

# Kingdom Report

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## Corporate World Control and the Kingdom of God

In the Old Testament there are repeated references to the “stranger” in the land. It was someone who was not an Israelite but a foreigner. Let me in this blog make an analogy between “the stranger” in the land of Israel and the modern day corporations in the world. And give you reasons to see a wonderful future ahead.

In 1886, the US Supreme Court declared that corporations were henceforth to be considered "persons" under the law, with all of the constitutional rights that designation implies. That in fact is what most of the world has adopted as law. The company or corporation is considered to be a legal “person”. So lets accept they are a “person” but a “stranger” in the land. Of which the Lord says...

**Exo 12:49 One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.**

**Lev 24:22 Ye shall have one manner of law, as well for the stranger as for one of your own country: for I *am* the LORD your God.**

If corporations are "persons", they are persons with qualities and powers that no flesh-and-blood human could ever possess--immortality, the ability to be in many places at once, and (increasingly) the ability to avoid liability. They are also "persons" with no sense of moral responsibility, since their only legal mandate is to produce profits for their investors.

But the Lord has something to say about laws that are unjust. And in the world today the company as a “person” has far greater laws in their favour than ordinary people and families.

**Ezekiel 45:9 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Let it suffice you, O princes of Israel: remove violence and spoil, and execute judgment and justice, take away your exactions from my people, saith the Lord God. Ye shall have just balances....**

In my upcoming book on the Jubilee Economy I am dealing with how can we build an economy that measures its growth by the growth of families? How do we build an economy where the capital assets of a nation are owned by families who by this have income from both labour as well as capital and are able to pass on their capital to the third generation? (Prov 13:22 “**A righteous man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children.**)

Intrinsic to that goal is we must have “just balances” between corporate rights and human rights, we must stop the “spoil” and “exactions from my people says the Lord”. These exactions result in the top 10% of people who are corporate owners owning 80% of national wealth. A world wide phenomenon wherever finance corporate capitalism is practiced. By way of example....

My wife and I own a company that produces a food product.  
My wife and I also have produced a family of children and grandchildren.  
Every cost that I incur in my company to produce my product I can deduct from my taxable income. My top corporate tax rate is far lower than my personal tax rate.  
Every expense that my wife and I or our children incur to “produce” children and raise them are not tax deductible but must be paid with after tax income.

We do not have a “just balance” between corporate interests and family interests. The state favours growing strong corporations far above growing strong stable families. Next week I will address how we need to start turning the tide in our financial system to correct this. But for now here is my optimistic long term view of the future corporate financial system.....

Throughout the late 19th and early 20th centuries, corporations reshaped every aspect of life in America and much of the rest of the world. The factory system turned self-sufficient small farmers into wage-earners and transformed the family from an interdependent economic production unit to a consumption-oriented collection of individuals with separate jobs. Advertising turned productive citizens into "consumers". Business leaders campaigned to create public schools to train children in factory-system obedience to schedules and in the performance of isolated, meaningless tasks. Meanwhile, corporations came to own and dominate sources of information and entertainment, and to control politicians and judges.

All of this has led to a globalised economy in which people are being pitted against each other to see who will offer global corporations the lowest labor, social, and environmental costs. Their jobs are being moved to places with inferior wages, lower business taxes, and more freedom to pollute. Their employers are using the threat of 'foreign competition' to hold down wages, salaries, taxes, and environmental protections and to replace high-quality jobs with temporary, part-time, insecure, and low-quality jobs. Their government officials are justifying cuts in education, health, and other services as necessary to reduce business taxes in order to keep or attract jobs."

Corporations, no longer bound by national laws, prowl the world looking for the best deals on labour and raw materials. Of the world's top 120 economies, nearly half are corporations, not countries. Thus the power of citizens in any nation to control corporations through whatever democratic processes are available to them is receding quickly.

In October 2011 Forbes magazine published an article entitled "**The 147 Companies That Control Everything**". They are mostly large financial groups with trillions of

assets and trillions in cash flow seeking more corporates to buy out. But there is something interesting happening in the world of money, bankers and the corporate elite that reminds me of Rome and the New Testament church....and that is good news for the growing Kingdom of God.

The Forbes article was a report on a major study reported in New Scientist magazine where researchers analyzed 37 million companies and found them to be mostly owned by 43,060 transnational corporations and these in turn mostly owned by 1318 mega-corporate groups who in turn are mostly owned by 147 very large financial groups. I know the international bankers are everyone's favourite bad guys but let me give you a bigger picture from the Kingdom point of view which is actually good news....eventually! But to do that I need to take you back to the days of Jesus on earth and Roman power in the 1st Century.

In the Gospels you will read that Jesus was accused of associating with "publicans and sinners" (Luke 7:34). Sinners we know about but who were "publicans"? It comes from the Roman "Publicani" - these were groups of men who formed an association that would bid to the Roman senate for the right to tax a certain region of the empire, whether a Roman province or city or region. They promised the Senate a guaranteed income and then proceeded to extort that income (plus more) from that region. The highest bidders would win a region. The Publicani association for a region usually had a big shot Roman senator as a secret member to pave the way. In South Africa we would call them "tenderpreneurs" with government connections. In America they call them the Mafia...a basic extortion racket to squeeze revenue out of people with the backing of the local Roman legion to provide the muscle.

What does this have to do with the Kingdom of God and the bankers today?

Well to answer that I need to take you back a bit further in time to Babylon. Israel was taken captive into Babylon and while there the Lord gave a vision to Daniel to say that there would be four world empires coming and during the fourth the Kingdom of God would appear on earth and grow to fill the earth with the glory of God. This is the important idea to grasp here: God prepared the world scene for the coming of His Kingdom! Each of the four empires had a role to play. The Bible *says "But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his son into the world..."* (Gal.4;4)

**Babylon:** Captured the people of God and turned them into slaves forcing them to bow to the gods of Babylon. But the Lord struck down Nebuchadnezzar and exalted His people for all to see.

**Medes-Persians:** After Babylon the next empire was the Persians and having learned from the mistakes of Babylon they released the Lord's people and proclaimed freedom of movement, property and freedom to worship as you please to all the world.

**The Grecian Empire:** Alexander the Great conquered Persia and introduced the common Greek language to the world. His people set up learning academies, libraries, built cities, set up international trade routes and internationalized Greek culture through

learning, arts, sciences and law. After Alexander however it broke apart into warring factions.

**The Roman Empire:** Established a New World Order with their conquering legions demanding peace and obedience. Rome needed world order so that they could extract money and resources from the world. That meant clearing the sea lanes and highways of bandits and thieves making travel and commerce safe for all. And profitable for Rome and the Publicani to extract taxes.

So by the time the Lord was ready to send the Church into all the world to preach the gospel the way had been prepared by four preceding world empires that laid the foundation for preaching the gospel to 50 million people gathered in the Roman Empire with guarantees of freedom of religion, a common international written and spoken language, safe travel on good roads and sea lanes.

There is a fascinating parallel to this ancient history of about 500 years from deliverance from Babylon to the coming of the Kingdom of God with the resurrection of Jesus Christ in 33 AD and our last 500 years of history. It is almost an exact replica of the 500 year period from the start of the Reformation to today and the great world-wide move of God all over the world.

Like the capture of Israel the church was captured by the antichrist Catholic system that led the world into the aptly named Dark Ages. All had to bow down to the false idols in order to live and work. And like Cyrus the Mede was prophesied by Isaiah to come and deliver Israel (Is.45) from Babylon so Martin Luther and the Reformers were raised up by the Lord to break the hold of the Feudal System on the world of rule by clergy and kings. And like the Persian Empire after Babylon allowed freedom of religion and freedom from Israel to go back to their land, so the Reformation brought about freedom of religion, property rights and rule of law.

What followed the Reformation was the world wide British empire and like the parallel Greek empire that followed Persia, Britain gave us the world language of English, the internationalization of English culture, education and scientific advances with opening of world trade. Which allowed the spreading of the Bible all over the world and the first great missionary outreaches wherever the British territories were established.

And after Greece came Rome which parallels the rise of America after the decline of the British empire. Which brings us to the point I want to make relative to the rise of international capital, corporate and banker power and the New World Order.

The power of Rome allowed the flourishing of the "Publicani" syndicates to extort revenue and resources for Rome backed by the power of the legions to enforce peace so tax collectors can go about their business. Today the new "Roman Empire" enforces world peace to allow international capital to go about its business of accumulating assets and income.

But the problems of Rome are the same as the great financial conglomerates of today. Rome had to continuously expand its empire because of the constant need of new territories to tax and bleed dry. Today the great financial and industrial conglomerates of the world are in constant need of new markets to expand into if they are to meet their growth targets. Look at it this way: The world economy grows by about 2-3% per year but the financial empires need at least 10-15% growth per year. So they use their power to create money out thin air which is lent to their favoured corporate affiliates to buy up assets all over the world to keep growing. They use government power to break down international barriers to the flow of capital. They break up nations to open up new markets for their capital to buy up prime assets.

This is what happened to Russia, China, Nazi Germany, Japan, apartheid South Africa, Iraq, Vietnam, Korea and on and on. Any nation that tries to put up barriers to international capital will find itself soon in a civil war or terror attacks or many other types of destabilization. Mammon is a terrible task master. It demands constant feeding and growth. And if you do not perform you are ousted, broken up, sold off. Money created by debt demands infinite growth in a finite world.

Am I worried about this? Do I go on a rampage against the "bankers" or the "illuminati" or the Masons? Not at all! Why? Because the Lord is in control. It is His world. He raises up and He puts down. And as the Lord raised up Rome to create a New World Order that allowed the gospel to be freely preached so in our day international capital has created a New World Order that allows the gospel to penetrate every corner of the world. They break down international barriers to capital but that allows the gospel to penetrate all over the world.

But here are more of my reasons for great joy and optimism for the future:

- The present NWO is about to learn the lesson that Rome learned too late...the Kingdom of God grows faster than what they can possibly persecute and try to suppress it.
- We have the greatest product offer on earth...the Lord, heaven and eternal life. As men age and approach mortality, what do they want? Another KFC bucket? A Rolex? A new Merc? Or forgiveness and eternal life? Our message will triumph!
- Nobody owns anything on earth. Gates does not own Microsoft, Nor does Jeff Bezos own Amazon; everyone on earth is merely a tenant for a short period of time tasked with improving God's earth and increasing the Lord's assets. The Lord owns the earth. We are here for just a short period of time and we take nothing with us. When we pass away the Lord gives His assets to new tenants to do His will.
- All the international assets now being built up by greed, envy and strife will eventually be handed over by the Lord to His people....the meek shall inherit the earth! Jesus promised it and I believe it! The great empty cities that China is building, the great skyscrapers of Dubai, the international fibre optic networks, the international satellites, the great infrastructure of cities and nations....all will eventually end up in the hands of God's people as certain as the Roman Empire ended up acknowledging that Jesus is Lord.

So rejoice people of God, do not let your hearts be troubled by evil doers nor envy them, but pray for them. We are in the greatest age of the Kingdom of God. The devil is not going to end up owning the world neither those who serve him.