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I am excited to share my next newsletter with you in my series entitled *UFOs and the Occult – The Space-Age Mask of an Ancient Deception*. However, the next installment on that topic will have to wait for next week, because I have an even more pressing message right now.

There is a strange tension rising up in the world. On one hand, many serious believers look at the times we are living in and wonder whether we are approaching, or are in, what Daniel called “the time of the end.” We see increasing instability, moral confusion, deception, wars and rumors of wars, global pressures, and now the rise of artificial intelligence - a tool powerful enough to reshape communication, government, economics, war, surveillance, education, and even the way people think about reality itself. Some of the very people who were involved in creating AI technology are warning that it could literally bring on the end of humanity.

On the other hand, some of the most influential voices in technology are speaking in almost opposite terms. They are not describing disaster. They are describing a coming age of abundance. Some speak of an “Intelligence Age,” a world where AI makes knowledge, productivity, and problem-solving widely available. Others imagine AI helping with medicine, poverty, education, science, government, and human flourishing in ways that would have seemed impossible only a few years ago.

So which is it? Are we approaching a golden age? Or the time of the end?

I think the answer may be more complicated than either side usually sees.

It may be that mankind is approaching a time of remarkable capability and great danger at the same time. There will be real advances in medicine, production, communication, education, and administration. Governments are already exploring AI to improve public services, decision-making, fraud detection, and productivity, while also warning about risks such as bias, lack of transparency, overreliance, and loss of public trust.

So we should not pretend that nothing good can come from these tools. That would be foolish. A hammer can build a house or become a weapon. A printing press can spread Scripture or propaganda. The internet can carry truth or deception. Technology is not the same thing as righteousness, but neither is every tool inherently wicked.

The deeper issue is not whether artificial intelligence can produce benefits. The deeper issue is what fallen mankind will do with that power. That brings us to Paul's warning:

"For you yourselves know well that the day of the Lord comes like a thief in the night. For when they are saying, 'Peace and safety,' then sudden destruction will come on them, like birth pains on a pregnant woman; and they will in no way escape." 1 Thessalonians 5:2–3

Notice carefully what Paul says. He does not say destruction comes when everyone is crying out in obvious terror. He says it comes when they are saying, "Peace and safety."

That means the danger is not only chaos. The danger is false confidence. The danger is mankind believing it has finally solved the human problem without YHWH. That is what makes our moment so spiritually serious.

Many people believe man is basically good. In that view, our deepest problems come from ignorance, poverty, bad systems, lack of education, trauma, inequality, or poor administration. If those things can be corrected, then mankind can improve himself. If AI can help remove scarcity, cure disease, educate the masses, manage resources, reduce conflict, and improve government, then perhaps the world really can enter an age of peace and safety.

There is enough truth in that view to make it persuasive. Education is better than ignorance. Reducing poverty is good. Just laws bring stability and order. Honest government would be a refreshing change. Better health care could save lives. Wise use of technology can reduce suffering.

But Scripture gives a deeper diagnosis.

Man is made in the image of God. That means there is dignity in man. There is creativity, conscience, intelligence, affection, moral capacity, and the ability to do real good in the world.

But man is also fallen. There is sin in the human heart. That is the part modern optimism often refuses to face.

Sin is not merely a lack of information. It is not merely poor organization. It is not merely scarcity. Sin is rebellion against God. It is pride. It is the desire to rule without YHWH. It is the old temptation: “You will be like God.”

That is why abundance cannot solve the deepest human problem. A sinful man with little power can do harm. A sinful man with wealth can do more harm. A sinful man with political authority can do terrible harm. A sinful man with empire can do almost unimaginable harm. And a sinful man with artificial intelligence, surveillance systems, digital finance, automated propaganda, biometric identity, cyberwarfare, and global administrative reach could do harm on a scale earlier tyrants could not have imagined. So, while technology can be used for good, it can also be a force multiplier for evil at a level beyond anything the world has ever seen.

That is not just a movie or a TV show – that is reality. Even some leading voices in AI safety have warned that AI risk should be treated as a global priority alongside pandemics and nuclear war.

So the question is not merely, “Can AI make society more efficient?” It probably can.

The question is, “Efficient toward what end, and under whose rule?”

Efficiency is not righteousness. Order is not holiness. Safety is not salvation. Abundance is not the Kingdom. That distinction is vital.

The prophets speak of a coming age of peace, abundance, healing, justice, and righteousness. But they do not say mankind brings that age by his own intelligence. They say YHWH brings it through His Kingdom.

The problem with a man-made golden age is not that peace is bad. Peace is good. The problem is not that safety is bad. Safety is good. The problem is not that abundance is bad. Abundance is good. The problem is peace without

repentance, safety without righteousness, and abundance without submission to YHWH. That is the last illusion. It is the belief that man can build the blessings of the Kingdom while rejecting the King.



We have seen this pattern before.

Babel was a project of human unity, technology, and ambition. The builders had language, organization, and a common goal. But the spirit of Babel was not humble obedience to YHWH. It was human exaltation.

Babylon was glorious. It had wealth, architecture, administration, military power, and cultural greatness. But in Daniel, Babylon also becomes the image of beastly empire - magnificent outwardly, rebellious inwardly. Nebuchadnezzar's golden image was not crude chaos. It was organized worship under imperial power. Music, politics, religion, and threat were all brought together to produce compliance.

Persia was better than Babylon in YHWH's plan. Persia opened the way for the remnant to return and the Temple to be rebuilt. Yet even Persia became beast-like in Daniel 6 when law was used to forbid prayer to anyone but the king.

That is the lesson. The beast nature does not always look barbaric. Sometimes it looks organized. Sometimes it looks civilized. Sometimes it looks legal.

Sometimes it looks beneficial. Sometimes it may even speak the language of peace and safety.

This is why I am cautious when I hear people speak as though technology will redeem the world. I am not against technology. I use it. Many of us do. It can be a tremendous servant. But it is a terrible savior.

If AI helps doctors find cures, lives can be saved. If AI is a servant in daily life, that could be useful. If AI helps ordinary people learn, build, communicate, and create, that can be a blessing. But if AI enables a system that claims to guide humanity into peace and safety without God, then we are looking at something that may start out looking good, while ending up bringing on the greatest tyranny the world has ever seen.

We are looking at the core of a counterfeit kingdom rising up before our eyes. A great competition is underway among the most powerful men in the world, each seeking to become the most powerful. That is why AI datacenters are springing up like mushrooms in a damp forest. A new UN report said data centers used 448 terawatt-hours of power in 2025. If they were a country, they would have ranked 11th in the world in 2025. Half way through 2026 they are already way beyond that. Soon the 2025 capacity will double. Make no mistake, the motive behind the development of AI is not philanthropic. It is greed and power.

That is where 1 Thessalonians 5 becomes so important. Paul's warning is not merely about sudden destruction. It is about the mindset before destruction. "They are saying, Peace and safety."

Who are "they"? Those who are asleep. Those who are not watching. Those who are not sober. Those who are confident in the world's promise, but blind to the coming Day of the Lord. Paul continues by saying:

"But you, brothers, aren't in darkness, that the day should overtake you like a thief. You are all children of light, and children of the day. We don't belong to the night, nor to darkness." 1 Thessalonians 5:4–5

The wise see and understand. They see what the wicked cannot see, so they prepare in wisdom. Not panic. Not fear. But Wakefulness, Sobriety, Discernment, and Faithfulness.

The holy people are not swept away by every promise of man-made salvation. Neither are they reckless cynics who deny every useful tool. After all, a hammer can be made by a bad man or a good man. What matters in the use of a tool is how the tool is used. Wise people can use the tool without letting the tool use them.

We should be able to say two things at once: Yes, remarkable advances may come. No, they will not cure the sin nature. Yes, governments may become more efficient. No, efficiency does not make them righteous. Yes, the world may speak of abundance. No, abundance is not righteousness. Yes, mankind may say “peace and safety.” No, there is no true peace without the Kingdom of Messiah.

That is where Daniel helps us. Daniel lived under the great powers of his age. He saw the glory of Babylon. He saw the rise of Persia. He saw kings, courts, laws, decrees, threats, images, dreams, visions, and beasts. He understood that YHWH can use human kingdoms for His purposes, but he never confused any human kingdom with the Kingdom of God.

That is the wisdom we need now. We should not be naïve about the dangers of our time. But neither should we be impressed by the promises of man. The final hope of Scripture is not that man becomes clever enough to save himself. The final hope is that the Stone cut without hands strikes the image, becomes a great Mountain, and fills the whole earth.

The final hope is not artificial abundance. It is everlasting righteousness in the Kingdom. The final hope is not enforced ‘peace’ under the technology systems of man. It is true shalom under the reign of Messiah. The final hope is not safety enforced by the beast. It is refuge in the Kingdom.

So when the world says, “Peace and safety,” we should listen carefully. We should ask: Peace under whose authority? Safety by what means? Abundance for

what purpose? Unity around what truth? And where is YHWH in this vision of the future?

If the answer is that mankind has finally found a way to build the Kingdom without the King, then we should not be deceived.

That is not the Kingdom. That is the last illusion.

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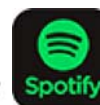
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when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes." Eze 36:23***

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