

Introduction

With an outstretched arm God brought His people out of the land of Egypt and led them to Canaan, a land flowing with milk and honey. The Israelites had been slaves in Egypt 400 years. When they cried out to God, He saved them, performing many miracles right before their eyes so they would believe in Him and what He was doing for them. Was it any different for us?

With an outstretched arm God brought us out of the land of Great Britain 385 years ago. He performed many miracles right before our eyes so we would believe in Him and what He was doing for us. Do you want to know about some of those miracles? Do you want to know how life was then compared to what we have now? Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. We are “One Nation under God!” We may be the only nation that submits to God!

In Great Britain Kings ruled us. There can be no equality where Kings rule. You only have significance if you are of a royal family. All others are peasants. Our labor fed and cared for the royal family in power at the time. Can you imagine, after living in freedom for 229 years a situation where you couldn't own anything, had no pleasures or comforts, had no importance or significance, just worked at whatever you were told to do? Doesn't that sound like the plight of the Israelites in Egypt? And we had no freedom to seek God's help.

Catholicism dominated us. There was no choice of religion. We couldn't talk to God except to recite the memorized prayers of the Catholic religion. But you can talk to God, even from your closet, and He listens to all of His creation. He provided the Mayflower for passage across the Atlantic Ocean, with Miles Standish at the helm. He guided us to this wonderful land of America we had heard so much about ever since Christopher Columbus discovered it while proving that the world is round.

We came here seeking religious freedom, seeking freedom to worship God and have a personal relationship with Him the way the Bible described of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, David, and others. At first we remained loyal to King James of Great Britain, claiming land in his name, building a country for England. King James controlled us more and more as time passed, and we wanted to break free again. After King George III came to power, we really wanted to break free of his controls. We wanted equality with our British Brethren, not to be controlled by them. We wanted to grow and prosper, to show our creativity and ingenuity. We had the notion that all men could be equal and free. Were we right? There had never been freedom and democracy anywhere in the world. No one knew liberty and justice for all. If our cause were just and right God would surely help us.

“Sweet Land of Liberty” is a very brief account of the history of America from the Mayflower to the 911 Incident. To get the whole comprehensive picture of the building of this nation you'd have to read for months the thick volumes containing details of how life developed since we became the United States of America. My intention with “Sweet Land of Liberty” is to give you a brief review of the important events that shaped our country. I want you to develop a love and appreciation for America that will bring out the greatness in you. I want you to see the blood, sweat, tears, and prayers that made America what it is today. Ultimately, I want you to turn your heart toward God, who gave us life and freedom here, and trust Him for the solution to the terrorism that now plagues the world.

I include seven of the famous documents, which were the words that shaped America. (I memorized these documents, and I do dramatic presentations in costume) In fact this whole book is an American History Program that I perform live. I solicit the help of several to read poems, lead singing, and act as each president reading or reciting their famous quotes. You will find information about all 42 of our presidents contained within. If you know the presidents and the important international events that occurred during their terms of office, you will have a wonderful knowledge of how America was built. As you read, look for the miraculous things God did to help us become and remain a free and independent nation. You can also look for the Key to World Peace, which is found in the words of the greatest men of all time. In just one of these seven documents a statement is made that best describes the key to world peace. See if you can find it! Here is a hint: **RDILFW** are the beginning letters of the six important words in this sentence. It is a very concise statement that includes all the elements needed for world peace. The great man who made that statement may very well be the greatest American who ever lived.

When you find the key to world peace, contact me MemoryManWes@aol.com. There will be a reward for its discovery.