

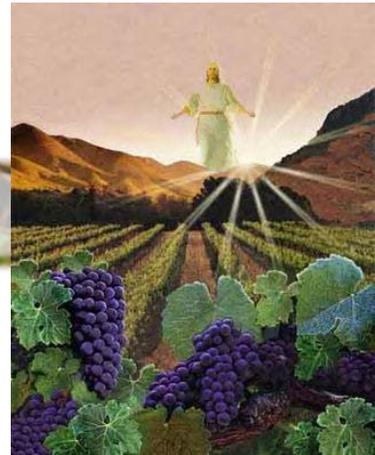
#1182 The Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven – The tune of “The Star-Spangled Banner” was taken from the tune of the English drinking song “To Anacreon in Heaven,” part 2, The Greek ‘Vine of the Earth’ Democracy on September 14, 1814, vs. the Lord’s ‘Vine of Heaven’ Democracy on September 14, 1814

“The Star-Spangled Banner” (4th {and last} stanza)

*Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war’s desolation,
Blest with vict’ry and peace, may the Heav’n-rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved 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.*

Key Understanding #1: The words of “The Star-Spangled Banner” – such as “*the Heav’n-rescued land*” – present the United States of America as being attached to the *spiritual vine of heaven*, Jesus Christ.

*John 15:1 (KJV) **I AM THE TRUE VINE**, and my Father is the husbandman.*



Bacchus god of wine

In truth, America is attached to the *spiritual vine of the earth*, nicely illustrated by the fact that the tune of “The Star-Spangled Banner” was taken from the English drinking song “To Anacreon in Heaven,” which, though it has the word *heaven* in its title, honors the Greek god of the grapevine *of the earth* and *wine of the earth*, Bacchus.

“To Anacreon in Heaven” (chorus)

*And besides I’ll instruct you
Like me, to entwine
The Myrtle of Venus
With Bacchus’s Vine.*

Key Understanding #2: While “Bacchus’s vine” is referring to the *literal* grapevine and its fruit of wine, the Lord means for Bacchus’s vine to represent a *spiritual vine of the earth* – not *heaven* – that makes the earth drunken. But exactly what is the *spiritual vine of the earth*, and even more precisely, the Greek spiritual vine of the earth, that makes the earth drunken?

Jeremiah 51:7 (KJV) *Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD’S hand, THAT MADE ALL THE EARTH DRUNKEN: THE NATIONS HAVE DRUNKEN OF HER WINE; therefore the nations are mad.*

Question: In the spiritual and prophetic context, what exactly is Bacchus’s *vine of the earth* that makes the earth drunken?

Key Understanding #3 and Answer: The Greek civilization during the time of the poet Anacreon (and the time of the related honoring of Bacchus’s vine) is famous for bringing to the world the new form of government called *Democracy*. The doctrines of *Democracy* are not from the *vine of heaven*, Jesus Christ, but are from the *vine of the earth* – specifically a *Greek vine of the earth* – of fallen mankind. It is *Democracy* – originally from Greece – that is represented by Bacchus’s *vine of the earth* that makes the earth drunken.



To summarize, “The Star-Spangled Banner” – sung to the Bacchus’s vine tune of “To Anacreon in Heaven” – is revealing that the *Democracy* represented by Francis Scott Key and the defense of Fort McHenry on September 14, 1814, is attached not to the *vine of heaven*, Jesus Christ, but rather is attached to the *Greek vine of the earth* that makes the earth drunken.

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