

STUDY GUIDE

Preparing for the Digital Economy: The Coming Shift in Crypto and Blockchain

I. Welcome & Framing the Conversation

We are living in a time of major change. A shift is happening in how the world handles money, wealth, and even trust. For many, this brings uncertainty. But for those who are prepared—spiritually and practically—it's also a time of great opportunity.

This guide is here to help you:

- Understand the changes coming to our economy.
- Learn how technologies like crypto, blockchain, and AI are shaping the future.
- Gain wisdom to prepare your household and your legacy—not in fear, but in faith.

Why This Matters Now:

- Inflation, unstable banks, and political tension are shaking confidence in traditional systems.
- Technology is changing quickly—and it's touching everything.

Key: We're seeing old systems shake, and new ones rise. This masterclass is here to help you understand these changes—not from fear, but with wisdom and faith.

II. The Historical Context: How We Got Here:

The gold standard → fiat currency.

1971: Nixon takes the dollar off gold.

How credit expansion and money printing became normal.

Recap of 2008 Financial Crisis and its aftermath.

COVID-19 stimulus and the Fed balance sheet exploding.

Key Takeaway: "Our current system is built on debt and trust—but that trust is breaking. That's why alternatives are rising."

III. What's Happening Now: The Global Shakeup

You're probably feeling it:

- Prices going up
- Banks in trouble (like SVB and Credit Suisse)
- Uncertainty in global politics and leadership

At the same time:

- Nations are developing their own digital currencies (CBDCs).
- BRICS countries are challenging the U.S. dollar's power.
- Leaders are questioning the role of central banks.

Key: "Many people feel it—prices rising, trust eroding, uncertainty growing. This is why people are turning to crypto and blockchain as a hedge and a new system of value."

IV. What Is Blockchain?

Blockchain is a decentralized ledger—a record book that no single person controls.

- Every transaction is verified by a network of computers.
- It's immutable—meaning you can't just erase or manipulate the records.
- It enables trust without middlemen (banks, governments).

Example: "Imagine a Google Doc everyone can see but no one can secretly edit—that's the blockchain."

V. What Is Cryptocurrency?

Bitcoin: digital gold—limited supply, decentralized, secure.

Ethereum: programmable money—smart contracts.

Stablecoins: digital dollars (USDC, USDT).

Major institutions investing billions into crypto infrastructure.

Crypto is more than an investment. It's becoming the new infrastructure for finance.

Key Point:
"Crypto is both an asset and the foundation for a new financial system."

VI. Tech Innovation and AI in Finance

AI trading algorithms are already outperforming humans in some markets.

- Robo-advisors managing trillions in assets.
- AI risk modeling and fraud detection.
- The coming convergence: AI + blockchain + tokenized assets.

Big Picture: "In 10 years, AI and blockchain won't be optional. They'll be foundational to how wealth is created and protected."

VII. Opportunities and Risks in the New Digital Economy

Opportunities:

- Investing early in crypto and blockchain projects.
- Using AI tools to grow and protect your wealth.
- Participating in decentralized finance (DeFi).
- Owning digital versions of real assets (like tokenized real estate).

Risks:

- High price swings (volatility).
- Scams and bad actors.
- Unclear government rules.
- A learning curve—new systems take time to understand.

Message: "With wisdom, discipline, and community, you can navigate this landscape safely and prosper."

VIII. Faith, Stewardship, and Preparing for the Shift

Proverbs 13:22—"A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children."

As believers, we are called to steward what God gives us—not just spiritually, but financially. Stewardship is more than giving—it's knowing how to manage and multiply what's in your hands.

Now is the time to:

- Seek God's guidance in financial decisions.

- Learn what you don’t yet understand.
- Connect with others walking the same path.

Anchor Thought:
"As believers, we have a responsibility to be informed and prepared—not fearful. This isn’t just about money—it’s about legacy and obedience."