

# **True Freedom**

**Galatians 5:1 &  
John 8:31-36**

**A Biblical Reflection for  
Independence Day**



# God's Sovereignty Over Nations

**6 and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation,**

**Acts 17:26(NASB)**



# God's Sovereignty Over Nations

**21 It is He who changes the times  
and the periods;**

**He removes kings and appoints  
kings;**

**He gives wisdom to wise men,  
And knowledge to people of  
understanding.**

**Daniel 2:21(NASB)**



# God's Sovereignty Over Nations

**15 Behold, the nations are like  
a drop from a bucket,  
And are regarded as a speck of  
dust on the scales;  
Behold, He lifts up the islands  
like fine dust.**

**Isaiah 40:15(NASB)**



# God Rules Over All Nations

- **PSALM 22:28**
- **PSALM 47:8**
- **DANIEL 4:17**
- **REVELATION 19:16**
- **PSALM 103:19**
- **1 CHRONICLES 16:31**



# God Establishes & Removes Rulers

- **ROMANS 13:1**
- **PROVERBS 21:1**
- **PSALM 75:7**
- **JEREMIAH 27:5**



# God Determines National Boundaries and Times

**- DEUTERONOMY 32:8**

**- JOB 12:23**



# God Judges Nations

- **ISAIAH 34:2**
- **JEREMIAH 18:7–10**
- **MATTHEW 25:32**
- **ZEPHANIAH 3:8**
- **REVELATION 16:19**



# God Calls Nations to Worship And to Righteousness

- **PSALM 86:9 - ISAIAH 66:23**
- **PSALM 96:3**
- **ISAIAH 2:4**
- **MICAH 4:3**



# God Uses Nations for His Purposes

- **ISAIAH 45:1–6**
- **2 CHRONICLES 36:22–23**
- **EZRA 1:1–4**



# God's Promises and Blessings to Nations

**-PSALM 33:12**

**-2 CHRONICLES 7:14**

**- ISAIAH 19:25**

**- PSALM 29:11      - ISAIAH 45:22**



# The Nature of True Freedom

**31** So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, **"If you continue in My word, then you are truly My disciples; 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."**

**John 8:31-32 (NASB)**



# The Nature of True Freedom

34 Jesus answered them, **Truly, truly I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 Now the slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free.**

**John 8:34-36 (NASB)**



# What Freedom In Christ Means

**8 Therefore there is now  
no condemnation at all for  
those who are in Christ  
Jesus.**

**Romans 8:1 (NASB)**



# What Freedom In Christ Means

**7 For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.**

**2 Timothy 1:7 (NASB)**



# What Freedom In Christ Means

**13 For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh but serve one another through love.**

**Galatians 5:13 (NASB)**



# What Freedom In Christ Means

**16 Act as free people, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil but use it as bond-servants of God.**

**1 Peter 2:16 (NASB)**



# **True Stories of Freedom in Christ**

- Richard Allen**
- Sojourner Truth**
- John Quincy Adams and the Amistad Case**



# Living As Free People

**It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore, keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.**

**Galatians 5:1 (NASB)**



# God Blesses Godly Nations

**12 Blessed is the nation  
whose God is the Lord,  
The people He has chosen  
for His own inheritance.**

**Psalm 33:12 (NASB)**

