

THE RADICAL GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

*A Vision of Victory for the Church of the 21st
Century*

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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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INTRODUCTION

There is something incredible happening all over the world...and the world's secular media are taking note. A phenomenon that started in 1906 in a small black church on Azusa street in Los Angeles called "speaking in tongues", has become a phenomenon experienced today by an estimated 800 million people...and growing exponentially every year! Among all nations, languages, denominations a spirit of revival is gripping the world to such an extent that the world secular media is not only reporting it but sociologists at respected universities are studying its social impact on crime, pollsters are studying its impact on politics and economists are studying its impact on economic output, savings and entrepreneurship.

I am going to quote from a number of these sources to give you some idea of the trends now emerging. The London based Economist magazine has been very interested in this phenomenon with a 100 year retrospect in their 2006 year end edition on the Pentecostal phenomenon. They followed up with more articles in on this phenomenon in China in 2008 and Africa in 2010. The editors of the magazine decided to write a book on the subject entitled, "God is Back: How the global rise of faith is changing the world." (2009). Here is what the Economist article wrote on the inauspicious start to the worldwide charismatic renewal in 1906:

"In the same year (1906) an itinerant black preacher arrived in Los Angeles. William J. Seymour was disheveled in appearance, blind in one eye and scarred by small pox. He was also on fire with a vision- that Jesus would soon return and God would send a new Pentecost if only people would pray hard enough. He began to preach from a makeshift church in Azusa Street, in a rundown part of town. Soon thousands joined him. People spoke in tongues...and fell to the floor in trances, "slain by the Lord". The faithful prayed day after day for three years on the trot and dispatched dozens of missionaries abroad.

At the time, the Azusa street revival looked like an aberration. Intellectual fashion had turned sharply against religion. Marxists dismissed it as a tool of class oppression; Freudians regarded it as a collective neurosis; economists thought that because it has no market price it had no value and sociologists like Emile Durkheim and Maz Weber pronounced its death rites. The year before, France had passed a tough law banning religion from the public square.

You did not have to be a card-carrying intellectual to think that Azusa Street was a flash in the pan. The Los Angeles Times complained about a "weird Babel of tongues" and a "new sect of fanatics" who work themselves into a state of mad excitement". Respectable people were outraged that Seymour encouraged inter-racial worship, particularly given that it involved hugging and ululating. The religious establishment was equally hostile, believing that the future of religion lay in reconciling itself with reason. Fundamentalists condemned Seymour for focusing on the Spirit rather than the Letter.

Yet with the possible exception of Europe, history has moved in Seymour's direction...The great secular ideologies of the 19th and 20th centuries from Marxism to Freudianism (and you can include in that Fascism and Communism) – have faded while Seymour's spirit-filled version of Christianity has flourished. Pentecostal denominations have prospered and Pentecostalism has infused traditional denominations through the wildly popular charismatic movement.

*Today there are more than 500m "revivalists" in the world (i.e. members of Pentecostal denominations plus "charismatics" in traditional denominations). In a recent survey of Pentecostalism, the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life argues that "renewalist movements" are the world's fastest growing religious movement: The World Christian Database shows that renewalists make up about a quarter of the world's Christian population compared with just 6% 30 years ago. The evidence of this can be seen everywhere in America and the developing world: in churches the size of football stadiums in South America, in 12,000-acre "redemption camps" in Nigeria, in storefront churches in the slums of Rio and Los Angeles. **LA's most successful export is not Hollywood but Pentecostalism.**"*

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Revival in China...

The Time magazine bureau chief in Beijing, David Aikman similarly noting this phenomenon in China firsthand wrote a book entitled "Jesus in Beijing: How Christianity is Transforming China and Changing the Global Balance of Power" (2006). On the book back cover he wrote: **"A CHRISTIAN CHINA?: A tectonic shift is happening in global politics and it is driven by the growth of Christianity in China."** The book gives not only a wonderful history of Christian missionary work in China but concentrates on the last 30 years incredible growth of the house church movement ever since the introduction of the Charismatic movement in the late 1980's.

What is stirring in China that has the attention of the world media? In the Oct 2, 2008 edition of the Economist magazine article reporting on the growth of Christianity in China they write..."Zhao Xiao, a former Communist Party official and convert to Christianity smiles over a cup of tea and says he thinks there are up to 130m Christians in China. This is far larger than previous estimates... Unofficial figures as one given by the Centre for the Study of Global Christianity in Massachusetts put the number at about 70 million. But Mr. Zhao is not alone in his reckoning. A study of China by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, an American think-tank, says indirect survey evidence suggests many unaffiliated Christians are not in the official figures. And according to China Aid Association (CAA) a Texas based lobby group, the director of the (Chinese) government body which supervises all religions in China said privately that the figure was indeed as much as 130m in early 2008."

The revival is spreading in what is known as the Chinese home church movement. The law in China does not allow a gathering of more than 25 people without government approval so people meet in homes until the total is 25 and then they divide into two groups training new house leaders to lead the new group, which then also divides as it grows. Bibles, teachings and gospel praise and worship music are being downloaded off the internet and

used in these home meetings. David Aikman describes this nationwide house church movement as consisting of 5 main groupings that home churches are affiliated with. Four are charismatic orientated and the fifth is evangelical. The house church movement is especially strong in the industrial cities and on university campuses among students. The future of Chinese business, academic and social leadership at current trends is going to be charismatic believers! The article further says, "In China, Christianity is associated with modernity, business and science, We are first generation Christians and first generation businessmen says a one house-church pastor...After the 1989 Tiananmen massacre of 1989 many disenchanted democrats turned to Christianity: six of the 30 or so student leaders of the protests became Christians. One Confucian Chinese says with a rueful smile that most of the pretty girls at university were Christians and would only date other Christians."

In South America: Half the Population of Brazil to be Evangelical by 2020

Researchers at international missions organization SEPAL (Servidos aos Pastores e Lideres) used data from Brazil's Census 2000 survey and from a March 2007 study conducted by Datafolha, a major domestic information firm. Their conclusion from the growth rates of the charismatic evangelical movement indicated that there were already 57.4 million evangelicals in the country in 2011 (a third of the population) and by 2020 they expect evangelicals to make up 52% of Brazil's population or about 109.3 million. Most of these evangelicals are charismatic or Pentecostal believers.

In Latin America...

The same trend evident all across Latin America...Guatemala's population is already 60% Pentecostal and charismatic. Says the Economist magazine: "In Guatemala Pentecostalism is sweeping all before it. The Catholic cathedral still dominates the main square in Guatemala City but...Pentecostal gatherings are ubiquitous in the city...in respectable hotels, in disused shops, in

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huge modern stadiums...and a huge new church in town seating 12,000 people.”

In Africa...

In Kenya charismatic preachers in thousands of churches across the country have a third of the country in their meetings every Sunday. According to the World Christian Encyclopedia about 17m Africans described themselves as “born-again” Christians in 1970. Today the figure has soared to over 400 million or more than a third of Africa’s population. And these African Christians are following a strong evangelical tradition regardless of their denomination. The Anglican church in Africa has rejected the liberalism of their mother church in England. They believe in the inerrancy of the Bible as the Word of God and reject ordination of homosexual priests. Even their mode of worship is no longer traditional Anglican but is infused with the praise and worship music of the charismatic churches. The same is true for the Catholics in Africa.

In South Africa a major policy institute the Centre for Development and Enterprise did a study in 2008 entitled, “Under the Radar: Pentecostalism in South Africa and its potential social and economic role”. It determined that the Pentecostal and Charismatic movement in South Africa was so strong in the country that it predicts that 20% of the population will be Pentecostals by 2011. And that figure does not include the millions of evangelicals or Apostolic African churches in South Africa. In Soweto alone there are more than 900 churches. This kind of growth is happening all over Africa.

In Asia...

Apart from the rapid growth in China, other nations like Korea and Singapore are also experiencing large evangelical charismatic movements in the population. In Korea a third of the population are estimated to be evangelical Christians and most of those are charismatics. In the capital city of Seoul, 5 of the worlds largest 10 churches are based here. The largest is Yoido Full Gospel Church opposite the nation’s national assembly. It has 830,000 members with 1 in 20 of

Seoul’s inhabitants attending one of the many services on a Sunday. Today Korea is a mission sending nation with over 15,000 Korean missionaries going out to the world preaching the gospel.



I saw this a few years ago in Singapore where I was privileged to give a teaching seminar at one of the four major mega-churches in that city. They were started 30 years ago by an Assemblies of God missionary from America. This one church has already sent out thousands of missionary workers through the years establishing more than 1500 churches throughout the world. It is lead and supported by its own indigenous Singapore people. The average age of the attendees of the major mega churches in Singapore is 26 years old. The young generation, the future of Singapore are evangelical and charismatic. The same story is unfolding all across Asia. The only place to still need a major revival is Japan. But it’s time is coming.

The Evangelical Charismatic World in 1980 and 2010...and 2030?

Most of you reading this were not aware of what was going on in the evangelical world of 1980...I know... I was there. We were expecting the Rapture any moment. All the signs of the “end-times” were to be seen everywhere. Israel had become a nation in 1948 and every prophecy book and preacher was telling us “this generation” (with a generation being 40 years) that saw this momentous event would see the end of all things and the Second Coming of Christ. Which meant that by 1988 it could all be over. And with a 7 year Great Tribulation to precede that event it would mean the Rapture could happen by 1981. The Soviets had invaded Afghanistan and the Shah had been toppled

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in 1979 by the Islamic revolution meaning the characters for the invasion of Israel and Armageddon were now on the scene. In 1981 Greece became the 10th member of the European Union meaning the 10 horned “Revived Roman Empire” was now ready for the Antichrist to come on the scene. China was a militant communist country with the threat of a 200 million man army that could march on Israel fulfilling further Armageddon prophecies.

So what happened to the Rapture and the “end-times”? All the signs were there. But there was no Rapture, no Antichrist, no invasion of Israel by Russia, no invasion by Chinese hordes. Instead we got world revival with more than 700 million charismatic evangelical believers coming into the Kingdom of God over the last 30 years!

Could it be that we were looking at the wrong signs. Could it be that major leaders in the charismatic evangelical church could be so wrong about what the Lord wanted to do in the earth? Did anybody predict the walls would come down and communism would fall allowing the gospel to really be preached in all the world? Could it be that the Lord really wants to save the world and not condemn billions to a Christ-less, Antichrist world government?

So again I ask you, Why would the Lord want to Rapture us out of here when there are still billions to bring into the Kingdom and when whole nations are collapsing and need to be discipled into the Kingdom and when the devil is on the run. You say, no all the signs are there for the end, for the Rapture? What signs? I was there in 1980, we had many more “signs” than you could possibly find in the world today. The end did not come 30 years ago so what makes you think the end will come in the next 30 years? Don’t you think that the Lord might want to save a few more billions of precious souls?

So how about another 20 years of accelerated gospel outreach all over the world as churches everywhere multiply, divide, grow, expand, build and evangelize like they have been doing the last 20 years. Where do you think we will be in 2030?

How many billions do you think the Lord wants to bring into the Kingdom? And now couple that with an accelerating collapse of governments, of banking and financial institutions, of ideologies like Islam...do you think there is any place on planet earth that will not be affected by multitudes more coming into the Kingdom? Do you think the laws against preaching the gospel in Muslim countries and in Israel or Cuba or North Korea are going to hold up the advance of the church?

So we come now to the challenge of this book and its message to this great evangelical charismatic movement around the world...

What if the Lord does not come in the next 20 years and we continue to grow world wide as we have done over the last 20 years and we grow to beyond a billion, 2 billion...to the point that we are the only world wide cohesive ideology left that is believed on by most people, in all nations, in all languages and cultures?

What if the collapse of fascism and communism in the last century is continued in the 21st century with the collapse of Islam and the Liberal Democratic nation state and the 2 pillars that support it: Corporate Finance and the support of “we the people”?

What if international Financial Capitalism falls with the current ongoing destruction of national currencies, middle class jobs, savings and pensions?

What if there is no rapture in the next 20 years and no Antichrist world government to take over a collapsing world system? Can we actually believe the Lord for world revival and a ministry of healing the nations?

Which brings us to this question: **What is the Lord really saying and doing in the earth in our generation, in the church of the 21st Century and through the church in the 21st century?**

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The Handwriting is on the wall...

As it was in Daniel's time in Babylon the time had come for Babylon to fall so it is in our time, Babylon is Falling. It is time for the existing word system to fall away, it is time for the saints to exit Babylon, not in a rapture out of this world, but it is time for the saints to possess the Kingdom.

There was Belshazzar at his feast when a hand began to write on the wall, "Mene mene, tekel, upharsin". None of the court astrologers could decipher this riddle. Daniel was called in and



with the anointing of the Holy Spirit could tell the king its meaning...your kingdom is weighed in the balances of God and found wanting. It's over. Your time for rulership is finished. I have given the kingdom to another.

I believe we are standing at another great turning point in history. God is ready to pass rulership of the kingdoms of this world to the Kingdom of our God and of His Christ! The time is now soon upon us that the peoples of the world will come to the redeemed of the Lord and ask us "teach us your ways".

Now let me direct your attention to the real sign of our times. The sign of the New World Order collapsing (into the Old World Disorder!) and with it the world economic system and whole nation states with it...the sign of 9-11! And like Daniel I will interpret for you what the handwriting on the wall means. I will interpret for you what the destruction of the Twin Towers and the pentagram of the Pentagon mean.

The twin towers and the pentagram are the symbols of an ancient plan to rule the world by human reason and human ingenuity without God and without His word. The crowning achievement of this ancient conspiracy of the "enlightenment" was the Liberal Democratic nation state. On 9-11 God sent a signal to the world that mankind's last attempt to rule himself apart from God and His laws and His indwelling Spirit has been weighed in the balances and found wanting. There is a change in world government coming... and the church needs to get ready!