

# Kingdom Report

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## Raising God's Ensign over South Africa: It is time for action

If we want our next government in 2024 to declare that Jesus is King over South Africa and actually govern like that is true, then we need to have an action plan starting in 2022. Here is my start....

Last week I referred you to the great "It is time" prayer convocation of the people in 2017 organized by evangelist Angus Buchan and other church leaders. This was in recognition that our nation is in trouble and we needed to do 2 Chron. 7:14.... "If my people...." Let quote you from verse 13 and then share with you what comes next:

***2Ch 7:13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; 2Ch 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.***

The Lord was telling Israel.....

- If you see dramatic climate change
- If you see corruption throughout the land eating up the national wealth like locusts
- If you see sickness and pestilence on a national scale

Then you must wake up because I am trying to talk to you. What I am saying to Israel is that your ways as a nation is wicked. or to put it another way...you are not governing yourself as a people in keeping with my laws which I gave you. And therefore there are national consequences.

I concede an objection you might make to my interpretation. Yes we need to have personal morality, we need individuals that must walk uprightly before the Lord and therefore there must be revival in our churches and repentance among our people. But concede me this point: You can have a majority of people in church on a Sunday morning like we do in South Africa or like Zimbabwe or Nigeria....and yet our people live in poverty, sick and hungry and desperate.

There is God's way to run your life and there is God's way to run a nation.

Jesus is God's template for how to live your life.

Israel is God's template for how you organize your national life as a country.

So when God tells Israel "turn from your wicked ways" that refers to both private lives and national life.

In 2017 we did as a national church did the first part : We humbled ourselves and prayed and asked the Lord to forgive our personal and national sins and heal our land.

Now we as a people of God need to do the second part which we have never taken seriously for all sorts of excuses and reasons... we need to start setting our national way of governance right according to God's guidelines in scripture.

In April of 2022 it will have been 5 years since we made that national prayer commitment as a church. We must then ask ourselves and take inventory....is our nation healed? Or are we progressively getting better as a nation?

The fact of the matter is that every year since then we have gotten poorer, sicker and more corrupt and violent. And I can tell from scripture that the Lord has certain measures for whether a nation is operating according to His prescribed ways. Here are a couple of the national economic outcomes He requires....

***Deu 15:4 "... there shall be no poor among you; for the LORD shall greatly bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it:***

***Deu 15:5 Only if thou carefully hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all these commandments which I command thee this day***

Here is another national economic outcome.....

***Deu 15:6 "For the LORD thy God blesseth thee, as he promised thee: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow"***

Southern Africa has the greatest natural endowment of minerals, energy, agriculture potential, fisheries, of any region in the world (along with only Russia). How do we stand before God as a nation and as a people and with what kind of excuse when as He said "the land which I give thee for an inheritance to possess" is so naturally abundant, how do we end up with the world records in unemployment, crime, poverty, homeless, sick etc?

The Lord's expectation from us as a nation is no poverty in the land and a debt free national treasury.

I suggest to you that the way to those economic goals along with the many other requirements that God has for national life which also include social and judicial justice, safety and security of person and property, care and management of His property, planet earth and all its creatures.....the answers to the way forward on all these issues is to be found in scripture.

I am going to present you with a first strategic step into the new future of how we can change our "wicked ways" and implement a divine plan for our nation. But first a strong "caveat" ...warning:

When you try to interpret Old Testament scripture and its laws as pertaining to personal and national life...don't get caught up like the Pharisees in legalism.

The first thing you do is take out all the ceremonial laws of purity and sacrifice and temple worship etc and see it fulfilled in the sacrificial offering of Christ the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Where you see "temple" see the Church of Jesus Christ. Where you see "kings and priests" see all believers who are anointed by the Holy Spirit with authority by God to be priests and kings unto God and the world.

Next: Recognize who these laws were written for. The sons of Jacob that we love to idolize....Judah....Levi...etc....these and their descendents were savage barbarians who had no compunction or moral compass about mass murder, theft, rape, assault, lying cheating etc. For the Lord to get this lot to obey the idea of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" instead of a leg or a body or mass murder for an eye was the first step to create a lawful people instead of the lawless bandits He started with.

For us who are in Christ "an eye for an eye" is no longer an acceptable standard of justice as Jesus proclaimed an even higher standard of personal conduct.

But what is very useful in Old Testament laws are the national outcomes and guidelines that the Lord provides to His people. And these are all applicable to us today and are very useful for us in guiding our national destiny to a prosperous future.

I have shown you just two economic outcomes that the Lord wants. How to get there? There are many more. Well some useful guidelines in scripture are provided:

- the right to private property
- the rule of law
- debt limitation
- stable monetary exchange
- skills development
- family asset accumulation

And many other useful guidelines which I will develop in time.

One of the greatest economic guidelines is on the political front of governance. The outcome that the Lord wants is this: Civil government is there for our good to punish evil doers (Rom. 13:4) so that

***1Ti 2:1 "..., supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;***

***1Ti 2:2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.***

We need good government so that we can lead quiet and peaceable lives so we each can fulfill all our God given potential.

And we need a good justice system so we can have this outcome that God expects...  
***"Then the Lord raised up judges who delivered them out of the hand of those who plundered them"*** (Judges 2:16)

And as we go deeper into the Biblical guidelines for government we find that God recommended:

- Godly leaders are to be selected by the people and with the consent of the people
- power must be devolved down to lower levels closer to the people with the centers of authority divided among the tribes (provinces) and then down to the cities.
- the nation must not have an overbearing king or centralized government that accumulates taxes and power at the expense of the people.

Now there is a lot more obviously that I can say in all these areas which I will develop as we go further into the implementation strategy.

But how do we get a start? About that let me say this. I am not advocating for any political party. In fact I believe we would be surprised how many really committed Christians there are in all of our political parties. I would wish more of them would publically confess their faith in Christ.

However there is something we need to get all political parties to agree with as a starting point for our national renewal to a nation ruled by King Jesus and His laws:

We need to restructure our Constitution to devolve power away from a powerful and overbearing nation center and devolve decision making to lower levels answerable to the people. That is a Biblical guideline of how the Lord structured the governance of Israel.

What does that mean practically?

Technically it means a federal structure for our nation. A vast relocation of finances and powers away from Pretoria and back to the provinces. I have my own ideas of what should be provincial matters and what should be central government powers.

But here are my powers for provinces:

- education, both primary and tertiary
- police and prisons
- transport : that includes roads, rail, ports and the revenue that comes from the fuel levy.
- regional courts
- economic development including housing and human settlements.
- water and sanitation
- social services

All the above national cabinet positions to be abolished and assets and responsibilities handed over to provinces. Other redundant cabinet positions like minister of sports etc cancelled.

Government has no business running airlines, power stations, trains, banks postal services etc Leave that to private enterprise with proper legislative oversight.

National common assets like the electricity networks and other national common assets can be handled through statutory bodies.

Other constitutional changes that follow Biblical guidelines:

- The direct election of president of the country and the premiers of provinces.

- We need a proper separation of executive, legislative and judicial functions of state as part of the division of powers that scripture advises us.

Strategic advantage of this starting change:

There is a very strong movement in the Western Cape for "Cape Exit". People want finish with central government control. I think this approach is the wrong way to go. We can get to the same end result with more local control and with a strong federal structure than a breakup of the country.

Further: There will be no agreement from the rest of the nation to a Cape exit. However there are strong political power bases in all the provinces and regardless of which party is in control they all want more power. All provinces are upset with the politicians and bureaucrats of central government.

If we have had the powers I outlined available to us here in the Western Cape our chances of electing Godly people and changing local provincial laws and governance to reflect Biblical values would be greatly enhanced and will be immediately visible in crime, education, economic advancement. We could also make a public stance from our provincial government "Jesus is King over the Western Cape". And from there, province to province we can change our nation.

There are many examples in the world of strong federal type governments e.g. Canada, Switzerland etc. So it is not unusual. How do we do it. Build a national consensus among all the political parties to publically commit to a new federal constitution after the election of 2024. The common people regardless of political affiliation will immediately recognize this as a sensible idea after all the national misrule coming out of Pretoria for decades. There are powerful business and political figures that will gladly support provincial power centers and direct elections for president and premiers.

If we manage this change then it is up to the churches in every province to mobilize to change things on the ground and in the provincial legislatures. That is far easier than trying to change things out of Pretoria. It will mean if we want to ban abortions in the Western Cape we can get it done along with the death penalty for murder. We can appoint our own police commissioners and crime budgets. We can develop our own social services using NGO's and churches to deliver a lot of those services. We can build our own power stations.

I am now busy rewriting my online book "Southern Africa's Prophetic Destiny" to reflect some of these strategies and will do more detailed economic strategies in the upcoming 'Jubilee Economy' all as preparatory groundwork for a national change in 2024. I want to use some of my blogs to share ideas for national change.

In the meantime, enjoy a restful and peaceful Christmas with friends and family and let's get ready for action in 2022!