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JULY 4TH: FROM LIBERTY TO BONDAGE

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will compare the liberation of the Israelites from Egypt to the founding of the United States of America and Bible prophecy surrounding this nation.

Current Event: America 250 Years In The Making

On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The journey toward this historic milestone is an opportunity to pause and reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond.

<https://america250.org/>

2. Let us study the United States of America in Bible prophecy. Out of where does this beast arise? Revelation 13:11

3. What does a beast represent in prophecy? Daniel 7:17, 23

4. This beast arises out of the earth in contrast to the first beast of Revelation 13:1-2 which arose out of the sea. That first beast is the Papacy and the sea represents a populated area, i.e the Old World or Europe (Revelation 17:15; Isaiah 17:12). In contrast to the sea, what would the earth represent? Revelation 12:15-16; Job 38:25, 26

5. **Note:** Revelation 12 also shows us God's church finding refuge in the United States of America. The woman, or the church, fled to a place that was largely uninhabited and there she found rest from the persecution of the Papacy. Based on the Bible, the "earth" in Revelation 12:16 must represent a land or nation that was being established around the time period of 1798 when the Papacy lost its power over the nations. History records that the Pilgrims/Puritans came from the Old World (Europe) to the New World (America) seeking civil and religious liberty in the year 1620. Just a few years before 1798, the United States of America was officially declared a nation in the year 1776. It voted the Constitution in 1787 and then, adopted the Bill of Rights in 1791.
6. The U.S.A. is likened unto a lamb in Revelation 13:11. Who is the Lamb a symbol of in scripture? John 1:29; Revelation 13:8

7. What is symbolized by the "two horns like a lamb"? Revelation 13:11; Daniel 7:24; Daniel 8:7; Habakkuk 3:4

8. What principles did Jesus, the Lamb, teach? Matthew 22:21

"And he had two horns like a lamb." The lamblike horns indicate youth, innocence, and gentleness, fitly representing the character of the United States when presented to the prophet as "coming up" in 1798. Among the Christian exiles who first fled to America and sought an asylum from royal oppression and priestly intolerance were many who determined to establish a government upon the broad foundation of civil and religious liberty. Their views found place in the Declaration of Independence, which sets forth the great truth that "all men are created equal" and endowed with the inalienable right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." And the Constitution guarantees to the people the right of self government, providing that representatives elected by the popular vote shall enact and administer the laws. **Freedom of religious faith was also granted, every man being permitted to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience.** {GC 441.1}

9. To better understand what will take place in the coming months to years of America's future, we must examine the account of the Israelites leaving Egypt. What are we told in 1 Corinthians 10:6, 11?
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10. What did God say He saw and heard concerning His people in Egypt? Exodus 3:7, 9

11. What did He declare He would do for the Israelites? Exodus 3:8

12. What place or territory was called the “goodly land”? See the following groups of scriptures.

a) Read and compare Numbers 14:7 with Numbers 13:2

b) Read and compare Deuteronomy 3:25 with Numbers 33:51

c) Deuteronomy 6:10; Genesis 12:5; Exodus 3:8

13. What two kinds of oppression were the Israelites experiencing in Egypt?

a) What was their civil status in Egypt? Exodus 1:13-14

b) What could they not do freely in Egypt? What does “serve” mean? Exodus 4:22-23; Matthew 4:10

14. **Note:** They experienced **civil and religious oppression** in Egypt. Hence, why God delivered them to a goodly land to experience civil freedom from being slaves and the freedom to worship the true God.

15. Similar to the land of Canaan, the United States of America is the modern-day application of the goodly land. Let us prove this. Read Daniel 11:40-41. (Note: The word glorious means goodly in the marginal reference). The king of the north will enter into the “glorious land” and will exercise his hand of persecution. This king of the north is none other than the Papacy, the Roman Catholic hierarchy. For a complete study on this, refer to our lesson entitled, *Daniel The Prophet - Daniel 11, Part 6* <https://www.prophesyagain.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Notes/Daniel-11-Part-6.pdf>.

16. What beast is used to represent the persecuting power of Egypt? Ezekiel 29:3

17. God delivered the Hebrews from a dragon-like persecuting nation to the goodly land of Canaan. The woman, God’s faithful church, fled from what to find refuge from persecution? Revelation 12:13-14

18. What helped the woman and gave her a place of refuge from persecution? Revelation 12:16

19. What nation is represented by “the earth”? Revelation 13:10, 11 **Answer:** The United States of America

20. What did the Israelites lust after even though they were free in the wilderness? Numbers 11:4-6

21. What did they say to each other shortly thereafter? Numbers 14:2-4

22. **Note:** Notice the comparison between the Israelites and America. The Israelites forgot to mention their hardships and bondage but remembered the food and benefits of Egypt. They were willing to return to Egypt for its conveniences in exchange for their freedom and privacy. The Puritans, Pilgrims, and founding fathers of America came to this country fleeing from the civil and religious oppression of the Papacy in the Old World but Bible prophecy foretells that the citizens of America will soon return to Papal homage and bondage!

23. When America speaks as a dragon through its laws, what will it force people to do? Revelation 13:12

24. What will be the penalty for refusing to worship the beast and its image which will be Sunday worship enforced by law?

a) Revelation 13:15

b) Revelation 13:17

25. Notice who America gave the medal of liberty to for the year 2026. This would not have transpired around the time period of 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was signed.

Pope Leo XIV awarded Liberty Medal: 'God bless America

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-07/pope-leo-xiv-awarded-liberty-medal-national-constitution-center.html>

26. **Note:** In order for America to force people to worship and restrict buying and selling for certain people, there must be a system of surveillance. Notice the following headline.

U.S. Now Among World's Worst Surveillance Societies

It turns out that when it comes to surveillance, the U.S. is in the company of countries like China and Russia. Like those countries, the U.S. was in the dead-last, absolute worst category: an "endemic surveillance society." That's right, when it comes to pervasive surveillance and tracking, we've been lumped into the same group as countries like China, Russia and Singapore.
<https://www.aclu.org/news/national-security/us-now-among-worlds-worst-surveillance-societies>

27. As we close, let's meditate on the experience needed to meet that coming crisis. What does Jesus say in John 8:36?

28. What is one thing Jesus wants us to be set free from? Romans 8:15

29. What is the primary bondage we must be set free from? John 8:33-34

30. Through the power of Christ, what do we need to keep so that we won't taste the second death? John 8:52
