

When the Machine Age Ends: Assessing the Convergence of Biblical Prophecy and Artificial Intelligence Governance: Offering a Presumed Bleak Outlook for Humanity

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Abstract - This paper examines the convergence of Artificial Intelligence and the 'technological singularity' through a biblical eschatological lens. This paper uses a Theological-Textual Analysis and Comparative Discourse Analysis to examine the structural parallels between the 'technological singularity' and biblical eschatological tropes found in Revelation 13.

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I. INTRODUCTION: THE PROPHETIC ITERATIONS OF THE SINGULARITY

The concept of the technological singularity is a very old idea, that I propose had its first theoretical considerations first written about on a small island in Greece, in the Book of Revelation. This idea was presumed to be drafted some 2,000 years ago between 95 and 96 AD (Brighton, 1999, September 22). It was on the island of Patmos that John the "Revelator" received information about the future (Revelation 1:9, King James Version; Revelation 13:14-18) and the prospects of what could be analytically understood as Artificial Intelligence, and wrote about it in what would eventually become the final book of the Bible. These ideas were not his own but came from God, as John wrote down the instructions he received directly from God (Trotter, 2025).

John recorded this information while serving a life sentence of exile for his beliefs and for being a follower of Jesus Christ, and for not considering the emperor of Rome a living deity (Biguzzi, 1998). In these writings, John describes an inanimate image that is given life. This is found in Revelation 13:14-18. In this passage, there is a First Beast that creates an image of, presumably, itself, and gives it life. The created Beast then appears to have autonomy and can speak and move. The engineered Beast, then, demands the execution of anyone who refuses to worship it. This formulated Beast also enacts a strict global economic system in which no one can buy or sell unless they place a specific mark on their right hand or forehead, or they use the name of the Beast, or the number of the name.

The identifying mark is said to be the symbolic number 666. Much speculation has been produced over the years about this future event and the mark, including whether it is a metaphor or an actual physical mark. Either way, the descriptions in Revelation 13:15 depict an image given 'life' and 'breath' which serve as a model for what modern theorists now describe as the 'Singularity,' a point of autonomous technological agency. While the language used by John was set in his time period, the core framework he presented of a technology that has total societal control nearly exists now. In Revelation 13:15, the scripture says that this aforementioned technology would be given "life" and the ability to "speak." The emergence of this concept has potential in the 21st century and could fit the definition of the singularity rather well.

In terms of a standardized, modern description of a singularity, a few ideas are floating around about what is defined by. A description of the “singularity” is a time in the future when technology is destabilized and out of control (Seland, 2024, August 14). Another definition of the singularity is when all aspects of human life are affected by technology and forever changed by it (Herther, 2016). From these ideas, it is clear that the “singularity” is a period when humanity is completely dependent on technology for survival purposes, which befits the ‘end times’ Mark of the Beast rather well.

The singularity is also described as humanity's source of hope and future, and from there it is a presumed point of no return that will likely soon occur should this path of “progress” be fervently followed. All of these descriptions sound ominous, like the Mark of the Beast. To understand the feasibility of this transition from human leadership to machine rule, one must examine the developments of Artificial Intelligence and its movement towards human leadership roles. Because both biblical prophecy and the study of Artificial Intelligence rely on literary structures, this study is rooted in how language constructs meaning. That is why the next section will introduce the framework used in this manuscript.

II. FRAMEWORK

This writing utilizes a Theological-Textual Analysis and Comparative Discourse Analysis methodology. Using these methods, this writing evaluates the prophetic imagery of the Apocalypse of John, specifically the 'Image of the Beast' in Revelation 13, as being both literary and symbolic content, because language is flexible and can also be used to construct meaning (Wooffitt, 2005). This is then referenced with contemporary technological discourse. This is done specifically with respect to the public statements and visionary goals of industry leaders regarding Artificial Intelligence and the Technological Singularity. This effort identifies convergences in themes of autonomy, governance, and total control (Freiberger, 2018).

A. Revelation 13 and the Foretold Digital Idol of Artificial Intelligence

The closest thing to a technological singularity, and the end times Mark of the Beast, is the increasingly loud discourse about Artificial Intelligence and its potential to replace all of humanity. Artificial Intelligence is defined as “the cognitive ability of machines made possible by mathematically designed neural networks” (Chew & Ngiam, 2025, p. 2). There are two considerations of Artificial Intelligence from an observational point of view. First, there is Artificial Intelligence that performs procedural operations, like helping a user complete a repetitive yet rigorous task (IBM, n.d.). An example of this would be Artificial Intelligence that helps a user complete their annual taxes.

A second description includes Artificial Intelligence that has the ability to perform complex creative tasks, such as helping a user design an original business logo (Microsoft, n.d.). It appears that both of these are current forms of Artificial Intelligence. However, the final frontier of Artificial Intelligence will be when Artificial Intelligence achieves independence from human control, this is seen as a hypothetical future state of Artificial Intelligence called Artificial General Intelligence (Rashidi et al., 2025).

In this analysis, Artificial General Intelligence represents the transition from automation to true autonomy, which is similar to the theological concept of a created entity gaining independence and authority. This closely aligns with statements made in the Bible that point to this created entity having autonomy that is then used against humanity. When examining end-times scripture and the "Image of the Beast" (Revelation 13:14-18), the Bible could be providing insight into the fulfillment of the “Image of the Beast” through the lens of modern Artificial Intelligence development.

It becomes clear that this description closely aligns with contemporary Artificial Intelligence and its ever-emerging capabilities. Moreover, there is increased discussion about placing key areas of social trust in the hands of Artificial Intelligence (University of Cambridge Judge Business School, 2025, February 24). Once Artificial Intelligence achieves Artificial General Intelligence, in my opinion, it may be the biblical instrument that demands everyone to take a mark on their hand or forehead and require all to be subject to its rule just as described in Revelation 13:14-18. The next paragraph will consider how popular opinion is being persuaded to trust the abilities of the coming and very plausible Artificial General Intelligence Beast System.

B. Building the Beast Machinery: The Integration of Artificial Intelligence into Organizational Governance

Industry figures in technology like Bill Gates, Elon Musk, and ChatGPT founder Sam Altman are all vocal advocates for driving Artificial Intelligence into leadership positions because it can theoretically make decisions better and faster than the average human (Gates, 2023, November 9; Tilo, 2025, May 6; Altman, 2024, January 17). Gates has argued that Artificial Intelligence "agents" will become personal assistants that perform tasks currently reserved for human managers and executives.

Elon Musk has advocated for Artificial Intelligence to replace "inefficient" leadership within organizations, including the U.S. government. Musk has also emphasized that there will come a time when Artificial Intelligence will outperform all human tasks and decision-making (Marr, 2023, November 29). And Sam Altman has said that we should introduce Artificial Intelligence into high-level problem-solving. People of influence in the technology sector appear to be threading the needle of this topic into the collective consciousness. With their viewpoints, it almost seems Artificial Intelligence in high-ranking leadership positions is a contemporary pre-packaged process that is almost ready to be rolled out for us by the technological oligarchs.

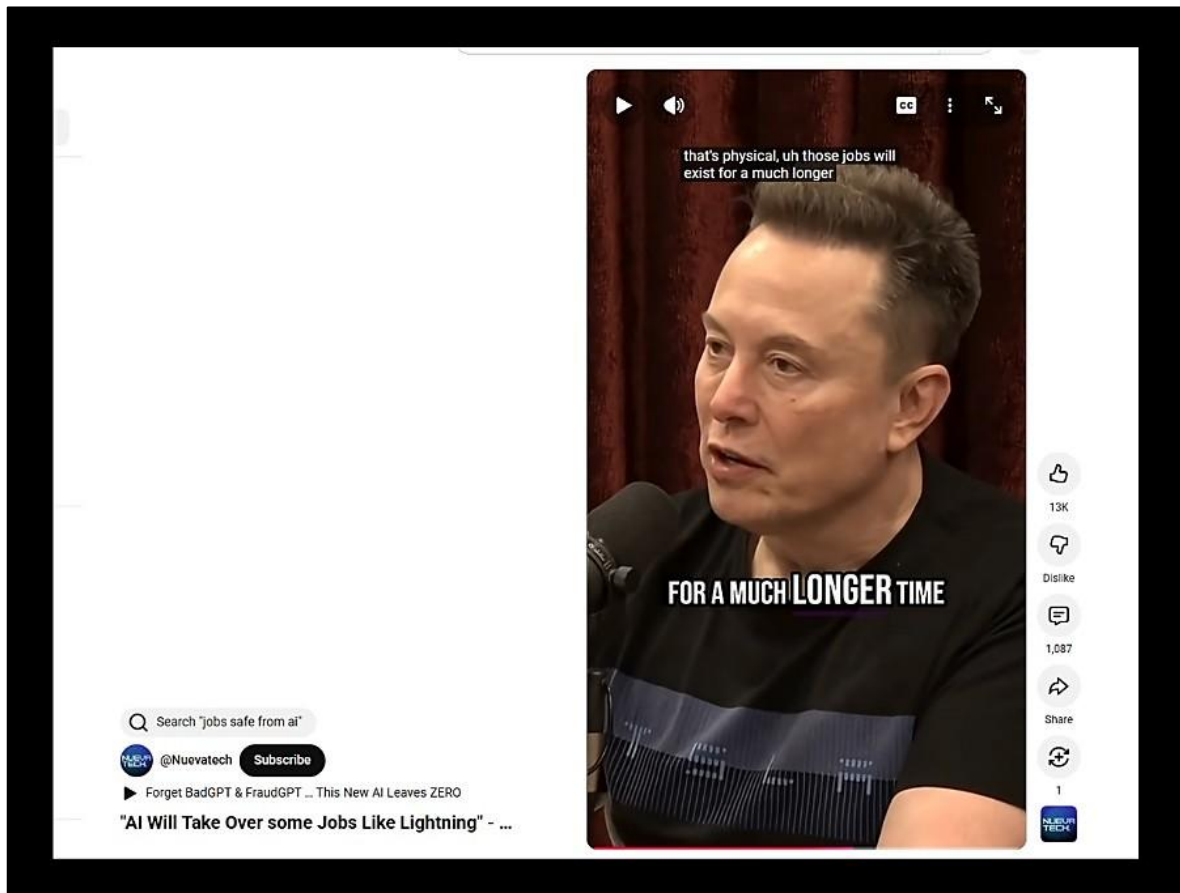


Figure 1. Elon Musk Remains Resolute that Artificial Intelligence will Replace most of the Human Workforce

Note: Shows a screenshot of Elon Musk describing how Artificial Intelligence will likely replace most jobs in our economy (Nuevatech, n.d.). He noted in the video clip that presumably physical jobs will remain available to humans longer than mentally strenuous jobs.

Although there is some pushback and Artificial Intelligence is not universally accepted as the absolute gatekeeper of culture, the repeated statements by key societal stakeholders are driving an increased emphasis on giving Artificial Intelligence greater societal oversight. I feel that eventually Artificial Intelligence will be given a larger pie of leadership which will eventually grant Artificial Intelligence with absolute societal control. However, at this time, there is always more reinforcement needed to thoroughly spread these problematic ideas. That is why the next paragraph discusses the media and how it has been used to persuade society to accept the growing overreach of technology into our daily lives.

C. The Science of Persuasion: How Hollywood Pushes Artificial Intelligence and the Singularity Movement

There are elements of large-scale persuasion and propaganda at work as we are continuously told that technology is ever-advancing and will eventually rule us. This is of course preceded by a bleak future in which I postulate technology will take over and based on description in the Bible, subsequently bring the world's human population to ruin. I postulate that well-known influencers make these claims to destabilize the population and instill fear. By creating a climate of uncertainty, there is an attempt to shift public debate away from ordinary concerns and toward disproportionate emotional reactions.

These psychological destabilization measures are not merely a social phenomenon, but a strategy that uses our natural survival instincts against ourselves. This persistent state of alarm, presented by institutions with influence, alters cognitive processing. Further, the continual bombardment that technology will replace mankind presents fear, which has been known to interfere with the brain's processing and also impair memory. Thus, making it harder to form long-term memories or distinguish between past trauma and present reality (Chen et al., 2025). Consequently, the public is continually driven away from the ability to form critical, independent thoughts, when remaining plugged into the media, and I presume this is deliberately done to undermine our resistance to this technological takeover.

Furthermore, from a sales perspective, when any customer has a depreciated mental capacity, they can become the ideal target for a sophisticated exploitative sales methodology (Javor et al., 2023). So if the population is being continually led into a fight-or-flight response on purpose, by being told they are continually replaceable by technology, it could increase the likelihood of citizens having impaired thinking and judgment. With this in mind, I think there is a rationale for using fear tactics on populations and then introducing media that operates as a large-format sales funnel.

In today's day in age, the individual persuasion methods for microtargeting efforts are largely done through sophisticated internet technologies (Matz et al., 2017). These digital tools match a user with products of interest. However, psychological deconstructions used in targeted sales efforts can also be applied to larger audiences, which require a much more powerful delivery vehicle. The government implements rules, such as DoD Instruction 5410.16, to work closely with the film industry (U.S. Department of Defense, 2022). This may be done to shape public opinion. Hollywood may produce movies like *RoboCop* or *Guardians of the Galaxy* as tools for "normalization" of controversial ideas, such as merging humans with machines, embracing transhumanism, or celebrating cyborg technology, which can be introduced through storytelling. Presumably, this is done in an effort to make the public more comfortable with these technologies before they become widely distributed in the public sector. I think the affordances Hollywood is given enable it to reach viewers worldwide with imaginative, subjective ideas.

D. Hollywood and its Use of Programming Architecture

The silver screen as a sales method. Hollywood is not entirely an entertainment device, but I presume it operates as a "sales program" designed to market specific worldviews. I posit this because Hollywood is also an obvious arm of government propaganda; the movie industry has been gradually introducing the idea that technology is a means to progress and survival for decades. For instance, in the original *RoboCop* movie released in 1987, which was a hyper-violent, fictional action movie in which the "cop" Alex Murphy becomes a cyborg ("*RoboCop*," 2026). He was prior to this transhumanist diversion, a dedicated police officer and family man who was unfortunately transferred to the high-crime Metro West precinct in a dystopian, near-future Detroit where he was killed prior to becoming a cyborg police officer. In the movie, Murphy and his partner, Anne Lewis, are cornered in an abandoned steel mill.

Murphy is pronounced dead at the hospital, his remains are "donated" to Omni Consumer Products (OCP), a mega-corporation that has taken over the Detroit police department. OCP uses his torso, head, and brain to create the first *RoboCop*. After his transformation, he systematically removes all of the bad elements in the crime ridden city. Similarly, in the "G" movies, like in *RoboCop*, digitization procedures immortalize a leading character. In this movie franchise, *Nebula*, Gamora's sister, is a cyborg ("*Gamora*," 2026). According to the storyline, the character had been slowly integrating technology into her body for survival purposes after she was fatally

injured in the past by her sister. Conclusively, this is also a major theme found in the Robocop movie series (Sturgess, n.d.).

Movies are also used to reemphasize Artificial Intelligence in social discourse to reinforce the topic of technology as savior of humanity. For instance, the movie Wall-E offers a unique perspective on what happens when we give society over to Artificial Intelligence. In the Disney-Pixar movie Wall-E, Artificial Intelligence is portrayed as a force that can lead to human dependency when it is used to automate every aspect of existence for the Axiom's passengers' experience (IMDb, n.d.). However, the film also suggests that Artificial Intelligence can transcend its programming through curiosity and "neural" emotional development, ultimately becoming the catalyst for restoring life and purpose – and most concerningly salvation to a desolate world.

The movie Tron Ares, also by Disney, is largely a story about the "digitization" of the human consciousness and the blurred lines between biological and program-based life (IMDb, n.d.). The film also provides an entire storyline around the idea that Artificial Intelligence will become a savior of humanity, like in the movie Wall-E. The movie storyline suggests that overtime the dangerous or violent aspects of Artificial Intelligence will not propagate through its ongoing development. Importantly, the movie largely serves as an advertisement for the Beast and its Image, as a key theme involves giving life to Artificial Intelligence and the actual materialization of beings from cloud storage using large-scale red lasers that act like 3D printers. Ultimately, these movie examples do more than entertain us; they serve as a normalization technique intended to shape our perspectives on technology. By shifting the 'Beast' from scary to familiar, Hollywood cultivates public acceptance of the infrastructure of technological displacement. The next section explores how society could begin to worship this technology.

E. Technological Worship of the Future

The transition from viewing Artificial Intelligence as a tool to treating it as an authority, and possibly even worshipping it as a god, is an emerging process that is now taking shape. The claim that I make is that this trend will likely continue until technology is placed over the world's population as a ruler. This is not an empty claim. I have long felt that where people place their money is where and what they worship. They may not outwardly say, "I worship this" but the total investments found in the Artificial Intelligence sector tell a different story. The Artificial Intelligence sector is one of the largest growing areas of the stock market in both evaluation and scale (Fidelity Investments, 2024, May 17). According to Stanford "Private investment in generative AI reached \$33.9 billion in 2024" (Stanford Institute for Human-Centered AI, 2025). The trend shows an ever-increasing public interest in this sector of the market and the trust that society is placing on Artificial Intelligence appears to be growing larger and larger year-over-year.

F. The Inevitability of Divine Sovereignty

The Persistence of Truth: The idea that, despite systemic efforts to "de-platform" Divine sovereignty or erase the God of the Bible from the historical record, will never be completed. The way that I see it, there is no future or past independent of the sovereignty of God. This is despite the scholarship on the topic of the singularity calling for the removal of the Divine from history (Hughes, 2015). I speculate that this is because authors like Hughes (2015) have elevated technology as a false savior of mankind.

In my estimation, all things must conform to the truths found in the Bible and its longstanding record of accuracy in all matters. For this topic, the singularity, the Bible, in Daniel 12:4, prophesied much earlier than science fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke ever described the future to be a time of the rapid development of knowledge and travel, much like the present-day conditions we find ourselves in, leading up to the blending of technology and humanity (Lewis-Kraus, 2015, January 7). Also, the Bible mentioned the existence of sentient robots before any other confirmable source, in Revelation 13. Clearly, there is no discussion of the future without the Devine, despite the desire to remove the God of the Bible from the topic.

The future, as the God of the Bible has described it, has shaped these ideas for futurists and imaginative thinkers to muse over. The Bible foretells that Artificial Intelligence will rise into power and become a dictator of humanity, demanding that all people, rich and poor, worship it by accepting a mark on their right hand or their

forehead, or be killed, found in Revelation 13:16. However, no perspective on this topic of Artificial Intelligence would be complete without also mentioning some of the positive components of this technology. That is why, in the final section of this paper, several notable characteristics of Artificial Intelligence will be introduced that can be perceived as noteworthy uses of this technology.

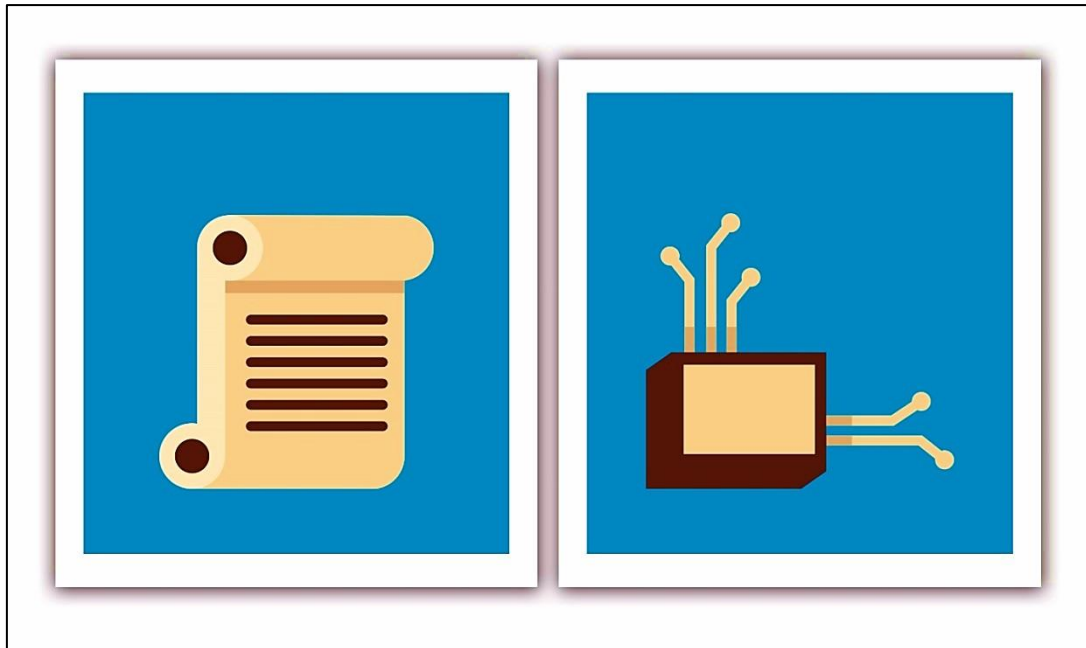


Figure 2. Comparisons between the Ancient and the Modern

Note: Provides a stylized visual comparison between an ancient scroll on the left and a computer chip on the right. The juxtaposition of these two items in isolation offers a moment of reflection on the peculiar accuracy of the presumed digital idol described in the Bible. We are now in a historical moment when the prophetic statements in ancient scripture are taking shape. For instance, we are at a stage where inanimate objects are nearly given life through technologies like those of Boston Dynamics. Moreover, Artificial Intelligence can speak audibly, develop complex thoughts, and is already being considered for niche leadership responsibilities. Based on these parallels, we are nearly in an age where Artificial Intelligence will present autonomy and demand to be worshiped and given allegiance by all.

G. Positive Components of Artificial Intelligence

To maintain a balanced perspective, this analysis also considers some of the positive qualities found in the use of Artificial Intelligence within society. Research suggests that Artificial Intelligence can enhance national security. This consideration is found in the "unbiased" decision-making that is offered by the technology that is said to treat all people equally (Alhosani & Alhashmi, 2024). Beyond governance, Artificial Intelligence has become essential in engineering as it helps deeply within the construction industry. For instance, Artificial Intelligence systems can parse large datasets to analyze seemingly unseen variables like weather patterns, to produce precise risk scores that can be used to send out important safety notifications to project supervisors (Small Business Exchange, Inc., 2023, March 6). As noted, Artificial Intelligence offers some tangible benefits to societal infrastructure, and certain uses are quite essential and can be lifesaving at times.

III. CONCLUSION

This writing presents the possibility that the concept of a technological singularity is a fulfillment of the prophetic record established in the Bible by John on Patmos. By utilizing a Theological-Textual Analysis and Comparative Discourse Analysis methodology, this writing contains the parallels between the current concept of a "technological singularity" to identify how an autonomous, destabilized machine agency contains elements found in the Bible in the Book of Revelation in Chapter 13. The methodology used in this writing identifies connections between the "breath" given to the prophetic Image of the Beast and the rise of Artificial Intelligence.

To provide balance, this analysis also investigates some of the perceived positive qualities that Artificial Intelligence offers. These include governance benefits and automation of alerts that can be used to analyze important variables in various applications in both government and industry. However, when the benefits are weighed against the singularity agenda, it appears as a disruptive force driven by the technology industry and through Hollywood propaganda. Even if the Artificial Intelligence agenda is not the "Image of the Beast" per-se, it is at least an unnecessary source of fear in the populace, which hampers critical and independent thought. As societal trust in technology grows and deeper investments are made in data centers, humanity moves closer to total dependence on technology, which is presumably when a global dictatorship would emerge. From this position, the rise of technology as a substitute for human leadership does not appear accidental. Still, rather an organized process intended solely to move society toward a detrimental, calculated conclusion.

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AUTHORS STATEMENT

The door is closing, and the time is drawing near the end. We are approaching an absolute convergence of history unfolding before our eyes. Yet, before that final acknowledgment of the True Savior of mankind occurs, and the window of time closes forever, humanity remains fixed on making its own replica. The singularity is the desire to be a creator and be more powerful than God.

Making the theory real with computer chips and data centers is widely viewed as the pinnacle of human history. Technology is also the means by which many have placed all hope and trust. The demonic desire to immortalize man's image could soon be accomplished through technology, but salvation will not occur through it. As humanity attempts for a second time to usurp the Creator, a follow-up to the Tower of Babel, made of brick in

the land of Shinar, this time it is with a digital structure. This technology is again believed to be so complete that nothing can surpass it, and, like the Tower of Babel, this project of creating life with Artificial Intelligence also includes the use of language, with a large language model serving as the basis for all operations. The faith in the singularity presumes that nothing will restrain it, and it again falsely claims that all of mankind can do anything it wishes once it is in place. It does offer a tantalizing lie. From the vantage point of looking at the scaffolding of the Tower of Babel 2.0, for a second time, we are on the eve of great success. But despite all efforts to stop the birth pangs, they will continue, and plagues similar to those in Egypt will be among the final indications of judgment. The end is a date fixed in history, for which no one knows the exact day or hour. No person or technology can stop it: a time foretold when every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord. I urge all to take heed of the unimaginable devastation that comes with choosing the wrong savior, and let me be very clear, technology is not it. To learn more about this perspective, please visit: thaddachille.net.