

THE END TIMES - SIGN OF TECHNOLOGY

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Sister Shelbia offered the opening prayer.

I'm asking that you will take this time and make it count for your kingdom. I thank you for every lady that's here; and ask that they will get something valuable. We know time is short and we want to be useful to your kingdom. In Jesus name, Amen.

WARFARE PRAYER GUIDE: Most of this is scripture to use when addressing satan.

Jude 1:9

9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. satan, the Lord rebuke the. Then thank Jesus for the victory of doing this.

Ephesians 1:5, 13, 14.

5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Romans 5:1

1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

1 — Scripture tells us we will be seated with the Lord in the heavenly's.

Jesus provides cleansing from the old nature - we can live above sin. At some point, this would be better translated as 'being blameless' vs. living above sin.

When you are asked 'why should I let you into heaven', you should answer that **"Its only because of the blood of Jesus that we are able to get into heaven"**.

Jeannie says that God can't see through the blood of Jesus. She asked us all to read Revelation 3:8 - all churches that are foundational churches, that are small in numbers.

Revelation 3:8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

Jesus Calling book - June 20 was really neat for Shelbia. It spoke to her. This is Jesus. I speak to you continually. My nature is to communicate, but not always in words. I fling glorious sunsets across the sky day after day after day. You can find me in each moment. When you have eyes to see and ears to hear. I rejoice each time you discover my presence. Gradually you will find me in more and more of your moments. You will seek me and find me when you seek me above all else.

Psalms 8:1-4;

1 O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Psalm 19:1-2;

1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

Corinthians 6:19;

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

Jeremiah 29:13

13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Shelbia reminds us to read Psalm 37 to help keep us balanced in this world.

Psalm 37:

1 Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

4 Delight thyself also in the LORD: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.

10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.

11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

12 The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.

13 The LORD shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming.

14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation.

15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.

16 A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.

17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous.

18 The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.

19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.

21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.

22 For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.

23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.

25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

26 He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.

27 Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore.

28 For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

29 The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.

30 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

31 *The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.*
 32 *The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him.*
 33 *The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.*
 34 *Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.*
 35 *I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree.*
 36 *Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.*
 37 *Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.*
 38 *But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.*
 39 *But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble.*
 40 *And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.*

The technology and whats going on in the Middle East tells us we are at a very late hour. We have no time to waste!

Nathan Jones, Internet Evangelist Lamb and Lion Ministries:

How do we know the end times are upon us and that Jesus Christ is returning soon? One of the surest ways we can know is through the incredible end time sign of technology. God has revealed in the Bible that when certain century old prophecy concerning the future of technology especially those technologies that greatly increase knowledge and travel, become a part of every day life, then the final days of this age leading up to Christ millennial kingdom will at last come upon us.

The long ago prophesied technologies that we now take for granted, prove that Jesus is returning soon.

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Let's just explore 9 of the end time signs related to technology foretold in the Bible. All of this and more, coming up.

THE TECHNOLOGY SCALE: Before we take a look into this jaw dropping end time sign, let me first ask you a question..

How do you feel personally about technology? Do you love technology and so consider yourself a technophil or hate it and are called a technophobe or are you just floating in blissful ambivalence somewhere in the middle of the love to hate technology scale?

For those who dislike technology or at least keep a weary eye upon it, you probably have some very good reasons for why you feel the way you do.

One struggling to operate the latest and greatest gizmo. Maybe the experience of merely turning it on leaves you frustrated. We've all felt frustrated using some new piece of tech and also felt so much better after hurling the device against the wall.

Maybe the nerd factor keeps you at a distance. You avoid Best Buy's at all cost. Or upon entering, you'll be transformed into the next Steve Erle. Who would ever want to end up as a social stigma in suspenders?

Or maybe you fear that technology will become so advanced that it will evolve and once it seeks self awareness, will destroy all humanity with an army of glowing eyed Swartzineiger terminators. Why take the chance of our own creation rebelling against us just as we've been doing with God?

Or maybe the process of assimilating all of this tech into our lives and even into our bodies, we worry that we will lost our humanity and become more borg than organism.

For those of us that love technology, I believe we have created so many new devices is the things to love our pets. Its true. Who hasn't turned on a vacuum cleaner and received a good laugh out of watching their dog bolt for cover? Or got some kind of demented glee out of watching their cat frantically chasing a light on the rug? Or chuckled that your fish took a ride up the stream in the

actuarial that came from the treasurers chest? Or taken your winner dog scuba diving? Well, maybe not that.

With all of our human creativity, you'd think we'd use our minds for more constructive purposes. But last, for all our creative human ingenuity, we tend to dismiss much of this more than we use it.

We create many of our new technologies in the name of convenience, but in the end they often end up making us look quite silly.

Who in a public bathroom hasn't waived their dripping hands in front of the automatic dispenser and have the device mock us for refusing to give out a paper towel? Or cursed your leaf blower for blowing leaves from one side of the yard back back to the same spot again.

Or spent every Christmas Eve untangling a Gordian knot for those little blinking tree lights or have your smart phones autocorrect or wish your spouse happy birthday, dead husband.

Or when mounting lasers to the heads of sharks. Maybe not the last one either, but you get the point.

There are rooms of corporate gadget makers have long been belly laughing at our expense.

Where do I personally fall on the love to hate technology scale? I made it thru college with the help of a typewriter even though a fully functioning computer lab lay at my disposal.

But then I got over my renaissance, and devoted my early career to being a web developer and designer.

And now as an internet and television evangelist, I've embraced the tremendous benefits of our modern day communication technology because it provides unlimited possibilities in sharing the gospel with the world.

I may not be the first in line to shell out obscene amounts of money for the latest iPhone, but then neither am I the last.

A simple Appalatian cabin would suit me fine as long as my wireless connection to my Netflix account is readily available. I'd imagine that most of us fall along that point on the scale.

TECHNOLOGY DEFINED:

Before moving any further at how today's technology heralds the end times, we first need to define terms because you are going to hear the word technology a whole lot here.

The Greek word, Tekhnologia provides the root word for where we get the work technology, meaning the 'systematic treatment of art and skill'.

The science dictionary clarifies Aristotle's definition with the 'use of scientific knowledge to solve practical problems'.

But is science absolutely necessary to solve our problems?

Maybe technology is more about the 'practical application of knowledge'. (Merriam-Webster dictionary).

That's a pretty good definition, or how about this one, 'The sum of the ways in which social groups provide themselves with material objects of their civilization.'

I believe these curious definitions tend to beat around the bush and so I'm going to give you **my own definition of what technology is - "Applying what you know to fix problems and make stuff"**.

Technology, therefore, is not just the gizmo's and gadgets we make, but the technical skills and creativity it initially takes to invent and forge these tools.

THE ORIGINS OF KNOWLEDGE-

THE SOURCE OF KNOWLEDGE:

So technology does what again? It fixes problems and it makes stuff for those who dislike technology, fixing problems and making stuff isn't so bad. Right?

Right.

Because I'm going to prove that technology can certainly be a good thing.

After all, do you know where knowledge and the wisdom to properly wield knowledge really comes from?

It originates directly from God Almighty!

Job once asked, ***“can anyone teach God knowledge?” (Job 21:22)*** The obvious answer is no. No one can teach an all knowing God.

Job later referred to God as ***“Him who is perfect in knowledge”. (Job 37:16)*** That means that God is absolute flawless and perfect. He’s the ultimate in knowing all things. He even knows all things down to the tiniest minutia, such as the # of hairs on our heads.

The prophet Isaiah also asked similar rhetorical questions.

A.I. = Artificial intelligence.

“With whom did he take counsel, and who instructed Him, and taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, and showed Him the way of understanding?” (Isaiah 40:14)

Nobody! God is the author and the creator. All that is to be known, is known or will be known has been authored by God. To have real knowledge that means to know what God already knows.

You can understand then why the apostle Paul cried out, ***“Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!” (Romans 11:33)***

That means that everything that mankind has ever known, originated from God! That also means when we finally get to heaven and live with our Omnipresent Savior forever and ever, we will also continually learn for ever and ever.

We will never catch up to what God already knows because what he knows it infinite.

Isn’t that exciting? Christians will have an eternity of learning and growing ahead of us.

THE KEEPER OF KNOWLEDGE -

Not only is God the source of knowledge, but he’s also the keeper of knowledge. The proverbs reveal that ***“The eyes of the Lord preserve knowledge.” (Proverbs 22:12)***

In other words, God protects knowledge as if it were a commodity.

Paul explained the reason as ***“In whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge”. (Colossians 2:3)***

God sees both wisdom and knowledge, as actual treasure. And He doles out those treasures as He sees fit. Keeping the keys to certain scientific breakthroughs hidden until he wants mankind to at last discover them.

Bear in mind that wisdom, like technology is simply the practical application of technology.

Therefore, God is the keeper of wisdom and therefore, also the keeper of technology.

THE PROVIDER OF KNOWLEDGE -

God may be the source and the keeper of knowledge, but He’s also generous in sharing what he knows. God then becomes the provider of knowledge, and so therefore, technology. That means that all those technologies that mankind has invented and taken credit for - well it can be argued that they in truth came from the very mind of God the Provider when he saw fit to release that knowledge.

The Proverbs teach that ***“for the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding.” Proverbs 2:6***

When E. F. Hutton talks, people listen.

But every time God talks, we learn something eternal. That’s why its so important that we read God’s Word.

The author of Ecclesiastes wrote, ***“For God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who is good in His sight.” (Ecclesiastes 2:26)***

And how are we good in His sight? How do we please God? By doing His will, for ***“whatever we ask we receive from Him because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.” (1 John 3:22)***

That the all knowing God of the universe is the source, keeper and provider of all knowledge is the quote Donald Trump used in Nashville. "Sometimes, its so huge", he said. Its so huge in fact we must stop for a second and point out this again. For I'm going to keep making the argument that the technology that we have today, was given to us by God only when he saw fit to give it to us. Former President Obama, once accused our nations company 'you didn't build that....somebody else made that happen'. He meant that without governments help our companies could never have made the widgets and services that they make. Obama was wrong about the government part but it would have been correct if he would have attributed the production of our technology to God. God provided the inspiration and knowledge to product certain technologies at key times He had designated. All because He is the provider of knowledge.

The prophet Daniel added to the vidal point with ***"He gives wisdom to the wide and knowledge to those who have understanding". (Daniel 2:21)***

Here we learn that God gives more knowledge and the wisdom to apply that knowledge to those who know how to to utilize that knowledge. And if you happen to be knowledgeable and wise, it is because the Holy Spirit has made you that way. Paul added, ***"For to one is given the word of wisdom through eh spirit, to another, the word of knowledge through the same spirit."* (I Corinthians 12:8)**

God made us each with a certain level of Knowledge, skill and wisdom; and we apply each of those to fixing our problems and making stuff.

PROMISES CONCERNING KNOWLEDGE

Did you know God has made certain promises concerning knowledge? Young Timothy learned from his mentor Paul that when it comes to the knowledge of salvation, that God ***"desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."* I Timothy 2:4**

Who does God want to have the knowledge of the truth of salvation, and so be saved? All of mankind. Every one of us. Whether people accept that saving knowledge or not, well that's up to them. But when it comes to the knowledge concerning salvation, God provides that freely.

Titus learned from Paul that ***"A faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time."* Titus 1:1-2**

God promised that knowledge about salvation before the beginning of time and long before man kind had ever sinned.

LIVING WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE

We'd agree there are many smart people out there who clearly have a good amount of knowledge; and we'd agree there are just as many people who are clearly lacking in knowledge.

What happens when people lack knowledge?

Proverbs tells us, ***"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy one is understanding", Proverbs 9:10***

If you have no knowledge of the Holy one, what do you really have?

Nothing without a respect for God, to seek Him and to learn about Him, our man made knowledge becomes absolutely worthless.

This verse is an emphatic declaration, ***"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, an the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."* Proverbs 9:10**

The first step to accepting there is true knowledge must begin with the fact that **THERE IS A GOD!** And if we're willing to know anything at all. If we don't first begin our quest for attaining knowledge and acknowledging there is a God, and following that, by identifying Him as the God of the Bible; then we end up with the opposite of knowledge which is ignorance.

Take for instance, Pauls warning to Timothy in ***I Timothy 6:20, "Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babbling salad contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge."***

So there's Godly knowledge and then there's mankind's knowledge. Mankind's knowledge is rarely built upon God's knowledge, and so it ends up being in reality, not even knowledge at all. Mankind's knowledge apart from God's knowledge is false and worthless. So called knowledge apart from God turns geniuses into ignoramuses.

Ignorance has consequences.

God, thru the prophet Hosea wrote, ***"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge". Hosea 4:6*** Without knowing Jesus Christ as our savior, we die unforgiven of our sins and face an eternal punishment for rebellion against God, in hell. Not knowing the source and provider of knowledge, especially when it comes to the knowledge concerning salvation, is literally killing us in this life and ultimately in hell in the next life.

THE DESTINY OF KNOWLEDGE

Does knowledge have a destiny? The Bible tells us so and its two fold:

1. ***"Whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away," I Corinthians 13:8.*** That man made, earthly knowledge that we're so keen on stoking, which puffs up so many ego's and leaves so many people astray from the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Well, it will all end and some day soon.
2. That man made, earthly knowledge that we put so much stock into will ultimately be replaced with ***"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Habakkuk 2:14*** Gods knowledge is all that matters! For manmade knowledge will be replaced totally, universally and forever, by the wonderful truth of God.

The source, the keeper, the provider of knowledge.

THE BENEFITS OF TECHNOLOGY

And that brings us back to my initial question, How do you feel personally about all technology after all you know that God is the source and provider of all true knowledge; and that knowing Him is the ultimate application of the knowledge - err go wisdom, then is using His knowledge to create technology, inherently a bad thing?

I would argue that God Himself is the creator, who made His children in His image to also be creators, that He doles out knowledge as He see's fit, for the purpose of leading mankind to invent new technologies.

Then technology is inherently good. After all, don't we all have the need from time to time, to fix our problems and make stuff.

When mankind shivered out there in the wild and cold night, they figured out how to make fire and then control the fire and safely bring it indoors.

When their legs grew weary from walking and saddle sore from riding, they invented the wheel and the buggy; and later, the monster truck.

When the heavy earthen pots became too burdensome to carry back and forth from the well, they designed irrigation systems, mastered glass blowing and created lightweight pitchers, and eventually, the thermos. When people got tired of burning their hands over an open fire while cooking their latest kill, they invented the charcoal grill and invited all their friends over for a Bar-b-q; and when their backsides grew red and raw from using pine cones in the out houses, the Chinese (God bless them), invented toilet paper.

Who can really argue with these technologies? These technologies and so many more like them, fix mankind's problems.

So technology, good or bad? I conclude that technology is inherently good, but with this caveat. In the wrong hands, technology, can certainly be misused.

THE PROGRESS OF TECHNOLOGY

When I was a kid back in the 1980's, I faced some very serious dilemma's. The tough decisions I was forced to make affected my life so monumentally that should I have ended up making the wrong choices, they would have forever sent me down the dark path of social obscurity.

VHS or beta max?

Kodak 35 mm film or Polaroid camera?

Sony Walkman or SoundBurger 33 1/3 record player?

Slide deck or overhead projector?

Commodore 64 or Apple Macintosh?

Nintendo NES or Sega Master System?

Transformers or GoBots?

As you can see, the 80's were a mindfill of new technologies in which to navigate.

Chose wrongly and you may end up like Donovan in the movie Indiana Jones and the last crusade.

Unless you are a toddler, playing with your mothers android, you have enough history to look back and see that technology has changed a lot. A whole lot over the last few decades. Let's not even talk in decades, but in just years.

The child attaining adult hood today can with a shutter, look back to 2002 when there was no Wikipedia, no GMAIL, no social media like facebook and twitter, no cloud computing, no tablets, no smart phones, and certainly, no high speed internet connected activity.

Remember the sound the modem made when connecting a surfer to the web? Well, ask a 10 year old that question today and they couldn't even tell you.

Even Bob Dylan couldn't imagine how things would be changing when way back in the stone ages of 1963, he sang, the times they are a changing.

Times a changing wasn't always the way things were though. For thousands of years of human history, life remained pretty much the same.

Sure, every 300 years or so, the world eeked out a technological innovation that revolutionized the world, moving humanity from say, the Bronze Age to the Iron Age. But for the most part, limitations of travel left most innovations quartered off to a tiny corner of the world.

But then AD 1454 finally arrived and the German Goldsmith Yohan Gutenberg released the very first, mobile, reusable type press kinda like an antique photo copier.

At last knowledge could be mass copied on a paper and be distributed far and wide. The age of the printed book revolutionized the world and Gutenberg started with the font of all knowledge the Bible! It would be hundreds of years later before other monumental inventions transformed society.

Eli Whitney and the cotton gen; Thomas Newcome and the steam engine; Samuel Morris and the telegraph; Thomas Edison and the light bulb; Alexander Graham Bell and the telephone; Alexander Fleming and antibiotic penacillin; DuClugnia Marconi and the radio; Fyler Taylor Farnsworth and the television; William Shockley and the transistor; Jack Cobey and Robert Noisse, the microchip.

We're you surprised to learn from your history class that the most world changing technologies were invented in the last 150 or so years?

As we got closer to our own day and age, how each technological discovery came along faster and faster and faster. And how each grew more and more powerful as one invention was built on top of another on top of another.

This increasingly rapid acceleration of technological discovery has been called the exponential curve. Our technology has been experiencing exponential growth as one discovery builds upon another then another at an increasingly faster and faster pace.

Let's just look at the exponential curve of computers for instance. The old joke is, how do you know when your computer is obsolete? The answer, when you take it out of the box.

Well, that's not too far from the truth though. Computer companies tend to double computer processing speeds every 18 months.

Known as Moores Law, this is just one manifestation in the greater trend in how all technological change happens to be occurring at an exponential rate. By 2023, computers are expected to possess the processing speed equivalent to the human brain.

By 2045, in a mere quarter of a century, Moores Law predicts that we will possess computation ability equivalent to the entire human race.

The exponential curve is not just limited to computers. Other technologies in Biomedical, space science, chemical engineering, human engineering and all the other sciences have been climbing faster and steeper up their own exponential curves with each and every passing day.

Its expected that in the next 5 years, the world technology will be 32 times more advanced than it is today.

Its also estimated that 65% of today's kindergarteners, once they finally graduate from college, will ultimately end up working in completely new jobs that don't even exist at this time.

This exponential curve in all technology reminds me of another exponential curve - one Jesus described in the Bible. The Apostles once asked Jesus,

"What will be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the age?"

(Matthew 24:1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

25 Behold, I have told you before.

26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;

49 And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Luke 21:1 And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury.

2 And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites.

3 And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all:

4 For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.

5 And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said,

6 As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

7 And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?

8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.

9 But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by.

10 Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:

11 And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

12 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.

13 And it shall turn to you for a testimony.

14 Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer:

15 For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

16 And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death.

17 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake.

18 But there shall not an hair of your head perish.

19 In your patience possess ye your souls.

20 And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.

21 Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.

22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.

24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

29 And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

37 And in the day time he was teaching in the temple; and at night he went out, and abode in the mount that is called the mount of Olives.

38 And all the people came early in the morning to him in the temple, for to hear him.

Mark 13: 1 And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!

2 And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,

4 Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?

5 And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you:

6 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

7 And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet.

8 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows.

9 But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.

10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations.

11 But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.

12 Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death.

13 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

14 But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:

15 And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter therein, to take any thing out of his house:

16 And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment.

17 But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

18 And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.

19 For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.

20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.

21 And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ; or, lo, he is there; believe him not:

22 For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.

23 But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.

24 But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,

25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.

26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

28 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near:

29 So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors.

30 Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done.

31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

32 But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

34 For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

35 Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:

36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

Jesus answered by providing 10 signs to look out for that would reveal to us when His second coming would be upon us:

- 1. A marked increase in false prophets and false messiahs**
- 2. Wars and rumors of wars**
- 3. Earthquakes**
- 4. Famine**
- 5. Plagues**
- 6. Fearful events**
- 7. Signs in the sky**
- 8. Persecution of Christians**
- 9. The worlds focus on Jerusalem when it encompasses the first 9 signs**
- 10. The 10th sign will be the unnatural disasters that will directly preceded the masters return.**

Jesus added that these signs would increase in frequency and intensity much like a woman's birth pains the closer we get to His return.

Exponential curves become, in and of themselves, their own sign and mark the advent of the Messiahs return to this earth.

TECHNOLOGY IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

How does the intersection of the two exponential curves, the end time curve and the technology curve, indicate that Jesus Christ is returning soon? Before we dive deep into answering this question, I want to back it up a bit, and confront a general misconception.

Let's take a moment to look at those technologies historically found in the Bible, particularly, way back in the beginning of The Old Testament.

Since we are looking to Gods Word for the answers to where technology is going, we first need to bust a myth.

Men like famed astronomer, Neil Degraass Tyson, have scoffed at God. "God is an ever receding pocket of scientific ignorance that gets smaller and smaller as time goes on." Atheist, like him, claim the Bible is merely a religious book filled with primitive people tromping around in the mud and hating science. As we take a look into the Bible we'll see that is certainly not the case. The Bible is just full of science. Let's, like H.G. Wells, hop into our time machine and travel back to the age before the flood.

PRE-FLOOD TECHNOLOGIES. (4000-2348 BC, covering 1652 years)

This is when creation scientists have calculated the flood to have occurred. This era covered some 1,652 years.

Let's explore some of the various technologies that earliest man used to fix their problems and make stuff.

"Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it." Genesis 2:15

Even before the fall of mankind, Adam and Eve were working the land. Horticulture, botany and farming and all the agrarian sciences were being discovered. New technology and tools were discovered to handle agricultural work. And we are just talking about just 2 people figuring all of this out. Our ancient parents must have been incredibly intelligent people.

"And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings." Genesis 3:7

As soon as Adam and Eve sinned and realized they were walking around in the buff, they ran off behind a tree and sewed some clothes together. They didn't just lick and stick a bunch of leaves all over themselves, they had at least already invented the needle and thread. They new how to make textiles.

"So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the Garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life." Genesis 3:24

Even before Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden, Weaponry, like swords already existed in the heavenly realm.

Genesis reports that two angels flashed a flaming sword back and forth to prevent mankind from accessing the tree of life.

The first couple who had observed Heavens arsenal needed to learn how to construct their own weapon along arsonry to ward off the velociraptor.

"Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground." Genesis 4:2

How did Abel shear his sheep? He had to invent the clippers and the comb; and did Cain dig with his hands? No - He invented tools such as hoes, and rakes and other farm implementations he needed to farm with. Cain wouldn't have been able to farm very well without these tools. Even as early as the second generation, humanity had developed tools.

"And he (Cain) built a city". Genesis 4:17

CONSTRUCTION

After Cain killed his brother and was ordered by God to wander the earth, Cain went right ahead and disobeyed God, by building an entire city.

Sure there may have been people once living in caves, but Cave men, no. The earliest of people possessed the ability to build buildings.

"Tubal-Cain, an instructor of every craftsman in Bronze and Iron". Genesis 4:22

MINING -

All the way back to the earliest chapters of Genesis, mankind possessed the ability to mine metals, refine the ore in furnaces, realize measuring devices and work with blacksmith tools.

They constructed pick axes and drills and chisels in order to mine the earth.

"Make yourself an arc of Gopherwood", Genesis 6:14-16

SHIP BUILDING -

Noah was asked to build a boat and not just any boat. Probably the most massive boat the world up to that point, had ever seen.

Sure the task took them 100 years or so to accomplish, but it still takes a lot of technology to build a boat.

Noah knew how to cut, fell, and shape wood. He had the ability to measure lengths with various measuring devices.

He needed a crane and did Noah even know how to sail? It would have needed some knowledge about guiding in order to master building and sailing ships. The ability to build land sail ships was already in existence by Noah's day.

***"And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard then he drank of the wine".
Genesis 9:20-21***

FERMENTATION -

Almost as soon as Noah got out of the Arc, what did he do? He planted grapes, cultivated vines, constructed vats and fermented grapes and got passed out drunk. Noah had earlier mastered how to distill alcohol. People had long been searching for a stiff drink.

POST-FLOOD TECHNOLOGIES -

(2347 - 1 BC, covering 2,347 years)

Even those early days back when people were starting all over after the flood, Noah's descendants still had problems that needed fixing, and so they continued to make stuff.

"And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel." Genesis 50:2

MEDICINE -

Ancient Egypt had medical personnel who were proficient in various plant remedies, chemistry, and healing treatments. They even knew how to preserve dead bodies against the dry, desert elements. Egyptians were master doctors at the time. Even some of today's medical methodology originated back in those ancient land.

"And he took off their chariot wheels, so that they drove them with difficulty." Exodus 14:25

TRANSPORTATION -

This very first mention of the wheel in the Bible, shows that ancient people relied on this vital bit of technology to travel and transport cargo. Ancient people weren't just exhausting themselves from pushing pallets about, but used wheel technology to increase their productivity; and get themselves home from work faster in time for dinner.

"Then the Lord said to Moses, write this for a memorial in the book". Exodus 17:14

WRITING -

By Moses's day, people had already long mastered verbal and written languages. Recording words on clay tablets and antique forms of paper, Adam actually, had already invented language back when God had commanded him to name everything.

So no, ancient people didn't go around grunting and saying woow.....language has been around since the very beginning; and the written language for thousands of years.

Even today, writing continues to be an advanced skill.

"So you shall speak to all who are gifted artisans - and he has filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of workmanship." Exodus 28:3, 35:31

TENT-MAKING -

These passages tell us the story of the construction of the tabernacle, which became the most ornate tent ever seen in early Israel.

Tent making involves all sorts of skills in weaving and design work, meteorology and textiles. Here again, God is the source of all knowledge provided His people with the skills and abilities to crafts such a magnificent pavilion.

“Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; praise Him with the lute and Harp! Praise Him with the timbres and dance; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes”. Psalm 150

INSTRUMENTS -

Have you ever learned how to plan a musical instrument? Just think about how complicated most musical instruments are. They involve a combination of all sorts of craftsmen skills, artistically implemented in order to construct a musical instrument.

Plus, music is a language all of its own and a mathematically complicated one at that.

So this whole belief that ancient man started out as a bunch of uneducated, grunting, primitive man who pulled their women along by their hair and lived in dank caves is pure nonsense.

Mankinds ability to combine intellect and knowledge in order to discover and invent new technologies that would fix their problems and make stuff have been around since God first created Adam and Eve.

After all, God is the source of all mankind’s knowledge, which he shared with our ancient ancestors.

9 SIGNS OF TECHNOLOGY:

Let’s at last, take a look at where the technological exponential curve is leading us.

Let’s look at the signs of technology revealed in the Bible that point to the fact that we are now living in the end times and indicate that Jesus will soon return.

The following are, I believe, 9 of the most prominent signs of technology.

1. **SIGN OF KNOWLEDGE** - not only does this sign stand out particularly as the most revealing out of all the technological signs, but it also provides the foundation that the others in this list build upon. The source text for this prophecy comes from the book of ***Daniel 12:4. “But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”*** Daniel had been listening across many chapters, to an angel pronouncing a mind blowing message from God. Thru the angel, God revealed the rise and the fall of empires, leading eventually to a global empire, led by a world ruler whom the apostle John later called the antichrist. Of course, all these great empires were still future from Daniels perspective, so he was quite perplexed over all he was hearing. Rubbing his forehead in confusion, he asked the angel for an explanation. To his dismay, no luck. The angel basically told Daniel that he could never understand these prophecies because too much needed to happen first. This would include a great increase in mankind’s knowledge which would mark the time of the end or end times. Only those living in the end times and who were wise, would at last understand these prophesies and recognize that the exponential increase in knowledge heralded the soon return of the messiah. Have you ever considered that just a hundred years ago all that most people learned in their entire lifetime was equal to one Sunday edition of the New York Times? Our ability today, to practically consume that same amount of data on a daily basis shows just how far mankind’s knowledge has increased in so short an amount of time. What technologies have helped us facilitate the advent of this massive explosion in the growth of knowledge? You’d probably answer computers and you’d been absolutely correct. Not only has the exponential curve in all areas of computer technology increased our knowledge to stupendous levels, but computers have aided in all the major scientific discoveries in our day. We don’t need to cram all those facts into our brain anymore either. For the ability to easily store and access data means we can continue to learn like we’ve never learned before in all of human history. Today’s exponential increase in knowledge points to the fact that Jesus Christ is returning soon.

2. **TRANSPORTATION** - *"Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase". Daniel 12:4.* Notice in that same prophecy the angel told Daniel that beside a great increase in knowledge, many shall run to and fro. This tremendous increase in travel would also occur in the same context. That being the end times. God was revealing that once people begin to run to and fro, both farther and faster, that those final years before Christ returns to set up his Millennial kingdom were finally upon us. Stop and think about how people traveled a single century ago. Most roads weren't even paved yet and we were traveling along by horse drawn wagons. A video from San Francisco taken in 1906 showed far more horse drawn carriages and wagons than horseless cars. People rarely, if ever, left their home towns, animals domestication and early beginnings of decent roads. Then bicycles, boats, balloons and simple automobiles were the technology of the time, but not widely received. Since the early part of the 20th century, mankind went on to invent airplanes and jet travel. And we've even left the earth's atmosphere in rockets and space shuttles. It used to take months for people to travel by boat over seas, but now we travel that same distance abroad in mere hours. In today's world, people are always on the move, just as the angel prophesied to Daniel. Today's exponential increase in travel points to the fact that Jesus Christ is returning soon.
3. **THE MARK OF THE BEAST** - the third sign involves those technologies that will make the mark of the beast the terror of the world. The book of Revelation forewarns, *"He also forced everyone to receive a mark on his right hand or his forehead, so that no one could buy or sell except he had the mark"....Rev 13:16-17.* Let me provide you with a little context here concerning the mark of the beast. A 7 year tribulation time period is coming when God will be pouring out His wrath upon the world, just as He did during the days of the flood. Revelation reveals that the mid-point of the tribulation, the antichrist and his false prophet, will set up a system of commerce whereby a person cannot buy or sell unless they have sworn allegiance to the antichrist. They do so by writing his name or the number 666 on their right hand or forehead. What kind of technologies would be required to control the world's commerce? The apostle John could visibly read the name and the number etched on the people who had sworn their allegiance to the antichrist, so some kind of tattooing is certainly involved. Magnetic inks can store a person's financial, personal and health information and then digital readers could scan the ink in order to authorize whether that person is allowed to buy or sell. Maybe RFID microchip is also involved. Embedded in a right-size glass case in a readable mark. Global commerce also provides a way to count that terrible bits of information, so it will require the construction of giant data centers in order to store a planetary population full of data. That data would need to move lightening fast, using high speed internet connectivity, complex systems, wireless networks, billion dollar satellites and so on. The closest system we have today, to the mark of the beast is China's social credit score. This has already been instituted in their more populated cities. The Chinese government has positioned millions of cameras everywhere in order to spy on their citizens. Computer algorithms then rate the citizens' allegiance to the government, bringing benefits to those deemed more loyal and bringing punishment on those that were not deemed patriotic. Just imagine that horribly restrictive process instituted on a global scale. All of these e-commerce technologies, which makes today's buying and selling so much easier are actually all coming together so that the antichrist controls all of the world's commerce; and thereby control all the people under his rule. A lot of fear surrounds taking the mark of the beast, and rightly so. Those who take it God says, will lose all hope of being saved. But we today should have no fear of accidentally taking the mark. It will not be instituted until half way thru the tribulation. Well after the church has been raptured up to heaven. Therefore, don't sweat chips and barcodes and credit cards. They have nothing to do with the mark of the beast. Yet, today's global commerce, points to the fact that Jesus Christ is returning soon.

4. **EVANGELISM** - This is a wonderful, positive sign. The entire world will be evangelized in the end time. ***“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. Matthew 24:14.*** God wants the church to preach the good news of His salvation to the entire world so He has provided us with power communication tools for sharing the gospel. Today’s exponential curve in communication technology has played a vital role in reaching more of the world for Christ that has even been reached in the previous 19 centuries. Technology such as camera’s, microfilm and television, tablets, smart phones and cell towers, communication networks and satellites, the internet and the air waves, big media and social media that all work together to form the largest pulpit the world has ever known. And while all these breathtaking technologies are leading people to Christ by the thousands each day, the entire world as Jesus referred to it will not hear the gospel before the rapture happens. That blessing awaits the second coming in the tribulation. Communication technology will continue to spread the gospel to the post rapture world. In addition, God will send forth 144,000 Jewish evangelist; the 2 witnesses, and even the gospel angel to preach throughout the whole world. Every person on the planet will be evangelized by the end of the tribulation. God will leave no person without a chance to chose His Son; and so be saved. Today’s communication technologies point to the fact that Jesus Christ is returning soon.
5. **THE IMAGE OF THE ANTICHRIST** - The fifth sign involves the living image of the antichrist. ***“And he performed great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down...he was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak...”.*** **Revelation 13:13-15.** Revelation reveals that during the tribulation, the antichrist will order his false prophet to set up an image of himself the newly built Jewish temple and order the world to worship him as if he were god. This is the same scenario all over again when the Babylonian King Nebuccanezer set up a statue of himself and ordered everybody to worship it. Daniel tells about how Shadrack, Meshak, and Abendigo refused and so were thrown into the fiery furnace. This is all going to happen again during the tribulation. But instead of shoving people into ovens, the false prophet will rain down fire and incinerate those people who refuse to worship the antichrist. How will the false prophet make fire fall down from the sky and consume people? Assuming there’s nothing supernatural going on, let’s look at the technology used in producing pyrotechnics. Maybe John was referring to Jets or Drones dropping bombs and other in-cinerary weapons. And satellite based weapon systems, such as missiles or laser systems could simply zap people from high up in orbit. Remember that the antichrist must use technology because he is a counterfeit. This false prophet will not be a real miracle maker so we will use today’s military technology to destroy people with just the touch of a button. What’s so peculiar about the story of this image is that John revealed that it was given life. Nebuccanzer’s statute didn’t get up and walk around and sing and dance and all of that. It didn’t even move, but the image of the antichrist will appear to be alive. Assuming there’s nothing supernatural involved in making the illusion of a living statute, such as the demonic possession of an object, statues after all, still can’t move. They lack the proper joints and musculature. What kinds of technology could the false prophet use then, to make the antichrist image move? John may have been the very first person to watch television. The antichrist image may appear on regular intervals on a persons T.V. Set or mobile device and once broadcast, everyone is expected to fall down and worship his image. Or the image may involve robotic and artificial intelligence. A.I. Technologies. How about a fully functional hologram? Japan has been especially hard at work developing robotic and holographic technologies. Why for years now, one of Japans biggest pop stars has been Hotsuni Miku, who is a fully functional hologram that sings in live concerts. With the proper Alexolit technology, the antichrist living image, be it robotic or hologram, could fully interact with its adoring accolades. Today’s weapons and robotics technologies point to the fact that Jesus Christ is returning soon.

6. **POPULATION EXPLOSION** -The sixth sign of technology that points to the fact that we are living in the end times involves a great population explosion. Revelation reveals ***"Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared."*** **Revelation 16:12** Prepare the way for what? ***"The number of the mounted troops was 200 million. I heard their number".*** **Revelation 9:16** And what happens to this army? ***"And the wine press was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the wine press, up to the horses bridles..."***. **Revelation 14:20**. In context, as the tribulation winds mercifully to a close, the antichrist empire begins to crumble due to a number of rebellions led by various sub rulers. Just as the antichrist squashes rebellion in Africa, he must turn his loyal forces north to deal with the rebellion coming from the east. Both armies meet in the valley of Armageddon located in northern Israel. While these armies are busy slaughtering each other, they will see Jesus and His armies returning out of the heavens and unit against Him. The King of Kings will easily defeat the worlds armies just by speaking. The blood from the vanquished armies will flow as high as a horses head for a staggering 180 miles. By the end of the tribulation, most of the worlds population will have been wiped out. And still these prophesied kings of the east can emass a 200 million man army. This prophecy must have just blown Johns mind for in this first century day, there were only 200 million people living on the whole earth. How then does the human population get so large that despite of the massive death toll of the tribulation the east can assemble such a staggering large army? How do we have the billions that we now have today? The answer, medicine. As each successive generation produces more and more people, added by medicine that greatly reduces infant mortality and keep people healthier and allow us to live longer, we've reached a massive global population, numbering nearly 8 billion people. China and India have been able to mount a 200 million army ever since the 1960s, and so could easily do so during the tribulation. The exponential curve strikes again. Today's medical technologies point to the fact that Jesus Christ is returning soon.
7. **NUCLEAR WEAPONS** - The 7th sign involves the inevitable release of the worlds arsenal. Both the old and the new testaments describe the destruction of much of the world by a series of nuclear cataclysms. ***"Then behold, at even tide, trouble! And before the morning, he is no more."*** **Jeremiah 49:23-27; Isaiah 17:1-4**). In context, Isaiah and Jeremiah prophesied the destruction of the oldest city on the planet, Damascus, by Israel, suddenly and in just one night. How do you destroy an entire city in just one night? Israel will have to use a nuclear bomb. ***"Men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken,"***. **Luke 21:26**. In this verse, Jesus prophesied that the horrors unleashed during the tribulation will actually cause heart attacks. ***"The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place."*** **Revelation 6:14-17**. **Revelation adds that the kings of the earthy, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said, tot the mountains and rocks, fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"** The sixth seal judgment, _____ it describes and just what it looks like and how people will hid in caves to escape all the destruction and radiation brought by the bombs that will rain down upon them. ***"The first angel sounded: and hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the threes were burned up, and all green grass was burned up."*** **Revelation 8:7**. The first trumpet judgment describes yet another cataclysm that sounds very much nuclear in nature. ***"By these 3 plagues a third of mankind was killed - by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths."*** **Revelation 9:18**. During the sixth trumpet judgment demonic creatures will be let loose to Devore hundreds with their nuclear fire-like breathe. ***"And this shall be the***

plague with which the Lord will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem. Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, and their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths.” Zechariah 14:12. Zechariah describes what will happen to the antichrist army upon the Messiah’s return. No nukes may be involved, but the weapons of the Messiah’s own words will produce the same effect as the setting off of a nuclear bomb. Many of God’s judgements sound like a first century man’s attempt to explain a nuclear holocaust. Many believe the 2 atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War II have been the only 2 atomic weapons released. But no, in the last 70+ years over 2500 nuclear warheads have been set off and tested. 9 countries have stock piled an estimated 15,000 nuclear weapons with 1,800 always standing at alert and prepped for immediate launch. The fact that the world hasn’t already annihilated itself in a nuclear holocaust proves that God’s restraining hand is holding mankind’s worst destructive creations at bay. But, the time will end when God’s restraining influence will be taken away, along with the church at the rapture. During that first year after the tribulation begins, half of the worlds population will perish. A nuclear holocaust, indeed, is about to be unleashed upon the world, one day soon. The technologies involved in the making of nuclear weapons are among the most complex technologies ever developed. Heavy metal mining and refinement, nuclear containment, nuclear plants, submarines and silo’s for delivery, missiles for deployment, all of these super duper technologies have been in development for decades. The world sleeps blissfully unaware of the constant threat of nuclear self annihilation. Today’s nuclear technology points to the fact that Jesus Christ is returning soon. ***Zechariah 14:12 And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth. Revelation 6:14-17; 14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.***

15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

8:7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

9:18 By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.

Isaiah 17:1-4. 1 The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.

2 The cities of Aroer are forsaken: they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

3 The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria: they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, saith the LORD of hosts.

4 And in that day it shall come to pass, that the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean.

Jeremiah 49:23-27; 23 Concerning Damascus. Hamath is confounded, and Arpad: for they have heard evil tidings: they are fainthearted; there is sorrow on the sea; it cannot be quiet. 24 Damascus is waxed feeble, and turneth herself to flee, and fear hath seized on her: anguish and sorrows have taken her, as a woman in travail. 25 How is the city of praise not left, the city of my joy! 26 Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD of hosts. 27 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall consume the palaces of Benhadad.

8. SPACE SCIENCE - The eighth sign of technology involves our cutting edge space technologies. Particularly the international space station (ISS) that we utilize in our attempt to explore outer space. The source verse reads: ***“How you are fallen fro heaven, o Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations!” Isaiah 14:12.*** Other translations of this Isaiah passage render Lucifer’s name as the morning star. During the tribulation, Lucifer (the morning star) will be possessed and worshipped thru the antichrist. Because the earth will face utter annihilation due to God’s 21 judgements as revealed in Revelation, I’ve often wondered where satan would feel safe and able to rule unimpeded; and insulated from all the ravaging on the planet. As the international space station orbits over the earth, it can best be viewed from the ground in the morning. It looks like a bright star sailing slowly across the heavens. That’s led the ISS to be nicknamed “THE MORNING STAR”! How would one escape the world that’s being annihilated to set safely from on high in order to rule over the world? Most likely, from high up in the orbit. The a-simon technology I consider a tentative sign though. I have no Biblical proof that the antichrist will rule from up in the orbit. But with the space station costing somewhere between 150 billion and 1/2 trillion dollars, the ISS must have more of a long term purpose than just seeing how earthworms float. Today’s space station technology points to the fact that Jesus Christ is returning soon. **9. LIMITATIONS** - the ninth and final sign of technology on this list actually has something to do with technologies limitations. Have you ever considered that our technology has limits? It does. For one, supplies of rare earth metals are running dangerously low. Did you know that the computers, iPads and I-Phones that are within an arms length of you are made out of rare earth metals? The metals used to make advanced technologies, I’m so dependent on, can only be found in certain places, and the supplies are quickly dwindling. Nearly 95% of these metals can only be found in hostile countries, such as China and Afghanistan. Unless alternatives can be synthesized, our ability to build lap tops, cell phones, T.V.’s, you name it, is going to quickly disappear. Once the limited amount of these rare earth metals run out, so will much of today’s technology. Also, are there limits to how far technology will take us into space? It appears, according to the Bible, not very far. The prophet Zechariah prophesied that all the nations of the earth will be gathered against Jerusalem in the last days. ***“All the nations of the earth are gathered against her.” Zechariah 12:1-3.*** Once Jesus returns, He will defeat the armies of the antichrist gathered around the city of Jerusalem; and once these armies are destroyed, Jesus will send his angels to collect every single person and gather them together for what’s called the sheep - goat judgment. Since all the remnants of the nations will stand before Jesus Christ and be judged, that means there cannot be people living in the space station, in lunar colonies, Martian colonies, and extra earth settlements or safely tucked away on spaceships traveling beyond our solar system. The gathering of every human being against Jesus at Armageddon and then the sheep - goat judgment means that humanity will still be confined to the earth. Our optimistic hope of settling outer space will not be happening, at least in this age, according to these limits set in the Bible. Technology during the tribulation will have also reached its limit. If 4 prophesied, catastrophic earthquakes shake the world apart, what will happen to all the mountains? They will be leveled. What happens to cell towers during earthquakes? They fall over. What happens when solar flares burn the sky? Radiation destroys the satellites and interferes with communication. What happens when the oceans are filled with blood and Dead Sea creatures clog the waters? Ships can’t bring oil or goods to port and so distribution

channels are disrupted. I can go on and on with disastrous scenario's, but you know that even in the midst of rain storms our power companies struggle to keep the lights on. Now imagine the whole world ravaged by endless manmade and natural disasters. That's why I believe by the end of the tribulation, most of man's technology - our own crutches, our own Tower of Babel, will be rendered useless. The prophets indicated by the end of the tribulation, the survivors will be out fighting with bows and arrows and horses again. Certainly there still must be tanks and other technological objects of war that the antichrist will protect, but still God appears to eliminate much of the world's technology, so that by the end of the tribulation, desperate people are left with nothing to kill each other with but primitive weaponry. A review of all 9 signs point to the fact that Jesus Christ is returning soon.

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APPLICATION - I hope I've made my case that the signs of technology, which is really one of many categories of end time signs points to the fact that Jesus Christ is returning soon. Knowing this wonderful day, inevitably will arrive, how then should we apply this truth to our own lives. Is there an app for that?

RECOGNIZE THE TIMES -

First, when you've at last accepted the Lord could return at any moment and by looking thru the filter of the Bible and all of these wonderous yet fearful events playing out before us, you will begin to recognize the times in which we are living. You'll be comforted knowing that God's got it all under control. There is a great big plan in place and God's children play a vital role in that plan. Life therefore, isn't meaningless, but purposeful. Christians are called to serve God in these dark times. So serve Him with all our unique talents and gifts, time, money and experience.

For those of you who haven't yet accepted Jesus Christ as your savior, but now recognize that we are living in the end times, the realization should act like an alarm clock, buzzing you to the fact that the world doesn't have much time left to it. We are all living on borrowed time.

Therefore, embrace the fact that God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son; and that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Respond to the Holy Spirit's leading praying from your heart in faith and repentance. Something like, Dear Jesus Please forgive me of my sins and be my Lord and Savior. And He will do just that! Jesus Christ will free you of the guilt of your sins and transform you into a brand new person. He'll also grant you the blessed hope of knowing that one day soon, Jesus is coming to take you up to heaven to live with our Heavenly Father forever.

Our Lord, our savior, the one who loves us so much calls us His children; has an eternal plan for your life. Embrace it! Don't live another minute without having accepted Jesus Christ as your personal savior.

AND SECOND, KNOWING THAT OUR SAVIOR WILL BE RETURNING SOON.

UTILIZE TO EVANGELIZE - consider how you can utilize all of the great technologies to evangelize the world for Jesus Christ. After all, did you know that as of 2018, 85% of all the people in the United States access the internet?

China's internet access is growing from 10% to 54% of the population in just a decade. Overall, you can now reach out to 55% of the entire world thru the internet and that number is climbing up an exponential curve as well. Even language barriers may be a thing of the past as translation software continues to improve. That means that over half of the world is now available at your fingertips. So go....get on line and share the good news about Jesus Christ and His soon return!