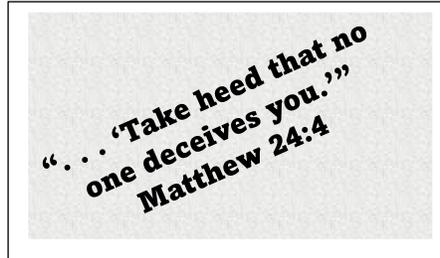




PROPHECY UPDATE 2022
THE CARBONARO EFFECT!
DO NOT BE DECEIVED!
PART 2



We are in part 2 of our Prophecy Update 2022 and we are going to jump right into our next topic. Just keep in mind that the focus of these studies is – ***DO NOT BE DECEIVED!***



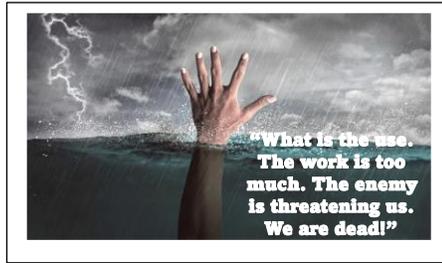
3. NEHEMIAH 4:10-11, NEHEMIAH 4:14-15, 20 – DISCOURAGEMENT FROM WITHIN – APOSTASY IN THE CHURCH!

Keep in mind that Nehemiah came to Jerusalem to see how they were doing and what he found was a mess. After all those years the walls of the city of Jerusalem were still broken down and he was now helping them in the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem.

And we can understand when the enemy tries to discourage us, but when the discouragement seems to be coming from within the church, that can be disheartening.

In Nehemiah 4:10-11 we are told, **“Then Judah said, ‘The strength of the laborers is failing, and there is so much rubbish that we are not able to build the wall.’ And our adversaries said, ‘They will neither know nor see anything, till we come into their midst and kill them and cause the work to cease.’”**

The tribe of Judah is basically saying, *“What is the use. The work is too much. The enemy is threatening us. We are dead!”*



In other words, they were trying to discourage the rest of the people from finishing the work, as they are about half finished with the walls of the city.

There have always been those who have tried to discourage us in the work we are doing here. But we can't allow discouragement from within to stop us from finishing the work that God has called us to do!

What I would like to do in this section is take a look at some of the – ***APOSTASY IN THE CHURCH***, because that can cause discouragement in the work we are doing. They seem to prosper, grow, and things are not moving fast for us. You see, discouraging!

The thing we need to understand is that apostasy in the last days will grow and grow. In fact, as we look at the book of Revelation, we see that in the last letter that Jesus wrote, the letter to the church in Laodicea. Jesus is not even allowed into the church, but He is knocking to get in! That is where many are headed today!

Let me show you what I mean about apostasy in the church because it will lead us to what we will be talking about next, ***THE ONE WORLD RELIGION!***

According to Barna's research,

Today, 176 million Americans claim to be Christians - 69% of the population. Yet, only 6% of U.S. adults - which is 9% of those identifying as Christians - possess a biblical worldview, believing the Bible to be accurate and reliable, among other convictions.

“Two out of three Americans think of themselves as a Christian, and a majority still think that Christianity is kind of about the Bible,” Barna said in an interview at the time. ***“But there’s a big gap between what (self-identified Christians) believe the Bible may teach, and what the Bible actually teaches.”*** . . .

Large majorities of self-identified Christians also report many beliefs ***“not in harmony with biblical teaching,”*** according to the survey. These include:

72% argue that people are basically good

66% say that ‘having faith’ matters more than which faith you pursue

64% say that all religious faiths are of equal value

58% believe that if a person is good enough, or does enough good things, they can earn their way into Heaven

57% believe in karma

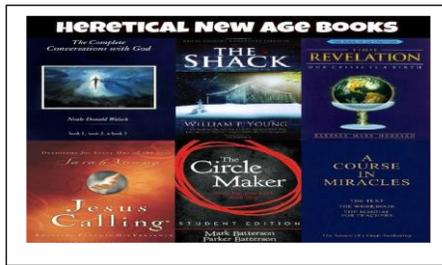
“There is a remarkable level of self-deception (even among) born-again Christians,” said Barna, commenting on his recent worldview research. ***“It represents a huge educational challenge for those responsible for biblical worldview development.”***

“Too often . . . people who want a certain reputation or image embrace the label ‘Christian,’ regardless of their spiritual life and intentions,” states Barna. ***“‘Christian’ has become somewhat of a generic term rather than a name that reflects a deep commitment to passionately pursuing and being like Jesus Christ,”*** he states. . . .

So, when we complain about the churches’ lack of spiritual courage and conviction, we must remember that over 90% of the members of these churches are not even born-again Christians - which brings ***MUCH*** into focus.



Barna is also astute in highlighting the reason for this massive Christian apostasy: The pulpits are not teaching sound doctrine.



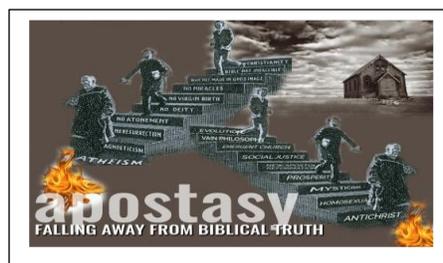
When you look at that research, I think you can clearly see why so many non-Christian activities, practices, teachings have come into the church today! We see Christian witches, Christian Tarot cards, Christian Ouija boards, all kinds of ungodly worship practices, Yoga, New Age teachings and activities, psychics, New Age spiritual energy from objects, the practice of grave sucking or sucking energy from the graves of dead Christians, reincarnation, astrology, practicing the silence, labyrinth walks, and sadly, the list goes on and on.

How did this happen?

Very simply, the Christian schools have compromised the truths of God found in the Word of God! From there they passed this unbiblical teaching onto their students who became pastors and leaders in the church. They in turn taught this to their congregations and the result, apostasy in the church!

You don't believe it, then listen carefully! We are told,

An earlier report from the *American Worldview Inventory 2022* showed that just **37% of Christian pastors have a biblical worldview**, with the predominant worldview among pastors (62%) being syncretism, a hybrid mixture of disparate worldview elements blended into a customized philosophy of life.



According to this latest report, the widespread absence of biblical worldview among American pastors is resulting in *eroding beliefs in areas as basic as salvation through Jesus Christ, the nature of God, the sinful condition of human beings, and the existence of objective truth.*

As Barna notes, *“Our survey demonstrates that large numbers of pastors have abandoned even the most basic and hallowed biblical teachings for ideas that now permeate our culture.”*

And this has enormous negative consequences for American Christianity, according to Barna.

“Because pastors teach what they believe, many churches are becoming centers of syncretism and secular thought,” he said. *“Perhaps without even realizing it, thousands of pastors have become leaders of a movement away from God.”*

“With so many churches and their pastors in the culture’s grip, rather than fervently committed to serving God and teaching His word,” Barna explained, *“you can clearly see why most church-going Christians are being more influenced by the culture than the culture is being influenced by America’s Christians.”*

Surprisingly low numbers of biblical beliefs were held by pastors in evangelical churches.

Amazingly, given the biblical foundations of evangelicalism, three out of every 10 (30%) do not believe that their salvation is based on having confessed their sins and accepted Jesus Christ as their savior. According to the report, more than one-third believe that there is no absolute moral truth, deny that human life is sacred, and say that having faith matters more than which faith you have. . . .

Specifically, the report found that one-third or more of senior pastors believe:

- Sexual relations between two unmarried people who believe they love each other is morally acceptable.
- Determining moral truth is up to each individual; there are no moral absolutes that apply to everyone, all the time.
- The Holy Spirit is not a living entity, but is a symbol of God's power, presence, or purity.
- Having faith matters more than which faith you have.
- Reincarnation is a real possibility.
- A person who is generally good, or does enough good things for others, can earn a place in Heaven.
- Socialism is preferable to capitalism.
- Allowing property ownership facilitates economic injustice.
- The Bible is ambiguous in its teaching about abortion, enabling you to make a strong argument either for or against abortion based on biblical principles.

Additionally, one-third or more of senior pastors reject the following beliefs: human life is sacred; wealth is entrusted to individuals to be managed for God's purposes; success is consistent obedience to God; people are born into sin and can only be saved from its consequences by Jesus Christ; they, personally, will experience eternal salvation only because they have personally confessed their sins and accepted Jesus Christ as their savior.

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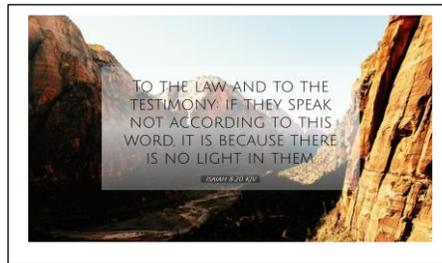
I think you can clearly see why so many churches today embrace homosexuality, transgenderism, Black Lives Matter, socialism, abortion, and the sins that the Bible speaks of!

How can we combat this tsunami of apostasy that is coming into the church today?

Let me share with you what Nehemiah did. We are told in Nehemiah 4:14-15, and 4:20, **“And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, ‘Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses.’ And it happened, when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and that God had brought their plot to nothing, that all of us returned to the wall, everyone to his work. . . . Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us.”**

That is what Jude tells us to do, to earnestly contend for the faith that has been entrusted to us. It is not time to compromise, to give up, to run away, to hide, but to boldly stand against these antibiblical teachings.

And remember what Isaiah said, **“To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.”** Isaiah 8:20.



And we can spend a lot of time looking at all the apostasy that is going on in the church but what I want to do is take this apostasy and show you where it is headed, and it is headed very quickly towards a – ***ONE WORLD RELIGION!***

4. NEHEMIAH 6:1-2, NEHEMIAH 6:3 – COMPROMISE – ONE WORLD RELIGION!

In Nehemiah 6:1-2 we are told, **“Now it happened when Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab, and the rest of our enemies heard that I had rebuilt the wall, and that there were no breaks left in it (though at that time I had not hung the doors in the gates), that Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, ‘Come, let us meet together among the villages in the plain of Ono.’ But they thought to do me harm.”**

What I want you to see in these verses is that the enemy wants to get Nehemiah to compromise the work that He is doing, to stop and join with them, meet with them.

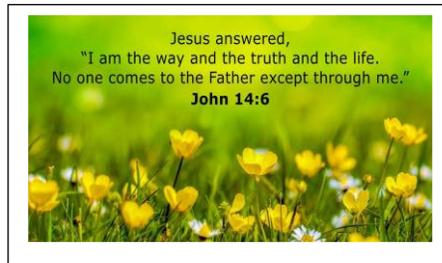
I think that fits in perfectly with what we see happening today. Not just the Christian faith, but the religions of the world are coming together, they have compromised what they believe, and they are becoming a – ***ONE WORLD RELIGION!***



Now when it comes to the one true faith, Christianity, there can be no compromise and yet, we have seen it because the Christian schools have compromised what they once believed and are teaching things that are contrary to the Bible.

The students who are taking these classes are graduating and becoming pastors and leaders in the church and they are teaching these unbiblical doctrines or really doctrines of demons to their congregations, they are writing them in books, they are teaching them in seminars and the like!

So you can easily see how many of these apostate churches can join with the religions of the world and have no problem with it even though Jesus said in John 14:6, “**... ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’**” There are no exceptions to that!



Let me show you what I mean.

Remember the series “*The Chosen*” which is supposed to be about the life of Jesus. That actor in this series, Jonathan Roumie, who plays Jesus, claims that he has received insight with the pope at a private Vatican summit.

This is what he said about this meeting with the Pope back in September of this year.

In a post accompanying the video Roumie wrote: “*Spent some time with the Holy Father, Pope today, collaborating on ways in which artists can use the gifts they’ve been given to effect positive change in the culture. A remarkable 48 hours with two dozen extraordinarily talented folks from ALL walks.*” . . .



The experience, he said, was a “poignant [touching] reminder” that “God can use anyone and everyone in any field that He wants to move hearts toward Him.”

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Now you may not see this as a big deal. I am sorry, I do!

You see, is the Roman Catholic faith Christian?

I don't want to offend anyone, but it is not. It has a different Gospel. Their Gospel is salvation in Jesus and good works and that won't be enough, so you have to go to Purgatory to atone for your sins!



Is that Biblical?

No, it is not. Salvation is a free gift that we receive by faith or as Paul put it in Ephesians 2:8-9, **“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”**



Do you see the difference?

We are saved by grace not by works and they are saved, they believe, by grace and works!



And did you notice what Jonathan Roumie said, ***“God can use anyone and everyone in any field that He wants to move hearts toward Him.”***

So the Muslim, the Catholic, the Mormon, or any other cult can move you towards the true and living God? Do you see how dangerous that is, and when this man plays Jesus in this series, people will be listening to what he says, and they will believe him instead of what the Bible has to say! I mean, would Jesus lie to us? He wouldn't but this man is an actor and not Jesus!

And in this gathering with the Pope, there were ***“. . . two dozen extraordinarily talented folks from ALL walks.”***

Again, working on uniting the religions of the world together into one!

And look at the number of Christians that are watching this series and learning these false doctrines from it. What has happened with Christianity, or I should say Christians that they are so easily deceived?

There is no discernment because they don't know the truth! Here is what we are seeing statistically. Listen carefully and you will see what I mean about the church getting weaker as it compromises more and more.

Claude Fischer, a Berkeley sociologist, points to a watershed Gallup poll showing that in 2020, for the first time since the poll began in the 1930s, fewer than 50% of Americans were affiliated with a church, synagogue or mosque.

That poll showed 21% of Americans had no religious affiliation; the Pew Research Center put the number of “nones” at 30% in a recent report.

And though white evangelical Christians loom large in the political landscape, the Public Religion Research Institute last year reported that their numbers have fallen precipitously, from 23% of Americans in 2006 to 14% in 2020. Just 7% of the group were young adults.

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In other words, they have no church that they are affiliated with. They are on their own and thus, they are open to the deceptions that are out there. And I have seen that over the years right here in Manitowoc, even at our church!



Now some may not see this as a big deal, but I truly do. You see, one of the problems in the world today is Christians!

Now they see it in a negative way, we see it in a positive way. You see, they don't like us because we say that there is only one way to God and that is through Jesus Christ. They don't like us because we stand up for morality and they love their sin, and that sin is getting more and more depraved.

So do destroy this force, you make them compromise their faith and you do so with things like, *“We just need to get along!” “We don’t want to fight with each other, that is not Christian!” “How can you say that homosexuality or anything else besides what the Bible says is a sin when they were born that way!”* And the list can go on and on. They call us unloving, hateful, intolerant and so on and so, because we want to be more like Jesus, we compromise!



The reality is, if people knew the Bible, they would see that Jesus would not tolerate sin and He would not tolerate false teaching, and we must come against this as well!

But to have the religions of the world come together you have negated the only true faith that can truly have an impact on this world, on people’s lives, and that is Christianity!

It is interesting to see how they are also working on bringing the religions of the world together. It is done by the violence done to people of different faiths and the call to join together to fight against this.

The head of the United Nations put it like this. We are told,
 . . . the UN chief said it should be an opportunity to reflect on the importance of cultural and religious understanding, and mutual respect.

“I am grateful to religious leaders across the world who are joining hands to promote dialogue and interfaith harmony”, Mr. Guterres said.

The Secretary-General also highlighted the declaration, *Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together*, co-authored by the spiritual leader of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis, and the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Egyptian Islamic scholar Sheikh Ahmed Al-Tayeb, calling it “a model for compassion and human solidarity.”

“We need this spirit more than ever”, he declared. . . .

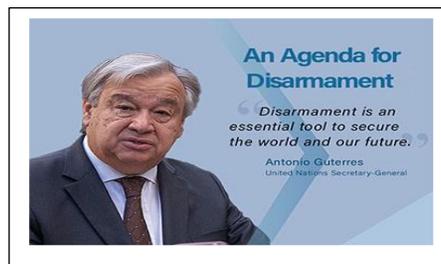
The UN chief concluded with an appeal to stand firm against bigotry wherever and whenever we see it.

“Let us recognize our diversity as a richness that strengthens us all. Let us build bridges between the faiths, inspired by our common humanity.

“And let us come together in solidarity to create a more inclusive, peaceful and just world for all”, he said.

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One of the other issues for government control and religious control is our right, especially in this country, to bear arms. And thus, the head of the United Nations, Antonio Guterres said, *“Disarmament is an essential tool to secure the world and our future.”*



Please understand that it is an essential tool for the government to control people and for the religions of the world to come together, but it is dangerous for the people!

The most popular apostasy in Christendom today is the teaching that God has revealed Himself in many different ways to different cultures and that, therefore, all religions worship the same god, but just use different names.

From this viewpoint, the Allah of Islam is the same as the Yahweh of Judaism and both are the same as the Krishna of Hinduism. The natural conclusion that is drawn from this apostate idea is that there are many different paths to God, Jesus being only one of them.



This has led liberal leaders of groups like The National Council of Churches in the United States and the World Council to condemn missionary activity as “arrogant” and “anti-cultural.”



From the United Nations, listen to what they wrote back in 1981. The title of this is - **Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief**, and it was Proclaimed by General Assembly resolution 36/55 of 25. This is what part of it said,

Article 1

1. Everyone shall have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion. This right shall include freedom to have a religion or whatever belief of his choice, and freedom, either individually or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in worship, observance, practice and teaching.

[That sounds good. Everyone has the right to worship as they please.]

2. No one shall be subject to coercion which would impair his freedom to have a religion or belief of his choice.

[Now this is getting a little cloudy. Do they mean you can't share your faith; you can't witness to others so that they can come to Jesus and receive the gift of life that is only found in Him? It seems to be saying that and when you look at point three, I think you will see how this all plays out.]

3. Freedom to manifest one's religion or belief may be subject only to such limitations as are prescribed by law and are necessary to protect public safety, order, health or morals or the fundamental rights and freedoms of others.

[Now it will be up to the government to tell you if you can practice your faith. If it goes against what they want, then you won't! Do you see how dangerous this is and what was stated back in 1981, is getting closer and closer to implementation as Agenda 2030 draws near!]

One more point to show you how they are trying to engage Christians into a world religion and to do this we must compromise what we believe!

This again is from the series – The Chosen! Sorry, but there is so much wrong with this series and most people are not even aware. We are told,

So I love the fact that our communities are coming together with our celebration, our worship, and our faith,” states Brad Pelo, one of the Mormon Executive Producers of The Chosen, and the driving force behind The Chosen Christmas Special.

Well, there’s a memorable quote. Remember the claim that The Chosen is not produced by Mormons?

The Mormon involvement in The Chosen is hands-on. During the interview, Mormon Executive Producer Brad Pelo said: “. . . it’s my responsibility as Chief Distribution Officer to figure out how to keep fans engaged . . .” . . .

We are watching, I believe, the growing spiritual unity between those of different faiths via The Chosen. This is a spiritual syncretism [*the amalgamation or attempted amalgamation of different religions, cultures, or schools of thought*] centered around an ecumenical, false Christ. *Christianity, Mormonism, and mystical Catholicism are coming together. Differences are becoming blurred in the eyes and hearts of many. Because, after all, we have heard again and again, this is the “authentic Jesus.”*

And as Mormon Executive Producer Deral Eves noted:

. . . and this authentic Jesus needs to go out to more people, we want to get it out to a billion people . . .

During the interview, still speaking about The Chosen Christmas Special, Pelo casually mentioned:

. . . most people probably didn't realize there are a couple of Latter Day Saint artists in those performers you know, and they're some of the most beloved. . . .

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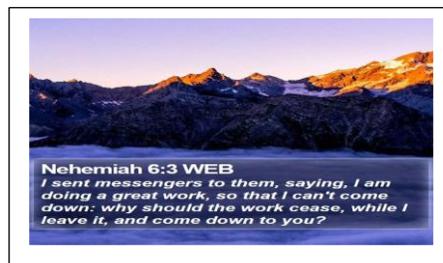
Again, what can we do about this?

Frist of all, don't watch this show.

Also, use discernment in what you are putting into your mind.

What did Nehemiah do?

Listen to what he did. In Nehemiah 6:3 we are told, **“So I sent messengers to them, saying, ‘I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and go down to you.’”**



Nehemiah has a proper perspective over this situation. He was busy doing the work of God, rebuilding the wall, and that work was not going to stop. This happens even today when various groups of people want to waste your time. They are not interested in resolving their problem, but just wasting your time.

And the causes that they stand for may not be evil or bad, but they are not Christian and thus, we are not to work together for a cause because in the end, it will never work.

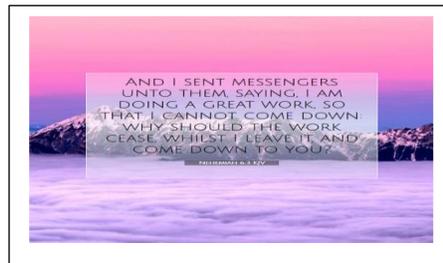
And for us, the work is too great, and it is not the time to get off the wall and stop doing the work. Keep focused on where God has called you and don't let the enemy deceive you.

Remember they wanted Nehemiah to meet them in the **“Plain of Ono.”** Don’t go there because if you do, you will be saying **“Oh, No!”** as you travel down that road and then you realize your error!

One other point here and that is what we are told in Nehemiah 6:4, **“But they sent me this message four times, and I answered them in the same manner.”**



Notice how persistent the enemy is to get us to compromise. Don’t give in, don’t become weak but be like Nehemiah who answered the enemy each time, **“... ‘I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and go down to you?’”**



5. NEHEMIAH 6:10, NEHEMIAH 6:11-12 – TREACHERY – AI

The last point I want to bring out is found in Nehemiah 6:10, where we are told, **“Afterward I came to the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabel, who was a secret informer; and he said, ‘Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you; indeed, at night they will come to kill you.’”**

Here we see the enemy use treachery, deceitfulness to get Nehemiah and the Jews to stop the work they were doing.

Let me say this, about this idea of hiding out in the house of God because you are fearful of the enemy. You see, many in the church do the same today. They hide out in the house of God, never wanting to get involved in the work because they are fearful of the enemy. And many just hide out in their homes, afraid to even go outside!



And let's apply that even further.

The government is listening into our conversations, get rid of your phones!

Did you know that our televisions are watching us!

The COVID shot is the Mark of the Beast, don't take it!

The governments of the world are going to kill over 4 billion people!

And the list can go on. Can some of this be true? It can, not the Mark of the Beast being the COVID shot, and I don't believe that the governments of the world are going to kill all those people, more than God does in His judgment of a Christ rejecting world!

Deceit, treachery and the like are used to get us to stop the work that we are called to do. And it is easy to get caught up in these things and spend hours and hours looking at videos on them, reading articles on them and the like. I wonder if we would be better off reading our Bibles! I think we would.

Now the big thing today is transhumanism.

In other words, man becoming part machine and part human so that the world leaders can control the people.



Let me say this, with the legalization of drugs that mess with your mind, they are already doing that. But this transhumanism is far different than that!

And we are getting close to accomplishing this, but I don't think this will take place on a large scale until the Mark of the Beast is given.

Why do I say that?

Because after a person rejects Jesus during the Tribulation Period and receives the Mark of the Beast, they are pledging their allegiance to the Antichrist and to Satan. And the Bible tells us that they can't be saved any longer.



Think about prior to our salvation and the times we heard the Gospel, rejected it, even those who worshiped Satan, and at some point, they came to saving faith. But here they can't, and I believe it is because of this transhumanism. You see, at this point, when you receive it, they will control your thoughts, your actions through this mark.

I could be wrong, but there is something more than just pledging their allegiance to the Antichrist here and I think it has to do with this transhumanism!

And not only this Mark of the Beast, but we also see that the False Prophet gives life to this Image of the Beast.

Again, I am telling you what I think is going on here. I believe this Image of the Beast that the False Prophet gives life to is an Artificial Intelligence creature. Now it is interesting, because in Revelation 13:15-18 we are told, **“He 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.”**

Did you notice that this False Prophet is able to give breath to this Image of the Beast. What does that mean?

It can mean a couple of things.

First of all, this machine is turned on, it could very well mean that.

But I will also throw this out for you to think about. I am not saying that this is right but when you see that **“He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast”** could it mean that this creature is some kind of transhumanism beast? It is possible. Part human and part machine. The whole idea of giving breath to this creature intrigues me and it makes me think that maybe I was missing the point before by just saying that this is some kind of robot.

In either case it does have to have some kind of computer capabilities and the reason I say that is because it knows who has this mark and who doesn't and the only thing that would be capable of doing something like that is some kind of Artificial Intelligence!

Watch this video and see how these are not just clumsy machines, but the way they can feel and figure out how to grasp things is amazing. (Show Video – <https://bit.ly/3h16jVO>)

I have one more video for you and this is from Elon Musk. Whether you agree with what he is doing or not, he is an amazing guy and listen to what he is doing with Artificial Intelligence and how one of these robots will cost you less than a car. (Show Video – <https://bit.ly/3FbbSbY>)

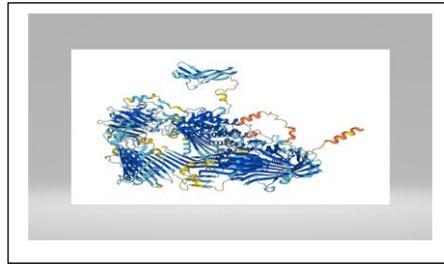
Let me share this with you and you tell me if this AI understands what is being said. We are told,

Here, for example, is one of the images DALL-E 2 produced when I typed in “black-and-white vintage photograph of a 1920s mobster taking a selfie.” And how it rendered my request for a high-quality photograph of “a sailboat knitted out of blue yarn.”



What's impressive about DALL-E 2 isn't just the art it generates. It's *how* it generates art. These aren't composites made out of existing internet images - they're wholly new creations made through a complex A.I. process known as "diffusion," which starts with a random series of pixels and refines it repeatedly until it matches a given text description. And it's improving quickly - DALL-E 2's images are four times as detailed as the images generated by the original DALL-E, which was introduced only last year.

But last year, DeepMind's AlphaFold - an A.I. system descended from the Go-playing one - did something truly profound. Using a deep neural network trained to predict the three-dimensional structures of proteins from their one-dimensional amino acid sequences, it essentially solved what's known as the "protein-folding problem," which had vexed molecular biologists for decades.



This summer, DeepMind announced that AlphaFold had made predictions for nearly all of the 200 million proteins known to exist - producing a treasure trove of data that will help medical researchers develop new drugs and vaccines for years to come. . . .

Or look at what's happening with A.I.-generated text.

Only a few years ago, A.I. chatbots struggled even with rudimentary conversations - to say nothing of more difficult language-based tasks.

But now, large language models like OpenAI's GPT-3 are being used to write screenplays, compose marketing emails and develop video games. (I even used GPT-3 to write a book review for this paper last year - and, had I not clued in my editors beforehand, I doubt they would have suspected anything.)

A.I. is writing code, too - more than a million people have signed up to use GitHub's Copilot, a tool released last year that helps programmers work faster by automatically finishing their code snippets.



Then there's Google's LaMDA, an A.I. model that made headlines a couple of months ago when Blake Lemoine, a senior Google engineer, was fired after claiming that it had become sentient.

Google disputed Mr. Lemoine's claims, and lots of A.I. researchers have quibbled with his conclusions. But take out the sentience part, and a weaker version of his argument - that LaMDA and other state-of-the-art language models are becoming eerily good at having humanlike text conversations - would not have raised nearly as many eyebrows.

In fact, many experts will tell you that A.I. is getting better at lots of things these days - even in areas such as language and reasoning, where it once seemed that humans had the upper hand. . . .

“You used to look at A.I.-generated language and say, ‘Wow, it *kind of* wrote a sentence,’” Mr. Clark said. “And now you’re looking at stuff that’s A.I.-generated and saying, ‘This is really funny, I’m enjoying reading this,’ or ‘I had no idea this was even generated by A.I.’”

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This number may be even higher today but back in 2019 we were told that “Every three months, the speed of artificial intelligence computation doubles, according to Stanford University’s 2019 AI Index report. Stanford University’s AI Index 2019 annual report has found that the speed of artificial intelligence (AI) is outpacing Moore’s Law.”

What is Moore’s Law that these AI are surpassing?

Moore’s Law is the principle that the speed and capability of computers can be expected to double every two years, as a result of increases in the number of transistors a microchip can contain.

Well, no longer every two years but this happens every three months!

And, like I have said, these statistics are growing and growing as they are learning more and more and able to discover things that would have taken us years, even decades to find out on our own!

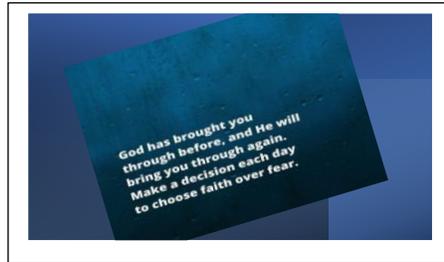
As we look at this we may be wondering if we are creating a Terminator!

Keep in mind that I don’t believe we will reach that point, but this Image of the Beast along with the Mark of the Beast are all linked together and during the Tribulation Period, these things will come to pass.

Now we have talked about Nehemiah and the treachery that was taking place and how did he handle it?

We are told in Nehemiah 6:11-13, **“And I said, ‘Should such a man as I flee? And who is there such as I who would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in!’ Then I perceived that God had not sent him at all, but that he pronounced this prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. For this reason he was hired, that I should be afraid and act that way and sin, so that they might have cause for an evil report, that they might reproach me.”**

Don't let what people are saying, don't let fear, don't let threats cause you to do something that God does not want you to do. Bring it before the Lord and He will direct your steps.



God has called us to a work, let's not get distracted by what others are saying, the fear that they are promoting!

Let me say this. All the mocking that people are doing towards us. All the threats that they are making towards us. All the discouragement that we see from within the church, the apostasy that we see growing. All the compromise that is taking place. And all the treachery that people are making towards us.

What are we going to do?

Just what Nehemiah did. Stay faithful to the Lord, and in the end, this is what will happen as we are told in Nehemiah 6:15-16, **“So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of Elul, in fifty-two days. And it happened, when all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations around us saw these things, that they were very disheartened in their own eyes; for they perceived that this work was done by our God.”**

Remember that the enemy was trying to discourage the people in the work, and Nehemiah prayed that God would turn the tables on them. And that is exactly what God did.

Now the enemy is discouraged as they see that God strengthened them in this work. They could not believe that the walls were completed in only 52 days, and they saw the hand of God upon the lives of these Jewish people!

I have just given you a little bit of what is going on in the world. We could spend weeks looking at this, but I think you already know that the return of the Lord is getting closer and closer.

Will it be in our lifetime? I don't know, it could be but even if it is not, we need to continue to do what God has called us to do – ***OCCUPY UNTIL HE COMES!***



In other words, continue doing the work of bringing the Gospel message to a lost and dying world.

But watch what is going on in Israel, how the Muslim nations along with Russia have united together and their goal is to destroy the Jews, to wipe Israel off the face of the map!

Watch what is going on with deadly diseases and it seems like many of them are generated from the lab. And think about what they are doing with gene manipulation and what kinds of creatures they are creating!

We see wars and rumors of wars.

We see earthquakes, volcano's erupting!

We see this One World Government and this One World Religion coming together and coming together very quickly. We may even see the formation of this, but the Antichrist will not come to power until after we are gone!

So instead of being fearful. Instead of being hopeless. Rest your hope fully upon the Lord Jesus Christ and that fear will turn into faith as you can rest your life upon Him, the Rock!

Let me close with these words from James. He wrote in James 5:7-11, **“Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord - that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.”**

You see, don't give up, the Lord is working, and He is coming back, just be patient!

And that word, we see three times in these two verses, and **“patient”** is the Greek word *hupomonē*, which literally mean *“to remain under”* and speaks of *“endurance under great stress”* or *“perseverance under pressure.”*

In other words, this **patience** means *“to stay put and stand fast when you’d like to run away.”*

We are not to run away from these difficult times, but hang in there, forge ahead, do the work that God has called us to do.

And to paint this picture, James gives us a picture of a farmer who plants his crop and waits patiently for it to grow and mature until he can harvest it. He doesn’t plant it one day and then goes out the next day expecting to harvest it or even see it growing yet.



The early rains, coming in late October or early November would soften the ground to prepare for planting.

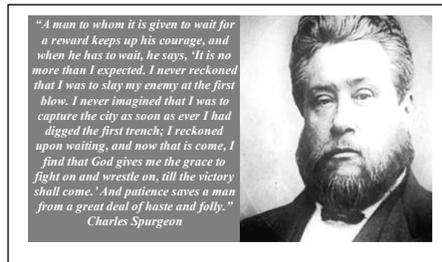
The later rains came in late April or May, and it would help mature the crop before the harvest.

James wants us to learn patience through this, that God will send the rains as they are needed in our lives to prepare us for His return!

Be prepared because His return is getting closer and thus, it should cause us to live our lives according to His Word, being guided by His Spirit!

In other words, no matter what you see, no matter how bad it is going to get, don’t lose heart but wait upon the Lord, He is coming back!

Charles Spurgeon put it like this, *“A man to whom it is given to wait for a reward keeps up his courage, and when he has to wait, he says, ‘It is no more than I expected. I never reckoned that I was to slay my enemy at the first blow. I never imagined that I was to capture the city as soon as ever I had dugged the first trench; I reckoned upon waiting, and now that is come, I find that God gives me the grace to fight on and wrestle on, till the victory shall come.’ And patience saves a man from a great deal of haste and folly.”*



How true that is. God has told us what it is going to be like in the last days and I think we are seeing it in the days we are living in. Thus, don’t give up, don’t hide away, but continue doing the work until the Lord returns, and that day, as I have said, is getting closer!

