

Did you know that **America is not founded on the declaration of Independence and Constitution?...**

**Those documents were founded on the culture of the people that were already in America at the time of their writings... and they were a reflection and a result of who we had already become and chose to become as a nation yet to be united.**

Samuel de Champlain Voyages to America in 1604 and sets up **the first Virginia Colony in 1606**

Three ships, the Godspeed, the discovery, and the Constance all sailed into Chesapeake Bay near Cape Henry Virginia.

John Smith was the captain of the voyage **and the first thing they did upon coming to dry land was to erect a cross on dry land to worship and give thanks.**

**They then created the first Charter, or official Document ever on file with regard to the formation of America. It was known as the First Charter of Virginia.. IT READS:**

- a. We, greatly commending and graciously accepting of their desires to the furtherance of so noble a work which may, **by the providence of Almighty God, hereafter tend to the glory of His Divine Majesty in propagating of Christian religion to such people as yet live in darkness and miserable ignorance of the true knowledge and worship of God...**
- b. **Translation: The charter contains only one statement of purpose, a religious mission: "propagating of Christian religion".** King James also intended to spread Christianity to those already living in what was to become the English colonies. "in propagating of Christian Religion to such People, as yet live in Darkness and miserable Ignorance of the true Knowledge and Worship of God, and may in time bring the Infidels and Savages,

**Later in 1620 the mayflower set sail and landed on Plymouth Rock, Mass.**

- a. **These "separatist" were the Pilgrims that you read about, and they were radical Christians converted from Judaism, and the first thanksgiving meal that we celebrate today was actually a celebration of the Succot, a Jewish feast!**
- b. **Before even getting off the ship, they prayed and formed what would be known as the Mayflower Compact 1620, which read:**
  - i. **In The Name of God, Amen.** We, whose names are underwritten, the Loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord King James, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the

Faith, & Having undertaken for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith, and the Honor of our King and Country, a Voyage to plant the first colony in the northern Parts of Virginia; Do by these Presents, solemnly and mutually in the Presence of God and one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil Body Politick, for our better Ordering and Preservation, and Furtherance of the Ends aforesaid;

So imagine if there was a place in this world that was to be a Christian utopia a landmark for all Christians a lighthouse of Christianity to the world ... A city truly set up on a hill ....well there was, that was America

Not only that, but this was founded to be a new Israel, which was scattered at that time.

These founders and original settlers even discussed making Hebrew our native language. So let's always recognize that our Christian roots as a nation are connected to both God and Israel...

I'm not going to take up too much time with this section, but it is our Nations birthday and I need to get this in so you truly know what we are celebrating and the relationship to Gods Kingdom...

What about the other charters and states founding documents?

Connecticut was started by a pastor by the name of Thomas hooker in 1636 1637, as many of our states today were...

He preached a sermon from Deuteronomy and pronounced that we are to set Godly leaders in our government...

and our Declaration of Independence that we have today is actually inspired and based in part on that very sermon, but you won't read that in history books... And he also preached that very sermon America shall be as a city upon a hill... President Ronald Ragan echoed this sermon in one of his most famous speeches.

New Hampshire was also chartered and founded by a pastor

What about Delaware? Delaware was founded in 1638 not by a politician, but by a pastor.

Rhode Island. Came into existence because there was a young pastor named Roger Williams, who migrated there from the Massachusetts bay colony and he was given a land by God - and knowing that the hand of God was upon him, he called that place Providence

We, the people of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, grateful to Almighty God for the civil and religious liberty which He hath so long permitted us to enjoy, and looking to Him for a blessing upon our endeavors to secure and to transmit the same, unimpaired, to succeeding generations

### Why does Carolina Exist?

Theirs says... being excited for the zeal on the propagation of the gospel we humbly sort leave of ourselves to go and help those that have no knowledge of the Almighty....

Let's go to **New Jersey** which was part of New England and originally colonized under their Charter.. **a group of church members migrated down and founded New Jersey for the advancement and propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to carry out their own affairs according to Godly Government in 1697**

The original governor of New Jersey and one of our founding documents wrote that all laws will be made under the governance and guidance of Almighty God

**Proverbs 14:34 is inscribed into the Government Seal and it states: Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.**

**OH< how far they have strayed...**

**New York...** Was not the center of the world then, not the economic icon it is today... **It was began in 1626 by a Pastor of the Dutch Reform Church ....** It was actually in two parts, First being New Amsterdam and the other New Netherland **and the very first entry into any record of this state was a prayer that states: “..Graciously incline our hearts oh God that we exercise the power that You have given us to the good of the community, and for the maintenance of your church..” That's why New York exists !**

### CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

When all of the colonies had come together in 1643 for the first time, it was under one group, and they stated that we the colonies of America have come together for this one purpose, **namely, it would advance the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. And to enjoy the liberties of the Gospel in peace.**

Because of these founding settlers that were converted, and the Christian roots (I didn't even get into 1776!) are the reasons why America has roots spiritual and physical from Israel and this is why we have an attachment to Israel that many people can't even explain, **and that's why we have been protected by Almighty God**  
**God blesses those who bless the Jews**

- ii. Proverbs 14:34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

Lets continue real fast forward 100 years to 1700's ...

And **when the time came to build a constitution to build a unified nation ...** The convention entrusted to this task was on the verge of collapsing...They were on the edge of rupturing because they were in disagreement.. George Washington was despairing that they would never become a nation because they couldn't get into agreement... **But then, a man, who was then a stranger to most of them, stood up and asked permission to speak...**

**The man was Benjamin Franklin..** He rose up and this is what he said:

**"The small progress we made after 4-5 weeks, with each other, is sad proof, of the imperfection of human understanding... In this situation, of this assembly, with us groping as it were in the dark to find political truth that we can hardly distinguish it to us, how has it happened Sir, that we have not thought of humbly applying to the Father of Lights to illuminate our understanding.. In the beginning of our contest with Brittan, we had daily prayers... in this very room, for divine protection, ... Our prayers Sir, were graciously answered and all of us who were engaged in this struggle, must have observed frequent instances of supernatural providing, of providence in our favor.**

**Have we now forgotten, this powerful Friend? Or do we imagine, we don't need His assistance anymore? I have lived a long time, and the longer I live, the more convinced I am, that God governs the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice.. Is it probable, that an empire can rise without His aid?**

**I believe that without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this building, no better than the builders of Babel.**

**We shall be divided by our little interest and our project shall be confounded and we ourselves shall become a reproach and a byword to future ages, I therefore BEG, that we Let Prayers Be Lifted Up.to God, for this assembly,**

**Then He sat down...**

**And what the witness said... (recorders of the meeting)**

**That they never saw Washington's face like that ever before, He was so changed by it...**

**That it was the turning point of the convention.**

**And from that time onward, the convention proceeded, and America was founded..**

Now Franklin, not only gave a word of encouragement, but also gave a word of warning...

He said that the sacred writings assure us

**That except the Lord build a house, they labor in vein who build it.**

Here's a tidbit:

It was during this time that evangelism was spreading in the Colonies by great preachers such as John Wesley who was pioneering churches and raising up pastors throughout the land...

One such church was what was founded as the First Asbury Church in Richmond, NY... John Wesley commissioned a reverend Coke, who was the first black pastor in colonies, in launching this church building site. On the board of that church sat 2 people with the last name Decker.. they sowed the first \$50 into the building of the church... this was Lisas Great, great, great, great? Grandparents... that church is still standing today and has changed hands and was purchased 100 years later in the 70's by New Pastors Fred and Judy Reinglas, my parents, and renamed SonRise Faith Church still thrives today.. but the funny part of the story is that Lisa and I met on the front seats of that church, neither of us ever knowing the history!

Much of what I am saying is in the movie Awakening..

Two years after this conference, America became a Nation as we know it, and George Washington was voted in and inaugurated as the first president of these United States of America...