

THE RADICAL  
GOSPEL  
OF  
THE KINGDOM

*A Vision of Victory for the Church of the 21<sup>st</sup>  
Century*

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*Chapter 1: Warning: Radical Gospel of the Kingdom Ahead...*

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# KINGDOM VISION

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I present to you a whole new vision of the times in which we live. All your prophecy books and televangelists tell you that the rapture is any moment, the Antichrist will take over the world, the Kingdom of God will only come one day in the future.

Here is the alternative Kingdom Vision:

- Jesus is now Lord; He is now ruling in the heavenlies.
- We are in the Kingdom Age which means we have all power now over the power of Satan and our job now is to disciple the nations.
- The world system is now under judgment and will collapse; “Babylon” is falling.
- The Kingdom of God is spreading in power and glory until it will fill the earth.

World systems are collapsing ... but the Kingdom of God is rising. Nations will be discipled into the Kingdom of God, there are already more than 700 million charismatic evangelicals worldwide. Soon the glory of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. Get ready for a greater outpouring of God’s presence and power in his church:

The Kingdom Vision ... a vision of victory for the church of the 21 Century.

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**It is time for a new vision of victory in the church.** Throughout the charismatic evangelical movement worldwide there is a rising excitement at what the Lord is doing in the world through His church. Literally hundreds of millions from all nations are coming into the Kingdom of our Lord. Barriers that in times past hindered the preaching of the gospel to all the world have fallen. The Iron Curtain has fallen and we no longer need to smuggle Bibles into the Soviet Union. In fact communist China is today the biggest printer of Bibles in the world. The internet has made it possible for all people everywhere to access the word of God either in printed form or by preachers uploading on YouTube. In addition the citadels of economic power are visibly crumbling. Political power is failing as nation states fail and go bankrupt. Ideologies are crumbling, those ideas of man around which societies build themselves: Monarchies, Oligarchies, Dictatorships, Fascism, Communism have all fallen and the next to fall will be Islam and Democracy (that secular humanist vision of man capable of ruling himself apart from God!).

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**So I ask you this: Why would the Lord want to rapture His church out of the world now when we are so visibly winning everywhere and the devil is so noticeably losing?**

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This is the essential conundrum facing many ministries and many believers who are earnestly seeking to understand what the Lord is doing in the world in our generation. Our hearts and our spirits witness within us that the Lord wants to accelerate this great outpouring of His Spirit; He wants to raise more ministries, He wants to give deeper revelations and more outpourings of His gifts into the church. But our heads are filled with a theology that says no, the end is upon us, the devil will take over the world.

That is why I wrote this book. I came out of a strong Pentecostal background (Assemblies of God) for which I will always be grateful for the sound teaching and the Baptism in the Spirit as a teenager at our church youth camp. But through the years as I prayed over God's calling on my life and my calling to my people here in South Africa, I came to firmly believe that the Lord wanted to do a great work here in South Africa. He wanted to save this nation and use it as a springboard for a mighty revival in Africa. That from South Africa would go ministry teams to disciple the nations of Africa into the Kingdom of God. But that

did not square with my theology of Pre-Tribulation Rapture and the Antichrist taking over the world. But I set my heart to understanding His plan for the church, to seek first His Kingdom and gradually scriptures began to make sense, prophecies that I thought were only for some date in the future I found fulfilled in history and I discovered this wonderful truth....**the Kingdom of God has come and Jesus is now Lord and His church has been empowered by Him to disciple the nations and the gates of hell will not prevail against us!**

But before I tackle the scriptures and the prophecies of the Bible and show you how they fit together with the history of what the Lord has already done and what He is still going to do, let me confront you in the next two chapters of my book with what I believe are the two dominant signs of our times:

### **A. The Sign of 9-11: The New World Order is Falling Apart**

On September 11, 2001 the Lord sent a mighty sign and signal to all the world, judgment is coming on a corrupt world Babylon System. The world economic, political and military systems are coming down. Ten years later this is now evident all over the world with the worst still to come. I will discuss this in greater detail in chapter 3 "All Over the World Babylon is Falling".

### **B. The Sign of a Mighty Outpouring of the Holy Spirit Worldwide**

All over the world there is mighty revival taking place. Latest estimates are that there are now more than 800 million Charismatic Evangelical Christians in the world and growing stronger each year. All across North and South America, Africa and Asia Charismatic Evangelicals are now making up large percentages of the populations of nations and in years to come at current growth rates will constitute the majorities of entire countries. I will give you some remarkable statistics from secular news media in Chapter 2 "All Over the World the Spirit is Moving". This will really excite you!

You can watch all the supposed signs you want in Israel or the EU or whatever you think predicts according to your theology that the devil is going to

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take over but these two “megatrends” are the reality of our time: The world system is falling apart and no supposed Antichrist will be able to put it together into a world empire because of the other reality of our time: The church of Jesus Christ is marching triumphantly all over the world. We have been at it for two thousand years and we are stronger now than ever in our history with even greater glory to come. This Spirit filled church is able to bind, crush and trample any manifestation of Satan and will destroy all his works.

These “facts on the ground” do not fit the prophecy predictions coming out of the American church for the last 60 years or more. None of the prophecy predictions of the last 60 years by popular authors or preachers have come true. In the chapters ahead I am going to show you scripturally and historically:

- Why every prophecy prediction by the Dispensational Rapturists has always been wrong and will always be wrong.
- Why there is no Antichrist coming out of the EU or anywhere else and I will also show you how all the prophecies of Antichrist have been fulfilled historically and at what dates and times.
- Why the real satanic antichrist is an occult deception that is now increasingly manifesting itself more boldly each year and it eventually will deceive the whole world except the church.
- Why the devil is not taking over the world and why he is now being defeated by the church all over the world.
- Why there is no Russian invasion of Israel coming and why the invasion of Gog and Magog happened in 39 BC.
- Why there is no Antichrist pact with Israel coming.
- Why we are not living in the End Times but in the Kingdom Age and what that means for the coming great revival and the discipling of the nations.
- Why the Rapture takes place at the time of the resurrection of the dead at the end, at the last trump (as Paul in 1 Cor. 15 said it would) and not before a 7 year tribulation that is not going to happen.
- Why the prophecies in Ezekiel of the return of Israel happened in 141 BC and 101 BC and not in 1948 and why the current nation of Israel is going to collapse (and cause incredible confusion among evangelicals when it does because they do not know of the prophecies of Esau and Edom’s judgment and destruction).
- Why the “end times” and “last days” described by Jesus and the writers of the New Testament were from 33 AD to 70 AD and not today.
- Why “Har-Megiddon” (Armageddon) is not a valley outside Megiddo but “the mount of assembly” (which is Jerusalem) and why Armageddon took place in Jerusalem in 70 AD just as Jesus predicted it would. Revelations accurately predicted how long it would take, what kind of an attack and how all the nations that Ezekiel 38 & 39 prophesied would take part in that battle did in actual fact take part.
- Why “this generation” that Jesus referred to in Math. 23 and 24 is not our generation (2000 years later) but that generation that heard Him (33 AD to 70 AD) and why that generation saw Him coming in the clouds with great power and judgment on Jerusalem in 70 AD.
- Why the entire 70 Weeks prophecy of Daniel 9:23-27 was finished in 33 AD which means that there is no future week of 7 years tribulation still ahead.
- Why there is no future Antichrist treaty with Israel broken in the midst of the 7 year tribulation as that prophecy accurately showed what Jesus did in 30 AD at His baptism causing the “sacrifice and oblations to cease in the midst of the week”.
- Why the original Greek in Rev. 20 uses a plural for “thousand” (not singular) and why therefore Jesus reigns for “thousands of years” and not “a thousand years” (that’s right, there is not one verse in the original Greek text of the Bible that says Jesus reigns for 1000 years!).
- Why the “thousands of years” of Jesus reign began in 33 AD at His resurrection when all power in heaven and on earth was given unto Him and why it continues still today two thousand years later just as Rev. 20 said it would.
- Why we are now ruling with Christ and now seated with Him in heavenly places and not one day in a future Millennium.
- Why the church will be triumphant over all the power of the devil and why the gates of hell will not prevail against the church and therefore why the greatest outpourings of power and glory are still coming which will result in nations being

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discipled into the Kingdom of God just as all the prophets said would happen.

In the place of this gospel of defeat (Dispensational Rapturism), I am going to introduce you to the gospel of the Kingdom as preached by Jesus and the apostles and prophesied by all the prophets and it will explain to you why these great prophecies are going to be fulfilled by the church:

“and the time came that the saints possessed the Kingdom” (Dan: 7:22)

“and the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.” (Isaiah 11: 9)

“and the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. (Hab. 2:14)

“at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow” (Phil. 2:12)

“and the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains...and many nations shall say, let us go unto the mountain of the Lord ...and he shall teach us his ways..” (Micah 4:1-2)

“and it shall come to pass in the last days that the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established in the top of the mountains and shall be exalted above the hills and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say Come ye and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord ...and he will teach us his ways and we will walk in his paths...and he shall judge among the nations and rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.” (Isaiah 2:2-4)

“The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever.” (Rev. 11:15)

“and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth...and in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed ... and it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms and it shall stand forever.” (Dan.2:35,44)

“and there was given him (Christ) dominion and glory and a kingdom that all people, nations and languages should serve him...” (Dan. 7:14)

Now I know what you are thinking. Yes these are wonderful prophecies but its not for now, it will happen one day in the Millennium when Jesus will reign. We cannot bring about this kind of world wide revival. But that is where the defeatist theology you have been taught gets in the way so that you are immobilized by unbelief. This is what Jesus commanded his church upon his resurrection:

*“And Jesus saith unto them saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world.” (Matthew 28:18-20)*

You see all those wonderful prophecies about nations coming into the kingdom of the Lord and His glory filling the earth? You have been taught it is not us but a 144,000 Jews are going to do that job and it is not now but one day in the Millennium. Wrong! Jesus gave His church the job upon His resurrection. It is your job and my job to disciple the nations and we are more equipped and empowered to do this job than any generation before us. So Jesus is not one day going to rule in some far off Millennium for a thousand years: He started ruling over all principalities and powers in heaven and on earth since His resurrection in 33 AD and He has given His church that authority to establish His Kingdom in all the earth. He is not one day coming to be with us, He says He is now with us all the time until the end of the world, until the job is finished, to give us all the power we need to disciple the nations. This is the wonderful gospel of the Kingdom! That’s right, the Kingdom of God has come and Jesus is now Lord so get on with the job!

I see the signs that the Kingdom of God has come as prophesied and I see the following:

- I see an outpouring of judgment on the earth as false ideologies, nations, economies and peoples not grounded in God’s Word come toppling down...Nazism, Communism, Capitalism, democracies, oligarchies, dictatorships, corporations, banks, religions, every knee will bow and every tongue will eventually confess that Jesus is Lord!

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- I see an outpouring of God's Spirit on His people worldwide bringing with it a supernatural power to bind the strongholds of Satan and cast down fallen angels and demons into the Abyss for judgment and bringing in a great harvest of souls with a demonstration of Godly power the world has not seen since Jesus walked the earth.
- I see a new leadership of Apostles and Prophets, Teachers and Pastors, Evangelists who have a divine vision from God to establish His kingdom and not their own personal empires, programs and organizations.
- I see the Body of Christ coming into a new supernatural unity around the world as we discover that the Bible really has the answers to poverty, disease, the economy, environment, education and Godly government.
- I see the Church moving from Sunday morning meetings of anonymous people throwing pocket change into the offering, listening to sermons they will forget by Monday morning... to dynamic covenant communities that are debt free, wealth creating organisms that care for the elderly, educate the children, establish Godly families and care for the earth.
- I see the world looking onto these new functioning Church communities and coming to us saying ...our world is falling apart, our economic models aren't working, our governments are collapsing, our families are disintegrating... teach us your ways!

### **The Radical Gospel of the Kingdom means that...**

- The Kingdom of God came when Jesus rose triumphant from the dead and all power in heaven and earth was given unto Him. That means we are now in the Kingdom age.
- Jesus is now Lord and King seated at the right hand of the Father and He now rules over all (and not one day in the supposed Millennium) and will continue to rule until all His enemies are made His footstool; the last enemy to be conquered is death. Then comes the Second Advent and the resurrection of the dead and the rapture of those still alive at that time.
- It means that Satan and Antichrist are not going to take over the world...the Kingdom of God is going to grow and grow until it fills the earth just

as Daniel prophesied it would.

- It means that there is no 7 year Great Tribulation ahead but a great world wide depression as the world's economies and governments collapse. We are going to be here to witness that Babylon the Great is falling but we must also develop strategies to get out of the collapsing world system.
- It means that there are no 144,000 Jews to bring in the Kingdom, it is the job of the church of Jesus Christ empowered by the anointing of the Holy Spirit.
- It means that the scale of the work ahead of us is so great that everyone must get involved bringing their talents and abilities to the task ahead.
- It means that since all sectors of society must come under the Lordship of Jesus we need to empower teachers, farmers, businessmen, doctors, technicians, everyone to see where they can bring the Lordship of Christ into their world of expertise.

And all this means a new strategy is needed for the church in the years ahead...

We need to get out of the world system while we can still use their structures. It means building parallel economic and social structures. It means building our own debt free communities (look at the Amish, they have the right idea). Which means our own schools, businesses, food and energy production. It means our own international trade among believers world wide, which means our own international trading currency...can you see where this is heading? It means that each of you in the work that God has called you into is needed if this vision is going to come to pass.

Can you see that this is not just an idle debate on the theology of eschatology. This is a serious debate over the future of you, your family, the church. If I am wrong and the end time rapture folks are right then no problem. I am ready for the coming of the Lord right now and so are most of you reading these words. But if I am right then we are going to still be around for another 20 years and if that is so, then I promise you, church as usual on Sunday morning is not going to work! And neither is your safe corporate job and neither is your safe Social Security paycheck or the trip to the petrol station to fill up the tank or the trip to the shopping mall or the promise of the business community of endless growth. The world of the next 20 years is not the world of the last 20 years. The

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judgments of the Lord are in the earth so that the people of the world may turn to the Lord and learn righteousness. (Isaiah 26:9)

But what is standing in the way of the vision of the Kingdom within the church is...

### Dispensational Rapture Confusion

Every sign that the Dispensational Rapturist movement predicted (of which I was an ardent supporter in the past) has not come to pass. That is why nobody in that movement predicted the fall of communism. Why? Because that whole theology is based on the defeat and retreat of the church and the triumph of Satan in the world. And I can assure you the remaining prophecies that they still push are also not going to come to pass. Which means:

there is no Russian invasion of Israel coming, there is no Antichrist world ruler coming to head up the European Union and you are not getting pulled out of here before the coming great world depression hits and certainly not until the job of world evangelization is done.

The history of the church is littered with predictions of the end of the world and the coming of Christ or the Antichrist and yet here we are already well into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. But the pace of false prophecies about the coming of Christ and the end of the world over the last 50 years has been phenomenal! Just a few:

- In the 1970's the phenomenal record breaking book sales of Hal Lindsey's "Late Great Planet Earth" (over 40 million sold) cites the rebirth of Israel in 1948 as the major prophetic turning point from which the end times countdown begins. The generation that sees this is the last generation. With a generation being 40 years the end was expected by 1988. The dust jacket of his 1977 edition warned readers not to make any plans beyond 1985.
- He follows this book up with his 1980 bestseller, "The 1980s: Countdown to Armageddon" In which he says, "The decade of the 1980's could very well be the last decade of history as we know it... We are the generation that will see the end times...and the return of Christ". No Armageddon in the 1980's.
- In 1978 Calvary Chapel's famous pastor Chuck

Smith writes in his book "Future Survival" that he "is convinced that the Lord is coming for His Church before the end of 1981" And to be fair to Pastor Smith, I and many others ministering at that time felt the same (until the Lord started opening up the Kingdom Vision to me!)

- In 1988 prophecy teacher Edgar Whisenant sells 4,5 million copies of his book "88 Reasons Why the Rapture Will be in 1988". The next year's follow on book "89 Reasons Why the Rapture will be in 1989" did not sell so well. I wonder why?
- In 1990 as America prepared for war with Iraq, Dallas Seminary professor John Walvoord reprints his 1974 book "Armageddon, Oil and the Middle East". It sold over 1,5 million copies. After the war and no Armageddon sales dropped.
- In 1991 Dallas Seminary professor Charles Dyer releases his book "The Rise of Babylon: Sign of the End Time" A new sign of the end time was desperately needed since 40 years (a generation) had passed since the establishment of Israel and still no rapture. The new sign? Saddam Hussein was rebuilding Babylon! Now Revelation 18 could be fulfilled! I will refrain from commenting the obvious deception.

### The End of the World Industry...

The 60 million copies of the "Left Behind" series by Tim LaHaye and the more than 40 million copies of Hal Lindsey's books, plus numerous other authors, TV programs and documentaries have created a veritable "end of the world" industry that supports major ministries and their funding needs. Why put money into savings or investments if the Antichrist is going to take over the world economy and you are getting raptured out of here? Send your donations now to Bro. Doctor. Pastor, Reverend, Evangelist whatever...we are the terminal generation, we will see the end, so send your dollars now to get the gospel out before it is too late...This end of the world theology has become a major industry in the evangelical church and is a focus of preaching, fund raising, book sales and has resulted in the passivity of multitudes in church pews waiting for the rapture to get them out of a troubled world.

So I ask you again, **Why would the Lord want to Rapture us out of here when we are winning**

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**and the devil is losing?** That is right, he is losing on all fronts! Are we still trying to smuggle Bibles into Russia and Eastern Europe? No, they are being freely downloaded from the internet! The same goes for China where almost everyone has internet access and the result is a massive house church movement of over 100 million evangelical believers! So are 200 million Chinese going to march on Israel at Armageddon? No, but 200 million Spirit filled Chinese will soon be a reality and they will march on the devil! Every where you look in the world the devil is on the run and the church is growing massively. Could the Antichrist rule the world from a supposed revived Roman Empire called the European Union? No, Europe is falling apart economically and dying demographically (there are no babies and no children for the future, just an old aging population).

So if Jesus asked the Father, "I pray not that you should take them out of the world, but that you should keep them from evil." What makes you think He changed His mind and that He actually wants you out of the world? To protect you from the devil? The devil needs protection from you! To protect you from the judgment coming on the world? Did the Lord not pour judgment on Egypt and yet protected the Israelites? Is He not able to do so again for His church?

I don't want to appear to be judgmental or critical of folks holding the belief that the rapture is next on God's agenda for the church. I and many millions like me sincerely believed this to be true decades ago. But I believe the Lord had a purpose in that teaching. I believe the Lord used that vision of the end times mightily to push many of us out of complacency and into world missions with a passion that we must spend our lives to reach the lost before the rapture made it too late. We really believed it and we laid our lives on the line to win the lost. It was not just missionaries and evangelists going into the world spreading the gospel. I was among tens of thousands of young people who joined Youth With A Mission to give our all for getting the gospel into all the world. Others were starting wonderful new forms of outreach

through the media such as TBN, CBN and PTL that were reaching millions through radio and TV broadcasts by satellite. Others were endangering their lives by smuggling bibles into communist and Muslim countries.

But Jesus told His disciples before the crucifixion "I have many things to tell you but you but you are not able to bear them now..." and I believe the same holds true today. There was a time when the church needed a major push into world evangelism and the end time rapture message gave us that mighty push. We just did not have enough maturity or restoration of truth and ministries yet to really comprehend the extent of the gospel of the Kingdom. We had no idea that this worldwide outreach would result in literally hundreds of millions coming into the Kingdom of God. But today with a lot more teaching and equipping and with a restoration of gift ministries like the apostle and prophet in the church we are ready now for a greater vision and a greater revelation from the Lord that will not stagger our faith. It is time now for us not just to believe that we can disciple the nations into the Kingdom of God, but it is time to start working on practical strategies to do the job...

But it first starts with faith...faith that this is the message of the hour from the Lord, faith that this vision is truly grounded in the Word of God and not just a clever fable. And since faith comes by hearing the Word of God let me give you a scriptural grounding in the prophetic vision of the Kingdom of God in the chapters ahead. In my follow up books, "Discipling the Nations Using the Israel Template" and "Covenant Communities: The Next Great Move of God" I will lay out practical strategies for discipling the nations and turning the church around from Sunday entertainment to the Army of God.

But just to strengthen your faith to believe the scriptures, let me first report to you what great things the Lord is doing in all the earth through His church already and why the world system as we know it is now visibly falling apart.