

# The Christian Party

## America

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"Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged. Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him." (Isaiah 51:1-2) (KJV)

We have been lied to so many times as we were growing up; it is sickening. One of them was how America got its name. It is generally assumed and taught that America is named after the explorer Americus Vespucci (1451-1512). Others claim that America is named after Richard Ameryke, enthusiastic supporter and financier of the explorer John Cabot (1450-1498).

***The name America, however, is actually much older, and has been attached to this great land since the time of the Vikings and before, hundreds of years before the time of Columbus, Cabot or Vespucci.***

It has been suggested that "America" is derived from the old Norse word "Ommerike" (oh-meh-ric-eh), which

was evidently in common use among the North Atlantic sailing fraternity from around the beginning of the 11<sup>th</sup> century. (Did The Vikings Name America, by Dick Wicken, (19980, p. 1)

*Omme* means "out there," "final," or "ultimate." *Rike* (spelled a number of ways in ancient Norse manuscripts such as *rige*, *rega*, *rike*, *rikja*, and *reykja*) means "great land," "kingdom," and "empire." It is the equivalent of the Gaeli "righ" and the German "reich." The Old Norse *ommerike*, however, is simply a slightly corrupted form of the still more ancient Visigothic term *amalric*. (Phonetically, the "l" is interchangeable with "r" as with many languages, thus giving us "*amorric*,"

In fact, Professor Louis Miskovsky of Oberlin College wrote in the 1920s that America is "*simply another form of the old Gothic Amalric*." *Amal* means "heaven," and *ric* means "kingdom," just as in the old Norse *rike*. We find the same old word handed down to us today in the modern German term "*Himmelreich*," used for the Biblical. "**Kingdom of Heaven.**" (A quick reference to any passage in the German New Testament which speaks of the kingdom of heaven will verify this fact. *Amalric*, *Himmelreich* and *America* are synonymous).

Thus, *America* (*amalric*, *Himmelreich*) literally means **Kingdom of Heaven**. "*A marvelous appellation*," wrote Miskovsky, "*and calculated to make us thoughtful*." Indeed, one might almost believe that this name, apparently given to our land by mere accident, was in reality *prophetic*, looking forward to a bright day to come.

### ***America Kingdom of Heaven! God's country!***

Throughout our history men and women have fought all manner of trouble to come to this great land. It was a new and mysterious "Promised Land," a land flowing with milk and honey, prepared for us by the hand of the Almighty. They came usually at risk of life, and sometimes lost it. But in their hearts was a righteous fervor. They wanted, not only to be free, but to establish a place where they

could **live for God** unfettered by the chains of religious persecution!

The Pilgrims were Separatists (a dirty word nowadays, but highly scriptural: 2 Corinthians 6:17). They settled here in the early 1600s and established a "*Civil body Politic*," and it is made very clear in the Mayflower Compact that they did so *under* God, referring to God and the Christian Faith repeatedly throughout the Compact. The Compact even begins with the words, "In the name of God, Amen." they lived their lives according to the word of God (the reports of the anti-Christ to the contrary notwithstanding), and to them this was truly America, the kingdom of Heaven.

- 1). The Mayflower Compact made us a Civil Body Politic.
- 2). The Articles of Federation made us a People.
- 3). The Declaration of Independence made us a Nation.

By the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, the United States of America was a marvel and a wonder to all the world. **Our God had placed us above all the other nations of the earth, just as He had promised to do if we were obedient.** (Deuteronomy 18:1) We were so blessed of God and so full of strength, liberty and bounty that one almost had to come to America and see it to believe it. And that they did, by the hundreds.

One would think that when Americans look around them and see that America has been blessed far more and greater than any other nation on earth, they would realize that they are God's people, Israel, and not the anti-christ Jews!

One of those who curiously came over for a visit to see this great new wonder called the United States of America was a French historian and researcher named Alexis de Tocqueville. He came to see what made America "tick." In 1826, after he had been here for a time, he came to a conclusion: "*I sought for the greatness and genius of*

*America in her commodious harbours and her ample rivers, and it was not there: in her fertile land and boundless prairies, and it was not there. Not until I went to the churches of America and heard her pulpits aflame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because she is good, and if America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."*

From the events of the last 50 years America has ceased to be good; our Israel people have collectively turned their backs on their God and Savior, and have gone awfully after the anti-Christ in our midst. A people who have ever corrupted every thing they have ever come into contact with; they cannot build; they cannot produce quality goods; they cannot be moral; they can only destroy.

Back in those days, there were indeed many mighty men of God in the pulpits across America. Men like Jonathan Mayhew, Samuel West, and countless others stirred their congregations on to *holy living*. They preached *righteousness*, not corruption. They preached *obedience to God*, not obedience to the antichrists and government. They preached the *Kingdom of Heaven*. The pulpits of America were, as de Tocqueville states from first-hand experience, ***aflame!***