



The Declaration of Independence & the Sovereignty of God

Daniel 2:20-22

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A: Thomas Jefferson

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A: 2nd Continental Congress

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A: The right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

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Facebook apologizes after labeling part of Declaration of Independence 'hate speech'

CNN Politics - July 5, 2018

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“A great civilization is not conquered from without until it has destroyed itself from within.” – Will & Ariel Durant

Outline



God is sovereign

Our country does have an intended Biblical foundation

We are responsible for its maintenance.

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“Gentlemen, I have lived a long time and am convinced that God governs in the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? I move that prayer imploring the assistance of Heaven be held every morning before we proceed to business.” (Franklin)

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“Blessed” (berak): to kneel in honor of; to bless and praise

“be the Name”: God's character and attributes

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“Wisdom”: capacity for proper decision-making

“Might”: the power of God to reveal His secrets

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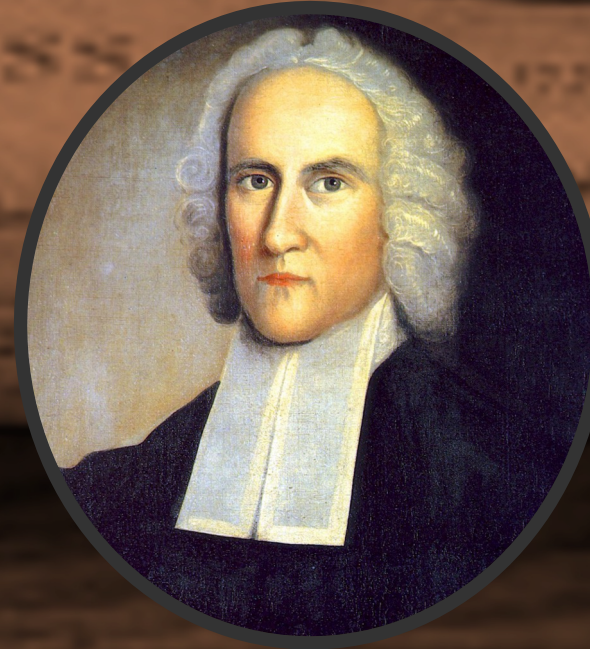
“times & seasons”: epochs – time marked by an event that begins a new period...

– “It is He who controls the procession of times and seasons...” (NJB)

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The Great Awakening

Jonathan Edwards:



“Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God”

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The Great Awakening

"...amazing and astonishing: the power [of] God was seen and several souls were hopefully wrought upon that night, and oh the cheerfulness and pleasantness of their countenances that received comfort. Oh that God would strengthen and confirm [their new faith]!"

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The Great Awakening

George Whitfield



"...it seemed as if all the world were growing religious so that one could not walk through the town in an evening without hearing psalms sung in different families of every street." – Ben Franklin

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Dan 4:17

Dan 4:32

Pro 8:15-16

Rom 13:1

“The State of MONARCHIE is the supremest thing upon earth: For Kings are not only GOD'S Lieutenants upon earth, and sit upon GOD'S throne, but even by GOD himself they are called GODS.” (King George III)

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“He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.”

1Kings 3:7,9

1Kings 4:29

James 1:5

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“The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity. I will avow that I then believed, and now believe, that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God.” - John Adams

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"It can not be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians, not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ!"

- Patrick Henry

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“The cause of America is in a great measure the cause of all mankind. Where, some say, is the king of America? I’ll tell you, friend, He reigns above.”
- Thomas Paine

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“No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand which conducts the affairs of men more than the people of the United States.” - George Washington

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“The interposition of Divine Providence in our Favour (has) been most abundantly and most graciously manifested, and the Citizens of these United States have every Reason for Praise and Gratitude to the God of their Salvation.”

- John Hancock

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Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect God is just, that his justice cannot sleep forever"

–Thomas Jefferson

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“Precious People, I have lived a long time and am convinced that God governs in the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that a nation He birthed can be sustained without His aid? I move that prayer imploring the assistance of Heaven be held every morning before we proceed to business.”

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