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Some Things You've Never Heard About AMERICA! (Historian David Barton)

• 2020 - 1776 = 244

• No Nation In The History Of The World Has Been Under The Same Constitution For 244 Years

• The Average Constitution In The World Lasts 17 Years

• We're So Blessed With Stability We Just Assume That's Natural --It's Not ! This Is The Exception
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• The Common Drumbeat Today Is That America Was Founded By A Bunch Of Atheists And Agnostics -- It Was Not!

• John Adams Was Asked Who Is Responsible For America’s Independence He Listed 4 Ministers Of The Gospel:
  • Samuel Cooper, John Mayhew, George Whitfield, And Charles John

• Godly Men Played An Important Part In What We Have In America
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• The Declaration Of Independence The Declaration Opens With 161 Words That Set Forth Six Principles Of American Government

• Every One Of Them Had Been Preached From The American Pulpit For 20 Years Leading Up To The American Revolution

• Our Founding Documents Were Written By God Fearing, God Directed Men
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• There's 56 Who Signed The Declaration Of Independence The
• They First Got Together In 1774 -- The First Provincial Congress
• They Opened With Prayer-- A Two-hour Prayer Session
• They Studied Four Chapters Of The Bible That Morning In Congress
• Appointed A Continental Fast -- Calling For A Day Of Prayer & Fasting
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• **The Results:** This Little Rag-Tag Group Of American Revolutionaries Is Out Manned And Out Powered Yet They Are Defeating The World’s Strongest Military -- Capturing Ships And Forts

• **What Did They Conclude?** The Only Way You Can Explain This Is That God Is Showing Up & Intervening.
George Washington Wrote: “we've seen God show up so many times that if you don't feel like you have an obligation to thank God, you're just a pagan.”
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- Other Signers That We Never Hear About Were Strong Believers:

- **John Witherspoon** He's The Best-Known Gospel Evangelist In His Day The Billy Graham Of His Generation

- “I entreat you in the most earnest manner to believe in Jesus Christ for there is no salvation in any other -- Acts 4:12”

- “If you're not reconciled to God through Jesus Christ if you're not clothed with the spotless robe of his righteousness you must forever perish now.”
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• **Benjamin Rush:** Founded The First Abolition Society In America & Led The National Abolition Movement
• He Helped Start The First Black Denomination
• He Founded The First Sunday-school Movement In America
• He Founded The First Bible Society In America
• He Started The First Faith-based Prison Reform
• “my only hope of salvation is the infinite transcendent love of God manifested the world by the death of his son upon the cross. Nothing but His blood will wash away my sins. I rely exclusively upon it. Come Lord Jesus, come quickly”
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- **John Hancock** On 22 Occasions He Calls His State Two Days Of Prayer This Is A Day For A Public Fasting & Humiliation In Prayer For The Following:

1. **That The Kingdom Of Our Lord And Savior Jesus Christ May Be Established In Peace & Righteousness Among All Nations To The Earth**

2. **That All Nations May Bow To The Scepter Of Our Lord And Savior Jesus Christ & The Whole Earth May Be Filled With His Glory**

3. **To Confess Our Sins Before God Employs His Forgiveness To The Merits And Mediation Of Jesus Christ Our Lord And Savior**

4. **That The Spiritual Kingdom Of Our Lord And Savior Jesus Christ May Be Continually Increasing Till The Whole Earth Shall Be Filled With His Glory**
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• Roger Sherman only founder to sign all four founding documents
• He Gave Us The System Of House & Senate & The Electoral College

• “God Commands All Men Everywhere To Repent, He Also Commands Him To Believe On The Lord Jesus Christ, On His Assurance That All Who Do Repent And Believe Shall Be Saved.”

• “God Has Promised To Bestow Eternal Blessings On All Those Who Are Willing To Accept Him On The Terms Of The Gospel”
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• **Charles Carroll:** The Final Surviving Signer Of The Declaration Of Independence -- He Lived To Be 95

• “On The Mercy Of My Redeemer I Rely For Salvation And On His Merits Not Any Works I've Done To Be Says Precepts Of Course I'm Ready To Meet God I Don't Get There Because Of What I've Done I Could Get There Because Of What He's Done Ephesians 2:8-9. By Grace You Are Saved Through Faith Though”

• “It's Been 50 Years Since We Did This Document What Am I Thinking Now? I'm Grateful To Almighty God For The Blessings Which Through Jesus Christ Our Lord He's Conferred On My Beloved Country When I Look Back Over The Last 50 Years, I Can't Thank God Enough For What Jesus Christ Has Done For America.”
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• We Need To Update The Modern Narrative -- America Was Not Founded By Atheists -- It Was Founded By Christians

• The Blessings And The Stability Of Our Nation Are Not By Accident They Are By Foundation.

   As Jesus Said, If We Build Our House On The Rock -- When The Storms Come It Will Continue To Stand
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• *If You Disregard The Instruction Of Wisdom And Build On Shifting Sand -- The Results Will Be Devastating*

• *If We Throw Off God, His Principles & Precepts The Results Are Predictable: Distress & Destruction*
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• **Jeremiah 18:5-10 (NIV)** (5) Then the word of the LORD came to me: (6) "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?" declares the LORD. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. (7) If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, (8) and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. (9) And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, (10) and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.
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• A Blessed Nation Can Lose It’s Blessing If It Chooses And Does Evil.

  The Blessing The Lord Intended Them To Live Under Can Be Removed

• Jeremiah 18:11-12 (NIV) (11) "Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, 'This is what the LORD says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.' (12) But they will reply, 'It's no use. We will continue with our own plans; each of us will follow the stubbornness of his evil heart.'"
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• *When A Nation Builds Upon God -- They Will Be Blessed.*
  *If They Reject God And His Principles Of Godliness They Are Ripe For God’s Judgment*

• *We Cannot Get The Cure = Repentance -- Turning Back To God -- Without Going Thru Something That May Not Initially Sit Right With You -- Judgment*
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• Three Areas Of Judgment

1. Judgment Brought Up Of/By Satan
2. Judgment Of Self
3. Judgment Of Sin --
   • Many Individuals Judged By Sin In Scripture
   • Many Nations & Governments Are Judged By Sin
• There Are An Abundance Of Prophetic Judgments Directed Towards Israel And Judah -- God’s People -- God’s Chosen -- This Judgment Of Sin Is Both Individual & National
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• ISAIAH 5: God, The Vineyard Dresser Looked For Good Grapes But He Only Found Bad Ones – THIS LED TO JUDGMENT

• Isaiah 5:4-6 (NIV) ...When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? (5) Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. (6) I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it."
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• Isaiah 5:7 (NIV) (7) The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the garden of his delight. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress

• GOD LOOKED FOR GOOD GRAPES BUT FOUND ONLY BAD --WHAT IS NEXT FOR THEM? JUDGMENT
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• **6 WOES IN JUDAH THAT ARE SPOILING THEIR GRAPES**
  
• **WOE OF COVETOUSNESS** -- they're never satisfied

• **WOE OF DRUNKENNESS** -- addicted to alcohol, revelry and brawling

• **WOE OF CARELESSNESS** -- careless with God -- no respect

• **WOE OF DECEPTION** -- they utter lies with flattering lips

• **THE WOE OF PRIDE** -- they reject God's wisdom

• **THE WOE OF INJUSTICE** they free the guilty & punish the innocent
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• ISAIAH’S MESSAGE: It’s Time To Turn Back To The Lord
• If There Is No Repentance, They Will Face Judgment
• Isaiah 1:18-20 (NIV) (18) "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. (19) If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land; (20) but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword." For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.
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• **These Are The Same Types Of Sin In America**: Covetousness, drunkenness, carelessness with God, deception, Pride, and injustice

• **Are We Better Than Israel?**  
  • Should Israel Face Judgment For Their Sins, But Not The United States For Our Sins?

• **The Answer Is: No, We're Not Better. The Problem Is Sin. The Result Is Judgment. The Cure Is Repentance**
• Isaiah 5:25 (NIV) (25) Therefore the LORD's anger burns against his people; his hand is raised and he strikes them down. The mountains shake, and the dead bodies are like refuse in the streets. Yet for all this, his anger is not turned away, his hand is still upraised.
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• Sin Invites Judgment -- The Cure Is Repentance
• Great Example: Nineveh & Jonah

• AMERICA’S 2020 -- JONAH MOMENT:
  • God loves people. All people
  • God calls His people to share His life changing truth with others
  • God will punish sin. But He would rather that people recognize, repent, and deal with it, in a time of grace, rather than a time for recompense.
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• God Said: Jonah—Go To Nineveh & Preach Against Wickedness

• Jonah 1:1-2 (NIV) (1) The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: (2) "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."

• Jonah 3:4 (NIV) (4) On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He Proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned."
• Jonah 1:3 (NIV) (3) But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD.

• God Wasn’t Fooled. He Sent A Storm And A Great Fish
• God Wasn’t Interested In Slaying Jonah -- He Wanted To Change Him -- And He Wanted Nineveh To Repent
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• (2:2) Deep In The Realm Of Dead
• (2:7-9) Jonah Repented -- God Relented
• This Enabled Jonah To Accomplish God’s Will

• The Lord Caused The Fish To Vomit Jonah Out On Dry Land

• God Knew How To Get Ahold Of Them In Nineveh
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• (3:5) The Ninevites Believed God – Proclaimed A Fast
• (3:6-10) They Repented Of Their Sins
• (3:10) God Relented From His Judgment

• It Wasn’t Too Late For Nineveh

• It’s Not Too Late For America!
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• God Cares About Nineveh -- Those Who Are Far From Him

• God Cares About Jonah – He Didn’t Let Him Drown In The Storm

• America – This Is Our Jonah Moment

• If We Repent – God Will Relent
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• Will We Tell Others Who Are Unbelieving That It Is Time To Turn To God?

• Will We Like Jonah – Stop Running From The Call?

• Will We Like Nineveh As A Nation Return To The Reason For Our Goodness And Our Greatness?
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• Freedom Based On The True Foundation Of Jesus Christ --- Will Lead To Life

• Long Life

• Forever Life

• Life Abounding In Liberty

• Freedom That Only He Can Give!
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• America Has Many Sins That Must Be Dealt With
• Not All Roads Lead To The Blessed Life
• Not All Roads Lead To The Same Destination
• Not All Paths In Life Lead To Life
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• *The Only Hope For America Right Now Is A Return To Jesus*
  • *Only He Can Forgive & Cover The Sins Of Past*
  • *Only Jesus Can Meet Us In The Need Place Of The Present*
  • *Only Jesus Can Change Our Desitny For The Future –*
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• *Is It Too Late For America?*
• It’s Not Over Until God Says It Is Over For America...

• *God Knows How To Bless Those That Bless Him While At The Same Time -- Turn Those Who Reject Him Over To Their Own Choices*
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• He Gives Everyone A Free Choice Regarding The Direction And Choices Of Their Lives

• The Place Of Blessing & Overcoming Is Reserved For Those Who:

• If Ever There Was A Time For That -- It Is Now
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• Joel 2:12-14 (NLT) 12 That is why the LORD says, “Turn to me now, while there is time. Give me your hearts. Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning. 13 Don’t tear your clothing in your grief, but tear your hearts instead.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. He is eager to relent and not punish. 14 Who knows? Perhaps he will give you a reprieve, sending you a blessing instead of this curse. Perhaps you will be able to offer grain and wine to the LORD your God as before.
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• If My People Will Seek Me & Turn From Their Wickedness, Then I Will Heal Their Land

• Today Is A Day To Stand In The Gap For People In Your Life, Friends, Or Family

• This Is A Day For Us To Stand In The Gap For America

• These Are Days To Pull Down Strongholds
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• 2020 Is The Most Crucial Time Yet For Our Nation

• Prayer Is Necessary

• If There Is No Turning Back = Failure

• We Must Respond Now Calling For Return, Repentance, Revival

• Sat. Sept 26 -- Sacred Assembly On Washington Mall

• www.TheReturnWebsite.Org
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• America’s Cure & Only Hope is to Return To God
• We Have Tried To Export Democracy And Capitalism But Neither Of These Systems Work Without Honesty, Integrity, And Liberty. All Of Which Are Foundations Of Our Spiritual Beginnings In God.

Without God We Cannot And Will Not Be Sustained As A Nation

• We Need More Of God -- Not Less
• We Need A Revival
• We Need Repentance And Restoration
• That Comes -- When We Return To The Lord