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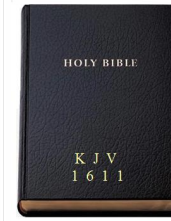
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Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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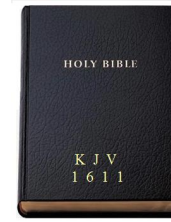


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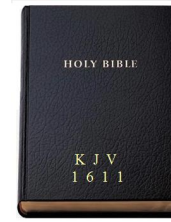
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- There are more Jews living in the USA (6.6 million) than any other nation in the world except Israel (7 million)
- The USA has sided with Israel in all of the wars with it's Muslim neighbors and been it's primary supplier of arms
- As a result, the Lord blessed the USA
- But lost people do not naturally revere the Lord (Psa 33:12), regard righteousness (Pro 14:34), and respect the nation of Israel (Gen 12:3), so there must be another cause, something deeper, that has historically influenced the convictions and conversation of the nation

2. The church has been **FAITHFUL** to it's calling

- The **PROSPERITY** of the USA is not it's only unprecedented characteristic, so also is it's **PEOPLE**
- From it's formation to the present day, no single nation in history has ever been home to such a large concentration and proportion of born-again Christians than the USA

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- This is no coincidence or accident, but the fulfillment of divine purpose
- Recall, the Lord prepared a LANGUAGE (English) for his WORD and a LAND (the USA) for his WORK to be carried out by the church FREELY in the last days cf. (John 8:36; Gal 4:26; Rev 22:17)
- The Lord did not call the USA out from among the nations to be his nation, but he did call out the CHURCH (Gr. ekklesia= “called out ones”) (Acts 15:14)
- The Lord has called the church to be a holy SPIRITUAL nation just as he called the children of Israel to be a holy PHYSICAL nation

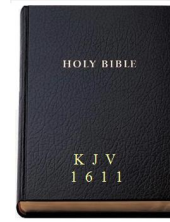
1 Pet 2:9

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:

Exo 19:6

And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

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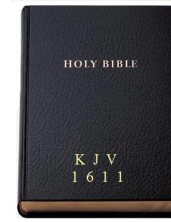
- This calling entails faithfully **PREACHING** the word of God (Matt 28:19), **PRACTICING** godly living (Tit 2:12), and **PRAYING** for the lost and our leaders (1 Tim 2:1-2)
- This calling also entails maintaining a degree of **SEPARATION** (2 Cor 6:14,17) because the wheat and the tares may grow together (Matt 13:30), but they are not supposed to mingle
- To the extent the church is faithful to this calling, the lives of individuals, families, communities, and the nation will be impacted and blessings will follow
- If the church is the light (Matt 5:16) it should be, more people will **COME IN** to the light, and the majority of those who do not will at least **COVER UP** (Eph 5:11-13), rather than **COMBAT** the light (Job 24:13)

John 3:20-21

20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd.

21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

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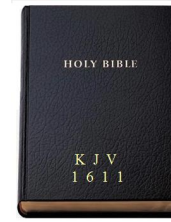
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- The faithfulness of Joseph and Daniel, and the even the reluctant faithfulness of Jonah, positively influenced the beliefs and behaviors of those in Egypt, Babylon, Persia, and Assyria that the Lord blessed those nations
- Consequently, the church has always possessed the power to determine the course and destiny of this nation (and every nation) regardless of the fact there are tares growing with the wheat
- History itself also bears witness that the FORTUNE of the nation is dependent upon the FAITHFULNESS of the church, and the FAITHFULNESS of the church is dependent upon it's FAITH in the word
- It is no coincidence that the fortune of the USA accelerated during the Philadelphia ("brotherly love") church period (1700-1900) (Rev 3:7-13)
- This is the church of the OPEN DOOR, which represents the opportunity to present the gospel; and the church that KEPT THE WORD of God

Rev 3:8

I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

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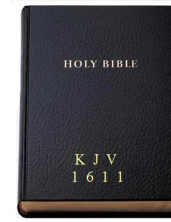
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- During this time there were three “Great Awakenings” (1731-1755; 1790-1840; and 1850-1900), the greatest missionary movement the world has ever known, and more souls saved than all the rest of history
- It was also the time the church preached and taught from ONE English Bible, the KJV, and believed it was the word of God
- Those who faithfully labored in the field during this time included Jonathan Edwards, Charles Finney, Peter Cartwright, R.A. Torrey, D.L. Moody, David Brainerd, and Adoniram Judson
- Satan attempted to hinder the work by producing new heresies within the USA such as Mormonism (1830), Theosophy (1871), Jehovah’s Witnesses (1872), and Christian Science (1879) and exporting them to the world

Note: The founders of Mormonism (Joseph Smith) and Jehovah’s Witnesses (Charles Taze Russell) had direct ties to Freemasonry, while the founders of Theosophy (Helena Blavatsky) and Christian Science (Mary Baker Eddy) were women cf. (1 Tim 2:12)

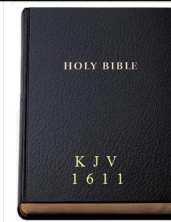
- But the church called out these heresies and perversions of truth for what they were and took an uncompromised stand for the work and word of God (Rev 3:9)

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- The pervasive influence of the church is the reason why the rest of the world viewed the USA as a CHRISTIAN nation
- The faithfulness of the church to preach, practice, and pray influenced the beliefs and behaviors of the nation to the extent the USA fulfilled the conditions of all three promises of national blessing to an unprecedented degree (Psa 33:12; Pro 14:34; Gen 12:3)
- As a result, the Lord blessed and prospered the USA to an unprecedented degree



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