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In my research of a connection between America and Israel I found this article which I offer for your review and understanding – it is intriguing as to the possibilities not yet discussed in Biblical circles:

"The copper connection in my search for America in prophecy, I learned that one of the largest copper mines ever discovered in Michigan had been mined around 1000 BC—yet no one knows what happened to all the precious metal. Nearby, they found a smelting process more sophisticated than ours today. There is only one other location in the world that has a copper mine with that same exact smelting process. And it's located just south of Jerusalem. Here is what is even more fascinating. In 1860, a stone was discovered in Newark, Ohio, with the Ten Commandments etched in ancient Hebrew. It has been widely written about. The conclusion of many historians is that when Solomon was building the temple, he entered into an agreement with the Phoenicians (great sea dwellers) to teach them how to build a navy. Since there was not enough copper in Israel for the construction of the temple, it had to be found elsewhere. You can draw your own conclusion regarding where it came from. Other stones have been discovered in America with ancient Hebrew inscriptions. How did they get here? Regardless of how people interpret Bible prophecy, we cannot avoid the truth that there is a strong, historic connection between Israel and our nation.

Immediately after the Declaration of Independence was signed, a committee was formed to design the official seal of the United States. As documented in early Federalist records, there was much discussion as to what symbolism would be used. Thomas Jefferson suggested a seal depicting the children of Israel being led with a pillar of cloud and a pillar of fire across the wilderness into the Promised Land. Benjamin Franklin had another idea, which is preserved in his own handwriting. He proposed: "Moses standing on the shore, extending his Hand over the sea, thereby causing the same to overwhelm Pharaoh who is sitting in an open chariot, a crown on his head and a sword in his hand. Rays from a pillar of fire in the clouds, reaching to Moses, to express that he acts by command of the deity." There are numerous examples of Hebrew and Jewish threads woven into the fabric of our nation. Eventually, the committee settled on the eagle as being the centerpiece of our seal—representing freedom. The Almighty was not forgotten by those who forged our nation. If you look at the back of a \$1 bill, you will see the words "In God We Trust" above the large letters, ONE. Every time I see this I think, "In ONE God We Trust." As written in Deuteronomy 6:4: "Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God, the LORD is One!" The God America is built on is none other than the Great Jehovah. He gave His Son Jesus to redeem our sins and has sent the Holy Spirit to be with us on earth today. I believe America has been blessed for all these years because we have been a nation under God—the same God worshiped by both the Jews and founding fathers. An unlucky number? If you look closely at our seal, one claw is holding an olive branch and the other holds 13 arrows. The arrows represent war, the olive branch means peace. Why is the eagle looking toward the olive branch? It is because America is a nation who desires peace, but if war is needed, its arrows are in her hands. You will also notice that the eagle has no crown. This was far different than the seal of Great Britain with a coat of arms topped by a crown, representing royalty. Our nation was formed "by the people and for the people." Above the head of our eagle are 13 stars surrounded by a circle of clouds. The stars are arranged in a Magen David (Star of David) pattern. It is the same star that is on the flag of Israel. Some men and women believe that 13 is an unlucky number, but in our case this is certainly not true. There are 13 stripes on our flag representing the 13 original colonies, 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence, and in the claws of the eagle, the olive branch has 13 leaves and there are 13 arrows. The pyramid on the

back of our printed currency has 13 steps leading to the all-seeing eye of God. The letters above the pyramid say, in Latin, “Annuit Coptic”—meaning, “God has favored our undertakings.”

What nation was Jesus referring to? Remember, Isaiah 5 deals with the vineyard (Israel) that is supposed to be producing fruit—but is not. Then Jesus comes along and interjects Himself as being killed as the Son of the Lord of the vineyard. When Jesus asked what should be done to those who failed to take care of the plants, they answered that such men should be destroyed. And that's what happened in 70 AD. Jesus was crucified, but before this look what happened, He told those who would listen, “When they destroy this place, God will take this vineyard to another nation that will bring forth fruits in its seasons.” I can only think of two nations that have made an effort to produce “fruits”—to spread the gospel—around the world. Those two would be England or America. England colonized most of the globe, and in the process preached the message of Christ to many lands. Great revivalists and missionaries were birthed out of Great Britain, including George Whitfield, John Wesley, and Hudson Taylor. America, too, produced passionate preachers who called men and women to Christ—Jonathan Edwards, Charles Finney, and Dwight L. Moody, among others. Today, however, because of the reach of international media, and the vast number of evangelists and missionary enterprises, there is no question that America is reaching more of the world with the gospel than any nation that has ever existed. Please don't interpret this as replacement theology. I am not saying that Jesus is teaching that America will replace Israel. Only that the work of the vineyard will be taken from Israel and “given to a nation” that is “bearing the fruits” of it. (Matthew 21:43). I also believe the Apostle Peter could have been speaking about America when he wrote, “[You] who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy” (1 Peter 2:10) amazing parallels whether we realize it or not, our country not only holds a unique place in history, but I am convinced it is precious in the sight of God. When you discover some of the facts of our early days, we could easily be the vineyard Jesus spoke about. There are some amazing parallels between Israel and America. • Israel came out of 400 years of Egyptian bondage to reclaim the Promised Land. America came from the religious bondage of England to form a brand-new nation. • Both Israel and our founding fathers journeyed by faith, trusting God to guide them to their new land. • Between Egypt and the Promised Land, the children of God had to cross the Red Sea. Water also separated the Pilgrims from their future. • Both nations had to possess the land from the original inhabitants. • The governmental documents of Israel and America are based on Scripture. Israel is founded on the Torah. The United States has The Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and the Constitution—all of which contain principles found in the Torah and the New Testament. • America started with 13 colonies. Israel was formed with 13 original tribes, but one, Levi, was set aside for the priesthood. • Israel existed for a long time before a king, Saul, was chosen. Colonial America existed for many years with no president until the formation of the United States. • Israel did not have a capital until David seized what was named the City of David—now called Jerusalem. After the United States was formed, a new capital was built and called Washington in honor of our first president, George Washington. • Jerusalem belonged to no tribe; it was an independent city. Washington, D.C., belongs to no state; yet it is our capital. • Both nations have been terrorized by the Babylonians (historical and modern day). • May 14 is significant to both countries. On that date in 70 AD the Jews were scattered throughout the world, and at midnight, May 14, 1948, it became a nation again. And on May 14, 1607, the first colony was formed in America (Jamestown, in Virginia). For these reasons, and many more, I believe we, too, are a chosen people”.

This was an important correlation of the history of America as it relates to Israel. And remember the 10 Northern Tribes of the original Israel were scattered never to be reunited in Israel again with then the original tribes of Judah and Bengamin that formed Israel as we know it today. History traces the descendants of those 10 tribes to the time of Columbus in his voyage to America realizing Columbus was a believing Christian.

Hope you enjoyed this journey of history that makes us realize the THANKSGIVING day that we have is identified from our roots. The Lord says that He is going to sow grain, wine, and oil into your life. Abundant blessings are coming! Thanksgiving with family and friends, remember that God provided for you all that you have. He gave you the harvest and the bounty that is before you.