

# ***“Thanksgiving Day in America”***

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**The LORD God spoke the following WARNING through His servant Moses to His people Israel—**

**“And they (*curses*) shall be upon you for a SIGN and a WONDER, and on your descendants forever, because you did NOT SERVE the LORD your God with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything!” Deuteronomy 28:45-47**

## **“America in Bible Prophecy”**

**T**he last Thursday in November in each year has been set aside as a National Day of Thanksgiving to God for this great country that has been blessed with such rich and bountiful blessings by Him as no nation has ever been blessed (*Genesis 48:9-20; 49:22-26*).



The dates for its observance have varied—going back to the first President of this Nation, George Washington—and even further back to the pilgrims who first landed in this country.

All of whom gave credit and thanksgiving to God Almighty for this land of religious freedom and the bountiful blessings within it.

### **The Birth of America**

The birth of this nation began with the establishment of the colonies who had sailed from Britain in 1620.

History records this was the beginning birth pangs of what came to be the United States of America.

Three great presidents of America, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan, spoke and wrote of its greatness and the great dangers threatening its existence as a nation. First, note its beginning history.

**TOMORROW'S WORLD Magazine, November 1971—**

## **THANKSGIVING DAY – IT'S TRUE MEANING**

**“The first thanksgiving day originated with the festival being held by Plymouth Colony in 1621, in gratitude for a successive harvest. The pilgrims from England had landed at Plymouth Rock in December, 1620 and had endured a hard year.**

**“On that first ‘Thanksgiving Day’ they THANKED God they were still alive and had food to eat. The pilgrims RECOGNIZED God as the SOURCE of their blessings.**



**“They held that first ‘THANKSGIVING DAY’ IN GRATITUDE AND THANKS TO GOD. The Pilgrims had cause to be very thankful to God for many and varied reasons.” End of Quotes**

### **America Today**

For the most part Americans give little, if any, thought to the terrible price those pioneers paid to bring about the birth of this nation, nor do they even think of God on THANKSGIVING DAY, much less actually PRAY AND GIVE HEARTFELT THANKS TO THE GIVER OF EVERY GOOD BLESSING, GOD IN HEAVEN ABOVE (*James 1:17*).

### **A Historical Review of America**

The following quotes are taken from the Book: ***THE DESTINY OF BRITAIN AND AMERICA*** by the Roadbuilder, Lt. Col. W. G. McKendrick, DSO, January 1926. As far as I know this was the 6<sup>th</sup> and last printing of it. However, this book is still available on the internet as noted here:

<http://www.buy.com/prod/the-destiny-of-britain-andamerica-with-an-appendix-who-are-the/q/loc/106/212369809.html>

### ***THE DESTINY OF BRITAIN AND AMERICA, Excerpts from Pages 142-147***

“. . . The Pilgrims left Plymouth (England) and started across the ocean in the ‘Mayflower’ and the ‘Speedwell.’” On two occasions they had to sail back to England because of the unseaworthiness of the ‘Speedwell’; and they finally had to give up the ‘Speedwell’, sell part of their provisions, and overcrowd the ‘Mayflower’ when they bade their final start, September 6-16, 1620, for Virginia.

“The ‘Mayflower’ had a tough passage [*a 66-day voyage with 102 people on board, a baby was born at sea, making a total of 103*], encountering many gales, in one of which her main beam was broken. But one of the Pilgrims had a jack screw and with this a repair was made and the voyage was continued.



They made land November 9-19, 1620 at Cape Cod. The crew refused to sail down the coast in the teeth of the November gales, and the Pilgrims had to land and stay in Massachusetts though their patent was only for Virginia.

“Right here, may I mention how Providence guided these people and took care of them. *HAD THEY LANDED ON ANY OTHER SECTION OF THE COAST* than where they did, *THEY COULD HAVE NEVER SURVIVED THE WINTER AND THE INDIANS!* A PLAGUE had struck this section of country two years before and WIPED OUT THE INDIANS but LEFT in a cave some eight bushels of Indian corn, which the Pilgrims used for seed for the season 1621, as they brought none from England.

“On December 25<sup>th</sup> they commenced their first house. During that first winter they ENDURED many hardships and lost their governor and one/half colony by death and the rest were so weakened that had the warlike Indians of the other parts of the coast been in this section of country, the Pilgrims could not possibly have survived.

“As early as 1623 these Englishmen kept days for fasting, humiliation, and PRAYER, and in 1627 passed an ordinance:

**‘That it be in the power of the governor and assistants to COMMAND solemn days of humiliation, AND ALSO FOR THANKSGIVING,’** and since then their American descendants have eaten the November **TURKEY AND CRANBERRY**, with or without the forementioned humiliation and PRAYER attachments and in many cases I’m afraid have ***FORGOTTEN*** WHAT THEIR PREDESSORS KNEW in their

souls, namely, that God has been and still was LOOKING AFTER THEM and 'PROSPERING THEIR UNDERTAKINGS,' as your Great Seal of State with it's all-seeing eye declares." [My emphasis throughout]

[**COMMENT:** Certainly God was looking out for these people FOR a very SPECIAL REASON that we will shortly come to see in this writing.]

"About March 16, 1621, an Indian called Samoset came to the Puritan settlement. He could speak a little English [question: from whom did he learn to speak English? Answer later] and proved to be, they wrote, 'A Special Instrument sent of God for their good, beyond expectation.' He told them HOW to plant THE CORN they found left by the plague-killed Indians, where to fish for the fish so necessary for them to live and helped in divers manners as long as he lived."



"By the time all their corn was planted, all their vituals [that had been brought from England] was spent and they were only to rest on God's Providence; many times at night not knowing where to have anything to sustain nature the next day, and so had NEED TO PRAY that God would give them their daily bread . . . sometimes for two or three months together they neither had bread or any kind of corn," quote taken from a paper written by Nathaniel Morton, a historian, addressed to Thomas Prince, Governor of New England."

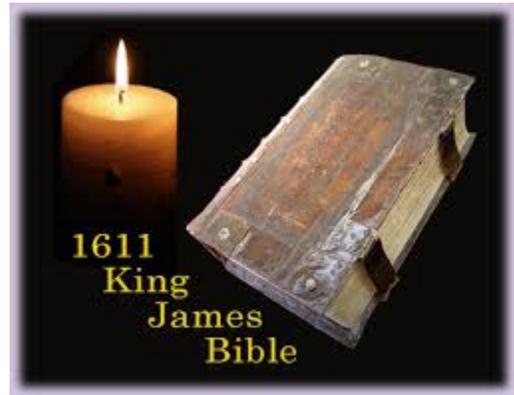
[**COMMENT:** Notice again HOW God watched over and blessed them.]

"When the Pilgrims had no rain on their corn from the third week in May until the middle of July in 1624, 'they set apart a solemn day of humiliation, TO SEEK THE LORD by humble and fervent PRAYER' for some eight hours in their great distress. Though the morning was clear and hot, without a cloud in the sky, at evening, THEY WERE BLESSED with gentle showers in abundance UNTIL the parched ground was wet and soaked, much to the admiration of the Indians who witnessed their prayers and supplications for rain."

[**COMMENT:** This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Colony to be established in America. The 1<sup>st</sup> one was in 1607. They established a Colony in Jamestown and named it after King James of England.

**Note:** *The King James Bible made its introduction in 1611- 406 years ago this year, 2017]*

**Encyclopedia Britannica**, 1960, Page 25: “It was this Colony that Captain John Smith emerged as leader. Also, from this Colony that one of the settlers, John Rolfe, married Indian Chief Powhatan’s daughter, Pocahontas.



“It was the Governor of the Plymouth Colony, the 2<sup>nd</sup> one, William Bradford, in grateful appreciation to the Great Provider of all blessings (James 1:17), decreed that A THREE-DAY THANKSGIVING FEAST be held.

[**From the Internet:** *Governor William Bradford of the Plymouth Colony has been credited as being the first one to proclaim the first Thanksgiving in the early beginnings of America]*

“The Indians brought both wild turkeys and venison. And the men of the Colony provided geese, ducks, and fish. It took many days to prepare this food for the Thanksgiving Feast. The children also helped by turning roasts on spits on the open fire.

The women of the Colony served the meat and fish with journey cake, nuts and corn meal bread, and with succotash.

The food was served outdoors at large tables which were built. For days the Colonists and the Indians feasted and engaged in entertainments.

“This custom gradually spread to the other Colonies. It has since been observed by America, “**A DAY OF THANKSGIVING**” is set apart to celebrate the completion of the harvest and to render homage to the SPIRIT [*meaning God*] who caused the fruits and crops to grow.”



## America's History of Thanksgiving Day

Throughout America's history a few of its presidents and notables have recognized the blessings and deliverance that have come from God and expressed it.



Other presidents have marked its observance by tradition without attaching any expressed thought and meaning pointing to the ONE who made the nation possible, the Almighty God in heaven above. This remains true in this end-age.

To show a **THREAD OF THIS AWARENESS AND GRATEFULNESS** expressed to the Almighty God who has watched over this nation and blessed it from its very beginning, a few excerpts will be taken from the writings/speeches of prominent leaders in this nation's 200-year-plus history.

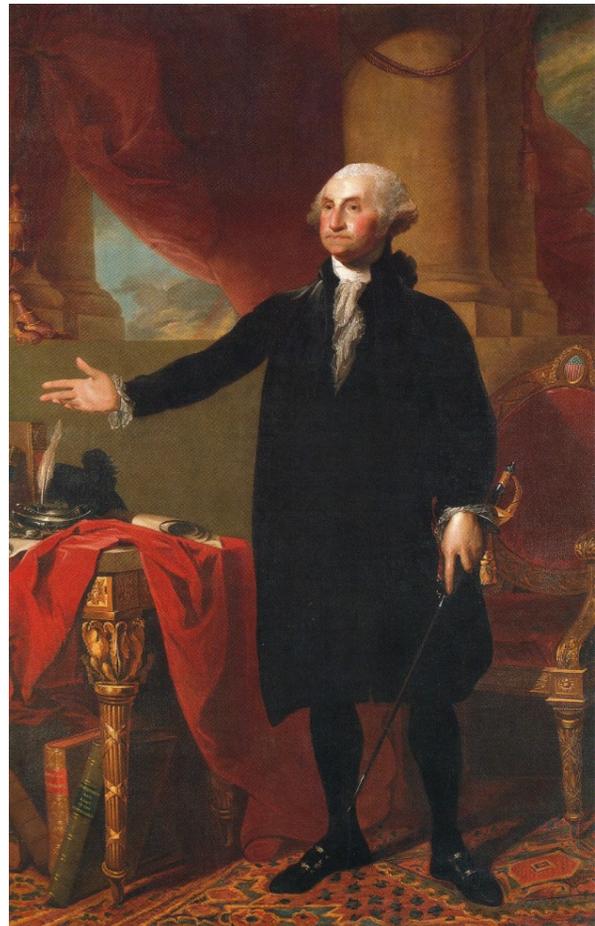
### President George Washington

President George Washington, the man who is called the father of this country, after very hard and difficult struggles led his army to a miraculous victory and the establishment of this nation as an independent country.

**ASCENT TO GREATNESS**, Mr. Raymond McNair, Pages 88-89, "In his very moving farewell address to the President of Congress on December 23, 1783 (*this was after Britain had formally ended the war and granted America her independence*), he, among other things, stated:

"I consider it an indispensable duty to close the last act of my official life by commending the interests of our dearest country to **THE PROTECTION OF THE ALMIGHTY GOD**, and those who have the superintendence of them **TO HIS HOLY KEEPING.**"

A member of Congress who witnessed this speech said, "It was a solemn and affecting spectacle; such a one as history does not present."



The spectators all wept. George Washington's hand which held the address shook as he read it.

"General Washington didn't take credit for the victory. He 'expressed gratitude for the interposition of Providence.' By this time, he was so filled with emotion that he was having to hold on to the address with both hands that were shaking. Can there be any doubt that the 'father of our country' looked to Divine Guidance to protect America's destiny?"

**Benjamin Franklin**, *ASCENT TO GREATNESS*, Pages 101-102, 119— "It would

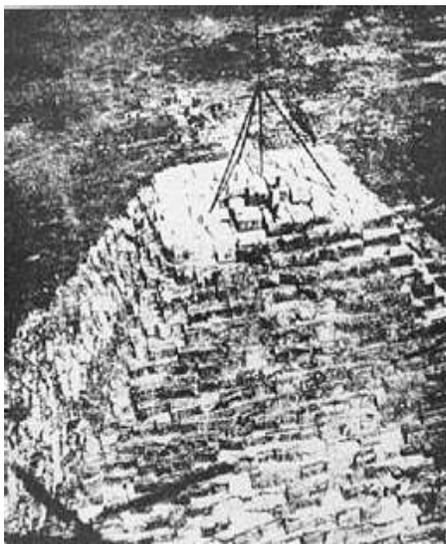


appear that God even guided the leaders of this country in the selection of the United States Coat of Arms, Sea, Flag and Motto. These men still saw the Divine Guidance of God over this nation and wanted to reflect it" (PPS 135-142).

*DESTINY OF BRITAIN AND AMERICA*, Page 63:

"When America won its predicted independence, what do you

suppose they put on their Great Seal . . .? Of course you don't know, for MANASSEH means in Hebrew 'forgetfulness,' and Americans have forgotten the place of their origin where Joseph's son was born in the city of Memphis [*Egypt*], a few miles from the greatest wonder in the world, the Great Pyramid . . . with its capstone missing.



The CREATOR is not a forgetter, however, and the reverse side of your Great Seal has as its main feature an unfinished Pyramid with the All-Seeing Eye above it, as another sign or waymark of their homeland by which Americans may locate their identity.



Page 67-68, "Manasseh was the 13<sup>th</sup> Tribe of Israel, as Ephraim, given the birthright, took his father's (*Joseph*) place as the twelfth tribe."

*United States and Britain in Prophecy*, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, Page 128:

“The proof that we are Manasseh is overwhelming. Manasseh was to separate from Ephraim and become the greatest, wealthiest single nation of earth’s history . . .

“Manasseh was in fact a *thirteenth* 13<sup>th</sup> Tribe. There were twelve original tribes. But when Joseph divided into TWO Tribes and Manasseh SEPARATED into an INDEPENDENT NATION, it BECAME a *thirteenth* Tribe.

Could it be mere coincidence that it started, as a nation, with *thirteen* colonies?”

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[COMMENT: *Look on the back of a one dollar bill to see the following points of*



identification.]

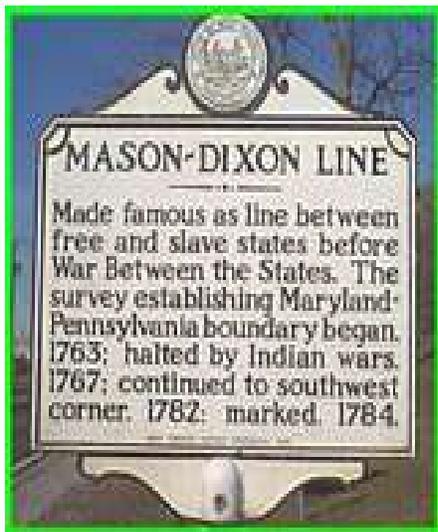
“Has America any waymarks indicating that they are the 13<sup>th</sup> Tribe of Israel?

- 1) The Pyramid . . . has just 13 tiers of stone
- 2) 13 bars or paleways on the shield which your eagle holds as there were 13 strips of land in Palestine.
- 3) 13 arrows in the eagle’s right claw
- 4) 13 leaves in the olive branch . . .
- 5) 13 stars above the eagle’s head

- 6) E Pluribus has 13 letters and means one out of many (one Tribe out of the Tribes of Israel and the 13<sup>th</sup> Tribe. Reverse side: 'Annuit Coeptis' (13 letters), meaning: He has prospered our undertakings. On the bottom 'Novus Ordo Seclorum', meaning: The New Order of the Ages. 13 thirteens that mark Manasseh as the 13<sup>th</sup> Tribe.



Page 9 > “When the Tribe of Manasseh, USA, were in Canaan, they were in two parts, as divided by Joseph: East side of the Jordan and West of the Jordan. It is coincident that, when they were in America, 2,500 years later, the Dixie Line divided them again in Two Parts, North and South.



We are so forgetful that we have forgotten all about the thirteens – and what it represents. We have come to look upon it as very unlucky.”

***National Enquirer***, Ripley’s Believe It or Not:

“Unlucky 13 is one of the most common superstitions; even today, many hotels and office buildings do not have a 13<sup>th</sup> floor. Thirteen’s bad name supposedly started with the Last Supper, when 13 apostles [*only*

12] dined together.

“But to the founding fathers of the U. S., there certainly did not seem to be anything unlucky about the number 13 – it was, after all, the number of Colonies that wished to break away from England to form a new republic.

“In fact, the number 13 went on to become the keynote of the Great Seal of the United States. If you examine it carefully, you will see:

- 1) 13 stars
- 2) 13 clouds
- 3) 13 stripes
- 4) 13 laurel leaves
- 5) 13 berries
- 6) 13 main feathers in the eagles right wing

- 7) 13 feathers in his left wing
- 8) 13 feathers in his tail
- 9) 13 letters in the facing motto, E Pluris Unum
- 10) 13 letters in the reverse motto, Anuit Coeptis
- 11) 13 times 3 letters in the number in the words, ‘The Coat of Arms of the United States of America. In fact, the number 13 is repeated 13 times in the Great Seal

**[COMMENT: Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong believed and taught that it was Job, a man of God, who built the Great Pyramid, Job 38:1-6.]**

Article, ***The Great Seal of the U. S. A.:***

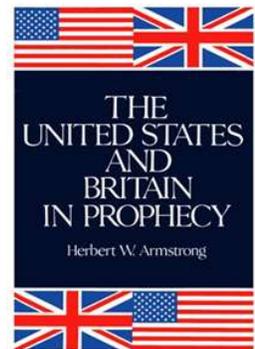
“It, the olive, the stone which the builders rejected and the All-Seeing Eye, the effulgent rays of the Divine Glory, and through it all the number 13 – my friend, a Bible-reading shepherd in the desert of Mespotamia, who had never heard of the U. S. would say upon seeing our national emblems, ‘Surely this is the people Israel.’ ”



Please read *United States and Britain in Prophecy*, Pages 193-194 (Paperback 156-157).

*This booklet can be requested by writing to: Church of God, Faithful Flock, P. O. Box 130, Valley Springs, CA 95252, or read it on our website: [www.cog-ff.com](http://www.cog-ff.com).*

The booklet, the United States and Great Britain in Prophecy, was one of the two most requested booklets during the ministry of Mr. Armstrong. It came to be believed by many thousands before his death, but most have since forgotten our identity, as has all the nations of Israel.



## **Israel Has Forgotten His Maker**

The following Scripture reveals why America, along with the other nations of Israel are in serious trouble with internal problems that are unresolvable.

**Hosea 8:14 “Israel has forgotten his Maker”**

This also explains why Thanksgiving Day is called – disrespectfully – *Turkey Day!* No acknowledgment of God who has made this nation great. A day devoted to feasting and football.

God indicts this once great nation for its forgetfulness and will soon be corrected for it:

### **Isaiah 1:2-6**

**v.2 “Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth! For the LORD has spoken: I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against Me;**

**v.3 “The ox knows his owner, and the ass his master’s crib: but Israel does not know, My people do not consider.”**

**v.4 “Ah sinful nation. A people laden with iniquity, a brood of evil doers, children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked to anger the Holy One of Israel, they have turned away backward.”**

**v.5 “Why should you be stricken again? You will revolt more and more. The whole head (*leadership*) is sick, and the whole heart faints,**

**v.6 From the sole of the foot even to the head (*leadership and its people*), there is no soundness in it, but wounds and bruises and putrefying sores; they have not been closed or bound up (*no effort to change from its abominable sins*) or soothed with ointment.**

**v.7 Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire; strangers devour your land (*illegal immigrants*) in your presence (*knowledgeable and with welcome*), and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.”**

**v.9 “Unless the LORD of hosts had left us a very small remnant (*cf. Romans 11:4-5*), we would have become like Sodom, we would have become like Gomorrah.”**

Throughout the history of this nation, its people have FORSAKEN the SOURCE of its blessings as being from the gracious and caring God in heaven above while taking credit for its greatness to themselves.

However, from time to time, here and there, during its approximate 200-year history, God would enable a man to be in the office of President who would remind the people of America of what their ancestors had forgotten.

## President Abraham Lincoln

President Abraham Lincoln was one such man. He came into office and served during a MOST CRITICAL point in this nation's history.

This nation was divided and being torn apart in what was called: 'The Civil War!'



Regarding its division, Jesus Christ said:

**Matthew 12:25 “. . . Every Kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation.”**

This nation was SPLIT – North against the South – in a terrible bloody war.

***“This Civil War was the costliest (in human lives) this nation has ever fought – over 617,000 died and over 400,000 were wounded – well over a million in all” ASCENT TO GREATNESS, Page 223.***

Unquestionably, God raised up this deeply religious man to PULL this nation together – and help it to begin to heal its wounds (*Daniel 4:25, 32*). And he sought the divine intervention of God in a manner that He would hear and bless this nation.

## President Lincoln Proclaimed a FAST

During one of those most TRYING times for the North – and the nation – President Lincoln *PROCLAIMED A DAY OF FASTING* which was the last Thursday in September, 1861. He did this again April 30, 1863.



A little later, Abraham Lincoln proclaimed October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1863, be SET ASIDE as A DAY OF NATIONWIDE THANKSGIVING TO HIM.

[***ASCENT TO GREATNESS, Page 213***]

President Lincoln was used by God – *at least in part* – to turn this nation back IN REMEMBRANCE OF GOD AND EXPRESS THANKFULNESS TO HIM during his presidency.

He also recognized the identity of this nation as being part of Israel; and with that knowledge he also knew God had placed him

in the office of president of the United States of America to serve during that crucial time in this nation's history (*Daniel 4:25, 32*).

### ***DESTINY OF AMERICA AND BRITAIN, Page 110***

In a speech before the Young Men's Lyceum of Springfield, Illinois, Abraham Lincoln said, "We find ourselves in the peaceful possession [1] the fairest portion of the earth, [2] as regards fertility of soil, [3] extent of territory, and [4] salubrity of climate. . . . We . . . find ourselves the legal inheritors of these fundamental blessings. We toiled not in the acquirement or the establishment of them"

"He was then about twenty-six years of age when he thus sensed God's goodness to *His servant Israel in America*. "He was firm in his belief that God was at the helm, and that man was but the humble servant though cooperating agent through whom the Almighty was working out ***the destiny of mankind*** [*His Master Plan - my emphasis*]

***"As Lincoln journeyed from Illinois across the country," Mr. Hill writes, "he declared all along the route that he was going forth in the name of the Living God of Israel."***

## **World War I**

Approximately, 54 years later this nation entered World War I on April 6, 1917. America was badly prepared for this war. She was not even geared up for *it*.



### **< Kaiser Wilhelm – Germany- WW1**

Neither was England geared up for that war. Had not God been looking out for the House of Joseph, Germany would have won that war. It was a very difficult and trying time for both nations.



### ***DESTINY OF AMERICA AND BRITAIN, Page 152:***

"England was in very bad shape in that war. Never in the world's history has there been such a need for Divine Guidance to guide our feet into the way of peace as in this year 1921.

"When we had our back to the wall in the spring of 1918, when Germany was making her final thrust to dominate this world, materially, politically, and religiously, every Anglo-

Saxon nation, colony, or settlement (*all Israel*) GOT ON THEIR KNEES IN PRAYER AND HUMILIATION, before the Supreme Ruler of this universe, and admitting their sins and shortcomings, ASKED FOR DIVINE GUIDANCE AND STRENGTH to win through, as you [AMERICA] did in Abraham Lincoln's time.

“We won through and I've since wondered how many people REALLY RECOGNIZE WHO WON THE WAR. Every nation [*including the USA*] secretly thinks it was the big factor, but SURELY it was the GOD of Israel.”



### The Dust Bowl

Approximately 10 years later, 1930s, God had to once again deal with America in a corrective manner through the **Great Depression**.

14,000,000 people were unemployed from the total population of 122,775,046 (*Census Record*). Public and private debt collapsed; the **DUST BOWL** developed during the 1930s due to a lack of rain.

### World War II

Approximately 19 years later, **World War II**: Once again we were NOT prepared. Had not God been with Britain and America, we would have lost the war almost from the beginning of it.

From among the numerous writings and speeches, that could be read from leaders of both England and America during that critical time, there were those who recognized that God WON the major battles – all the way to the final victory. A few will be noted here:



### Prime Minister Winston Churchill



**ASCENT TO GREATNESS**, Page 481, October 31, 1941:

“I have a feeling sometimes that some Guiding Hand has interfered. I have a feeling that we have a GUARDIAN because we have a great cause, and we shall have that GUARDIAN as long as we SERVE that CAUSE faithfully. And what a CAUSE it is.”

## President Harry Truman

April 3, 1941, Page 471 “I do not think that anyone can study the history of this nation without becoming convinced the DIVINE PROVIDENCE has played a great part in it.

I have the feeling that God has created us and brought us to our present position of power and strength FOR SOME GREAT PURPOSE.

It is not now given to us to know FULLY what that purpose is. But I think we may be sure of one thing . . . ***it is given to us to defend the spiritual values – the moral code – against the vast forces of evil that seek to destroy them.***



This is a hard task. It is not one that we have asked for. At times we would like to lay it down. But we need not be afraid IF we have faith.” [My Emphasis]

Though the ‘**Great Cause**’, President Truman, and Prime Minister Winston Churchill, spoke about was not fully in their understanding, God has graced His Church with the understanding of it; and our part is to fulfill the Great Commission, the Gospel Message (*Matthew 24:14*).

### ***No Longer a ‘Moral Code’ in America***

The MORAL CODE that had been defended *no longer exists!* The law-making bodies of Congress and the Supreme Court of the United States have removed it.

No one seems to understand anymore the difference between right and wrong – the reason being – *they have rejected God and His laws.*

Because of the rejection of God, He says the following:

***Isaiah 5:20 “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter.”***



There is no question but that as a nation we have both forgotten and rejected the God of Israel, and because of it this nation is filled with bloody crimes and abominable sins (*Ezekiel 6:11; 7:23*).

That is WHY hardly anyone really gives THANKS to Him on the very day that has been set aside for that purpose. Many people refer to it as “*Turkey Day*” instead of Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving has a connotation of *THINK*; meaning— to think and acknowledge the ONE to whom everyone should be giving sincere and heart-felt thanks, God! However, people do not care to think about Him in reality. His name is only mentioned without real meaning of it.

Because of the rejection of God and the acceleration and gravity of sin in this end-time, America ceased winning wars after God gave this nation and Britain victory in World War II. It is safe to say America has won its last victory in warfare!

### **The Giver of Every Good Blessing is God in Heaven**

God alone is the Giver of all good blessings (*James 1:17*). And it is plain to see His wonderful blessings have been withdrawn from this nation. Instead, His curse is upon this nation and England for our abominable sins (*cf. Deuteronomy 8:11-13, 17-19; also, Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28*).

### ***Grave Warnings***

*There were grave warnings from the past of what this country is now experiencing and will soon face in these perilous end-times.*

As they are being read—think about the warnings from these men in light of what is now being seen in the present leadership along with the overwhelming majority of society today! This is very sobering!!!

### **President George Washington**

In President George Washington’s first inaugural address, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1789, he warned, “That the propitious smiles of heaven can never be expected on a nation that DISREGARDS the eternal values of ORDER and RIGHT which heaven itself had ordained.



### **President Abraham Lincoln**

In January, 1838, before being elected as President, Abraham Lincoln warned, “If danger ever reaches us it must spring up amongst us. It cannot come from abroad.

If destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of freemen, we must live through all time, or die by suicide.”

## General Douglas MacArthur

General Douglas MacArthur, speaking on December 12, 1951, said: “In this day of gathering storm, **as the MORAL DETERIORATION of political power spreads its growing infection,** IT IS ESSENTIAL that every



spiritual force be mobilized to defend and preserve **THE RELIGIOUS BASE** upon which THIS NATION was founded. For it is that BASE, which has been the motivating impulse to OUR MORAL and national growth.

History fails to record a single precedent in which nations subject to **MORAL DECAY** have not passed into political and economic DECLINE.

There has been either a SPIRITUAL REAWAKENING TO OVERCOME THE MORAL LAPSE, OR **A PROGRESSIVE DETERIORATION LEADING TO ULTIMATE DISASTER.**” [My emphasis]

## Learning Lessons from History

America needs to examine and learn the lessons from history: All the might of nations and empires of the ancient world CRUMBLED from *internal weakness*, as can be noted with Babylon and Rome.

Every empire fell when its people LOST their sense of purpose, their character and self-respect and began loving the life of EASE, complacency, self-indulgence and moral lassitude (*weariness, fatigue*).

China built a great wall to keep out invaders – but forgot that all an enemy had to do was to BRIBE a gate-keeper. Three times gate-keepers were bribed and the enemy invaded China.

The people of America have forgotten that it was A LACK OF VIGILANCE with COMPLACENCY that catapulted WWII upon a sleepy world.

It would also appear that nothing has been learned from the wars in Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq, and now Afghanistan. Most people today – from America’s Civil War of the early 1860s – to use President Lincoln’s words – **have forgotten God!**



**From the Internet:** On January 18, 1837 the effort was made to keep God in our remembrance by having imprinted on our coins, we spend, **“IN GOD WE TRUST.”**

It was first used on paper money in 1957. Whatever trust people had in God at that time has ceased to exist except for the very few. The words have become meaningless to the majority of people.

The minted dollars of 2007 have had this inscription on the rim of the coin – instead of the face.

Internet: In 2009 *"In God We Trust"* was moved from the edge to the face of the coin. The size, weight and metal composition of the Presidential \$1 Coins are identical to that of the [Sacagawea Golden Dollar](#) and the [Native American \\$1 Coins](#).



## Thanksgiving Day

President Abraham Lincoln also established a national day of thanksgiving to REMIND America’s citizens yearly of the need of being truly thankful to God for His bountiful blessings in his 1863 Proclamation:

“ . . . We have been the CHOICEST BOUNTIES OF HEAVEN; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as NO OTHER NATION has ever grown. BUT WE HAVE FORGOTTEN GOD!

We have forgotten the GRACIOUS HAND which PRESERVED us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have VAINLY imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these BLESSINGS were produced BY some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.

Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel THE NECESSITY of redeeming and preserving grace, TOO PROUD TO PRAY TO THE GOD WHO MADE US.”



To help everyone REMEMBER, on October 20, 1864, as the tragic Civil War neared its termination, a visibly saddened Lincoln issued A THANKSGIVING DAY PROCLAMATION in which he URGED his fellow-Americans to PROPERLY OBSERVE the soon-coming Thanksgiving Day—



As a DAY OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE TO ALMIGHTY GOD the beneficent Creator and Ruler of the Universe.

And I do FURTHER recommend to my fellow-citizens afore-said that on that occasion they do REVERENTLY HUMBLE themselves IN THE DUST and from thence OFFER UP penitent and fervent PRAYERS AND SUPPLICATIONS to the GREAT DISPOSER OF EVENTS for a return on the inestimable BLESSINGS OF PEACE, UNION, AND HARMONY throughout the land which it has pleased HIM to assign as A DWELLING PLACE for ourselves and for our posterity throughout all generations.”

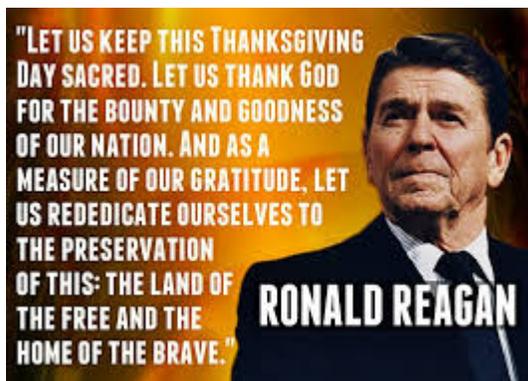
## **President Ronald Reagan**

It is also worth noting the thanksgiving proclamation by President Reagan – one of the three greatest presidents God chose for the leadership of America: President George Washington, President Abraham Lincoln, and President Ronald Reagan.

### **President Reagan's Thanksgiving Proclamation**

Thursday, November 26, 1987; 8:00 AM

“Thanksgiving Day is one of our most beloved holidays, an occasion set aside by Americans from earliest times to thank our Maker prayerfully and humbly for the blessings and the care He bestows on us and on our beautiful, bountiful land.



Through the decades, through the centuries, in log cabins, country churches, cathedrals, homes, and halls, the American people have paused to give thanks to God, in times of peace and plenty or of danger and distress.

Acknowledgement of dependence on God's favor was, in fact, our fledgling nation's very first order of business.

When the delegates to the First Continental Congress met in Philadelphia in 1774, they overcame discord by uniting in prayer for our country. Despite the differences among them as they began their work, they found common votes in the 35th Psalm, which concludes with a verse of joyous gratitude, "And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long."

This year, of course, our Thanksgiving Day celebration coincides with the bicentennial of the Constitution. In 1789 the government established by that great charter of freedom, and "the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed," were cited by George Washington in the first Presidential Thanksgiving Proclamation as among "the great and various favors" conferred upon by the Lord and Ruler of Nations.

As we thank the God our first president called "that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be," we have even greater cause for gratitude than the fresh triumphs that inspired Washington's prose.

We have seen the splendor of our natural resources spread across the tables of the world, and we have seen the splendor of freedom coursing with new vigor through the channels of history.

The cause for which we give thanks, for which so many of our citizens through the years have given their lives, has endured 200 years – a blessing to us and a light to all mankind.

On Thanksgiving Day, 1987, let us, in this unbroken chain of observance, dedicate ourselves to honor anew the Author of Liberty and to publicly acknowledge our debt to all those who have sacrificed so much in our behalf. May our gratitude always be coupled with petitions for divine guidance and protection for our nation and with ready help for our neighbors in time of need.

Now, therefore, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 26, 1987, as a National Day of Thanksgiving, and I call upon the citizens of this great nation to gather together in homes and places of worship on that day of thanks to affirm by their prayers and their gratitude the many blessings God has bestowed upon us.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth day of July, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twelfth." End of Quotes

### **The Observance of Thanksgiving in America**

Though this Day, as established by an act of Congress, is still observed, it has become A FUN DAY – without any real meaning – called '*Turkey Day*' without the attachment of "Thanksgiving" to this special national holiday.

Further, since 2010, Satan the devil is using **GREED** to drive the Big STORES to open on or before Thanksgiving Day instead of Black Friday as another step of losing whatever meaning that is left of the Day.

Sadly, Manasseh has forgotten His God (*cf. Hosea 2:13*).

## **History Soon to Repeat Itself**

It is a historical fact that no great empire or nation has fallen without until it first falls within – just as it was said by Presidents Washington, Lincoln, Truman, and General Douglas MacArthur.

Ephraim and Manasseh have already *fallen within*, and prophecy makes known that destruction, is soon to befall both within and from without – during **the Great Tribulation**.

### **Ezekiel 5:12-13**

**v.12 “One-third of you shall die of the pestilence, shall be consumed with famine in your midst; and one-third shall fall by the sword (*warfare*) all around you; and I will scatter another third in all the winds (*captivity*), and I will draw out a sword after them.**

**v.13 “Thus shall My anger be spent, and I will cause My fury to rest upon them, and I will be avenged; and they shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it in My zeal, when I have spent MY fury upon them.”**



### ***Nuclear warfare is coming—***

**Ezekiel 6:6 “In all your dwelling places the CITIES shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate . . . !”**

## **God’s Enduring True Church**

Jesus Christ established His True Church in 31 A. D. (*Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:1-42*). And though it would always be a little flock (*Luke 12:32*), true to His promise, it has always endured through the centuries unto now.

History reveals how Satan the devil used evil men to try and destroy it through persecution and the killing of His true people but has never been successful.

History also makes known the Catholic Church fought furiously against the publishing of the Holy Bible, even killing and burning to death those who dared publish it.

Nevertheless, God saw to it that was finally published and made available to the common man in 1611 by King James of England.

## **God's Church of the End-Time**

The Apostle Paul reveals in the end-time the faithful and true members of God's True Church would be known as the ELECT (*cf. Romans 11:5, 7*). Jesus Christ revealed through His Apostle John the ELECT would be of the Philadelphia Church Era (*cf. Revelation 3:7-13*).

It alone would have the promise of escaping the TERRIBLE TEST to come upon the whole world and be protected and nourished in a place especially prepared for them (*cf. Revelation 12:14*).

## **Blessings to be held in Remembrance**

As can be seen from the early history of America, Jesus Christ has truly blessed this once-great nation in every way – and recognized by all until recent years.

Though America has forgotten its birth and its forthcoming blessings, certainly the Church of God should never forget, and acknowledge the blessings we yet have before its demise. In no other country has there been the guarantee of religious freedom by the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment of the Constitution that was framed by the forefathers of this nation.

It is sad the leadership of this once great country is now taking away this freedom by legislation and the court system. This helps us to realize there is little time left before its demise.

The year 2026 will mark the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of America. This date also strongly indicates this will be the year of the demise of this country having been conquered by the revived Holy Roman Empire (*Revelation, chapters 9., 13.,17.*).

Recent news and developments in Germany and elsewhere in Europe are making known it is soon to make its debut on the world stage.



Until then there should continue to be praise and thankfulness to God for the blessing of living in such a blessed nation as America has been throughout its history until recent times.

For God's Faithful Church, if each one REMEMBERS to live His way of life, and continually expresses true and humble thanks to Him, there will then be the blessing of being protected from the horrors that will soon befall both America and Britain.



**Psalm 91:1, 7, 10, 14-16 “He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty . . .”**

Every day should be a Day of Thanksgiving for God's true people and expressing it to Him, as the Psalmist wrote:

**Psalm 105:1-5 “Oh! Give thanks to the LORD . . .”**

## **Thanksgiving Day**



Again, the last Thursday of the month of November of each year, should bring into remembrance the true identity of America as being that of Manasseh, the son of Joseph, and the grandson of Jacob, who had been renamed by God to that of Israel

It should also bring into remembrance the birth-pangs of America and the humble beginnings of those early pilgrims that brought about the reason for the establishment of Thanksgiving—

Early pilgrims beginning with **Governor William Bradford** of the Plymouth Colony in 1621; from there to the first president of America, **President George Washington**, April 30, 1789, and again in 1792; to **President Abraham Lincoln** who served from 1861 to the date of his assassination, April 14, 1865— President Ronald Reagan, 40th [President of the United States](#) from 1981 to 1989.

We should **REMEMBER WHY these famous leaders SET ASIDE A DAY TO GIVE THANKS TO THE ALMIGHTY GOD, that came to be known as, “THANKSGIVING DAY”.**

### **Living in America**

*Those of us who have had the blessing of living in this country have everything to be THANKFUL to our WONDERFUL AND CARING ALMIGHTY GOD (Psalm 103).*

Though end-time prophecy reveals there is very little time before the fall of America and the other nations of Israel, Thanksgiving Day should continue to be a reminder to each of us of the roots of America/Manasseh in Bible history.

And at the same time we should express our heartfelt thanks to God our Father and Jesus Christ for having been blessed to live here and share in its bountiful blessings—remembering it is from Them that all good blessings are given (*James 1:17*).

We should not only express our sincere thanks with praise to God and Jesus Christ each Thanksgiving Day, but spend quality time on our knees each day and night at all times, thanking and praising our wonderful Father through Jesus Christ, for Their wonderful blessings in our lives.

### **God’s End-Time Work**

In addition, this little flock has been given the blessing and responsibility of supporting God’s Work that is yet to go to this nation and world before the night comes when no one can work; a last ditch warning from Jesus Christ!

In the interim all of us as God’s Elect must continue ever onward in seeking the fulfillment of our eternal destiny from God our Father and Jesus Christ, knowing we have no continuing city here, but to be seeking the one to come (*Hebrews 13:14*).

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