

Kingdom Report

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Part 2: The Kingdom Economy Needs a New Type of Citizen

I am going to make a very radical proposal to you. I want to make the case for the government of God on earth with a new type of economy but it is not a government with Jesus in Jerusalem but Jesus in you and me and manifested in His Church. And if we get that right...I predict we as the Church will fulfill the Lord's prediction that the meek will inherit the earth!

Every prophetic writing I have read about the future Kingdom of God on earth makes no sense to me. All of them have this basic idea that multitudes of resurrected people in immortal heavenly bodies are going to come back to earth here and run the place. Here is a wake-up call...everybody who has ever had a near death experience and gone to paradise and got sent back to earth....nobody wanted to come back! Its way better on the other side!

So lets get the basics right....this earth and this universe have been given to flesh and blood human beings as their temporary habitation by God. When you get a heavenly immortal spirit body you want to be in the second and third heavens where spirit beings dwell in glory and power that we cannot imagine. Angels and spirit beings are not allowed to cross over here and we are not allowed through occult powers to peek into that world. Angels who do cross over do it briefly and on commandment by God...angels that rebel and mingle with humans are severely punished by the Lord as are humans who dabble into the occult.

And yet God wants to dwell among us...and He wants to return here to earth and He wants to set up His government and rulership on earth. Now let me give you my idea on how this is going to happen. And the nice part about this is that when the Lord gets His administration right the way I describe it there will also be an incredible wave of international prosperity that accompanies it...which is what I want to get to.

Instead of relying on people's fanciful ideas of what the coming government of Jesus will look like in what some call the Millennium....I find it better to go to the Old Testament to see the pattern for God's government. And it is there clearly outlined!

You already know that when God told Moses to construct the Tabernacle he had to do it according to the pattern in the heavelies. The system of animal sacrifices was patterned after the sacrifice of Christ the lamb of God. The priesthood was a pattern of the heavenly priesthood.

But here is the very important fact...the government that God gave to Israel was a pattern of God's heavenly government. And here I am not talking about Saul or David or Solomon. God gave Israel those kings as a punishment for their rebellion

because they rejected God's type of government and asked for a government like all the other nations around them.

So here is the big mistake that commentators make when they try to imagine what the reign of Christ will look like when He returns...and they immediately think, well He is the descendant of David so it must be like David sitting on a throne in Jerusalem except this time running the world from Jerusalem.

Wrong!

Look at this scripture....it's the Israelites in the Promised Land. They have no king, no central government, every family has land and assets, they have priests and Levites and the prophet Samuel. So they come to Samuel and say...this is not good enough! We want to be like other nations...we want a king that we can see, that will fight battles for us.

1 Sam. 8:6-7 "***But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD. And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.***"

Now here is the incredible type of revolutionary government that the Lord wanted to display to the world through Israel:

- A free enterprise republic with no central government.
- A libertarian government where the rule of law is practiced by all with judges arbitrating disputes.
- A Levitic order of social services that were the teachers, magistrates, civil servants.
- A priesthood that ministered to the Lord and the people in the Temple.

God warned them through Samuel if you ask for a king you are going to be very sorry because he is going to rip you off with an enormous financial and military burden to carry....

1Sa 8:11 And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you:...he will take your sons and daughters for servants...he will take your fields and harvests...he will take you for his warriors and workers....he will take a portion of everything you have..."

And here is the clincher....

1 Sam. 8:18 "And you shall cry out in that day because of your king which you have chosen and the Lord will not hear you in that day."

Ah the "king which you have chosen...."

Every 4-5 years we go to the ballot box and we choose a new king, a new ruler....and now look around the world....

- The king that Zimbabwe chose...Robert Mugabe...and now they cry out unto the Lord!
- In Venezuela...another economic waste land.

- In Paris ...the yellow jackets...just a year ago...they chose the great new hope...Macron...now they cry out!
- And here in South Africa...we chose the ANC...and the people are in the streets rioting and the looting by the government is now being exposed publically.

And I can go on and on around the world....

Now lets not be confused about who the "King" was that was speaking to Samuel....
It was Jesus....Yahweh!

As far as Jesus was concerned He was doing a good job as King of Israel. But the people were complaining...."but we can't see you...we prefer to have a king we can see sitting in Jerusalem."

Now here is the problem with God's type of government that the Lord Himself recognized. He does not want to be the kind of ruler that beats people over the head when they do wrong. He wants people in His Kingdom under His rule that love to obey him from their hearts.

So here is the solution to God's problem in getting His government working on earth....first let me tell you what is not the solution.

The solution is not that He should give in to the cry of the people and become a visible king in Jerusalem. Yes I know that is the solution to the Kingdom of God on earth for every prophesy book and sermon. Except it is not scriptural or practical.

Here is God's solution and it is so important a solution that the Lord repeats the same verse twice in the Old Testament and twice in the New Testament...four times God repeats it in case you don't hear it the first or sccond time...so let me write it out...

Eze. 36:25-26 "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them."

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Eze. 11:19 "And I will give them one heart and I will put a new spirit within you and I will take the stony heart out of you and give you a heart of flesh."

**Heb. 8:10-11 " For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:
And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.**

Heb. 10:16 " This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

Did you get that...God's solution to the problem of implementing His style of government on earth is not to sit in Jerusalem calling out commands....His solution is a new heart and a new spirit in people who want to be part of His kingdom.

What does this mean practically for us and for the new Kingdom economy that we need on earth?

The biggest economic problem we face now on earth is the coming economic collapse around the world caused by dysfunctional governments and lawless people. Here in South Africa we know we are in deep trouble...there is no way we can pay off the enormous debts that our incompetent and corrupt government has saddled us with. The overhead costs of all this waste means that honest business cannot compete internationally with the high overhead costs and decaying infrastructure.

Governments everywhere are an incredible waste to time and money and every politician always promises less government or lower taxes or no more war or great economic growth blah blah blah! We have heard it all before. It will never happen.

But now imagine a world or national economy without the economic waste and overhead of a burdensome bureaucracy and military and prisons and theft and corruption and incompetence and misallocation of scarce resources. Is it possible?

No it is not possible with today's people. They need police and jails and lawyers and government and all the bonds of economic straitjackets to keep them from anarchy.

But like with Israel...God wants to separate out a people in the midst of nations and societies as he did with Israel. He placed them in Canaan a land that was the crossroads of surrounding empires, a land filled with giants and walled cities...and He said I am your King, I will fight for you, here are my laws and statutes live them in such a way that the nations and people around you see your prosperous society and come to you saying "teach us your ways"!

This is the task that is facing the Church in South Africa. We are going to have to rebuild the waste places. We are going to have to build a new world order here with a new kind of people. People who don't need a government in Pretoria telling them what to do, how to behave, threatens them with jail, takes the most of their money and assets in taxes and impoverishes the people while selling off the assets of the nation to foreigners.

But how do we get those type of people?

We get them through Ephesians 4:11-13...

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

In our churches our five-fold ministries must produce a new kind of people...people who have the Spirit of God in their hearts, people who have the mind of Christ, people who have grown up to the image of Christ.

When you have those type of people you don't need Jesus in Jerusalem when you have "Christ in you the hope of glory". You don't need instructions from the government of Christ in Jerusalem when you have the mind of Christ at home and in your business and in your school. You don't need prisons or bureaucracies.

Now here is my exciting vision for this new economy....

We can start implementing this vision now! Already by the many hundreds of thousands and millions there is a body of people in the world filled with the Spirit of God and ready to do the work of God in this world. Already we have the technology to put us all together with each other. Already we have the technology for our own system of community governance and cooperation. Already we have the means to educate our own children and solve our own disputes through arbitration by elders.

And the most exciting thought of all is that King Jesus is already here. He is already present wherever 2-3 are gathered together in His name. He is already speaking and giving instructions to His people to start businesses, enterprises, inventions, services and all the many myriad gifts and talents that will come forth out of people anointed by the Spirit and enabled by the Spirit to do and fulfill their life's calling and purpose.

With our type of Kingdom government lived out by Kingdom people who Spirit led we are destined by sheer efficiency, hard work, motivation and love for His kingdom to inherit the earth by buying out the assets of the ungodly who will waste their lives in rebellion against Christ's rule.

That is why Jesus prophesied that the meek will inherit the earth....because we will out produce and out innovate and out work the ungodly. They need external government with all its waste and corruption to prevent their world from degenerating into chaos and anarchy...we don't need their courts, their government or their wasting our time and talents.

Jesus is not coming to Jerusalem to set up His Kingdom..."Jesus shall come to be glorified in His saints" (2 Thess. 1:10) where He will live within us and change our hearts and put His Spirit in us and thereby make us true citizens of His Kingdom.