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“What goes up must come down.” So goes the old saying. If Elijah went **up** in a Chariot of Fire, then where did he come **down**? Have you ever thought about it?

Where did Elijah land at the end of his famous chariot ride? Many believe that he landed in heaven and is there today. Yet Jesus stated that no one has ascended to heaven except Himself (See John 3:13). This would include Elijah. The Chariot of Fire did take Elijah to heaven, but it had to be the first heaven where birds fly and not the third heaven where God’s throne resides. If the third heaven was not the destination of the Chariot of Fire, then where did it take Elijah to? What became of Elijah?

We all know the story of Elijah which can be found in I Kings 17 to 21 and 2 Kings 1 to 2. Elijah came on the scene during the reign of Ahab, king of Israel, who started to worship Baal and even married a foreign princess, Jezebel, daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians.

“Then he [Ahab] set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. Then he set up an Asherah pole. Thus, Ahab did more to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel before him” (I Kings 16:32-33).

By this time, Israel had split into the northern kingdom, known as Israel, and the southern kingdom, known as Judah, after the death of Solomon. Jeroboam became king of Israel who set up two golden calves. One was located at Dan and the other at Bethel. By doing this, he wanted to prevent his subjects from going to Jerusalem in the southern kingdom for worship since he feared that it would undermine loyalty to him. This was his attempt to ensure his position of power. God was not pleased with this false worship but did tolerate it. Then Ahab with Jezebel took Israel further away from the true God with their introduction of Baal worship.

Elijah was God’s countermeasure. Baal was the god of nature or weather. Baal was credited with bringing the seasonal rain for the growing of crops. Elijah exposed this false god for what he really was. A fake that only existed in the minds of any worshippers. A new form of Baal worship has arisen during our time. It is now called “climate change.” And the prophets of Baal are now called “scientists” or “environmentalists.”

We all know how Elijah called for a three-year drought which ended when Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal to a contest to prove who the true God was. You can read the story in I Kings 17 and 18. This is why Elijah became known as the “flaming prophet.” The Eternal God answered Elijah’s prayer with fire from heaven which devoured the sacrifice and proved to any bystanders who was the true God. Has any prophet since Elijah demonstrated the power of God in such a grand way which mocked the false prophets of his day? Yet Elijah is not yet done. His best challenge is still ahead. How so? Consider this prophecy:

“Surely the **day** is coming; it will **burn** like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be like stubble, and the **day** that is coming will set them on **fire**,” says the Lord Almighty. ‘Not a root or a branch will be left of them. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be **ashes** under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,’ says the Lord Almighty. ‘Remember the **law** of my servant Moses, the decrees, and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

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Behold, I will send **Elijah** the prophet to you before that great and **dreadful day** comes [as described above]” (Malachi 4:1-5).

How will God fulfill this prophecy? If Elijah lived centuries ago, then how will he be able to fulfill this end-time prophecy? Many believe that Elijah is still alive in heaven and God will send him back to earth to fulfill this end-time mission. As we have seen, Elijah is not currently residing in the third heaven. Okay, if Elijah died many years ago, then will God raise him from the dead to complete this final mission? That is possible but are there other possible means for God to send Elijah to do an end-time work?

How often have you looked at family pictures and noticed the resemblance of family members? The similarities can be in personality as well as physical appearance. It is God’s way of “cloning” someone through the generations. We call it a family tree. Recall that Malachi said that a day is coming when evildoers will not be left **root** or **branch**. And what will be the end-time mission of Elijah? “He will turn the **hearts** of the parents to their children, and the **hearts** of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with **total destruction**” (Malachi 4:6).

How will Elijah know how to do this if he never had a family himself? Well, maybe that is the story that is **missing** from the Bible. “It is the **glory** of God to **conceal** a matter and the **glory** of kings to **search it out**” (Proverbs 25:2). Time to put on your detective hat and pull out the magnifying glass, Sherlock. A bent twig or a small thread may be the only clues we find. Yet, they can lead us to possible answers if we are able to “read between the lines.” If the answers were as plain as the noses on our faces, then the matter would not be **concealed**.

Is there any evidence that Elijah landed on planet earth after his chariot ride? Well, unless heaven has mail service, a letter could not get from heaven to earth. God uses angels to send messages not letter carriers. Notice: “Then a **letter** came to Jehoram [king of Judah] from **Elijah the prophet**, which stated: ‘This is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says, “You have not walked in the ways of your father Jehoshaphat or of Asa king of Judah, but you have walked in the ways of the kings of Israel and have caused Judah and the people of Jerusalem to prostitute themselves, just as the house of Ahab prostituted itself” (2 Chronicles 21:12-13).

This letter appears to have come after Elijah’s chariot ride. His chariot ride occurred during the reign of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, who ruled after Asa. Elijah’s letter was sent to Jehoram, son of Jehoshaphat. Thus, we have a problem with the belief that Elijah was taken to the third heaven. You can find various articles online which deal with this seemingly chronological problem. There is no problem if you accept the obvious and ignore false assumptions about Elijah being in heaven.

Realize that Elijah became a “wanted man” at the beginning of his calling by halting the rain in Israel and causing a severe drought. God told Elijah to hide. After the brook dried up, God told him to go to a city in Sidon. Sidon was located in the area of Lebanon. This was outside of Israel. Remember that Ahab had looked for Elijah in many nations during the drought (See I Kings 18:7-11). Rather than hiding in some luxury resort or a well-known palace, Elijah was sent to reside with a lowly widow. Yet she honored Elijah by giving him her last meal. This showed her recognition that Elijah was a prophet of the true God. No one would think to look for a mighty prophet at some “no-name” widow’s house.

For her loyalty, she and her son had just enough flour and oil for each day’s sustenance which allowed them to survive the drought and famine. Elijah stayed in the upper room. A crisis developed when the widow’s son fell ill and apparently died. Yet Elijah prayed over the boy, and he recovered. This was a **heart-moving** event and not just a “matter-of-fact” incident. Do you suppose any kind of feelings may have developed between Elijah and the widow during the time of his stay there? This is where Hollywood makes its millions, folks. Get your popcorn and your soda and imagine what may have happened to Elijah’s **heart** and the widow’s **heart**. Elijah SAVED her son’s life!!! How more dramatic can you get? Elijah was her hero!!!

However, Elijah had a job to do, so any personal matters had to wait. As we all know, Elijah returned to Israel in the third year to challenge the prophets of Baal to a contest. God answered by fire and the rest is history. Elijah in time took on a protege, Elisha, who would carry on Elijah’s work. Why was it necessary for Elijah to leave? Did God have another “task” for Elijah elsewhere?

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Notice Elisha’s statement when Elijah was taken up by a Chariot of Fire into the whirlwind: “As Elisha watched, he cried out, ‘My **father**, my **father**, the chariots and horsemen of Israel!’ And he saw Elijah no more” (2 Kings 2:12). Did Elisha think of Elijah as a father figure or was this a prophetic announcement of Elijah’s future role? Was it time for Elijah to start a family tree?

Meanwhile, the widow left behind in a small village in Sidon waited patiently not for the prophet but for the man who had captured her heart. She wondered if she would ever see him again or if widowhood would be her lasting fate. Sitting on the front steps of her humble home, she noticed a small speck in the sky. It grew larger and appeared to be some kind of whirlwind. The wind began to blow her hair across her face. She brushed it back as the whirlwind dissipated and a Chariot of Fire raced toward her. A frightening sight yet she felt no fear but remained calm as her heart began to leap!

“Could it be? Has God answered my prayer?” From the Chariot of Fire, a man stepped out to reveal himself. “Yes! It is him!”

His mantle had been passed onto another so that he could now take a wife and start his own family. As God had hid him at the beginning, so God hid him at the end. This would ensure that he would not be hounded, nor his family be subject to persecution allowing them to exist in peace and anonymity.

This may only sound like fantasy. But consider the possibility as to how God does work. Is not the Old Testament a story about a man and his family? From one generation to the next the story carries on. If we lose our history, we lose our identity. Will this future Elijah help us to remember who we are? It seems that each generation of this modern era is drifting further away from God.

Elijah may not appear to us in a Chariot of Fire but in “a still small voice.” The Chariot of Fire was to impress his beloved. Does God know how to sweep a lady off her feet or what?

Walls

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I have built a fortress around myself . . .

- to protect my emotions
- to protect my self-esteem
- to protect my individualism

This fortress will not allow me to share my heart with you, or express any affection toward you. **It protects me from you.**

Once, before I built this wall, I trusted you completely—enough to pledge my life to you and my future. When you first wounded my spirit, I believed you when you told me it was my fault. Yes, I was naive, but I trusted you. **I believed the lie—if I could look different and act different, then you would be pleased with me.**

For many years I continued to believe and trust you while you continued to express your disappointment in me and made me the scapegoat for all the reasons why you weren’t happy. I was so vulnerable to your opinion of me that I accepted what you said about me as true.

I tried in many ways to please you, but you were never satisfied. You pointed out numerous areas in my life where I had failed. The talents and gifts that I had to offer were either never good enough or taken for granted.

When I tried to share my deepest feelings with you, you made fun of my sensitivity by lecturing me or making me feel stupid.

You were the one who controlled what I should think, what I should say, and who I should say it to. If I made any comments of which you did not approve, you would lecture me and question my motives. If I was too quiet, you told me I was self-centered and didn’t care about other people.

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You demanded all of my time and emotions for yourself, and when I didn't meet your expectations, **you broke my spirit by constant criticism. You even justified slapping me occasionally.** You assured me that if I had performed to your liking you would have had no reason to hit me, so therefore it was my fault. You placed all the responsibility of your actions upon me.

Picture me as a woman who was constantly trying to please but could never meet your demands; one who didn't know whether to speak or keep silent; and one who withheld her emotions and deep feelings so she wouldn't be ridiculed and embarrassed by the one who should have understood her the best.

This defeating cycle of co-dependency had such a hold on me that my worth as a person was dependent upon your value of me as a woman and a wife. It was easy for you to use me as the reason for your problems . . . **because I let you and I believed you!**

As I struggled with my own feelings about myself versus the incompetent, uncaring person that you described me to be, the Lord was working through many sources, and I began to find my identity in Him. I began to realize that I had allowed you to close my spirit, and I had believed your perception of me to be true. This paralyzed my ability to function, and several years passed by without any real growth and progress.

When I finally accepted and truly believed that my self-worth is only found in the Lord, it changed my life!

My first reaction was to put the broken pieces of myself back together, and escape from the awful control and manipulation in my life. I began rejecting your perception of me, and yes, I began rejecting you! I built walls of protection from you so that your **verbal vomit** and cruel attitudes would not hurt me anymore.

I began to live my own life, making my own plans, and daring to dream of living free and happy without your control. I built walls so high and so thick there would be nothing you could do to penetrate them.

When we began talking with a marriage counselor, you wrote a catalog of sins—**my sins** that you believed had caused all our problems. **Where are your sins?** When have you taken the time to take a really good look at who you are?

Look at the man who screams and strikes out when he's upset, and then denies or pretends that he's not guilty, who manipulates the facts to make his wife look like she's either crazy or lying.

Look at the man who frowns and sneers when he talks to his wife, and then accuses her of having a bad attitude.

Look at the man who is a master of manipulation, demanding his own way, his opinion, and then accuses his wife of controlling when she is simply assuming the responsibility he has declined to take.

You are so full of rage and bitterness that you have to blame someone, and that someone has been me. It is interesting, however, that the very things you have said about me are actually reflections of you.

You tell me not to get hysterical when you're the one screaming and out of control. You tell me to change my attitude when you have the sneering, frowning face, and have made the sarcastic remarks.

You call me a liar when you have an ingrained habit of constantly manipulating and exaggerating the truth to meet your needs.

You call me compulsive when you are the one who rearranges the refrigerator and pantry shelves after I've put the groceries away.

Because you are always on the edge, I walk on eggshells around you, never knowing when something I say or do is going to set you off and cause an explosion. It's almost like being in a war and never knowing when I'm going to step on a land mine and get blown up.

Now look at the way it could have been—my talents and abilities complementing yours, and instead of rejecting, criticizing,

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and destroying me because I am not like you, we could have established a wonderful friendship and partnership with each other, with each of us compensating for the lack of the other.

When you begin to care about me instead of verbally attacking and blaming me, then maybe some of the walls I have built up will come down. We can both learn how to honor and serve each other, with one of us carrying the entire load at times (giving 100%) when the other needs help, without complaining about it later or keeping a scorecard to see who is giving the most.

This is not about who cleans the house and who takes out the garbage. It is about accepting, forgiving, caring, tolerating, and loving—without deliberately hurting, controlling, and keeping score.

Let's give up the war and begin reconciliation. The next step is up to you . . .

A Rerun:

Those 60s Alinskyites Think They are Taking Over America

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"Despite what some in the press may say, we who are proud to call ourselves 'conservative' are not a minority of a minority party; we are part of the great majority of Americans of both major parties and of most of the independents as well." — Ronald Reagan (1977)

I SAID I was going to write some more about gasoline prices this week, but I received a free copy of "Barack Obama's Rules for Revolution" from David Horowitz, so I want to review it — and *seriously recommend it!* A few excerpts:

In 1969, the year that publishers reissued Alinsky's first book, *Reveille for Radicals*, a Wellesly undergraduate named Hillary Rodham submitted her 92-page senior thesis on Alinsky's theories . . . The title of Hillary's thesis was 'There Is Only the Fight: An Analysis of the Alinsky Model.' In this title she had singled out the single most important Alinsky contribution to the radical cause — his embrace of political nihilism.

I've written well-over a thousand pages for RenewAmerica, and many many pages about the hippie-nihilists of the sixties (1860s Russia). The Latin word "nil" was a contraction of the word for '*nothing*.' The Russian nihilists believed in nothing but the accumulation of power for power's sake. Sound familiar yet? More Horowitz:

Alinsky came of age in the 1930s and was drawn to the world of Chicago gangsters, whom he encountered professionally as a sociologist. He sought out and became a social intimate of the Al Capone mob and of Capone enforcer Frank Nitti who took the reins when Capone was sent to prison for tax evasion in 1931.

Later Alinsky said, '[Nitti] took me under his wing. I called him the Professor and I became his student'. . . In his view, criminality was not a character problem but a result of the social environment, in particular the system of private property and individual rights, which radicals like him were determined to change...

In the 1969 'Afterward' to his book... he explained his attitude in these words: 'Communism itself is irrelevant. The issue is whether they are on our side . . . he never questioned the Marxist view of society and human nature, or its goal of a utopian future...

Alinsky's rules take "an agnostic view of means and ends." For him, "the revolutionary's purpose is to undermine the system **and then see what happens.**"

That's exactly what I have written about the 1860s Russian Nihilists who combined Darwinism with socialism and set the stage for the eventual Bolshevik Revolution over 50 years later.

Some of the Nihilists maintained that things were not yet ripe for a rising of the masses... that before attempting to overthrow the existing social organization some idea should be formed as to the order of things which should

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take its place [but Tkatchev and others] explained that the object of the revolutionary party should be, not the preparation of revolution in general, but the realization of it at the earliest possible moment . . .

In accordance with the fashionable doctrine of evolution, the reconstruction of society on the *tabula rosa* might be left, it was thought, to the spontaneous action of natural forces . . . — Encyclopedia Britannica, 11th ed. (1910)

www.RenewAmerica.com/columns/Dahlgren [search "nihilism," "bolshevism"]

Our own "sixties" hippies, who imitated the Nihilists right down to the hair style and grubby fashions, were also divided into two camps. One camp wanted to immediately blow-up government buildings. The other hippie camp included the disciples of Saul Alinsky, who had more subtle and patient tactics. *Those* hippies, and some of their younger admirers, have since wormed their way into positions of power in government and academia.

This brings us to 2011 and the current rebels. Horowitz says, "As a former radical, I am constantly asked how radicals could hate America and why they would want to destroy a society that compared to others is tolerant, inclusive and open . . . The answer to this question is that radicals are not comparing America to other real-world societies. They are comparing America to the heaven on earth — the kingdom of social justice... they think they are building . . .

"Unlike Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama never personally met Saul Alinsky. But as a young man, he became an adept practitioner of Alinsky's methods. In 1986, at the age of 23 and only three years out of Columbia University, Obama was hired by the Alinsky team to organize residents on the South Side . . .

"The group that Obama joined was part of a network that included the Gamaliel Foundation, a religious group that operated on Alinsky principles."

[This is one reason why I hinted that you may have to preach to your preacher.]

SAUL ALINSKY'S RULES FOR RADICALS:

"Alinsky is the Sun-Tzu for today's radicals, his book a manual for their political war. As early as its dedicatory page, Alinsky provides revealing insight into the radical mind by praising Lucifer as the first rebel:

"Lest we forget, an over-the-shoulder acknowledgment to the very first radical: from all our legends, mythology, and history... the first radical known to man who rebelled against the establishment and did it so effectively that he at least won his own kingdom — Lucifer."

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Discriminate

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Or the Devil will, Control your Mind. The GOSPEL of SATAN Is: Do Not Discriminate; close the eyes of your heart to evil. That evil message is pounded into, young hearts and minds by: Educators, Media, government, and some religious leaders. "The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom." Giving honor and respect to homosexuals, and those who praise them out of fear of being criticized is the beginning of madness. The "Do Not Discriminate" message, lavishes praise,

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victim status, and honor on what God proclaims as evil; and condemns those who believe God, Isaiah 5:20 “Woe to those who call evil good.

Educated fools - are known, by their - incapacity to discriminate - between good and evil. Today’s elitist and Media goonies ridicule those who believe God; and do not accept LGBT lifestyles, as good, by calling them “homophobic”. That is blasphemy; it is the same as calling God insane. The openly homosexual, and those who praise and defend them, are the Devils’ Evangelist. They are preaching a message of hate toward God, and those who believe God. A message that twists, the hearts and minds of our children.

Discriminate – against – LGBT - Satanic immorality; by calling on them, and the nation’s leaders to repent; and fulfill Proverbs 24:11. “Rescue those being led to death, hold back those staggering toward slaughter.” What you Believe, Defend, and Support, is Your Master. Who inspired what you believe and defend? God or the Devils children in government, education, and media? If you fear government and today’s Social-Sick-Disorder more than God; the Devil is your Master.

YOU WILL DISCRIMINATE: You will either - discriminate – against God and Godly morality, according to God’s Word; or you will Discriminate against Satan and, the Satanic immorality of homosexuals; Satan’s LGBT children. Sadly, America’s elites today, are - Doing the Devils’ Work. By making laws in defense of those who shout their sexual depravity from the house tops; demanding respect. Satan’s mind-control-faithful, in media and education have captured the hearts of world leaders; inspiring them to Adopt the Devils LGBT children as their beloved.

Matthew 12:37: By your words you will be acquitted or condemned. The words “I hate discrimination” and “I am not homophobic”, will condemn you on Judgment Day. Because what you are really saying is: I despise God’s judgments; and I approve of what God condemns and calls vile. God knows the motives of your hearts. Many so-called conservatives proudly make that type of foolish statement; to identify with Satan’s faithful and avoid being criticized. Homophobia really is Fear of offending homosexuals and those who praise and defend them.

Has the Devil captured your heart? If you defend his children, you’re his slave and he will lead you to the pit of hell. Save yourself by calling on homosexuals and those who defend them, to repent. Leviticus 19:17 “Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in his guilt”. Lawmakers and Church Leaders: Blood is on your hands if you do not call on sinners to repent, Ezekiel 3:18-19.

The State Church called America: Arrogant, political leaders and judges, have given themselves the authority to define “good and evil”. God warns mankind not to do that, in Genesis 2:17 “when you eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you will surely die.” Everyone must honor, by law, LGBT sexual perversions; or become enemies of the State. Most of the media have become the – Mad Deacons of the Unholy Church and State, called America. The Devil used, five Bigoted and Perverted Judges – to rewrite our constitution by ruling same sex marriage constitutional.

Why does congress allow Judicial Tyranny? Our lawmakers have surrendered their authority to these - Satan inspired perverts - without a whimper in protest. They should declare the law unconstitutional and unenforceable because it exalts – sexual depravity - and creates new law. The responsibility of congress is to make law, not judges.

American Idolatry is: Worshiping at the Altar of “Individual Rights”. Individual rights have been twisted, to the point that - Individual Wrongs - are defended and praised as individual-rights. Satanic, anti-human LGBT lifestyles are defended by law: Government and judicial madness is on display. The Devils faithful are battling for hearts and minds; sadly, our lawmakers surrender to them.

National leaders, why are you showering homosexuals with special protections? Shouldn’t you also provide special laws defending incest and bestiality, in order not to discriminate. A government sponsored hate crime is being committed against children; by teaching them, same sex practices in schools.

Same sex marriage is the Devils way of mocking God’s creation of, male and female, husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, and sons and daughters. Bigot: The definition of BIGOT is: “someone who has “strong unreasonable beliefs and opinions.” Legal same sex marriage is, unreasonable, and the bitter fruit of the Satanically defeated, and depraved minds.

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Transgenderism is: Extreme homosexuality. Men who are so desperate to appeal to other men that they attempt to make themselves look like women. Why are some of them drugged and mutilated to appease their madness by Dr. Frankenstein; when, real gender transition, is impossible? Resulting in, deceived, drugged, and mutilated men and women. Children of Dr. Frankenstein, with the God created distinction of male and female, desecrated. Romans 1:28 Describes Lawmakers and Judges today and their LGBT adopted children. "Since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them up to a depraved mind".

God's Judgment regarding homosexuals: Leviticus 20:13, "If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. They must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads." America, stop drinking the deceptive wine of the Devil; it will drive you mad. Psalm 12:8 "The wicked freely strut about when what is vile is honored among men."

Lawmakers and Church Leaders Repent: Our Father in heaven, has provided a remedy for all sinners. Jesus Christ the Son of God has been sacrificed; that we may be cleansed from sin by his blood and receive salvation from death. The sin debt of mankind has been paid. Praise the God and Father of our Savior, Christ Jesus; may his Word be honored, always and forever. Proverbs 24:11. "Rescue those being led to death, hold back those staggering toward slaughter."

America's Anti-Slavery Founding Documents

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In 18th century Colonial America, a great spiritual awakening ignited an anti-slavery movement that impacted millions, including America's Founding Fathers. This resulted in America's founding documents being formulated as statements against slavery.

This anti-slavery characteristic of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution was understood by America's founding generation. This has also been understood by abolitionists and Civil Rights icons such as Frederick Douglas, Abraham Lincoln, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. King, for example, in his "I Have a Dream Speech," exhorted America, not to dispense with her founding documents, but instead, to live up to them. Speaking from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, he declared,

When the architects of our Republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men, yes, black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed the "unalienable Rights" of "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

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Then quoting from the Declaration of Independence, he proclaimed,

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

Dr. King had obviously studied the U.S. Constitution and understood that there are no classifications based on race, ethnicity, or skin color. The words "slaves" and "slavery" are not mentioned. Instead, it speaks of "citizens," "persons," and "other persons." The language was purposeful for James Madison said, "The Convention thought it wrong to admit in the Constitution the idea that there could be property in men."

The famous abolitionist, Frederick Douglass, understood this and in a July 5, 1852, speech he praised the Constitution as "a glorious liberty document" and extolled the Founding Fathers for their courage and their wisdom. On another occasion, he said of the founding documents,

Anyone of these provisions in the hands of abolition statesmen, and backed by a right moral sentiment, would put an end to slavery in America (Hyatt, [*Abolitionist Founding Fathers*](#), 54-55).

Indeed, in 1776 and 1787 when slavery was accepted and practiced in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and throughout much of the world, the words of the Declaration and Constitution were revolutionary, especially those words of the Declaration that declare, "That all men are created equal and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights such as Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

Indeed, when Dr. King was accused of being an extremist, he replied, "Was not Thomas Jefferson an extremist?" He then quoted the words of Jefferson in the Declaration, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal" (Hyatt, [*Abolitionist Founding Fathers*](#), 45).

Abolitionists of the founding era used the founding documents to attack slavery. For example, a 1784 gathering of Methodist leaders in Baltimore issued a statement in which they denounced slavery as "contrary to the golden rule of God . . . as well as every principle of the Revolution" (Hyatt, [*1726: The Year that Defined America*](#), 97).

The revival preacher, Samuel Hopkins (1721–1803), used the words of the Declaration in a pamphlet he wrote against slavery. Confronting those who argued that slavery was God's way of bringing Africans from their pagan land to hear the Gospel, he exclaimed,

What sort of "gospel" message is being conveyed when people are enslaved because of the color of their skin? The Declaration of Independence says all men are created equal with certain unalienable rights. Oh, the shocking, the intolerable inconsistencies! (Hyatt, [*1726: The Year that Defined America*](#), 90).

Abraham Lincoln also understood the anti-slavery character of the nation's founding documents. In 1858, Lincoln, who had become the new Republican party's first candidate for president, declared that the anti-slavery platform of the new party was built on the anti-slavery vision of the nation's Founders. He said,

In the way our Fathers originally left the slavery question, the institution was in the course of ultimate extinction, and the public mind rested in the belief that it was in the course of ultimate extinction. All I have asked or desired is that it should be placed back again upon the bases that the Fathers of our government originally placed it upon (Hyatt, [*Abolitionist Founding Fathers*](#), 59-60).

The cries of those on the Left that America's founding documents are racist are not based on the facts of history. The historian, David Azerrad, was correct when he said, "The argument that the Constitution is racist suffers from one fatal flaw; the concept of race does not exist in the Constitution" (Hyatt, [*1726: The Year that Defined America*](#), 127).

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If ever there has been an exercise in futility, it is the attempt to convince people to put differences aside and be united not divided. It was the theme of President Biden's inaugural address, a speech equivalent to an unrealistic wish list. There could not have been a greater degree of meaningless platitudes spoken. The words were completely out of touch with reality, yet it should not have come as a surprise since leaders in Washington live in a bubble enveloped by a reality of their own making.

The nation's leaders and the American people are walking on an emotional razor's edge as frustration, anger and hate towards one another festers and grows. America's very survival is at stake, but voices of reason are scoffed at, ridiculed, shunned, and silenced by every means possible.

Self demands it must be catered to and accommodated. Individuals and groups with radical agendas are in opposition of one another to such an extreme that they are deliberately blinded to the deadly consequences of their reprehensible, irresponsible, and reckless actions. Another civil war is coming with a far deadlier outcome. When it does Americans will only have themselves to blame.

A Lawless Cultural Decline

The culture of any nation defines who and what it is. Culturally, the United States is being redefined and transformed according to an evolving set of standards being forced upon society by a godless generation of liberals who believe society must be liberated from the shackles of an outdated moral code of conduct. No consideration whatsoever is given to the toll it is taking on the nation because they are too busy planning for the next assault upon morality, long established conservative principles, institutions and laws that have always provided the nation with unparalleled security and stability.

People have never been so cynical and opinionated. The infectious mindset of, "You must change to accommodate my views and actions," and "I'm okay but you are not," has turned us into a nation of characters instead of a nation with the required character to survive what is coming.

Just as England is no longer Great Britain, when looking at America the nation can no longer lay claim to the name The United States. Nothing could be further from the truth. The nation is in a state of chaos. Lawlessness is overtaking the rule of law. America is fractured from within. Why? Ezekiel 2:4- "For they are impudent children (cocky with no regard for others) and stiff hearted (stiff necked) ..."

It is extremely frustrating for Americans who knew what occurred when the country was established. There is a deep respect and appreciation for the nation's founding fathers acknowledgment of God as the guiding hand through the struggles the country was faced with. Times, however, have radically changed. According to bigoted, uninformed left-wing godless liberals, the United States is a nation with an unforgiving racist past, the founding fathers were racist, and the United States still suffers from deeply rooted racism, especially whites.

The Handwriting is on the Wall

Just as King Belshazzar was told in Daniel 5:24-28- that his kingdom was finished, it is a warning for America today.

- Mene – God has numbered America as a nation, and it is finished.
- Tekel – America is weighed in the balances and is found wanting.
- Peres – America is divided and will be given to its enemies.

A Society Unhinged

It is staggering to see how lawless America has become. Lawlessness is a national and individual scourge. It is not an expression of "righteous indignation" as Terry Moran of ABC News reported over and over when cities such as Minneapolis, Portland, and Seattle were looted and set on fire by members of Black Lives Matter and Antifa.

America is a nation without a sense of direction, and aimless without a moral code used as a guide. Why? Because

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answers are being sought in all the wrong places.

One Set of Laws for Everyone

The bible speaks of one set of laws. If such laws were obeyed, it would change the attitudes people have towards one another. The country would be completely transformed. I Timothy 1:8-10- “But we know the law (the Ten Commandments) is good, if a man use it lawfully. (9) Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless or disobedient, for the unholy and profane (impure, defiled, and vulgar), for murders of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers. (10) For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind (commit homosexuality), for men stealers (slave traders), for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine (what the bible states).”

The Failure of the Nation’s Clergy

The nation’s clergy in churches across the country erroneously teach the Ten Commandments have been “nailed to the cross” when Christ died. People are no longer required to keep them. The teaching is completely contrary to what the bible says. Matthew 5:17- “Think not that I come to destroy (abolish) the law (the Ten Commandments), or the prophets (what the prophets wrote): I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.” According to Merriam Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary Tenth Edition, the word fulfill means: (1) To make full (2) To put into effect (3) To execute (4) to convert into reality (5) To perform (6) To carry out the terms. Christ’s death magnified the law.

Because the nations’ clergy have miserably failed to teach the Ten Commandments are still valid, it has trickled down to society and it has resulted in the lack of a moral guide, no absolutes, lawlessness, and problems without answers. The Ten Commandments would keep society and individual lives in check.

Lawless Federal Judges
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LAWLESS FEDERAL JUDGES, Rule by their own authority. The rulings of federal and some state judges today, render our constitution, irrelevant and unconstitutional. The attitude of most federal judges is: Why do you need law or constitution in America; when I have been given the authority to impose, my opinions, and call it the law? And congress dare not question or overrule my opinions.

America, your powerful rulers, Barak Obama and Donald Trump bow down to the – phantom unseen source - of my inspiration; by confessing “Same sex marriage is settled law.” We black robed judges, laugh at your attempt to escape our deceptive, lawless and beyond constitutional, rulings. Jeremiah 5:31. “Priests rule by their own authority” NIV.” The Law was ignored; and that led to their destruction by foreign nations.

Holy Days 2022

- Passover – April 16, 2022 (Observed at Sunset the Evening Before)
- Unleavened Bread – April 16-22, 2022
- Pentecost – June 5, 2022
- Trumpets - September 26, 2022
- Atonement – October 5, 2022
- Tabernacles – October 10-16, 2022
- Last Great Day – October 17, 2022

Have a Great Sabbath and Thank You!