

ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION



**The king's heart is
a stream of water in
the hand of the Lord; he
turns it wherever he will.
~ Proverbs 21:1**

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NEW KINGS JAMES VERSION

**THE KING'S HEART
IS IN THE HAND OF THE LORD;
LIKE THE RIVERS OF WATER;
HE TURNS IT WHEREVER HE WISHES.**

PROVERBS 21:1

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HEBREW NAMES VERSION

**“The king’s heart is in the
Lord’s hand like the
watercourses. He turns it
wherever he desires.”**

(Proverbs 21:1)

CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION

“The Lord controls rulers, just as He determines the course of rivers.”

(Proverbs 21:1)



**This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget.
That though the wrong
Seems oft so strong;
God is the ruler yet.**

DIVINE PROVIDENCE

**Foresight & Foreknowledge
To Care For Needs**

“GOD’S INSTRUMENT”

But Cyrus is hardly the exception to the rule, he is an example of the rule.

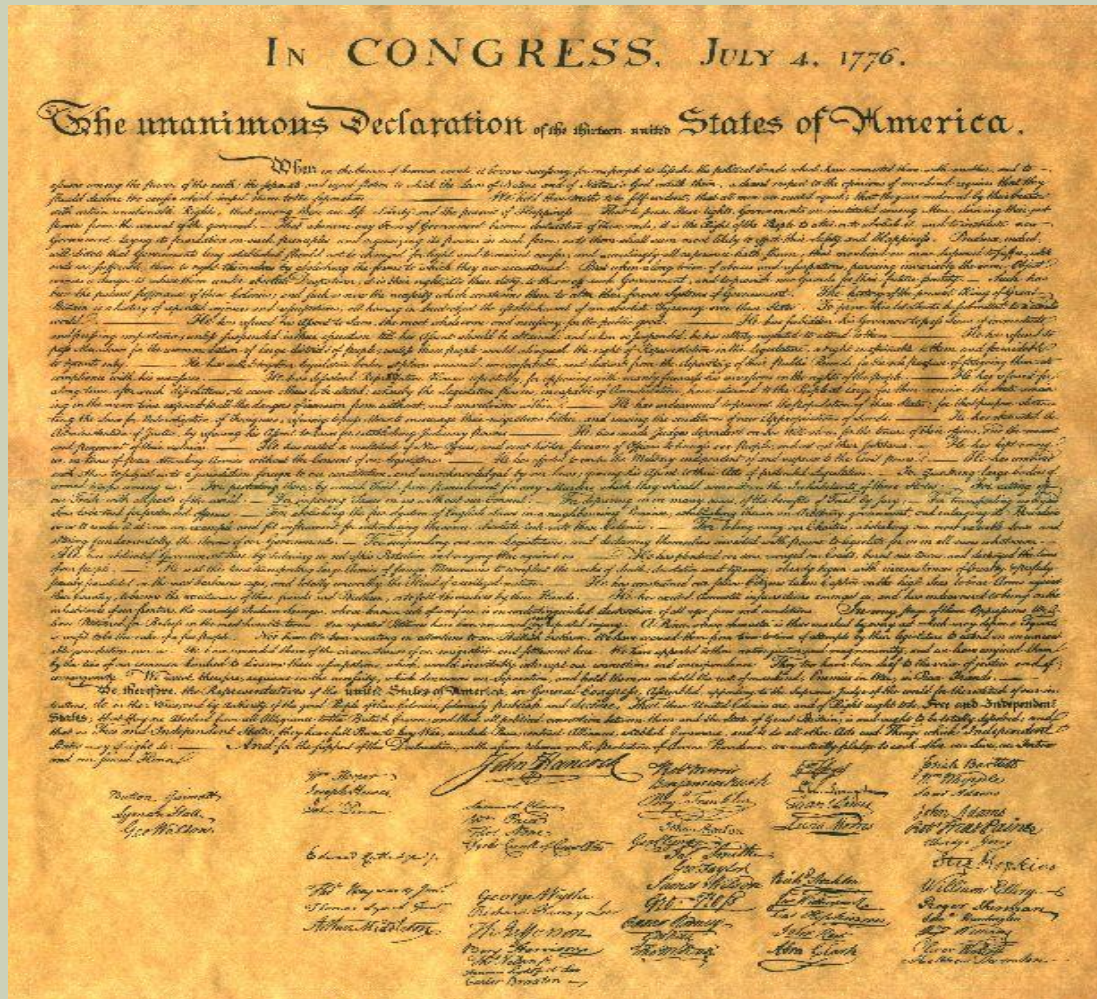
GEORGE WILLIAM FREDERICK



KING GEORGE III

**Suffered Inherited Blood
Disease “Porphyria”**

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE



DO NOT REMEMBER...

**“The history of the present
King of Great Britain is a
history of repeated injuries
and usurpations...”**



“We declare to be free and independent states, that are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown.”

PROVERBS 21:1

“The king’s heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will.”

CYRUS – “GOD’S INSTRUMENT”



I. BY GOD'S PROVIDENCE

History Is His Story!

II CHRONICLES 36:22

“Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing:”

II CHRONICLES 36:23

“Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, ‘The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the LORD his God be with him. Let him go up.’”

EZRA 1:1

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EZRA 1:2

**“Thus says Cyrus king of Persia:
The LORD, the God of heaven, has
given me all the kingdoms of the
earth, and he has charged me to
build him a house at Jerusalem,
which is in Judah.”**

ISAIAH 45:13

**“I have stirred him up in
righteousness, and I will make
all his ways level; he shall build
my city and set my exiles free,
not for price or reward,” says
the LORD of hosts.”**

THE DIVINE & HUMAN

“And the elders of the Jews built and prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. They finished their building by decree of the God of Israel and by decree of Cyrus and Darius and Artaxerxes king of Persia” (Ezra 6:14).

II. GOD'S PURPOSE

Timeline:

- 1. Ezra – 450 B.C.**
- 2. Isaiah – 700 B.C.**

ISAIAH 44:28

‘Who says of Cyrus, ‘He is my shepherd, and he shall fulfill all my purpose’; saying of Jerusalem, ‘She shall be built,’ and of the temple, ‘Your foundation shall be laid.’”

ISAIAH 45:1

“Thus says the LORD to his
anointed, to Cyrus, whose right
hand I have grasped, to subdue
nations before him and to loose
the belts of kings, to open
doors before him that gates
may not be closed:”

ISAIAH 45:2-7

I will go before you

I will break

I will give

I call you by name

I Am

I equip you

I am the LORD, there is no other

I am the Lord

III. THROUGH GOD'S PROCLAMATIONS

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II Chronicles 36:22

IV. GOD'S PROVISIONS

**God's Vision Always
Comes With Provision!**

A. FURNISHINGS

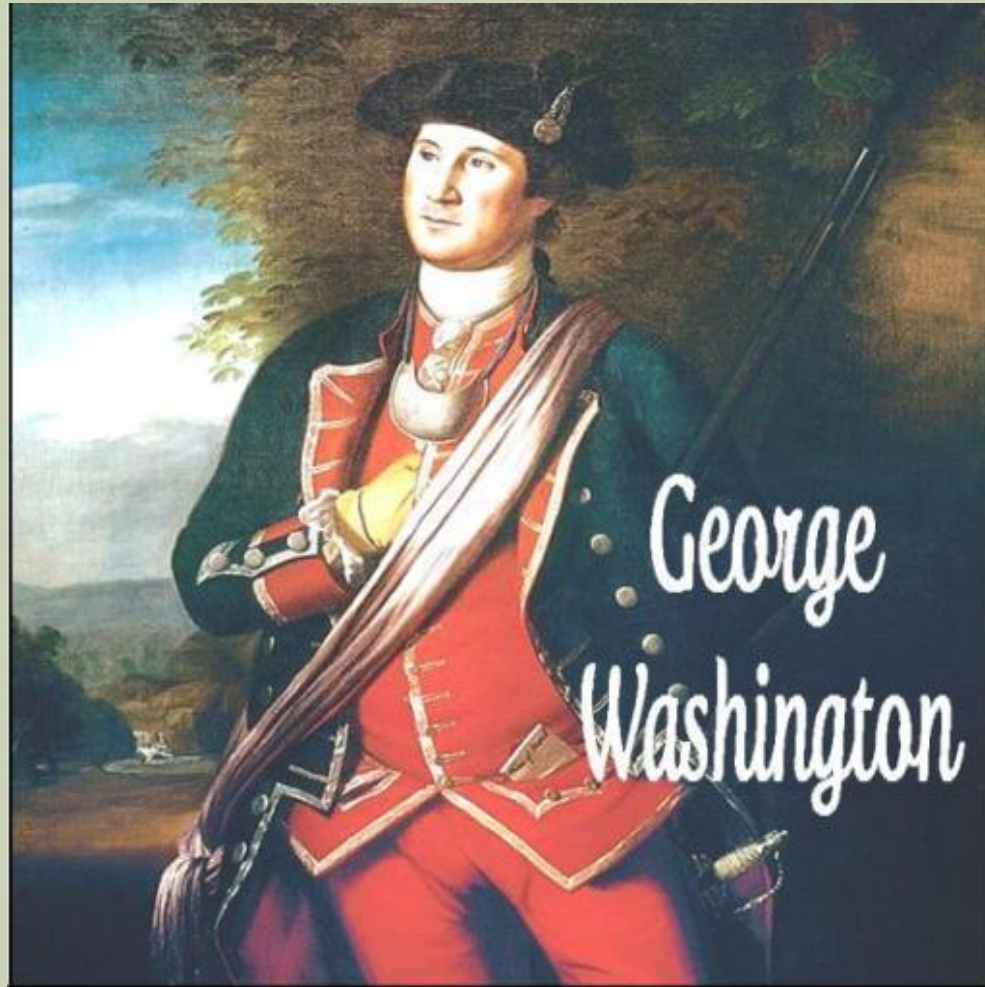
“And the gold and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple that was in Jerusalem and brought into the temple of Babylon, these Cyrus the king took out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered to one whose name was Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor” (Ezra 5:14).

B. FRAMINGS

“So they gave money to the masons and the carpenters, and food, drink, and oil to the Sidonians and the Tyrians to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea, to Joppa, according to the grant that they had from Cyrus king of Persia.”

(Ezra 3:7)

JULY 17, 1755 BATTLE



GEORGE WASHINGTON



“By the powerful dispensations of Providence, I have been protected beyond all human probability or expectation.”

OLD INDIAN CHIEF IN 1770

“I have traveled a long and weary path that I might see the young warrior of the great battle. I am come to pay homage to the man who is the particular favorite of heaven, and who can never die in battle.”

GOD'S INSTRUMENTS

**From Scriptures we know that
Cyrus was God's Instrument.**

**From American history we know
that King George III and George
Washington were God's
Instruments.**

GOD'S INSTRUMENTS

Cyrus The Great

King George III

George Washington

Me?

You?

Us?

1941



CITIZEN PAIN!

Every believer possesses a dual citizenship, the one is terrestrial and the other is celestial.

These create tensions until we reach our final destination.

JEREMIAH 29:7

“But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.”