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Welcome to the 33rd Constituency Session of the Gulf States Conference. We come together every five years as a family to conduct the business of Gulf States. This year we have several important constitutional changes as well as the election of officers, directors and various committees before us. I want to thank you for your support here today, and for all you do to support God's work.

I want to share a promise with you that I am looking forward to being fulfilled. In Genesis 12:2a God says to Abraham "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you." You know the story of Abraham and how that promise seems delayed. Several generations pass and the promise seems unfulfilled. Isaac is born and then Jacob and Esau. Finally, the sons of Jacob and their family reached 70 when they enter Egypt. (Exodus 1:5)

Many scholars don't believe it was possible for that small number of 70 to multiply to the point of becoming a powerful nation. So numerous that the Egyptians begin plans on how to limit their number. They will eventually reach hundreds and thousands in number. How does such a thing happen? Those twelve sons of Jacob were nothing special. In fact, they appear more likely to be scoundrels. Jealousy, deceit and illicit relationships seem to mark their path. So how does a great nation come from them?

The answer is that God promised! There was nothing in them that is special or extraordinary except their God. God has made a promise and He would keep that promise. That promise still echoes today. No matter how small a people we look, or the challenges we face, God is still today building a mighty nation. While we may not see it now, one day we will see the fulfillment of that promise when we all stand together on that sea of glass. Deut. 26:5b says these words, "My Father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous".

To the constituents of Gulf States I would lift up the promise of God that He is building a great nation, powerful and numerous still today. I am so glad we have the privilege of being a part of the Kingdom through Jesus.

Join me in praying for His continued Blessings on the Gulf States Conference.

Sincerely,



Brian Danese
President

