#104 The French Connection – America's Historical Alliances and Unique Relationship with France

Key Understanding: America's unique relationship with France. The Lord ordained that the United States of America inherit the key historical role of France as the western part of the Charlemagne Split. This is evidenced through – and is the reason for – the historical alliances and unique relationship formed between the United States and France during the first 175 years of U.S. history.

Here is a list of the historical alliances and unique relationships that bonded America and France together for 175 years:

- 1. The Revolutionary War France was the key power to align itself with the U.S. in the Revolutionary War. At the decisive Battle of Yorktown, French and American forces cooperated to deliver the crushing defeat to British forces under General Cornwallis. About 5,500 French soldiers had reached America in 1780, led by Lieutenant General Jean Rochambeau. The actions of Lafayette, Rochambeau's French troops, and Admiral de Grasse's French fleet were the keys to Washington's victory over the British at Yorktown.
- **2.** The American Revolution and the French Revolution The two revolutions became doubles in history, each representing *liberty*.
- 3. The Statue of Liberty French sculptor Auguste Bartholdi and the people of France gave the Statue of Liberty to the people of the United States, as an expression of friendship and of the ideal of *liberty* shared by both peoples. French citizens donated the money to build the statue, and people in the U.S. raised the funds to construct the pedestal (base).
- **4. World War I** America allied with France to win World War I.
- **5.** World War II America allied with France to win World War II.

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