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Pres. Ramaphosa's SONA, Trumps Revolution and Biblical Government

Introduction

I need to respond to president Ramaphosa's SONA with a true state of the nation. A biblical guideline for government of a nation and some practical examples from Trump's government revolution.

Thursday night Pres, Ramaphosa gave his annual State of the Nation address. I listened carefully. But it was the same rosy upbeat wonderful prognosis of all the great things his government is going to do in the coming year to solve the nation's problems and provide a good life for all.

I have heard this same speech for many years now from him. I need to make a response:

- 1) First some facts about the true state of the nation. I will keep it short and simple about the dire state of the people and leave all the other issues for later.
- 2) I will give you some simple guideline from scripture about how a king or leader of a nation will act and should act.
- 3) I want to draw some examples what Trump is doing in the first 2 weeks of his government for our consideration.

And then an admonishment of need for action for what lies ahead. And it is not good news.

The True state of the Nation

From 2009 to 2023 GDP grew by 1,2% a year. By comparison 155 emerging markets cruised to 4,4% annual GDP growth. Emerging and developing Asia (30 nations) grew GDP annually by 6.3% during this period. From fourth quarter 2008 to third quarter of 2024 the economy only created 2,2 million jobs but the number of unemployed grew by 6,3 million to 12,2 million. South Africa has unemployment of all races of 41,9%.

The president in his State of the Nation very proudly saluted the highest pass rate ever for the matric class of 2024. But those young people will join the 70,7% youth unemployment. And for those who do get to finish college or university there are now more than a million people unemployed with tertiary education.

There is projected by bank economists a growth rate of maybe 0,8% slightly higher than the 0,5% of 2024. Meaning that the average South African is now worse off in 2025 than in 2007.

There was nothing new in all the president's promises of planned government programs and action this coming year that is much different to any other year's promises that makes one feel they too will go unfulfilled.

As scripture says in Prov. 13 12 “*Hope deferred makes the heart sick*”. There is a nation of “heartsick” disappointed people in our nation. To these broken hearted people of the nation we need as a church to heed the call of Jesus at the start of His ministry “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me for good news to the poor....to heal the brokenhearted...” (Luke 4:18).

Scripture Guidance for Good Government

In Deuteronomy the Lord gave instruction to Israel about what the ruler of the nation must do and not do to have good government.

Deu 17:15 Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother.

Deu 17:16 But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the LORD hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way.

Deu 17:17 Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

Deu 17:18 And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites:

Deu 17:19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:

So here is some good advice from the Lord about the leader of a nation...

- 1) Put someone in charge who is our brother in the Lord. And if he is afraid to confess Christ publicly as Lord and Savior and scripture as his authority guide, reject him.
- 2) Verse 16 here it talks about chariots and horses those were expensive high tech war equipment in those days. The Lord says don't let him waste the nation's money on big armies and weapons systems. Instead a voluntary citizen armed Commando can protect the nation.
- 3) Verse 17 don't multiply wives. In those days your king married many foreign princesses to make alliances with other nations. It was also a vanity project for kings to build palaces for wives and many children to place in top government positions. We call it “nepotism”. A godly king only needs one alliance...with the Kingdom of Heaven.
- 4) Verse 17 “don't let a king accumulate a lot of gold or meaning vast income from high taxes to be wasted on all his vanity projects.
- 5) Verse 18-19 Make sure your leader is someone who studies the Bible, knows the laws of the Lord and follows the commandments of the Lord.

Our government should be simple at the top, no ostentation, low taxes, no foreign entanglements, no foreign wars and very important....be led by people who are openly disciples of Jesus and proud to proclaim we are a Christian civilization and what binds us together as a majority is not the spirit of Ubuntu but the Spirit of the Lord. We don't need BEE laws to advantage some because we will always prefer our family of God from all races.

The problem with our majority Christian population is what was wrong with Israel when they had a free enterprise republic of the rule of God's law with Samuel as judge...they wanted a strong king. Why?

1Sa 8:19 Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us;

1Sa 8:20 That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.

Samuel warned them. The king they want will abuse them, tax them, take their sons and daughters for his soldiers and servants and will lead them into useless war and corrupt looting. (1 Samuel 8:10-18).

I listened to Ramaphosa last night. He and his government will fight the peoples battles for them. Free housing, water, electricity, free medical care, free education, free monthly income.

That is what Israel wanted...a king who will fight our battles for us. That is what our 'king' the government promises each year and each election cycle to the people. Free, free, free, we will take care of you, we will provide for you.

And every year we get poorer and poorer.

And now for some thoughts on the first 2 weeks of the new Trump administration in America and see if there are any lessons to be learned. What di I mean by lessons, for what and for when?

My admonition this week is this....

We have 4 years to prepare for the 2029 election. In the meantime for the next 4 years will be the same as the last 4 years. Meaning every year we get poorer. No grand promises and projects will eventuate to lift the people and nation from poverty. The Government of National Unity will not last till 2029. The ANC elects a new leader in 2027. They will still be under 50% but the three factions of the ANC, the EFF and MK plus Cosatu and the SA Communist party will fight 2029 in a coalition of some sorts. And if they win power for 2029 to 2033 South Africa and Southern Africa for that matter will be turned into a waste land. The only international interest from the world business community of so called "investors" is to strip mine Southern Africa of its remaining minerals, the profits will go offshore to corporate accounts with the usual looting dividend for compliant politicians.

Don't be fooled. Nations don't have friends. Everyone is out for themselves. BRICS don't care about us or China or the EU or the AU or America or the IMF etc. We need to care for our nation and the people of our nation that the Lord has entrusted to us.

So what can we learn from the Trump revolution in America. And please note I am not suggesting the Trump administration is God's Kingdom ideal or that America is the Promised Land. Trump's first presidency from 2016-2020 was a failure. He was unprepared for government But he learned. And he spent 4 year preparing his comeback. And preparing a large support team.

He set up a nation wide network of ground based workers for the election in each state not only to win the presidency but the Congress and the Senate and state legislatures. He got teams of policy wonks in various Think Tank to put together policy positions on domestic and foreign affairs issues. The president gets to appoint 3,000 of the top civil servants to run his administration. In his first term he hardly knew anybody so a lot of strangers and insiders got into his administration and nothing got done. Now he has all 3000 of his own people ready and moving into power.

Presidential decrees.

In his first 2 weeks he has issued over 300 Executive Orders. On Thursday morning he attended a "Prayer Breakfast" in Washington. He announced that he had ordered his new Attorney General to appoint an official task team to clean the government out of anti-Christian bias and attacks on the Church and Christians.

He told his Defence Force no more Trans-sex in the military. He ordered his troops to the Southern Border to protect and stop the immigrant invasion. He also declared that the Drug Cartels are now designated terrorists" and such the army special forces are now to track, engage and destroy them.

He started a process to shrink the Federal Bureaucracy of people by ordering everyone to return to work at office and not from home and those not complying are fired. He offered buyouts to all government workers. He expects 5-10% of the federal workforce to accept.

He has set up Elon Musk with a team to form DOGE Department of Government Efficiency to find corruption waste and fraud and root it out. For 2 weeks now they are on track to reduce government expenses by \$4 billion every day.

Most spectacularly they found so much fraud and useless expenditure the famous USAID Agency that they decided to shut most of it down and place it under the Department of Foreign Affairs for oversight and end its "independent government agency" status. Here is a news report on the drastic action. Quote...

"The White House is also planning to cut USAID's staff from roughly 10,000 employees to just 294 - a 97% reduction, after Elon Musk's DOGE team revealed that the international aid organization has essentially been funding woke pet projects and anti-American activities. On Tuesday, the administration put a stop on all USAID work and placed all employees on leave, with thousands of overseas workers to be recalled within 30 days. And while funding for Politico and others has come from all over the federal government - WikiLeaks, citing a RSF [report](#), highlighted that USAID was funding over 6,200 journalists across 707 media outlets and 279 "media" NGOs, which includes 90% of the reportage out of Ukraine."

And then there were the many expenditures on NGO's promoting LGBTQ and DEI and Trans-genderism in nations all over the world among other many dubious CIA hidden operations in overturning government and organizing riots and other activities.

Transgender

Trump's Jan. 20 order titled "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government," requires the attorney general and the Homeland Security secretary to ensure that "males are not detained in women's prisons or housed in women's detention centers."

Three former swimmers for the University of Pennsylvania have **sued the Ivy League college** to expunge the records of transgender athlete Lia Thomas. The lawsuit was filed one day before President Donald Trump signed an executive order banning biological men from competing in women's sports, the [Fox News](#) reports.

Trump is sending his DOGE team from their work exposing the waste in the USAID agency to the Treasury Department and they are going line by line payment by payment to see where \$6,5 trillion are being spent.

And then there are the orders taking America out of the WHO, out of the Paris Accords on Climate Change. Instead America is going full on with coal, gas and oil energy of course along with China, India and many other nations.

But beware South Africa, the Trump administration is coming for the ANC government, We will have serious international economic problems with them taking us out of AGOA. It is very tough times economically for us.

What are my lessons for Christians in Southern Africa...

We need to use the next 4 years to seriously work for a Christian Civilizational state in Southern Africa.

We need to form Christian Coalitions in all nations of Southern Africa for coalitions for national and local offices.

We need to get our Think Tanks and Prayer Warriors on the job for formulating policy positions on all aspects of national and local government.

We must identify and train our future leaders of tomorrow. Get ready for governance.

We need to form neutral platforms outside our respective Churches as a new expression of Ekklesias. "The called out ones" Called out by the Lord in "do not forsake the gathering of yourselves" as scripture commands us but this time it is gatherings for purpose of the work of the Kingdom of God to turn Southern Africa into our Promised Land.

Donald Trump is an example of a political revolution by an outsider that nobody gave any chance of making a comeback to office. He just never gave up fighting through bad press, bad court cases and bad assassination attempts. And he managed to inspire a whole army of committed followers with a cause "MAGA" make America great again.

Do we not have a cause? Make Southern Africa a sign to the nations of a miracle comeback of a people of God who saved a subcontinent when nobody believed it was possible?
