of the winepress, both references to the Messiah. John adds that Jesus brings a conquering army,

but their conquest is not with military arms. It is with the word of God. John said, *“The armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God”* (Rev 19:14-15).

Jesus revealed to His disciples that angels would accompany Him at His return: *“He shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other”* (Matt 24:31). The reason that Jesus gathers His elect is to divide the good from the bad. Part of that separation includes removing the bad from His kingdom already emerging on the earth: *“The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity”* (Matt 13:41). He also told His disciples, *“When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left”* (Matt 25:31-33). The *“armies which were in heaven”* and *“followed him upon white horses”* are the angels that accompany Jesus when He comes after Babylon’s fall. Those angels gather the elect from the entire world and divide the good from the bad. Jesus had already explained that after they are divided, He *“shall cast them [the wicked] into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear”* (Matt 13:42-43). John revealed that Jesus would carry *“a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations”* (Rev 19:15). The sword represents His division of the good from the bad, as well as His banishment of the bad into the lake of fire. Just as the Lord’s people were separated from the Egyptians at the Exodus and the Egyptian army destroyed by the overflowing water, the Lord’s people will be separated from the latter-day Babylonian conspiracy and destroy its forces by an overflowing fire.

Others Included

The plagues that God sent on the Egyptians caused some Egyptians to believe in Him. His immense power so convincingly displayed clearly manifested that the God of Israel was the true God. Neither the idols, nor the gods that they represented, nor their priests could protect them from the devastation that they brought; neither could they turn those judgments on the Hebrews. They could not even replicate the plagues that they suffered. Did some Egyptians believe before the last plague and join the Hebrews by circumcision, whereby allowing they could participate in the first Pascal sacrifice (Ex 12:43-48) and escaping the last plague? Perhaps, but a number certainly believed afterward and joined the Hebrews in their exodus. The Bible reports, *“The children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and the Lord gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians. And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth . . . and a mixed multitude went up also with them”* (Ex 12:35-38).

Likewise, the fall of Babylon will cause some who previously supported its development to repent and believe in Jesus. They will flee that devilish effort along with the good when the rest of the bad are removed. The wicked’s expulsion will leave their

riches for the Lord's people to use in building up the kingdom of God when Jesus delivers them from the last oppressors. Speaking to the barren of Israel, the ten tribes who had been exiled by the Assyrians, who were sown among the Gentiles, many of whom migrated to the new US Republic, Isaiah prophesied, "*For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited*" (Is 54:3). Those who remain, whether former believer or newly believing, will submit to the word of God as it is preached, being aided by angels from heaven. Meanwhile, other believers will remain in their native lands. The gospel will be preached among them and the entire world will believe and confess Jesus, fulfilling Apostle Paul's prophecy: "*That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father*" (Phil 2:10-11). The whole world be at peace, knowing and worshiping the Lord God and His Son: "*They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea*" (Is 11:9).

The history of the first Passover and its place in delivering the Hebrews in ancient times foreshadows the deliverance of the Lord's people in the last days. It reveals how the last Babylon will fall, and how God will save His people. It testifies in symbolic ways that God will save America and extend the political freedom on which its Republic was founded until its banners unite the entire world as God's messengers extend the kingdom to every person, in every clime. All peoples, cultures, and political entities will become part of that holy kingdom, a kingdom over which Jesus Christ will reign on His earthly throne.

Independent Verification

Belief that America had a role in exposing and eliminating the network of secret oaths that have threatened freedom and true religion from ancient times was not confined to Biblical arenas. It was part of the America's patriotic underpinnings. A vision that General George McClellan received just after Abraham Lincoln appointed him head of the Union troops during the Civil War provides evidence about how widespread that understanding was.

In 1862, Wesley Bradshaw published a dream that the General received in January 1861. It alerted him to the strategy of the confederate troops in their attack on Washington, DC. It also revealed three struggles for American liberty, of which the Civil War was the second. It was published by the same man who published George Washington's vision.

According to McClellan's vision, George Washington appeared to General McClellan and, among other things, revealed a third struggle that will befall America about a century after the Civil War. Washington said, "*But her mission will not then be finished for ere another century shall have gone by, the oppressors of the whole earth, hating and envying her exaltation, shall join themselves together and raise up their hands against her. But if she shall be found worthy of her high calling they shall surely be discomfited, and then will be ended her third and last great struggle for existence. Thenceforth shall the Republic go on, increasing in power and goodness, until the borders shall end only in the remotest corners of the earth, and the whole earth shall beneath her shadowing wing become a Universal Republic.*"³

³ Wesley Bradshaw, *General McClellan's Vision* (Philadelphia, PA: Barclay & Co., June 22, 1863) 1

While several pessimists insist that Bradshaw penned the vision himself, the vision provides an independent testimony that America will triumph over the present conspiracy, vindicating God's promises and the scriptures that contain them.

A Second Endorsement

Another source confirms the same divine promises. Although well known, it has been demonized by a number of Christians; yet it clearly predicts the same events that the Bible reveals. The Bible does not identify America. In addition, its references to it are a matter of interpretation, which can be doubted and debated. A plainer set of prophecies that clearly identifies America as the nation where the victory of freedom over tyranny, or the kingdom of God over the kingdom of the devil, takes place, would better validate these interpretations and vindicate the Bible. That confirming publication is the Book of Mormon, which claims to prophesy the things that will befall America and bring it to its divine destiny. It was printed in 1830, long before the events it predicts happened. While their precise fulfillment may vindicate the book itself, its purpose is to convince the world that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, who saves His people and His kingdom. One way it can achieve that purpose is to more precisely foretell the same events and conditions about America that the Bible prophecies, its salvation, its role in the destruction of Babylon, and its place in the establishment of the kingdom of God on earth. Jesus told His disciples, *"I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he"* (John 13:19). Because the Book of Mormon's prophecies about America clarify and refine the Bible's prophecies, a review of those predictions is worth an investigation, especially if they come to pass as written.

A Great But Proud Nation

The book states that the Gentiles who came to America would conquer and disperse its previous inhabitants. It also claims that some American Indians descended from Israelites. While colonial America drove the Indians from the eastern seaboard, they were not subdued and exiled into reservations, especially in the West, until the second half of the 19th century. The important part of its prophecy is not the subjugation of the Indians, but the disclosure that afterward America would become a mighty nation. It says, *"After all the house of Israel have been scattered and confounded, that the Lord God will raise up a mighty nation among the Gentiles, yea, even upon the face of this land"* (1N 7:15). The United States became a world power after World War II, long after it tamed the West and scattered the Indians. Since then, America has become the world's sole superpower, just as the book reveals: *"The Gentiles who have gone forth out of captivity, and have been lifted up by the power of God above all other nations upon the face of the land, which is choice above all other lands"* (1N 3:176)

The book also predicts that America would begin rejecting the gospel that had compelled their forefathers to both seek religious freedom in the New World and establish a republican form of government. In reviewing the promise that the Lord gave to Abraham, it elaborates, *"In thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed, unto the pouring out of the Holy Ghost through me upon the Gentiles, which blessing upon the Gentiles, shall make them mighty above all, unto the scattering of my people, O house of Israel: and they shall be a scourge unto the people of this land. Nevertheless, when they shall have received the fullness of my gospel, then if they shall harden their hearts against me, I will return their iniquities*

upon their own heads, saith the Father (3N 9:65). While the trend away from Christianity may have begun by the time of the Civil War, it started accelerating after World War II, when America became a world power.

Once America began turning away from the teachings of Jesus Christ, it became a proud nation. The social revolution of the 1960s increased violence, crime, immorality, and family instability. It also enticed many into drug addiction. Our once peaceful and moral country filled with wickedness. The Book of Mormon predicts this development: “*At that day when the Gentiles shall sin against my gospel, and shall reject the fullness of my gospel, and shall be lifted up in the pride of their hearts above all nations, and above all people of the whole earth, and be filled with all manner of lyings, and of deceits, and of mischiefs, and all manner of hypocrisy, and murders, and priestcrafts, and whoredoms, and of secret abominations; and if they shall do all these things, and shall reject the fullness of my gospel, behold, saith the Father, I will bring the fullness of my gospel from among them*” (3N 7:34-35). The loss of the gospel of Jesus Christ among Americans has been happening in America exactly as predicted.

America’s Polarization

Ayn Rand artfully pointed out in her 1957 novel *Atlas Shrugged* that victors seek the sanction of their victims. As Americans lost the gospel, along with its moral standards, previously unsuitable behavior became more acceptable. As it did, proponents of more secular conduct denounced Christian standards, seeking sanction for aberrant activities. Today, Christians are asked to consent to and even endorse behavior that they consider immoral. If they state their moral opinions publicly, they are frequently condemned. The book foretells this development, too: “*For behold, at that day shall he [Satan] rage in the hearts of the children of men, and stir them up to anger against that which is good.*” (2N 12:24).

The debate over new societal standards is part of a larger dispute. America’s older formal, disciplined, and religious perspective is continually jostled by new and revised viewpoints. That friction not only produces contention. It also produces division. The difference of opinion has widened into a gulf. Proponents on one side find it increasingly difficult to discuss differences with their opponents without agitation, frustration, and even accusations. The impersonal nature of social media has greatly increased the polarization. America’s decade-old cultural war has finally divided most citizens and polarized American society. The book also foretells this phenomena when it states, “*For the time speedily cometh, that the Lord God shall cause a great division among the people*” (2N 12:90).

Collusion In America

The conflict between traditional American values and the newly revised morality is not a grassroots effort. It was introduced and is now being driven by a smaller coalition stretching at least two generations back, people who are dedicated to changing America. For a long time, no one had a word to describe this consortium. Nearly 20 years ago, some used the name *globalist*, but it was too general to apply to the specific people involved. This last decade, however, has exposed it enough for an appropriate name to stick: *the deep state*. While a number of people mock the term and deny its existence, a significant number believe it, so much so that the term has gained widespread use.

The Book of Mormon reveals the existence of a conspiracy in America. It contains a history that spans almost a 1000 years. Its last author, whose name was Moroni, had just compiled a short history of the people who had inhabited the land before his people came, intending to include it at the end of the book. Although these previous inhabitants had formed a great nation, they had been destroyed by a secret group who were determined to take away the freedom of all their people. They were bound by oaths of loyalty that extended back in antiquity, *“which had been handed down even from Cain, who was a murderer from the beginning”* (Eth 3:89). Moroni had also personally witnessed the destruction of his own nation by a similar group who were pledged together by the same Satanic oaths.

Moroni completely understood just how dangerous the people who took these oaths of loyalty actually are. He testified that Satan assisted them in achieving their goals. He knew that the book he was finishing would be translated generations later and distributed among immigrant Europeans, whom he called Gentiles, and whom God led to America. He also foresaw that the same secret oaths that destroyed two nations would emerge among those Gentiles and inspire some work together to take away the freedom in which they had been established. Concerned, he spoke directly to those who would receive the book, writing as if he was standing directly in front of them and able to personally warn them that those secret oaths, which he called *secret combinations*, were among them. He warned, *“Wherefore the Lord commandeth you, when ye shall see these things come among you, that ye shall awake to a sense of your awful situation, because of this secret combination which shall be among you, or wo be unto it, because of the blood of them who have been slain; for they cry from the dust for vengeance upon it, and also upon those who build it up. For it cometh to pass that whoso buildeth it up, seeketh to overthrow the freedom of all lands, nations and countries”* (Eth 3:98-99).

The first author of the book, whose name was Nephi, saw the same threat to those who would later come to America, but used a different term. Early in the book, he relates a vision in which he *“beheld this great and abominable church; and I saw the devil that he was the foundation of it”* (1N 3:141). He prophesied against the great and abominable church, which he also called the *mother of abominations*. After seeing its diabolical influence among the Gentiles in the Old World and the escape of devout refugees to the New World, he observed that the oppressor followed them, intending to destroy their freedom and religion: *“I beheld that the great mother of abominations did gather together in multitudes upon the face of all the earth, among all the nations of the Gentiles, to fight against the Lamb of God”* (1N 3:229). At a later time, he explained, *“The Gentiles are lifted up in the pride of their eyes, and have stumbled, because of the greatness of their stumbling block . . . And there are also secret combinations, even as in times of old, according to the combinations of the devil, for he is the foundation of all these things; yea, the foundation of murder, and works of darkness”* (2N 11:90, 93).

Woe to the Conspiracy

The book does not just reveal the appearance of devilish conspirators in America who are united in their intent to destroy freedom and Christianity. It also prophesies its destruction. In Moroni’s same warning, just quoted, he pronounces, *“Wo be unto it, because of the blood of them who have been slain”* (Eth 3:98). Nephi is much clearer: *“Look and behold that great and abominable church, which is the mother of abominations, whose*

founder is the devil" (1N 3:219). He quickly adds, *"I beheld that the wrath of God was poured out upon the great and abominable church"* (1N 3:232). Elsewhere, he states, *"That great and abominable church, shall tumble to the dust, and great shall be the fall of it"* (3N 7:31).

As wickedness advanced in America, first by a decline in both Christian devotion and adherence, and then by an increase in immorality and social disorder, conspirators found numerous helpers in their effort to subvert American culture. Many were ignorant of the conspiracy or how they aided it. They simply pursued their private interests, not realizing that their lack of Christian devotion and discipline multiplied religious apathy and further alienated people from their Christian heritage. As later generations replaced traditionally inclined Americans, society became more willing to embrace and sanction new and previously unacceptable behavior. The spreading spiritual desert, coupled with well-calculated propaganda, produced a more susceptible environment for the conspirators to transform America into the culture, economy, and government that they wanted. It is a conspiracy that must end before America loses sufficient devout Christians to build up the kingdom of God in the appointed land.

Saving Americans

God does not want people to be lost in the beguiling lies that doom them to the same fate that will engulf the conspiracy. For that reason, He exposed it, allowing Americans to see its pervasive reach and negative impact. The book states, *"All things which are hid must be revealed upon the house tops"* (Mor 2:35). It also discloses, *"There is nothing which is secret, save it shall be revealed; there is no work of darkness, save it shall be made manifest in the light; and there is nothing which is sealed upon the earth, save it shall be loosed"* (2N 12:97). Latter-day revelation adds, *"The rebellious shall be pierced with much sorrow, for their iniquities shall be spoken upon the housetops, and their secret acts shall be revealed"* (D&C 1:1c). The disclosure of evil in American culture, from Weinstein to Epstein, is fulfilling these predictions.

The reason that the Lord is exposing the conspiracy and its perversions is to startle people to their present peril. He wants everyone to recognize it, abhor it, and flee it—to separate themselves from it and remove it altogether. The frightful awareness of its existence should cause them to cherish America's past Christian heritage and outlook. After realizing how deceptive and depraved the conspirators are, as well as the bulwark that Christian devotion and discipline provide, they should become more willing to repent, to forsake the lifestyle and culture that the conspiracy is trying to produce. The book states, *"For the kingdom of the devil must shake, and they which belong to it must needs be stirred up unto repentance, or the devil will grasp them with his everlasting chains, and they be stirred up to anger and perish"* (2N 12:23).

The Lord wants the division that is happening in America to prompt people to abandon the conspiracy and its goals. That is why the book contains this invitation, which directly applies to America's current cultural dilemma: *"Turn all ye Gentiles, from your wicked ways, and repent of your evil doings, of your lyings and deceivings, and of your whoredoms, and of your secret abominations, and your idolatries, and of your murders, and your priestcrafts, and your envyings, and your strifes, and from all your wickedness and abominations"* (3N 14:2). The Bible extends the same invitation this way: *"Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues"* (Rev 18:4). Those who choose to ignore the invitation and stubbornly support the efforts of the

conspiracy will be consumed when it is destroyed. The book adds, *“For the time speedily cometh, that the Lord God shall cause a great division among the people; and the wicked will he destroy; and he will spare his people, yea, even if it so be that he must destroy the wicked by fire”* (2N 12:90).

Destroying the Conspiracy

The Lord is exposing the conspiracy that is determined to remove American freedom so that He can separate it and its supporters from the rest of the people. He will not let it succeed, but will complete the purpose for which He led devout Christians to the New World and for which He inspired the formation of their government. The book explains, *“Wherefore, for this cause, that my covenants may be fulfilled, which I have made unto the children of men, that I will do unto them while they are in the flesh, I must needs destroy the secret works of darkness, and of murders, and of abominations”* (2N 7:22).

Jesus explained that at the end of the world, the good will be separated from the bad. He taught, *“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind, which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels; but cast the bad away. So shall it be at the end of the world”* (Matt 13:48-49). Dividing people between those who support the conspiracy and those who abhor it separates out those who prefer Christianity and freedom. The latter are preserved, while the former are destroyed. The book adds, *“And whatsoever nation shall uphold such secret combinations, to get power and gain, until they shall spread over the nation, behold, they shall be destroyed, for the Lord will not suffer that the blood of his saints, which shall be shed by them, shall always cry unto him from the ground for vengeance upon them, and yet he avenge them not”* (Eth 3:95).

As the conspiracy extends itself throughout America, resistance is bringing the problem before the government. The US Constitution contains ways to dismantle and remove it. If the government fails, the Lord will execute His will. He will end the conspiracy! Nephi prophesied, *“The day cometh that the wrath of God is poured out upon the mother of harlots, which is the great and abominable church of all the earth, whose foundation is the devil”* (1N 3:236). He added, *“I beheld that the wrath of God was poured out upon the great and abominable church, insomuch that there were wars and rumors of wars among all the nations and kindreds of the earth”* (1N 3:232).

The conflict will likely threaten the existence of America and its constitution. It may also precipitate the wars and disasters prophesied in the Bible, but the conspiracy will not prevail. Either the government will end it or the Lord will. Part of its destruction will be internal conflict. The book explains, *“For they shall war among themselves, and the sword of their own hands shall fall upon their own heads, and they shall be drunken with their own blood”* (2N 7:27). Then, speaking to those who have embraced Jesus and His gospel, who are Israelites by faith, He adds, *“And every nation which shall war against thee, O house of Israel, shall be turned one against another. And they shall fall into the pit which they digged to ensnare the people of the Lord. And all that fight against Zion, shall be destroyed. And the great whore, who hath perverted the right ways of the Lord; yea, that great and abominable church, shall tumble to the dust, and great shall be the fall of it”* (2N 7:28-31).

Saving America

Nathan's prophecy, which he gave to King David, promises that the enemies of the Lord's people, who oppressed them in Palestine, will have no power to oppress them in the appointed land. He said, "*Neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them anymore, as before time*" (2 Sam 7:10). Not only did God deliver America from European powers in the French and Indian Wars, the Revolutionary War, and the War of 1812, but He continued to protect it from other nations, such as the French effort in 1864 to establish a monarchy in Mexico and Russia's attempt to send missiles to Cuba in 1962. The Book of Mormon promises, "*I will fortify this land against all other nations; and he that fighteth against Zion, shall perish, saith God; for he that raiseth up a king against me, shall perish*" (2N 7:19-20). This protection includes delivering America from the present plot—from the deep state.

The Lord will not allow the conspiracy to defeat Christianity nor overcome those who believe and follow Jesus. He will protect His people. The book promises, "*For behold, the righteous shall not perish; for the time surely must come, that all they who fight against Zion, shall be cut off*" (1N 7:41-42). The means of the Lord's protection is powerful, but at first glance apparently antithetical. After prophesying the existence of secret combinations among all Gentile nations, including America, the Book of Mormon reveals that the Lord will arm His people: "*I beheld that the great mother of abominations did gather together in multitudes upon the face of all the earth, among all the nations of the Gentiles, to fight against the Lamb of God. And it came to pass that I, Nephi, beheld the power of the Lamb of God, that it descended upon the saints of the church of the Lamb, and upon the covenant people of the Lord, who were scattered upon all the face of the earth; and they were armed with righteousness and with the power of God in great glory*" (1N 3:229-232).

The armament with which the Lord clothes His people to protect them from the threat that the conspiracy, which intends to circumvent the Constitution, control the government, curtail American freedom, and suppress Christianity, is not so much physical weapons, but righteousness as bestowed by the Holy Ghost. The Lord will pour out His Spirit on His people. He calls them *the saints of the church of the Lamb, and upon the covenant people of the Lord*. This is the baptism "*with fire, and with the Holy Ghost*" (John 1:29) about which John the Baptist spoke, the baptism of fire that his cousin would give. Jesus bestows it on all who believe Him, follow Him, and are baptized for a remission of their sins (Acts 2:38). While that abiding presence is a comforting and guiding light to the Lord's people, the endowment that is promised is a more powerful and unusual event. It is symbolized in Gideon's 300, who blew the trumpet and broke the pitchers that hid the light within. The startled enemy fought among itself, while the survivors fled (Judg 7:20-22), taking with them the invading threat.

When the Holy Ghost descends, it will arm the Lord's people with sufficient power to act righteously in the face of blatant wickedness. It will also burn around and within the oppressors with such power that they will flee its presence, warring with each other as the retreat. While Nephi's prophecy does not negate a more physical struggle, including disasters and armed conflict, it reveals that the important ingredient that insures the victory is the endowment of the Holy Ghost. That fire is as real as any other and will, like the three Hebrews in Nebuchadnezzar's furnace (Dan 3:25), preserve the faithful while consuming the wicked, like what Nebuchadnezzar's fire did to the guards who threw in the three children. The Book of Mormon explains, "*Wherefore, he will preserve the righteous by his power, even if it be so that the fullness of his wrath must come, and the righteous be*

preserved, even unto the destruction of their enemies by fire. Wherefore, the righteous need not fear; for thus saith the prophet, They shall be saved, even if it so be as by fire” (1N 7:36-37).

Jesus Manifest Again

The Book of Mormon reveals that after Jesus is manifest among the Jews and from them revealed to the Gentiles, He will later manifest Himself to the Gentiles and then the Jews. Nephi wrote, *“The time cometh that he shall manifest himself unto all nations, both unto the Jews, and also unto the Gentiles; and after he has manifested himself unto the Jews and also unto the Gentiles; then he shall manifest himself unto the Gentiles, and also unto the Jews, and the last shall be first, and the first shall be last” (1N 3:198-200).* The reference of the Jews first and the Gentiles second refers to Jesus’ first advent, when He came as a baby born of a virgin. The second manifestation is reversed, with the manifestation of Jesus being first to the Gentiles and then the Jews. For what purpose is this second set of manifestations?

Nephi provided an answer when he wrote, *“If the Gentiles shall hearken unto the Lamb of God in that day that he shall manifest himself unto them in word, and also in power, in very deed, unto the taking away of their stumbling-blocks, and harden not their hearts against the Lamb of God, they shall be numbered among the seed of thy father; yea, they shall be numbered among the house of Israel; and they shall be a blessed people upon the promised land for ever; they shall be no more brought down into captivity” (1N 3:201-204).* One stumbling block that looms before the Gentiles in America today is the deep state—that present-day conspiracy against freedom. Jesus will remove it by manifesting Himself *“in word, and also in power, in very deed.”* Those Gentiles, or American citizens, who do not harden their hearts against His intervention, will be blessed in the land of the free and never again *“brought into captivity.”*

According to latter-day revelation, the prospect of bondage with which the deep state currently threatens Americans requires God to raise up a man like Moses. It says, *“The redemption of Zion must needs come by power; therefore I will raise up unto my people a man, who shall lead them like as Moses led the children of Israel, for ye are the children of Israel, and of the seed of Abraham; and ye must needs be led out of bondage by power, and with a stretched out arm; and as your fathers were led at the first, even so shall the redemption of Zion be” (D&C 100:3d-e).*

Who is this deliverer of Zion, this man like Moses? Jesus told the ancient Americans, *“This people will I establish in this land, unto the fulfilling of the covenant which I made with your father Jacob; and it shall be a new Jerusalem. And the powers of heaven shall be in the midst of this people; yea, even I will be in the midst of you. Behold, I am he of whom Moses spake, saying, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me, him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass that every soul who will not hear that prophet, shall be cut off from among the people” (3N 9:58-61).* Not only did Jesus deliver His people from Satan and the power of death when He came in the flesh and bore the sins of the world on the cross, but He will deliver His people who are almost overcome by the devilish conspiracy in America aimed at ending freedom and Christianity.

Jesus, the architect of His people’s salvation, is the deliverer of Zion. He is the one who will eradicate the conspiracy and remove its supporters. He is the one who will

preserve His people by the power of His righteousness and the armament of His Spirit. The same revelation that promises the future appearance of a man like Moses adds, *"Therefore, let not your hearts faint, for I say not unto you as I said unto your fathers, Mine angel shall go up before you, but not my presence; but I say unto you, Mine angels shall go before you, and also my presence, and in time ye shall possess the goodly land"* (D&C 100:3f). It is the presence of Jesus leading His people that delivers them from the bondage into which the deep state intends to place Americans.

The Lord's intervention, which manifests His presence, is referenced in John's Revelation. After describing how the nations will *"gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty"* (Rev 16:15) and immediately before Armageddon, John inserts, *"Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame"* (Rev 16:16). The manifestation of Jesus to end the conspiracy will be as surprising as a thief who comes by night, but it will arouse the watchful to repentance so that they can participate in the salvation that Jesus brings to America.

God Is Vindicated

The intervention of Jesus Christ in destroying the secret works of darkness vindicates Him. He is the Son of God, the Redeemer and Deliverer of His people, who died, lives again, and more recently conquered the conspiracy that reaches back through Rome, Greece, Persia, Babylon, Babel, and the flood, to Cain and his oath with the devil. Everyone on earth will witness the victory. None will fail to realize their salvation and the fact that God achieved it. Isaiah foretold it: *"The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God"* (Is 52:10).

When the victory is complete and Jesus' supremacy is universally recognized, doubt will disappear and faith abound. As faith breaks forth in the minds of all who remain, Christian morals, devotion, and discipline will blossom. Everyone will receive a new heart and a new spirit that helps them develop into productive citizens in God's earthly kingdom. Ezekiel prophesied it: *"Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them"* (Ezek 36:25-27).

While the Lord will forever eliminate the secret oaths that have bound opponents of freedom and devotion in clandestine pacts, not only with each other, but also with the devil, which agreements are in opposition to the Lord, His people, and His purposes, He will destroy it in such way that He saves everyone who refuses the conspiracy. His love is unfathomable and His justice patiently applied. He slowly and purposely uncovered the conspiracy. The unhurried disclosure was carried out in a way that would not accuse or offend many who were lost in the ways of the world, but it was sufficiently shocking to arouse them and cause them to resist it. As they did, they learned the value of the Christian foundations that brought America into existence and guided her union. While many still remain confused by the propaganda that the conspiracy relentlessly broadcasts and do not always know how to respond, in the end, the good will resist it. The Lord will receive and augment their token response by removing their doubt and increasing their affection for traditional American values. When the Lord unveils His arm of salvation in the eyes of the

entire world, they will receive the outpouring of the Holy Ghost in such abundant power and unimagined consequences that it will end confusion. In this way, all but the most stubborn will find place in the Lord's kingdom. The criteria for inclusion is repentance, submission to the holy kingdom, and refusal to join the conspiracy. The book promises, *"Blessed are the Gentiles, they of whom the prophet has written: for behold, if it so be that they shall repent and fight not against Zion, and do not unite themselves to that great and abominable church, they shall be saved"* (2N 5:30-31).