

# Founding a New Nation: Independence Day 2023

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## I. Introduction

- A. Can you imagine what it was like starting a new nation? A church I planted in Miami is as close as I have come! Our Founding Fathers are to be admired.
- B. Some important dates
  - 1. The landing of the Mayflower, in 1620
  - 2. The Revolutionary War, 1775-1783
  - 3. The signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776

## II. What Does the Bible Say About Nation Building?

- A. Genesis 11
  - 1. God, not man, separated the people of the earth – Genesis 11:1-9
  - 2. Chapters 10 and 11 are in chronological order
    - a. Genesis 9:29 is followed by 11:1-9; 10:1-32; 11:10
- B. Daniel 4:17, 23, 37; Isaiah 40:23; Proverbs 21:1
  - 1. Rulers are in His hand and serve at His pleasure
- C. Acts 17:22-31; Deuteronomy 32:18; Malachi 2:10; Job 12:23
  - 1. People and nations are in His hand
- D. Psalm 144:15; Psalm 32:12
  - 1. Their focus and God should be the LORD
  - 2. A promise of blessing and a warning of judgement – Deuteronomy 28

## III. Where Are We as a Nation?

- A. A news reporter asks a pedestrian, “Do you know what the two greatest problems in America are?” His answer, “I don’t know and I don’t care.”
- B. In my opinion
  - 1. We are rotting on the inside
  - 2. Hostile forces are on the outside
- C. Everyone would agree we are a divided nation. Thus both sides see change as the only solution. How do you change a nation?
  - 1. Secession

- a. There is a huge debate as to the constitutionality of this. We tried this once.
- 2. Civil War
  - a. We tried this as well (as have many nations).
- D. Erwin W. Lutzer in his book *We Will Not Be Silenced- Responding Courageously to Our Culture's Assault on Christianity* says Marxism-socialism is the goal of those who want to change America. The following are chapters titles as to how it can be done.
  - 1. How We Got Here
  - 2. Rewrite The Past To Control The Future
  - 3. Use Diversity To Divide And Destroy
  - 4. Freedom Of Speech For Me, But Not For Thee
  - 5. Sell It As A Noble Cause
  - 6. Sexualize The Children
  - 7. Capitalism Is The Disease; Socialism Is The Cure
  - 8. Join With Radical Islam To Destroy America
  - 9. Vilify! Vilify! Vilify!
  - 10. Wake Up! Strengthen What Remains!
- E. God’s Answer
  - 1. II Chronicles 7:14
  - 2. II Corinthians 5:17