

**PROPHECY UPDATE 2021  
MAYBE TODAY!  
PART 2**



As we continue on looking at what the Bible has to say and what is happening in this world, I want to focus on something that I believe is very interesting and it is mind blowing where we are at today.

**3. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE IMAGE OF THE BEAST**

The reason I believe this is so important to Bible prophecy is because what we are told in Revelation chapter 13.

In this chapter we see the emergence of the Antichrist, the False Prophet and then this image of the beast.

I truly believe that these are all tied together, and the Scriptures do support this.

Remember that the False Prophet, the head of the one world religion, gets the people to put the Antichrist into power in this one world government.

But then we are told this, **“He [the false prophet] was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”** Revelation 13:15-17.

Listen to how The Amplified Bible puts these verses and it does drive home the point even more.

It reads like this, **“And he [the False Prophet] is permitted [also] to impart the breath of life into the beast's image, so that the statue of the beast could actually talk and cause to be put to death those who would not bow down and worship the image of the beast. [Dan 3:5.]**

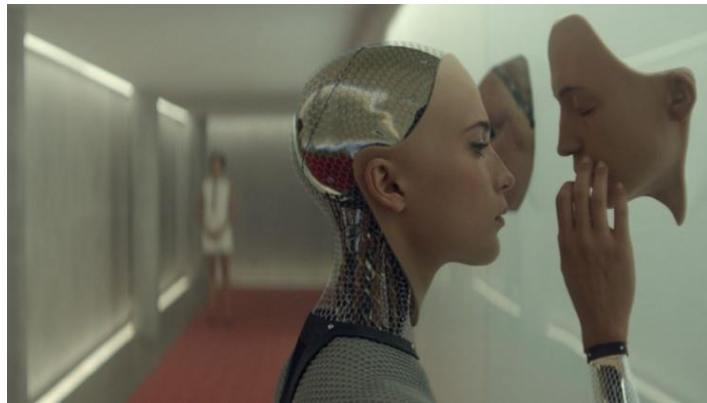
**Also he compels all [alike], both small and great, both the rich and the poor, both free and slave, to be marked with an inscription [stamped] on their right hands or on their foreheads, So that no one will have power to buy or sell unless he bears the stamp (mark, inscription), [that is] the name of the beast or the number of his name.”** This reminds

me of the image that the King of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar set up in Daniel chapter 3. This gold image was to be worshiped and whoever refused would be put to death!



The difference between what is found in Daniel chapter 3 and what we have read here in Revelation chapter 13 is the image here in Revelation the Antichrist gives life to!

In Daniel's day and even in John's day when he wrote Revelation, this was impossible, that an image could come to life, but not today!



Yes, growing up this was science fiction, but we are moving faster and faster with AI to create a creature that can monitor all the people in this world and if they refuse to take the mark of the beast, to be put to death. He can cut off their food supply, their medical supply, they will not be able to do anything without this mark of the beast upon their right hand or their forehead!

Let me give you some examples to show you how far we have come with AI.

In one article we are told,

The term “artificial intelligence” was only just coined about 60 years ago, but today, we have no shortage of experts pondering the future of AI. Chief amongst the topics considered is the technological singularity, a moment when machines reach a level of intelligence that exceeds that of humans.



While currently confined to science fiction, the singularity no longer seems beyond the realm of possibility. From larger tech companies like Google and IBM to dozens of smaller startups, some of the smartest people in the world are dedicated to advancing the fields of AI and robotics. Now, we have human-looking robots that can hold a conversation, read emotions - or at least try to - and engage in one type of work or another.

Top among the leading experts confident that the singularity is a near-future inevitability is Ray Kurzweil, Google's director of engineering. The highly regarded futurist and "future teller" predicts we'll reach it sometime before 2045.

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Listen to what Ray Kurzweil has to say on this video regarding where we are at and how close we are to this singularity. ([bit.ly/2ZEDmWV](http://bit.ly/2ZEDmWV))

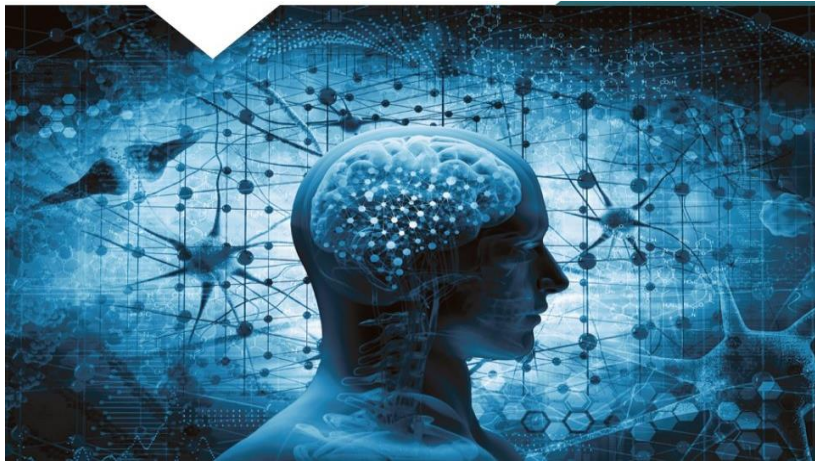
It is amazing how fast we are moving towards this singularity but there is also this idea out there where they want to integrate a human brain into a machine so the person can live forever. Let me show you what I mean.

Scientists have been working on merging human consciousness with a machine or computer. It is a process called – *SINGULARITY!*



We talked about this before at one of our prophecy updates, but the technology for this is getting closer and closer!

Another name for this, and maybe a more familiar one, is – *CYBERNETIC TRANSHUMANISM*.



What that means is they are combining a human body with a machine or a human mind with a machine!

Maybe some of you remember the old television show *Six Million Dollar Man* that combined machine parts with human parts, like eyes, arms or legs.

Another one is the movie, *Robocop*, that did the same thing but this time it also controlled his mind.

And if you remember *THE BORG* from *Star Trek the Next Generation*, that is what they did also, combining human and machine parts together and all these creatures became part of the collective, they did not have the ability to think on their own.



Now to be specific, when you fuse the human consciousness with a machine or computer it is called a singularity and we are getting closer and closer to that becoming a reality!

I don't think that this will be something that is used on every person on this planet because then they would not have a free will. But it may be something like that when a person takes the Mark of the Beast because then they can't be saved, and this occurs around the half-way point of the seven-year Tribulation Period.

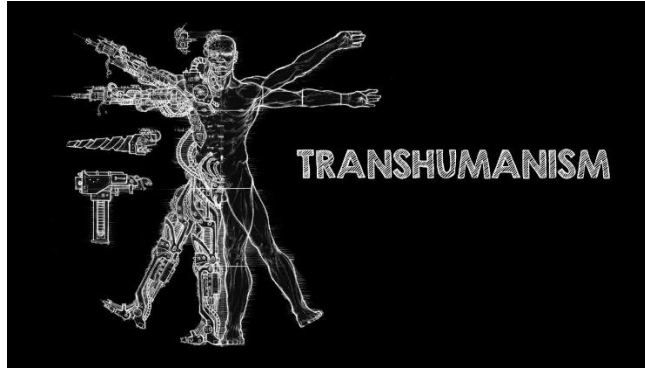
But maybe this is what the Antichrist will do to give life to the image of the beast, a human consciousness downloaded into a computer or some kind of human body! It is possible and many are working to achieve something like this.

Let me share this with you and you will see what I mean. This article, "***No death and an enhanced life: Is the future transhuman?***" was written in 2018 and this is what it said,

The aims of the transhumanist movement are summed up by Mark O'Connell in his book ***To Be a Machine***, which last week won the Wellcome Book prize. "*It is their belief that we can and should eradicate ageing as a cause of death; that we can and should use technology to augment our bodies and our minds; that we can and should merge with machines, remaking ourselves, finally, in the image of our own higher ideals.*"

The idea of technologically enhancing our bodies is not new. But the extent to which transhumanists take the concept is. In the past, we made devices such as wooden legs, hearing aids, spectacles and false teeth.

In future, we might use implants to augment our senses so we can detect infrared or ultraviolet radiation directly or boost our cognitive processes by connecting ourselves to memory chips.



Ultimately, by merging man and machine, science will produce humans who have vastly increased intelligence, strength, and lifespans; a near embodiment of gods. . . .

This last point is a particular issue for those concerned with the transhumanist movement. They believe that modern technology ultimately offers humans the chance to live for aeons, unshackled – as they would be – from the frailties of the human body.

Failing organs would be replaced by longer-lasting high-tech versions just as carbon-fibre blades could replace the flesh, blood and bone of natural limbs. Thus we would end humanity's reliance on "our frail version 1.0 human bodies into a far more durable and capable 2.0 counterpart," as one group has put it. . . .

Ultimately, adherents of transhumanism envisage a day when humans will free themselves of all corporeal restraints. Kurzweil and his followers believe this turning point will be reached around the year 2030, when biotechnology will enable a union between humans and genuinely intelligent computers and AI systems.

The resulting human-machine mind will become free to roam a universe of its own creation, uploading itself at will on to a "suitably powerful computational substrate". We will become gods, or more likely "star children" similar to the one at the end of *2001: A Space Odyssey*.

As crazy as it sounds, that is the direction that they are moving towards, and I believe that this image of the beast can be a *SINGULARITY* or *CYBERNETIC TRANSHUMANISM*.

Now I don't want to creep you out, well, maybe I do. But this stuff amazes me because, like I have said, it was called science fiction, but not any longer.

Listen to this report. We are told,

Scientists have invented the first ever living robots. The robotic devices are made from the embryonic skin and heart cells of frogs. They're known as Xenobots, getting their name from the African clawed frog, *Xenopus laevis*, whose stem cells are used to make the robots. . . .



Xenobots, developed by scientists from Tufts University and the University of Vermont, are the first-ever robots to be created entirely from living material. The machines are tiny creatures, less than a millimeter (0.04 inches) wide, and can walk and swim, survive for weeks without food, and work together in groups. They, however, can't evolve or recreate. What's unique about these creatures is that they can heal by themselves when wounded. . . .

These robots don't look anything like traditional robots. They don't have robotic arms or shiny gears. However, they can achieve some things that the traditional robots can't. For example, these robots have self-healing capability, something that traditional robots lack. . . .



According to a study conducted by the researchers, the Xenobots could potentially be used toward a host of tasks. Because of their miniature sizes, they could be used to transport medicine into the human body or instructed to scrape out plaque from human arteries. . . .

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I told you, kind of creepy. It has self-healing capabilities, sounds like Terminator!



Let me show you this video and some of the advances that have been made with AI and I have watched several videos, some AI are made like fish and they actually look and swim like fish. Will it be hard to tell the difference between AI and humans?

Here is the video. ([bit.ly/3rotEmX](https://bit.ly/3rotEmX))

This is one of the reasons I believe the Lord's return can't be that far off. With this technology, with the idea of merging a man's brain with a machine, I don't think it will happen in mass. But maybe that is what this image of the beast is all about, a human brain merged with an AI and able to control the world and maybe this mark of the beast is the very thing that will help to control the people!

One more and there is so much more with AI, but this has to do with predicting what is going to happen before it happens.



In saying that, the first thing that came to mind was the movie, *Minority Report*, where the police monitored people and could predict if they are going to commit a crime before the crime happened and arrest them.

What can go wrong with that? If you have seen the movie, everything can go wrong, it just depends on who has control of this information. Let me share what this article has to say.

And this is the title of the article - *Pentagon Wants AI to Predict Events Before They Occur*.

"Predicting the future  
isn't magic, it's  
artificial intelligence."

-Dave Waters

[SupplyChainToday.com](http://SupplyChainToday.com)

We are told,

What if by leveraging today's artificial intelligence to predict events several days in advance, countries like the United States could simply avoid warfare in the first place? . . .

The tests were designed to occur in phases, each demonstrating the current capabilities of three interlinked AI-enabled tools called Cosmos, Lattice, and Gaia.



Gaia provides real-time situational awareness for any geographic location, comprised from many different classified and unclassified data sources - massive volumes of satellite imagery, communications data, intelligence reports, and a variety of sensor data.

Lattice offers real-time threat tracking and response options.

Cosmos allows for strategic and cloud-based collaboration across many different commands.

Together, these decision tools are supposed to anticipate what adversaries will do ahead of time, allowing U.S. military leaders to preempt the actions of adversaries before kinetic conflict arises and deny them any perceived benefits from taking any predicted actions. . . .

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Again, that is creepy, Big Brother is watching and maybe coming after you if they can predict you will be doing something that is not what they want you to do.



We may not think this is a big deal, but it is. And if you don't, then you must be sleeping because we have seen how social media monitors the things you are posting and they can put you in, for instance, Facebook jail if what you posted does not comply with what they want out there.

And our information is out there. With smartphones, with the internet, with purchasing things online, with where we are looking in our web browsers, with cameras monitoring our movement being added all the time, they have the information and now it is just a matter of time until AI can take that information and try to predict if you are following the rules of the government or not!

What was science fiction – *MINORITY REPORT* – is becoming real life!

And just to give you an idea on where surveillance is going, listen to this,

It's neither a bird nor a plane, but a winged microchip as small as a grain of sand that can be carried by the wind as it monitors such things as pollution levels or the spread of airborne diseases. . . .



The devices don't have a motor; engineers were instead inspired by the maple tree's free-falling propeller seeds . . .

The wind would scatter the tiny microchips, which could sense their surrounding environments and collect information. *The scientists say they could potentially be used to monitor for contamination, surveil [follow] populations or even track diseases.*

Their creators foresee microfliers becoming part of "large, distributed collections of miniaturized, wireless electronic devices." In other words, they could look like a swarm.

- Newsbytes, September 29, 2021

I know that this can be pretty scary, so let me close with this little song, I think you will enjoy it. ([bit.ly/3EckuNM](https://bit.ly/3EckuNM))

#### **4. THE MIDDLE EAST – ISRAEL**

We are not hearing much about what is going on in the Middle East but believe me, there are many signs that a war is going to break out and it is going to be big!

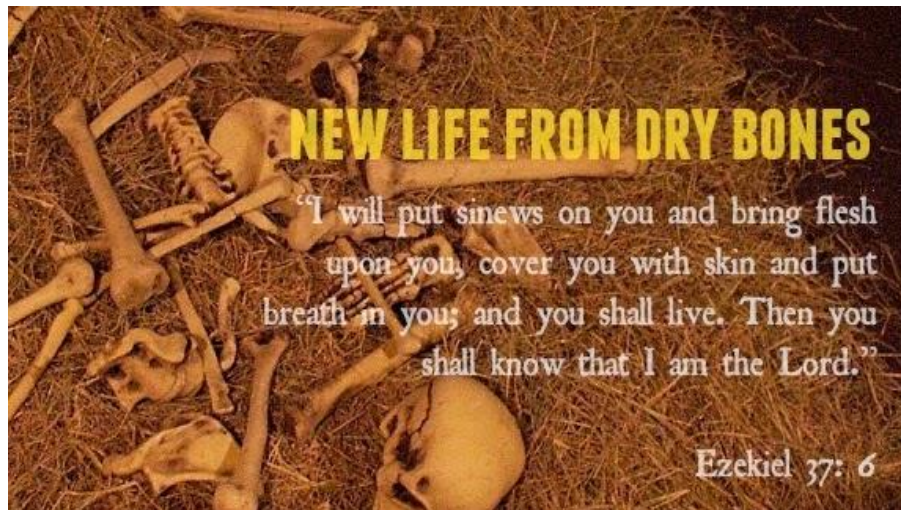
The big players are Israel and Iran and, as we will see, Russia and many other Muslim nations will join in.

We know this war as the war of Gog and Magog from Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39, and that war is coming!

Now let me set the stage for what is going to take place by telling you what has happened.

Back in 1948 the State of Israel was born, and David Ben-Gurion, who was the first Prime Minister and Minister of Defense in Israel, said, ***“Ezekiel 37 has been fulfilled, and the nation Israel is hearing the footsteps of the Messiah.”***

The dry bones came to life, the nation was reborn!



Now, do you know what comes after Ezekiel chapter 37?

It is Ezekiel chapters 38-39, sorry, not really!

But those are the chapters that are dealing with this war in the Middle East, and I believe it is this war that will lead into the Tribulation Period and the church may be around for some of it or all of it.



But who are the players in this war?

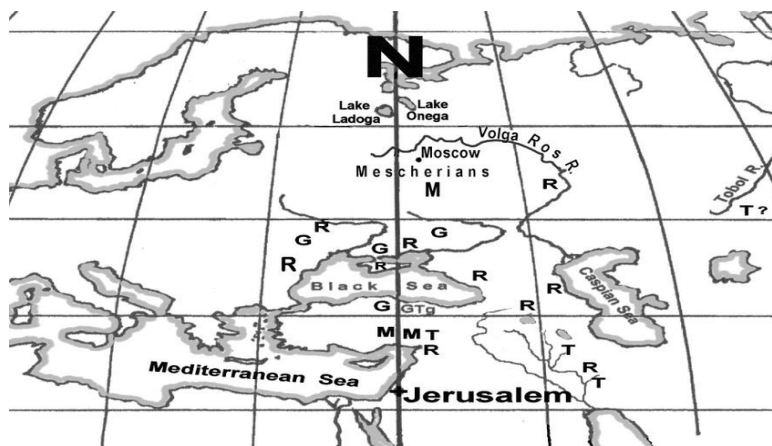
Keep in mind that Israel is the one being attacked by nations that surround them. And these are the players,

First of all, there is Gog. The name **“Gog”** means “ruler” or “man on top.” This is the dictator of the land of Magog.

I will deal with this dictator in a few minutes.

So Gog is the leader or the dictator of the land of Magog, but who is Magog?

Keep in mind that we see the phrase **“far north”** or **“the uttermost parts of the north”** used some three times in these two chapters. (Ezekiel 38:6, 38:15, 39:2) This army will come down from the **“far north”** upon Israel!



I believe this is the area known as Russia today for if you draw a line from Israel northward you will run into Moscow.

Also understand that Russia is spread out from east to west some 6,000 miles, spanning some 11 time zones! So it is hard to miss who Ezekiel is speaking of. In fact, Rabbi Chaim Valoshinere said the following in the mid-nineteenth century, *“When you see the Russian army begin to move southward and enter Turkey, put on your Sabbath garments and get ready to welcome the Messiah.”*

“The prince of Rosh” is probably better translated as “The chief prince of Meshech.” Now Meshech was the sixth son of Japheth and is associated with modern Turkey, probably eastern Turkey. Tubal is probably part of Turkey as well.

There is Persia or Iran.

There is Ethiopia or Cush, it is translated both ways in the Bible versions, but it is speaking of the same area. This is referring to *“Black Africa.”* And it probably covers some two-thirds of the African continent with the other one-third being the upper portion of the continent.

There is Libya or Put and this is speaking of the upper part of Africa, from the midpoint westward, reaching from Libya to Mauritania, Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco.

There is Gomer and the people of Gomer are probably speaking of North Central Turkey although some believe it is speaking of Germany.

There is Togarmah and these people settled in the area of modern-day Turkey and Turkestan. Now this can also be speaking of the five republics that broke off from the Soviet Union when communism broke up. These five Southern states are: Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tadjikistan, and Kyrgyzstan.



And what these nations have in common is their religious beliefs, Islam and their hatred for Israel!



Now Russia will be drawn into this war in the Middle East because Russia has made allies with Iran and these other Muslim nations, like Turkey, who use to be pro-Israel, but they have turned away from Israel and want the nation destroyed. It is a common denominator for these nations.

What is going to draw Russia into this war?

Some say it is the rich oil deposits that have been found in Israel, and that is a possible reason.

I tend to lean that Russia will be drawn into a war that Iran has started!

Let me show you what I mean.

In Syria, Iranian-backed Hezbollah has 150,000 missiles pointed at Israel!



When I see that and when I hear of the missiles that have been fired into Israel from Syria, I see that Israel is going to respond and they have but not in fulfilling what the Bible says is going to happen to Damascus in Syria.

Listen carefully to what Isaiah 17:1 says about Damascus, **“The burden against Damascus. ‘Behold, Damascus will cease from being a city, And it will be a ruinous heap.’”**

This has not happened yet, but it is coming, and I believe that this will trigger Iran and Russia into this battle, as well as the other Muslim nations!

Now let me deal with this dictator, Vladimir Putin, from the farthest parts of the north, Russia.

Look at how he is flexing his muscle and the reason he is doing this is because he knows the American forces, the government is weak, and it is now time to strike. We are told,

Russian President Vladimir Putin has massed some 92,000 soldiers of the Red Army, along with tanks and other military machinery, on Russia’s borders with Ukraine.



Russian forces are also being prepositioned in Belarus, the former Soviet republic that is closely allied with Putin and is located just to the north of Ukraine. . . .

The Kremlin “is preparing for an attack by the end of January or beginning of February,” the head of Ukraine’s defense intelligence agency told Military Times in a report published last Saturday. . . .

Yet the facts are clear: Putin has a long history of using military force to seize parts of Georgia, to seize all of Crimea, to seize the eastern region of Ukraine, and, of course, to seize much of Syria and prop up his bloodthirsty ally, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. . . .

Israeli and moderate Arab leaders are watching the situation in Moscow and Kiev closely. They are trying to figure out what Putin wants, and how far the would-be czar will go to achieve his objectives.

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Now, in seeing what Putin is doing and watching how Iran is getting closer and closer in developing nuclear weapons that will be used to try and destroy Israel, the Middle East is getting ready to explode!

What are the warning signs of this coming war?

Look at what we have seen with these headlines as Israel is preparing to strike Iran to save itself!

[Israeli Defense Minister] Gantz: Israel is ready to strike Iran (Jerusalem Post, Aug. 7)

Why Israel is stepping up its planning, and its rhetoric, for a strike on Iran (Times of Israel, Oct. 1)

Israel approves \$1.5 billion for Iran strike plan (Ynet News, Oct. 19)

Likud MK: Israel must strike Iran by year's end if there's no new nuke deal – Tzachi Hanegbi says opposition party will give full backing if government decides to attack Tehran's nuclear program (Times of Israel, Oct. 31)

Israel has military capability to strike Iran - ex-IDF intel chief (Jerusalem Post, Nov. 5)

Iran nuclear programme: Threat of Israeli strike grows (BBC, Nov. 23)

Ex-Mossad chief says Israeli strikes on Iran nuclear sites 'must be on the table' (Times of Israel, Nov. 26)

This is not just idle talk, they are serious, and they want Iran to understand that, even though I don't think that they care. They just want to destroy the Jewish people and the nation of Israel no matter what it might cost them!

Yossi Cohen, the former Mossad chief, said last week, that *“independent strikes on nuclear sites, if Iran takes this path that endangers our existence, should and must be on the table – unequivocally.”*

Yaakov Amidror, Israel's former national security advisor, went even further. *“Israel cannot live with a situation in which the Iranians are getting closer and closer to the bomb, and it will soon have to make a decision how to stop it,”* Amidror told the BBC last week.

*“I don't see any other way but to bomb [Iran's facilities], because I don't see the Iranians retreating from their dream of having a nuclear umbrella under which they can be even more aggressive than they are today,”* he added.

At a security conference in Herzliya last week, Amidror said bluntly and publicly what many senior Israeli officials are saying privately. *“The world won't lift a finger”* to stop Iran from getting nuclear warheads, Amidror said. *“The Americans won't carry out a single mission.”*

Israel understands that they are on their own, that the United States and really no other country is going to be behind them to help them against Iran!

It is the **LORD** who will fight for Israel and give them this victory and I believe it is on the heels of this great war that the Antichrist is thrust on the scene to bring about order to a world that is in chaos!

As one recent report tells us,

***HOW CLOSE IS IRAN TO HAVING A BOMB?***

The breaches lengthened the breakout time but estimates still vary. Many diplomats and nuclear experts say the starting point of one year is conservative and Iran would need longer.

David Albright, a former U.N. weapons inspector who tends to have a hawkish position on Iran, estimated in November that Iran's breakout time could be "as short as 3.5 months", although this presumes Iran would use 1,000 advanced centrifuges that were removed under the deal.

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And there is more. The Times of Israel warns us, and this is from August 4, 2021, Iran is ten weeks away from acquiring enough enriched uranium to build a nuclear bomb, Defense Minister Benny Gantz said on Wednesday.

“Iran has violated all of the guidelines set in the JCPOA and is only around 10 weeks away from acquiring weapons-grade materials necessary for a nuclear weapon,” Gantz told ambassadors from countries on the United Nations Security Council during a briefing at the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem.

“Now is the time for deeds – words are not enough,” he added. “It is time for diplomatic, economic and even military deeds, otherwise the attacks will continue.”

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This is not just some Christians speculating about this war, these are world leaders that are concerned that this is coming to pass and if nothing is done, Iran will have nuclear capabilities!

The Jerusalem Post warns us of what is being said by leaders in Iran,

Lotfollah Dezhkam, the representative for the Islamic Republic of Iran’s Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei in Fars Province, urged the elimination of Israel in a Friday sermon in the city of Shiraz.

The Islamic clerical firebrand declared, “The global arrogance led by America with complicity of Israel seeks to delay the realization of an important issue, which is the destruction of the Zionist regime.” Kian Meli, a news outlet opposed to the Islamic Republic of Iran, quoted his remarks. Three regime-controlled news organizations – Islamic Republic News Agency, Fars News and Tasnim – reported on his speech.

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The spokesperson for the Islamic Republic of Iran's armed forces, Brig. Gen. Abolfazi Shekarchi recently called for the total elimination of the Jewish state.



This is what he said, *"We will not back off from the annihilation of Israel even one millimeter. We want to destroy Zionism in the world."*



We have heard this kind of hatred and destruction of Israel by Iran for years; this is not something new. But keep in mind that the Bible speaks of the world turning against Israel, and yes, this will climax during the end of the Tribulation Period, but we are seeing that happening in the days we are living in.

This coming war in the Middle East, it looks like it is very close and yet, God is in control and all we can do is look at the signs, look at what these nations are doing, the alliances that they are making, and then come to our conclusions.

And, as you listen to leaders today, especially in Israel, they are calling for a war to stop Iran from gaining the ability to make nuclear weapons to destroy Israel. It is coming and we should not be surprised when we see these things coming to pass!

#### **4. WHAT DOES THIS ALL MEAN?**

The bottom line is this. What does this all mean to us as Christians?

Think about that for a minute. If we are not going to be here for the Tribulation Period, why is all this information even relevant for us?

And that is a problem for many Christians, they are not interested in prophecy, in what is coming and thus, when things get tough, they are completely caught off guard!

God has given us this information so we will not be fearful, we will not be afraid, we will not cower and hide, but we understand that the Lord's return is getting closer and closer and the things that the Lord has warned us about in the last days is coming to pass!

Let me share with you what Jesus said in Matthew 24:4-8 as He spoke to His disciples. We are told, **“And Jesus answered and said to them: ‘Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, “I am the Christ,” and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.”**



Keep in mind that Jesus is speaking of the first 3½ years of the seven-year Tribulation Period in these verses, not the days we are living in.

Now, in saying that, why is this important to us?

Jesus says that the Tribulation Period is like a woman in labor. The pains start out light and far apart and as she gets closer to delivering her baby, the pains increase in intensity and frequency until the baby is born.

That is the Tribulation Period. The judgments start out light and far apart but as the birth of the Kingdom Age gets closer, as we come to the end of the Tribulation Period, the judgment increases in intensity and frequency until Jesus Christ returns to set up His Kingdom on this earth where He will rule and reign for 1,000 years!

Then why do we see some of these things that Jesus spoke of happening in our day?

Because they are what we might call Braxton-Hicks's contractions or pre-labor pains preparing the way for the true labor to come – ***THE TRIBULATION PERIOD!***

Notice the first thing that Jesus warns about, “... ‘Take heed that no one deceives you.’” Matthew 24:4.

The Greek word for “Take heed” is BLEPO, (blep’-o) and it speaks of being alert, keep your eyes open, beware, pay attention! And then Jesus tells us why we need to be on guard, why we need to keep our eyes open, why we need to pay attention, because there are those out there that are trying to “deceive” us!

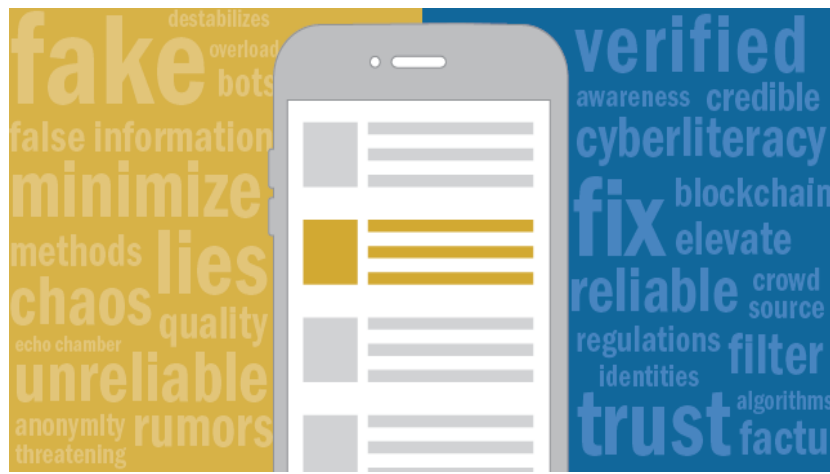
The Greek word for “deceive” is PLANAO, (plan-ah’-o) and it speaks of going astray, of wandering off course.

It is from this Greek word, PLANAO that we get our English word “*planet*” from. That may seem kind of strange, but it is not.

You see, before planets were understood they were thought of as “*wandering stars*” or that they seemed to be going nowhere, there was no direction to them, and they just wandered through the sky.

So listen to what Jesus is saying to us, “*Pay attention, be on guard because there are those who claim to be of God who will lead you astray, they will cause you to start wandering away from the truths of God!*”

And let’s face it, we do see much deception today, so much so that it is hard to figure out what is true and what is false. And that just brings about confusion in people’s lives because they don’t know what to believe.



So if you want to confuse people, make them fight against each other, cause they to lose hope, you fill social media with truth and error and then let the people deal with it, and again, not knowing what to believe! And it is working great.

But keep in mind what Jesus is speaking of here. Jesus starts out with a warning about deception that is related to religious practices, wars, famines, pestilences, earthquakes!

Now I am not saying that these things will not happen, but don’t be deceived by them, don’t fall prey to where they are leading you, to the Antichrist and away from God!

Let's deal with the religious aspect first. We are seeing today a proliferation of false doctrine coming into the church that I believe is leading the church into a one-world religion. But that really is not what this is speaking of here. It is speaking of false Christ's, and they have been around since the time of Christ.

But there is more to it than that. Listen again to what Jesus said, "**For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.**"

I believe there is something that He is hitting on that may blow you away. The Greek word for "**many**" is POLUS and it speaks of a very great number, as in millions and millions of people, not just a select few and they will claim to be God, but they are nothing more than false Christ's!

And look at the teachings of New Ager's, of health, wealth and prosperity teachers, and many are falling prey to this idea that they are God! I think that is what Jesus is speaking of, the proliferation of man thinking he is God!

In Luke 21:8 Jesus said, "**. . . 'For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time has drawn near.' Therefore do not go after them.'**"

What is interesting to me is that the word "**He**" is italicized, it shouldn't be there but was put there by the translators to make it clearer, but it truly doesn't make it clearer, we tend to miss the point because of it.

It should read, "**Many shall come saying, 'I AM.'**" Isn't that interesting because that is what the New Age movement is saying and it is what the church is now also saying, that we are god!

M. Scott Peck, a psychologist, wrote a book, *The Road Less Traveled*, that has been read by many Christians and New Age followers, and yet his words are not of God and that leaves only one other place they came from!

He wrote, ***“God wants us to become Himself (or Herself or Itself). We are growing toward godhood. God is the goal of evolution.”*** (*The Road Less Traveled*, p. 270).

How sad that Christians have read this book and yet see nothing wrong with his teachings!

Matthew Fox tells us that, ***“We need to become aware of the Cosmic Christ, which means recognizing that every being has within it the light of Christ.” “Everyone is born a mystic and a lover who experiences the unity of things and all are called to keep this mystic or love of life alive.”***

M. Basil Pennington wrote, ***“When we go to the center of our being and pass through that center into the very center of God we get in immediate touch with this divine creating energy . . . that the divine energy may have the freedom to forward the evolution of consciousness in us and through us, as a part of the whole, in the whole of the creation.”***

***“[T]he God who dwells in our inner sanctuary is the same as the one who dwells in the inner sanctuary of each human being.”*** (*Here and Now* by Henri Nouwen, p. 22).

***“Deep within us all there is an amazing inner sanctuary of the soul, a holy place, a Divine Center.”*** (*Streams of Living Water* by Richard Foster, 1998, beginning of chapter 2 – a quote by Thomas Kelly).

***“[Even people] who have yet to turn their lives over to Jesus Christ – can and should practice them. [spiritual disciplines].”*** (*Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster, p. 2).

*“[I]f I find Christ, I will find my true self and if I find my true self, I will find Christ.”*

(Abba’s Child by Brennan Manning, p. 125).

This New Age teaching, that we are God, will be incorporated by the people of this world, and tragically, we already see that it has infiltrated the church!

I also see this as the opening of the first seal in Revelation 6:1-2 which says, **“Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, ‘Come and see.’ And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.”**

This rider on the white horse is the Antichrist and here is this man who will eventually go into the rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem and demand to be worshiped as God!

We see wars all over the place today, terrorism that is only going to increase.

Interestingly enough the word **“will”** in the Greek is MELLO, (mel’-lo) and that carries the idea of continual hearing. There will be constant talk of actual wars and of rumors of wars, to a degree the world has never known before.

As I have said, that is the thrust of what we hear on the news today and this is not even the start of the labor yet, it will only get more intense!

I see this portrayed for us in Revelation. In Revelation 6:3-4 we see the opening of the second seal, and we are told, **“When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, ‘Come and see.’ Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.”**

This of course is speaking of wars like we read in Matthew 24:6-7a.

As we move on in verse 7 of Matthew chapter 24, we see “**famines**” spoken of, “**pestilences**” spoken of, “**earthquakes in various places**” spoken of.

Let’s look at these three and see how they too are spoken of in Revelation.

First of all, with famines. Do you realize that the total number of children who die each year from starvation is 1.5 million! Not only that but every 3.6 seconds someone in the world dies from hunger! Every day 20,864 people will die of hunger or 7,615,360 people per year!

Now what if there were major wars, what if there was some kind of ecological disaster, some drought?

I think that Revelation 6:5-6 gives us a picture of what that will be like, “**When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, ‘Come and see.’ So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard 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 the wine.’**”

This rider on this black horse has a pair of scales in his hand and we are told that the cost to obtain just the basic necessities of life, food, is going to be very high. It would cost a denarius for a quart of wheat and a denarius for three quarts of barley. Now why did it cost more for wheat? The reason is simple; wheat was better for you and barely had a lower nutritional value than the wheat. Barley was often fed to the livestock but if you had a family, you could purchase more barley than wheat and you needed to do what you could to feed your family.

To put this in perspective, a denarius was the daily wage for the workingman. So it would cost you a day’s pay to buy 3 quarts of barley that could feed a family of 3, but barely. A quart of wheat could feed one person.

Think about this, because I don't believe in our society, that we tend to think a lot about this. We are only one crop failure away from global famine! And understand this; the deserts are increasing at a rate of 14.8 million square miles per year! (Forty square miles per day!)

Next is "**pestilences**" and I think that many times we feel this is speaking of deadly diseases like AIDS and Ebola and others from which there is no known cure. I think that is part of it and it will only get worse. But what about plagues and biological warfare, do they fit into this? I think they do. I will give you one example and that is with Syria, they have so much sarin gas that just for the United States or any country to secure it we would need 75,000 troops on the ground!

And now with COVID, and this is just the beginning. These things will increase in intensity as we get closer to the start of the Tribulation Period.

As you read Revelation 6:7-8 you get an overview of the death that these things will bring about, including I believe these pestilences! We are told, "**When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, 'Come and see.' So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.**"

Now, besides deadly diseases, this can also be speaking of natural disasters like a flood, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and-so-on.

And it may even speak of biological and chemical weapons that are unleashed, like I have said.

And if there is a lack of food, then wild animals will do whatever they can to survive, even attacking humans! In any case, it is not good, it is devastating!

Let me sum it up like this as Paul tells us what these last days will be like, what people will be like.

In II Timothy 3:1-7 we are told, **“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”**

The key to these verses is that men will be lovers of ***THEMSELVES!***

It is out of this self-love that we see these things manifested and when you turn on the news, look at what people are doing. It is all about them, what they want to do, and they feel it is their right to do it. I guess we can say – ***THE LOVE OF MANY HAS GROWN COLD!***

Look at Romans chapter 1 and see how man turns from God and God gives them over to all kinds of immoral activity, what they want in the first place, and it is what we are seeing today.

Let me show you what I mean about losing our moral compass and the immorality that is growing in this country because – **WE HAVE TURNED OUR BACKS TO GOD!**

We are told,

What in the world has happened to the United States? What a dysfunctional mess!

While several factors have contributed to our country’s chaotic state, one that stands out above the rest is our culture losing its moral and ethical roots.



According to a Gallup poll conducted in May 2018, 49 percent of Americans say the state of moral values in the U.S. is “poor.” Meanwhile, 37 percent of U.S. adults say moral values are “only fair” and 14 percent say they are “excellent” or “good.”

What is moral and what is not is clearly defined, but sadly, countless Americans these days are choosing to redefine the meaning of moral in order to justify their self-indulgent, hedonistic behaviors and lifestyles.

As our society becomes one of rot, behaviors and principles of Americans become rotten as well – and as the moral compass of Americans continues to decay, so decays the popular culture as well as America’s political system. The latter is clearly exemplified by newly elected members of Congress who are Socialist Democrats. These anti-Americans are injecting poison into our country and pushing for the same socialist policies that destroyed Venezuela.

Much of the moral decay can be directly attributed to our country increasingly opposing God over the years in favor of secular humanism.

As we continue to reject God and push him out of our country, we are swinging our doors wide open and welcoming corruption, hatred and violence into our country with open arms.

In Edward Gibbon’s final volume of “The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire,” three of the five major causes he identifies behind the fall of one of history’s greatest empires that today’s America currently identifies with are: the breakdown of the family, an insatiable craving for pleasure and the decay of religion.

We have digressed into a nation as wicked as (if not more wicked than) Sodom and Gomorrah as clearly evidenced by the increased acceptance of sexual immorality and New York’s, gruesome abortion law that Gov. Cuomo pressured the state into enacting. . . .

George Washington stated in his famous farewell address, *“Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.” . . .*

. . . as Ronald Reagan forewarned, *“Without God, there is no virtue because there’s no prompting of the conscience. And without God, democracy will not and cannot endure. If we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under.”*

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What a warning to us. Now, why did I share that with you?



Because that is our mission field, the world! May we not lose sight of the fact that the Lord wants us to occupy or continue doing the work of bringing the Gospel to the lost until He comes back for us, His Church to take us home!

We have covered a lot of ground here this evening and we have just scratched the surface in regard to Bible prophecy and the days we are living in.

Yes, we are moving towards a one world government, the handwriting is on the wall!



And let me show you this statue. It is a very strange looking statue that has just been set up right outside UN Headquarters in New York City. This absolutely gigantic statue is called *“The Guardian of International Peace and Security”*, and it looks like something out of a science fiction movie. It does not resemble any known creature on this planet. Instead, it appears to very closely resemble a *“beast”* that is described in the Book of Revelation!



It is like they are reading the Bible and following what they are supposed to do. Just look closely and you tell me how this station is *“The Guardian of International Peace and Security”*?



Yes, we are moving towards a one world religion that will usher in the reign of the Antichrist!

Yes, we see the technology for this image of the beast that will be able to monitor all the people in the world with this mark of the beast upon their right hand or forehead!

Yes, we see a war looming in the Middle East, a war that will have Russia and its Muslim allies coming together to destroy Israel and God will destroy this army.

And, as I have said, I believe this will help usher in the reign of the Antichrist over the nations of the world!

As Christians, we should be some of the most excited people in the world, knowing we can be that generation that closes out church history and thus, **“looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.”** Titus 2:13.



***MAYBE TODAY THE LORD IS COMING BACK AND IF NOT TODAY, THEN VERY SOON!***

