



**Peace, Security and the Day of the Lord
Looking for Peace in all the Wrong Places
1 Thessalonians 5:1-3, John 14:27, Romans 5:1-2**

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1 Thessalonians 5:1–3

“Now as to the periods and times, brothers and sisters, you have no need of anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord is coming just like a thief in the night. **While they are saying, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction will come upon them like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.” (NASB 2020)**

Many are indeed proclaiming a need for peace and safety, peace and security. But the world's definition is not the same as the Lord's. Peace is available only in Jesus Christ and a relationship with Him.



John 14:27

“Peace I leave you, My peace I give you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, nor fearful.” (NASB 2020)

Romans 5:1–2

“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we also have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we celebrate in hope of the glory of God.” (NASB 2020)

True peace and safety is only through Christ. That is not what the world is talking about.

The view of the world is optimistic as seen in a recent article from Brussels. “According to the Global Peace Index 2025, there are 59 active conflicts between states worldwide, more than at any point since the Second World War. Yet this vicious trend can be reversed. Conflict is not inevitable.

Peace is not a transaction around resources, a temporary ceasefire, or a decision taken by leaders without meaningful involvement of affected communities. True peace requires addressing the root causes of conflict, so violence cannot return.

Achieving this will require a different kind of leadership - at the individual level, across companies and organisations, and on the global stage. Leaders who know how to respond to polarisation, not by ignoring or amplifying divisions, but by actively bridging them.

This work begins with trust: building credibility through the transparent use of power and responsibility, and always starting with the creation of a safe environment. Only when people feel safe do they dare to speak openly about difficult and divisive issues.

It is this kind of leadership that brings people together across divides by acknowledging multiple perspectives and paying attention to underlying emotions and dynamics.” (Deman 2026)

Did you see the comment about leadership? The world is looking for a Messiah right now, but on the terms they will accept. Are there some who are fearful about the anti-Christ rising, sure, but again for us as believers, not a real issue for worry since we will be raptured and gone before he is revealed. When he is revealed, he will indeed meet the requirements we saw earlier.

The strict definition of the term antiChrist simply means one who is opposed or against Christ. They have been around for centuries with some of the most recent individuals to fill the bill to include Adolf Hitler, Stalin, Mao, as well as multiple petty dictators all around the world who decide that anything connected with Jesus Christ, must be done away with.

Here in the middle of the increasing discussion about the need for peace and security, there is also the discussion of how AI will help to provide that for all. From the introduction to America’s Action AI Plan, we see this.

Winning the AI race will usher in a new golden age of human flourishing, economic competitiveness, and national security for the American people. AI will enable Americans to discover new materials, synthesize new chemicals, manufacture new drugs, and develop new methods to harness energy—an industrial revolution. It will enable radically new forms of education, media, and communication—an information revolution. (Executive Office of the President of the United States 2025)

Peter Thiel has popped up with his vision of this and how it may lead to anti-Christ. He gave a talk in Paris earlier this year and “according to the presentation notes seen by POLITICO, which had been translated



into French, Thiel said the Antichrist is "not only a medieval fantasy" but that it and the apocalypse are both linked to "the end of modernity," which he has argued is currently happening.

Thiel said the Antichrist would exploit fears of the apocalypse — for example due to nuclear armageddon, climate change or the threat posed by AI — to control a "frightened population." (Herrero and Goury-Lafont 2026)

By the way, his view is not a Biblical view but because of who he is, is indeed attracting those who want to hear what he has to say. And some of what he says is strangely correct. Note the following.

The UN has their view as well. "Goal 16 is about promoting peaceful and inclusive societies, providing access to justice for all, and building effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels. People everywhere should live free from fear and all forms of violence, feeling safe as they go about their lives—regardless of their ethnicity, faith, or sexual orientation.

Governments, civil society, and communities must work together to find lasting solutions to conflict and insecurity. Strengthening the rule of law and promoting human rights are key to this process, as are reducing the flow of illicit arms, combating corruption, and ensuring inclusive participation at all times." (United Nations 2026)

To do that effectively not only will require the type of leader we already read about, but also someone who will navigate the realm of being just another dictator but one who is for all the right bells, whistles, and liberal hot buttons on the run to power, law enforcement is part of that and having a "good id."

From the World Bank. "Why does the identity gap ID matter? Inclusive and trusted—i.e., "good"—ID systems are crucial tools for achieving sustainable development, including the World Bank Group's twin goals of ending extreme poverty and boosting shared prosperity. For this reason, ensuring that everyone has access to identification is the explicit objective of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Target 16.9—to "provide legal identity for all, including birth registration" by 2030.

Furthermore, identification is also a key enabler or contributor to many other SDG targets, such as financial and economic inclusion, social protection, healthcare and education for all, gender equality, child protection, agriculture, good governance, and safe and orderly migration." (The World Bank 2026)

What is truly behind all of this, the drive to a one world government with a one world economy. When Satan and his fallen ones are all exiled to earth at the mid-point of the Tribulation, he will need all of this developing infrastructure in order to counterfeit the Kingdom of God. Except it will be the Beast.

Revelation 13:16–17

"And he causes all, the small and the great, the rich and the poor, and the free and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, and he decrees that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name." (NASB 2020)

One more piece of the puzzle, all the data that will be required for a full-on surveillance society and culture. This will require some rather sizeable and global reach capable data centers. And yes, they are currently being built. What is this?

So here's what one is. "A massive industrial facility, typically half a million to several million square feet. Tens of thousands of specialized processors in dense racks, each rack drawing more power than an average home. A full center can draw 100 to over 1,000 megawatts — the largest rival the power use of a mid-sized city. Cooling the heat takes water, sometimes millions of gallons a day, pulled from local aquifers, rivers, or municipal supply. Featureless buildings. No windows. Razor wire. A facility that uses a



city's worth of electricity might employ thirty to a hundred people. It exists to host computation, not workers."

All for AI they say. Really? The author writing on Substack states:

"Pulling it together — and this is my thesis, stated as a thesis: the data centers are the physical substrate that surveillance, digital ID, behavioral scoring, and predictive systems all run on. The reclassification of pushback as a security threat is the legal lever. The detention capacity is the physical one. The language operation is the cultural one. All three are being installed at once, and all three depend on the compute the data centers provide.

That's the case. Not chatbots. The backbone of a control architecture that's been planned, in pieces, by different bodies, and is now being installed in the open." (The Golden Order 2026)

Back to the size and building configurations, from the White House document. "Because AI systems are particularly well-suited to processing raw intelligence data today, and because of the vastly expanded capabilities AI systems could have in the future, it is likely that AI will be used with some of the U.S. government's most sensitive data. The data centers where these models are deployed must be resistant to attacks by the most determined and capable nation-state actors." (Executive Office of the President of the United States 2025)

No wonder we see Flock cameras going up everywhere. No wonder a security provider wants me to become part of a network collective for increased security for our neighborhood with cameras accessible by law enforcement. No wonder the latest iteration of the Apple watch has always on recording enabled by AI. I have really convenient devices in my home that in the wrong hands, will also be surveillance devices. Don't get too paranoid but your internet provider knows where you go on the internet and soon, even a VPN may not be enough to prevent them from snooping.

So, here we are, followers of Jesus Christ who, as we already have seen in the data being aggregated by Arizona Christian University, are becoming more and more acclimated to the culture. Per Dr. Barna: "It is noteworthy that evangelical churches, once the stronghold of biblical preaching and belief, have experienced a sharp decline in the proportion of adherents with a biblical worldview. In 2020, 21% held that worldview, but that number has dropped by almost half—down to only 11% today."

"Make no mistake about it, we are losing American society and all that it has historically represented because we have succumbed to the influence of the culture instead of the exhortations and promises of God," Barna commented. "Entertainment and media messages as well as public policies and errant public education have distorted the thinking and behavior of our young people." (Barna 2026)

We began our discussion today talking about peace and safety, the goal for all for centuries and obtainable but only in Christ.

We also see that will be a common topic at the end. They are saying "peace and safety." The first word we see in the Greek is λέγωσιν (legosin). The word does indeed mean "to express oneself orally or in written form, utter in words, say, tell, give expression to." (Arndt, et al. 2000, 588)

The verb for saying is in the subjunctive mood. This mood "normally presents the verbal action as being probable or intentional. The subjunctive can also express verbal action in terms of mere possibility." (Heiser and Setterholm 2013)



This is a declaration of hope or desire that there is peace and safety, but it may not necessarily mean there really is that in existence. Think the phony war between September 1939 and May 1940 when the allies did almost nothing against Germany in WWII. It wasn't peace.

I also am reminded of the Prime Minister of England walking off the airplane in September 1938 with his agreement with Hitler saying peace in our time, yet Germany invaded Poland in September 1939. In other words, not a whole lot different than what we see all around us right now.

So, what we are told is they, meaning those who are not looking for the rapture of the church, they are the ones who are saying, declaring in hope, that there is peace and safety. Yet when Jesus takes the church home, everything changes. Sudden destruction is what we see in the text.

The word translated destruction is ὀλεθρος (olethros). This word is only used twice in the New Testament passages about last things and both times are by Paul. What happens to them, the ones not looking for Christ to return for His church, is wholly unexpected αἰφνίδιος (aiphnidios). "This is a state of utter ruin but not annihilation, a loss of all that humans think makes life worthwhile. It is not destruction of being but of well-being." (Richison 2006, 1 Th 5:3)

Consider the removal of 1 billion or so people from the planet and the impact that will have financially, geopolitically, and with the Holy Spirit no longer restraining evil, there will indeed be those nations that will take advantage of this and move to consolidate power. Think Ezekiel 38.

And for those who are left behind, those who are now realizing their world will never be the same and they may have lost much more than they know at present, there is no escape.

Scotty will not beam you out of the problem in the nick of time.

When Jesus comes for His church, we are out of here. But for all those left, there is no escape from what is coming, the Day of the Lord and the wrath of God. The population of the planet goes from 8.3 billion or so on the Day of Christ and the next morning there are still around 7 billion or so left on the planet. The bad news, once the antichrist is revealed and the Tribulation begins, look for the population to drop significantly to possibly less than 1 billion by the time we return with Jesus at His second coming. Some have thought that after Armageddon, maybe less than 500 million.

Here is what those left behind can expect.

Isaiah 13:6–9

"Wail, for the day of the LORD is near; as destruction from the Almighty it will come! Therefore all hands will be feeble, and every human heart will melt. They will be dismayed: pangs and agony will seize them; they will be in anguish like a woman in labor. They will look aghast at one another; their faces will be aflame. Behold, the day of the LORD comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger, to make the land a desolation and to destroy its sinners from it." (ESV)

Joel 1:15

"Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD is near, and as destruction from the Almighty it comes." (ESV)

2 Peter 3:10

"But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed." (ESV)



Taking a step back, since we won't be here, here is how it goes down. The Day of Christ arrives, the rapture of the church takes place, and we are gone leaving all those who have not trusted in Christ here on the earth. Upheavals, absolutely but the Lord Himself will deal with the Gog Magog problem, however, someone tries to take some of the credit and he signs a 7-year deal with Israel to protect them.

Around the globe, we have "peace" not really. That phony peace is the first seal of Revelation 6:1. But the Vatican, and political organizations like the UN and others will take this idea of peace and make it seem real. This of course is not taking into consideration the severe persecution that will be taking place globally for any and all who have to come to Christ after the rapture. But there is a phony peace which of course, does indeed end. We are in the Day of the Lord now after all. It was that "peace deal" that was the starter. The 70th week of Daniel has begun.

Peace is removed per Revelation 6:3, and 1 Thessalonians 5:3.

And I am stopping here. Next time, thanks to AI, how close are we to Jesus returning? AI won't tell you, but once again, we will try and put some pieces together.

Let's pray.

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