

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

- Week of June 21, 2026 -

Sunday School -----	23
Sunday Morning Service -----	57
Sunday Eve. Service -----	35
Wednesday Eve. Service -----	28

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

- Week of June 21, 2026 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,629.14
Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund -----	\$ 145.35
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 06/21/26: \$	1,774.49

- Week of June 14, 2026 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,572.57
Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund -----	\$ 145.35
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 06/14/26: \$	1,717.92

- Week of June 7, 2026 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 1,423.63
Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund -----	\$ 145.35
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 06/07/26: \$	1,568.98

- Week of May 31, 2026 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 2,130.37
Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund -----	\$ 145.35
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 05/31/26: \$	2,275.72

- Week of May 24, 2026 -

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----	\$ 651.25
Auditorium A/C Replacement Fund -----	\$ 145.35
TOTAL RECEIVED FOR WEEK OF 05/24/26: \$	796.60

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed for church operating expenses EACH WEEK, as a minimum = \$ 1,800.00



WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. Admit that you are a sinner.
2. Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.
3. Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.
4. You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).
5. By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, Who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.

LISTEN TO -



ABIDINGRADIO.ORG

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH
23 EAST WELLS BOULEVARD
SAPULPA, OKLAHOMA
SOUTHHEIGHTSBAPTIST.COM

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:

Sundays -

9:45 a.m. ----- Sunday School
10:50 a.m. ----- Morning Service
6:30 p.m. ----- Evening Service

Wednesdays -

7:00 p.m. ----- Evening Service

Bi-Monthly -

11:00 a.m. or 3:30 p.m. ----- Ladies Bible Study
- 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month

Church Directory

Todd W. White ----- Pastor
Debra Carlton, Mickie Shatwell ----- Pianists
Derek Quinnelly ----- Greeter
Shirley White; Berdena Bergman/Debra Carlton; Daniel Avery/GiGi Avery; Derek Quinnelly/Larry Byars ----- Teachers
Larry & Mary Byars ----- Outreach
GinaMarie Shufelt ----- Ladies Bible Study
Hannah Dietrich ----- Flowers
Seth White ----- Sound/Video
Larry Byars, Derek Quinnelly, Daniel Avery ----- Trustees

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY

REMINDER

Volume XXXII

June 28, 2026

Number 24



WHEN I THINK OF AMERICA

by Attorney David C. Gibbs, Jr. - Christian Law Association



When I was a young boy, I had an idealistic view of America. I was proud to be an American living in a country that had definite principles of decency and righteousness. Today as a mature man my view of America is no longer idealistic. I still get chills when I see the flag waving or when I hear the “Star Spangled Banner,” but I shiver when I survey the state of our nation.

On this Independence Day, I grieve with God when I see an America that has lost its principles, and America that does not know right from wrong. I grieve with God when I see a nation that is in pursuit of the American Dream, instead of a relationship with God.

Today when I think of America, I see a people that despite great material wealth are self-destructive, disillusioned, disappointed, and declining in morality and faith. Let me share what I see.

❑ MATERIAL WEALTH

From a material standpoint, the situation of the average American has improved:

- The average American lives 76.5 years, five and one-half years longer than they lived twenty-six years ago.
- The median family income has more than doubled in the last fifty years.
- The overall per capita income has grown nearly seventy-seven percent in the last thirty years.
- The unemployment rate has dropped from sixty-one percent to just above four percent in the last twenty-five years.
- The number of children living below the poverty level is the lowest it has been in twenty years.

Sadly, such material advantages have not brought the American people any closer to achieving the American dream. Larger salaries, bigger homes, comfortable retirements and more “stuff” have not made for a happy people.

❑ SELF-DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIORS

The American people are plagued with an array of self-destructive behaviors:

- A person who smokes a pack or more of cigarettes each day lives seven years less than someone who never smoked. Tobacco use is responsible for over 430,000 deaths in America every year. That is one in every five deaths!
- At least ten million Americans used smokeless tobacco the past year despite the fact that use of smokeless tobacco is one of the leading causes of oral cancer.
- Alcohol is involved in one-half of all murders, accidental deaths, and suicides.
- More than two million Americans suffer from alcohol-related liver disease. Cirrhosis is the seventh leading cause of death among young and middle-aged adults.

(continued inside)

The Book of
REVELATION

- An estimated 13.6 million Americans were current users of illicit drugs and 861,887 people were arrested for drug abuse in 1998.
- About one percent of female adolescents have anorexia. That means that about one out of every one hundred young women between ten and twenty are starving themselves, sometimes to death. About four percent of college-aged women have bulimia.
- One in four children “huff” or know someone who does. Inhalants - such as glue, nail polish remover, paint thinner, spray paint, lighter fluid, household cleaners, deodorant - are one of the first psychoactive drugs kids try. Chronic inhalant abusers may be anxious, excitable, irritable, or restless.
- An estimated 1,900 people attempt suicide every day, and 84 are successful! Suicide is the eight leading cause of death. More people die from suicide than homicide.

❑ *DISILLUSIONED WITH SOCIETY*

In addition to self-destructive behaviors, Americans are disillusioned with the institutions that make up the fabric of our society - the White House, Congress, the United States Supreme Court, the news media, large business corporations, and organized religion:

- Fifty-five percent of Americans trust the government little, if at all.
- Only twenty percent express a great deal of confidence and thirty-three percent have very little confidence in the White House.
- Only twelve percent express a great deal of confidence and forty-one percent have very little confidence in the Congress.
- Only fourteen percent express a great deal of confidence in the press.
- Thirty percent have very little confidence in large business corporations.
- Only twenty-five percent have a great deal of confidence in organized religion.
- Druggists and pharmacists rank above the clergy with regard to honesty and ethical standards.

❑ *DISAPPOINTED IN EACH OTHER*

Americans are disappointed in the conduct of those around:

- Seventy-four percent are dissatisfied with the honesty and standards of people’s behavior.
- Sixty-six percent think that society’s standards are acceptable and unacceptable behavior are getting worse.
- Sixty-seven percent believe society is too tolerant of behavior that is harmful.
- Fifty percent think that in the past ten years we have gotten much weaker as a nation in terms of commitment to marriage.
- Thirty-seven percent think that in the past ten years we have gotten much weaker as a nation in terms of respect for other

- people.
- Twenty-two percent think that in the past years we have gotten much weaker as a nation in terms of belief in God and religion.

❑ *DECLINING IN MORALITY AND FAITH*

- 81.6 percent agree that moral decay is the main cause of America’s problems.
- Almost half of American women will have an abortion sometime in their lifetime!
- Forty-two percent of teens recently polled claim to have had immoral sexual relations.
- 17.5 million Internet surfers visited adult pornography sites from their homes in January, 2000. Of the forty million adults who admit visiting a sexually-oriented web site at some time, more than seven million of these identified themselves as Christians.
- Offensive language on television has increased more than five-and-a-half times and references to homosexuality have increased more than twenty-four times in the last ten years.
- The incidents of sexual content, coarse language, and violence on television has nearly tripled in the last ten years.
- The marriage rate has dropped forty-three percent and the divorce rate has more than doubled in the last thirty years; in 1998, there were 2,256 million marriages and 955,000 divorces.
- Only fifty-six percent realize that people who do not accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour cannot go to Heaven.
- Only thirty-six percent of people believe that the Bible is the literal Word of God.
- The number of people who attend church a few times a year is now only fifteen percent.

As a result of all this, more than half of all Americans are not at all confident that life for their children will be better than it has been for them. This in a country where previously each generation has believed that the following generation will have a lifestyle better than they had.

I still celebrate the independence that was fought for and won by our forefathers, and I still pray that America will return once again to the greatness she once knew. But I know that Christians can have no confidence in a better future for our children unless we first seek God’s mercy and forgiveness for our sins.

We need God to create a clean heart in us so that we can *“teach transgressors thy ways and sinners shall be converted unto thee” (Psalm 51:13).*

We need to present our bodies *“a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service.”*

We should not *“be conformed to this world: we should be transformed by the renewing of our mind so that we may be able to prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God (Romans 12:1-2).* ■

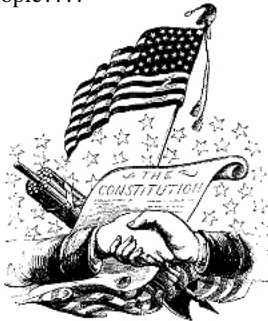
- Attorney David C. Gibbs



Do You Remember the REAL America?

DO YOU REMEMBER . . .

- ❑ When riots were unthinkable?
- ❑ When you left your front doors open?
- ❑ When socialism was a dirty word?
- ❑ When ghettos were neighborhoods?
- ❑ When the flag was a sacred symbol?
- ❑ When criminals actually went to jail?
- ❑ When you weren't afraid to go out at night?
- ❑ When a boy was a boy and dressed like one?
- ❑ When the poor were too proud to take charity?
- ❑ When the preachers actually talked about the Bible?
- ❑ When clerks and repairmen actually tried to please you?
- ❑ When college kids swallowed goldfish, not acid?
- ❑ When songs had tune, and words made sense?
- ❑ When young fellows tried to join the Army or Navy?
- ❑ When people knew what the Fourth of July stood for?
- ❑ When you never dreamed our country could ever lose?
- ❑ When a Sunday drive was a pleasant trip, not an ordeal?
- ❑ When you bragged about your hometown and home state?
- ❑ When people expected less and valued what they had more?
- ❑ When politicians proclaimed their patriotism, and meant it?
- ❑ When everybody knew the difference between right and wrong?
- ❑ When things weren't perfect - but you never expected them to be?
- ❑ When you knew that the law would be enforced and your safety protected?
- ❑ When you considered yourself lucky to have a good job, and proud of it?
- ❑ When the law meant justice, and you felt a shiver of awe at the sight of a policeman?
- ❑ When you (and your President) weren't embarrassed to say that this is the best country in the world?
- ❑ When America was a land filled with brave, proud, confident, hardworking people????



Saluting 250 Years of Freedom



As we come to the nation’s birthday on July 4th, may I suggest two things?

- 1. We should celebrate our freedom AND -*
 - 2. We should not forget how we got it.*
- ☛ To the fifty-six brave men, including one preacher (John Witherspoon), who signed the Declaration of Independence, we owe a great debt.
 - ☛ For the patriots like George Washington who went to war to secure our independence, we should be very thankful.
 - ☛ For the hundreds of thousands of men and women who have put on the uniform and served in our military, let’s give a fully whole-hearted salute.
 - ☛ Those many thousands (approximately 1.1 million) of Americans who have died in battle—let’s never ever fail to honor them.

From 1776 to this hour, we have much for which to be thankful and much reason to celebrate when July 4th arrives.

With abortion, alcohol and numerous other tragic issues always on the front burner of things that need to be halted, we know America has its problems. Our country is not perfect, but we will never stop in our pursuit of perfecting it.

When Jesus said, *“Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32),* He was advocating God’s eternal values as the key to our spiritual well-being as well as our long-term eternal welfare.

God’s truth offers us salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ whereby we are set free from the bondage of Satan and the condemnation of sin.

That same eternal truth and that same spiritual freedom are also at the foundation of a free society. When men build their lives on the value system of faith, they will reject totalitarianism in the pursuit of personal freedom.

Here in America the Bible, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution are the bases upon which our country was founded and upon which it has survived and thrived.

As we approach the nation’s 250th birthday on July 4th, I am grateful for the privilege to live here and for the freedom I have enjoyed my entire life.

❑ *A CHRISTIAN AND A PATRIOT*

I am a Christian—a fundamental, Bible-believing, Bible-toting, Bible-quoting, born-again, church-going, soul-winning, tithing, Heaven-bound, excited and happy Christian.

I am also a patriot. I love my country, its hills and valleys, its rivers and deserts, its natural resources and its fruitful fields. I am a free enterprise, capitalistic, free-market enthusiast. I salute our soldiers and honor our veterans. I pay homage to our fallen heroes.

I salute the flag, say the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the “Star-Spangled Banner.” I back the blue. I vote every Election Day. I stand with those who are right and oppose those who are wrong. I am a peace-loving man; but if you threaten my freedom or my well-being, I will fight.

Yes, I am a Christian and I am a patriot. The two go hand in glove.

❑ ***PATRIOTS OF THE PAST PAVED THE WAY FOR US***
Samuel Adams (1722–1803), one of America’s Founding Fathers, was one of the men who crafted the principles of our republic. A second cousin to President John Adams, he said, ***“The liberties of our country... are worth defending at all hazards, and it is our duty to defend them against all attacks. We have received them as fair inheritance from our worthy ancestors...[who] purchased them for us with toil and danger.”***

It was that same patriotic fervor that enveloped Patrick Henry (1736–1799) when he said, ***“I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death.”***

Early in the twentieth century President Woodrow Wilson (1856–1924) said, ***“Civilization itself seems to be in the balance, but right is more precious than peace.”***

When I was less than a year old my own dad joined the Army, sailed across the Atlantic and fought for two solid years to defeat Hitler and the Nazis. He came home with a purple heart, but he lived to be an aged man.

He taught us that he took the fight to the enemy so that we and all men could be free. As a young man, I often heard the cry, “Better dead than red” as communism threatened the world.

❑ ***RED, WHITE AND BLUE: THE COLORS OF OUR FREEDOM***
Here is a clever piece that John J. Daly wrote (1917) that speaks for me.

***Old Glory Here’s to the Red of it—
There’s not a thread of it,
No, nor a shred of it
In all the spread of it From foot to head,
But heroes bled for it,
Faced steel and lead for it,
Precious blood shed for it, Bathing it Red.
Here’s to the White of it—
Thrilled by the sight of it,
Who knows the right of it
But feels the might of it Through day and night?
Womanhood’s care for it
Made manhood dare for it;
Purity’s prayer for it Keeps it so White.
Here’s to the Blue of it—***

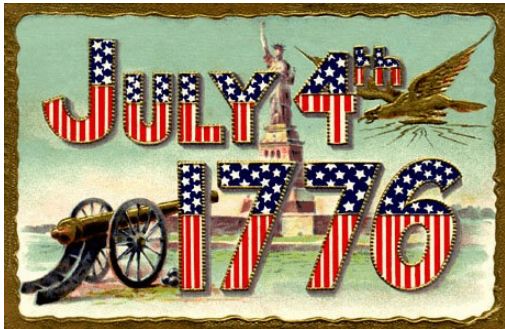
***Beauteous view of it,
Heavenly hue of it,
Star-spangled dew of it, Constant and true.
Diadems gleam for it;
States stand supreme for it;
Liberty’s beam for it Brightens the blue.
Here’s to the whole of it—
Stars, stripes and pole of it;
Body and soul of it,
Oh, and the roll of it, Sun shining through.
Hearts in accord for it
Swear by the sword for it,
Thanking the Lord for it— Red, White and Blue***

On this July 4th let’s continue to look to the Lord, pray for our nation, give voice to our values, stand up against the evil in our society, push back against all enemies foreign and domestic and stand tall to celebrate our freedom.

❑ ***AN APPEAL TO GOD’S PEOPLE FOR OUR NATION***
I’m looking at three Bible statements that should provoke and prod the people of God. They are -
1. Proverbs 14:34: “Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.”
2. Psalm 33:12: “Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD.”
3. II Chronicles 7:14: “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

What our nation needs is clearly presented in these great passages. What others do or do not do, we may not be able to determine; but like Joshua of old, we can say, ***“As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD” (Josh. 24:15).***
Let’s celebrate our freedom this Independence Day and renew our resolve to give ourselves devotedly and boldly to the revival that our nation so desperately needs.

- Editor, Sword of the Lord



THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Do you know all the words to “*The Star-Spangled Banner*”? Many people have difficulty memorizing the lyrics of the first verse of this song, which is commonly performed at sports events and other public gatherings. But did you know that there are three additional verses that we almost never hear?

In 1814, the poet and lyricist Francis Scott Key penned the lyrics to “The Star-Spangled Banner,” originally known as “Defense of Fort M’Henry.” During the War of 1812, Key witnessed the attacks on Baltimore and wrote the words based on his experiences this night. These lyrics were printed in local newspapers and set to the tune of an existing song called “Anacreon in Heaven,” and then officially arranged by John Philip Sousa. Key’s famous lyrics entered the world as a broadside ballad, or a song written on a topical subject, and printed for wide distribution.

More than a century later, in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed an executive order designating “The Star-Spangled Banner” as the national anthem, and in 1931, the US Congress confirmed the decision. The tune has kicked off ceremonies of national importance and athletic events ever since.

While the first verse of “The Star-Spangled Banner” is widely known by the American public, the last three verses are generally omitted in performances. Here are all the four versers, as they were written 200 years ago by Key:

***O say can you see, by the dawn’s early light,
What so proudly we hail’d at the twilight’s last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O’er the ramparts we watch’d were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket’s red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?
On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep
Where the foe’s haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o’er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning’s first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream,
'Tis the star-spangled banner—O long may it wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave!
And where is that band who so vauntingly swore,
That the havoc of war and the battle’s confusion
A home and a Country should leave us no more?
Their blood has wash’d out their foul footsteps’ pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave,
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave.
O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their lov’d home and the war’s desolation!
Blest with vict’ry and peace may the heav’n rescued land
Praise the power that hath made and preserv’d us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto – “In God is our trust,”
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave.***



George Washington's Vision

(This account has been verified as authentic by multiple historical researchers. It is clear that General Washington did, indeed, share the following with Anthony Sherman and others. The following is an recount by a person who knew Mr. Sherman personally).

The last time I ever saw Anthony Sherman was on the fourth of July, 1859, in Independence Square. He was then 99 years old, and becoming very feeble. But though so old, his dimming eyes rekindled as he gazed upon Independence Hall, which he had come to visit once more.

“Let's go into the hall,” he said. “I want to tell you of an incident of Washington's life - one which no one alive knows of except myself; and if you live, you will before long see it verified.” *Mark the prediction, you will see it verified.*

“From the opening of the Revolution we experienced all phases of fortune, now good and now ill, one time victorious and another conquered. The darkest period we had, I think, was when Washington, after several reverses, retreated to Valley Forge, where he resolved to pass the winter of 1777. Ah! I have often seen the tears coursing down our dear Commander's careworn cheeks, as he would be conversing with a confidential officer about the condition of his poor soldiers. You have doubtless heard the story of Washington's going into the thicket to pray. Well, it was not only true, but he used to pray often in secret for aid and comfort. And God brought us safely through the darkest days of tribulation.”

“One day, I remember it well, the chilly winds whistled through the leafless trees, though the sky was cloudless and the sun shone brightly. He remained in his quarters nearly all the afternoon, alone. When he came out I noticed that his face was a shade paler than usual, and there seemed to be something on his mind of more than ordinary importance. Returning just after dusk, he dispatched an orderly to the quarters of an officer, who was presently in attendance. After a preliminary conversation of about half an hour, Washington, gazing upon his companion with that strange look of dignity which he alone could command, said to the latter:

“‘I do not know whether it is owing to the anxiety of my mind, or what, but this afternoon, as I was sitting at this table engaged in preparing a dispatch, something in the apartment seemed to disturb me. Looking up, I beheld standing opposite me a singularly beautiful being. So astonished was I, for I had given strict orders not to be disturbed, that it was some moments before I found language to inquire the cause of the visit. A second, a third, and even a fourth time did I repeat the question, but received no answer from my mysterious visitor except a slight raising of the

eyes.

“‘But this time,’ the General said, ‘I felt strange sensations spreading over me. I would have risen but the riveted gaze of the being before me rendered volition impossible. I assayed once more to speak, but my tongue had become useless, as if paralyzed. A new influence, mysterious, potent, irresistible, took possession of me. All I could do was to gaze steadily, vacantly at my unknown visitor.

“‘Gradually the surrounding atmosphere seemed to fill with sensations, and grew luminous. Everything about me seemed to rarefy, the mysterious visitor also becoming more airy and yet more distinct to my eyes than before. I began to feel as one dying, or rather to experience the sensations which I have sometimes imagined accompany death. I did not think, I did not reason, I did not move. All were alike impossible. I was only conscious of gazing fixedly, vacantly at my companion.

“‘Presently I heard a voice saying, “***Son of the Republic, look and learn,***” while at the same time my visitor extended an arm **EASTWARD**. I now beheld a heavy white vapor at some distance rising fold upon fold. This gradually dissipated, and I looked upon a strange scene. Before me lay, spread out in one vast plain, all the countries of the world - Europe, Asia, Africa and America. I saw rolling and tossing between Europe and America the billows of the Atlantic, and between Asia and America lay the Pacific. “*Son of the Republic,*” said the same mysterious voice as before, “*Look and learn.*

“Washington said, ‘At that moment I beheld a dark, shadowy being, like an angel, standing, or rather floating in midair, **BETWEEN EUROPE AND AMERICA**. Dipping water out of the ocean in the hollow of each hand, he sprinkled some **UPON AMERICA** with his right hand, while with his left he cast some **OVER EUROPE**. Immediately a cloud arose ***FROM THESE COUNTRIES,*** and joined in mid-ocean. For a while it seemed stationary, and then it moved slowly ***WESTWARD,*** until it **ENVELOPED AMERICA** in its murky folds. Sharp flashes of lightning gleamed through it at intervals, and I heard the smothered groans and cries of the American people.

“‘A second time the angel dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it out as before. The dark cloud was then ***DRAWN BACK*** to the ocean, in whose heavy billows it sank from view.

“‘A third time I heard the mysterious visitor saying, “*Son of the Republic, look and learn.*” I cast my eyes upon America and beheld villages and towns and cities ***SPRINGING UP ONE AFTER ANOTHER UNTIL THE WHOLE LAND FROM THE ATLANTIC TO THE PACIFIC WAS DOTTED WITH THEM.***

“‘Again, I heard the mysterious voice say, “*Son of the Republic, the**END OF THE CENTURY** cometh, look and listen.*”

“‘And this time,’ Washington said, ‘the dark shadowy angel turned his face **SOUTHWARD**. From ***AFRICA*** I saw an ill-omened specter approach our land. It flitted slowly and heavily over **EVERY** town and city of the latter. The inhabitants presently

set themselves in ***BATTLE ARRAY AGAINST EACH OTHER.*** As I continued looking, I saw a bright angel on whose brow rested a crown of light, on which was traced the word “***UNION.***” He was bearing the American flag. He placed the flag between the **DIVIDED NATION** and said, “*Remember, ye are**BRETHREN.***”

“‘Instantly, the inhabitants, casting down their weapons, became friends once more and **UNITED** around the National Standard.

“‘Again I heard the mysterious voice saying, “Son of the Republic, look and learn.” At this, the dark, shadowy angel placed a ***TRUMPET*** to his mouth, and blew three distinct blasts; and taking water from the ocean, he sprinkled it upon Europe, Asia and Africa.

“‘Then my eyes beheld a fearful scene. From each of these continents arose thick black clouds that were soon joined into one. And through this mass there gleamed a **DARK RED LIGHT** by which I saw ***HORDES OF ARMED MEN.*** These men, moving with the cloud, ***MARCHED BY LAND AND SAILED BY SEA TO AMERICA,*** which country was enveloped in the volume of the cloud. And I dimly saw these ***VAST ARMIES DEVASTATE THE WHOLE COUNTRY*** and burn the villages, towns and cities which I had seen springing up.

“‘As my ears listened to the thundering of the cannon, clashing of sounds and the shouts and cries of **MILLIONS** in mortal combat, I again heard the mysterious voice saying, “*Son of the Republic, look and learn.*” When this voice had ceased, the dark shadowy angel placed his ***TRUMPET*** once more to his mouth, and blew a long and fearful blast.

“‘Instantly a ***LIGHT AS OF A THOUSAND SUNS*** shone down from above me, and pierced and broke into fragments the dark cloud which enveloped America. At the same moment the angel [?] upon whose head still shone the word “*Union,*” and who bore our national flag in one hand and a **SWORD** in the other, ***DESCENDED FROM THE HEAVENS ATTENDED BY LEGIONS OF WHITE SPIRITS.*** These immediately joined the inhabitants of America, who I perceived were **WELL-NIGH OVERCOME**, but who immediately taking courage again, closed up their broken ranks and renewed the battle.

“General Washington continued - ‘Again, amid the fearful noise of the conflict I heard the mysterious voice saying, “*Son of the Republic, look and learn.*” As the voice ceased, the shadowy angel for the last time dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it upon America. Instantly the dark cloud rolled back, together with the armies it had brought, leaving the inhabitants of the land victorious.

“‘Then once more, I beheld the villages, towns and cities ***SPRINGING UP*** where I had seen them before, while the **BRIGHT ANGEL**, planting the azure standard he had brought in the midst of them, cried with a loud voice: “*While the stars remain, and the heavens send down dew upon the earth, SO LONG SHALL THE UNION LAST.*” And taking from his brow the CROWN on which blazoned the word “**Union,**” he placed it upon the standard while the people **KNEELING DOWN** said, “Amen.”

“‘The scene instantly began to fade and dissolve, and I at last saw nothing but the rising, curling vapor I at first beheld. This also disappeared, and I found myself once more gazing upon the mysterious visitor, who in the same voice I had heard before, said, “*Son of the Republic, what you have seen is thus interpreted. **THREE GREAT PERILS** will come upon the Republic. **THE MOST FEARFUL FOR HER IS THE THIRD.** But the whole world united shall not prevail against her. Let every child of the Republic **LEARN TO LIVE FOR HIS GOD, his land and Union.***” With these words the vision vanished, and I started from my seat and felt that I had seen a vision wherein had been shown me the birth, the progress, and the destiny of the United States.

“Such, my friends,” the venerable narrator concluded, “were the words I heard from Washington's own lips, and America will do well to profit by them.” ■

