Deploying Kingdom Governance

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"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, . . ." Psalm 107:2 (Voting is "saying so"!) Deployment #2

The Organic, Foundational Documents: The Declaration of Independence Pt.1

There were about a dozen formative documents and events in the 550 years from the signing of the *Magna Carta Libertatum* (Big Charter of Liberties) by King John of England, in June of 1215 AD, until the signing of the *Declaration of Independence* in Philadelphia on or about July 4, 1776 AD. The first document was a note from King John granting certain liberties to his vassals etc. The second document was a complaint about King George III, of the same country, over half a millennium later, and 3,371 miles away. It was a notice to God and every nation, containing a laundry-list of liberties denied the colonists, by The Crown, who were not being treated as British Subjects.

The so-called "Intolerable Acts" offended the colonists not so much in their severity as by their punitive arrogance as punishment for the Boston Tea Party. The Crown called them "The Coercive Acts" intended by the Royal Thought-Police to change the attitude of Bostonians. Today we would call them "Economic Sanctions". They were tiny irritating grains of coercive sand that caused the oyster of The Mother Country, Great Britain, to produce a pearl that grew into the United States of America. However, the true treasure that emerged out of our separation from the British mother-of-pearl Empire was Thomas Jefferson's elegantly phrased reasons why we were impelled to separate from England. Jefferson listed the God-given reasons found in the Bible as the why and wherefor of our birth as an independent nation. The Constitution would tell us how, and the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 would describe where, but the Declaration was why.

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God¹ entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident², that all men are created equal³, that they are endowed by their Creator⁴ with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life⁵, Liberty⁶ and the pursuit of Happiness.—

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What were they thinking? Whatever possessed a tiny band of ne'er-do-well, disorganized, colonists to challenge the most powerful empire in the world? Or was it not "whatever", but rather, **Forever**, the **Eternal Holy Spirit of the Living God**? Jefferson was not a dispassionate deist, as the leftist academics have misled us to believe. He was rather the founder of The Virginia Bible Society, regularly attended Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg. As President, Jefferson held as one of his closest friends, "crazy" Lorenzo Dow, the firebrand evangelist from whom more people heard the Gospel than anyone else near the end of the 18th Century.

Jefferson often wrote his testimony of being a Christian to many correspondents; for example;

"I am a real Christian – that is to say, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus Christ." 7

It was the fulness of time for God to create These United States of America.

¹ Our founders presumed the existence of God without debate. Today we could not craft anything close to this Declaration.

² Not so much in these last days of virtual Biblical illiteracy and unfounded skepticism. cf II Peter 3:1-9

³ "He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works." Psalm 33:15 Equality only comes from The Creator

⁴ Not by any man-made system of government nor any earthly king or potentate; "No King but King Jesus!"

⁵ Not abortion or euthanasia or assisted suicide. We are Pro-Life because the Baby should be granted the right to choose.

⁶ The Liberty Bell has an engraved Bible verse from Leviticus 25:10, "*Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all inhabitants thereof.*"

⁷ Thomas Jefferson, The Writings of Thomas Jefferson, Albert Ellery Bergh, editor (Washington, D.C.: The Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association, 1904), Vol. XIV, p. 385, to Charles Thomson on The 9th of January, *Anno Domino*, 1816..

"And He changeth the times and the seasons: He removeth kings, and setteth up kings: He giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:"

Daniel 2:21.

Philadelphia became the epicenter of the greatest worldwide Christian missions explosion of all time! Take a moment, sit back and contemplate the immense impact this one sheet of paper has had on the entire population of the world.

It was all about Freedom:

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:36

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Give Us Free from the Movie *Amistad* 1997

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Braveheart Movie CLIP - They Will Never Take Our Freedom (1995)

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George Washington Reads The Declaration of Independence from *The Sons of Liberty*

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