

## **“\$inflation”**

**“See, this alone I found, that God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes.” (Ecclesiastes 7:29)**

### **The Abomination of Inflation**

**Amos 8:4-6** – (4) “Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, (5) saying, ‘When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, (6) that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?’”

**Leviticus 19:35-36** – (35) “You shall do no wrong in judgment, in measures of length or weight or quantity. (36) You shall have just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.”

**Deuteronomy 25:13-16** – (13) “You shall not have in your bag two kinds of weights, a large and a small. (14) You shall not have in your house two kinds of measures, a large and a small. (15) A full and fair weight you shall have, a full and fair measure you shall have, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. (16) For all who do such things, all who act dishonestly, are an abomination to the LORD your God.”

**Proverbs 11:1, 20:10** – “A false balance is an abomination to the LORD, but a just weight is his delight.”

“Unequal weights and unequal measures are both alike an abomination to the LORD.”

### **Usual Source of Inflation**

**Ezekiel 45:9-12** – (9) “Thus says the Lord GOD: Enough, O princes of Israel! Put away violence and oppression, and execute justice and righteousness. Cease your evictions of my people, declares the Lord GOD. (10) You shall have just balances, a just ephah, and a just bath. (11) The ephah and the bath shall be of the same measure, the bath containing one tenth of a homer, and the ephah one tenth of a homer; the homer shall be the standard measure. (12) The shekel shall be twenty gerahs; twenty shekels plus twenty-five shekels plus fifteen shekels shall be your mina.”

## **The Final Manifestation of Inflation?**

**Revelation 6:5-6** – (5) “When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, ‘Come!’ And I looked, and behold, a black horse! And its rider had a pair of scales in his hand. (6) And I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures, saying, ‘A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius, and do not harm the oil and wine!’”

**Revelation 9:20-21** – (20) “The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up worshiping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk, (21) nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.”

## **What to Do?**

### **(1) Pray for Precision**

**James 1:5** – “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.”

### **(2) Submit to God’s Economy**

**Proverbs 3:9-10** – (9) “Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; (10) then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.”

### **(3) Don’t get sucked into the Madness**

**2 Kings 5:20** – (20) “Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, “See, my master has spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not accepting from his hand what he brought. As the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him.”

**2 Kings 5:26-27** – (26) “But (*Elisha*) said to (*Gehazi*), ‘Did not my heart go when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Was it a time to accept money and garments, olive orchards and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male servants and female servants?

(27) Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and to your descendants forever.’ So he went out from his presence a leper, like snow”

### **(4) Eliminate Extravagance**

**Proverbs 23:4-6** – (4) “Do not toil to acquire wealth; be discerning enough to desist. (5) When your eyes light on it, it is gone, for suddenly it sprouts wings, flying like an eagle toward heaven. (6) Do not eat the bread of a man who is stingy; do not desire his delicacies,”

### **(5) Enjoy Christian Contentment**

**1 Timothy 6:8** – “But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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