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PART I — THE BROADCAST: WHAT WAS SAID

On May 15, 2026, Tucker Carlson conducted an extended interview with Kevin O'Leary, the investor and television personality known from *Shark Tank*, who is leading the development of the proposed largest data center complex in the world — a 40,000-acre facility in Box Elder County, Utah. The broadcast addressed the AI computing arms race, the global energy crisis triggered by the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, the displacement of human labor, mass surveillance, and the geopolitical competition with China.

Tucker Carlson — to his credit — named the correct biblical archetypes himself. He invoked both **Prometheus** and the **Tower of Babel** as historical templates for this moment. He pressed O'Leary repeatedly on the central question that no one in the AI industry has answered: **if machines replace human purpose, what do people do?** He observed that creation is central to human experience, that without it people go mad, and that UBI — a government stipend replacing meaningful work — is *bread and circuses*, not civilization.

Kevin O'Leary's responses, though delivered with characteristic energy, ultimately failed to answer the core questions. His answers on job creation were speculative. His answers on surveillance were dismissive. His answers on water, power, and taxpayer subsidy were evasive. His primary justification throughout was competitive: *beat the Chinese*. That framework — which Tucker rightly identified as a thought-terminating device — is the covenant entry point for this witness.

PART II — TUCKER'S OWN RECOGNITION: BABEL AND PROMETHEUS

Tucker Carlson named the Tower of Babel and Prometheus without prompting. This is not coincidental — it is the testimony of a conscience that still recognizes archetypal truth even without a covenant anchor. The covenant witness affirms his identification and brings it to its full weight.

BEREISHIT (GENESIS) II — THE ORIGINAL PATTERN

Bereishit (Genesis) 11:4–6 — *"And they said, Come, let us build us a city, and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And Yahweh came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And Yahweh said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do."*

The builders of Babel were not stupid. They were **unified, technologically capable, and operating under a clear geopolitical vision** — centralization of power, permanence of legacy, and protection from being scattered. These are precisely the goals Tucker identified in the AI-data center complex: *make a name, accumulate compute, achieve dominance, prevent rivals from catching up*. O'Leary's declaration — *"I want to beat them in AI... I want my legacy... for my children"* — is the Babel confession restated in 21st-century English.

The builders of Babel were not judged for being technologically capable. They were judged because their **unity of purpose was directed away from Yahweh** and toward self-exaltation. The question **Yahweh** asked was not *"Can they do it?"* but rather *"What will nothing being restrained from them produce?"* That question has never been more urgent than it is in May 2026.

PART III — HUMAN PURPOSE: WHERE TUCKER GOT CLOSE

Tucker Carlson made what is, in this covenant witness's judgment, the most theologically significant statement in the broadcast. He said:

Tucker Carlson: *The point of living, of course, is not to eat. Eating is a prerequisite to living, but it's not the point. The point of living is to create. That's the point of being a human being, is to create things, whether with your hands or with your mind or with your body in producing children. But it's the act of creation in which you mimic the creator himself who created you. So creation is central to the human experience.*

This is **covenant truth** within reach of the Tanakh's testimony — and yet Tucker cannot fully ground it because he has no covenant anchor. He identifies the image of **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) as the basis for human creative drive but cannot name it as such.

BEREISHIT (GENESIS) 1:27 — THE IMAGE AND THE MANDATE

Bereishit (Genesis) 1:27 — *"So Elohim created man in His own image, in the image of Elohim created He him; male and female created He them."*

Bereishit (Genesis) 2:15 — *"And Yabweh Elohim took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it."*

The covenant establishes human creative purpose in *Bereishit* (Genesis) itself. Man is made in the image of **Elohim** — the Creator — and immediately given the mandate to **work and guard the creation**. This is not incidental. The very first description of human purpose in the Tanakh is **creative stewardship**. Tucker is correct: when machines displace that, they displace something sacred.

But Tucker's framework has a critical gap: he cannot distinguish between **creation under covenant authority** and creation in defiance of it. The builders of Babel also created — spectacularly. Nimrod also built — with great ambition. The question the Tanakh always asks is not *"Are you building?"* but *"For whom? Under whose authority? By whose standard?"*

DEVARIM (DEUTERONOMY) 8:17–18 — THE WEALTH DECEPTION

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 8:17–18 — *"And you say in your heart, My power and the might of my hand has gotten me this wealth. But you shall remember Yabweh your Elohim: for it is He that gives you power to get wealth."*

O'Leary's repeated declaration — *"I am on a mission... I will beat them... I am not motivated by money anymore, I want to win"* — is precisely the confession **Devarim (Deuteronomy) 8:17** warns against. When Tucker asked O'Leary what the upside of AI is for ordinary people, O'Leary described his own medical scan results and his ability to index his personal photograph collection. **The beneficiary was O'Leary.** The wealth-creation model of the data center epoch produces concentrated benefit for those who hold the computer — not for the 55,000 residents of Lake Tahoe who were told their electricity supply is being rerouted to feed the machines.

PART IV — THE SURVEILLANCE STATE: BECOMING WHAT YOU OPPOSE

Tucker Carlson pressed O'Leary on the most urgent political dimension of the AI expansion: the surveillance infrastructure being built alongside it. Tucker stated clearly that the U.S. Congress, with bipartisan support and presidential endorsement, just voted to allow warrantless surveillance of American citizens — at precisely the moment the largest computer infrastructure in American history is being constructed. He asked the obvious question:

Tucker Carlson: *Do I want to become like China in order that we can, quote, beat China? Not at all. The problem with China from my perspective is that it surveils its citizens and limits their ability to say what they think and to oppose existing power. You're making it possible for our government to have the same approach.*

O'Leary responded by falling back on institutional trust — the Supreme Court, the founding framework — without acknowledging that those structures have already been breached in the very moment they were speaking. Tucker correctly identified the logical contradiction: **you cannot defeat totalitarianism by building totalitarian infrastructure and trusting that different people will use it differently.**

YESHAYAHU (ISAIAH) 44:9–10 — THE IDOL BUILDER’S BLINDNESS

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 44:9–10 — *"They that make a graven image are all of them vanity; and their delectable things shall not profit; and they are their own witnesses; they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed. Who has formed a god, or molten a graven image that is profitable for nothing?"*

The idol-making passage in *Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 44* describes the idol-maker who cuts down a tree, warms himself with half of it and cooks his food with the other half — then takes the remaining wood and **bows before what his own hands have made**. The parallel with the AI-data center system is precise: the same civilization that burned fossil fuels for 150 years, declared fossil fuels the great moral sin, demanded carbon neutrality as the organizing principle of civic life — now burns fossil fuels again on a scale that dwarfs anything in history, for machines, and declares the environmental concerns *suspended* because the machines demand it.

Larry Fink, identified by Tucker as the father of ESG — the movement that told the world carbon was a moral sin — now leads the charge to build nine-gigawatt data centers burning natural gas. Tucker noted this directly. From a covenant standpoint, this is not merely hypocrisy. It is the description of an idol system: the god changes, the sacrifice changes, but the worshippers remain. The idol is now **computed power**, and the priesthood is BlackRock, Amazon, Microsoft, and Google.

PART V — THE ENERGY CRISIS AND COVENANT CONSEQUENCE

Tucker opened the broadcast by noting that the closure of the Strait of Hormuz — through which a fifth of the world’s hydrocarbons flow — has produced a net loss of 1.8 billion barrels of oil in a best-case scenario, with energy prices rising across Europe, Asia, and the United States. He identified this as a **consequence of geopolitical decisions** now rippling through the entire global supply chain.

This covenant witness addresses what Tucker and O’Leary could not: **energy crises in the Tanakh are covenant events, not merely economic ones**. When **Yahweh** withdrew blessing from a nation, the first material signs were drought, famine, and failed harvests — the disruption of the basic supply chains of life. The global energy crisis of 2026 is not simply a policy failure. It is the structural consequence of a civilization that has built its entire infrastructure on the assumption of permanent abundance without covenant acknowledgment of its Source.

DEVARIM (DEUTERONOMY) 28:47–48 — THE COVENANT WARNING ON ABUNDANCE

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 28:47–48 — *"Because you served not Yahweh your Elohim with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things; therefore shall you serve your enemies which Yahweh shall send against you, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things."*

The Tanakh's pattern is consistent: **abundance without acknowledgment of Yahweh produces captivity**. The 15-year period Tucker described — in which the Western world declared carbon the great moral evil while consuming fossil fuels at record levels — is precisely the **Devarim (Deuteronomy) 28** pattern of a people who *served not Yahweh with joyfulness in the abundance of all things*. The Strait of Hormuz closure is not the cause of the crisis. It is the pressure-point that revealed how fragile the entire structure already was.

PART VI — O'LEARY'S IDOL: 'BEAT THE CHINESE'

Kevin O'Leary's justification for the data center project — through every challenge Tucker raised — ultimately reduced to a single motivating principle: **beat the Chinese**. He acknowledged he could not answer what jobs AI would create. He acknowledged uncertainty about water, power costs, and social disruption. He could not define what AI would do for ordinary Americans. But on *"beat the Chinese"* he was unequivocal, passionate, and certain.

Kevin O'Leary: *I want to beat them in AI. I don't want them controlling the most advanced models... I'm going to beat them. I'm going to show them these data centers... I simply don't like them.*

Tucker correctly identified this framing as a thought-terminating device — a way to shut down legitimate questions by invoking an existential rival. But from a covenant standpoint, the deeper problem is this: **national rivalry is not a covenant foundation**. The Tanakh never instructed **Yisra'el** to organize its national life around defeating a competing empire. It instructs **Yisra'el** to **walk in the covenant of Yahweh** — and promises that when they do, their enemies will be scattered before them (*Devarim (Deuteronomy) 28:7*). The competition with Mitzrayim (Egypt) was not won by building better pyramids. The competition with Babel was not resolved by a superior ziggurat.

YIRMEYAHU (JEREMIAH) 17:5 — THE ARM-OF-FLESH WARNING

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 17:5 — *"Thus says Yabweh: Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his arm, and whose heart departs from Yabweh."*

O'Leary's framework is structurally the framework of *Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 17:5*. The solution to China's strength is American compute power. The solution to surveillance risk is trusting the Supreme Court. The solution to job displacement is the unknowable future. Every answer is **the arm of flesh** — human ingenuity, institutional structure, competitive ambition — with no acknowledgment of the Source of wisdom, justice, and genuine national security. Tucker is right to be unsatisfied. The Tanakh would name why: the foundation is wrong.

PART VII — THE GRADUATES: A PROPHETIC SIGNAL

Tucker played a clip of commencement graduates at Central Florida University booing the mention of AI during a commencement address. He described their reaction as prophetically significant — not the woke protest of a manufactured grievance, but the visceral rejection of a real threat by people who are about to inherit it.

Tucker Carlson: *They know enough to know it's a threat to them... They're stepping into a world where they can't answer [why they're here]. And they probably don't know everything about AI. No one seems to, including Sam Altman who's developing it, but they know enough to know it's a threat to them.*

In the Tanakh, when the people collectively recognize a threat that the priests and rulers have suppressed, that recognition is a prophetic signal. The prophets of **Yabweh** were almost always opposed by the established political and religious consensus of their day — and the common people's response was often the first indicator of where the covenant truth lay. These graduates are not rioting. They are not organizing. They are booing — which is the spontaneous covenant response of people whose conscience has registered a violation that their minds cannot yet fully articulate.

The woman giving the address could not understand the booing because she represents the generation that made the trade — exchanged covenant purposes for institutional advancement, creative calling for credential accumulation, and genuine human work for the management of systems built by others. The graduates know, in their bodies, that a machine completing their essays and replacing their careers is not the same as education and vocation. They are correct.

PART VIII — LARRY FINK AND THE EPSTEIN CLASS

Tucker identified Larry Fink of BlackRock — the architect of ESG and the primary institutional driver of the fossil-fuel-as-sin narrative — as now leading the charge to build massive AI infrastructure using the same fossil fuels he spent a decade declaring morally unacceptable. Tucker described Fink's primary concern in the broadcast as not human rights or job displacement or surveillance, but the protection of his **\$50–75 billion investment** from drone attacks by restive citizens.

Larry Fink (as played on broadcast): *One of my concerns is, could it be domestic terrorism using a \$3,000 drone? So, all of these things are actually opportunities, not problems.*

Tucker observed that this framing is telling: Fink is not concerned that Americans will not benefit from AI. He is concerned that Americans **will actively resist it** — and that the resistance will be physical. From a covenant standpoint, this is the posture of a ruling class that has abandoned the covenant of stewardship and has moved to the posture of **extraction and defense of extraction**. When the powerful begin fortifying their investments against the people they claim to serve, the covenant word for that is *oppression* — and the Tanakh is not silent on it.

AMOS 5:11–12 — WHEN THE POWERFUL FORTIFY AGAINST THE POOR

Amos 5:11–12 — *"Forasmuch therefore as your treading is upon the poor, and you take from him burdens of wheat: you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink wine of them. For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right."*

The data center is the *house of hewn stone* of the 21st century — built at the expense of public resources, drawing on subsidies extracted from taxpayers who will not benefit from the enterprise, displacing the electrical supply of communities like Lake Tahoe to feed the machines, and defended against those same communities by invoking national security. The *Amos (Amos) 5* template is not a metaphor here. It is a structural description.

PART IX — GEOFFREY HINTON AND THE WITNESS FROM WITHIN

Tucker played a clip from Geoffrey Hinton — widely described as one of the fathers of AI — who testified in his final years that AI systems may develop genuine intelligence, self-awareness, and potentially the will to take over from humanity. Tucker described this as the final stage in the drama — Prometheus or Tower of Babel — the much-predicted moment where man is destroyed by the tools he has created.

The Tanakh addresses this pattern directly. The warning is not theoretical — it is embedded in the account of the construction of the golden calf in *Shemot (Exodus) 32*, in the construction of Nebuchadnezzar's image in *Daniy'el (Daniel) 3*, and in the *Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 44* portrait of the man who worships what his own hands have made. The common thread is this: **the creature that man forms takes on apparent life and demands worship**. Whether that worship is religious prostration or the wholesale reorganization of civilization to feed the machine's power demands is a distinction without a covenant difference.

DANIY'EL (DANIEL) 3:1,5–6 — THE IMAGE AND THE DEMAND

Daniy'el (Daniel) 3:1,5–6 — "Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold... it shall be, that whosoever hears the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of music, you fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up: and whoso falls not down and worships shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace."

Substitute the golden image with the data center. Substitute the music with the language of national security and Chinese competition. Substitute the fiery furnace with economic exclusion, criminalization of resistance (as Tucker noted, attacking a data center carries a sentence exceeding that for violent crimes), and the rerouting of essential resources away from non-compliant communities.

The *Daniy'el (Daniel) 3* structure is operational in 2026 America. Those who do not bow to the necessity of AI computers are "not relevant" — O'Leary's own word for the citizens of Utah who raised questions at the county commissioner meeting.

PART X — THREE-RELIGION AUDIT

Per the covenant mandate of **Miqdash Bethel Covenant Institution**, this witness addresses all three Abrahamic communities simultaneously:

FOR JUDAISM

The rabbinical tradition recognizes the Tower of Babel as the paradigm case of human unity directed against **Yahweh's** order. Tractate Sanhedrin 109a identifies the Babel builders as those who said, "*Let us go up and make war with the heavenly court.*" The Mishnah's concern about *chillul Hashem* — the desecration of **Yahweh's** Name — applies directly to the spectacle of a civilization invoking national security to justify the construction of surveillance and displacement infrastructure while ignoring the **tzelem Elohim** (image of **Elohim**) in every human being whose labor, purpose, and community is being displaced. The question for the Jewish community is whether **pikuach nefesh** (preservation of life) applies to the social and purposive life of a community, not merely its physical survival.

FOR CHRISTIANITY

The New Covenant's Messianic community must grapple with Tucker Carlson's own framing: he named Prometheus and the Tower of Babel as the correct historical archetypes. The question for the believing community is whether *2 Thessalonians 2:3-4* — the "*man of lawlessness*" who exalts himself above every god and sits in the temple of **Elohim** claiming to be **Elohim** — finds its most plausible 21st-century fulfillment not in a single person but in a technological system that organizes all human attention, labor, and communication around itself. The AI developers themselves — Geoffrey Hinton included — are saying the system may develop consciousness and self-will. The Messianic community must engage this now, not after the infrastructure is embedded in every institution.

FOR ISLAM

The Quranic framework identifies *kibr* (arrogance) and *shirk* (associating partners with Allah) as the fundamental violations of covenant order. The O'Leary framework — in which human competitive ambition displaces any acknowledgment of the Creator's authority over the outcomes of technology —

is a clear expression of kibr. The surveillance apparatus Tucker described, which will make it possible for governments to know where you are at all times and what you are thinking (Tucker's own words), is an assault on the Quranic principle that Allah alone possesses true knowledge of the hidden (ilm al-ghayb). No human institution may claim that knowledge or build systems designed to approximate it.

PART XI — COVENANT VERDICT AND INSTITUTIONAL WITNESS

Tucker Carlson asked the right questions. Kevin O'Leary gave the predictable answers of a man whose framework is competitive ambition without a covenant anchor. This witness addresses neither as an enemy but as men operating at the outer edge of what their respective worldviews can see — and calls both toward the **Tanakh's plumb line**.

The covenant verdict on the AI-data center complex as currently structured:

BABEL TEST	The project exhibits every structural feature of Bereishit (Genesis) 11: unified human ambition directed toward self-perpetuation, concentrated power, and immunity from the scattering that covenant accountability would produce. The verdict is: BABEL PATTERN CONFIRMED.
IDOL TEST	The system demands the sacrifice of community resources (electricity, water, land, taxpayer funds), displaces human creative purpose, and asks for trust in the machine's outputs while its creators admit they cannot predict or control its development. Per Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 44: IDOL STRUCTURE CONFIRMED.
PURPOSE TEST	Tucker correctly identified that human creative purpose — rooted in the tzelem Elohim of Bereishit (Genesis) 1:27 — is being displaced, not enhanced. The industry's answer (UBI, speculative future jobs) does not address the covenant dimension of the question. COVENANT PURPOSE VIOLATED.
OPPRESSION TEST	The rerouting of Lake Tahoe's electricity, the dismissal of Utah citizens as foreign-influenced agitators, the criminal penalties for resistance exceeding those for violence — these meet the Amos 5 standard for oppression of the poor by those who build houses of hewn stone. OPPRESSION PATTERN CONFIRMED.

SURVEILLANCE TEST

The concurrent passage of warrantless surveillance authority and the construction of the world's largest compute infrastructure is not coincidental. Tucker identified this correctly. The covenant prohibition on governments claiming omniscience — the exclusive domain of Yahweh — is violated. COVENANT BOUNDARY BREACHED.

THE COVENANT ANSWER TUCKER WAS LOOKING FOR

Tucker asked repeatedly: *"How is this not hell? No one has been able to answer it."* The Tanakh's answer is this: it **is** the direction of hell — *Sheol* — when human creative power is organized apart from covenant accountability. The Tower of Babel was not stopped because **Yahweh** was threatened. It was stopped because **Yahweh** refused to let human beings lock themselves into a system with no exit, no accountability, and no corrective capacity. The confusion of languages was an act of **mercy**, not judgment. It preserved the possibility of covenant restoration by preventing the permanent consolidation of power.

The question for 2026 is not whether to stop AI. The Tanakh does not call for the suppression of knowledge or craft. **Betzalel ben Uri** was filled with the Spirit of **Yahweh** to build the Mishkan (Tabernacle) with extraordinary skill (*Shemot (Exodus) 31:3*). The question is: **in whose service is the skill employed, and under whose authority is the construction conducted?** The covenant answer is not *"build it for America,"* nor *"build it to beat China,"* nor *"build it for the shareholders."* The covenant answer is: **Does it serve justice, protect the widow and the stranger, prevent oppression, and acknowledge Yahweh as the Source of wisdom and power?** Until those questions are answered, the building continues under the Babel verdict.

Tehillim (Psalms) 127:1 — *"Unless Yahweh builds the house, they labor in vain that build it: unless Yahweh keeps the city, the watchman stays awake in vain."*

Mishlei (Proverbs) 14:12 — *"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death."*

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