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Storm Clouds Ahead: The Church and the Coming Economic Crisis

I am continuing my series on the road ahead and the challenges for the Church. This week...there is an economic storm straight ahead and the Church needs to prepare. And prosperity preachers are not providing any scriptural answers.

Last week my warning to you was that the evangelical church is in an eschatology dead end on prophecies and Israel. And those failed expectations and wrong teachings not only caused a disaster for the Jerusalem church in 70 AD by ignoring the teachings and pleas of the apostle Paul but the same disaster lies ahead for the evangelical church of the 21st century.

This week my warning is the economic crisis that is straight ahead. Why warn about it? Because there is again a lot of deception in the evangelical church (especially the charismatic side) about finances and God's plan for prosperity and how to achieve it.

Again the reason for this warning is this...a lot of promises from a lot of preachers have been made and there is coming a great disillusion and anger when those promises of prosperity don't work out.

Part of my ministry here at Kingdom Vision is not just to say something is wrong but to explain why it is and what are the answers. In this short blog this week I cannot go into detailed solutions to the coming crises...that I am developing in my other writings. But I can give you the warning you need to know what you are hearing in church and what is coming down the road are not the same thing. Time to wake up and get serious about getting onto the Kingdom agenda in other words...

I give you by way of illustration a news item that got a lot of headline coverage in the world media especially in Drudge Report the 3d most visited website in the whole internet which means hundreds of millions saw it....I quote:

Jesse Duplantis: God Told Me to Tell You to Buy Me a \$54 Million Jet

Televangelist Jesse Duplantis had a very interesting <u>message</u> for viewers of his show This Week with Jesse. He <u>wants a new jet</u>. As he explains, he's owned several, but would like the state-of-the-art Falcon 7x, which, according to this aviation site, costs <u>more than \$50 million</u>, so he can go around the world without refueling. He would also like to pay for it in cash.

"I really believe that if Jesus was physically on the earth today he wouldn't be riding a donkey. Think about that for a minute. He'd be in an airplane preaching the gospel all over the world," said Duplantis.

Well the fact of the matter Bro. Jesse is that Jesus is on the earth everywhere in His people doing the work of the Kingdom which is why He does not need either a donkey or a jet. Secondly the gospel is already all over the world and anywhere you want to fly non-stop in your jet I promise you there is already a vibrant church there. And thirdly Jesus actually told you to "make disciples" and if you want to do it His way then start with 12 people.

But you all know what I am getting at. The issue is money and preaching. If only I had more money just think how effective I can be for the Lord. The second mistake is well if the above is true how do I get more money for my ministry? Promises! I promise if you give to my ministry you will get a hundredfold return. Debts are gone...money and blessing miraculously appears. You know that preaching...its on every TV ministry channel and money and finances is the most preached on topic from pulpits in the church these days.

And that is why the warning....there is coming an economic storm straight ahead and tens of millions who faithfully gave to this or that ministry are going to be bitterly disappointed in the coming financial crisis....and it will be a crisis of unmet expectations and seemingly broken promises of scripture. The other area that the church is not ready for in this economic crisis ahead is that the only way to get through it for most people when it strikes is..."community". But that is topic for later teaching.

Let me give you a quick trends analysis of economic stories the last weeks...

Here is Michael Snyder this week from Economic Collapse blog....

Why America Is Heading Straight Toward The Worst Debt Crisis In History

Today, America is nearly 70 trillion dollars in debt, and that debt is shooting higher at an exponential rate.

Usually most of the focus in on the national debt, which is now 21 trillion dollars and rising, but when you total all forms of debt in our society together it comes to a grand total just short of 70 trillion dollars. Many people seem to believe that the debt imbalances that existed prior to the great financial crisis of 2008 have been solved, but that is not the case at all. We are living in the terminal phase of the greatest debt bubble in history, and with each passing day that mountain of debt just keeps on getting bigger and bigger.

It simply is not mathematically possible for debt to keep on growing at a pace that is many times greater than GDP growth, and at some point this absurd bubble will come to an abrupt end. So those that are forecasting many years of

prosperity to come are simply being delusional. Our current standard of living is very heavily fueled by debt, and at some point we are going to hit a wall.

All of this debt will never be repaid. Ultimately there will come a day when the system will completely collapse under the weight of so much debt, and most Americans are completely unaware that such a day of reckoning is rapidly approaching.

And from a follow up article of Michael Snyder,,,,

12 Indications That The Next Major Global Economic Crisis Could Be Just Around The Corner

John Mauldin in Forbes Magazine this week 24 May 2018.....

The 2020s Might Be The Worst Decade In U.S. History

Chris Martenson writing 25 May in Peak Prosperity blog....

The Breaking Point Is Upon Us

Signs of collapse are suddenly everywhere around the world.

- Why despite winning battle after battle, the central banks will lose the war
- The viscious cycle is already underway in the Emerging Markets
 - Turkey
 - o Argentina
 - o Brazil and Mexico (not to mention Venezuela)
- *Italy is dragging Europe into crisis*
- The weaker segments in the US are already in collapse

From a J.P Morgans Bank chart this week (which I don't have space to show you) the following article....

Why Turkey And Argentina Are Doomed

From Zero Hedge 30 May by Charles Smith....

Why The Eurozone And The Euro Are Both Doomed

The article goes on to explain why the enormous debts of Italy, Spain, Greece and Portugal are unpayable and will never be paid and that the European Central Bank has been the only one buying the government bonds and basically monetizing the debt with money created out of this air...or in a computer entry.

But the day of reckoning for these countries have arrived....Italy plans to ditch the Euro and with it their Euro debt obligations....and there goes the entire Euro zone economy.

I can give more and more articles from this last week...

- Brazil's economy is tanking, the whole nation is at a standstill from transport strikes.
- Venezuela is already economically finished.
- Argentina has this last week again defaulted on their international bonds and the economy is spiralling into collapse.

Here is the lesson for this week:

Currently around the world the evangelical church is totally integrated into the world economy. We love to talk about one day when the Antichrist rules the world everyone will have to have the "mark of the beast" in order to buy or sell. Well it is time to wake up to the day and age we are living in. You are now living in the "beast system". What does that mean?

God gave Daniel a vision of the ages to come and the Lord showed him how God's people would live in captivity to each successive Beast Empire....Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome and then the book of Revelation takes the Beast kingdom further beyond Rome to our day and age.

God tod Daniel that the saints would be oppressed by the world beast system "until the time came that the saints possessed the Kingdom" (Daniel 7:21) Well here we are...captured and working for the world Babylon system. You see if you can buy or sell without the "mark of the beast" (which is Mammon!) The beast system of Mammon controls the lives of people what they do (mark on the hand) and what they think (mark on the forehead).

I don't care what a preacher tells you....there is no magic money or magic prosperity of 100 times. We are under the heel of an oppressive world monetary system. The wealth of the world by every chart that economists produce tells us that the few are accumulating vast wealth and the many are living a meagre existence. And that includes America. Here is a terrible statistic of the economic reality now in America and now in the time of greatest employment and economic expansion this is the reality....

"The finding that four-in-ten adults couldn't cover an unexpected \$400 expense without selling something or borrowing money is troubling," said Greg McBride, chief financial analyst at Bankrate.com

If the U.S. economy is performing well, then why can't 51 million households in the United States <u>"afford basics like rent and food"</u>. A stunning new report that was just put out by the United Way ALICE Project shows that the gap between the wealthy and the poor in this country is perhaps the biggest that it has been.

If that is the reality in America during a time of economic boom then what is it going to look like when the economic depression hits....and how bad does it look in the rest of the world that does not have America's economy?

The reality is that most of those poor households are probably evangelical Christians. How many of those have been promised just keep giving and you will soon see financial miracles and abundance?

Here is my prediction:

The Lord is collapsing the world economic Babylon system. There is a major world economic crisis on the way. And I have not even touched on the contributing factors that will ensure this crisis: things like the pension crisis, the impossible demographic crisis of too many old people and not enough youngsters to care for the elderly, pay taxes, keep the nations running, raise a new family and pay off the previous generation's massive debt mountain they left for the next generation; the ecological and resource crisis, the cultural collapse crisis (all coming for analysis ahead!).

So the time is coming when we in the Church are finally going to get serious about the future...a future that is a whole lot different than what we were preached about, a future that is going to require a new level of Church community to help one another to rebuild the world, a future where we are going to have to get serious about what the Bible really teaches on work, economy, finances, investment, debt, jubilee, redemption, prosperity.

I am going to continue my series on the coming storms. I cannot convince you of the seriousness of the hour and the need for a new vision of Church Reformation and the coming great work of "healing the nations" unless you get a diagnosis of how sick the nations really are. And there is no running away or some "prepper place" to hide. God placed us here at this time in human history not to take us out of the world but that the world may be saved through our message of the Kingdom.

And that means we go through the coming tribulation of world crisis and lead the world out of it because this is the time for the saints to possess the Kingdom.