

# Kingdom Report

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## Contending with the Logos: The Challenge of a Sheep Nation

I am going to introduce you to an entire new battlefield: The Logos Creation of God. Understanding the Logos Creation is the key to subduing the earth. And it is for that battle that the Lord is raising up "sheep nations".

I read two very disturbing statistics this last week and that in a week in which there were many disturbing things to contemplate in a world system that is fast unraveling.

One statistic came from the 2018 World Inequality Report. The other came from the crime statistics of the South African police department.

The World Inequality Report for 2018 says that with current economic trends in economic development, by the year 2030 the world's wealthiest 1% at the top will own 64% of all the wealth on planet earth. As it is today the net worth of the world's 2,208 billionaires is TWICE that of the poorest 2,5 billion people.

The second stat that got me was among all the depressing crime statistics put out by our department of police recently that put South Africa as the world leader per percentage of population of the highest number of murders, robberies, rape, assaults etc. But the one standing out is the fact that on 62,7% of all our birth certificates in the last year there was no father listed. A generation of children being raised by a struggling mother and no father to mentor the young or provide for them. Which in a large measure explains our other crime statistics.

Keep in mind the other important statistic about South Africa. We have by some estimates I have seen the highest percentage of a national population that call themselves Christians. And with that perhaps the highest percentage of people who call themselves Christians who are actually at church on a Sunday morning.

So how is that we can have the highest percentage of Christians to population and also have the highest crime rates per population percentage in the world? To give you an idea: In 2013 there were about 17,000 murders in South Africa and in all of America with 6 times our population and a known gun and violent nation they had about 14,000 murders. This last year there were more than 20,000 murders.

And the nation with the lowest per capita crime rate? Japan. Also the nation with lowest number of Christians (apart from Islamic countries).

What is going on here? is the preaching of the Word of God having no effect on the world? Is there no power in the gospel to change people and nations? Are there no visible effects to be seen when the gospel is preached and believed by the people of a nation?

Not so! I believe I know what the problem is and I am going to give you the solution as to how to turn our nation around to be shining example to the world. For you to understand this strategy I need to explain the difference between the Logos Creation and the Rhema creation of God.

Simply put it is this:

The Logos creation of God is Genesis chapter 1....all of creation and the people of the earth created by God.

The Rhema creation is Genesis chapter 2... God breathed a special creation Adam called the son of God and created a special place Eden, where God can walk and manifest Himself and His presence to His special creation, Adam and Eve.

Now if you have been exposed to the Word of Faith movement you will know that these are two Greek words that are used differently to express the idea of a kind of faith or spoken word of God.

The first chapter of John is rightly famous for "In the beginning was the word (Logos) and the word was with God and the word was God...all things were made by Him (by His Logos word).

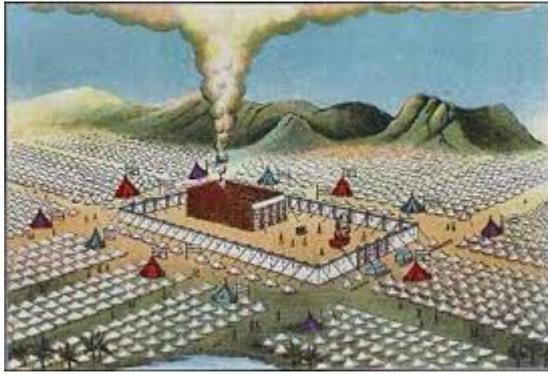
The Logos creation is the general creation of God and a commandment to all mankind who He created to be fruitful, multiply and subdue the earth. This is a command to all mankind.

The special creation of the garden of God was not in all the earth. Adam was God's priest/king to all mankind to teach the revealed Word of God to mankind so that they can fulfill their dominion mandate from God.

Adam operated under the Rhema revealed Word of God which was his gift ministry. He knew who God was and He knew the revelation of God and He knew the plans of God.

The rest of mankind operated under Logos revelation. That is they had to study the creation of God for a basic understanding of God. This what Paul refers to in Romans 1 that all men are able from God's creation to understand that there is a creator and that no man has an excuse because as John wrote, "There is a light that enlightens each man that enters the world."

Now I want you to look again at that picture I showed you last week and I will show you how this Logos law works and how the Rhema law works:



Remember I said that Acts 7:38 describes this as the Church in the Wilderness. This is the nation of Israel or as I said a picture of what Jesus referred to as "I will build my Church".

Now look at two formations in this picture. In the middle is the Tabernacle where the presence of God dwelt in the Holy of Holies and around it the priests ministered to the Lord and the Levites to the people.

Now look around the Tabernacle. There you will see the Israelites divided into their 12 tribes and each tribe divided into thousands, hundreds and tens in their various families and clans.

Now here is what I believe Eden, Adam and that world looked like.

In the middle was Eden the Tabernacle of God, the place where the presence of God was located. Adam the High Priest of God was the mediator between the people outside and the Lord. Like the Tabernacle of Moses if you wanted to seek the Lord you go to Eden and speak with Adam. Even after Adam sinned and was expelled we find that Cain after he slew his brother Abel was still able to approach the gate of Eden and talk to God. (said God to Cain "Where is your brother Abel?")

Why did Cain kill Abel? We say normally because God accepted Abel's sacrifice and not Cain's. But why? My belief on the motive of the murder is this: Cain realized that the anointing to be God's earth ambassador or priest/king to organize the people of the earth to do the work of subduing the earth and multiplying, that inheritance passed from Adam to Abel. Cain was incensed that the Lord did not choose him, which is why he had no revelation as to how to offer a proper sacrifice for the sins of the people.

That anointing for God's priest/king passed to Seth. Cain rebelled and went off to the land of Nod and decided to organize the people himself without God under his rulership and to do that built a city and named it after his son and heir setting up his own dynasty to take dominion over the earth.

But God had other plans as to who was called to organize the people of the earth into God's Kingdom. And if you follow that arc of history you begin to understand the battle of the ages that is now coming to a conclusion when the time comes for the saints to pose the kingdom.

Now let me bring us up to date to our modern expression of how we do church.

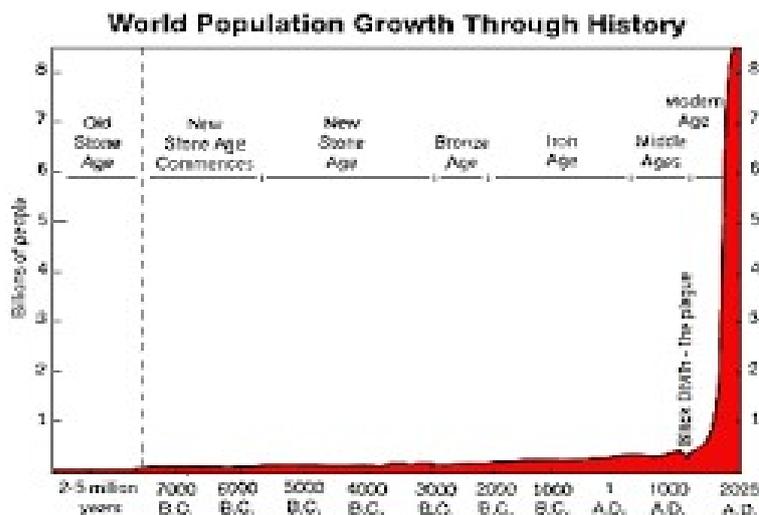
We have spent the last 500 years since the reformation in a process of discovering again the gospel of the kingdom. We have had to re-learn from basic principles the Rhema word of God...the revealed Word of God as to who Christ is, who are we in Christ, what is our authority in Christ, the how of salvation and sanctification, the how of prayer and intercession.

What God has been doing is restoring the Adamic ministry of Eden, rebuilding the Tabernacle of God, the Temple of God, the place for God to reveal Himself once again on earth. The place where the people of the world can come to hear the Word of the Lord and be taught the ways of God.

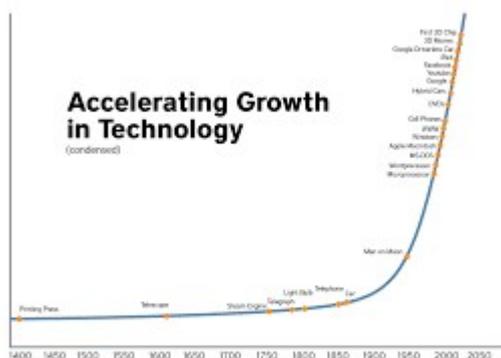
For what purpose? So that they can fulfil their mission which is to do the work that God called all mankind to do:

"be fruitful and multiply and subdue the earth and be transformed into the image of God that each person is meant to be".

Now I want you to look at another interesting graph:



This is the timeline of world history. Hardly any population growth for thousands of years. And then suddenly an enormous spike in population. Now look at the growth in history of technology.



Thousands of years of hardly any technology growth. Then suddenly at a key period of time suddenly there is a huge spike in technology growth.

Do you know when the technology and populations started spiking to heaven?

Immediately after the Protestant Reformation! Why? Because the start of the preaching of the gospel in the Reformation was the beginning of the restoration of the high priest/king ministry of Adam. Which in fact was the start of the restoration of the 5 fold ministry gifts of the pastor, teacher, apostle, prophet and evangelist to the church. And that allowed the Word of God, the revealed Rhema word of God to allow people to start contending with the Logos creation of God.

When mankind starts to get revelation of the Logos creation then they can subdue the earth, then they can be fruitful and multiply, then they can fulfil their Genesis 1 Dominion Mandate.

But here is the problem that we faced back in Eden. Cain and the Canaanites do not want to live under God's kingdom laws. They think they can contend with the Logos themselves. They think they do not need God. Like Cain they are out to build their own city, their own civilization using God's Logos creation for their own purpose.

God has allowed them to do this. But like the tares on the field the fruit of this rebellion against God is now coming home to roost. Technology is biting back. Democracy is failing. Economic laws of God are being ignored and it is resulting in economic slavery once again with poverty for the masses and riches for the few.

So let me answer the questions we started with:

Why is it that in a nation that calls itself Christian we don't see the fruits of the gospel in our country?

Very simple. Because we are all still encamped around the tabernacle in the wilderness. Our leaders are not organizing us as the army of God to possess the Kingdom. We are content to let Cain build the city and we will serve under his rebellious rule. The result is our people are poor in world of abundance. Our families are broken. Our people serve mammon instead of God.

We have no vision to take dominion over the Logos creation of God. We all just want to be in Eden eating free fruit. Have you heard preachers and people complaining about 'Where is the power of God?' Wake up folks...God is not on display for our entertainment and thrill. With power comes responsibility. Do you want great power of God? Then take on great tasks for God.

The Rhema word of God is capable of turning stones into bread. But if you want to do it the Logos way then you need to learn how to subdue the earth and work and discover and find out how to farm God's way.

Jesus set the agenda for the sheep nation...we need food, clothes, shelter, transport, healing, families, children, homes....and for that we need to learn how to contend with the Logos creation of God. This universe that was created by the Logos of God has

an abundance of everything we could ever need to supply in all the needs of trillions of people. There is no end to the resources at our disposal. But contending with the Logos forces us to be disciplined to make it work. This Logos creation of God was designed purposely with challenges and difficulties that force us to work together, forces us to discipline ourselves.

Faith without works is dead. That is why we need to get on with organizing ourselves into the city of God. We don't need Cain's city, or Babylon's allures. We need each other.....

Now if only I can get our church leaders to see that we the people have a job to do, we are not called to be pastors or evangelists or teachers...thank you for all that you leaders have sacrificed for us to bring us the gospel...but we need now to move on with our ministry of subdue the earth, productive work and multiplying families.