

HARVEST ROCK CHURCH

THE TRANSFER OF WEALTH, WEALTH CREATION & TRANSFORMATION OF SOCIETY FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP SERIES

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TEXT: Haggai 2:7 “I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the wealth of all nations, and I will fill this house with glory,” says the LORD of hosts. 8 ‘The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine,’ declares the LORD of hosts. 9 ‘The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former,’ says the LORD of hosts.”

INTRO:

- The shaking continues.
- Prop 1 passing in California.
- Losing the Senate in the midterm election after expecting “a tsunami wave of red.”
- Forty-year high inflation.
- War continues between Russia and Ukraine. China threatening to invade Taiwan. Potentially another world war.
- Respect for Marriage Bill still before the Senate. Respect for Marriage Bill: *HR 8404 will legalize every perversion of marriage you can think of. Going far beyond same-sex marriage, this bill forces every state and territory to give legal recognition to the crazy marriage laws of any other state—including California’s sick child bride laws that allow pedophiles to marry children.*

But it is even worse than that, thanks to the LGBTQ lobby that seeks to punish any who refuse to bow to their gender-bending sexual perversions. Any church, business, nonprofit organization, school, adoption center or even private person will be forced to comply and participate in the madness—or face Department of Justice investigations and massive civil lawsuits designed to bankrupt Christians who insist on God’s design for marriage. And the largest LGBTQ lobbying group in the nation’s capital is opposed to any religious accommodation in this or any other bill.

Why is God allowing this to happen? I believe that we are going through redemptive judgment from God. God is shaking all nations because He loves the



nations, and He is graciously inviting all to be part of His family. God so loved the world! **“This gospel of the Kingdom must be preached to the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.” Matthew 24:14**

Let me repeat the words of C. S. Lewis: “God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.” When people are prospering and everything is going well, people don’t turn to God. When they are suffering, they turn to God.

But going to our text of Haggai 2:7, with the global shaking and the coming revival (“I will fill this house with glory”), God says right in the middle of Haggai 2:7, “And they will come with the wealth of the nations.” What is he talking about? Scripture teaches that it is going to take money to transform society or disciple nations. In the past we have limited raising funds for church projects, supporting a missionary, or even starting an orphanage, but we are realizing that it is going to take “The Great Transfer” of wealth to transform societies.

I want you to do a paradigm shift. I believe that the tithe and offerings go to the storehouse, the local church (Malachi 3:10), but God wants to so prosper you that you would be led by the Lord to give the rest of your offering to transform society. God wants you do a paradigm shift of giving not just to win souls (it begins there) but to discipling nations.

We see that in Matthew 28:18-20, God is serious about discipling nations. We cannot bring about transformation of society without the transfer of wealth. The goal of stewardship is not just to win souls but to disciple nations.

Peter Wagner, my spiritual father and apostle, says that there are certain things that must be established before the transformation of society takes place:

1) The government of God—of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers—must be established.

2) The church in the workplace must be established. The Ekklesia on all seven mountains of culture (church, family, business, education, government, media, and entertainment mountains).

3) Then the Great Transfer of Wealth will take place. I want to add that this transfer of wealth will take place in a time of shaking (Haggai 2:7) and darkness (Isaiah 60:3-5) and with a mature Ekklesia that will handle the money correctly.

So, today I want to speak to you about the Great Transfer of Wealth, specifically the creation of wealth and the transformation of our society.

Peter Wagner also said, **“There are three things that have changed history more than anything else: 1) violence, 2) knowledge, 3) wealth. And the greatest is wealth.” C.P. Wagner**



The recent election is a good example how wealth transforms society, either for better or worse. First, I was very encouraged by the Christian turnout and how we won the House, but I was discouraged by what happened in California. Newsom’s Prop 1 was passed by 65%. I thought we had a chance. Then we lost the Senate. There are many factors for the defeat. *Roe v. Wade* backlash is one of them, but as I said briefly last week, if the price of losing the Senate this year is the overturn of *Roe*, it is well worth it. But consistently the Left raises more money and outspends more money. We don’t have the new numbers out, but Newsom spent \$100 million on this last recall election and \$35 million just in the month of August! It goes to show you how it takes money, lots of it, to win elections. You have heard of the golden rule: *Whoever has the gold, rules!* The Bible affirms this truth with a radical verse found in **Ecclesiastes 10:19**, “**Money is the answer to everything.**”

I. THE GREAT TRANSFER OF WEALTH IN THE LAST DAYS

A. TRANSFER OF WEALTH PASSAGES

- 1. Isaiah 60:5 Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come... 11 Your gates will always stand open, they will never be shut, day or night, so that men may bring you the wealth of the nations — their kings led in triumphal procession. (NIV)**
- 2. Isaiah 61:6 But you will be called the priests of the LORD; You will be spoken of as ministers of our God. You will eat the wealth of nations, And in their riches you will boast.**
3. Joan Kroch’s \$1.5 billion gift to the Salvation Army
- 4. Proverbs 13:22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.**

II. THE THREE TYPES OF TRANSFER OF WEALTH AND NATION BUILDING

A. SUPERNATURAL TRANSFER OF WEALTH

- 1. Exodus 12:35 The Israelites did as Moses instructed and asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing. 36 The LORD had made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and they gave them what they asked for; so, they plundered the Egyptians. (NIV)**
2. Pastor Alex in Surabaya, Indonesia, and his coal miner church member.

B. REPOSSESSING LOST WEALTH



1. **Ezra 6:3** In the first year of King Cyrus, the king issued a decree concerning the temple of God in Jerusalem: Let the temple be rebuilt as a place to present sacrifices, and let its foundations be laid... 8 Moreover, I hereby decree what you are to do for these elders of the Jews in the construction of this house of God: *The expenses of these men are to be fully paid out of the royal treasury, from the revenues of Trans-Euphrates, so that the work will not stop.* 9 *Whatever is needed — young bulls, rams, male lambs for burnt offerings to the God of heaven, and wheat, salt, wine, and oil, as requested by the priests in Jerusalem — must be given them daily without fail,* 10 *so that they may offer sacrifices pleasing to the God of heaven and pray for the well-being of the king and his sons.*
2. We know that Cyrus restored the treasure taken from the Temple by Nebuchadnezzar.
3. Ezra 1:8 Also King Cyrus brought out the articles of the house of the LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Jerusalem... and brought them all up from Babylon to Jerusalem.
4. Notice the purpose of the wealth. It is always to for His glory and to help build a nation, to disciple nations. Genesis 12:3 “I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”
5. My inheritance from my grandfather.

C. WEALTH CREATION

1. **Deuteronomy 8:18** “**But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as *it is this day.*”**
2. **He wants us to remember Him; it is for His glory and by His grace.**
3. **He wants us to confirm His covenant, which is to establish His Kingdom on earth.**
4. How God blessed us during the 2008 recession.
5. Combination of wealth creation and supernatural wisdom: Bill Neusch and receiving the download for the Border Fence.



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III. HOW TO CREATE WEALTH: FIVE PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS

A. PRACTICE GRADUATED GIVING – Malachi 3:8

1. How God led Sue and me into graduated giving in February of 2008. In July that year, God woke me up and I heard the Lord say, “Sell your stocks.” Sue and I have a dear friend who was V.P. of Morgan Stanley, and he invested in stocks for us. For example, we owned Apple stocks, and we were being blessed. But when the Lord spoke to me to sell the stocks, it didn’t make any sense. But that October, the stock market dropped 777 in one day! God wants to be involved in your finances in a supernatural way!
2. Then I was talking on the phone with a young man who had just graduated from MIT and was an analyst for a hedge firm, and he said, “Pastor Ché, I would invest in real estate in LA.” From 2010 we started to purchase, bought three homes with the money we sold in the stock market, and used the equity of our house in Lavinia, a gated community in LA.
3. My spiritual son Jason calls me in 2011 and wants to take me out to lunch in Pasadena. He and his wife wanted to give us 200,000 shares to his company. They were \$2.50 per share, so he gave us \$500,000. Full disclosure: He went bankrupt years later, but while his company prospered, we used the equity of the money to purchase four homes in LA!



4. **B. GET OUT OF DEBT AND STAY OUT OF DEBT**
 1. **Romans 13:8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another (NIV)**
 2. **Proverbs 22:7 The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.** There is no condemnation, but if you want to prosper, you have to get out of debt and stay out of debt.
 3. January 2020 stats: We are a debt-ridden society in the USA.
 - a) **\$30 Trillion National Debt**
 - b) **Outstanding personal consumer debt is \$9.86 trillion** (credit, including mortgage and other debt, reached \$9.86 trillion representing an increase from \$7 trillion in January 2000).
 - c) **Student debt is \$1.7 trillion.**
 - d) **Credit card debt is \$807 billion.** *Living within your means.* Bad Debt: credit card debt. A 3-year-old girl from Rochester, New York, received an application for a platinum Visa card in the mail. This so amused Alessandra Scalise's mother that she filled it out, listing her daughter's occupation as "toddler," and leaving the income line blank. She also wrote on the application, "I'd like to have a credit card to buy some toys, but I'm only three and my mommy says no." The card arrived a few weeks later. From the newsletter of Richard Stearns, President of World Vision.

e) Getting a high loan for a car unless there is 0% interest. Good debt: home and education.

4. **Your asset column must be greater than the debt column.**

5. **DON'T BUY ANYTHING UNLESS YOU CAN AFFORD IT**

6. **HAVE A BUDGET**

7. “You must give up in order to go up!” John Maxwell

8. Larry Burkett shares a testimony of a pastor who was in massive debt, personal and church debt.

C. HAVE AT LEAST FIVE SOURCES OF REVENUE:

1. **“MAKE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN, GIVE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN, AND SAVE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN.” JOHN WESLEY**

2. **PASSIVE REVENUE SOURCE: INVESTMENTS. Isaiah 60:11 “Your gates will be open continually; They will not be closed day or night, So that *men* may bring to you the wealth of the nations.”**

3. **I don't work for money; money works for me.**

4. **PERSONAL INCOME: I see it as a divine assignment from God and I get paid to do what I am doing.**

5. **SPOUSE'S INCOME:** I also believe that if the wife is called to be home and home school her children, that is a full-time job and there is no shame in that. My daughter Grace is doing that with her four children. But if there is something you can do, like multi-level marketing, go for it.

6. **RENTAL INCOME:** My daughter had a cute house in the back of her property and rented it out to Airbnb guests. For years my wife and I always had a single person living with us to rent a room. It was a win/win situation.

D. START YOUR OWN BUSINESS: S-CORP

1. **PERSONAL BUSINESS:** My wife and I started an S-Corp in 2010 called Joseph Storehouse LLC. It was around the time that I had a prophetic dream. I dreamt that I was standing in front of a mountain of gold as high as the Empire State Building. A young missionary couple came up to me and asked for financial support for their mission work. I pulled out a large harvest knife and cut out a chunk of gold. I said, “Is this enough? If you need more, let me know.”

E. NEED A GOOD FINANCIAL PLANNER: e.g., Ron Tanaka, Peter Roselle, Tony Amaradio

CONCLUSION: Matthew 6:33 says, “Seek first His Kingdom and do what is right, and all these things will be added unto you.” When you make Jesus King and do what is right, then all these things will be added unto you.

