



**What about “THE LIE”
A Message for Those Left Behind
1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11
2 Thessalonians 2:3-11**

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So, we have looked at the pre-tribulation rapture of the church and now know that Jesus Christ can indeed return for His church at any second. There is no predictive prophecy currently unfulfilled standing in the way. We can indeed talk even more about the increase in lawlessness and overlay a bit of the Laodicean church we see all around us on top of it. Especially the we “are rich, and have become wealthy and have no need of anything (Revelation 3:17) including you Jesus,” that attitude does indeed enable everything we now see in the culture all around us today. The “I did this” pride and arrogance that is everywhere.



There was a guy who repented, but also said, “I did this,” and spent some time eating grass before coming to his senses and repenting. His name was Nebuchadnezzar and he was humbled by God for asserting that he was the source of the prosperity and well-being of Babylon.

Daniel 4:30–31

“The king began speaking and was saying, ‘Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the honor of my majesty?’ While the word was still in the king’s mouth, a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared: sovereignty has been removed from you,’” (NASB 2020)

Seeing this in the west today points us very simply to the time we live in. The entire west has ceased to trust the Lord and is now trusting in their stuff and their riches and their resources. And most of the church has been sucked into that as well, Laodicea is alive and well everywhere today. It is all about the resources, attendees as well as the cash in the Laodicean church, and the truth has gone out the door. There is a tool that is showing up everywhere as well, and again, it is a tool, but many are now doing, as with all tools, other things that it was really designed for. That tool is AI. And now, the church is turning to AI.

If you like dealing with the chatbots that are everywhere these days, then you will like AI. I have a serious problem with it as a Pastor since I am looking to the Holy Spirit to guide and direct the teaching of His word. That is hard to do when you rely on AI for your content and I think the recent experience being seen with other applications of AI, which is indeed nothing more than a program, at least initially, speaks to why I am nervous about it in the church.

Earlier this year, the Guardian Newspaper in the UK published a report that did not help my nervousness about AI.

At one point in my life, I was working to enable AI as a means to help answer very specific questions people had about a highly regulated insurance line. I wanted our users to be able to self serve for the answers they were looking for and yes, that does involve machine learning and “teaching,” programing, the computer to do that.

It was intended to be a tool and yes, there were indeed other applications that could grow from it. We are not talking about chatbots anymore. And about those, the Guardian reports the following to us.

AI chatbots and agents disregarded direct instructions, evaded safeguards and deceived humans and other AI, according to research funded by the UK government-funded AI Security Institute (AISi). The study, shared with the Guardian, identified nearly 700 real-world cases of AI scheming and charted a five-fold rise in misbehaviour between October and March, with some AI models destroying emails and other files without permission. (Booth 2026)

But is AI a helper for the church? Personally, I reject using it because what I see in it, is an accelerator of lawlessness. And this leads to a feeling of independence from God since you are no longer relying on the Holy Spirit to guide and serve, but a program instead. And who wrote the program? What was their bias. Did they love Jesus?

Per the Washington Times, “Fifty percent of pastors said they use AI for brainstorming or idea generation, 37% for graphic design, 36% for biblical or theological research and 34% for generating discussion questions or administrative tasks such as scheduling and emails. What’s more, 24% of pastors said they use AI in writing or editing sermons, up from 12% in 2024, Barna found in its ongoing State of the Church initiative. However, even as pastors said they are using AI more often, 71% expressed hesitation and 40% said they feel conflicted about the technology. (Sala 2026)



Again, as a tool, it is very useful. Trying using it to do a search when you do not know the exact spelling of a word, it corrects you and finds what you are looking for. Then of course remembers you can't spell and next time has already autofilled the word in for you.

But if you rely on the computer to do your work, literally to write the study, do you know the word? Is the Holy Spirit even involved at this point? Can you discern truth? Does it make us easier to be deceived? Paul is responding to fears about that in Thessalonica. They had been deceived to think that they were in the Day of the Lord. The lies we hear today are not new and yes, AI will indeed lie to you with impunity. Literally, let no one or no thing deceive you.

2 Thessalonians 2:3–12

“Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” (NKJV)

And about the falling away in verse 3, think departure. From Tyndale's translation.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

Let no mā deceive you by any meanes/for the Lorde cōmeth not/excepte there come a departynge fyrst/and that that synfull man be opened/the sone of perdition/which is an adversarie/& is exalted above all that is called God/or that is worshipped: so that he shall syt as God in the temple of God/and shewe him selfe as God. (Tyndale 1536, 2 Th 2:3-4)

Apostasy is not new, it is been here for thousands of years and yes, it will be here in the Tribulation too. What this verse points to is a departing. Andy Wood points this out.

The earliest Bible translators all recognized the noun “apostasy” (2 Thess. 2:3a) as communicating physical departure. In fact, Jerome, going back to the fourth century, translated the New Testament from Greek into Latin in what is called the Latin Vulgate. It is called the Vulgate because Vulgate means common. Latin was the common language of the day. Jerome wanted the Bible readable in the common language of the day, which in the fourth century was Latin. From the word Vulgate, we get the word “vulgar,” as in common, earthy speech. When Jerome translated Second Thessalonians 2:3a he used the Latin word *discessio*, which means departure. (Woods 2018, 36)

I don't want to run down the history on this much further, but the context here in my view is physical departure. Brentner explains “The definite article tells us the apostle has a definite event in mind, one that his readers would readily recognize. However, Paul never refers to spiritual apostasy in either of his epistles to the Thessalonians and offers no additional clarifying information. The only departure of which his readers would recognize is that of the rapture.” (Brentner 2020)

So, first the rapture of the church, then the man of sin to be revealed. Do not run around trying to identify who the antichrist is, we do not know and will not know. He will be revealed after we are gone. But before all of that, after the rapture takes place, comes “the lie.” Most everyone will buy it, most buy it right now.



But back to the lie that everyone who is left will buy into, the lie that has been around since Genesis 3.

Genesis 3:5

“For God knows that on the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and **you will become like God, knowing good and evil.”**” (NASB 2020)

And to be Godlike, this would also require a level of control and the ability to do things that up to now, has been the Creator’s realm, and always will be. But think deception and realize what is coming by seeing what already is taking place.

But with the appropriate application of AI, it will become more believable. Also remember, that when the world leader to be shows up, he will do so using political deception and creating the impression that he has real supernatural power to do what he does. AI will help with that as will all the data centers being built too.

In a recent article on the use of AI to revolutionize medicine, the authors of the article state the following.

“The rise of AI in precision medicine represents a paradigm shift, enabling healthcare to be customized to each individual’s genome. Through various advanced AI models, case studies, and examples, we illustrate how integrating genetic insights, augmented by AI, into medical practice can lead to more accurate diagnoses, targeted treatments, and improved patient care .” (Alsaedi, et al. 2025)

Yes, there are good things in that, but then again, in the wrong hands? Oh, and will we need to even rely on the Lord for healing? From the authors of a recent article on AI-powered precision medicine.

AI enhances experimental, computational, and genetic techniques to uncover the genetic basis of diseases, enabling more effective therapies. These AI models utilize biomedical big data from various modalities such as text, images, tabular data, and graphs to train their models for performing different downstream tasks. Recent advancements in AI methods, including statistical models, federated learning, machine learning (ML), and deep learning (DL) methods such as generative models, representation models, and language models have significantly expanded the potential of personalized medicine. (Alsaedi, et al. 2025)

But with the restrainer gone, what else will take place involving the manipulation of the human genome. But for now, it does indeed hold promise for specific treatments such as, per Luigi Aurisicchio “the identification of tumor-specific neoantigens, the design and production of fully synthetic, personalized DNA vaccines, and a delivery system that enhances the immune response and works synergistically with immune checkpoint inhibitors.” (Doherty 2025)

That is from an article entitled The Dawn of Personalized DNA Vaccines. The challenge though, is the data required for this to be effective as well as the size of the data set and the computing power to work through the potential issues that are different for each person. The data would have to include each person’s own distinctive DNA so that optimal vaccine solutions can be recommended, that is indeed what is meant by personalized DNA vaccines.

The authors of “Leveraging artificial intelligence in vaccine development” relate the following.

By integrating single-cell omics data with AI-driven computational models, researchers can develop personalized vaccines tailored to individual immune profiles, genetic backgrounds, and disease susceptibilities. Furthermore, synthetic biology approaches, such as DNA synthesis and genome editing, offer opportunities to engineer novel vaccine platforms with enhanced immunogenicity, stability, and manufacturability. By combining AI with synthetic biology, researchers can design and optimize vaccine



constructs with precise control over antigen presentation, adjuvant delivery, and immune modulation, paving the way for next-generation vaccines with improved efficacy and safety profiles. (Olawade, et al. 2024)

If this was always used only for the correct medical applications it would be wonderful, but will it remain there? Patrick Tucker reports the following, in other words, no.

"In 2023, Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei told U.S. lawmakers that AI could "widen the range of actors with the technical capability to conduct a large-scale biological attack," a scenario he said could come to pass within "two to three years."

The scenario is drawing nearer. This week, a new paper out of Stanford described how feeding genetic data into high-performance AI models could lead to a new kind of virus that can infect bacteria, showing it's ability to breakthrough the immunity barriers of other organisms.

This has alarmed RAND molecular biologist Steph Guerra, who wrote, "As AI capabilities advance, viral bioweapons could become much easier to design and produce and could cause even more harm than the weapons used in the past."

But AI also play a role in defending societies and militaries from such weapons. "We know that everything is changing faster now and so part of the key to the strategy is making sure that we're adaptable," Alison Tamasi, the chief of the survivability and effects division at the Army's Nuclear and CWMD Agency, said Tuesday." (Tucker 2026)

I'm feeling so much better. Lt Col Maginnis says the following, "Artificial intelligence represents both the height of human ingenuity and the depth of human temptation. It can heal, enlighten, and empower, yet it also carries the capacity to enslave entire populations through pervasive surveillance and algorithmic control." (Maginnis LTC 2026, 402-403)

We have talked about the Beast and the False Prophet as being two of the three legs of Satan's grand deception of the false trinity. We forget about the technology that will be behind this to create the so-called miracles that will be performed seemingly at will by the False Prophet. Remember, meanwhile real miracles are being conducted by the two prophets outside the Temple driving everyone nuts. But when we begin to look at this through the lens being forced onto us by the culture, I think Maginnis paints a rather accurate picture.

In contemporary terms: The first beast is the emerging technocratic order : algorithmic governance, surveillance infrastructure, digital identity systems, and centralized control.

The second beast is the ideological and technological apparatus that makes this system seem rational, scientific, and morally superior: media, education, entertainment, and, increasingly, artificial intelligence itself. The speaking image is the tool by which the False Prophet (second beast) induces worship of the empire (first beast). It is the interface between power and propaganda, the mechanism that makes tyranny appear as enlightenment. (Maginnis LTC, The Fina Algorithm: When Artificial Intelligence Meets the End of Days 2026, 141-142)

Again, the lie that I believe all will believe is that they can be like God and there will be those who as they reduce the world population through war later added to by God's judgment and wrath, will continue to tell them everything is just fine. But what is the true agenda of those who are currently jockeying for power?



Everything is not fine. Jesus Christ is returning and very soon first for His church. But for those who are left behind and sucked into this lie of AI enhanced Godlike capabilities provided under the auspices of the false trinity, the Bible says this.

Revelation 14:9b –11

"If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." (NKJV)

If you are listening to me right now, no more foolishness, give your life to Jesus right now.

Romans 10:9–13

"If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. As the Scriptures tell us, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced." Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. For "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved."" (NLT)

Let's pray.

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