# THE COMING 'ECONOMIC COLLAPSE'

# An unscriptural delusion ... & What is really coming !!

By almost every measurable metric this world is falling apart . . . at a truly alarming rate!! Consistent with the many 'end-times prophecies' found in God's Word - the latter day 'kingdoms of men' are in steep and terminal decline (esp. since the outbreak of the global *Coronavirus* pandemic). Truly, the earth is groaning under man's stewardship.

Despite mankind's breath-taking advances in recent years . . . in knowledge, in technology, in industry, in medicine and in the sciences, humanity's woes seem to be exploding uncontrollably. Rising international tensions and conflicts; over-population; environmental / climate crises; spiraling crime and lawlessness; gross immorality; social anxiety and depression; starvation, sickness and suffering; human trafficking and exploitation; persecution of the weak and vulnerable. Corruption, wickedness and evil pervade almost every facet of society now. As we watch mankind's woes multiply exponentially, almost all of these terrible 'maladies' currently sweeping the earth can be found in the pages of the Bible . . . prophetically 'foretold' in words written thousands of years ago. Yet there is one glaring exception . . .

In recent times there has been considerable speculation and air-time given to the imminency of a global economic collapse that will soon trigger the outbreak of the final time of trouble and tribulation. Given the amount of literature and public addresses given on this 'supposed' looming economic collapse, one would think there'd be an extensive array of bible passages and evidence to underpin this catastrophic global event. The bible truth is . . . there is NOT!!

In fact, not only is there a \*\* total absence \*\* of any evidentiary proof in God's Word of an approaching economic meltdown - but beyond this - all the available bible evidence repeatedly 'contradicts' this false and misguided notion. Worse still, in recent times we've had whole lectures presented on this 'prophecy' topic (ie. 'The coming depression') yet throughout these addresses not a single shred of <u>bible evidence</u> or <u>proof</u> is ever offered in support of such an event.

The origins of this specious theory arise from a fundamental mistake of trying to 'read the tea leaves' of world events, when in fact we should be 'reading' (and trusting) God's Word and 'faithfully watching' for the outworking of His will.

So biblically, where does this errant prophetic idea of an approaching economic collapse come from? Once again, we note **NO WHERE** in God's Wod are there 'any passages' at all that speak definitively of an economic collapse or crisis in the last days. We can search the scriptures from top to bottom, front to back, one will simply NOT find any bible evidence whatsoever of an economic collapse in the last days. It is nothing more than an invented theory based on personal conjecture, a figment of one's imagination and utterly foreign and unknown to the revealed Word of God.

However, there is <u>one passage</u> that 'many' misconstrue (and therefore misinterpret) as just such an event. It is found in the opening verses of ISAIAH Ch.24. Consider Isaiah's words concerning this apocalyptic global event:

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Behold, the LORD maketh the earth empty,
and maketh it waste,
and turneth it upside down,
and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.
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2 And it shall be,
    as with the people, so with the priest;
    as with the servant, so with his master;
    as with the maid, so with her mistress;

as with the buyer, so with the seller;
    as with the lender, so with the borrower;
    as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him.
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- 3 The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word.
- 4 The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish.

ISAIAH 24:1-4

It's a dark and gloomy scene depicted by Isaiah. An entire planet in *total paralysis*. No activity. No life. And it seems, no hope. Yet *when* the details of this passage are sensibly examined, the context reveals that a global economic - or-financial collapse ( *as often theorised* ) is neither the cause, nor the reality of the grim conditions being described here.

Above all else, we know God's Word is always 'perfectly' accurate and reliable. So if such a world-wide economic or financial collapse were to happen, contextually it would undoubtedly be the stand-out 'headline'. Yet curiously, as the text of Isaiah 24 catalogues all the various members of the populace impacted by this crisis, the mention of any finance-related occupations is 'well-down' the list. In fact, all the 'NON-monetary' groups (people, priest, servant, master, maid and mistress) are all 'most conspicuously' at the top of the list well before there is ever any mention of the business traders and financiers affected, which are only found (down the order) in the second half of Isaiah's list.

Clearly this CANNOT be a crisis caused by a financial disaster. Nor is it a 'future event' still to come ( as many often claim ). Rather it is an event that ( in reality ) has ALREADY HAPPENED !! A colossal world-wide event experienced by all mankind . . . just in recent times !!

Can there be any argument these ancient words - written over 2,500 years ago - were a prophetic vision of the recent global 'Coronavirus pandemic' which - quite literally - shut down the entire planet? And which throughout its duration (and in the 4 years since) has caused world-wide havoc and turmoil. If we examine Isaiah's account through 'this prism' we not only find an unwavering correlation between the bible account and the reality of circumstances as they happened during Covid - but even beyond this - Isaiah in this very same passage also provides an 'ominous warning' concerning the next global calamity that will follow very soon. [We'll come back to this shortly.]

As we consider Isaiah's 'prophetic words' concerning the Covid-19 pandemic . . .

- Do we not remember -- the haunting visions of the world's biggest cities "utterly emptied, languishing and fading away". Their streets, public squares, parks and beaches all destitute of life for weeks / months on end?
- Do we not remember -- the countless TV and social commentators in their bewilderment repeatedly saying the Covid virus had . . . " turned the world upside down"?
- Do we not recall -- the plight of those millions of citizens " scattered abroad", and their desperate pleas as they struggled to return to their native homelands amid the global lock-downs and international travel bans?
- Do we not recall -- how this virus suddenly and dramatically impacted every level and strata of society?
   First 'socially' as the lockdowns came upon every citizen before evolving into a 'financial / economic' crisis?

All exactly as foretold by the ancient prophet. Is it possible we could fail to recognise this epic fulfilment of Isaiah's words?

It's most interesting that some errant commentators when trying to lay a foundation for the misguided notion of a coming 'economic collapse' actually reference the Covid-19 pandemic describing it as an unparalleled event which "turned the whole world UPSIDE DOWN" (directly quoting Isaiah's exact words in this passage). Yet strangely they do not - or - they cannot - or - they simply refuse to recognize and acknowledge the Covid pandemic as being the singular fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy . . . which it inarguably was.

Similarly , these same commentators - in their effort to create a plausible narrative to support their 'theory' of an economic collapse or global depression - are willfully denying and even seek to delegitimize the manifest work of the LORD ( and His holy angels ) seen in the evident fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy through this epochal event.

Another mistake is when speakers lean too heavily upon so-called "experts" and financial 'pundits' repeatedly quoting their 'worldly' prognostications, even though these are entirely inconsistent with the scriptures of truth.

Again we repeat there is **NO Bible evidence** whatsoever to be found anywhere in God's Word of an approaching economic collapse in the last days. **It is a total falsehood.** 

**♦** We cordially <u>invite anyone</u> to prove otherwise!! **♦** 

#### AT 'MIDNIGHT' THERE WAS A CRY ...

While the times leading up to December 2019 certainly reflected the 'days of Noah and Lot' with the preoccupation of buying and selling, of building, of man's immoral and god-less pursuits ... all this 'forever changed' on **December 31 2019**.

On this day ... the final day of the year / 10 year / 20 year period the **first official report** of the COVID-19 virus surfaced as China alerted the World Health Organisation (W.H.O) of this deadly new pathogen. The last day, just hours before 'MIDNIGHT'!!

From this moment on , life on earth would change irreversibly.

For **the faithful** who were watching it was a sign, just **as** the Lord fore-warned His bride in the Parable of the Ten Virgins:

"While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered & slept. And at 'MIDNIGHT' there was a cry made . . . Behold the bridegroom <u>cometh</u> : go ye out to meet him.".

This was the pronouncement of **THE COMING** (or approach) of the Lord, **NOT** of His immediate personal appearance but of the coming of **HIS JUDGMENTS** during 'the Day of the LORD'

Amid the approaching global lockdowns, and the deepening Gentile darkness, this would be the 'appointed time' of preparation for the virgins (many confined in their homes ... just like the ancient 'Passover') to "trim their lamps" in preparation ... to ENDURE the darkness of the coming night ... & also in readiness to meet their Lord at His glorious return.

The wise virgins are doing this now. The foolish are not.

Following Isaiah's description in verses 1-4 of the global Coronavirus pandemic, the prophet in the very next verse then issues a grim assessment (through God's eyes) of the corruption and depravity of the earth and its inhabitants.

5 The earth also is 'defiled' under the inhabitants thereof; because they have ... transgressed the laws, ... changed the ordinance, ... broken the everlasting covenant.

In the Hebrew, this defilement speaks of 'being soiled' (esp. in a moral sense) greatly polluted, profane'. It's a terrible indictment of man's evils and explains the need for the global judgment soon to come upon all mankind.

So in the wake of the Coronavirus pandemic and as a direct consequence of these evils prevailing in the earth, the prophet Isaiah in verse 6 then pronounces 'a sentence' (or curse) both upon the earth and all the inhabitants thereof. Not only does Isaiah graphically detail the nature of this impending judgment to befall the earth in the last days, but he also provides a shocking insight into the 'dreadful aftermath' beyond this apocalyptic event.

6 Therefore hath THE CURSE 'devoured' the earth,
... and they that dwell therein are desolate:
therefore the inhabitants of the earth 'are burned' ... and few men left.

So this divinely-ordained 'CURSE' Isaiah tells us 'devours the earth'. The Hebrew meaning of the word 'devour' leaves no doubt concerning the means whereby this global judgment will be achieved. It will be through 'FIRE'... burning up and consuming 'vast masses' of humanity and leaving those who survive this terrible event utterly desolate.

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devour - 'akal aw-kal'

A primitive root; to eat (literally or figuratively): - X at all, burn up, consume, devour
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It is the identical 'CURSE' described throughout Zechariah chapter 5 , that is <u>delivered by</u> 'flying' cylindrical rolls which verse 2 reveals are some twenty cubits (34 feet / 10.4 metres) in length and whose "resemblance" in both size and configuration we're told in verse 6 is the same "through all the earth". This 'CURSE' goes forth over the face of the WHOLE earth 'cutting off' all those who are morally corrupt (ie. those who steal or swear falsely using the LORD's name). Verse 4 reveals this 'CURSE' enters into houses and consumes the timber and stones thereof. We're also clearly told who will bring to pass these final 'judgments of fire' -- "I WILL bring 'IT' forth, saith THE LORD of hosts"

'IT' is the sudden and violent outbreak of war and conflict between major world powers (ie. East vs. West) using their arsenals of weapons, namely missiles and rockets ('RODS of wickedness') exactly as Jesus warned in triplicate:

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Matt 24:27 For as the 'lightning' cometh out of THE EAST, and shineth even unto THE WEST; ... so shall also 'THE COMING' of the Son of man be.
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Luke 17:28-29 As it was in the days of Lot . . . it rained 'fire and brimstone' from heaven and destroyed them all

Matt 24:37 But as the days of Noe were (judgment came) so shall also 'THE COMING' of the Son of man be.

This is 'THE TRUE' approaching crisis ('NOT' an economic collapse or depression!!) that catapults the world into a period of time of tribulation and chaos such as never was. It is 'the day' Jesus warned will come "AS A SNARE ... upon all them that dwell on the face of THE WHOLE EARTH". It is the "sudden destruction" the apostle Paul warned comes upon mankind in 'the day of the LORD', catching even 'the faithful' unawares!! We need not be one of them.

The 'inherent danger' created by these contrived and fictitious claims of an 'economic collapse' coming at the end of days is that these prognostications (misleading and totally unscriptural) serve as a veil of deceit, 'blinding' the servants of Christ not only to the 'true nature' of events to come - but more importantly - to God's plan and purpose with His saints, leaving them ill-prepared for the final 'time of trial' yet to come.

Let there be no doubt: There will be 'NO' ECONOMIC COLLAPSE - or - GREAT DEPRESSION. WAR ... will come first !!

The saints 'will' endure through much of this great tribulation as clearly and forthrightly taught by the Lord Jesus Christ, the apostles and the many of the ancient prophets. We will 'NOT' be called away before the outbreak of these terrible 'judgments of fire'... but we <u>WILL BE</u> hidden, protected and preserved through this period in a refulfilment of the original 'PASSOVER'. This was the <u>whole purpose</u> of this ancient event ... to be an epic 'preview' of the Lord's saving of His faithful servants and their deliverance out of 'the tribulation' (judgments on the nations) in the last days. Time is short. For the sake of our families and loved ones, we <u>must</u> reject false and unscriptural 'imaginings of men' and listen to God's Word <u>alone</u>, as 'we prepare' to endure through the coming day of the LORD.

# Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment

Seek righteousness, seek meekness it may be ye shall be 'hid' in the day of the LORD'S anger.

ZEPHANIAH 2:3

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- 17. THE GREAT NOISE ... Soon To Consume Both Heaven & Earth
- 18. THE BUYER & THE SELLER ... The 'Rod of Wickedness' revealed
- 19. THE 2020 PROPHECY ... (Job 20) A Warning For The Last Days
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