

AMERICA AT 250

THE SHOCK
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STUDY GUIDE

LECTURE: AMERICA AT 250:
THE SHOCK OF THE HOUR

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SUMMARY

In this powerful and timely lecture, Student Ministers Zebulon X and Joseph Muhammad deliver a sobering message on the condition of America as it approaches 250 years of existence.

Student Minister Zebulon X opens by grounding the audience in faith, humility, and divine guidance, emphasizing the importance of righteous living, self-transformation, and proper understanding of scripture. He highlights the need for knowledge, discipline, and preparedness in a changing world, while setting the tone for a deeper analysis of the times.

Student Minister Joseph Muhammad follows with a compelling keynote titled “**America at 250: The Shock of the Hour**” drawing from the Holy Qur’an and current events. He explains how America is entering a critical period marked by social unrest, violence, economic strain, and spiritual confusion. He connects scripture to present-day realities, warning of consequences tied to moral decline and national decisions.

This lecture explores:

- The meaning of “The Shock of the Hour” in today’s context
- The growing conditions of violence and instability in America
- The importance of self-change as the foundation for collective change
- Divine warning, prophecy, and current global events
- The role of knowledge, discipline, and faith in navigating turbulent times

Both speakers call the audience to reflection, responsibility, and action—reminding us that **true change begins within**.

📖 “Allah will not change the condition of a people until they first change themselves.” [\[Sunday 05-17-2026 | Txt\]](#)

📖 Study Guide – Student Minister Zebulon X

(7 Questions & Answers)

1. **What is the significance of beginning with prayer and humility?**
Answer: It centers the mind, aligns the individual with God, and prepares the heart to receive truth.
2. **Why is humility emphasized in leadership?**
Answer: Because intelligence without humility limits usefulness; God cannot use arrogance effectively.
3. **What does Zebulon X say about knowledge and preparation?**
Answer: Knowledge is essential for guidance, and believers should come equipped (pen and pad) to learn and grow.
4. **What does “Islam is mathematics” mean in this context?**
Answer: It means truth can always be proven consistently and applied practically for benefit in life.
5. **Why is spiritual “food” important?**
Answer: Proper teaching nourishes the mind and protects against fear, confusion, and misguidance.
6. **What is the meaning of “New Islam” mentioned in the lecture?**
Answer: It refers to a modern application of divine truth suited to today’s conditions and problems.

7. **What key message did Zebulon X leave about change?**

Answer: Individuals must take responsibility for their own decisions and transformation to benefit from divine guidance.

■ **Study Guide – Student Minister Joseph Muhammad**

(12 Questions & Answers)

1. **What is “The Shock of the Hour”?**

Answer: A severe and overwhelming condition affecting society physically, mentally, and spiritually, rooted in upheaval and crisis.

2. **How is shock defined medically and psychologically?**

Answer: As a life-threatening condition disrupting bodily function, and mentally as intense emotional or psychological disturbance.

3. **What scripture introduces his lecture?**

Answer: Surah 22, which describes the shock of the hour as a grievous and overwhelming event.

4. **What major problem in America does he highlight?**

Answer: Increasing violence, including mass shootings and social instability.

5. **What does he say about America at 250 years?**

Answer: It is not improving morally but becoming more deeply entrenched in violence.

6. **How does he describe the current global situation?**

Answer: As a dangerous time marked by war, economic strain, and confusion.

7. **What role does war play in his analysis?**

Answer: War drains resources, creates poverty, and contributes to national decline.

8. **What is the “shock” people are experiencing today?**

Answer: Economic pressure, rising costs, violence, and psychological stress affecting daily life.

9. **How does he link scripture to modern events?**

Answer: He shows that prophetic warnings align with current global crises and social breakdown.

10. **What is his message about leadership and guidance?**

Answer: True guidance comes from divine leadership and proper teaching rooted in scripture.

11. **What solution does he offer to the crisis?**

Answer: Returning to divine teachings, self-discipline, and aligning with truth.

12. **What is the final call to action?**

Answer: Accept one’s true identity, transform internally, and align with righteousness to survive and thrive.