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The State of Israel: Ancient & Modern "America and Israel have a common love of human freedom and a democratic way of life" -Johnson

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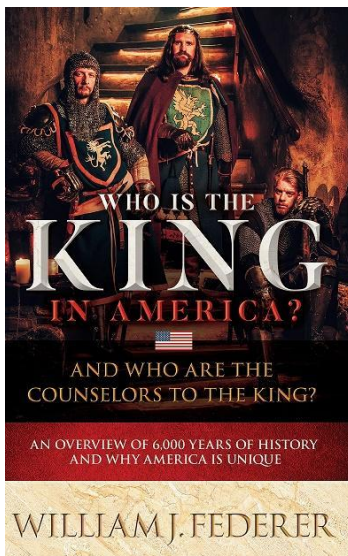
On midnight, May 14, 1948, the modern **State of Israel** came into being and was immediately recognized by the **United States** and the **Soviet Union**.



It had previously been part of the **British protectorate** following World War I, but **Britain relinquished control** due to irreconcilable differences with the Arabs ...

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It became a homeland for the **thousands of Jews** who

were **persecuted and displaced** during **World War II**.

The day after the State of Israel was created, it was **attacked** by:

- **Egypt,**
- **Syria,**
- **Iraq,**
- **Lebanon.**
- **the Arab Legion, and**
- **the Transjordanian Army.**

Against all odds, **Israel survived.**

The Armistice between **Israel** and her enemies was negotiated by **Ralph Bunche**, the **first African American to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.**

In 1947, **Ralph Bunche** set up a meeting between two members of U.N. Special Committee on Palestine and **Menachem Begin**, the leader of the **Irgun Jewish underground** who would later be **Israel's Prime Minister.**

The British negotiator Richard Crossman of Britain asked **Bunche** if his exposure to the Jews had made him anti-Semitic "yet."

Ralph Bunche answered:

"That would be impossible ... I know the flavor of racial prejudice and racial persecution. A wise Negro can never be an anti-Semite."

As he was leaving **Begin's** hideout, **Ralph Bunche** told him:

"I can understand you. I am also a member of a persecuted minority."

Democrat President Harry S Truman sent a telegram

to the **President of Israel, Dr. Chaim Weizmann**,
President of the Provisional Council of State, Tel Aviv,
October 2, 1948:

"On this your first New Year's Eve as President of the Provisional Council of the **State of Israel** I send you warm personal greetings and congratulations.

May the New Year bring peace to **Israel** and to its citizens the opportunity to dedicate themselves in tranquility to furthering **the prosperity of their country.**"

On November 29, 1948, **President Truman** wrote to **Dr. Chaim Weizmann**, the first president of Israel:

"I want to tell you how happy and impressed I have been at the remarkable progress made by **the new State of Israel.**"

Truman added:

"I remember well our conversations about the **Negeb** ... and **I deplore any attempt to take it away from Israel.**

I had thought that my position would have been clear to all the world, particularly in the light of **the specific wording of the Democratic Party platform.**"

The 1948 **Democrat Party Platform** stated:

"President Truman, by granting immediate **recognition to Israel**, led the world in extending friendship and welcome to a people who have long sought and justly **deserve freedom and independence.**

We pledge full recognition to the **State of Israel.**

We affirm our pride that the United States under the leadership of **President Truman** played a leading role in the adoption of the resolution of November 29, 1947, by the United Nations General Assembly for **the creation of**

a Jewish State.

... We approve the claims of the **State of Israel** to the boundaries set forth in the United Nations resolution of November 29th and consider that modifications thereof should be made only if fully acceptable to the **State of Israel**.

We look forward to the admission of the **State of Israel** to the United Nations and its full participation in the international community of nations.

... We pledge appropriate aid to the **State of Israel** in developing its economy and resources.

We favor the revision of the arms embargo to accord to the **State of Israel the right of self-defense."**

Truman continued his letter to **Israel's President Dr. Chaim Weizmann**, November 29, 1948:

"I have interpreted my re-election as a mandate from the American people to carry out the **Democratic platform** -- including, of course, the plank on **Israel**."

Democrat President John F. Kennedy remarked opening the Ouachita National Forest Road at Big Cedar, Oklahoma, October 29, 1961:

"We take our lesson ... from the **Bible** and the story of **Nehemiah**, which tells us that when the **children of Israel** returned from captivity they determined to rebuild **the walls of Jerusalem**, in spite of the **threats of the enemy**.

... The **wall** was built and the peace was preserved.

But it was written, 'Of them that built on the wall ... **with one of his hands he did the work**, and **with the other he held the sword**.'"

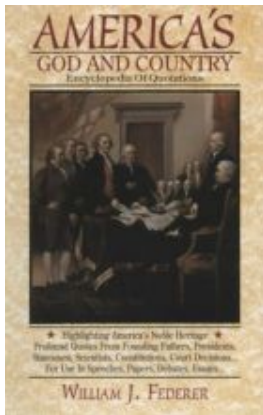
Democrat President Lyndon B. Johnson stated in 1968:

"America and Israel have a common love of human freedom and a democratic way of life ...

Through the centuries, through dispersion and through very grievous trials, **your forefathers clung to their Jewish identity** and their ties with **the land of Israel.**

... The prophet Isaiah foretold, 'And He shall set up an **ensign for the nations** and He shall **assemble the outcasts of Israel** and **gather together the dispersed of Judah** from all the **four corners of the earth'** ...

History knows no more moving example of persistence against the cruelest odds."



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Ancient Israel came out of Egypt, around 1,400 BC and entered the Promised Land.

For the next 400 years, the **Children of Israel** were the first well-recorded instance in history of a **nation ruled without a king.**

This was a **model for America's founders.**

After the **U.S. Constitution** was written, it **needed to be ratified by nine states** in order to go into effect.

Eight states had ratified it and **New Hampshire was in line to be the ninth**, but disagreements caused its

Ratifying Convention to be adjourned in February of 1788.

After the **annual day of fasting**, set by **New Hampshire's Governor**, state delegates **reconvened** in June of 1788.

They listened to an address on June 5, 1788, by **Harvard President Rev. Samuel Langdon**, titled "**The Republic of the Israelites an Example to the American States.**"

Afterwards, **New Hampshire** delegates **voted to ratify the U.S. Constitution**, and being the **ninth state** to do so, **put it into effect**.

In his address, **Rev. Samuel Langdon** stated:

"Instead of **the twelve tribes of ISRAEL**, we may substitute the **thirteen states of the American union**, and see this application plainly ...

That as **God** in the course of his kind providence hath given you **an excellent Constitution of government**, founded on the most rational, equitable, and liberal principles, by which all that **liberty is secured** ...

and you are empowered to make righteous laws for promoting public order and good morals;

and as he has moreover **given you by his Son Jesus Christ** ... **a complete revelation of his will** ... it will be your wisdom ... to ... **adhere faithfully to the doctrines and commands of the gospel**, and practice every **public and private virtue** ..."

Langdon continued:

"**The ISRAELITES** may be considered as **a pattern** to the world in all ages ...

Government ... on republican principles required

laws; without which it must have degenerated immediately into ... **absolute monarchy** ...

How unexampled was this quick progress of **the ISRAELITES, from abject slavery, ignorance, and almost total want of order, to a national establishment perfected in all its parts** far beyond all other kingdoms and states!

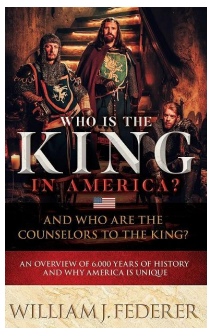
From a mere mob, to a well regulated nation, under a government and laws far superior to what any other nation could boast! ..."

Langdon concluded:

"It was a long time after the law of Moses was given before the rest of the world knew any thing of government by law ...

It was six hundred years after **Moses** before ... **Grecian republics** received a **very imperfect** ... code of laws from Lycurgus.

It was about five hundred years from the first founding of the celebrated **Roman empire** ... before the first **laws of that empire.**"



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WHAT WAS THE REPUBLIC OF THE ANCIENT ISRAELITES?

It was the **first four hundred years in the Promised Land**, before they demanded their first king, Saul.

* **ISRAEL** was the first well-recorded instance of a **nation**

with millions of people and no king. People of each village, town and city met in a "**synagogue,**" which means "**house of meeting,**" where, in addition to **learning the law they chose the elders** who would sit in public judgement at the city gate.

* **In ISRAEL,** at this time, had no royal family to pay obeisance to. **Everyone was equal under the Law,** as it taught "Ye shall **not respect persons in judgment;** but ye shall hear the small as well as the great." (Deuteronomy 1:17). This was the **beginning of the concept of equality.**

In ISRAEL, the Law stated that **every person was made in the image of the Creator,** "God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Genesis 1:27).

Each person possessed **God-given rights** which no one could take away, and it was the **government's purpose to guarantee these rights.**

* **ISRAEL** treated non-Israelites as **equals.**

"The **stranger** who resides with you shall be to you as one of your citizens; **you shall love him as yourself,** for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I the LORD am your God" (Leviticus 19:34)

* **ISRAEL** was **tolerant.** Though convinced they were worshiping the only true God, they **never waged ideological war** to force other nations to accept Him, **nor did they force the non-Israelite strangers** living within their borders **to convert.**

John Locke wrote in *A Letter Concerning Toleration* (1689):

"Foreigners and such as were **strangers to the commonwealth of Israel** were **not compelled** by force to observe **the rites of the Mosaical law** ... We find **not**

one man forced into the Jewish religion and the worship of the true God ...

If any one ... desired to be made a denizen [citizen] of their commonwealth ... to embrace their religion ... this he did **willingly**, on his own accord, **not by constraint.**"

* **In ISRAEL**, land was permanently titled to each family - - **"the Promised Land."** This contrasted with most of the world, where kings granted land to loyal vassals, or as in Egypt, where the pharaohs owned the land.

Each family owned title to their land. This prevented a dictator from gathering up the land and putting the people back into slavery. **Noah Webster** wrote in the preface of his *Dictionary* (republished 1841):

"Let the people have property and they will have **power** - a power that will forever be exerted to prevent a restriction of the press, and abolition of trial by jury, or the abridgement of any other privilege."

Borders between properties were to be respected, "Do not move an ancient landmark" (Proverbs 23:10); and **borders between nations** were to be respected "The Lord said to (Moses) ... I will not give you any of their land, not even enough to put your foot on. I have given Esau the hill country of Seir as his own." (Deuteronomy 2)

If a person **owned land**, they could **accumulate possessions.** The Bible called this being **"blessed."** And they could voluntarily give away some of their possessions to help the poor. The Bible called this **"charity."**

Marx wrote in his *Manifesto*, 1848:

"The theory of the communists may be summed up in the single sentence: **Abolition of private property.**"

If you do not own anything, how can you be charitable?

- **ISRAEL** had a bureaucracy-free welfare system.

When someone harvested their field, they **left the corners and gleanings** for the **poor**, like in the story of Ruth.

This way, **the poor were taken care of**, while maintaining their dignity by doing something, without a political leader collecting everything and doling it back out as favors to those who would keep him in power.

* **ISRAEL** had **laws** that both citizens and those in leadership had to follow. This differed from kings who were "above the law" and ruled subjects at their whims.

In Israel, all were accountable to God **to treat each other fairly**. Leviticus 19:18 "Love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD."

The moral law of God is revealed in Ten Commandments.

At the 1956 New York opening of his famous movie, Cecil B. DeMille stated:

"Man has made 32 million laws since THE COMMANDMENTS were handed down to Moses on Mount Sinai more than three thousand years ago, but he has never improved on God's law."

In addition to the moral law, Moses gave ceremonial, dietary and civil laws, for a total of 613 laws.

The people were given the opportunity to give their consent to the laws. David P. Goldman, author of *How Civilizations Die* (Regnery Press, 2011) wrote in the *Asia Times* (2/12/15):

"Never do we meet a God who offers his laws -- the Torah -- to a people, as YHWH did at Mount Sinai, and ask that people's free assent to accept these laws."

* **ISRAEL** had **no police**. Everyone was taught the Law and everyone helped enforced the Law. It was as if everyone was "deputized." The verse right before Leviticus 19:18 "love your neighbor as yourself" is verse 17 "Confront your neighbor directly so you will not be held guilty for their sin."

* **ISRAEL** had **no prisons**. The Law required swift justice at the "gates of the city" and a "city of refuge" where fugitives could flee to await a trial in a capital murder case.

* **ISRAEL** had **no standing army**, as every man was in the militia, armed with a sword upon their thigh, and ready as a moment's notice to defend his family and community. "Every man has his sword on his thigh" Song of Solomon 3:8; "Every one with one of his hands wrought in the work and with the other hand held a weapon." Nehemiah 4:17.

* **ISRAEL** was the first nation where **everyone was taught to read**.

At the time the **Children of Israel** left, Egypt had 3,000 hieroglyphs, and reading them was the scribes' secret knowledge.

Only one percent of Egypt could read.

The National Archaeological Museum in Athens, Greece, in its section on Egyptian Artifacts, has a display on "Scribes," stating:

"Only a small percentage of ancient Egypt's population was literate, namely the pharaoh, members of the royal family, officials, priests and scribes."

Scribes wrote on stone or clay sherds, wooden boards, linen, papyrus, and parchment. **Scribes kept writing complicated to enhance their job security.** It was their **secret knowledge.** They were needed to decipher the cryptic hieroglyphs.

The elite deep-state ruling class used complicated writing to **maintain control over uneducated masses.**

Anthropologist Claude Levi Strauss (1908-2009), wrote:

"Ancient writing's main function was to **facilitate the enslavement** of other human beings."

George Orwell wrote in *Nineteen Eighty-Four*:

"In the long run, a **hierarchical society** was only possible on a basis of **poverty and ignorance.**"

Other nations had languages with **hundreds and even thousands of characters:**

- the **Hittite language** had **375 cuneiform characters;**
- the Indus Valley **Harappan language** had **417 symbols;**
- the **Luwian language** of Anatolian had over **500 logographic hieroglyphs;**
- the **Akkadian language** in Mesopotamia had over **1,500 Sumerian cuneiform characters;**
- the **Chinese language** had nearly **10,000 pictogram and ideogram characters,** invented by scribes of China's Yellow Emperor.

When **Moses** came down from Mount Sinai, he not only had the **Ten Commandments,** but he had them in a **22 character Hebrew alphabet.** ("aleph" is the first letter, "beth" is the second).

With **so few characters,** even **children** learned to **read.**

Levites not only taught the Law, they also taught the people how to read it for themselves.

In fact, **they were required to**, as the law was addressed to **each person**, who was **personally accountable to God obey it.**

• **In ISRAEL**, people **chose their leaders**. Honest elections allowed for **government by the consent of the governed.**

"Moses spoke unto the children of Israel ... How can I myself alone bear your ... burden ... **TAKE YOU** wise men, and understanding, and **KNOWN AMONG YOUR TRIBES**, and I will make them rulers over you" (Deuteronomy 1:3–13).

"Judges and officers **SHALT THOU MAKE THEE IN ALL THY GATES** which the Lord thy God giveth thee throughout thy tribes" (Deuteronomy 16:18–19).

"Moreover thou shalt provide **OUT OF ALL THE PEOPLE** able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens" (Exodus 18:21).

Rather than a pyramid style, **top-down form of government** where the king's will is law, **the Hebrew Republic** was a **bottom-up form of government**, like a living tree drawing nutrients from the roots, where every cell contributes to its growth.

During the 400 year period of the **Hebrew Republic**, **anyone could be raised up into leadership** as there was no hereditary monarchy:

- **Jephthah** was the son of a prostitute;
- **Gideon** was from an obscure family; and
- **Deborah** was a just woman who knew the Law.

Israel was truly unique.

E.C. Wines wrote in *Commentaries on the Laws of the Ancient Hebrews*, with an Introductory Essay on Civil Society & Government (NY: Geo. P. Putnam & Co., 1853):

"Menes in Egypt; **Minos** in Crete; **Cadmus** in Thebes; **Lycurgus** in Sparta; **Zaleucus** in Locris; and **Numa** in Rome.

But ... **Moses differed fundamentally** from ... these **heathen legislators** ...

Moses' ... national unity ... was **not that species of unity**, which the world has since so often seen, in which vast **multitudes of human beings** are delivered up to **the arbitrary will of one man**.

It was a **unity**, effected by the **abolition of caste**; a unity, founded on the principle of **equal rights**; a unity, in which **the whole people formed the state**."

In a unique way, **Ancient Israel helped in the founding of America**, as America's founders looked back to the Hebrew Republic as an example of self-government; **and America helped in the founding of the modern State of Israel**, as Harry S Truman and other U.S. leaders defended it against all odds and against hostile enemies.

In April 3, 2002, **House Majority Whip Tom DeLay** mentioned Israel in an address at Westminster College:

"No one can ignore the horrible aggression in the Middle East ... **The State of Israel** has been targeted by groups committed to her complete elimination.

... And on the basis of **our shared principles and democratic values**, **America** has an **undeniable obligation** to stand squarely **with our democratic ally** against those attempting to end the **State of Israel** ...

The **State of Israel** has fought five major wars to defend its right to exist since 1948 ..."

DeLay continued:

"**Israel and America** are kindred nations.

The founders of both countries were profoundly influenced by faith.

Both countries drafted governments that practice **religious tolerance** ...

Both countries are filled with immigrants summoned by dreams. For people fleeing the storms of persecution, both countries have been safe harbors ..."

Congressman DeLay concluded:

"No one should expect the people of **Israel** to negotiate with **groups pursuing the fundamental goal of destroying them** ...

America has a clear duty to **stand beside a democratic ally that is besieged by terrorists** ...

The **terrorists attempting to destroy the State of Israel** should know that **America will never allow that to happen.**"

In regards to Israel, former **Democrat President Jimmy Carter** stated in his book, *Keeping the Faith-Memoirs of a President* (published 1982, p. 274):

"The **Judeo-Christian ethic** and study of the **Bible** were **bonds between Jews and Christians** which had always been part of my life.

... I also believed very deeply that the **Jews** who had survived the Holocaust **deserved their own nation**, and that they had a right to live in peace among their

neighbors.

I considered this **homeland for the Jews** to be compatible with the **teachings of the Bible**, hence **ordained by God**. These moral and religious beliefs made **my commitment to the security of Israel unshakable.**"

On March 23, 1982, to the National Conference of Christians and Jews, New York, **Republican President Ronald Reagan** stated:

"A strong, credible **America** is also an indispensable incentive for a peaceful resolution of differences between **Israel** and her neighbors.

America has never flinched from its commitment to the State of Israel -- a commitment which remains unshakable."

On December 10, 2001, **Republican President George Bush** remarked at the White House Lighting of the Menorah:

"As **God** promised **Abraham**, the **people of Israel** still live ... **America and Israel** have been through much together ...

We're reminded of the ancient story of **Israel's courage** and of the power of faith to make the darkness bright.

We can see the heroic spirit of the Maccabees lives on in **Israel** today."

Republican President Donald Trump stated on March 21, 2016:

"I came here to speak to you about where I stand on the future of **American relations** with our strategic ally, our unbreakable friendship and our cultural brother, **the only democracy** in the Middle East, **the state of Israel** ...

Iran has ... ballistic missiles, with a range of 1,250 miles ... designed to intimidate ... **Israel** ... We're not letting it happen to **Israel**, believe me.

Do you want to hear something really shocking? As many of the great people in this room know, painted on those missiles in both Hebrew and Farsi were the words "Israel must be wiped off the face of the earth." You can forget that ...

When I become president, the days of treating **Israel** like a second-class citizen will end on day one."

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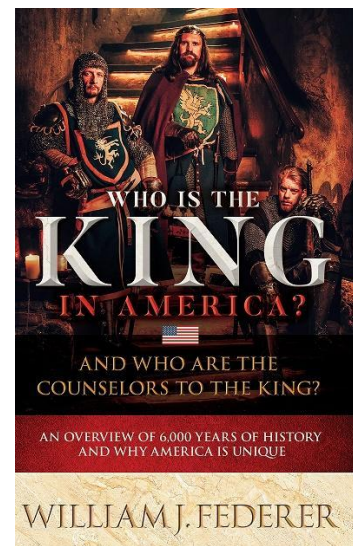


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