



Sunday April 11, 2010 The Seven Mountains Assignment : Part 2

The significance of Seven

Seven represents completion or perfection.

Seven enemies

Deuteronomy 7:1

"When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you,

Seven-fold facet of the Spirit of God

Isaiah 11:2

The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

Sevenfold Authority, Revelation and Presence

Revelation 5:6

And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

Horns = Omnipotence = perfect or complete authority

Eyes = Omniscience = perfect or complete knowing

Spirits = Omnipresence = perfect or complete presence

Sevenfold Honor

Revelation 5:12

saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

While we understand that there are many sub-spheres and cultural contexts or societal pillars that are within a nation, the "seven mountains" or seven spheres or seven mind-moulders in one sense perfectly or completely describe where we need to affect change in order to see nations disciplined.

The typology of the "mountain"

Isaiah 2:1-5

1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the LORD's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it.

3 Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

4 He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.

5 O house of Jacob, come and let us walk In the light of the LORD.



Micah 4:1-4

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2 Many nations shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion the law shall go forth, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

3 He shall judge between many peoples, And rebuke strong nations afar off; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.

4 But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, And no one shall make them afraid; For the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

Isaiah and Micah lived and prophesied about the same time about 700 years before Christ.

The fulfillment of Isaiah 2:2-3 and Micah 4:1-2 could be in a similar manner to the fulfillment of Joel 2:28-32 and Amos 9:11,12. While these are end-time prophecies, we see their fulfillment in part in Acts 2:17,18 and Acts 15:16,17 and continuing on through today.

Hebrews 12:18-29

18 For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest,

19 and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore.

20 (For they could not endure what was commanded: "AND IF SO MUCH AS A BEAST TOUCHES THE MOUNTAIN, IT SHALL BE STONED OR SHOT WITH AN ARROW.")

21 And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I AM EXCEEDINGLY AFRAID AND TREMBLING.")

22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels,

23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,

24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

25 See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven,

26 whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "YET ONCE MORE I SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO HEAVEN."

27 Now this, "YET ONCE MORE," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

29 For our God is a consuming fire.

The "Mountain of the Lord's House" used by Isaiah and Micah and that in Hebrews ("Mount Zion") all indicate the term "mountain" is used of an assembly of **God's people**.

God's people – the House of the Lord, the church of the first born, the general assembly of the saints, will be established on top of the other "mountains" and "hills" and people will be drawn to it.

The "mountains" and "hills" or "high places" is a term also used in the Bible to represent:

Places of worship

especially high places of false worship

Isaiah 65:7 Your iniquities and the iniquities of your fathers together," Says the LORD, "Who have burned incense on the mountains And blasphemed Me on the hills; Therefore I will measure their former work into their bosom."



Places of power and influence

Psalm 18:33 He makes my feet like the feet of deer, And sets me on my high places.

Amos 4:13 For behold, He who forms mountains, And creates the wind, Who declares to man what his thought is, And makes the morning darkness, Who treads the high places of the earth— The LORD God of hosts is His name.

Micah 1:3 For behold, the LORD is coming out of His place; He will come down And tread on the high places of the earth.

Places of blessing and prosperity

Deuteronomy 32

9 For the LORD's portion is His people; Jacob is the place of His inheritance.

13 "He made him ride in the heights of the earth, That he might eat the produce of the fields; He made him draw honey from the rock, And oil from the flinty rock;

Deuteronomy 33:13-16

13 And of Joseph he said: "Blessed of the LORD is his land, With the precious things of heaven, with the dew, And the deep lying beneath,

14 With the precious fruits of the sun, With the precious produce of the months,

15 With the best things of the ancient mountains, With the precious things of the everlasting hills,

16 With the precious things of the earth and its fullness, And the favor of Him who dwelt in the bush. Let the blessing come 'on the head of Joseph, And on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers.'

Habakkuk 3:17-19

17 Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls—

18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

19 The LORD God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer's feet, And He will make me walk on my high hills.

Today,

The mountain of Business

THE MOUNTAIN OF BUSINESS

When we talk about the mountain of business we are referring to the entire sphere of human activity from scientific research, to production, to sales and service. There are literally thousands of sub-spheres of activity in this sphere we are referring to as "business" or "economy".

The Marketplace, which is the heart of the nation, has been redeemed and now needs to be reclaimed. (Colossians 1:20)

"Change the marketplace and you change the world" – Ed Silvano

1, God's Promises relevant to the mountain of business

Blessings

(Please quickly quote these verses as we may not have time to turn to these Scriptures)



Deuteronomy 8:18 Psalm 1:3 Psalm 112:3 Psalm 128:2,3

Wisdom & Skill

Isaiah 48:17 God teaches us to prosper and profit.

God is the source of wisdom through which we conduct business

Proverbs 8:21 That I (wisdom) may cause those who love me to inherit wealth, That I may fill their treasuries.

Creativity

"But the motor to business, as quite famous scientists have described to me, is the scientific creativity part, because that's the part that fuels the multiplication of wealth. The other distributes it." Loren Cunningham

Daniel 2:22 He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, And light dwells with Him.

Favour that brings wealth transfer

Pro 13:22 ...But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous

Isaiah 60:5 Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.

2, Challenges on the mountain of business

Greed

Proverbs 28:22 A man with an evil eye hastens after riches, And does not consider that poverty will come upon him.

Luke 12:15 And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

Worship of Mammon

Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Other challenges will include things such as:

- Abuse of power leading to exploitation and violence
- Corruption

3, Demonic powers on the mountain of business

(Dear Pastors, do a quick summary of the verses below. Won't have time to read the entire passages.)

Ezekiel 28:1-19 and Isaiah 14:12-19



Tyre – a place in Palestine

Lucifer – before the Fall

- Beauty : Ezekiel 28:12
- Wisdom : Ezekiel 28:12
- **Wealth : Ezekiel 28:13 ←**
- Music : Ezekiel 28:13
- Anointed : Ezekiel 28:14
- **Business : Ezekiel 28:16 ←**
- Ruler over nations : Isaiah 14:12

Lucifer has possession of great wealth (Ezekiel 28:13). He was designed for possession of great wealth.

Lucifer also had control of the world's trade.

Ezekiel 28:16 "By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned;

Although Lucifer fell and was cast out of his place in heaven, and the earth was entrusted to man – Lucifer, now satan, gained control of the earth through Adam.

Luke 4:5,6

5 Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

6 And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

Satan, now exerts his diabolic influence over the kingdoms (nations) of this world and over the wealth, trade and business of this world.

The Babylonian System

Revelation 17, 18 talk about a "Babylonian System" that controls the wealth and trade of the world, full of depravity and corruption. Revelation 17:9 says that this "Babylonian System" sits on top of seven mountains, and extends its influence over the waters (17:1), which represents "peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues" (vs 15). From the description of it, in Revelation 18:11-19 it clearly represents an economic system where commodities were bought and sold. Unfortunately we see that the "bodies and souls of men" (vs 13) were also treated as a commodity in this system. God's people are told not to become part of this Babylonian system and not to share in its sins (18:4). The Bible also indicates that this system "has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!" (18:2). In Revelation 18:2,19 the Bible predicts the downfall of this Babylonian system in "one hour" a sudden downfall of the entire Babylonian system.

Revelation 18:11-19

19 "And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore:

12 merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble;

13 and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men.



14 The fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all.
15 The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,
16 and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls!
17 For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.' Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance
18 and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What is like this great city?'
19 "They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.'

Warring Craftsmen

Zechariah 1:18-21

18 Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there were four horns.
19 And I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these?" So he answered me, "These are the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem."
20 Then the LORD showed me four craftsmen.
21 And I said, "What are these coming to do?" So he said, "These are the horns that scattered Judah, so that no one could lift up his head; but the craftsmen are coming to terrify them, to cast out the horns of the nations that lifted up their horn against the land of Judah to scatter it."

We will confront the works of darkness on the mountain of business or world economy:

- The god of Mammon that try to lead people into the worship of money and success.
- Demons of covetousness that lead people into greed and violence (Ezekiel 28:16).
- Demons of unrighteousness that encourage unethical practices and encouraging dishonest gain.
- Demons of poverty that rob people of enjoying the good things God intended for them.

4, Testimonies of Christians on the mountain of business

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5, Biblical Principles relevant to the mountain of business

Challenge the Babylonian culture with the culture of God's kingdom.

There is a whole lot the Bible teaches us about relating to the marketplace. We highlight just 3 important principles that we must walk in:

Integrity

Proverbs 10:9 He who walks with integrity walks securely, But he who perverts his ways will become known.

Excellence

Pro 22:29 Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before unknown men.

Worship of God

Matthew 6:33



6, Spiritual Gifts and Anointings relevant to the mountain of business

God makes His anointing and gifts available to empower us in the marketplace.

Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12

The gift of the word of knowledge

The gift of the word of wisdom

The believers gift of leadership

7, Strategies for influencing the mountain of business

At different levels (a)at the top (b)at the mid level (c)at the grass roots

We must understand the system

Luke 16

Luke 16:8 So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light.

Do not be afraid of learning how the system operates. We need to be in the system to influence it.

As An Employee or business owner

- We assume that you are living out the Biblical principles of Excellence, Integrity and Worship of God
- Work through your relationships – horizontally and vertically
Christianity Today Magazine: *How should a Christian define being a witness to Christ on the job?*
Bishop T.D. Jakes: “*The greatest witness on the job is to be personally pleasant and undeniably productive. Unfortunately, we grow up feeling obligated to share our faith rather than to allow people to observe it by our professional integrity. Christians should not use the workplace for vocal and blatant evangelism—as happens so much in the name of God, from politics to picketing. (If God were so inclined, I believe He could sue most Christians for false representation.) The real witness to Christ is love, peace, contentment, etc. These inaudible attributes—coupled with excellent work ethics and fulfilled promises to staff members, employees, or consumers—speak volumes.*”
- Seize “opportune moments” to share and demonstrate Christ
- Influence by introducing Biblical values and principles
- Strategic positioning – allow your organization to locate you where you can serve Kingdom expansion geographically

Other strategies

adopting strategies to affect our nation and other nations

- Micro enterprise development



- Starting SMEs : providing jobs with good salaries to employees, contributing to kingdom work
- establish double bottom lines: profitability and social contribution

8, Prayer and Intercession for the mountain of business

- Pray for us as believers that we would recognize that there is a calling to the workplace and we are ministers of God in the marketplace.
- Pray for God's wisdom, skill, creativity, favour to be released on us for new inventions, ideas, business strategies, opportunities, excellence, etc. that would result in blessing organizations, people and society.
- Pray for divine wealth transfer so that it will be placed in the hands of God-honoring people so that it can be used correctly.
- Pray that the control of the god of mammon, greed, corruption, selfish-interests, etc. would be broken in your workplace and be replaced by worship of the living God, integrity and blessing of people.
- Pray for the release of the supernatural that demonstrates God's goodness resulting in a turning of hearts to the Lord.

CLOSING CHALLENGE

The spirit of Caleb

Joshua 14:12

Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the LORD spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim were there, and that the cities were great and fortified. It may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the LORD said."

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