

Prophecy, Emerging Technology & the Coming Mark of the Beast

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I chose a topic to speak on today that is a little bit different from what I normally talk about, but I do feel that it's inspired.

Where are we in end-time prophecy? I know that we all are looking to the return of Jesus Christ. We do know that specifically—we don't know the day or the hour—but due to the fact that we keep the Holy Days and understand God's plan, we do know the seasons in which things are to occur.

Matt. 24 is a very key to prophetic events to the coming of Jesus Christ and the establishment of the Kingdom of God. The disciples came and asked Christ, 'What are the signs of Your coming?' Christ said:

Matthew 24:6: "And you shall hear of wars and rumors of wars. See *that* you do not let *these things* disturb you. For it is necessary *that* all *these things* take place, but the end is not yet."

What Christ is saying is that He's focusing on events that we could call 'Jacob's trouble,' the end-time turmoil that will precede the seals being opened. We are certainly in those days today. We are in the end-times.

I think all of us—as we're keeping an eye on prophecy and understanding the timeframe—are looking up to the time of the coming of *the antichrist* and *the mark of the beast*. We are to watch and we are to be alert to what's happening in the world and current events that are happening. We do not want to be taken unaware of things that are going to be coming upon the world.

Verse 42: "Watch, therefore, because you do not know in what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have been watching, and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore, you also be ready. For the Son of man is coming at a time that you do not think" (vs 42-44).

Christ is admonishing us to watch and also to be *spiritually alert, aware and ready!* Also with the idea of watching, we're looking at events occurring now around us. They very much are portraying events that Christ was talking about, the time leading up to:

- the time of *trouble*
- the time of *tribulation*
- the time of *the beast*

Fred has a series of sermons, *Fourteen Things to Watch in Prophecy* dealing with the 14 points in prophecy that will be taking place prior to the fulfillment of those days leading up to the coming of *the beast*. I think those are very, very profitable for us to hear.

I'm going to be focusing on one particular aspect in Dan. 12:4, that is the fact that *at the time of the end there would be an explosion of knowledge and information!* In the language that Daniel wrote we're talking about:

- technological developments
- scientific advancements
- a world today, which is now very, very small in terms of being connected electronically:
 - ✓ through communication
 - ✓ through digital computers
 - ✓ through the Internet

Daniel 12:4: "But you, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, even to the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

I'm going to be speaking and expanding on this particular topic, dealing with what we are now living in: an age and time when there's emerging technology and scientific advancement. We have:

- the Internet
- computerized systems
- digital high-speed Internet
- robotics
- advances in genetics

They just worked out a few years ago the full genome of the human genome C system. We're talking about:

- nanotechnology: atomic size inventions at the atomic scale
- robotics
- artificial intelligence

An explosion of technological advances!

The question we have to ask ourselves is: Would it not be that the Beast Power and the one-world government coming—what we call *the new world order*—would they not use the most sophisticated and up-dated technological advances to pursue their agenda? That is:

- to get control over the entire world
- to be able to bring it under surveillance
- to be able to control it by having direct power over the population

Speculation: There's things that we're going to be saying which are basically not in Scripture; yet, on the other hand, as we connect the dots, we can see that *the mark of the beast* is going to be much, much more than just a permit to buy and sell. It's going to be much, much more than that as we understand and perceive the coming of:

- the control
- the power
- the ruthlessness
- the advent of the coming Beast Power

In my message today, I want to review some of the end-time prophecies. I want to be able to look at the role of advancing technology and scientific development as it relates to the coming *mark of the beast*. This will also include looking at *transhumanism*.

Note sermon series: *Transhumanism* on churchathome.org & truthofgod.org. It's fascinating when you begin to see what the transhumanists have in mind.

- What is their goal?
- What's their purpose?
- What is the philosophy that they have?

What we find out is that ***they are trying to circumvent the God of creation! They're actually playing the role of God Himself!*** We now see why these events are leading up to the events of the technological advances that we're going to be talking about. Truly, our time in which ***the intervention of God and also bringing about the Kingdom of God is at hand!***

The seven year prophesy guide for the last seven years leading up to the trumpet that leads to the return of Jesus Christ {chart in Dan./Rev. series} This is a very good guide to the last seven years of the period of the coming of *the antichrist and the beast*. Note sermon series on *Daniel/Revelation*; Fred Coulter goes over a lot of the details on this seven-year prophetic timeline—from the coming of the antichrist to the coming of Jesus Christ at the Day of Trumpets. You might ask:

- Where do we get the last seven years of prophecy that we can come up with this overview?
- Where does this come from?
- What is this last seven years of prophetic information? *It's found in Daniel 9:24-27!*

Let's understand where this originates. This is dealing with the 7-week prophecy. {note sermon by Fred Coulter: *Seventy Weeks Prophecy*}

Daniel 9:24: "Seventy weeks are decreed upon your people and upon your Holy city to finish the transgression and to make an end of sin... [we're talking about dealing with Satan's rebellion and the return of Christ] ...and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy."

A lot of words and language in there, but let's just understand that we're talking about the prophetic overview of the return of Christ.

Verse 25: "Know, therefore, and understand *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem, to Messiah the Prince, shall be seven weeks, and sixty-two weeks. It shall be built again with streets and the wall, even in troublous times. And after sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off but not for Himself. And the people of the **prince who shall come...**" (vs 25-26).

This prince is not in capitalized, not talking about the Prince of Peace Christ. This is talking about another prince who is to come and:

"...shall destroy the city and the sanctuary..." (v 26). This is talking about *the antichrist*. In other words, we can understand prophecy. So, we're talking about leading up to the very end-time.

"...But his end *shall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he... [talking about this coming prince, not Christ] ...shall confirm a covenant with many **for one week...**" (vs 26-27).

This is the 70th week! It's for one week; we're looking at a day for a year. We're looking at a 7-year period. Again, this shows that the antichrist is going to come at the beginning of a 7-week cycle.

If you look at the chart, you'll notice right at the top left, that in the first year it says: The beast takes over. In other words, we're talking about the beginning of the reign or the 'coming in' of the Beast Power. He may not have full power yet, but that is when he makes his appearance.

Verse 27: "And he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week. And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease..."

What is this talking about? If we're now talking about 'in the midst of the week,' we're talking about three and one-half years. That brings us to the middle of the seven-year prophetic

timetable. If you look at the middle of the 16th week common year, that would be the middle of the 4th year, you find the statement on the chart that says: *the sacrifice is cut off*. So, we're talking about the 'abomination of desolation.' There's a lot in this. I want to get to the framework of where I'm coming from so you can get an idea.

"...And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease, and upon the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate even until the consummation. And the fully determined end which is decreed shall be poured out upon the desolator" (v 27)—which means *at the end of his period, he shall be removed and destroyed by the return of Christ!*

There's a lot in there. I cannot even begin to go into the details. It does establish *the last seven-year prophetic overview* that Fred has put together.

Our understanding of prophesy is going to not necessarily be perfect because God reveals things to us as time proceeds. As He told Daniel, 'At the time of the end the wise shall understand.' What that means is that as we see events happening, God will give us more understanding about when things are going to occur.

Be aware that this an approximation; it is not in concrete. There are things where there may be errors. So, just understand that, no way are we saying that this is exactly the way things are going to occur, but it does give us a better picture—an overlay—of how things are going to proceed. I think it's helpful. It does serve a purpose as long as we understand that the specific elements in this chart—this seven-year profile—may not be absolutely correct. I wanted to make that clear.

Christ gave the Olivet prophecy regarding the coming of the end-time; Matthew 24:3: "And as He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, His disciples came to Him alone, saying, 'Tell us, when shall these things be? And what *shall be* the sign of Your coming, and of the completion of the age?' Then Jesus answered *and* said to them, '**Be on guard, so that no one deceives you.** For many shall come in My name, saying, "I am the Christ"; and they shall deceive many'" (vs 3-5).

The reason I'm coming back to this particular section is that deception is the age in which we live in today. Also, deception in the religious sense is really clear. Christ is talking about religious deception.

Verse 24: "For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and they shall present great signs and wonders, in order to deceive, if possible, even the elect."

For me that's a red sign, a flashing sign, which says that *we have to be alert, awake and aware of what's happening* or else we, too, might be deceived, go to sleep and not really be aware of what's happening. This is not to excite somebody to nervousness, fear and anxiety. Really, we're looking at being totally understanding and preparing for what lies ahead. I think we all understand that that is the key aspect of it.

One way we can describe the age we live in is, it's an age of lies, deception and corruption. *Things are not as they appear!* We're looking a world that on the surface everything looks fine:

- we have freedom in this country
- we can come and go as we want
- it appears that our representatives in Congress are representing us
- everything is just fine

No! That's not the way it is at all!

Things are being controlled to the level that we just don't have a clue of what's going on in the background. That is really the key of deception of what's going on in the world today.

The false Christ being presented to the world now, really lines up with the first seal of Rev. 6. *Christ spoke about religious deception*. What He was doing was actually giving a code, or a series of insight into what the seals of Rev. 6 are referring to. The first one He said was *religious deception*.

Revelation 6:1: "And I looked when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures say, like the sound of thunder, 'Come and see.' And I looked, and behold, *there was* a white horse; and the one who was sitting on it had a bow, and a crown was given to him; and he went out conquering, and to conquer" (vs 1-2).

We see the white horse and of course, many have said that maybe this refers to Christ, because Christ comes on a white horse, and He does (Rev. 19), but this is the false Christ (Rev. 6). This is a false religious movement, a *one-world religion* movement that's taking place today. We can see it happening.

Also, in terms of the fact that the antichrist is going to come into the Holy place, declare himself as 'God' and in a sense, being a false Christ. In one sense, this can be like looking toward the coming of the *antichrist himself*, as the one who is the false Christ.

The timeframe of the first seal, if you'll notice on your chart, is a question mark. We don't know exactly when this seal is going to be opened, but it's going to be probably at some point prior to

the coming of the antichrist at the beginning of the seven-year period. You'll notice at the far upper left hand, right under it, it says: The first seal opened, then there's a question mark.

What that indicates is that, the first seal may already have been broken. It may have already occurred. We don't know exactly where this lies. We don't exactly know when the 'man of perdition,' the antichrist, is actually going to arise at the beginning of this seven-year period. That's one of the things that we can get orientated relative to this seven-year prophetic outlay.

Notice that the antichrist, the Beast Power, is going to begin his influence on the world at the beginning of the seven-year period. He may not have full control. There're might be still many conflicts and other things going on. You'll notice in the very first box it says that *the beast takes over*.

- What's going to be the atmosphere of when this occurs?
- When the antichrist comes on the scene, what's going to be the significant aspect of this happening?

One of the things that 1-Thess. 5 points out, is that it's going to become a time when the antichrist, the Beast Power, is going to bring about a peace agreement. There's going to be almost a time when things are going to settle down, relative to all the warfare and all of the conflict that's going to be taking place on the world today. That's what appears to be happening.

1-Thessalonians 5:1: "Now then, concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, there is no need that I write to you."

This is referring to the Holy Days. He's talking about that as the Church. We understand the Holy Days, where they fall, and we understand through the Calculated Hebrew Calendar where those events occur. We do know that the major events of prophesy in the end-time are going to occur on the Holy Days. We have an overview, he said, if we know the 'times and the seasons.' That's what Paul is referring to.

Verse 2: "For you yourselves understand perfectly that the day of *the Lord* will come exactly as a thief *comes* by night. **For when they say, 'Peace and security...'**" (vs 2-3).

- What is this referring to?
- Do we have that in the world today? *No, we're far from it!*

That's the whole venue of '9/11' these days. They're trying to bring about security and peace, by

surveillance and taking away a lot of personal liberties and freedoms.

This is talking about a point in time where there's going to be proclaimed 'peace and security.' What's going to happen is going to be the fact that the antichrist is going to come in, and he's going to be looked upon as being 'a savior' of sorts? He's going to save the world from self-destruction through the warfare and all the troubles that are going on in the world. He's going to be welcomed as a possibility of bringing the world together in unity under a one world government. Yet, travail is to come.

"...**then** sudden destruction will come upon them, as travail *comes* upon a woman who is with child; and they shall by no means escape" (v 3).

It's going to start looking like in the beginning as being a good thing, but in the end it's going to be war, blood and death. We just get the picture here, of what the prophecy is trying to tell us.

Verse 4: "But you, brethren, are not in darkness that the day of *the Lord* should overtake you as a thief. *For* you are all children of *the light* and children of *the day*; we are not of *the night*, nor of *the darkness*. So then, **we should not sleep, as others do; but we should watch, and we should be sober**" (vs 4-6).

We're really talking about being spiritually minded, being alert spiritually, as well as to the physical events. Then we begin to understand the beginning of this seven-year period, realizing that it could be a certain amount of time before the coming of the actual time of the Tribulation. However, it doesn't mean that those first three and one have years is going to be a picnic or 'walk in the park.' It's not going to be that at all!

What about the United States prophesy? We don't really see in prophesy in the Scriptures, a world power linked to the United States of America at the end-time. What you find is a Babylonian system of ten regions of the earth that have been broken up and under the auspices of the Beast Power.

Where is America? China? Russia? At this point in time, what is going to happen is that America—maybe in some cases even China—may be brought down so that they are now going to be uniformly broken up into these ten regions. America is definitely going to be taken down as being a super power, I believe, before the beginning of the antichrist taking power it sort of makes sense that this is going to occur.

What will be the trigger event for that? *There's many!* You can make a long list of trigger

events that could lead to the demise of America; we're on the edge: Financially, we're so horribly in debt, and a collapse of the dollar and the destruction of our infrastructure. America is going to undergo a collapse of great proportion. It will be swallowed up and become part of what we call 'Babylon the Great' system. We have in Scripture where it talks about *the beast* organizing the world into ten regions. We'll be part of a region, perhaps with Canada and Mexico. We'll be one of the regions under the control of the antichrist.

Right now, as a people, we would not willingly yield to this kind of new world government. We are going to have to be humbled and brought down. God is allowing it to happen because of our sins, *because we've rejected Him!* Yet, that is going to be coming.

Rev. 13 is a key chapter dealing with the coming of the antichrist. We're very familiar with these Scriptures:

Revelation 13:1: "And I stood on the sand of the sea; and I saw a **beast rising up out of the sea...** [the new world order under the antichrist, under *the beast system*] ...having seven heads and ten horns..."—the sign for Satan the devil. That's some of his signposts. When you see 'seven heads and ten horns,' put in your notes Rev. 12:3, the notation of this.

"...and on his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads *the name of blasphemy*" (v 1). Again, the 'ten horns, the ten crowns' *representing the ten regions of the earth* that's been divided up and under control of the beast.

Verse 2: "And the beast that I saw was like a leopard, and his feet like *the feet of a bear*, and his mouth like *the mouth of a lion*; and **the dragon** gave him his power, and his throne and great authority."

Satan is behind this. Satan is likely, going to enter into the antichrist and actually be part of his makeup.

Verse 3: "And I saw one of his heads as *if it were slain to death*, but his deadly wound was healed; and **the whole earth was amazed and followed the beast.**"

He's going to unite and bring the whole earth together. They're going to be amazed. An assassination attempt is practically going to take his life. He may have even been dead clinically, but he's going to arise. He's going to come back to life! They're going to be amazed at this great power, this great ability of *the beast* to bring about this unification of the world.

Verse 4: "And they worshiped the dragon, who gave *his* authority to **the beast...**"—Satan; Satan-worship is going to be pronounced at this time. They're actually asking now for the right to be up there, right along with everybody else, as far as churches and religions are concerned. *This is coming!* The new world religion is being headed up by the pope and the church in Rome. If you look into the history of the church in Rome, you can see that that is truly Satan's handiwork, as far as false religion is concerned.

"...And they worshiped the beast, saying, 'Who *is* like the beast? Who has the power to make war against him?'" (v 4). At this point, he is consolidated under the United Nations or some other venue, bringing all of the power, the weaponry and all of the nuclear bombs *under his control!* He will have absolute authority and control over the entire world!

It's pretty amazing about what he's going to be able to do. God is allowing it! ***God is allowing mankind to undergo this whole process to see that nothing that man can do can ever bring about world peace*** and bring about anything. It's only going to bring destruction and death!

Verse 5: "And a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies was given to him; **and authority was given to him to continue for forty-two months**"—*the last three and one half years!* He's already been going on so now he has another 42-months, but that marks the time of the Great Tribulation to come. That shows on the seven-year profile that we were looking at.

Verse 6: "And **he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven**"—talking about the *abomination of desolation* spoken about in Dan., but also mentioned in Matt. 15.

Speculation: One thing I want to point out about the possibility of when the temple will be rebuilt. This is pure speculation. That could happen anytime, but the main thing is that it's not going to happen until there's some kind of a peace structure in the Middle East. We would agree that that would seem to make sense. That a peace structure would align with the 'peace and security' that *the beast* will bring upon the earth. This would be an opportune time for the temple to be built, at the beginning of the seven prophetic years. This would be a time when the Arabs would agree that Jews can exist, and that they will have their opportunity to build the temple there in Jerusalem.

Verse 7: "And he was given *power* to make war against the saints, and to overcome them..."

This is referring to the martyrdom of the saints. The Church of God, the people of God, are going to be subjected to a war from *the beast*. We do know that the people of God will be taken to a place of safety.

“...and he was given authority over every tribe and language and nation. And all who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names **have not been written in the Book of Life** of the Lamb slain from *the* foundation of *the* world” (vs 7-8).

I’m laying the framework of these prophetic events as we look into the role that technology is going to play.

Matthew 24:15: “Therefore, when you see **the abomination of desolation**, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the Holy place.’ (the one who reads, let him understand); ‘then let those who are in Judea flee into the mountains’” (vs 15-16).

Let’s tie these together so we can see that this is unified and we can understand what John inserted into this and what this is referring to.

Daniel 12:11: “And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and **the abomination that causes desolation is set up**, there shall be **a thousand two hundred and ninety days.**”

We’re talking about the daily sacrifice being taken away and this is a point in time when the Beast Power is going to turn on the Church—the people of God—in a vengeful way to destroy and to totally consume.

I might point out, why is this saying, “...a thousand two hundred and ninety days” and not 60 days. There seems to be an extra 30 days here, more than the three and one-half years. Forty-two months is 1,260 days—averaging 30 days per month.

What Fred has written has set up the 7-year outlay; he’s assumed that the last year is a leap year. A leap year in the Calculated Hebrew Calendar there is an extra month, a 13th month that is added. What it’s saying is that there’s a 30-day period which is kind of like it’s hanging, but this indicates that there will be an extra 30 days from the endpoint, the return of Christ. So, when you count back the 1,290 days you come past the 3-1/2-year period and you actually fall just prior to the Passover in the 4th year.

Fred did the calculations of the days. It fell on Nissan 10. That is the day they selected the lambs for the temple sacrifice. What happened five days later was Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread. Right in that time is sort of a period that we don’t know exactly what actual day it’s going to happen, but you can see that it falls on Nissan 10. That’s

right on the four days before the Passover. You can see that on the chart.

We’re tying these Scriptures together. Much more could be said about the detail. I’m trying to give you more of an overview rather than detailed explanations.

2-Thessalonians 2:1: “Now, we beseech you, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, that you not be quickly shaken in mind, nor be troubled—neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by epistle, as if from us, *saying* that the day of Christ is present. Do not let anyone deceive you... [this is a theme that we’ve been talking about] ...by any means because **that day will not come unless** ^[#1]the apostasy shall come first...” (vs 1-3).

This apostasy Paul’s talking about is a *falling away*. This is going to be a massive *falling away* of the world from a belief and understanding of God and Christianity, to a one-world religion, which is going to be based upon the occult, Satan-worship and all the other human religions rolled into one. That great apostasy shall come first, a *falling away*. It’s talking about the worldly Christian churches. It’s really going to be a massive *falling away*. Notice the second point:

“...^[#2]and **the man of sin shall be revealed**... [the antichrist] ...the son of perdition, the one who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is an object of worship; **so that he comes into the temple of God and sits down as God, proclaiming that he himself is God**” (vs 3-4).

We put these Scriptures together and we can see very clearly that we’re talking about the *abomination of desolation*. He comes in and stops the sacrifices and *claims* that *he* is the *true* ‘God,’ whether he’s going to call himself Christ or what name he’s going to put on that. He’s going to say, ‘I am the true God, follow me.’ *The world is going to literally fall at his feet!* It’s going to be a massive *falling away*. It’s going to be unbelievable! This is what the Scriptures indicate.

To get the context here, before we go forward, is that on the chart you’ll notice that the next four seals are opened fairly quickly following the *abomination of desolation*. If you’ll get your chart, you’ll notice that the second seal is the red horse, warfare. I’m not going to go there and go through this (note Rev. 6:3-11 where the seals are opened).

- the second seal being the red horse
- the third horse the black horse, famine
- the gray horse being pestilence

- the fifth seal is the warfare against the saints, the martyrdom of the saints

Revelation 6:9: “And when He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the Word of God, and for the testimony that they held; and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, ‘How long, O Lord, Holy and true, do You not judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?’ And white robes were given to each of them; and they were told that they should rest a short time, yet, until *it* be fulfilled *that* both their fellow servants and their brethren also would be killed, just as they had been” (vs 9-11).

We’re talking about the fulfillment of these seals being broken and the martyrdom of the saints. God is going to preserve a part of His Church in a place of safety to fulfill what He told Peter, that the grave would not prevail against the Church of God. He’s going to save a portion of the church in a place of safety.

Revelation 12:13: “And when the dragon saw that he was cast down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who had brought forth the man-child. And two wings of a great eagle were given to the woman, so that she might fly to her place in the wilderness, where she is nourished *for* a time, and times, and half a time... [that is language for a 3-1/2-year period] ...from *the* face of the serpent. And the serpent cast water out of his mouth as a river, so that he might cause her *to be* carried away by the flood. But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth, and swallowed up the river that the dragon had cast out of his mouth. Then the dragon was furious with the woman and went to make war with the **rest of her seed**... [the rest of the Church; the rest of the true believers of God, the saints] ...who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ” (vs 13-17).

Who is going to be taken? Who is not going to be taken? *That’s God’s option! God’s choice!* I would not begin to even think about whether or not it is the more righteous taken to a place of safety, and those who are less righteous goes through the Tribulation. It’s really hard to say. You can make any kind of conclusion you want, but *God is going to choose those who go to the place of safety!* We don’t have to be concerned about that. What we need to be concerned about is:

- Are we prepared?
- Are we spiritually strong?
- Are we trusting God in all things?

At that point, it will be well with us!

Rev. 13:11—the coming of the false prophet. Then we’ll come into *the mark of the beast*; Revelation 13:11: “And I saw another beast rising out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, but spoke like a dragon; and he exercises all the authority of the first beast before him; and he causes the earth and those who dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.... [that’s the second focus where an assassination attempt failed] ...And he performs great wonders, so that he even causes fire to come down to the earth from heaven in the sight of men” (vs 11-13).

One has to pause there. He’s really in the power of Satan to be sure, but he also might be using the power of emerging technology. We’re going to have satellites in the sky, all kinds of weaponry, all kinds of incredible power that he’s going to have at his disposal. It may be miraculous, but it also may be just due to high-tech.

Verse 14: “And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by means of the wonders that were given to him to perform...”

Seeing is always believing, but people will, when they see miracles for their faith, begin to fall in line.

“...in the sight of the beast, saying to those who dwell on the earth that they should make an image for the beast, which had the wound by the sword... [that’s the third time it’s mentioned] ...yet, was alive. And he was given *power* to give life to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast also could speak; and he causes everyone who will not worship the image of the beast to be killed” (vs 14-15).

We’re looking at all these things coming together. We see the forces of evil that are working, here. Yet, what is the technology about this image and causing it to speak. It’s just a matter of understanding that high-tech computers with the power and ability to produce holograms. We can just imagine what’s going on here. High-tech is going to be a part of this. It’s something that we need to keep in mind.

Verse 16: “And **he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the bond, to receive a mark in their right hands, or in their foreheads.**” Here’s *the mark of the beast* to be given in the right hand or in the forehead.

Verse 17: “So that no one may have the ability to buy and sell unless he has the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let the one who has understanding count

the number of the beast; for it is a man's number, and his number is 666" (vs 17-18).

All of this is coming together in terms of what *the mark of the beast* is. One of the things that we need to understand is that *the mark of the beast* is going to be much more than just a code of buying and selling; it's going to involve a lot more than just the ability to buy and sell.

I think that we need to be aware of this. What *the mark* is going to do is, it's going to bring about—because of technology that's now available through the transhumanism movement and because of all the computer systems that they have going—a computer chip that will be able **to control** the individual and be part of a wider network of control mechanisms that's going to be coming in with high-tech. This is not here, but let's understand. If the power and the ability is available through the technology, *the beast* will, I'm quite sure, make use of it. That's really what's coming about.

This is a book written by Tom R. Horn and Terry L. Cook, *Beast Tech*; it's a pretty revealing book. These individuals are what you would consider good worldly Christians. They truly believe in the prophecies and the Word of God. They go through and show that with all of the high-tech that's available—and we look at the coming of *the mark of the beast*—how this is going to be implemented and carried out. He brings this out in the book. I'm also bringing out some ideas that we need to be thinking about and being aware of.

First of all, what's *the mark* going to do? *It's going to allow a person to buy and sell!* That's pretty essential. If you can't go out and buy and sell anything, how are you going to get food? water? things that you need? *Unless you're way back in the mountains somewhere*, and you're kind of a 'prepper' and isolated... Wait a minute! That's not going to work if they've got surveillance, like today in high-tech:

- they've got satellites
- they've got drones
- they've got massive surveillance
- they're able to track you by global position satellite
- they're able to know where you are and to follow everything that you're doing
- they've got heat sensors

They've got all kinds of ways of doing it! 'You can run, but you can't hide.'

You can do certain things, but you're not going to be able to get away from *the beast*. Our only option and our only hope and prayer is, that **God will protect and keep us safe according to His**

will and purpose! That's all we can say, here. ***No matter what man has, we do not fear man; we fear God!***

On the other hand, *the mark of the beast* is going to be part of that surveillance system. They'll mark everybody. They'll know where everybody is. What if you don't take *the mark of the beast*? *They will hunt you down, remove you, take you to the center and eliminate you, because you refuse to take the mark!* That's exactly what the Scripture says.

Let's look at this *mark of the beast*. How are they going to control society, having a cashless society? If everything is going to be done electronically, as far as when you buy and sell, that's how they are going to control you. All your bank accounts are going to be right there on your mark, how much money you have in your account. You go out and buy something and they'll take it out of your account. It's going to be very convenient. People are going to love this. It's going to be great. No more checkbooks, no more credit cards and no fear of identity theft.

Why do you suppose that recently we've had too many occasions of targeting where there have been massive breaking in of credit cards and information? People are concerned about using credit card because it's not safe. This will be perfectly safe. It has advantages. *People are being programmed today to accept the mark*, not only as in the worship of *the beast* and Satan, but it's going to provide all of these benefits. No more lost children; no more seniors wandering off; you'll know exactly where they are and you can bring them back safely. It's going to be quite the system.

The mark of the beast is going to be, in my mind, an advanced, computer chip, technology that'll keep track of all personal information, identification and your location. It will do away with all kinds of identity theft. In other words, advantages! Advantages galore! What's the downside? *The downside is, total control, no freedom, no choice!* That's the downside. *You are totally controlled!*

One of the things that this computer chip may be able to do—this is speculation—is that it's going to be a transponder. It's going to be able to receive as well as to send. They are getting this so small now, down to the size of a grain of rice. This is incredible. That's now! What's that going to be able to do? *This is going to be able to send and receive information about your medical conditions and different aspects of your cash accounts, back and forth!*

Also, it's going to be a receiver, which means that the 'big government' can have big units

that can send out messages, or control messages, through RF frequencies—radio frequencies—through your little responder:

- they can affect your emotions
- they can affect the very feelings that you have

They will take away your free choice; free moral agency will be removed! Brethren, *that is a gift of God that He put into every single human being!* It's almost sacrilegious. That's what that mark *may* entail. Again, ringing the bell. The point is, let's realize that modern-tech will be part of *the mark of the beast*. That's what I'm focusing on. We're talking about total control over a persons life:

- his emotions
- his feelings
- his choices
- giving up of free will

That technology is actually available at the present time to a certain degree. It's just a matter of its being formulated and put into the right package.

Look at the chart. There's three and one half years between when the Beast Power first comes on the scene and when the Tribulation begins. Three and one half years is a long time for scientific development. There's so much more that can be done in that period of time. They will maximize the power and control that they will have on individuals who will live on the earth. To me, it seems like it's going to be quite revealing. What did Christ say about the end-time?

Matthew 24:36: "But concerning that day... [the coming time of Jesus Christ] ...and the hour, no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. Now, **as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it also be at the coming of the Son of man**" (vs 36-37). *We know that the time that we're going through now is like as it was in the days of Noah!*

We going to get a very thumbnail look at what's it's going to be like today, by going back and looking at what God wrote about the days of Noah. There are some interesting things that we can glean. I say *glean* because the Scriptures sometimes are not full of detail.

Genesis 6:5: "And the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great on the earth, and every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually."

Are we not headed in that direction today? It is incredible what's going on the world today as far as evil.

Verse 6: "And the LORD repented that He had made man on the earth, and He *was* grieved in His heart. And the LORD said, 'I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast...'" (vs 6-7).

- Why the beasts?
- Why the animals?

We can understand that man being so evil, but there's more to this. What is the great evil?

"...and the crawling thing, and the fowl of the air; for I repent that I have made them.' But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. These *are* the generations of Noah. **Noah was a righteous man and perfect in his generations...**" (vs 7-9).

This is talking about genetics. This is talking about the very nature of the genes which was in Noah was perfect. *It was not corrupted!* If something is *not* perfect, it's been corrupted.

What Fred has brought out is that they had the technology back then to corrupt the genetic code, not only of plants—as they're doing today with GMO, *but to corrupt the genetic makeup of man himself*, by inducing, by splicing in, foreign DNA into the human structure so that various traits can be brought of plants and animals. Why would they do that? *Human enhancement!*

Because they believe in evolution, they're going to take the path of evolution into their own hands and 'we're going to be able to evolve the way that *we* want to evolve':

- to take on the traits of greater mental capacity
- to have greater eyesight
- to have greater everything

We can just make it better!

This implies that they were genetically modifying not only themselves *but also the animals*. The thought is: Did God destroy the earth because the genetic code of both animal and man was corrupted? *We have to understand, we don't have this clearly written in Scripture, but it's a possibility!*

Verse 12: "And God looked upon the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, **for all flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth.**" Flesh had corrupted it, not just in what they were doing but in what they were.

Gen. 11—we come to Nimrod and the building of the Tower of Babel. I'm going to go through this. You know the story. This is when the people came to Shinar and they began to build a tower.

Genesis 11:4: “And they said, ‘Come, let us build us a city and a tower, *with its top reaching into the heavens.* And **let us establish a name for ourselves...**”

Wait a minute! What does this mean? You have to read between the lines. It’s talking about being able:

- to establish themselves separate from God
- to be completely independent of God
- to be able to do what they want to do

“...lest we be scattered upon the face of the whole earth” (v 4). Who would scatter them? *God would!* They’re trying to overcome the very power of God, coming together as a group.

Verse 5: “And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men had built. And the LORD said, ‘Behold, the people *are one and they all have one language.* And this *is only the beginning of what they will do—now **nothing** which they have imagined to do will be restrained from them*” (vs 5-6).

To me, this ‘jumps off the page’ relative to what’s happening today. Mankind now thinks, through transhumanism and through the works that’s going on, that they can absolutely do the impossible. In other words, *nothing* will be prevented from their doing it.

- What is the one thing that mankind would always want to be able to do?
- What is the big enemy of man? *Death, to overcome death!*

This is part of the package. If we could overcome death then we can do anything, everything!

This is expanded thinking. That’s what I’m trying to do, to get you to think in a broader sense. Let’s realize and understand that there’s meaning behind these Scriptures. *Comparing it with today, we can see that things are heading in the same direction!* This is right after Genesis, the days of Noah.

Years ago there was a poster by IBM. It was a picture of the Tower of Babel and they had some people in it. Underneath this Tower of Babel—an ad for IBM—was written: ‘What they began, we will finish.’ ‘What they began’ was:

- to build the Tower of Babel
- to go up to heaven
- to take over control

‘We will finish’—IBM, the big computer company.

Now there’s computerized digital information, the growth of knowledge and scientific

advances. We’re looking at a time that has never been seen in human history, *except* for what they did back in the day of Noah. People think that they were running around in robes and living in tents, not having sophisticated laboratories and being able to mess with the genes of mankind, *but we don’t really know what they had!*

How did they build the pyramids? *No one can answer that question!* No one can answer how they built the pyramids if they didn’t have high-tech. Did they have demonic activity? *Who knows!*

Fred gave three days at the Feast talking about transhumanism, particularly about Ray Kurzweil and his book *The Singularity Is Near*.

- What is singularity? *It has to do with transhumanism!*
- What is the motivation and the goals of transhumanism? *That is part of the high-tech aspects that are going on in our world today!*
- What impact does this have on the coming of the antichrist?

The plan of transhumanism is to ‘up-load’ your brain to a computer and expand human capabilities beyond which we have never even thought about. In other words, we’re going to become a transhuman. A transhuman is *not* a human. We’re going to use the scientific technology of computerized silicon chips to magnify and to improve our mental and emotional thinking ability.

Did you ever see that TV program Jeopardy where they ask questions about different things? They put a computer against the two top people in answering questions. ‘Watson’ was an IBM computer system that they put into that computer, literally all the information that you could find on the Internet. When a question was asked, in microseconds that computer could pull up the answer and answer the question before those competent human beings could.

That’s what transhuman is doing, putting together the human mind and the computer. Singularity is defined as *a time point when the non-biological computer enhanced intelligence will match or go beyond, that which is humanly capable of doing!*

The human brain is *God’s creation*. We are not even using one-tenth of its capacity. The human brain is beyond description about what it performs and what it does every day; mankind has not reached the point where we can exceed its intended capabilities. Information is one thing but:

- How do you deal with emotions, feelings and love?
- How do you deal with these other elements you can't really define as being an information point?

They're working on that. They're trying to put into computers and robots *human feelings*. **Unbelievable!**

This will be accomplished by merging the human brain with computer artificial intelligence and genetic modification. We're also going to put genetic changes into the human body to improve the human operations by altering our DNA with plant and animal DNA, using nanotechnology and robotics. (Please go on the web, if you're interested, and put in transhumanism. You'll get a ton of information on this.) The end result is a super-enhanced, human species *that no longer will be human!*. **We're looking at the extinction of the human race, given enough time!** That is where man, and all of his great intelligence, is taking humankind.

Will not *the beast* use this as part of his plan? I have a scientific, technical mind and many of you do.

- Do you think that he will not use these very tools to bring about his new world order? *I dare say that he will.*
- Will *the beast* himself be a transhuman?
- Will he also have a computerized link so that he *is the beast*?

He's not just human; he is **a beast!** He has both an animal and human genetic species. We're beginning to put together the pieces coming up with a very, very interesting picture. The goal of transhumanism is to evolve man into an artificial body/mind/brain creation that will have super-human capabilities, including self-repair, allowing unlimited longevity, or immortality.

Death Is Conquered by Victoria Walstan,
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By 2045 man will cease to die, but he will also cease to be human. We'll be uploading our entire mind to computers by 2045, and our bodies will be replaced by machines within 90 years according to Ray Kurzweil director of Engineering at Google.

He is now an engineer at Google, interestingly enough!

He believes that we will be able to upload our entire brains to the computers within the next 32 years, an event known as *singularity*.

Think about it! They let us in on what they're doing. You know that they are 30-50 years beyond what we're seeing. He's saying, 30 years ahead. What are their capabilities? They're working on it!

Our fragile human body parts will be replaced by machines by the turn of the century. If these predictions come true, it could make humans immortal.

At the end of this age, the new age movement and its drive for a new world order in 1984, it took me less than a year to run across the intense goal of the Illuminati to defeat that.

The Illuminati is the big term of the super-elite—the rich and powerful—who are in control of the earth.

These leaders truly want to live forever.

They don't want to accept this thing and deal with going into the grave. *They want immortality!* They want to live forever. **Not God's way! Their way!**

After all, once they have achieved their goal to ruthlessly rule the entire earth with their antichrist as their leader, they don't want to die a few years later. These masters of the universe want to live for eternity. Therefore, one of the major aims of the new age/Illuminati is to discover a way to defeat death. No small feat, **since God is the One Who decreed that all humans will die and after that the judgment.**

Pretty profound! Is this science fiction? **or** Is it some reality? *Time will tell!*

I've mentioned a lot about *the chip* and *the mark* and what it will be. Let's realize that the potential of *the chip* or *the mark* is going to be far more sophisticated than we perhaps have thought about in the past. I'm not asking you to accept this as verbatim, but the point is, realize that we are in a time now, when knowledge and information is exploding, and *it's going to be used for control over the earth!* The *chip* or *mark* may have potential to do other things. I'll just mention some other ideas that you can think about.

Let's say that they could put a chip into our system that can actually be a delivery system. In other words, to have the potential to deliver chemicals or certain small traces of material. It's now a technology to where they can send out little robotic things to do and fix your body. That may be even part of it.

They may even be able to inject a foreign DNA. They may be able to inject various drugs or be able to give rise to a pandemic. They may have the

potential for releasing a deadly virus into these people that have *the mark*.

Why would they do that? *One of the points in Agenda 21* is to reduce the population of the earth to about one-tenth of the population. They truly want to kill off most of humankind, down to a manageable size. The size of about one half a billion. To do that, they're going to have to have:

- a lot of war
- a lot of famine
- a lot of disease

on the other hand:

- Who knows what they will come up with to eliminate the masses so that they, the elite, can have the whole earth to themselves?
- How evil, selfish and carnal can you get?

This is unbelievable!

I want to talk about *the lie*. What is 'the lie'? The lie is going to be an important part of mankind receiving *the mark of the beast*. We just read earlier about the lawless one will come with *the mark*.

2-Thessalonians 2:9: "*Even the one whose coming is according to the inner working of Satan, with all power and signs and lying wonders... [the antichrist] ...and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in those who are perishing because they did not receive the love of the Truth, so that they might be saved*" (vs 9-10).

- they didn't love God
- they didn't love God's Truth
- they accepted a falsehood
- they accepted a system that will lead to death

Verse 11: "And for this cause, **God will send upon them a powerful deception that will cause them to believe the lie**. So that all may be judged who did not believe the Truth, but who took pleasure in unrighteousness" (vs 11-12).

What is *the lie*? You can link it back to the *antichrist*! What did he say that he was? *He was 'God'!* The first lie could be that *the beast* would say that he is god, which he's not. Actually, Satan is saying in *the beast's* place that he's 'God.' Another point could be that *the deception about the origin of humankind*. Another thing that is happening right now is that there is a big movement to say that we didn't originate on earth, but that we originated by alien insertion of life on the planet. That we really are an image of some other creature or being outside the earth.

That's something that probably could be part of *the lie*. In other words, if you can destroy God as

being Creator, you then do away with the whole aspect of salvation.

There's a third one. By taking *the mark*, we basically said that this modern technology—transhumanism—wants to give you immortality. What if it's part of the lie that, 'I'm God and I can give you immortality if you take *the mark*.' You might think this is way off. I may be, but the point is, what was the first lie? There is a precedent for this. What was the lie that Satan told Adam and Eve? *That you will not die!*

Genesis 3:1: "Now, the serpent was more cunning than any creature of the field, which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, '*Is it true that God has said, "You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?"*'" *He was being a smart-aleck. He knew the answer to that.*

Verse 2: "And the woman said to the serpent, 'We may freely eat the fruit of the trees of the garden, but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the middle of the garden, God has *indeed* said, "You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die" ... [here comes Satan, the serpent] ...And the serpent said to the woman, 'In dying, you shall not surely die!'" (vs 2-4). ***The first lie that Satan gave and laid out; that you shall be actually immortal!***

Verse 5: "For God knows that in the day you eat of it, then your eyes shall be opened..." In other words, you're going to be magnified in your power and your ability to understand, and to choose good and evil for yourself. That's what they did.

"...and you shall be like God... [What's an attribute of God? *Immortality!*] ...deciding good and evil" (v 5).

There are many aspects to what *the lie* is. But if indeed, part of *the lie* is that, 'I am God and I can give you immortality,' how many people will resist lining up to take *the mark*, with no resistance at all? *It will look so good, so wonderful, that the whole world is going to fall at the feet of the beast and Satan the devil!* They're going to believe *the lie!*

God is not going to be without His warning message. God is going to warn vehemently, strongly and profoundly, not to take *the mark of the beast*. He's going to be doing that through the two witnesses as well as the three angel messages. He's got a team out there to basically proclaim the Gospel, to say, 'Worship the *true* God,' and not to take the *mark of the beast!*

I don't have time to go through the Scriptures, but you can look at these in Rev. 11.

Rev. 14 is the three angel messages. God is—before *the mark* is out there—going to warn the earth that to take *the mark of the beast* is going to be very detrimental, because **‘you may surely die’** is going to come to the forefront.

Revelation 14:6: “And I saw another angel flying in *the* midst of heaven, having *the* everlasting Gospel to proclaim *to* those who dwell on the earth...” God is going to proclaim the Gospel to the earth during the time of the Tribulation, at the beginning of Tribulation.

“...and *to* every nation and tribe and language and people... [the Gospel shall go forth to the whole world] ...saying with a loud voice, ‘Fear God, and give glory to Him, because the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him...’” (vs 6-7).

In other words, don’t worship the antichrist. Don’t worship Satan. Worship the true God.

“...Who made the heaven, and the earth, and *the* sea, and *the* fountains of waters.’ Then another angel followed, saying, ‘The great city Babylon is fallen, is fallen, because of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, *which* she has given all nations to drink.’... [looking at the fall of Babylon (Rev. 18)] ...And a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, ‘If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives *the* mark in his forehead or in his hand, he shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed undiluted in the cup of His wrath...’” (vs 7-10)

Rev. 16:1-3 is talking about the pouring out of the last seven plagues. Plagues are going to be poured out upon those who have *the mark*. The first point is that ***the wrath will be poured out at the last trump*** and the pouring out of the seven last plagues.

“...and he shall be tormented in fire and brimstone in the sight of the Holy angels, and of the Lamb” (v 10).

- What is the ‘fire and brimstone’ referring to?
- Is this the Lake of Fire?

We cannot be sure!

Revelation 19:20: “And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet who worked miracles in his presence, by which he had deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. **Those two were cast alive into the Lake of Fire, which burns with brimstone.**”

The Lake of Fire is described as a fire and brimstone. Sodom and Gomorrah was burned up with fire and brimstone.

We can’t be sure, but the point is that if the humankind is corrupted and basically takes on non-human genetic aspects into their body, they’re non-human. They now have corrupted themselves and they will not qualify for salvation, if they corrupt their body to become non-human.

Speculation! Speculation! Just things to think about! ***Understanding prophecy is not a criteria for salvation! Thank God!*** We don’t have to understand prophecy, clearly, for God’s salvation.

The point is, this message is to get all of us to think in terms of not just off the wire and go crazy, but to realize that the technology that we have today is going to be used by *the beast* in a very big influential way.

In conclusion, emerging technology through transhumanism specifically, is ***Satan’s counterfeit plan for the Christian hope of salvation through Jesus Christ!*** In truth, it is an attempt to supplant the very promises of God, to remove God from the picture through humanly contrived means. It promises the same thing that God does:

- immortality
- extended power
- live forever

Not through Christ, but by *man’s technology*. Wonderful? ***No!*** *It leads to death!* Transhumanism will ultimately fail because God said that in the end, they will do anything they can put into their minds. ***It will fail because God is going to intervene and cut short the evil and wickedness*** that we saw back in the days of Noah.

God will intervene and save humanity by His plan of transhumanism! God has a plan to transform us! That’s what transhumanism is trying to counterfeit. ***We do know that through God’s very plan of salvation, it’s not about life extension; it’s about being immortal sons of God!*** Living forever in God’s presence as immortal spirits in the Kingdom of God.

I want to leave you with a really positive note; Romans. 8:14: “**For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God.** Now, you have not received a spirit of bondage again unto fear, but you have received *the* Spirit of sonship, whereby we call out, ‘Abba, Father.’ The Spirit itself bears witness conjointly with our own spirit, *testifying* that we are *the* children of God. Now, if *we are* children, *we are* also heirs—truly, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if indeed we suffer together with Him... [even in martyrdom or even in whatever we are to suffer] ...**so that we may also be glorified together with Him** (vs 14-17).

Let us reflect upon the fact that God is going to accomplish His promises. He's going to complete his plan of salvation. He will do what He has promised to accomplish. We can have confidence and trust in that and we can truly believe with all our soul and being that the actions of men to try to supplant God will end in absolute failure.

1-John 3:1: "Behold! What *glorious* love the Father has given to us, that we should be called the children of God! For this very reason, the world does not know us because it did not know Him. Beloved, **now** we are... [not later] ...the children of God, and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be; but we know that when He is manifested, **we shall be like Him**... [transformed into the very being, the very Spirit of God] ...because we shall see Him exactly as He is" (vs 1-2).

Let us rejoice in knowing that God's salvation will come!

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