

Kingdom Vision Report

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2018 Trends Analysis using the Wheat and Tares Paradigm

I want to provide you with a valuable tool for analyzing world trends and God's Kingdom trends as we move deeper into the 21st century. You will find this useful in the light of the fact that previous paradigms that tried to explain "What is God doing in our time?" have failed to remotely predict or explain what is happening in the world in relation to Bible prophecy.

This insight is increasingly important because of the crisis in the evangelical church about the topic of "prophecy and the end times". It is a crisis because nothing predicted in the last 40 years as "signs of the times" which were supposed to indicate something which was to happen, actually happened.

It is at its core a crisis in leadership. Repeatedly through the decades we were told most authoritatively "this is what the Lord showed me" or "this is what Bible prophecy is telling us will happen" and it does not happen. Is the Bible wrong? No. Are people's interpretations wrong? Yes. And we are all guilty of that. What compounds the problem is when such teaching is coupled with "The Lord revealed to me...", "I saw this vision...", "I had this dream from the Lord...". It undermines our faith in our leaders, in their ability to present the plan of God to His people.

There have been some very disturbing consequences in the evangelical church over the last decades due to this crisis in eschatology. Let me state clearly this crisis timeline:

From about 1948 - 1988 "Signs of the Times! Jesus is coming any moment!"

The birth of the nation of Israel in May 1948 started a surge in prophetic studies and preaching and a surge in world evangelism as the end of the world was predicted along with the Great Tribulation and the Rapture.

This came to a height with the publication of the 1971 Hal Lindsay book "The Late Great Planet Earth" which sold over 60 million copies. Christian TV networks were launched to get the gospel into all the world. Young people mobilized by the hundreds of thousands into mission work. Books, conferences, TV ministries...the popular themes were "Israel", "Signs of the Times", World evangelism, miracle signs and wonders.

From about 1988 - 2018 "Prosperity, Success, Church Growth"

By 1988 across the board you could see the preaching emphasis change. With Ronald Reagan in the White House in 1981 and Margaret Thatcher in Downing street a change in the world economy to "Morning in America"....private enterprise, new computer technologies, stock market surges, international trade explodes, international capital markets surge.

In the prophecy world...no sign of the Antichrist, no sign of world war 3, no invasion of the Soviet Union of Israel and Armageddon. Instead Pat Robertson sensing the whole change of the times decides to run for president in 1988. Jerry Falwell started "The Moral Majority" political movement for evangelical access to political power.

In the church world thousands of young people who had gone on world missions in the 1970's returned in the 1980's back home without jobs and many started new independent churches by the

tens of thousands.

With no denominational hierarchies to provide structure and accountability a trend started to form of "Apostolic Networks" with its emphasis on the restoration of the five-fold ministry leadership.

But the most dominant trend of this era must certainly be the "success and prosperity" movement that came to dominate in the independent church movement. The problem was that the only framework that preachers in the evangelical movement had for the Kingdom of God and its expression was "Jesus is coming to establish His 1000 year reign on earth".

But in the absence of the coming of Christ in the clouds and with each passing year there was a desperate attempt to keep finding some international signs that the end was near...but all over the world the news was good. Communism fell, China lifted 600 million poor peasants out of poverty, technology was exploding, the internet provide free Bibles and ministry to all the world.

The problem for church leaders was "What is God saying to our generation?"

The problem was compounded by the fact that for 40 years we had been preaching that what God is saying to our generation is "This is the end times and Antichrist is coming as is Armageddon as is the Rapture and the End".

Now what? Ordinary Christians were confused by what they were hearing in church and what they were seeing around them on TV and the economy. What became increasingly popular in churches was a form of cultural relativism. How can we adapt our message to the culture of our times to attract people to the church and make our preaching "relevant" to people.

Two dominant trends emerged in the churches during this time:

- The Success and Prosperity Movement
- The Infiltrate and Influence Movement

The success and prosperity movement is well enough known by now not for me to have to elaborate. However you need to understand the

key underpinnings. There was a vast change in the world economy underway and money and success were the dominant cultural themes of this 1988-2018 era. But the evangelical and charismatic movement was mainly populated by people in the bottom half of the national income profile.

With low skills and less prospects how do we get a ride on the national prosperity bandwagon? What was presented by televangelists and preachers in the movement was essentially a Ponzi scheme where those below paid to those above. The "hundredfold promise" of what you give to 'God' (or His representative) would miraculously be given back to you a hundredfold was essentially a belief in "something for nothing". To make this work and give it plausibility you needed to for people to actually have faith in "something for nothing"....and hence the very strong and continuous "faith" preaching that accompanies this movement. If God "calls the things which are not as though they are" then you can do the same.

The Infiltrate and Influence Movement

I have great respect for this movement. It restored the great truths that all work that we do in life has spiritual meaning. Yes some are called to the great 5-fold ministry callings but for the rest of us that need to go to the office or the factory on Monday morning...we too have a divine calling of God to work and raise a family.

This movement got extended with the 7 Mountains Movement that there were these 7 great areas of each nation that needed to be infiltrated by Christians and there they need to be a witness for Christ in the workplace and if God placed you there why not trust Him to raise you to the top so that you can influence the direction of government, education, entertainment, science, business etc.

This is essentially where we find Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon.

The Wheat and Tares Strategy of Kingdom Vision

Now let me give you the Wheat and Tares strategy that I believe is now the strategy for the Kingdom of God as move into the 21st Century

and then I want to give you a few analysis using this template from current world headline.

Our guiding scripture of course is Jesus' parable of the wheat and the tares found in Matthew 13: 24-30. The basic story is this:

- The field is the world.
- God sows good seed (wheat) into the world.
- The enemy (Satan) sows tares (a plant that looks like wheat while it is growing but when fully ripe is shown to have no wheat).
- The servants realize that there are tares sown by the enemy in the field and want to take it out.
- The Lord says no, wait until the harvest time when everything is ripe so that you can clearly see what is wheat and what is tares and then the tares are to be taken out and the wheat left for harvest.
- Letting things ripen to their full end allows the reapers to see what is clearly wheat and what is tares less by accident if you take it out too early you might take out the good wheat.

The Kingdom Vision analysis of world trends:

Let Wheat and Tares fully ripen and see what is of God and what is not.

Here at Kingdom Vision I hold to the long view as a Kingdom reality....a very long view! As in thousands of generations as the Lord told Israel. As in seed of Abraham like the stars of heavens and sand of the sea....meaning uncountable trillions of Abraham's seed populating galaxies.

I further hold that Satan can only copy what God does. He is unoriginal, limited and beset with a crumbling empire of traitors and treason and surrounded by envy and hatred. Whatever God does he tries to imitate or counterfeit. If God is building Zion and the New Jerusalem....Satan is building Babylon. etc

Feudalism, communism, liberal democracy, fascism....all political structures that either try to ape what God is doing or confuse and replace the rule of God on earth.

The manufacture of phoney money in the form of credit creation through debt creation is the creation of a false prosperity based on un-payable IOU's and bonded servitude.

The opening of occult doors to demonic power tries to counterfeit the power of the Holy Spirit indwelling the saints of God.

Here are the 3 key truths of the Wheat and Tares strategic analysis:

1) Over sufficient time all structures or teachings or systems of societies that are not built on the rock of Biblical truth and under the Lordship of Jesus Christ will inevitably crumble under the weight of reality.

2) All reality of this cosmos is based on the fact that the world was made by the Word of God through the wisdom of God. This cosmos reality will either kill you or bless you depending on whether you respond to the Word of God or deny the Word of God

3) All false systems of tares not sown by the Word of God will fail and self destruct leaving only the seed of God to grow and prosper in God's created cosmos. Inevitably and with certainty the meek will inherit the earth and seed of God will grow to fill all creation.

Implications:

- God's strategic long term plan does not include taking us out of the world but blessing us in this world to fill all the earth with His glory.
- God's strategic plan is to let evil take its logical course to grow and produce its fruits...the wages of sin is death. All things not of God grow and then die.
- In the long term there are limits to the infiltrate and influence strategy. But how long are the governments or political parties or corporate structures that you wish to infiltrate and influence going to be around? As I see it the collapse scenario of world order is accelerating.
- As with Abraham in Ur or Israel in Egypt and Babylon or Lot in Sodom or Noah...there comes a time when world support systems will collapse but before they do it is time to exit and create a new world order.

My strategic analysis for the long term:

God is providing us with the technologies and abilities for the 700 million evangelical charismatics in the world to create and thrive in their own parallel international new world order and thereby demonstrate the world the glory of a society built on the foundation of God's law Word....and invite the world to repent and be disciplined.

Trend Analysis....China Demographics

Using our Kingdom Vision trend analysis just on a short term from now to 20130 here are the statistics below for China's population...or should I say de-population. I will be doing this sort of trend analysis regularly with our weekly Kingdom Reports.

By 2030 just in 12 years time China will have 100 million fewer potential workers and nothing will stop that decline as the number of women of child bearing age declines and the number of babies per year declines....and the number of non-working elderly increase rapidly each year.

Strategic Implications for Kingdom Analysis:

What does it mean for the world economy of a Chinese economy that is shrinking rapidly with its rapidly shrinking workforce and a rapidly increasing elderly that need care?

What does it mean for the more than 200 million charismatic evangelical Christians in China if they do what Genesis 1:26-28 commands to "be fruitful and multiply" while their fellow citizens having less babies year by year? Simply put the Christians inherit the vast wealth of built infrastructure and industry. In the short term the communist government will be increasingly relying on Christian welfare to help the aged and keep the economy going.

