

**“Retreat: To Repent,  
Recoup, Retrain, & Revive!”**

**Joshua 1:5-9; 6:1-2 & 27; 7:5-13; & 24:13-25a**

**\* I will Integrate the Scriptures for Today from the Book of Joshua as they are Needed  
To Weave Together the Story of Israel’s Past, Our Nation’s Past,  
& What is Needed Today For Our Nation’s Future!**

**\* You may be familiar with the statement,**

**“Those who fail to learn from history, are condemned to repeat it!”**

**Winston Churchill (George Santayana – “Life Of Reason”)**

**\* Today, I want to draw an illustration from History Concerning  
Israel’s Past, America’s Past, & the Modern Crisis of Today in which we live.**

**Foreshadow ...**

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the present to say, that both officers and men, though greatly harassed and fatigued, frequently  
without rest, covering, or provision, the inevitable consequences of a long retreat, bore it with  
a manly and martial spirit. All their wishes centered in one, which was, that the country would turn  
out and help them to drive the enemy back!”** **Tomas Paine, The American Crisis - No. 1**

**\* I will speak in Terms of a Series of Retreats Following Great Victories!**

**Series of Three Parallel Retreats In History**

**That Allows Time For The People Of God**

**To Come To A Place Of Repentance,**

**A Place Of Recuperation**

**For Rest, Refit, & Renewed Planning,**

**A Place Of Retraining For Future Battles**

**Against Those Who Oppose God’s Freedom,**

**A Place Of Revival Of Our Spirits In Unity**

**With God’s Holy Spirit & With One Another!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Victory - Israel’s Defeats The Walled City Of Jericho - Joshua Chapter 6**

**Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none  
came in. And the Lord said to Joshua, “See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and  
the mighty men of valor!” ... So, the Lord was with Joshua (and the people), and his (their)  
fame spread throughout all the country!** **Joshua 6:1-2 & 27 (NKJV)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Victory - America’s Early Victories Over The King Of England & The British Forces**

**Lexington & Concord, Fort Ticonderoga, & Bunker Hill**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Victory - America’s Middle & Later Victories Over Slavery, Imperialism,**

**Fascism, Communism, & Oppression**

**American Civil War, World War I, World War II, The Cold War, & The Civil Rights Movement**

**\* The problem with me as a person, the problem with all People for ALL TIME  
is summed up in this Historical Maxim**

**“After Great Victories, Especially Those That Are Too Insurmountable For Mere Human  
Achievement Alone, Those That Are Truly Due To Miraculous Intervention Alongside Human  
Obedience, Victories That Require The Communion Of God & Humanity In Unity,  
We As A People, Soon Forget It Was Not Us Alone Who Won The Victory. We Forget To Give God  
The Glory, We Forget To Be Vigilant & Proclaim Our Blessed History To The Next Generation, We  
Forget To Teach Our Children The Holiness, Goodness, & Providence Of Our God, To Which Our  
Freedom Is Solely Dependent!”** **Scott A. Kovalcik**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Retreat In Defeat - Joshua Chapter 7

And the men of the City of Ai struck down about thirty-six men, for they chased them from before the gate as far as Shebarim, and struck them down on the descent; therefore, the hearts of the people melted and became like water. Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell to the earth on his face before the Ark of the Lord until evening, he, and the elders of Israel; and they put dust on their heads in disgrace. And Joshua said, *“Alas, Lord God, why have You brought this people over the Jordan River at all, only to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? Oh, that we had been content, and dwelt on the other side of the Jordan! O Lord, what shall I say when Israel turns its back before its enemies? For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear it, and surround us, and cut off our name from the earth. Then what will You do for Your Great Name?”* So, the Lord said to Joshua: *“Get up! Why do you lie thus on your face? Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My Covenant which I commanded them. For they have even taken some of the accursed things and have both stolen and deceived; and they have also put it among their own stuff. Therefore, the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they have become doomed to destruction. Neither will I be with you anymore unless you destroy the accursed from among you. Get up, Sanctify the people, and say, ‘Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, says the Lord God of Israel: There is an accursed thing in your midst, O Israel; you cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the accursed thing from among you!’”*

Joshua 7:5-13 (NKJV)

#### GOD'S TRUTH!

Until The Accursed Things Are Out Of My Life,

Until The Accursed Things Are Out Of My Brother's & Sister's Lives,

Until The Accursed Things Are Out Of The Church – The People Of God's Lives,

NO True Victory Can Ever Be Accomplished Or Long Endure!

**Q:** *“What Are The Accursed Things!”*

**A:** The Things Of This Human Kingdom That Enslave Our Souls & Affections!

**A:** The Things Of This Human Kingdom That War Against God's Kingdom!

**A:** The Things Of This Human Kingdom That Demand Justice

In The Form Of Retribution & Revenge Rather Than Grace & Forgiveness!

**A:** The Things Of This Human Kingdom That Try To Remove

The Glory Of The Incorruptible God & Refashion Them Into The Glory Of Corruptible Beings – Us!

**A:** The Things Of This Human Kingdom That Attempt To Remove God's Name From Under The Heavens!

**A:** MY SIN & MY PRIDE!

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Retreat In Defeat For Israel

Due To Stolen & Accursed Possessions Of This World

Replacing True Faith, Reliance, & Worship of God

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Retreat In Defeat For Our American Ancestors During The Revolutionary War

Due To Insurrection, Insubordination, Sedition,

Lack of Faith, Lack of Unity, Lack of Resolve, & Lack of Faith & FEAR

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Retreat In Defeat For Today's Crisis In American During This Modern Culture War

Due To Insurrection, Insubordination, Sedition,

Lack of Faith, Lack of Unity, Lack of Resolve, & Lack of Faith & FEAR

I Will Now Quickly Focus On The Long List Of Defeats

In The Late Summer & Early Fall Of 1776 In New York!

**See Map Appendix A – Series Of Defeats In New York From Late Summer To Late Fall 1776  
The Late Summer & Fall of 1776 Was Nothing  
But A Series Of Defeats For Our Ancestors!**

1. Fall Of Long Island
2. Fall Of New York City
3. Fall Of White Plains
4. Retreat At Peekskill
5. The Fall Of Fort Washington
6. The Fall Of Fort Lee

**I Will Now Focus Specifically On The 2<sup>nd</sup> Retreat  
During The Dark Days Of March Across New Jersey  
Starting On November 20<sup>th</sup> 1776**

**With The Fall Of Fort Lee On The Western Shore Of The Hudson River  
Ending On December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1776**

**With A New Defensive Line On The Western Shore Of The Delaware River  
From The Start There Was Confusion, Fear & Panic Among  
The Continental Army & The Citizenry Of New Jersey  
Accompanied By A Lack Of Decisiveness & Leadership  
Of Washington Himself**

**The Mood & Disposition Of The New Jersey Citizenry**

**The Mood & Disposition Of The Soldiers**

**God's Provision – Chaos In The Enemies Camp**

1. Delay In Pursuit Waiting For Build Up Of Strength & Intelligence
2. Loss Of Contact With Main Body Of Continental Army
3. Differing Intelligence Reports & Misinformation
4. Confusion, Poor Resource Allocation & Inaction By Senior Leadership
5. Early Thick Winter Fog Banks Along The Saddle, \*Passaic & Rahway River Valleys
6. Early Flooding & Washed Out Bridges On The \*Passaic & Raritan River Crossing Sites
7. Decisiveness Of Washington's Decisions & Leadership From The Front
8. Resolve Of Citizen Christian Soldiers Like Thomas Paine

**A Bold & Daring Retreat Across 12 Days Using A**

**3- Pronged Diversionary Line Of March Across The Breadth Of New Jersey**

**See Map Appendix B– Diversionary Lines Of March & Retreat Converging On New Brunswick  
See Map Appendix C – Further Retreat To Trenton & Attack On Trenton & Regaining Ground in 1777  
A Bold & Truthful Writing in 10 Days Of “The American Crisis”**

**By The Citizen Christian Soldier – Thomas Paine**

***“These are the times that try men's souls! The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives everything its value.”***

*“Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as Freedom should not be highly rated. Britain, with an army to enforce her tyranny, has declared that she has a right (not only to Tax) but “To Bind us in ALL CASES WHATSOEVER,” and if being bound in that manner, is not slavery, then is there not such a thing as slavery upon earth. Even the expression is impious; for so unlimited a power can belong only to God!”*

*“Whether the independence of the continent was declared too soon, or delayed too long, I will not now enter into as an argument; my own simple opinion is, that had it been eight months earlier, it would have been much better. We did not make a proper use of last winter, neither could we, while we were in a dependent state. However, the fault, if it were one, was all our own\*; we have none to blame but ourselves.”*

*“The present winter is worth an age, if rightly employed; but, if lost or neglected, the whole continent will partake of the evil; and there is no punishment that man does not deserve, be he who, or what, or where he will, that may be the means of sacrificing a season so precious and useful.”*

*“I have as little superstition in me as any man living, but my secret opinion has ever been, and still is, that God Almighty will not give up a people to military destruction, or leave them unsupportedly to perish, who have so earnestly and so repeatedly sought to avoid the calamities of war, by every decent method which wisdom could invent.”*

*“Neither have I so much of the infidel in me, as to suppose that He has relinquished the government of the world, and given us up to the care of devils; and as I do not, I cannot see on what grounds the king of Britain can look up to heaven for help against us: a common murderer, a highwayman, or a house-breaker, has as good a pretence as he. 'Tis surprising to see how rapidly a panic will sometimes run through a country. All nations and ages have been subject to them!”*

*“I shall not now attempt to give all the particulars of our retreat to the Delaware; suffice it for the present to say, that both officers and men, though greatly harassed and fatigued, frequently without rest, covering, or provision, the inevitable consequences of a long retreat, bore it with a manly and martial spirit. All their wishes centered in one, which was, that the country would turn out and help them to drive the enemy back!”*

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**Washington Actions Among The Troops From December 3<sup>rd</sup> 1776**

**Till The Night Of The Attack On Trenton On Christmas December 25<sup>th</sup> 1776**

**The Retreat Now Accomplished He Sought To Now Provide A**

**Time For The People Of God To Come To A Place Of Repentance,**

**A Place Of Recuperation Where There Is Time Of Rest, Refit, & For Making New Plans,**

**A Place Of Retraining For Future Battles Against Those Who Oppose God’s Gift Of Freedom,**

**A Place Of Revival Of Our Spirits In Unity With God’s Holy Spirit & With One Another!**

**See Map Appendix D - Further Self Study Of 1<sup>st</sup> Victory Following Worst Defeats**

**Of Summer & Fall Of 1776 To Battle Of Trenton December 25<sup>th</sup> 1776**

**Q: “How Do We Do This Today Pastor Scott?”**

**A: Like Joshua Did – Like Washington Did Before Us**

God said to His People through Joshua that day, “I have given you a land for which you did not labor, and cities which you did not build, and you dwell in them; you eat of the vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant.’ Now therefore, fear the Lord serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. **Serve the Lord!** And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, **choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve**, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. **But As For Me And My House, We Will Serve The Lord!**” So, the people answered and said: “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for the Lord our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went and among all the people through whom we passed. And the Lord drove out from before us all the people, including the Amorites who dwelt in the land. **We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God!**” But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for He is a Holy God. He is a jealous God; He will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then He will turn and do you harm and consume you, after He has done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “**No, but We Will Serve the Lord**” So Joshua said to the people, “**You are Witnesses against Yourselves that you have Chosen the Lord for Yourselves, to Serve Him.**” And they said, “**We Are Witnesses!**” Now therefore, Joshua said, “**Put away the foreign gods which are among you and Incline Your Heart to the Lord God of Israel.**” And the people said to Joshua, “**The Lord Our God We Will Serve, & His Voice We Will Obey!**” So, Joshua made a **Covenant with the people that day!** Joshua 24:13-25a (NKJV)

**Stand NOW & Declare As A Witness This Day Your Commitment**

**To Serve The Lord Your God With All Your Heart, Mind, Soul, & Strength!**

**Renew God’s Covenantal Promise With You!**

**Hear Anew His Call On Your Life!**

**& Receive His Blessing As You Walk**

**As His Faithful Christian Soldiers Today!**

**Receive God’s Command & Blessing As Joshua & Washington Did Long Ago**

“No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. **Be strong and of good courage**, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. **Only be strong and very courageous**, that you may observe to do according to all the Law which Moses My Servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. **Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for I the Lord Your God is with You wherever you go!**” Joshua 1:1-9 (NKJV)

**Then Let Us This Week Spend Our Time In A**

**“Retreat With God & One Another!”**

**So That Next Week The Power Of His Resurrection Life**

**May Course Again Through Our Lives**

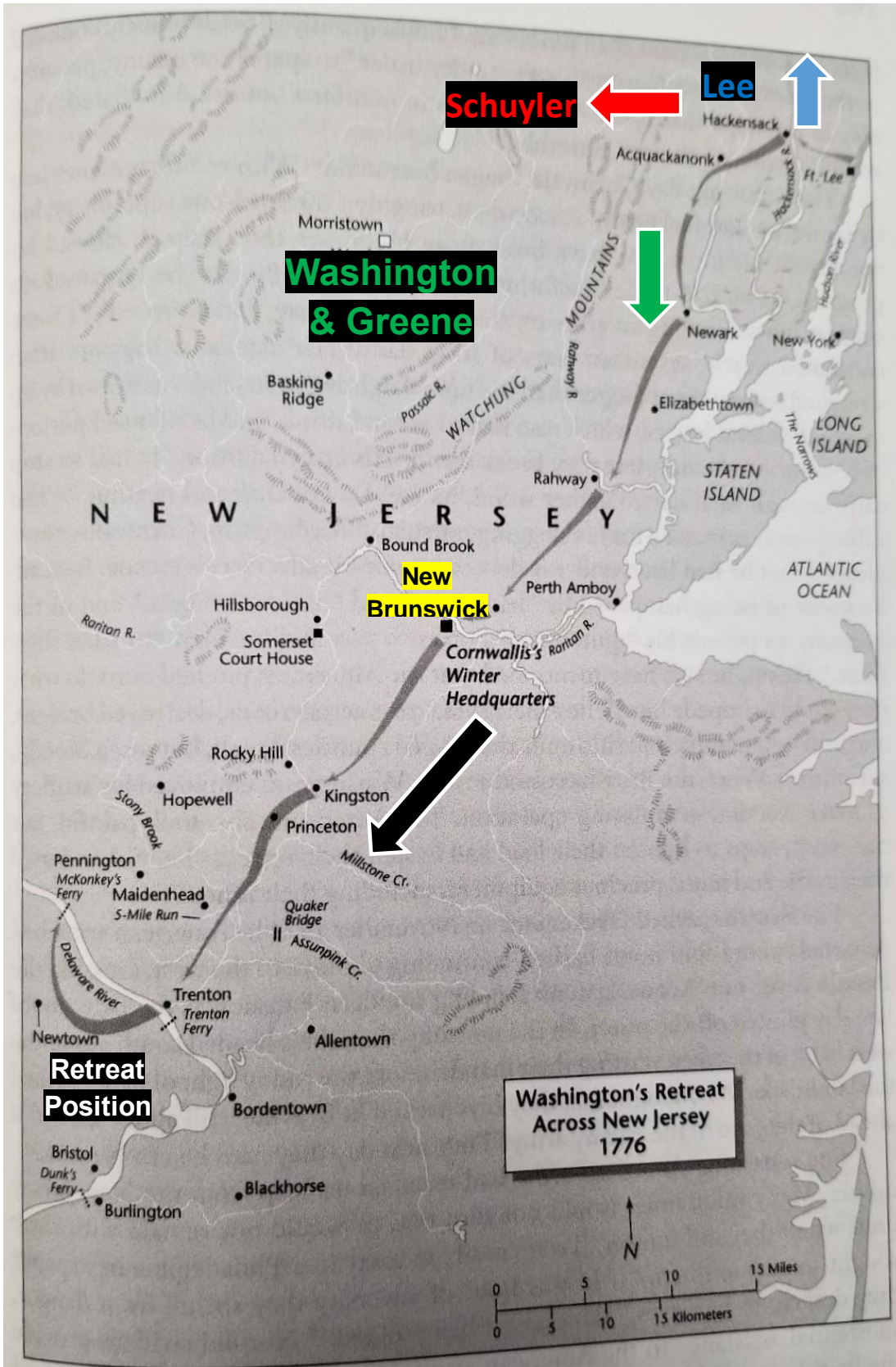
**Reviving Us To Complete**

**His Mission Here On Earth**

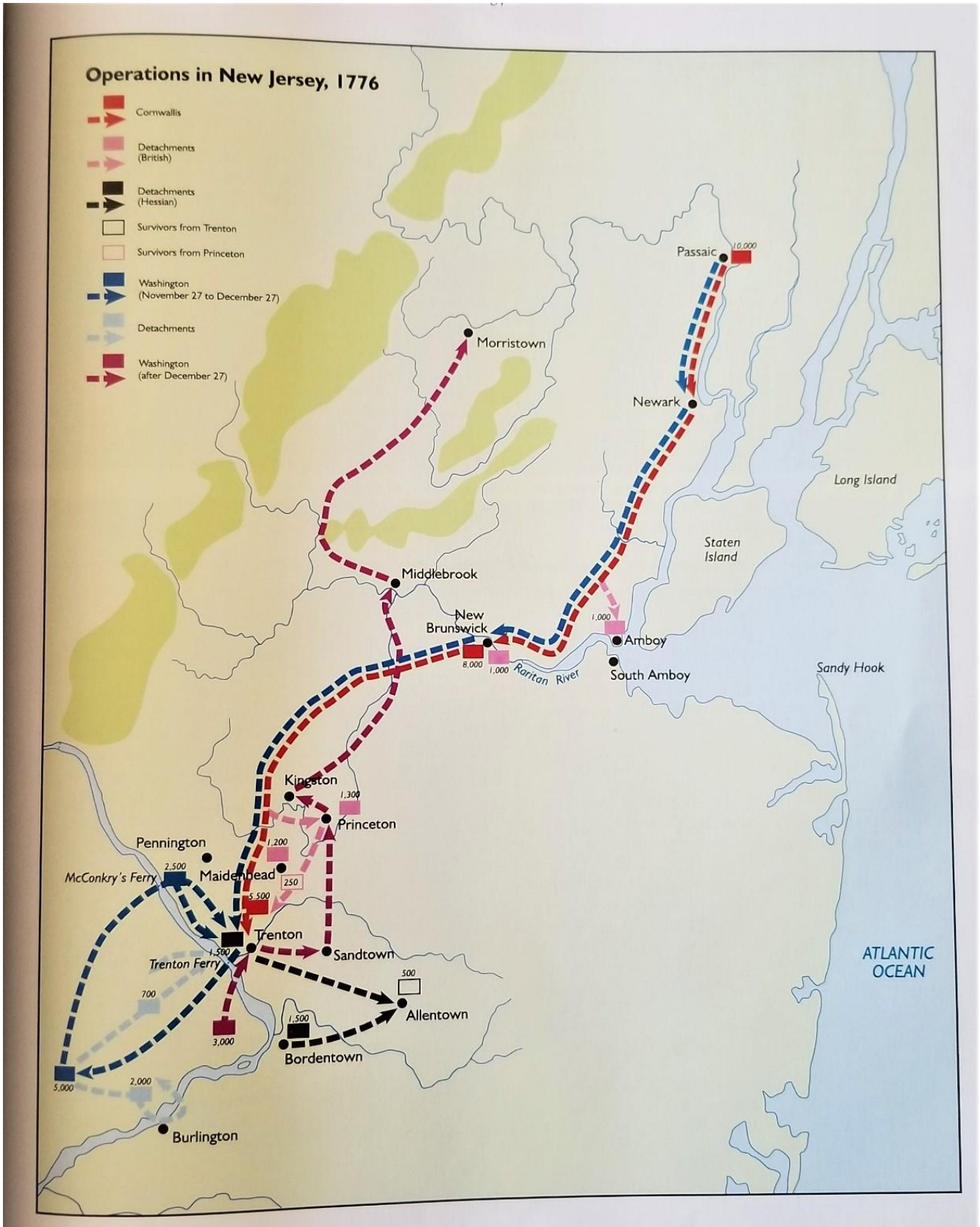
**Until He Comes For Us Again In Glory!**



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