



# Hawaii Pastor Alliance



The Blessings of Biblical Values  
Standing for Truth in the Culture

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**Because it is often noted how different Hawaii is from other states of the Union, we want to highlight some important aspects of its past.**

We hope this insight can be a stepping stone to dialog about our responsibility as leaders and citizens. We also pray for a greater sensitivity to God's leading in these challenging times.

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**Woe to them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the middle of the earth!**

Isaiah 5:8

The original ideal of the Jewish nation had been that it should consist of small proprietors; and the Jubilee and the law of the marriage of heiresses were intended as safeguards for the maintenance of that ideal. In practice these safeguards have been ignored and might has taken the place of right. Landmarks were removed, the owners of small estates forcibly expelled or murdered as Naboth had been. The law of debt pressed against the impoverished debtor and the law of the Jubilee was practically set aside. In place of the small freeholders there rose up a class of large proprietors, often the *novi homines* (*nuvo riche*) of the state.

Ellicott's Commentary-Abridged



*"The Kamehameha Royal Family" Daguerreotype, Hugo Stangenwald ca. 1853. Gathered here are Kamehameha III (center) and his wife, Queen Kalama (right); Kamehameha IV (right rear), Kamehameha V (left rear) and their sister, Victoria Kamamalu (left).*

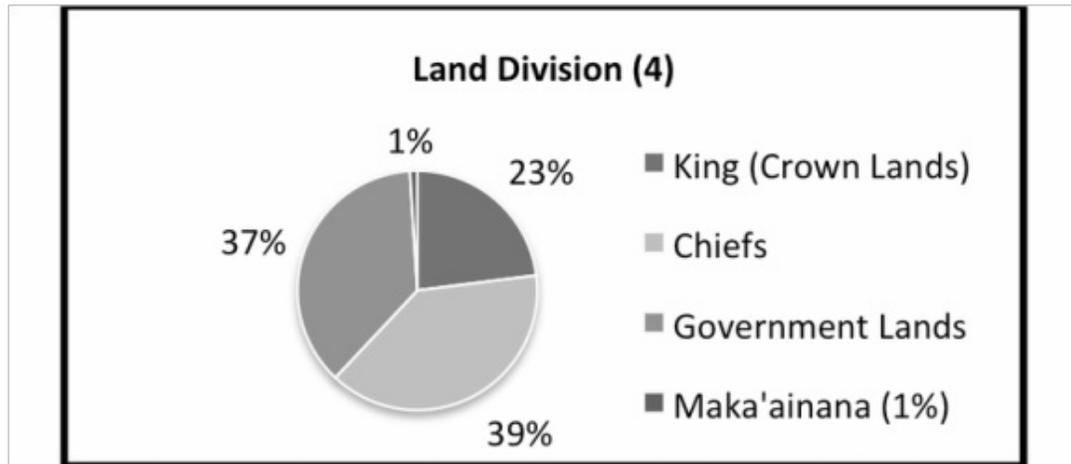
The descendants of Kamehameha the Great had a difficult time dealing with the rapidly changing reality of contact with the outside world. They tried to modify the feudal Ali'i system of governance with a monarchy modeled after Great Britain proved tenuous.

In the end they were unable to grasp the need to form a full fledged individual private property system and develop a Hawaiian entrepreneurial class able to support and maintain a native Hawaiian government.

Considering the drastic population decline from western disease along with negotiating the constant threat of foreign interference, the fact that the Hawaiian government maintained sovereignty far longer than most other polynesian cultures

can be seen as a tribute to their diplomatic skills.

### Eventual Land Distribution in the Great Mahele of 1848



In the end neither the Great Mahele nor the efforts of the Hawaiian government prevented the bulk of arable lands in the islands from passing into the control of a handful of non-Hawaiian entities.

Throughout the early to mid 20th century less than 100 private owners controlled between 40-47% of the entire state (nearly 3000 square miles!)

This skewed percentage of ownership was unique in US history and could not have taken place without the original monarchy/ali'i approach of a tenant majority occupying land mostly controlled by a chosen class of individuals.

This was contrary to the natural course of territory-state development throughout the US which was to a greater or lesser extent a bottom up procedure.

Barring the obvious conflict of the displacement of the native Americans, settlers would move into an unincorporated territory forming towns, farms, ranches and various private and public enterprises. As they attained sufficient numbers to institute a territorial government, they would eventually apply for statehood.

This procedure, repeated throughout the US, relied on individuals and groups building through a bottom up social contract is in sharp contrast to the top down nature of land and power in Hawaii both in the Monarchy, the short lived Republic and as well throughout the Territorial years.

If we are to have the greatest impact in our culture it will be by applying the truth of scripture. Modeling and espousing methods and practices that we know are honoring to the Lord (in all areas of life) is the only sure way of human happiness

and prosperity.

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## News and Updates

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### **Christian Soccer Player Refuses To Wear Gay Pride Jersey, Withdraws From National Team**

Christian soccer player Jaelene Hinkle has withdrawn herself from the U.S. soccer team after it was announced that the squad would be wearing rainbow colored 'gay pride' jerseys in their upcoming game. She cited "personal reasons" for her refusal to play.

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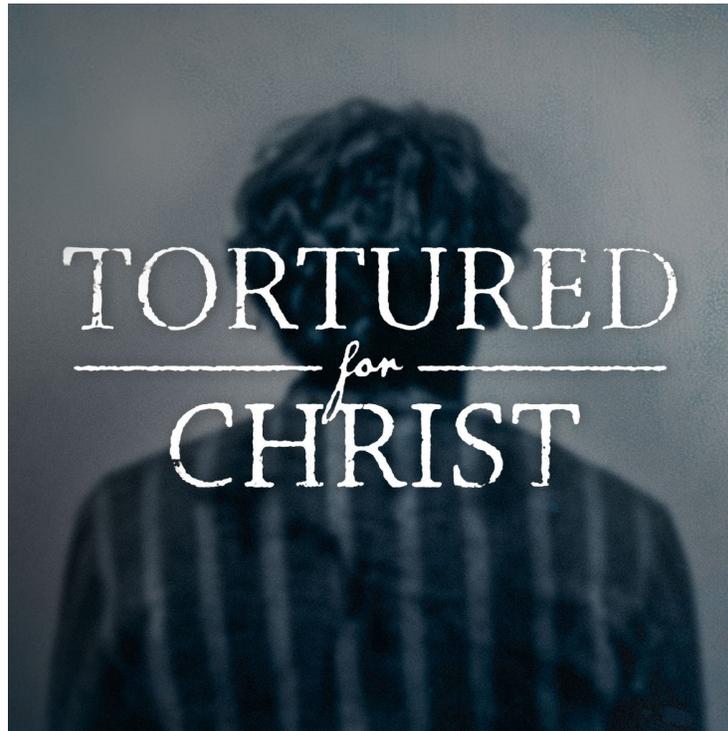


### **Remember the Persecuted: An Upcoming Opportunity**

"Are people still praying for me?" That is the question Pastor Andrew Brunson asked his wife Norine each week when she visited him in a Turkish prison where he was unjustly detained for nearly two years.

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## **Only 57% of Millennials believe the Declaration of Independence better "guarantees freedom and equality" over Communist Manifesto.**

The Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation (VOC) today released its fourth Annual Report on US Attitudes Toward Socialism, Communism, and Collectivism.

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