

Kingdom Report

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Part 1: New Platforms for the Endless Growth of His Kingdom

The "end times" you hear so much about is in actual fact the end of crumbling platforms that can no longer accommodate God's plan for the endless growth of His Kingdom. Here are some ideas on what is coming next....

You will see in my "Prophecy" section of my website my description of how all the New Testament writers believed that they were living in "the last days", the "end times" etc. And they were!

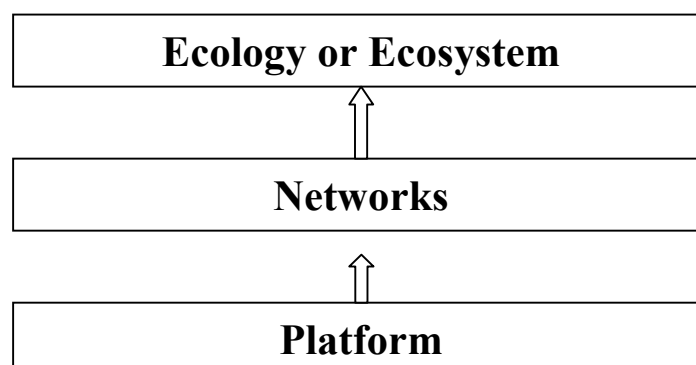
What was happening was the end of the old covenant with national Israel and the launching of the New Covenant that God was making with the new Israel. Out with the old Jerusalem (in 70 AD destruction) and in with the New Jerusalem; out with the old temple made with stone and timber and in with the new temple...the Body of Christ.

The issue is this: The platform of God's operation on earth could not handle the coming outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all flesh...not just Jewish flesh. The old could not handle the new level of maturity and authority that the Lord wanted for His people. The old could not advance the Kingdom agenda further than what they had done. It was too limited.

Here is my proposition to you.....the current platforms of human action, the current platforms for God to use to advance his Kingdom agenda have reached their useful end. They cannot handle the next level of power and authority that the Lord wants to bring on the earth.

What platforms am I talking about? I am talking about how nations are organized, how economic systems are organized, how the current church model is organized and I can mention many other platforms in many other spheres that are created to bring people together for purposeful action.

I am going to introduce to you and elaborate a bit further in this series on the concept of:



But first I want you to look at the following graphs to get a new look at the end times of this era...

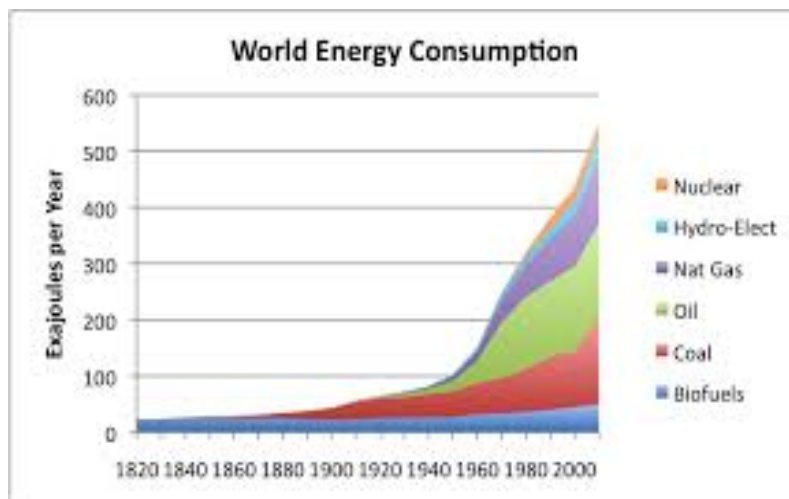
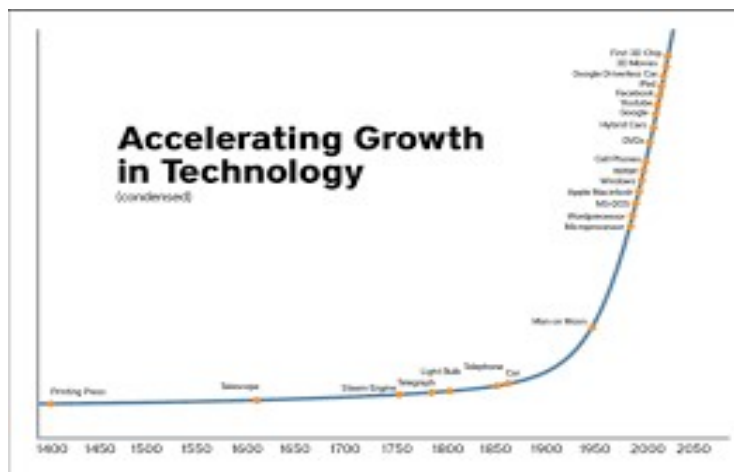
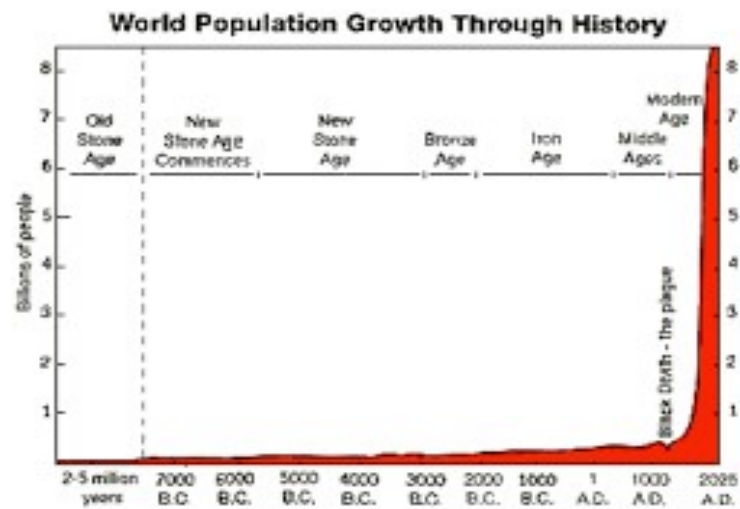
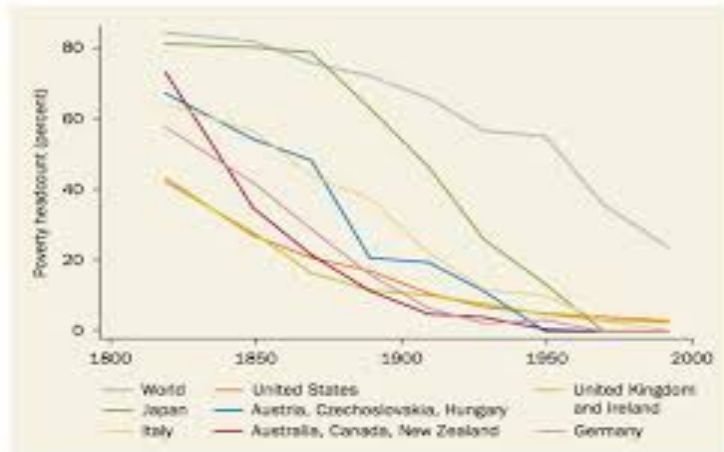


Figure 1.8 Poverty reduction in countries that have already achieved zero extreme poverty, 1820-2000



Look at these charts carefully.

They tell you that for thousands of years world population, world technology, world energy and world poverty were almost all just a straight line of misery. People lived lives that were short, brutal and nasty. And then after about 1600 AD something happened....the trend lines started moving up...higher population, more technology, more energy, more food, more goods and production. Longer lives, healthier people, greater population, less poverty.

And then over the last 150 years the graphs start going parabolic...exponential increases in population, technology, energy and wealth creation world wide.

All serious research think tanks are divided into two camps when looking at predicting the graphs over the next say 30-50 years....

Camp 1- It is the end of the world and we need to seriously stop growth and hopefully on a global basis manage the decline of the world or we are facing the end of civilization as we know it.

Camp 2 - This is the greatest time to be alive and there is a technological solution for all of mankind's problems. There is no reason we cannot achieve endless exponential growth. New healthy bodies that can live for hundreds of years, new AI, new energy sources, new tech for endless prosperity, new worlds to settle.

And then there are we evangelicals that are divided into two camps as well...

The end times are here, the world is finished, Apocalypse now. But thank God we are not going to be around to see it. Or yes we are going to be around to see it but Jesus will come in time to save us and He and the new Jewish kingdom will launch a new millennium Kingdom when all these problems are going to be sorted.

My position is this.....

I am going to introduce you in this series to the idea that the current world platforms for population, energy, technology, wealth creation....cannot any more contain the explosive growth in all these sectors. As we Christians like to say...the old wineskins cannot hold the new wine. But there is rising up a new level of power and vision in

the church to create new platforms for taking these trends to a whole new level. I am going to introduce to you ideas for these platforms for endless growth! There is a solution and it is an increasingly empowered church on new platforms.

But first I need to introduce to you a very important analysis tool of what the Lord has been doing behind the scenes for the last 500 years since the start of the Reformation in 1517.

As I have written before when the two great visionaries of the Reformation rose up first Martin Luther and then John Calvin, they broke two pillars holding up the edifice of feudalismthe partnership and dominance of kings and popes. Luther broke the ecclesiastical power of the religious bondage by declaring; authority rests on scripture alone, all believers are priests before the Lord and salvation is by faith alone. Calvin broke royal power and the idea of the "divine right of kings", the idea that kings have divine right by birth and therefore are the elect of God to rule...by declaring that all who are saved are the anointed elect of God and that kings must also be subject to the law of God.

Now this is important for you to see....

These two revolutions released two streams of God's redemptive power into the earth.

God has given the church two commissions. The first commission is the Genesis 1:26-28 mandate to subdue the earth, make it productive and multiply in the earth.

The second great commission was given by Jesus in Matthew 28...."Go into all the earth and preach the gospel making disciples of all nations."

The first commission required mankind to understand the 'Logos of God'....that is the creative word that God spoke to create the world in the beginning. You cannot subdue the earth if you don't understand how God created the earth. For that you need to study His creation. Studying the creation is studying the Word of God....the Logos Word. From that we can understand the powers God has given us, wind, fire, coal, electricity, nuclear....and we can study how matter. plants and animals are put together and then devise technology to harness energy to subdue the earth meaningfully and purposefully.

The second commission requires us to study the revealed Word of God....divine scripture and to understand it and to obey its laws we need regeneration and to be filled with His Spirit and then we can do the work of preaching the gospel.

So two powerful streams of deliverance were released on the earth to fulfill God's two great commissions....

- Subdue the earth and make it productive for greater increases in population, wealth, growth, health through the study of His Logos Word of creation. This released new knowledge, new technology, new powers, new wealth.

- Preach the gospel and make disciples of all men through the study of His revelation Word, the Bible, new understanding of God's love, His commandments, His ways,

His purposes were revealed and with it new anointings of power and new expressions of church in the form of missions, church planting, development of the offices of the church of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers.

God raised up a whole host of people to develop the sciences, technology, literature, companies, new nations, new products, new discoveries....all to fulfill His Genesis 1 mandate. Most of those did not even know they were being used of God or in many cases received supernatural insight to develop new technologies, new science and ,medical breakthroughs, new products, new processes....without knowing it!

To the church He gave the great commission of Matthew 28....build my church!

Now here is where I want to tell you something about platforms, networks and ecologies.

In both these streams you can see a similar thing happening in the behavior of people who must do the work in their stream: God has called all mankind regardless of where, all people must work. It is how we keep alive in this world. But there is a common orderly way we set about organizing work and how we get work done.

1) Create a Platform

This means that to bring people together to perform work they need a common purpose and a set of rules that guide their work. People come together to form a constitution and all swear "We the people...." Now we are citizens of the same national enterprise and all must follow the same rules. Or an entrepreneur decides to form a company with a purpose to produce a product or a service.

2) Establish a Network

You bring inputs onto your platform in the form of people or materials or information or supplies or energy....on a platform that has a purpose you bring people together to now interact and work and create.

3) Becomes an Ecology

When your network on your platform is functioning it creates a sustainable ecology that produces growth and productivity. Materials come into a factory, interact in your network of machines and workers, your ecology, and out comes products. That is how a wetland ecology works, that is how the ocean ecology works, that is how any sustainable and growing work functions. Each part of your participating network contributes towards a functioning ecology....and if one crucial input is no longer there...the ecology breaks down. Or the platform does not grow to meet the needs of the growing ecology.

Out of the Reformation an abundance of new platforms started coming out of the new freedoms and the new understandings of the Logos and the Scripture. Nature and the Bible.

New economic platforms were created: the first private banks to collect surplus wealth and make new productive investments. The first new companies were formed, the English with the London Company and the Dutch with the VOC (Dutch East India

Company), the first insurance companies, new universities, new products and shops (coffee and coffee shops), new technologies like the steam engine.

All these required new networks of people. Instead of peasant class of people working as serfs you had new academics, new factory workers, new engineers. New ecologies as new nation states were formed, complex commercial and legal ecologies.

The same of course happened in the stream of the church. Enormous changes in how we preach and what we preach, how we express the local and international outreach of the church. New platforms, new churches planted, new networks in the form of new denominations.

But here is the point of today's blog.....

All the platforms for action and growth of these last 500 since the Reformation are now becoming inadequate for the coming revolution in both technology in the one stream and the new level power from the Holy Spirit in the other stream.

The current platform of government by representative democracy is breaking down...

The current platforms in the economic ecology of banking, finance, investment, corporations, credit creation, monetary policy.....is reaching a crisis point.

The educational platforms of current ecologies of university credentials, training, skills training, knowledge transfer, curriculum.....is obsolete.

The current platforms of city design and practice is obsolete.

The current means of power production is obsolete.

The current means of environmental protection is not working.

The current platform of food production and sustainable agriculture or fisheries is not working.

The current system of law and punishment is not working.

And finally the current system of church expression is entirely inadequate for the work ahead. The platforms are not big enough, the networks are hierarchical instead of horizontal, the ecology is not producing the fruits or discipling level needed for the next great phase of exponential expansion.

But the Lord has a great plan....there is coming a convergence of the two streams I have outline. I call it The Great Convergence. A new church platform, a new form of networking a new ecology of work and action that will combine the saving of souls and the subduing of the earth in one great new expression of the Church...the world will not be able to duplicate it....which is why the meek will inherit the earth and the wealth of the world will flow into the Church.

Next week....The Great Convergence!