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Part 1 From End Times to Endless Growth

I want to start a new series to explore the coming new strategic direction of the church of the 21st Century. From the American gospel of “End Times” theology to the reality of a changing world scene where the church is triumphant in the 21st century.

For years I have had a gut feeling about 2024 being a pivotal year. I am not much into year dating phenomena mainly because I hold to the Septuagint dating of scripture rather than our current Masoretic text dating in our Bibles. They differ by about 1500 years from Adam. So forget about the “Hebrew Year of”. However I can do an accurate year count from the date that the Israelites left the wilderness and entered the Promised land after 40 years in the wilderness.....2024 is the 70th Jubilee year from that momentous moment.

To extrapolate for myself the significance: The miracles of the wilderness for 40 years for Israel were miracle provisions of water, manna, clothes, signs and wonder, thunders and lightnings, charismatic leaders who speak to God directly, miracle healings, divine guidance from pillars of fire and clouds by day.

And then came the inevitable weariness. The rebellion. Enough, frankly we fresh meat not fresh manna, we want a place where we can plant our own food, dig our own wells, a home for the family, property, security, investments that provide milk and honey and wine and grapes and fields of grain and grass for our animals. Enough of the promises, enough of the miracle meetings, enough of place to place enough of one man leadership.

The phase change from miraculous wilderness wandering to settled dominion of the land and growth and prosperity for the people of Israel represents to me the best comparison of the coming phase for the church. It is time to possess the land, create growth and prosperity for God people and start working towards the endless growth of the Kingdom of God.

The End of the American Church Paradigm

The founding of the state of Israel in 1948 created a veritable earthquake in the evangelical church around the world. That combines with an unusual “signs and wonders” outpouring of the Spirit of God that saw the rise of a new breed of mass evangelism, healing crusades, and world missions from all evangelical denominations all springing from “it the end times” The coming of Jesus is now a matter of “this generation” shall see the fulfillment of the great prophecies of Luke 21 and Matthew 24.

This great move of God like wilderness wanderings of Israel from place to place led the church in all manner of new and exciting teachings as missions started new churches in new nations, new teaching ministries brought new insights and revelations in areas like priesthood of the believer, active faith, praise and worship, intercession and prayer warfare, healings and gifts of the Spirit. And new emphases on the five-fold ministry gifts beyond pastor and evangelist.

The reality of the state of Israel brought a profound sense of relief and fulfillment to the whole great move of God. Finally the end was in sight. The church now had a limited horizon...preach the gospel in all the world and then the end can come. Jesus returns takes the church to heaven and the responsibility for the Kingdom of God on earth can now be passed on to Israel and the return of Jesus as the true King of the Jews the head of a restored Davidic reign and Kingdom for 1000 years.

The last 30 years however has brought a real sense of unease. Jesus should have come by now. The job of preaching to all the world is done. Israel is here and ready. But central to the end time scenario is bad news. The world must get increasingly bad to make way for the Antichrist world government and for the Christians to be rescued via Rapture.

But the world did not get worse. Communism fell. China has a vibrant home church movement numbering in the hundreds of millions. Russia has declared itself a Christian Orthodox nation and culture. Billions of people have moved out of abject poverty. Technology has made the gospel and the Bible universally accessible so that the knowledge of the Lord via technology literally covers the earth as the waters cover the seas. Death by violence as per war or natural disasters per 100,000 people is the lowest in the history of mankind. Health and longer life the best in human history.

And as the expected apocalypse from bad times and international disasters recede there is still one great sign to prove it is the end times....Israel!

But while waiting for the end times to unfold problems have appeared. Masses by the millions have come into the Kingdom of God. The evangelical charismatic church is the only church movement in the world making major growth. I have seen stats and projections from professional sociologists showing that by 2050 this will be the world's largest transnational affiliation group of humans on planet earth. Every other human association structure is in decline; political parties, unions, social movements, secular groups, hidden societies (Masons etc), even most national populations....all are in terminal decline.

However this crisis of mass movement church growth has caused major problems. They are made up of individuals and families who have needs and aspirations. They are looking to their spiritual leaders as Israel looked to Moses...what is the Lord saying and where are you leading us?

As the end times and rapture scenarios keep receding people have needs beyond miracles and want answers. There are bills that must be paid, it is more and more difficult to raise children, retirement now looks certain and death therefore more likely than rapture....and very few are prepared for either.

The response to these needs by the wandering church in the world wilderness is that the leaders more and more try to rely on spectacle and signs and wonders and endless amounts of sermons and books and videos to keep the attention and loyalty of the flock. Finance problems? Easy solution, seed faith and miracle money. Need a miracle...here is how you hear the voice of God.

Let me give you a bit of my own background in this. I have been many years ago for years in this constant walking in circles of prophets and prophetic messages and signs and seeking miracles. I opted out long ago when I saw what the Lord was doing for the very long term.

The recent prophetic disasters from the prophetic movement in America was an experience I had to go through early in my walk with the Lord. The multiple moral failures of charismatic men of God recently now with IHOPKC and Mike Bickle is but one in a long line in our collective history as a movement of God. We are human and sinners and all fallible.

My heart especially went out to the many testimonies of hundreds who went through the "24 hours of prayer" movement to be part of the "Bridegroom Company" of those who will enter a special realm of visions, miracles, angelic encounters only to find out months and years later.....nothing happened. I know that too from personal experience.

Like the Israelites in the wilderness the masses of Charismatics in the megachurches are getting tired of promises of prosperity, of people falling as signs of the power of the Holy Spirit, they are tired of "new manna" of more and more preaching and new teaching....they want to enter the promised land now! Not one day in the never appearing Millennium. They want to own real productive assets, they want to own their own companies not work for secular narcissists, send their children into Godly school environments and live lives among other Godly people in functioning communities.

And they are tired of the response from preachers no you cannot have that because that is the cult of Dominionism. You can only have that after Jesus re-establishes the Jewish Kingdom and He rules the earth from Jerusalem!

Now in the midst of all this I want you to imagine the unimaginable and the unthinkable.....no Jerusalem and no Israel?

The whole Israel Zion project collapses. Either through a catastrophic war with Iran and the other Arab Jihad forces or through the way Apartheid South Africa collapsed: International pariah, economic and cultural boycotts, economic strangulation, collapsing border security, terrorist hit and run tactics, sabotage....and the silent emigration of skills and capital erode the economy and tax base to where the state can no longer function and the emigration turns to a flood of exits to friendlier nations like America, UK, Europe, Australia, Russia (there are a million Russian Jews in Israel) of hundreds and thousands and eventually millions.

From all I can see of international military and intelligence reports America seems absolutely determined to attack and bomb Iran as the last Muslim power threatening

Israel. Iran and Hezbollah in Lebanon have prepared for this for decades. Iranian hypersonic missiles have been tested in battle in Ukraine and upgraded to pinpoint accuracy. These along with thousands of drones will first deplete Israel's Iron Dome defenses with cheap drones to be followed by very lethal non-defensible hypersonic missiles with 2000 lbs war heads that will flatten Haifa, Eilat and Tel Aviv.

Where does this scenario leave the whole "end times Israel" prophetic scenario?

That is what I have been planning for decades. The decades of the church in the 21st century with no "end times" in sight. But planning for the endless growth of the Kingdom of God through the growth of families in new sustainable communities.

That is what I am planning for in this series of blogs: the decades after the end of the end times. What does a new beginning look like. What does the church of Jesus Christ look like when we plan to possess the earth for His inheritance?

Part of this scenario planning is not just what does the middle east and the church look like if Israel is eliminated. Israel's departure off of the Middle East map is only the start of international sorrows.

If you have been paying attention to international trends in finance, commerce, political and military alignments then you need to understand this very obvious fact....

Any and all nations and institutions that expect to want to reach the year 2050 intact to survive the last half of the 21st century are all already planning their own "end times" scenarios.

They all have access to very sophisticated Artificial Intelligence armed and fed volumes of data of population births and deaths, resource depletion statistics, energy usage and availability, critical supply chains, financial flows, debts and assets, etc.

Do you notice all the population enforcement laws around the world?

Do you see all the attempts at information control as per "disinformation" news control, pandemic control, population control.

Why? Because they see general societal collapse coming. That is why nations are spending and making debts as if there is no tomorrow. Because 25 years down the line there is no tomorrow that anyone now living will recognize.

The Critical Task Ahead for the Church

I see the most critical task ahead is the coming transition to the end of the "end times" deception in the church and the realization that the Lord truly was serious when Isaiah 9:6 promised that of the growth of His Kingdom there is no end. And combine that with all the other many scriptures that show and intimate the real spiritual seed of Abraham (the Church) is of such great numbers like the sand of the sea and the stars of heaven. That God has given His people dominion over all the works of His hand and that includes this earth, this solar system, this galaxy and this universe.

And when we realize we are the only cohesive part of humanity that will survive the coming earth transitions to endless growth, then we as a church have a new mandate to consider:

How do we preserve the earth's biosphere and habitat for our future generations from the deprivations and rape of the current economic models of production and waste. How do we create a new economic model in which money is not created as debt and growth is measured by families and children and not by GDP. And how do we use the assets and discoveries of the ungodly so that their wealth of knowledge and technology is used for the growth of the Kingdom of God?

Now let me close this week's blog before we move onto strategic analysis in the weeks to come with this challenge:

Surely Southern Africa and the Christians of Southern Africa are the best place to create the example of the church of the 21st Century, the new economic system of the 21st Century, the people who show how to protect the animals and the plants and the biosphere for future generations while designing the new cities of the future with the new technologies of the future that will be family friendly and saturated with the presence and joy of the Lord.

And that is why I believe both Isaiah 18 and Zephania 3:10 prophecy about the people beyond the river of Ethiopia (meaning Southern Africa) who will raise and ensign, the battle flag of the Lord over our sub-continent to declare to the people of the world,

This is the New Jerusalem, the New Israel of God, this where the nations are being healed and the Lord is enthroned.