



I AM AN AMERICAN!

Jeremiah 29:1 Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent **from** Jerusalem **unto** **the residue of the elders which were carried away captives**, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon;

Jeremiah 29:2 (After that Jeconiah the king, and the queen, and the eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the carpenters, and the smiths, were departed from Jerusalem;)

Jeremiah 29:3 By the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent unto Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon) saying,

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Jeremiah 29:5 Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them;

Jeremiah 29:6 Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not diminished.

Jeremiah 29:7 And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

Jeremiah 29:8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed.

Jeremiah 29:9 For they prophesy **falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD.**

Jeremiah 29:10 For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

Note:

Israel ≠ America

Israel ≠ the Church

Israel in the diaspora ~ the Church in many countries & cultures.

- 70 years not in the promised land
- 70 years in Babylon & → Persia
- Church in the USA+++ & not in the Kingdom / Heaven!

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4 commands of the Lord:

1. Plant your roots – deeply!

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Simple thoughts:

- **God brought you here!**
- **Stay here!**
- **Build houses**
- **Build farms... businesses, livelihoods,...**

- **Get married**
- **Have children**
- **Promote, defend, & support marriage**
- **Further your lineage**
- **Increase here!**

In Congress, July 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America, When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station **to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God** entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, **appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world** for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States...and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. **And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.**

For Christians in the USA:

➤ **Contribute to the USA**

➤ **Obey our laws**

➤ **Expand your family!**

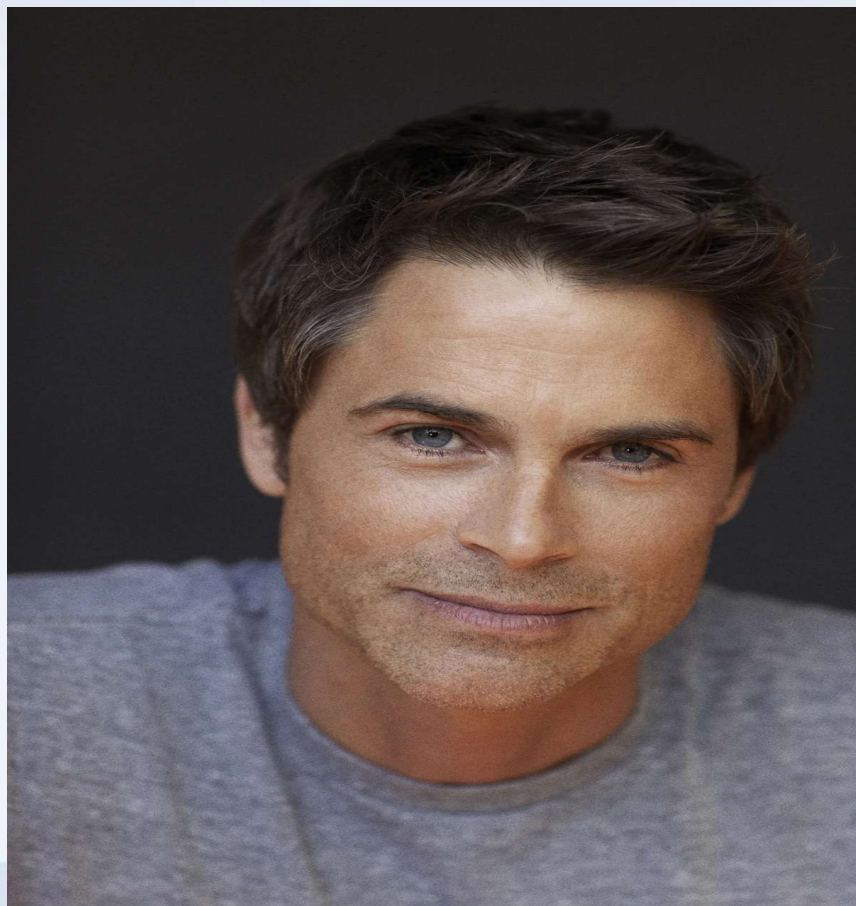
➤ **Join right in!**

➤ **Enjoy it all!**

**December 25th, 1776 crossing the Delaware to
attack the Hessians...**







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2. Say your prayers – **specifically!**

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Ezra 6:10 That they may offer sacrifices of sweet savours unto the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons.

1 Timothy 2:1-2 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; ~~that~~ we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

Daniel 6:10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, **he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.**

I'm not THE American!

I am an American!

And I LOVE America...

And I love to gripe

But pray...???

Proverbs 14:34 Righteousness exalteth **a nation**: But sin is a reproach to **any** people.

Psalms 33:12 Blessed is **the nation** whose God is the LORD; And the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

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3. Use your influence – **wisely!**

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Peace:

The Absence of:

- Strife
- Hate
- Harm

Peace

The presence of:

- **Unity**
- **Kindness**
- **Love**
- **Neighborliness**
- **The blessings of God**

Options for those living in the USA:

**Using the
USA**

**Burning the
USA**

**Building the
USA**

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4. Obey the Lord – only!

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