

Sargon and Sennacherib his son were used to punish Israel, but their pride led to their own punishment. And so with Babylon. God gave the world-power "unto whom it seemed meet unto Him." He calls Nebuchadnezzar His "servant" Jer. 27:6 for he was raised up to execute God's purpose on Israel; but when He was "wroth" with His people, Babylon did "shew them no mercy," Isa. 47:6 And so Babylon is judged, and in the very year that Israel's servitude ends Babylon falls into the hands of Cyrus. Jer. 25:12 Ezra 1:1 Cyrus in his turn is raised up to help Israel and to execute judgment on Babylon. Isa. 44:28; 45:13

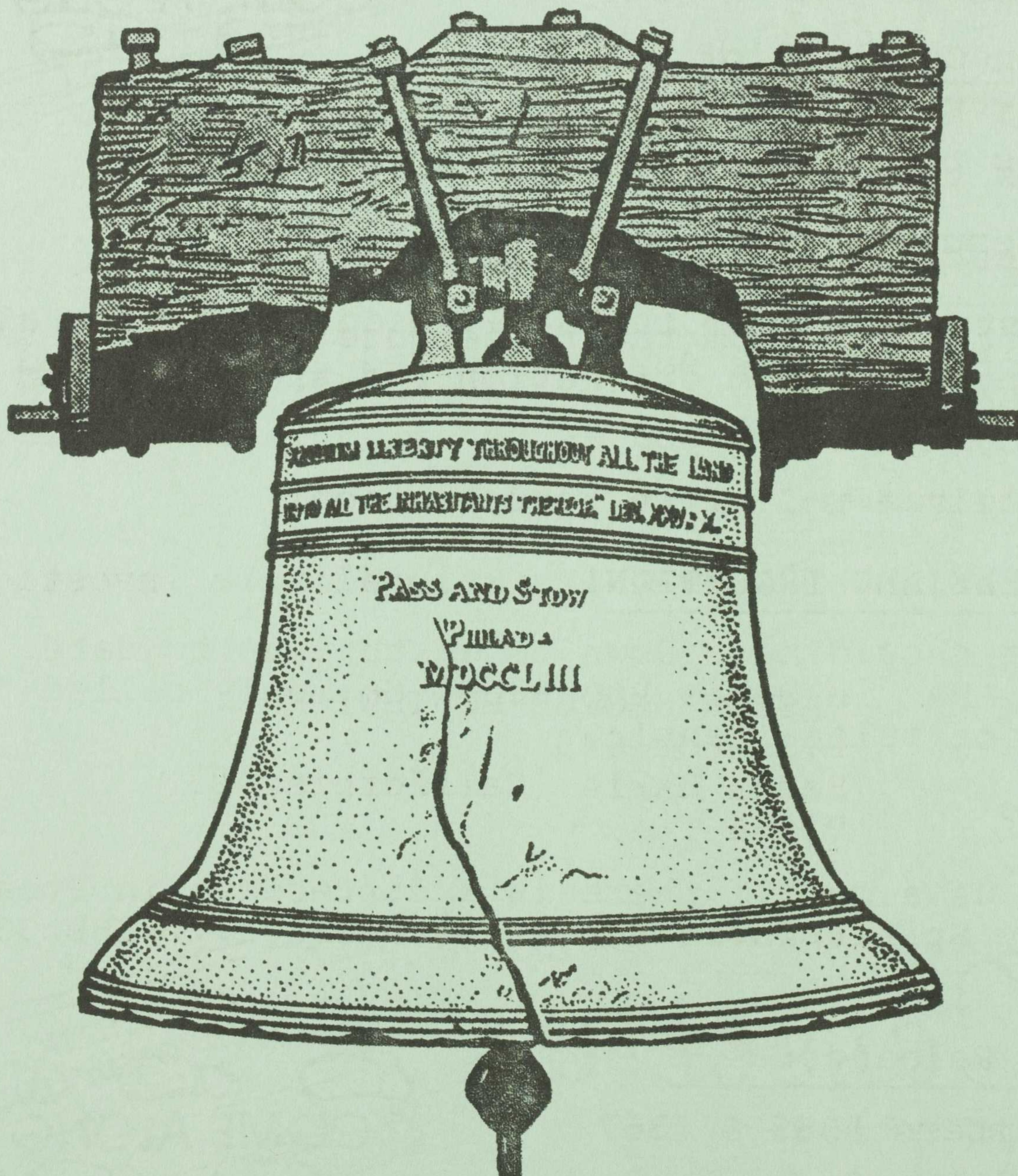
This is the principle upon which God has acted all through the world's history from the time when He first took up Israel...

Though He visits Israel by means of other nations, their cruelties to His people are never unpunished. "I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease, for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction." Zech. 1:15.

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Note: The question is....WHO IS ISRAEL? Is it the Jewish peoplehood. A minor group in the present world. Or---Is it the Anglo-Saxon Nations of the earth. A myriad of peoples...Think about it...It could drastically change your view of Scripture!!



THE LIBERTY BELL

"And ye shall proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." (Lev. 25:10). This was the inscription upon the famous Liberty Bell which hung in Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Declaration of Independence was signed July 4th, 1776, but the bell was not rung until July 8th.

The tribe of Manasseh was taken captive in 744, B. C., and started out upon its great commission of becoming a GREAT PEOPLE 2520 years later—in 1776.