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INTRO: visiting our son and his family in SC; our daughter in law loves books and browsing used bookstores ... I came across this little copy of the **Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America** [read selections]

Some of you are familiar with **Imprimis**, a publication of Hillsdale College ... June/July 2026 – How to Think about the American Revolution [read selection]

Today, there are billions of people living in countries that purport to be democratic republics. In 1775, there were none.

When we consider the remarkable events surrounding the beginning of our nation, it is not hard to see the fingerprints of the hand of God.

Its influence has been substantial, though not without shortcomings.

America has an amazing past, but what does the future hold?

The very last question submitted for our **YOU ASKED FOR IT** series, was **Is America Included in Bible Prophecy?** I don't know if the person who asked this question asked it because of our nation's 250 birthday which we celebrated yesterday, but it is a timely question and one that is on our hearts and minds as believers, especially as we witness the spiritual decline of our country.

As we seek to answer this question biblically, we will see that God has already determined the influence, importance and role each nation, including ours, will play in world affairs.

In fact, it's important to know that all nations are under God.

All Nations Under God

Pledge of allegiance each day in school

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the US of America, and to the republic for which it stands, **one nation under God**, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all

ALL nations are under God ... whether the nations of the world realize it or not ... it is true.

6 centuries before Christ ... Nebuchadnezzar ... zenith of his power ... dream ... Daniel's interpretation

Lesson ... Dan 4.24-25
Dream fulfilled
Lesson learned ... 4.34-35

600 years later ... Paul comes to Athens on his 2nd missionary journey and reminds his audience of this same truth

Acts 17.24-26

Facing the philosophers of his day, Paul tells them that God determines the role of every nation in world affairs **because all nations are under Him**.

Is the United States of America in Bible Prophecy?

There is no explicit reference to the United States by name in the Bible.

The question is whether any prophetic passages could indirectly describe a nation that resembles America.

Whether America is in Bible prophecy depends largely on one's approach to interpreting biblical prophecy.

Remember ... If the normal sense makes good sense, seek no other sense, lest it result in nonsense.

Of course, if America is still a nation when Jesus returns, its army will be with the armies of the world at Armageddon

Rev 19.19ff

But apart from that reference ... some would say YES ... the US of America is referenced in the Scriptures.

▪ Key passages

Rev 17-18 ... Babylon here seen in its final judgment

Some have identified Babylon with America because of its wealth, global commerce, and influence

America (NY City) is Babylon

18.9-11 ... World Trade Center on 911 is seen in this passage

U.S. in Prophecy

Noah W. Hutchings, S. Franklin Logsdon

S. FRANKLIN LOGSDON (1907-1987) was a respected evangelical pastor and popular Bible conference speaker. He pastored Moody Memorial Church in Chicago from 1950 to 1952.

America, the Babylon by RA Coombes

Coombes connects the woman on the beast, the great harlot, in Rev 17, with the Statue of Liberty

BUT ... Babylon is presented as a wicked CITY, not a nation, that persecutes God's people ... it is best to see Babylon as a literal, rebuilt city in Iraq

Isaiah 18.1-2

Jack Van Impe understands this great unnamed nation to be the USA

In the opening vss of Isa 18, Isaiah gives a warning to this nation

Hitchcock Quote

Other passages like ...

Jeremiah 50-51 ... Prophecy the fall of ancient Babylon, describing its destruction due to judgment from God

Ezekiel 38.13 where "the merchants of Tarshish and all her villages (young lions)" are mentioned.

Wm Marty: To find the United States in the Bible, you must use a highly imaginative interpretive process. Some think passages such as Isaiah 18, Jeremiah 50 and 51, and Revelation 18 contain figurative references to the United States, but it is a huge interpretive stretch to identify references to Cush and Babylon as the United States. After more than 20 years of studying and teaching the Bible, I am convinced that God's Word does not mention, directly or even symbolically, the United States.

So, why isn't the most powerful nation on the earth directly referenced in End Times prophecy?

▪ Reasons for the silence

1 Prophecy focuses on Israel

The primary interest of the prophets was those nations in the Middle East that had a direct influence on Israel.

There are numerous references to ancient superpowers ... Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia

And to smaller nations immediately adjacent to Israel ... Edom, Moab, Ammon

2 The end times will focus again on Israel

The world's focus will turn again to the Middle East.

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1 America will still be a superpower but God chose not to mention her specifically

Seems very unlikely

In the end times, dominant political and military power is centered in Europe and the Middle East

2 America is not mentioned in Scripture because she will be destroyed

Crippled by a nuclear attack??

3 America is not mentioned in Bible prophecy because she will have lost her influence as a result of moral and spiritual decline.

Popular view ... maybe because the decline is so very obvious

4 America is not mentioned in Bible prophecy because she will be brought to her knees by the Rapture.

QUOTE ... Charlie Dyer in his book, The Rise of Babylon

☞ **Two Key Indicators** ... to help determine the role of America in the end times

1 America's relationship to Israel

Gen 12.3 ... God said to Abram ... I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse.

The friends of Abraham and Israel are the friends and enemies of God.

God is not through with the Jewish people ... He carefully watches to see how individuals and nations treat them today.

QUOTE ... Charles Ryrie

2 America's involvement in the spread of the gospel

God loves Israel and the Jewish people ... but God loves ALL the people of the world.

His message of salvation through His Son, JC, is a message He wants all men to hear and believe.

And God has used the USA in remarkable ways ...

The United States has played one of the most significant roles in the global spread of Christianity. While Christianity reached every continent long before the United States existed, America became a major center for missionary activity, Bible translation, humanitarian aid, theological education, and Christian publishing.

But today, Christianity is growing faster outside of the US in countries in Africa and Asia and the US is no longer the missionary-sending force it used to be.

Rest assured, my friend ... God has already determined the influence, importance and role each nation will play in world affairs.

Communion: While we are grateful to be citizens of the USA, to be citizens of heaven by our faith in Jesus Christ is far more significant.

Phil 3.20 ... but our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ

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