

Kingdom Report

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Technology, Abundance and the New Jerusalem

The great technology revolution we are now experiencing will produce an abundance that will crumble the world economic and political system...but it will also be a gift from Christ to His bride, to assist Him in His great work.

In my last blog I introduced you to the contradictions that secular prognosticators face when asking, What does the future hold? Good news and bad news. The contradiction lies in this conundrum: The abundance that modern technology is providing us will be a major cause for the collapse of the current world institutions that maintain world order.

I want to give you my insight on the solution to this conundrum. And it has to do with the two chapters at the end of the Bible that no prophecy experts I know of have been able to fit into any of the current frameworks for prophecy interpretation.

Now keep in mind I want to get back to tell you the why of the great abundance that lies ahead but I need to fit it into a prophetic framework of the future. But I first need to give you the current 3 ideas in eschatology, explain to you why all three are wrong.

Kim Riddelbarger in his great book "The Case for Amillennialism" sums it up nicely (p.19): *"The three major viewpoints regarding the millennium are: pre-millennialism which claims that the return of Christ precedes the millennium; post-millennialism which holds that Christ returns after the millennium; and a-millennialism which holds that the millennium is not limited to just a thousand years but includes the entire period of time between the first and second comings of Christ."*

Now the problem that all three have is that regardless of where you place the coming of Christ, in the book of Revelation the millennium is there in chapter 20 and then comes the mystery of chapters 21 and 22. The coming of the New Jerusalem....you can argue about when does Jesus come but nobody wants to realistically argue about when does The New Jerusalem come? Because this is a huge problem...John says an angel speaks to him and says come with my and I will show you the bride, the lambs wife..."**and he showed me that great city the Holy Jerusalem...**(Rev. 21:9-10).

I have heard I don't know how many sermons on the rapture and the "marriage supper of the lamb" after the rapture. And how many more on the 10 virgins waiting for the bridegroom, five wise, five foolish...and the foolish not having oil in their lamps and being cast into outer darkness. The fact is that this New Jerusalem, "bride of Christ" is here on earth building a new world, healing the nations and is living in the midst of host of sinners and broken and dying nations. They are not in heaven! (see Rev.22:15 *"for without the city are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters and all those who love and make a lie"*)

Ok, so what has this got to do with great abundance? Well it actually has to do with the fact that we the church are the bride of Christ, there is no dispute about that, but we better get wise as to who we are married to! I don't need to tell you about the Biblical idea that Adam had no "help that was meet for him" so out of his side God created a "helpmeet" for him...Eve. And of course many a sermon preached on how Christ the second Adam has a bride made for Him out of His death and pierced side.

But as I said you need to know that if we are to be His "helpmeet" what are we getting ourselves in for in this marriage? The common idea that I grew up with in my pentecostal heritage is that I get raptured out of here to a great big wedding in the sky and Jesus takes me to a home in heaven that He has prepared for me. But that is not what the last chapters of the Bible tell me...they tell me that the future of the Bride of Christ is building new heavens and new earth, healing the nations and giving living water to all who want to come to salvation here on this earth!

Lets look at what Psalm 2 tells us what our Groom is up to....

"The Lord has said to my Lord; Thou art my Son, this day I have begotten you. Ask of me and I will give thee the heathen for thy inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron, you shall dash them in pieces like a potters vessel.

You see we are marrying into a family. And our Groom, Jesus Christ has been given an inheritance of all the nations of the earth. So now Jesus comes to us and says marry me and ***'Take my yoke upon you....'*** If you have seen a cattle yoke you will know that 2 cattle are yoked together and pulling the load. As the Bride, we are equally yoked with Christ to be His helpmeet to win His inheritance....all the nations of the earth.

This is why Paul wrote (Romans 8:17) ***"And if we are children (of God) then heirs; heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ..."*** Meaning as His bride we join with Him in His great work and in His inheritance, winning the nations of the earth. Satan knew what Jesus was coming to do...that is why he tried to tempt him with the gift of the nations of the world. No thanks devil...we will take it all away from you in any case!.

Ok so lets get onto this abundance thing...

First you know it is customary for a husband to give his bride gifts...which is why Eph. 4:8 says ***"When he ascended up on high he led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men."*** It is a delight for Christ who loves us to give us gifts of all that we need to pull the yoke of His work with Him and to spoil us with abundance for our delight and happiness.

But here is another great truth found in Revelation 21:24-26...God has called the kings of the earth and the nations of the earth to bring gifts of abundance to His bride, the new Jerusalem...

"and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it....and they shall bring the glory and the honour of the nations into it."

Remember what I told you last week in my blog as to what "glory" means. Moses asked the Lord "Show me your glory"...and the Lord replied ***"I will make my***

goodness to pass before you." (Exodus 33:18-19). God tells Moses this great prophetic word in Numbers 14:21...

"But indeed as I live all the earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord"

The goodness of God to all people and to all His creatures is the glory of the Lord. Glory = Goodness. The goodness of God are His great gifts and blessings that He gives to all people. Which is why Paul wrote..." **The goodness of God leads men to repentance.**" (Romans 2:4)

That is why the glory of the Lord will fill the earth.

Because the goodness of God will fill the earth.

Because a supernatural abundance of God's blessings will fill the earth.

Which is why the people of the nations will repent and turn.

And here is the great takeaway I want you to get....

The eventual recipient of all these good gifts and blessings and goodness is the New Jerusalem or the Church of Jesus Christ...whom the Lord will cause to receive these gifts and in turn will use these blessings to heal the nations, bless the poor, save the ungodly.

God is now raising up great scientists, engineers, entrepreneurs and causing them to create new and many good things. Things that can bless mankind, lighten the load of work, help to heal the earth, help to assist the Church to turn the nations into the inheritance of Christ.

What??? How?

Ok, here is the current problem that economists are really scared about concerning the future of technology and the economy and what governments are really scared about the future of technology and the survival of the nation state and what banks and finance conglomerates are really scared about technology and the future of money and banking.

The reality is this....

The incredible technology revolution we are now experiencing is going to be not just the cause of great blessing and abundance...but the great radical disruptor that is shaking the foundations of the social, political and economic world order.

The first great industrial revolution of steam power and machines and railways released new energy and allowed the majority of workers who worked on farms with low productivity to migrate to cities for factory jobs available for even low skilled people. Plenty of new jobs and new products and new wealth creation.

The second great industrial revolution of the new great energy source, electricity, unleashed a new wave of innovation whereby low skilled factory workers could move into new retail jobs and marketing due the great increase of new product innovations and new purchasing power. Again many new jobs created for low skilled people.

The third great industrial revolution is the great computer and digital revolution. But here something new and scary is happening. No new low skilled jobs. In fact a great destruction of low skilled workers that are being marginalized by automation and digital productivity.

Sure hundreds of thousands of new jobs created in software coding and a plethora of new tech billionaires. But that is the few....here is the cruel reality of the new 3d and 4th industrial revolution (the internet of things).

- Coding done once does not need to be done again, it can be upgraded but it can be multiplied and copied effortlessly.
- Whole industries with millions of low skilled workers are being wiped out with no alternative low skilled jobs available.
- 50 workers at Craig's List wiped out thousands of advertising jobs in newspapers and wiping out the revenue base of community newspapers.
- 13 workers at Instagram started a photo revolution that basically wiped out Kodak and 140,000 associated jobs.
- Amazon providing direct sales from manufacturer to consumer is wiping out shopping malls and retail sales jobs and mom and pop stores by the hundreds of thousands.
- the music industry went from \$16 billion per year revenue to \$8 billion pa in short order, thanks to Spotify, Youtube et al and file sharing.
- Online shopping is destroying traditional travel agencies, real estate agents and other sectors of the consumer help businesses. Next will come insurance sales. Salesmen are a dying breed.
- Bitcoin and blockchain are pointing to a future of new ways to create and distribute money without the mega banking groups.
- Youtube will teach you basically anything you want to learn with "how to" videos.
- On line free news websites are destroying the grip of news media behemoths.
- Netflix and others are destroying old style network TV and cable.
- Exposures of investigators on the internet means the ability to cover up and hide unpalatable truths are disappearing. What is done in secret will be made known.
- Artificial intelligence will revolutionize high level services like legal and medical services as well as engineering services and teaching and research.
- High cost college and university courses are headed for the scrap heap...not when you can get the most brilliant professors in their fields in online courses with AI assistance in answering questions.

Can you see where I am going with this?

And all this is only the beginning. I have not even touched on re-usable rockets from SpaceX that are going to drastically reduce the cost of space launches and the thousands of satellites that will come to provide very low cost high bandwidth internet to every person on the planet regardless of government attempts to stop information flow.

Or the coming advances in nano-technology or gene editing or small modular nuclear reactors and 3D printing and robots and on and on.

An abundance of low cost goods and services and that need less human labour allowing a massive release of humans to pursue other interests....and that is where things break down in the new coming world of technology.

The tax base of the disappearing middle class and corporations are going to starve governments of revenue. High rates of unemployment as low skilled people lose jobs with no replacement jobs. Robots and AI and automated factories can go round the clock with no need for salaries or medical aid.

So here is my prediction:

The world system as it is now constituted cannot handle the technology changes now happening. The system does not know how to capture the huge productivity of the technological age and channel its goods and services to the broad mass of people without creating buyer power through debt creation. And the debt load is already unpayable.

The great institutions of the modern era, the nation state, the financial empires, the educational edifices, the social institutions, the entertainment industries....all are about to be made either redundant or collapse into irrelevance from the relentless march of technology that makes things cheaper, faster, easier.

Only the Church of Jesus Christ is going to be able to design a new world order that will be able to take all these new blessings and turn them into the kind of help and assistance that we need to build a new world. Only we will be able to solve the old economic problem of how to distribute the great surplus value that technology can produce without the elite hoarding it for themselves or the governments taxing it into oblivion.

And to get to my observation about the three approaches to eschatology....

We need a new vision of the future. The future is not 'Jesus comes and that is the end'....we all go to heaven. This is not the end, it is the end of the beginning!

The future is the Lord and His wife joined together to form a new nation a new government for planet earth that will bring the abundance that God is now giving us to all people of the earth, to heal the nations of their divisions by making one nation all united in Christ, by giving living water to all who are thirsty for salvation. It is only a new people with the law of God in their hearts that can be part of this new world order and new world economy. Those who want to be liars and narcissists and warmongers...there is no economic or political platform for them in the world we will create....and we have the technology now to create a world economy that excludes them from our New Jerusalem.

It is time that we the Bride of Christ yoke ourselves to His world liberation program and join together to make the new world order...because this present world order is crumbling fast!