

# Make America Great Again?

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Over the past several years we have heard a particular statement made popular by President Trump - Make America Great Again. In fact, that was the hallmark of his Presidential campaign and the goal of his presidency.

That slogan evoked patriotic feelings in many Americans and probably played a big part in getting him elected. I know that various people have given prophetic words concerning Donald Trump and many Christians believe that he was chosen by God.

While that may certainly be the case, there seems to be a blurring of lines for many who follow Elohim between the desire to be part of a great nation and the Command to be a servant in the Kingdom of Elohim. As a result, I thought it would be a valuable exercise to discuss this issue.

First of all, in order to make America great again, the assumption is that America was once great. President Trump is looking to return America to her former glory – so to speak. But what exactly does it entail?

What period of time is he referring to when America was great? And what exactly made America great? Was it the hard working people or the faith of those people? Was it her military might? Was it the diverse industry, the wealth, the prosperity and materialism or the domination of the American Dollar bill – printed by the private Federal Reserve Bank?

The definition of great according to the Merriam Webster Dictionary can be 1) notably large in size; 2) numerous; 3) predominant, remarkable; 4) eminent, distinguished, chief or preeminent over others; 5) markedly superior in character or quality.

It would appear that President Trump intends “great” to be “chief” or “preeminent.” In other words, he desires to make America the chief of the nations. Of course, that is what many leaders desire for their nation and their people.

There are diverse opinions and accounts surrounding the history of America. I discuss the origins of America and the differing and competing influences in my book entitled [The Final Shofar](#). There have actually been various forces at work throughout the history of America. What began with Puritans looking to escape religious tyranny and oppression soon included merchants, colonialists, rebels, mercenaries and even the influence of the Illuminati seeking to bring about the New Atlantis promoted by Francis Bacon.

Now there are arguments to be made that America has been a force for good in the world. At the same time, there are arguments to be made that America has been a force for evil in the world. So whether America was ever great is a discussion or debate for another time and it's not my goal to promote or disparage the Country that I grew up in.

I am certainly thankful for the opportunities that I have had, but there is no doubt that what was good about America is quickly diminishing. It should be evident to anyone with spiritual understanding and discernment that America is currently not so great.

The financial and political systems have been deeply corrupted. It is impossible to repay the enormous debt of this country that continues to incur debt, just to pay the interest on the debt. The population of the country is sickly, resulting in the call for universal health coverage.

America is plagued by pornography, opioid drug use, alcohol abuse as well as deviant and illicit sex. The family structure has broken down and even when people do get married – at least half of those marriages end in divorce. I could go on and on, but what I think is one of the most tragic problems with America is the mass killing of unborn children. Their innocent blood surely cries out to the heavens.

Clearly things are bad and getting worse and all you need to do is read Deuteronomy 28 to see that America has all of the signs of a nation under the curse of Elohim. America is headed in the wrong direction, but the solution may not be to make America great again as many envision “great.”

We already looked at the common usage and definitions of the word “great” and the word “great” is often equated with success. What many people love about America is the idea that they can become successful through hard work, building a business, career advancement, acquiring wealth and material goods. In fact, the wealth and high standard of American culture is what has made America a beacon to the world. Sadly, success in the eyes of the world is not necessarily success in the eyes of Elohim.

Here is how the Scriptures tell us to achieve success. *“This Scroll of the Torah 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.”* Joshua 1:8

So the Torah is at the center of a nation's success. Yisrael was supposed to obey and teach others the Ways of YHWH, but they failed. Their leadership failed to provide a righteous example and the Kingdom was divided into the Northern Kingdom and the Southern Kingdom. The Northern Kingdom immediately built pagan images and set up a false worship system. Eventually, they started experiencing the progressive punishment for their sins through the Kingdom of Assyria.

Isaiah records their response to those incursions by the Assyrians. *“The bricks have fallen down, but we will rebuild with hewn stones; The sycamores are cut down, but we will replace them with cedars.”* Isaiah 9:10 The text reveals that these words were spoken *“in pride and arrogance of heart.”* Isaiah 9:9

The people essentially thumbed their nose at YHWH and His judgment by stating that they would rebuild stronger than before. They said nothing about reflection, self-examination and correcting their ways. It is important to understand that judgment is intended to turn people to YHWH. The House of Yisrael did not turn and, as a result, they were completely defeated and removed from the Covenant Land.

Some consider 9/11 to have been a wake-up call for America. Years ago, Jonathan Cahn presented a teaching called *“The Harbinger”* where he compared the response of the Northern Kingdom (The House of Yisrael) after the Assyrian invasion to the response of America after the 9/11 attacks. The conclusion was quite sobering.

Incredibly, when America received its wakeup call, the reaction was exactly the same as the House of Yisrael. Many leaders actually quoted Isaiah 9:10 and when President Obama signed the steel beam attached to the Freedom Tower he wrote: *“We remember, We rebuild, We come back stronger!”* That was a clear reference to Isaiah 9:10 and it expressed the same attitude.

The problem with this attitude fueling the *“Make America Great Again”* movement is that the emphasis is misplaced, at least for those who follow YHWH. Patriotism and nationalism place the focus on a country, instead of the Kingdom. They often involve pride instead of humility.

Now there is nothing wrong with desiring a safe and peaceful place to live and raise a family. The solution for a wayward nation is provided in the Scriptures and it involves the opposite response. The emphasis is on humility rather than pride. According to the Scriptures *“If My people who are called by My Name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”* 2 Chronicles 7:14

First of all, the people need to be called by the Name of YHWH – not some watered down version of God. If they are in His Kingdom and called by His Name then that means they are in a Covenant relationship with Him. The Covenant people are set apart from the Nations and represent the Kingdom of YHWH.

Seeking the face of YHWH and turning from their wicked ways is the very definition of repentance. The people need to call on the Name of YHWH, repent for not obeying Him and then walk in His ways.

Of course, this was the exact same message taught by both John and Yahushua. They both proclaimed: *“Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand”* Matthew 3:2 and 4:17

Yahushua specifically stated *“My Kingdom is not of this world. If My Kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Yahudim; but now My Kingdom is not from here.”* John 18:36

The question that each of us needs to ask is: "What kingdom do I belong to?" That will determine where we focus our energy and attention. How many Christians were listening to prophets predicting a “Red Tsunami” in the recent mid-term elections - as if Republicans were suddenly going to solve all of the problems facing America. They were placing their hopes in men and women and forgetting the message of the Kingdom.

Nations rise and fall – that is simply a fact of history, and America is no different. It is repeating the same mistakes as past empires that have collapsed and is clearly in a state of decline.

Faced with this reality and as servants in the Kingdom, our focus should not be on making America great again, but rather focusing of the coming Kingdom that has no end. We have the honor of serving the King in His eternal Kingdom. I highly recommend that we turn our focus away from the nations of this world, find our purpose in Yahushua’s Kingdom and start living and serving within that Kingdom. That also involves how we treat others in the Kingdom.

From an early age we are conditioned to build our own kingdoms and protect those kingdoms. That is very contrary to the example provided by Yahushua. Instead of helping one another and praying for one another, we often find ourselves consumed with our own problems, wants and needs.

I am currently turning the [Leaving Babylon video series](#) into a book. If you haven’t seen it on YouTube I suggest that you check it out. I plan on including much more information in the book, but the point is to emphasize that we are living in a Babylonian culture that is full of comforts and conveniences that severely distract us from the work of the Kingdom. We must strive to leave that system and all of the false paradigms that we have inherited.