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Why Are We Poor?

It used to be the global south that was the "poor of the world". And it was the "west" with the easy answers to third world poverty. Watch as poverty becomes global. And the "rich west" start asking why are we poor? Get ready for God's global economic "reset" found in Luke 4:18-19. The economic shaking of the nations has started.

The world global order is breaking everywhere. Last week I said the real prophetic narrative we are now entering is Rev. 18..."Babylon is Falling". The shaking has started and you will know it when the world control by the illusion of money power falls apart causing as Rev 18 says for the merchants and kings of the earth to weep.

I want you to keep perspective here. Kingdom perspective. Where is this heading? The answer to that is good news and bad news. Jesus announced the Kingdom objective on earth when He launched His ministry. I will quote it again but please don't over spiritualize.....I will explain.

Luk 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,
Luk 4:19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

He is referencing three scriptures here: Isaiah 61:1, Isaiah 42:7 and He finishes it by referencing Lev. 25:8 ...the "acceptable year of the Lord" which is the great Jubilee economic system which is good news to the poor because it is God's solution to national poverty.

This week let me give you a new Kingdom perspective on what you are going to be seeing in the world headlines. **The Coming Global Poverty!** the bad news. The good news: Here is my prediction. The message of Luke 4:18-19 is going to become very relevant not just to the usual "third world" economies. Watch as across the supposed rich western world of supposedly advanced rich nations the masses begin asking "why are we poor".

The so called rich western world is infected with the "Laodicean deception" of Rev. 3:17.... and that spirit of the age has infected the churches of the western world with a false gospel of "prosperity"....."***Because you say I am rich and have become wealthy and have need of nothing you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked***" (Rev. 3:17)

God's people are poor and brokenhearted serving the Mammon world system. And yet the Laodicean spirit coming out of the American church prosperity movement tells them to just speak and confess .."I am rich". In the Mammon system whole nations

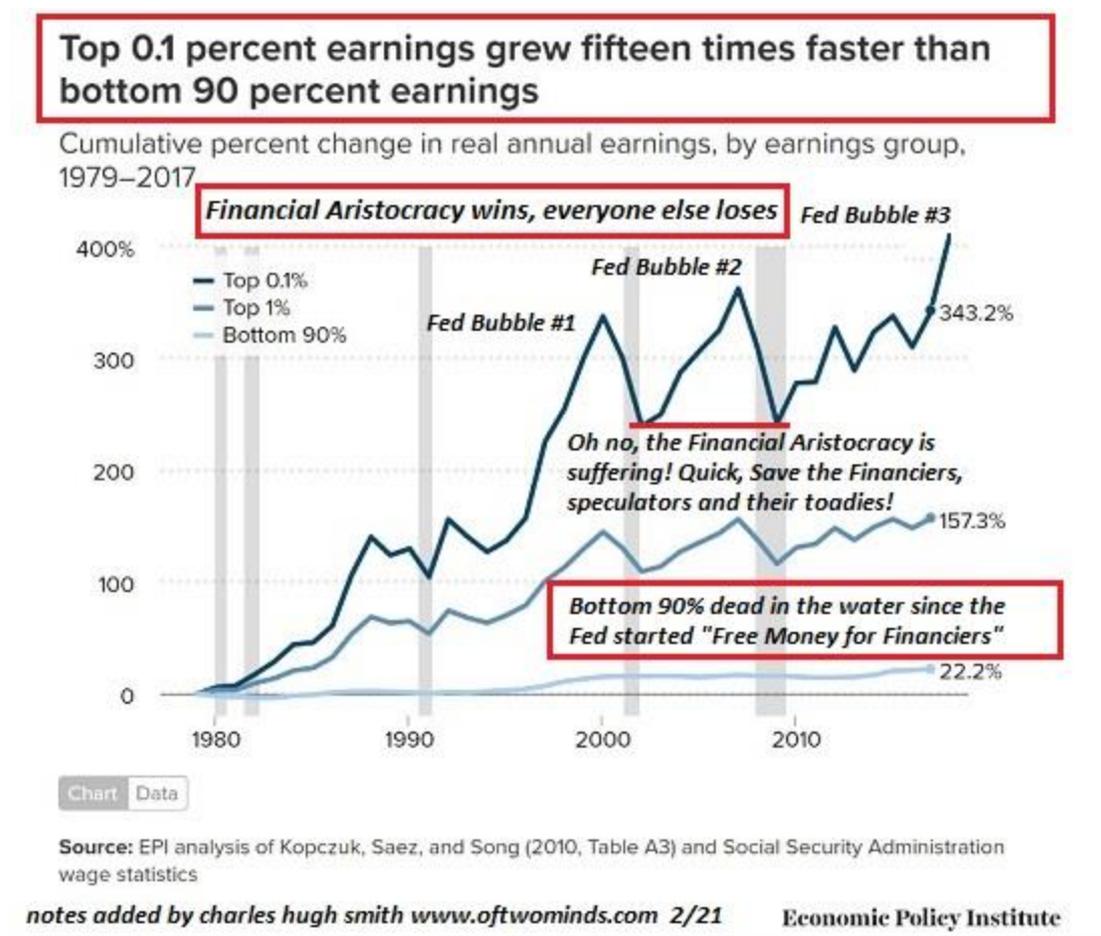
are borrowing and spending as if they are rich and this filters down to people and companies who live in a world of debt impoverishment. The world is now filled with the "captives" debt poverty, filled with ever increasing populations of "brokenhearted" whose dreams of retirement are being shattered by economic hardship.

People have lost the ability to see that money is not wealth. And when that paper money starts rapidly losing its value in the coming shortages and inflation there will be a wakeup call.

Jesus is about to open the eyes of the "blind" with a world economic collapse....but with a purpose So that we can preach the gospel, the good news, of "the acceptable year of the Lord" the world Jubilee economic reset of the Kingdom of God to a receptive international audience.

The World Wake Up Call

Let me give you a tragic economic chart from financial condition of the majority of people in supposedly rich America:



This is the economic trajectory since 1980 when the "prosperity gospel" really started getting popular. Do you think it was the vast millions of evangelical charismatics who were in the top 0,01 percent who got most of the wealth.?

What punctures the fantasy of easy wealth is the reality that only the top 5% have plenty of income and wealth. The top 1% collect around 20% of all income and own 50% of all financial wealth, and the top 10% collect over 50% of all income and own roughly 90% of financial assets.

The bottom 50% of households own less than 1% of financial wealth and the bottom 90% will discover how much of their “wealth” is phantom when the stock and housing bubbles pop. This American wealth reality you can repeat everywhere in the world where finance capitalism is the economic model.

What they do to keep people from waking up to their real economic poverty is to offer loans and more debt to give you the illusion that you are happy with a lot of “stuff” that you can buy.....but all on credit. Pay it with future income but enjoy it now! That illusion is about to burst all over the world.

Poverty and the Exploitation of Africa

We are the richest continent on planet earth and the poorest people on planet earth. Why are we poor? Well here is a large part of the problem: The financial rape of Africa!

Leonce Ndikumana and James Boyce wrote the excellent expose of the rape of Africa entitled “On the Trail of Capital Flight from Africa: The Takers and the Enablers” (Oxford University Press 2022) Here are some facts presented in their research:

Africa loses much more through capital flight than it gains through inflows of development assistance, external borrowing or foreign direct investment. It is, in fact, a ‘net creditor’ to the rest of the world.

For the past five decades, Africa has lost more than \$2-trillion through capital flight. This amount far outweighs the current stock of debt owed by African countries as of 11 October 2021, that is, \$702-billion, the continent’s highest debt burden ever. That is a major reason why the continent is home to 70% of the global poor, 63% of the world’s food insecure, 34% of the world’s illiterate, 49% of the world’s deaths from communicable diseases, despite representing only 16% of the world’s population.

Imagine if that \$2 trillion of illicit capital flight had been invested in Africa’s infrastructure, factories, education, hospitals, farms....

The book shows how capital flight is facilitated by what the authors refer to as “transnational plunder networks”, a combination of both domestic elites, key among them being kleptocrats and big corporations, and a global network of enablers including bankers, accountants, lawyers and politicians who not only facilitate the movement of capital from Africa, but also its concealment in offshore secrecy jurisdictions.

The book goes deeper into this phenomenon by making in depth case studies of three countries in Africa: South Africa, Angola, Ivory Coast. The figures for South Africa and Angola are tragic:

The book reveals that between 1986 and 2018, total capital flight from Angola, (one of Africa's biggest oil producers) was \$103-billion, averaging an annual loss of \$4-billion since the early 2000s. These figures far outweigh Angola's current public debt of \$67.5-billion, which the government calls "sustainable".

For South Africa, total capital flight from the country between 1970 and 2018 was \$329-billion, averaging an annual loss of \$15-billion since the early 2000s. Surprisingly, in 2020, the national debt of South Africa amounted to around \$242.82-billion.

India

I just listened to an interview of the Indian minister for external affairs after a meeting with Russian foreign minister Lavrov. Reporters asking him why is India not sanctioning Russia and joining with the West?

His answer was an eye opener. He said China endured a century of humiliation from the west, referring to the opium wars when Britain was enslaving China with drugs so they can pay for Chinese tea with opium exports rather than silver..he said however India had 2 centuries of shame by the west when they were looted during that time by what their economists have worked out as \$45 trillion in today's money. What he was saying and what China is saying and what the collective global south is saying....we have had enough of western looting and exploitation. We will trade with Russia.

The Implications of Russia Sanctions

India and China and Asia and Africa are watching with keen interest at what is happening with this economic war between America and Europe with Russia. Russia told them we are willing to trade with you in your national currencies. No dollars needed. India you can pay us in rupees. China you can pay us in Renminby, Saudi Arabia you can pay us in Riyals....and we will pay you in our gold-backed rubles.

They are starting a new world economic order. If this works the dollar/euro world economic system is dead.

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The poor of the world are starting to ask Why are we poor? A large part of that answer they are discovering is that they have been looted and robbed by a world economic system that enriches the few and impoverishes and enslaves the many into debt servitude.

America

The American public are also starting to wake up with the question "Why are we poor" We are supposed to be the richest nation in the world. It never was this way. There was a time when a middle class lifestyle meant that a man could support a family on his income, pay off his mortgage, send the kids to college and still have a company retirement pension to look forward to. Not anymore.

Increasingly American citizens and in fact citizens all over the world are realizing what the incredible government financial burden means to their family finances. As America goes from one war disaster to the next how much longer can they afford the cost of a \$1 trillion national security state?

The Church and the Gospel Economic Reset

We have a major problem in the preaching message from too many pulpits. It is always Satan this or the devil that or the devil is causing this or evil people are triumphing and Satan controls the world. No he does not....he is the god of this world system, but that system is about to fall. To be replaced by the Kingdom of God.

Here is the problem. In the history of Israel whenever they were disobedient to the Lord there was a particular punishment He warned them about: Deut. 26:18,21

Moreover, the Lord will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth; and there you shall serve other gods, wood and stone, which you or your fathers have not known.

The people of the world are in the same position of Israel of old. They are serving another god....Mammon. Mammon is not interested in the welfare of people or family growth or poverty alleviation or health or a beautiful sustainable earth. Mammon can talk about all these ideals because it sounds good to people, because people deep in their hearts know what is truth.

The people of the world are beginning to wake up to their false gods, to their slavery to false gods. God is healing the blind.

The people of the world are ready for the Isaiah 2 and Micah 4. They are ready to come to the mountain of the Lord and hear God's solution to world problems. The people are ready to hear the message from Isaiah that it is time to "beat their swords and spears into plows and pruning hooks"....meaning the people are ready to hear in the coming world famine "why don't we divert our armament and war spending into farming investments, into fertilizer factories, irrigation, renewable energy, tractors etc.

Here is my analysis of the problem facing the church message of the hour.....

I have heard many, many sermons on Luke 4:18....the gospel to the poor, the blind, the brokenhearted....a typical and wonderful salvation message of the work of Christ on the cross for the lost sinners of the world.

But I have never heard a message on Luke 4:19....someone actually preach what Jesus was quoting from Lev. 25:8the acceptable year of the Lord is the Jubilee economic system of God meant to pull a nation out of poverty and debt bondage. Lots of preaching on tithing and seed giving for miracle prosperity but nothing ever on God's real and actual economic plan for national prosperity.

The poor and blind and brokenhearted of the world are ready for the Luke 4:19 proclamation....is the church ready for the message and consequences of Jubilee?