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## Prophetic Wisdom Monetary Prophecy (PW-2)

### Prophetic Wisdom (Preface)

Most sites even half as big as this one will have no doubt have a few pages of prophesy. However, this site is more about teaching and providing deeper perspective on revelation in general. In fact for that very reason I doubt that I will ever post lists of prophesy.

For the same reason, I intend to dedicate a section to Prophetic Wisdom. To begin with, this will take the form of commenting on current (or popular) prophetic subjects and trends. If you like you can view this as my opinion on what to do with it (and I don't necessarily mean where to shove it).

Please keep in mind that these short (if you're lucky) comments are written to be read by prophetic types, and as usual I am more than happy for you disagree as long as they are good Scriptural reasons (- and thinking I'm a nut case is not good enough!).

## Monetary Prophecy

### A New Introduction

The global recession that began in 2008 caused me to re-read this article with interest. The real test of these messages is how they stand the test of real life events, and I was relieved to find it just as relevant as ever. However I would be acting out of character if I did not take this opportunity to add a few extra comments!

One of the most interesting things the 2008 market crash revealed was the total market reliance on Christian moral values such as:

**Faith** – In the viability of the system people are a part of.

**Hope** – That others will be acting in accordance with long term interest and viability.

**Good Will** – That people will create assets capable of growth, and have resalable “good will”.

**Vision** – That people have enough vision, or at least enough common sense to create organizations that are not a house of cards.

I could go on, but I'm sure you get the picture. It was interesting to see the reactions of those that had their life savings in the market as it was all heading south. The shock and resignation was palpable. There was a feeling of depression that continued for many months until things started on the rocky road up again.

I was fascinated. The words of Paul came to mind, “I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learnt the secret of being content in every situation...” (Phil. 4:12). As my admittedly smaller amount of money went south, possibly never to return I felt perfectly at peace. People would sometimes stare at me as I smiled at the latest disastrous financial report. I

only wish I could have given this peace to those around me, but as Paul wisely says, this type of peace it is a secret you have to learn!

Greed is amazingly deceptive. A word of prophetic wisdom for all today would be **“to pay much more attention to the true value of our resources.”** The distortions and issues that make our financial system fall (and sometimes rise) tend to reflect our willingness to accept a distorted truth. Some distortions are due to ignorance, but the majority of distortions are a direct result of our ambition and greed. “Hot air practices” – things actually have little or no value at all become accepted by greedy and/or ambitious people. This type of deception is not always black or white, it can also be a gradual process.

At the end of the day, the value of our resources is the market's only real value test. In a post market crash environment, the premise of the following article seems just as sound as it was when it was written.

## **The "God is shaking the monetary systems of the world..." prophecy**

Just as there appears to be a regular (and evolving) financial cycle to world affairs, it seems to me that there is also a regular and at times predictable prophetic cycle that accompanies it. This predictability should not be surprising, after all, some form of prophetic commentary on the worldly problems of today should be part of a national prophetic brief, and these are issues we need reminding of on a regular basis.

When I read prophetic monetary warnings there a number of observations that come to mind:

(Note: None of these observations should invalidate any prophecy!)

1. It is normally a response to local events (with a little input from national and international news sources), though occasionally it is a genuine national problem.
2. It may initially be intended as an international warning but there is no particular reason (apart from the plea itself) to accept any international warning along these lines.
3. Global Monetary shake downs have been happening throughout history (i.e. 1930's, 2008), and they will no doubt continue to happen even though there have been numerous prophetic warnings.
4. Along with these global events there are numerous national fluctuations - some of these being quite severe.
5. On an more practical amusing note, there are always a few economists warning that market corrections will happen before they happen, and that is a little more useful than a load of prophets sounding off after the event (yes, sometimes the truth is amusing).

Therefore, perhaps the real reasons prophets are given these messages have little (or even nothing) to do with preserving piles of money and assets.

## **Real Reasons**

### **To turn from our sin!**

Yes, no doubt this is a real reason, but since it covers absolutely everything, we will look deeper. The motives of God do not always need to be mysterious; sometimes they are all too obvious. The intent of most prophecy can be summed up in the following statements:

- a) To redirect our attention away from said piles of money
- b) To reclaim our heart that is so easily pleased with other things

- c) To remind us of God's Son and what remind us what real sacrifice is about
- d) To return us to the kingdom and values that are more satisfying

In relation to God shaking the monetary systems of the world these 4 statements should be top of the list of everyone's usual suspects. Of course there are always more, for example, God wants us:

- e) To tune our spiritual ears so we don't need so much loud reminding.
- f) To worship in spirit and truth not just according to passing tradition (National cultural traditions, or Pentecostal, Anglican, Catholic etc).
- g) To understand our spiritual nature and stop trying to follow the leader and be someone else.
- h) To learn where/how we fit in to the "Body of Christ".
- i) To learn where/how to be prophetic. This includes how speak prophetically (that is - so it is a natural extension of who we are, and therefore most effective), but more importantly how to unlock our prophetic potential.
- j) To understand and the nature of God and the world (i.e. theology!), so we do not need to accept the latest misleading popular theory, fad, or opinion.

## **Monetary Judgment**

In regard to the prophetic message and plight of the dollar, or perhaps just the value in our pocket, it is worth passing on a few pearls of prophetic wisdom concerning the big picture, as they apply to this subject (Please note that none of these comments are intended to provide an excuse to ignore a message, or not give a message).

First of all, it should be obvious that even though no one likes a recession, the western world is by now quite used to these regular fluctuations or market corrections (Alan Greenspan called them "Turbulence"), and despite the fact that there are also rare global melt-downs where everything appears to go down the plug hole for a while, people are not likely to take much notice of a few people warning about the evils of ignoring God and pursuing money. Therefore the people you would really be talking to is a small percentage of church people and a handful of others. I say a small percentage because most church goers do not accept the guidance of prophesy and consider it to be fairly irrelevant for today. There is nothing wrong with speaking to a small percentage, but it's useful to be aware. There are probably more people outside the church willing to listen, but it is difficult to reach them and they will provide a very mixed response containing all extremes (again from a very small percentage of people).

From God's point of view, shaking the things we lust after and cling to seems a perfectly reasonable response to a humanity that insists on lusting after money, various selfish ambitions, and various possessions. However, we need to understand that our prophetic proclamation does not mean the same thing to everyone, or even apply to everybody. For example it does not apply to the two thirds world in the same way it applies to the western world. We should ponder the dilemma of the western preacher that having preached his doctrine of giving till it really hurts (perhaps to cover his campaign costs) finds himself the proud owner of a large pile of excellent shoes (or other treasured possessions). The shoes may well be an expression of the people giving their very best, but are of course totally useless to the preacher who would have done better to trust in God to supply his monetary needs. Such stories are good reminders that the world can be a surprising and diverse place, where wealth is not always a piece of land or money in the bank.

The dilemma of course is that poor nations are likely to be hit harder by judgment on western nations than the western nations themselves. Many then cry "not fair" but we should not blame God for the results of our sin. The flow on effects of monetary policy on the global economy

happen because it was set it up that way to deliberately use people on low wages and buy cheap resources. This is all done so we can buy cheaper things we really don't need. Unfortunately we don't buy as much when money is tight.

## **A Warning to Poor Nations?**

The poor nations of the world are traditionally more liable to have rampant inflation and other monetary problems, these problems are without doubt a curse in themselves. However, any monetary prophesy needs to acknowledge the devastating flow on effects of rich nation trading policy and seasonal patterns. After people on the street are largely powerless to cope with 100% or more inflation.

Likewise monetary prophesy to poor nations needs to take note of other important values as well as money. In fact a prophetic warning to people that are considered poor should concentrate on these "other matters." Of course it will not ignore money, but there are many other things that are equally relevant and probably more important such as:

**Relationships - God & Human**

**Bad decisions - Curses & Blessings**

**Holiness - or lack of it**

It can be hard for the western mind to accept that there is a difference, but once you have lived in other countries you appreciate just how true it is.

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