

BECOMING A KING AND AMERICA – PAST THE POINT OF NO RETURN?

Greetings, everyone! Welcome to Bible study. Today is the 44th day of the Omer count and the 2nd day of the 7th week. We are into the final week of the Omer count. During the seventh week of counting the Omer, we examine and refine the attributes *Malchut* which is nobility (i.e. noble character), sovereignty and leadership becoming part of our character and becoming good shepherds in dealing with other people who God puts in our pathway or under our care. Let's understand what this means for you and me. Sovereignty is a state of being rather than an activity. Nobility is a passive expression of human dignity that has nothing of its own except that which it receives from the other six emotions. *True leadership is the art of selflessness*; it is only a reflection of a Higher will. On the other hand, *Malchut* manifests and actualizes the character and majesty of the human spirit. It is the very fiber of what makes us human.

“*Malchut* is a sense of belonging—knowing that you matter and that you make a difference. It is knowing that you have the ability to be a proficient leader in your own right. It gives you independence and confidence—a feeling of certainty and authority. When a mother lovingly cradles her child in her arms and the child's eyes meet the mother's affectionate eyes, the child receives the message: “I am wanted and needed in this world. I have a comfortable place I will always be loved. I have nothing to fear. I feel like royalty in my heart.” This is *Malchut*, kingship.

In **Genesis 1** and 2 God commanded Adam and Eve (and though them/mankind) to rule and gave them dominion over all the earth—land, sea and fowls of the air. The husband was to maintain the earth and to guide wisely all that was put under him. So we have that innate ability which we have to learn to develop and use it. My wife and I up here in Omak are trying to maintain the land that God gave us and have planted trees, flowers and vegetables and learning sustainable gardening. The soil has to be mulched and roter-tilled, planted, watered, fed, cultivated, raked and hoed in a timely manner. It is a big job and we are not able to do it alone, so we have some help to get this done. We enjoy gardening, but other priorities limit the time that we both have for gardening. Some of our gardening experience came from helping our Dad or Mom. Climate, soil and plants differ from zone to zone.

God want us to be leaders and has called us to be a kingdom of kings and priests. What is a priest? One who teaches people the ways of God. A leader is one who governs. **2 Samuel 23:3**—“The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spoke to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.” So we are to develop and learn the fear of God and then carry out our activities accordingly in dealing with others. We are to be righteous rulers, not self anointed, self appointed, self-centered “dictocrats”, tyrants or narcissists. In other words, we need to be as concerned about the welfare of other people as we are about ourselves. **Matthew 22:39**—“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

1 Peter 5:1-5—Peter says, “To the elders (leaders) in the church, I exhort you as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed. Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly (not because you must), not for dishonest gain (filthy lucre) but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, *you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away*. Young men, in the same way, be submissive to those who are older. All of you be clothed with humility, for *God resists the proud. But gives grace to the humble*.” **Verses 6-10**—“Therefore, humble your selves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon him, for he cares for you.”

We are in training today to be leaders. A leader is to serve. The Omer represents the training program we are busy learning daily to master and develop (energize) the character traits (seven *siferot*/essences) of God in our lives.” **Philippians 2:1-3**—“Therefore, if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if an fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill (make complete) my joy by being like-minded having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind (one in spirit and purpose). Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in lowliness of mind (humility) consider others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” Authority is to be exercised out of love and concern for others, not out of vanity and self-glory.

Matthew 23:8-13—“You are not to be called Rabbi, for you have only one Teacher, Christ, and you are all brethren. Call no man on earth Father; for One is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be you called masters: for One is your Master, Christ. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted. But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: You yourselves (blind guides), do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to.” One of the things that leaders in the military learn is that the commander in charge has to exercise his authority from top down and be a leader not a “buddy”. There is a line of authority and discipline in the military, corporations, businesses, and group organizations. The saying that familiarity breeds contempt (disrespect) demands that a certain distance must be present to engender respect from the people under your care and supervision. A leader must use good judgment, and make timely corrections and changes when necessary for the good of all.

We are learning under the Spirit of Christ and are following the testimony of Jesus Christ. “Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” **Revelation 19: 11-16** —“...heaven opened and behold a white horse and upon him sat (the One) called Faithful and True...in righteousness he judges...on His head were many crowns...His name is called The Word of God...*He Himself will rule (the nations) with a rod of iron...*And he has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.”

Today the quality of *Malchut* and *Omer day 44*, is concentrating on balance with discipline. First comes, control of self and then follows discipline in relationships with others. It is important to communicate with others as to what is needed and the plan to get it done. Know the boundaries of your authority. There are limits to our authority which we should not overstep into someone else’s authority which diminishes them. Encourage others to do their work under their own authority and be sure not to exceed our own boundaries we have been given. Jabez prayed that God would increase his territory and bless him so that he would not cause harm or pain to anyone else or suffer harm himself. God heard, answered and blessed him. He became the head of a school of scribes and students in the law of God which was handed down from his generation in the time of Moses. Recognize when not in authority and be aware of personal limitations, as well as strengths. Ask yourself, “Do I respect the authority of others?”

Among the things that Christ taught his disciples were love, compassion, patience and respect for authority, yet the Pharisees who were jealous stirred up the people and caused trouble denying that he was the Son of God. Christ did many good works in healing the sick, casting out demons, even raising the dead. Brethren, we know Christ is the Son of God and the author and finisher of man’s salvation and have been given the knowledge of the gospel and the good news of His coming kingdom.

The Omer count to Pentecost has been turbulent, interesting and exciting for me—more wonderful this year more than any previous year in many ways. I have learned more and more ways to share lessons from the Omer count each Sabbath. Last week I was asked many questions by someone who is teaching a group who is very interested about the calendar, counting the Omer and Pentecost. I explained the basics

and referred him to the articles on Triumphpro.com about these subjects. Anyone can freely read, study, download and review them or ask for the printed articles to be mailed to them. He called again this week saying that his enthusiasm in counting the Omer was not as exciting as he expected. I have no assessment of where his level of learning may be at this time. The last four weekly *Bible study summaries* have been posted as a blog on our website. All of them are dealing with the Omer count and Pentecost which I hope will be helpful to others. Ignorance can be one reason for lacking excitement in counting the Omer. It is not necessary to stay ignorant. We can study and learn the profound reason and depth in meaning for counting the Omer and for internalizing the attributes of God into our mind. Putting forth the effort to meditate and really think about making the essence of God's 7 emotional attributes a part of our thinking has great benefits.

During this Omer season, if we do as Paul encourages us to do and meditate on these things, we will profit immensely. **Philippians 4:6-8**—"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me these do, and the God of peace will be with you."

It was not well known that *Sir Isaac Newton* studied and meditated on the word of God. He discovered the law of gravity—that everything falls at the same rate of acceleration—32 feet a second per second. In return Newton gave us three physical laws that together laid the foundation for classical mechanics. They describe the relationship between a body and the forces acting upon it, and the motion in response to said forces (1687). Newton showed that these laws of motion, combined with his law of universal gravitation, explained Kepler's laws of planetary motion. *Einstein* was a theoretical physicist who developed the general theory of relativity which is one of the two pillars of modern physics (alongside quantum mechanics). While best known for his mass energy equivalence formula $E = mc^2$ (which has been dubbed "the world's most famous equation"), he received the 1921 Nobel Prize in Physics "for his services to theoretical physics," and especially for his discovery of the law of the photoelectric effect. The latter was pivotal in establishing quantum theory.

How did Nobel Prize winner, *Albert Einstein* come up with the general theory of relativity: energy equals mass times the speed of light squared? He studied Torah and repeatedly meditated upon what he read. His mind just clicked (light here and light over there = light x light = light squared; energy equals the mass times the speed of light squared) after reading these verses in Genesis 1:3-4—"let there be light and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. He called the light day and the darkness night." **Verse 14-16**—"And God said, Let there be light in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night, and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day."

Men can think on what makes the world go around and still not have a clue. It is above and beyond what we human beings can understand. **Ecclesiastes 8:16-17**—"When I applied my heart to know wisdom and to see the business that is done on earth, even though one see no sleep day or night then I saw all the work of God that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun. For though a man labors to

discover it, yet he will not find it; moreover, though a wise man attempts to know it, he will not be able to find it.” **Ecclesiastes 2:26-27**—“ For God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who is good in His sight; but to the sinner he gives the work of gathering and collecting, that he may give to him who is good before God. This also is vanity and grasping for the wind.” The righteous will inherit the earth and the wicked will be destroyed. **Proverbs 25:2**—“It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the honor of kings is to search out a matter.” Discover what is hidden in nature, theology and prophecy, mathematics, chemistry, history, and physics.

Psalm 19:1-14—“The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows his handy work. Day after day utters speech, and night after night shows knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun, which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoices as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statues of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yes, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover **by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.** Who can understand his errors? Cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.”

Today, people are confused disgruntled and becoming hostile toward the Bible and Christians around the world. They do not even know if there is a God and deny the power of God. An article that I just read today, the new generation of mankind is becoming alienated against the Bible, the word of God. Even though television just aired the miniseries on the Bible during Passover season and millions watched, it hasn't changed any attitudes. Millions of Christians who honor and confess Christ living in Muslim nations (Egypt, Sudan and Iran) are fleeing because of persecutions, murders, beheadings, and even crucifixions. Christ warns and comforts his disciples in **John 16:1**—“These things I have spoken to you that you should not be made to stumble. They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father or me. But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, that you may remember that I told you of them.”

The original Allah was a moon god among the peoples of Saudi Arabia. Then Mohammed came along and wrote the Koran, supposedly dictated to him by “angels”, but it contradicts the Bible. Anything that contradicts the word of God has to be the word of Satan, our adversary the devil. Muslims believe in world conquest by the power of the sword and are welcomed in our country in the name of the freedom of religion but bring Sharia law with them. This is not what our forefathers intended. The Constitution and original Bill of Rights, intended for every man to worship God as his conscience dictates in his view of Christianity. In other words, not one Christian religion can take precedence through governmental power or any other branch of the Christian Church to dominate in this country, but allowed freedom to preach God.

Hosea 7:11—“Ephraim (America) is like a silly dove without heart: they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria.” **Hosea 12:1, 12**—“Ephraim feeds on the wind, and follows after the east wind: he daily increases lies and desolation; and they do make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried into

Egypt.” “Ephraim has encircled me with lies, the house of Israel with deceit, but Judah still walks with God. Even with the Holy One who is faithful with the saints.”

Psalm 119:92-97—“Unless your law had been my delights, I should then have perished in my affliction. I will never forget your precepts: for with them you have quickened me, I am yours save me; for I have sought your precepts. The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I will consider your testimonies. I have seen an end of all perfection: but your commandment is exceeding broad. **O how love I your law! It is my meditation all the day.** You through *your commandments* have made me wiser than my enemies: for they are ever (always) with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers: for *your testimonies* are **my meditation**”.

I was telling Cappy this week that the Bible is not the typical textbook such as books of history, chemistry, physics and mathematics which list facts and give the reader pointed ways on the subject. But the Bible is unique because it is the instruction book for mankind. But very largely, it is examples. **2 Timothy 3:16-17** –“**All scripture is given by inspiration of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” The Torah, the books of the law, encompasses Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy were inspired by God and written by Moses. Those books are biographies about the generations of Adam and Eve and their descendents. It concentrates on Noah then Abraham and Isaac, followed by Jacob whose name was changed to Israel, then talks about Joseph and his sojourn in Egypt and the family of Jacob. Next comes the generation of Moses and Aaron and what they went through in Egypt with trials and tests of Israel’s Exodus through the wilderness to Mount Sinai. The book of Judges tells about the men God raised up— Joshua, Gideon, Sampson, Samuel, and David. It makes it very personal and we can relate to those biographies because they experienced our type of human existence with human troubles and trials. We can learn from their mistakes and successes in our generation in dealing with our own tests and trials. They were “pioneers” who went before us as an example. God’s word is written for us.

Hebrews 12:1—“*Therefore, we also since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily besets (ensnares) us , and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*”

When I was a senior in college, I read the books of **1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles** and made a special study on the life of David. I was really driven to study the life of David and the humility and attitude of David and the way he sought God at every opportunity. This is shown in the book of Psalms, most of which is written by David. David talks about seeking God eagerly with his whole heart as a deer seeks a brook of water when thirsty. When David was facing a decision, and when he was going into battle he had the habit of going to God’s appointed priest and inquire of God through God’s servant for counsel and advice of what to do (direction and guidance) even military strategy. He “inquired of the Lord”. God answered him as he was striving to obey God. David’s says in **Psalm 119** how he loves the law of God and made it his meditation all the day. Do we have that kind of love? If we are going to kings in God’s kingdom and rule with him, we are going to have to rule by His law. In order to do this fully, we are going to need to love His law! This means we must spend the time in studying it, putting it in our mind and heart (memorizing) understanding its meaning and application by asking God for that understanding in given situations. That is gaining wisdom.

Hebrews 12 speaks of the huge crowd of *witnesses* “**to the life of faith**” surrounding us that have gone on before us, and encourages us to strip off every weight (the sin) that hinders us (entangles /slows us down) in our progress and run with perseverance the race marked out for us (set before us by God). We will be able to do this *by fixing our eyes on Jesus*, the author and finisher (perfecter) of our faith, who was willing to die a shameful death on the cross because of the joy he knew would be his afterward. Now he is seated in the place of the highest honor—at the right hand of the throne of God the Father in heaven as our Savior and high priest (Hebrews 2:17) who makes intercession with God for us. Consider him who endured such hostility from sinful men against himself, so that you will not grow weary and discouraged in your souls.

Brethren, we have been called to the highest calling there is, to become part of the kingdom of God and rule the universe. In a magazine I received this week, *The Good News*, the whole issue is devoted to human life and asked the questions: *Why Were You Born? What is Our Destiny?*” If you have been in a city mall, you can usually find a schematic location map posted to help you navigate the area and note the arrow that says “you are here”. This photo used the same tactic. On the back cover was a picture of the swirling arm of the *Milky Way Galaxy* in our Universe with a small white arrow pointing at a spot with the notation “*You are here*”. At the bottom of the picture in large bold print were the letters “**WHY**”? The articles pointed out the reason why man was born and his purpose on earth. God created man in his likeness to become members of his family.

Hebrews 2:5-10—“For he has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. But one testified in a certain place, saying:

‘What is man that you are mindful of him, or the son of man that you take care of him? You have made him a little lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor. And set him over the works of your hands. You have put all things in subjection under his feet.’ (Psalm 8:4-6)

“For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him.” Everything is going to be put under the hand of man that God has created. How far away are we from being able to rule galaxies and stars, solar systems and planets? How far do we have to grow in order to be capable and qualified to be ruling kings and priests in the kingdom of God? We are using this life and time to learn the way of God by following his will and commands.

“But now, we do not yet see all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that he, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.”

Hebrews 2:11-17—“For both he who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of *one*, for which reason he is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying: I will declare your name to my brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sign praise to you. And again: “here am I and the children whom God has given me. In as much then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He himself likewise shared in the same, that through death he might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For indeed he does not give aid to angels, but he does give aid to the seed of Abraham. Therefore, in all things he had to be made like his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that He himself has suffered, being tempted; He is able to aid those who are tempted.”

It is important that we keep these things in mind. Today, it bothers me that we have all the bad examples of leadership we see in this world around us—greed, corruption, and wickedness in high places in all the governments of the world like in the days of Noah. **Genesis 6:5-6**—“Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that he had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.” **Verse 11**—“The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. So God looked upon the earth and indeed it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.”

Christ talked to his disciples about his second coming and the coming of the kingdom. In **Luke 17:22-24**—“The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and you will not see it. They will say to you, ‘Look here! Or ‘Look there!’ Do not go after them, or follow them. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other, so also the Son of man will be in his day.” **Verse 26-36**—“As it was in the days of Noah, so it will also be in the days of the Son of man. They are, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; But on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even so will it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. In that day no one who is on the roof of his house, with his goods inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything.” **Verse 32**—“**Remember Lot’s wife!** Whoever tries to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.”

Lot’s wife turned back toward Sodom with longing for what she was giving up. She would miss her family, the friends left behind, the familiar tasting foods, all the physical comforts and activities. She forgot the fear of God and disobeyed God’s command to not look back. As fire and brimstone rained down from heaven on Sodom and Gomorah, she became a pillar of salt. It is an example that we are to remember. The things of this world are going to pass away.

We were happy to have Cappy’s brother and his wife visit us a couple of days this past week. He is very aware of our country’s problems and changes. In discussing the 16.7 trillion dollar national debt, forty-eight million people now on food stamps, continuing high unemployment, and 11.5 million illegal immigrants flooding the country with many receiving government benefits with the negotiating for receiving citizenship without due process, the new health care legislation, social security and Medicare benefits at future risk for our aging population have changed the course of America. He commented America is “past the point of no return”. The country as whole is not ready or willing to repent and return to God. The reading of the Bible and prayer in schools was banned in 1962-1963 and education has taught that there is no God and promoted the theory of evolution. People today have become Alienated toward God and the Bible and are ignorant of the word and laws of God.

Hosea 4:6-12—God says “my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you from being priests for me. Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.” **Isaiah 30:8**—“Go now, write it on a tablet for them, inscribe it on a scroll, that for the days to come it may be an everlasting witness. These are rebellious people, deceitful children, and children unwilling to listen to the Lord’s instruction. They say to the seers, ‘See no more visions!’ and to the prophets, ‘Give us no more visions of what is right! Tell us pleasant things, prophesy deceits, turn aside from the path (of God), and cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us’.” We want that feel good religion. **Hosea 4:4:12**—“Therefore, this is what the Holy One of Israel says: ‘Because, you have rejected this message, relied on oppression and depended on deceit, this sin will become for you like a high wall, cracked and bulging, that collapses suddenly, in an instant.’” What is left for America is individual repentance.

WorldNetDaily (5.7.13) “Jihadis training in your neighborhood?” “One of the investigators who worked on a report about terror training camps operating inside the U.S. describes the network as no more or less than an infrastructure for attack. WND previously reported on a documentary called “Homegrown Jihad: Terrorist Training Camps Around the U.S.” and how it offers evidence that “Muslims of America” operates a series of training camps in the U.S. Jason Campbell is project manager for the Christian Action Network, which was behind the training camps investigation. He described for WND some of his visits to the camps, which have been located in New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Texas, Oklahoma, Michigan, Colorado, California and Washington. There are 21 known Jamaat ul-Fuqra camps in the U.S.; also know as: Muslims of America and Quranic Open University.”

“The one that really gets you concerned is in Georgia,” he said. ‘You go down a road and all of a sudden it’s just woods and there are two roads that go straight down to the camp. It’s dark because of the trees. And one of the roads is names Mecca and the other Medina.’ “The camps themselves are in remote areas with few neighbors, and mostly self-sufficient, such as having their own water supply and often food stores. They also are closed to outsiders, with the women sometimes taking off-campus jobs, but little other interaction. If you died there, they bury you there. There are no permits from the Department of Health. Campbell said the camps he’s visited have a mosque and frequently the living conditions are “miserable”. The locations are run by Muslims of the Americas Inc., a tax-exempt organization, and it has been directly linked by court documents to Jamaat ul-Fuqra. The organization operates communes of primarily black, American-born Muslims throughout the AU.S. The investigation confirmed members commonly use aliases and intentional spelling variations of their names and routinely deny the existence of Jamaat ul-Fuqra.”

“The group openly recruits through various social service organizations in the U.S., including the prison system. Members live in compounds where they agree to abide by the laws of Jamaat ul-Fuqra, which are considered to be above local, state and federal authority. The organization supports various terrorist groups operating in Pakistan and Kashmir, and follows Sheikh Mubarak Gilani. He boasts of conducting ‘the most advanced training courses in Islamic military warfare.’ The jihadist organization is thought to be responsible for nearly 50 attacks on American soil, but the U.S. government refuses to list it among foreign terrorists. In a recruitment video captured from Gilani’s “Soldiers of Allah,” Gilani states in English: ‘We are fighting to destroy the enemy. We are dealing with evil at its roots and its roots are America.’ The documentary called “Homegrown Jihad: Terrorist Training Camps Around the U.S.” provides compelling evidence of how “Muslims of America” operates, and already has caught the attention of neighbors and local police officials.”

This very year, 2013 is the 65th year anniversary of the founding of Israel. Why do I want to speak about this today? I got a letter from William Norman in Israel who pointed out that the last generation will be 70 years. The Bible shows in **Psalm 90** that 70 years is a generation. The state of Israel was founded in 1948. Seventy years from 1948 brings us to 2018. Then in **Isaiah 7** God says “in 65 years Ephraim will be shattered.” In my thinking this is the year where America will begin to diminish and that the pride of Ephraim will be broken. **Isaiah 17** prophesies that Israel and Syria will both suffer calamity at the same time. Syria right now is in the middle of civil war against the Muslim Brotherhood and other rebels and Obama is looking for an opening to get more involved.

Be clear minded and self-controlled. Make the Omer count! We shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye at the last trumpet the dead will be raised incorruptible and this mortal body put on immortality. Always give yourself fully to the Lord’s work, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. **Thanks** be to God, He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!