

Plymouth & Colonial America

Shalom Yoneq and ha-emeq,

I wanted to write you a letter concerning the building that our Father has given us in Plymouth, MA. Upon hearing about this I was greatly overjoyed! Thinking back to the small settlement of Separatists (Pilgrims) who started that colony almost three-hundred and eighty years ago, and all the events that surrounded them being there, I began to imagine what it would be like to have a way-out-house (or community) there today. The more I thought about it the more excited I became; until now, here I am writing you a letter about my excitement!

It has been several years since I last visited Plymouth, but I do remember while I was there being very affected by the town. I like the way the town is set up, very colonial. I couldn't help but think how wonderful it would be to have a community there. Something to demonstrate our Father's heart to all those people who come there every year to get a taste of what it was like back then in colonial America. People that are in awe (as many of us are) at the courage, zeal, and determination that drove people of all kinds from Europe to the New World. I don't know exactly where the building that we have is, however I am familiar with Plymouth Rock and the wax museum that is near it. I heard that the building is somewhere near the museum.

I don't know when we are planning to send people to Plymouth but I have a few suggestions about it. One thing that seems clear to me; if it is possible I wish that we could have some representatives there before the tourist season is in full swing. I don't know if this is realistic or not. I imagine that thousands of people come through that little town from the months of April through September. I wish that we could have some kind of light there during this time. As I understand it, Boston will be the chief "place" that supports Plymouth (in this I am assuming personnel and finances). I wish that those who are going to be there could understand and have excitement about what a marvelous opportunity this is. There is such potential to speak with people about the good news of our Master Yahshua. There is a lot of vision that could be passed on!

The other thing that I thought was a vital component to us being in Plymouth was a new freepaper. As soon as I heard of us being there my mind started to fill with ideas of a freepaper that incorporated some historical facts with the revelation of the Stone and the 3ED's. I think we could write a freepaper that grabbed people's interest and brought out some interesting, thought provoking questions. Because the people that are traveling there from around the country (even the world) are coming to get a taste of what went on in colonial America. In particular that area of the US. Here is an example of something that I thought we could bring up.

When the Puritans began to get persecuted in England under the reign of King Charles I, they cried out for freedom to worship and conduct themselves as they saw fit. Leaving England over a ten or so year period they came to America seeking the freedom they were unable to find in the "Mother Country." However, upon arriving in Boston and finding this new found freedom, it quickly became clear they had no interest or even consideration of sharing this "freedom" with others who did not believe the same way that they did. In fact they had no toleration of any other "christian" or non-christian group. The proof of this was that several Quakers were hanged in the Boston Commons for openly expressing contrary teachings than that of the Puritans. These kinds of people did not fit well in the religiously dominated society that had been founded there (Presbyterian in nature). This is only one example of many. Men like Roger Williams would have certainly ended up at the gallows if he had not fled for his life. So this raises the question: Where the Puritans that came to America seeking "true" freedom or simply the "freedom" to dominate society and "do unto others as others have done unto you"?

I thought that with examples like this one we could introduce Roger Williams and what he went through in regards to the established religion of his day. With this we could tie in the Stone Kingdom and the 3ED's. We could uncover the fact that, since Christianity took the reigns of political power in Rome during the 4th century, quite simply there has been NO FREEDOM for a man to live by the dictates of his conscience; that is until Roger Williams founded Providence Plantations in the mid 1,600's and then later the foundation of the United States of America with Amendments that insured all of citizens the freedom to practice their religion the

way they saw fit (so long as it did not directly harass or harm another human being; in which case the civil government would step in and do its job of punishing evil and rewarding good). So for the better part of the last two millennia the freedom to establish the Stone Kingdom has simply not existed and hence, there has been no Three Eternal Destinies *for* Man; only two just like the Christians say. Perhaps this could help Christians in understanding there hasn't been anyone "saved" since the fall of the first Edah and the beginning of the bishopric system. For when church and state mix, the category of the Holy becomes extinct.

There are other very provocative questions that could be asked such as:

- 1) Why do Christians seek for political power?
- 2) If they get there chance to make the USA a "Christian nation", as they say it once was, will they conduct themselves like the Puritans did in the Mass Bay Colony?
- 3) Given the chance will they seek freedom or dominion?
- 4) Is there not already freedom in America?
- 5) If Christianity gains political control will the First Amendment of the US Constitution become obsolete? Will the "wall of separation" be torn down, as Roger Williams spoke about?
- 6) Will they prove to be like their "forefathers of the faith" [Puritans, Reformers (esp. Calvin), Roman Catholics etc...] and try and snuff out any who believe contrary to the way they do? After all that is all you can do if you are trying to enforce religious morals in a society.

Questions such as these are simply off the top of my head but perhaps we could raise these issues in a well-written paper. I thought that Gamaliel, Qatan, David and others could help write it. I don't want it to be a paper that no one can understand unless they are a "historian" or have a degree in theology (as I have heard people say of our papers in the past). That is always the task isn't it: writing papers that people can relate to and understand. I believe that our Father could give us grace to do something though. Surely He can! Surely we are going to come to the point of writing papers that bring to light our Father's ultimate purpose in a compressive, clear

way. If not then how will our Father, "...hide these things from the wise and intelligent and reveal them to little children." (Mt 11:25)

Well these are things that I have been thinking about. Perhaps it is not time to write such a paper but if that is the case, then I hope we will be able to do it soon. I love you both very much.

Shalom, sho'er