

# Kingdom Report

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## **The South African Riots: That Haggai Prophetic Moment in Our History**

The vision of South Africa as another African failed state is now gaining acceptance around the world. This is a "wake-up" time for the church as we face a crossroads ahead. My analysis of the task ahead.

One of the top ten internet sites in the world with tens of millions of viewers has this report:

### **"It's A War Zone" - South Africa To Deploy 25,000 Troops As Country On Brink Of Civil War**

*South Africa, once again, is making global headlines for all the wrong reasons.*

*In case you missed the news, last week former President Jacob Zuma was sentenced to 15 months in prison for failing to appear at a corruption inquiry. It was probably a calculated risk on his part; had Zuma actually appeared at the tribunal, he may very well have been convicted and sentenced to a much harsher punishment. And when his sentence was announced, many South Africans gave a collective sigh of relief; it had been a long-overdue victory for the rule of law.*

*But then, virtually overnight, things started falling apart — rapidly. First it was just small shops. But then entire shopping malls were looted and burned to the ground. Once the shopping malls were in ashes, these “mostly peaceful” protesters moved on to torch distribution centers and loot cargo containers in Durban’s harbor.*

*They even rampaged against some of the region’s critical infrastructure, going as far as setting a water treatment facility on fire.*

*At this point the riots were still localized to the KwaZulu-Natal region, Zuma’s home turf. But then the rioters started agitating for protests to break out in Johannesburg, the country’s economic capital...*

*Nobody thought the violence was going to spread there; Johannesburg is not a Zuma stronghold, and the locals there enjoy a much greater level of affluence than those living in Zuma’s native KwaZulu-Natal.*

*And yet, overnight, the violence spread to Johannesburg. Bear in mind that South Africa’s national police force has been recently ‘defunded’, with a massive 11.8 billion rand (roughly \$750 million) budget cut. For South Africa, that’s a staggering sum of money.*

*So with a heavily defunded police force unable to quell the violence, more 'mostly peaceful' protestors rampaged across these two key provinces, specifically targeting supply chain infrastructure. On Monday night, for example, rioters brazenly looted a BLOOD BANK while being filmed on live television.*

*As things stand today, the Johannesburg and Durban downtown areas look like war zones.*

This is the gist of the news stories along with graphic videos of lootings, burnings, violence being screened on news reports world wide. I need to get to my Kingdom analysis but first some comments on the political, economic, social and strategic considerations of our national breakdown and then my Kingdom analysis:

The economic damage to our nation will be felt for years to come. Critical infrastructure and supply chains of goods and services have been destroyed. Who and with what money are we going to rebuild? you can forget about foreign investment after these tragic international news stories and images.

Domestic investment? The government does not have the money and in any case whatever money this government has spent on state owned enterprises has been wasted by corruption and incompetent "cadre deployment". Private investment? Anybody with serious surplus capital is already working on how to get assets out of the country, not invest more in the country.

This government has a national debt they have run up of over R5 trillion. It desperately needs foreign capital to keep funding that debt as it matures. That means higher and higher interest rates to attract foreign money.

### **The Looting Culture of South Africa**

The people on the ground suffering economic depravation have seen how the organized crime of the bureaucracy and the business elite have been plundering the nation for decades with impunity and no consequences. They finally had enough and basically said "it is now our turn".

There will be no punishment consequences. They have seen that with the political and business elite. Nobody yet has gone to jail years later after the most brazen open and known looting of state and bank resources. The legal system is toothless, the police inept and corrupt. People talk about the legal "Stalingrad defense" of how ex-president Zuma has been able to evade jail time for decades since the arms deal corruption saga. But Zuma was not the first one to game the legal system. The hero of the "Stalingrad defense" is South African CEO of Tigon, Gary Porrit, who has been in the Durban courts now for 19 years litigating endlessly his 3160 counts of corruption.

South African corrupt corporate and political elites know that if you have stolen enough money you can buy top legal services for endless court battles and never face prison.

The desperate poor of the nation have noticed.

This last week was a personal tragedy for multitudes of people...the small business owners who have invested their life savings, gone. That is those who still survived after a year of Covid lockdowns now devastated.

I think of the millions of young people who did what they were told, go to school get an education because that is how you get a job. More than 50-60 percent of our young people not only have never had a job but never will have a job. What kind of terrible depression and desperation grips you when you realize you have no future. What about fathers who cannot provide for your family and are dependent on the old people's meager pension for food. Where is your dignity?

I am not condoning rioting, or looting but we are seeing a mass uprising of desperate people. What large percentage of those masses of people are church going Christians? If the statistics are accurate that 83% of the South African population identify as Christians and 47% identify specifically as Pentecostal/Charismatic or evangelical. If our brothers and sisters were there in those tens of thousands of looters they have a serious consequence to face. Not with the South African legal system...but with the Lord's legal system. "Thou shalt not steal". There will be consequences. For them and for the nation.

So now we must ask the obvious question:

We are a majority Christian nation. The Lord has given us a land overflowing with bounty. We have riches in abundance of land for crops of all sorts, of seas filled with fish and under our land is an abundance of mineral wealth that is the envy of the world and natural habitat equally the envy of the world and an abundance of energy freely given to us under the earth and endless sunshine above the earth.

And for all that of that, a majority Christian nation with an abundance of Spirit filled people and an abundance of resources....we are poor, with a vast population with no hope, a nation deeply in debt, a nation known internationally as corrupt and incompetent to get anything done! On our way to another "failed African state".

How is that for an international testimony to the world of the effects of what you can expect when a you have a majority of Christians in the nation.

Never mind now what the world thinks about that. So what do you think the Lord God who gave us this nation and its resources and His Spirit and His Word....what do you think the Lord thinks about this?

For those of you in the "end times" delusion who love to preach about "the coming of the Lord" let me quote you a message of Jesus to two churches in Asia in Revelation about what He says about His coming. Do you remember all that preaching about Jesus coming as a thief? Try this.....

***Rev 3:1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.***

***Rev 3:2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.***

***Rev 3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.***

So here is a direct message from Jesus to the church at Sardis, "I know your works". And frankly your works are not good enough. So here is the threat from Jesus to that church....strengthen those things that remain after your lack of works, those things that are ready to die and repent and watch out because I will come as a thief when you don't expect. Are you still longing and praying for the return of Jesus as "a thief in the night". The church at Sardis surely did not like that message.

So what does that mean? Well let's see another warning to another church in Asia at Ephesus....

***Rev 2:1 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;***

***Rev 2:2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:***

***Rev 2:3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.***

***Rev 2:4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.***

***Rev 2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.***

So here we have a church who seems to be doing good, they have kicked out people who call themselves apostles but are not, they have labour and patience but they have lost their first love and left their first works. What is the threat? Another promise of Jesus, "I will come quickly to remove your candlestick" You still praying for the Lord to come quickly? Really? Are we as a church ready for Jesus to come and do works inspection?

"I will come to you quickly and remove your candlestick out of its place".

A candle is a light in a dark place. Churches that do not do the works that God calls for to the nation are taken out. Before we start preaching to the world "Jesus is coming back like a thief in the night but praise God we the people of God are going to be taken out the world!" We might want to reconsider that prayer.

Have you considered that before judgment comes to the world that judgment begins in the house of God? That before Jesus comes as a thief in the night to the world when they do not expect, that He first comes to the church for inspection! He comes to the church in judgment? That this coming of the Lord is not to take us out but to take our candlestick out...meaning He is coming to take our light out....we are no longer His light to this nation or to the world?

What can we show to either the world or to Him for what we have done to do the work of God in this nation as a testimony for the Kingdom of God to the world?

Which brings me to the Haggai moment as a nation and as a church....

Haggai comes to the people who came out of Babylon with a mission to rebuild the Temple and Jerusalem and be a witness to the nations. But Haggai has a complaint to the people because this is what they think and say...

***Hag 1:2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD'S house should be built.***

***Hag 1:3 Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,***

***Hag 1:4 Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste?***

***Hag 1:5 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.***

***Hag 1:6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.***

I am not a prophet but here is my interpretation of our situation here in South Africa in what I call the Haggai moment...

The evangelical charismatic church in South Africa infected with the American gospel has said "**It is not time to build the New Jerusalem**". By definition the New Jerusalem that is described in Revelation 21&22 as the Tabernacle of God, the house of God on earth, that Tabernacle of God from which flows the river of life to the nations of the world, that flow of blessing by which to "heal the nations"....yes that house of the Lord.....the Church, the Bride of Christ.

The church has said no it is not the time to build that house. Why?

- Because that house to heal the nations can only be built one day in the Millennium when Jesus comes or one day when God makes new heavens and a new earth.
- Because we are not the people to build that house and bless the nations because only the Jews are called to bless the nations that is why "We must stand with Israel".
- Because it is not time to heal the nations because Satan and the Antichrist must take over the world, we must therefore at all costs decry this "Dominionism" error false gospel.

So what gospel do we then preach, what is the good news of the hour?

Well according to the American gospel it is time to build our houses and our careers and preach how much Jesus can do for our career advancement and how rich we can become thorough "seed faith giving".

Here is my warning to the church in South Africa. Jesus is coming and not the way the happy preachers have told you. Because He is coming to the church. And if you think He is happy with what we have done or not done so far with this nation then it is time for you to get out of the "end times" dead end of the American gospel and all its happy talk of 40 years prosperity preaching and confront the reality of where we actually are as a church and a people.

There is a reason that the church has been shut down for 18 months, there is a reason there is riots in the streets.....Jesus has come and is deciding whether we as a candlestick representing His gospel to the world is going to remain and repent and rebuild the waste places or whether He is going to just let this whole thing fall to piece and start all over again with a small remnant who will get serious about teaching the nation and discipling the people into the Kingdom of God..

But Haggai also a word to the world.....

***Hag 2:6 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;***

***Hag 2:7 And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.***

***Hag 2:8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.***

***Hag 2:9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.***

Have you noticed that God is shaking the world? So let me tell you what God is telling the world and the church in this hour.

He is saying that the wealth of the world belongs to Him and that wealth must be used for His Kingdom purpose. The greatest wealth on earth are people. He is saying that He intends to build a storehouse a place on earth where His presence will be and where this wealth is to be gathered and presented to Him for His purpose.

The socialist governments of the world declare the wealth of the nation is to be brought to them and government will decide for what and for whom the wealth of the nation is to be used for.

The financial corporate sector says bring your wealth, your time your careers, your skills to us and we can make profit with you and for you.

The job of the Church here in South Africa is to so restructure through Reformation 2.0 the structure of government and the economy according to Biblical principles; that the people, the skills, the wealth of the nation be presented for God's use, that Godly people who have the wisdom of God and anointing of God and know the plans and purposes of God are put into the government and corporate structures to serve the people and guide them and disciple them into the ways of God. And by this I mean a non-party political coalition of Christians from all across the political, corporate, NGO, and social networks come together and get this job done.

We have national municipal elections in 2022. We have national parliamentary elections in 2024. If we still have the corrupt ruling us in 2025 and we have not as a Church placed the righteous in power....then my estimate is that we will not survive as a viable nation through another 5 year governing term of 2024-2029 with the current structures.

The church is under lockdown....we better come out of this with a new vision from God