Fellowship Church, Adult Sunday School Handout May 24, 2020 / W.H.

Intro: We can see the Forest, the Trees, and the Tree - changing quickly.

Title: The Strong link between Memorial Day, the Bible, and the Rise and Fall of the United States

 Compare the U.S. history with Israel in Jeremiah 34-35

In 1863 during the Civil War Abraham Lincoln wrote in the Gettysburg address *we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth*. One year later Arlington Cemetery began. Four years later at Arlington Cemetery Union General Logan proclaimed the first major Decoration Day to honor those who died “in defense of their country during the late rebellion.” In the clear background was God’s hand to bless the rising nation by the literal interpretation of the Bible concerning slavery in Leviticus 25:10, written on the State Bell of Philadelphia, named the Liberty Bell 52 years after the Civil War ended, in 1835.

*Jeremiah 34. King Zedekiah sets the Slaves Free, then the People Re-capture the Slaves. Too little too late.*

Note: verse 14. At the end of seven years--that is, not on the *eighth* year, but within the limit of the seventh year, not later than the end of the seventh year (Ex 21:2; 23:10; De 15:12). **Judah was a falling nation.**

Did you know Lincoln borrowed the now-famous three-part phrase from the prologue of the [John Wycliffe Bible](http://volokh.com/posts/1233080986.shtml), written in 1384, **“The Bible is for the Government of the People, by the People, and for the People”** He is known as The Morning Star (or rising) of the Reformation.

President Woodrow Wilson wrote in the Preface of pocket Bibles passed out by the thousands to American soldiers sailing across the Atlantic to fight in France and Belgium during World War I: "The Bible is the Word of Life. I beg that you will read it and find this out for yourselves, -read, not little snatches here and there, but long passages that will really be the road to the heart of it.

Jeremiah 35 *Title: The Rechabites Example of Listening to and Obeying their Father (200 years ago)*

*The founding fathers of our nation developed a Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights based on the God of the Bible and “We the People”, the Congress authorized it’s printing in 1782, the Aitken Bible – KJV, 66 books.*

*Until 1971 each state celebrated Memorial Day in its unique way and time until nationalized by Congress for the last Monday in May. Original Constitutionalists such as Neil Gorsuch just published a book “A Republic – if you can keep it.” A solid conservative Catholic, same as the star of the movie series “The Chosen”. Music and movies must all be examined with what does the Bible say. Discerning between our soul and our spirit – Hebrews 4:12.*

*An indicator if our nation is rising or falling is the policies and the actions of our king toward our founding fathers, the Bible, and Memorial Day. As individual New Testament believers our hope lies with the King of Kings, our Lord Jesus Christ. Let’s turn to Two New Testament verses that link our past with our present and our future.*

**1Co 10:11** Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are **written** for **our admonition**, upon whom the ends of the world are come. (ensamples from Latin, Greek is typos – model for good or instance for warning) **Ro 15:4** For whatsoever things were **written** aforetime were written for **our learning**, that we through patience and comfort **of the scriptures** might have **hope**.

Series: The Kings of Israel, examples for our Learning and Admonition (lesson 1 of 12), Saul

**Title: A Weak Foundation Causes a Weak Life**

**I Samuel 8-15 King Saul. Weak foundation. Man chose, not God.** Outward appearance rather than inward appearance. To be like other nations. The people chose the desires of their heart and God sent leanness of soul. Son and Daughter sided with David, disobedience in battle, seeked a witch for help. Saul went steadily downward until suicide. **Saul’s name is not mentioned in the New Testament.** Continual backsliding until death. James 1:15 Lust-sin-death. Acts 5, 1 Cor 5.

Application: I must learn and be admonished from what is written about the examples of Saul, David, and Solomon to what is right (obedience) and what is wrong (sin), so **we** through **patience and comfort of the scriptures** might have hope. Hope is the confidence of a heavenly kingdom that awaits the children of God and preparing to enter that kingdom.