

BIBLICAL FREEDOM

... choose this day whom you will serve ...







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- ▣ YHVH has always intended for man to be free.
- ▣ Sin caused Adam's and Eve's freedom to decline
- ▣ **the worlds first "free society" became subject to its own folly.**

What keeps a free society free?

“(a free) society cannot exist unless a controlling power upon will and appetite be placed somewhere, and the less of it there is within, the more there must be without. It is ordained in the eternal constitution of things, that men of intemperate minds cannot be free. Their passions forge their fetters.”

Edmond Burke

- ▣ Free people must control their own lusts and greed

otherwise . . .

- ▣ Government will step in to control them.

- ▣ Everyone must willingly submit to:
 - A standard of laws
 - A moral code

- ▣ Who determines laws and morality?
 - When we were little children . . .
 - ▣ Our parents established laws and moral standards
 - ▣ Our parents were our 'god'.

 - As adults we should have learned that . . .
 - ▣ There is a God
 - ▣ He has the authority to establish law and morale standards
 - ▣ Living within His law and moral standards insures life to the fullest . . . FREEDOM!

- ▣ Common Denominator . . .
 - The one(s) who gave us life have the right and authority to set standards of conduct . . . Laws and Moral Code.

 - Willingly submitting to those standards insures Freedom.

- ▣ Looking back at Adam and Eve . . .
 - Recognition of higher authority, but . . .
 - Unwillingness to submit
 - Resulted in Lack of Freedom (Bondage)

Leviticus 26:3-13

“If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; ⁴ Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit . . . ⁶ And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make *you* afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land. ⁷ And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword . . .

⁸ And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword . . . ¹² And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people. ¹³ I *am* the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, **that ye should not be their bondmen;** and I have broken the bands of your yoke, and made you go upright.

Leviticus 26:3-13.

- ▣ Israel was free from bondage approx 100 years
 - The 40 years with Moses
 - All the years when Joshua judged
 - The remaining years till all the witnesses to the Exodus died

- ▣ Israel had no king except YHVH
 - “Sanhedrin” heard civil cases
 - Priests judged ‘religious’ matters

Israel had one standard of law and morals

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Israel soon turned to idolatry –

Judges 2:10-14

“When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for Israel. ¹¹ Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals . . .

¹² and they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed other gods from *among* the gods of the people who *were* all around them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked the LORD to anger . . .

¹³ They forsook the LORD and served Baal and the Ashtoreths. ¹⁴ And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel. **So He delivered them into the hands of plunderers** who despoiled them (economic problems); and He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies.

Judges 2:10-14

So the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD. They **forgot the LORD their God**, and served the Baals and Asherahs.

Judges 3:7

▣ USA

- Built on Judeo – Christian ethics and morals
- Founding fathers believed in a higher power
 - ▣ Governs the universe
 - ▣ Establishes what is right and what is wrong

- ▣ USA descended from Joseph's son – Manasseh
- ▣ Manasseh – “causing to forget”

“ . . . Israel has forgotten his Maker”

Hosea 8:14

- ▣ "Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee and beg Thy blessings upon us, our teachers and our country."

John 8:31-36

"If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free . . ."

- ▣ **Jeremiah 16:14-15** ¹⁴ " Therefore behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "that it shall no more be said, 'The LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,' ¹⁵ "but, 'The LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them.' For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers.

YHVH created us to be FREE!

Isaiah 44:21-22

" Remember these, O Jacob, And Israel, for you *are* My servant; I have formed you, you *are* My servant; **O Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me!** ²² I have blotted out, like a thick cloud, your transgressions, And like a cloud, your sins. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you."

Chag Sameach!

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