

## 1 | What God has Wrought

- Telegram good
  - Faster than horses
  - Allowed larger economic scope
    - \* Farmers producing food for farther markets
- Antebellum: Revolution in Communication and Transportation
  - Communication
    - \* Telegrams
    - \* Printing Press improvement
    - \* More magazines and shit
  - Transportation
    - \* Railroads
    - \* Steamboats
- America as "empire"
  - Mexican war and taking land
  - Large number of states and territories spread out
    - \* Needed telegram to connect them
- Antebellum as time of scientific and religious cohabitation
  - "Only a few eccentrics" believed there was conflict between two
  - Technology perceived as helping spread word of God
- Technology as origin of political parties
  - Communication revolution needed for large parties to form
  - Newspapers as origins of political parties
- What to call early 19th century era
  - Jacksonian America misnomer
    - \* Wasn't representative of American sentiment
  - Market Revolution misnomer
    - \* Already occurred in 18th century
  - America in early 19th century was a "**Communication Revolution**"
- Not everyone shared the same political directional sentiment
- America's early days were important