

## **Image of the Beast**

### **Revelation 13:14-16**

**2Tim 3:1-7 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. <sup>2</sup>For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, slanderers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, <sup>4</sup>treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup>holding to a form of <sup>[b]</sup>godliness although they have denied its power; avoid such people as these. <sup>6</sup>For among them are those who <sup>[c]</sup>slip into households and captivate <sup>[d]</sup>weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses, <sup>7</sup>always learning and never able to come to the <sup>[e]</sup>knowledge of the truth.**

2000 yrs ago the biography was written of our culture today—

### **Luke 21:25-27 KJV**

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

Distress, perplexity--signs of depression-- "America, we have a problem." This affliction does not discriminate, impacting 1 in 20 adults globally. In the United States, nearly 20 percent of [young adults](#) live under its dark cloud. Unlike a physical ailment with clear symptoms, mental anguish manifests uniquely in each person. Some may cry while others feel numb, making depression hard to recognize and empathize with. Yet one unified trait remains at its core: It simply feels bad. A recent paper examined seven popular diagnostic questionnaires, identifying [52 different symptoms](#) of depression. These run the gamut from "feeling sad" to "insomnia," "lack of insight" to "leaden paralysis." Analyzing open conversations about mental health can help bridge gaps in understanding and ensure those struggling feel heard, seen, and cared for appropriately.

Hearts failing for fear-- recently published in the peer-reviewed Journal of Medical Virology—shows that heart attack death rates took a sharp turn and increased for all age groups during the pandemic.

**All signs of the coming of the Lord but also coming of the Anti-Christ-Devil incarnate**

([Matthew 24:24](#);"For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. **25**"Behold, I have told you in advance. **26**"If therefore they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the wilderness,' do not go forth, *or*, 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe *them*. **27**"For just as the lightning comes from the east, and flashes even to the west, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be. **28** Wheresoever the body shall be, there shall the eagles also be gathered together.

## ***Image of the Beast***

### **Revelation 13:14-16**

Accompanied by a deceiving spirit—deluding and enticing to pay allegiance to.

#### [John 8:44](#)

You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

#### [1 John 4:1](#)

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

#### [2 Corinthians 11:3](#)

But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

#### [2 Thessalonians 2:9-12](#)

The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

***Rev 13: 14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life. 15 And there was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast might even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed. 16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand or in their foreheads*** **Artificial intelligence**

Billionaire Elon Musk-Tesla, Space X, X (Twitter) **argued**, artificial-intelligence-**systems might replace humans, making our species irrelevant or even extinct.** Musk **has on multiple occasions warned of the threats that AI poses to humanity, having once said it could be more dangerous than nuclear weapons..** Elon Musk has warned that artificial intelligence is **"one of the biggest threats" to humanity. This is because humans face the threat of...being outsmarted by machines for the first time** Elon Musk **said he was concerned** OpenAI discovered a **"dangerous element" of artificial intelligence.** ·

## ***Image of the Beast*** **Revelation 13:14-16**

*Daniel 12: 1“Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. 2“And many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt. 3“And those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. 4“But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase.” **Travel---Knowledge will increase-***

### **Security Risks**

As AI technologies become increasingly sophisticated, the security risks associated with their use and the potential for misuse also increase. Hackers and malicious actors can harness the power of AI to develop more advanced cyberattacks, bypass security measures, and exploit vulnerabilities in systems.

The rise of AI-driven autonomous weaponry also raises concerns about the dangers of rogue states or non-state actors using this technology — especially when we consider the potential loss of human control in critical decision-making processes.

### **6. Concentration of Power**

The risk of AI development being dominated by a small number of large corporations and governments could exacerbate inequality and limit diversity in AI applications.

### **9. Economic Inequality**

**The concentration of AI development and ownership within a small number of large corporations and governments can exacerbate this inequality as they accumulate wealth and power while smaller businesses struggle to compete.**

### **11. AI Arms Race**

The risk of countries engaging in an AI arms race could lead to the rapid development of AI technologies with potentially harmful consequences.

Recently, more than a thousand technology researchers and leaders, have urged intelligence labs to [pause the development of advanced AI systems](#). The letter states that AI tools present “profound risks to society and humanity.”

### **12. Loss of Human Connection**

**Increasing reliance on AI-driven communication and interactions could lead to diminished empathy, social skills, and human connections.**

**13. Misinformation and Manipulation**

AI-generated content, such as deepfakes, **(a video of a person in which their face or body has been digitally altered so that they appear to be someone else, typically used maliciously or to spread false information.)** contributes to the spread of false information and the manipulation of public opinion

In a [Stanford University study](#) on the most pressing dangers of AI, researchers said:

“AI systems are being used in the service of disinformation on the internet, giving them the potential to become a threat to democracy and a tool for fascism. From deepfake videos to online bots manipulating public discourse by feigning consensus and spreading fake news, there is the danger of AI systems undermining social trust. The technology can be co-opted by criminals, rogue states, ideological extremists, or simply special interest groups, to manipulate people for economic gain or political advantage.”

**14. Unintended Consequences**

AI systems, due to their complexity and lack of human oversight, might exhibit unexpected behaviors or make decisions with unforeseen consequences. This unpredictability can result in outcomes that negatively impact individuals, businesses, or society as a whole.

**15. Existential Risks**

The development of artificial general intelligence (AGI) that surpasses human intelligence raises long-term concerns for humanity. The prospect of AGI could lead to unintended and potentially catastrophic consequences, as these advanced AI systems may not be aligned with human values or priorities.

**The 10 Stages of Artificial Intelligence---10<sup>th</sup> is **God-like AI****

**Stanley Kubrick 2001: A Space Odyssey** is a 1968 epic science fiction **film** Hal 9000 the **supercomputer takes possession of space ship- HAL evil AI --homicidal computers were within our grasp, never again to be confined solely to the imagination of sci-fi writers.**

2Thes 2: **1**Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together to Him, **2**that you may not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. **3**Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, **4**who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

**Image of the Beast****Revelation 13:14-16**

Christians won't be here—we will not even see the antichrist

**2Thes 2: Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things? [6](#)And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he may be revealed. [7](#)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. [8](#)And then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; [9](#)that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, [10](#)and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. [11](#)And for this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they might believe what is false, [12](#)in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.**

**1Thes 5:9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,**

1Thes 4:13-18; Lk 21:36---**Get right or get left**---right w/ God or left behind