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**Prophecy Roundtable: The Rise of Artificial Intelligence
Jan Markell, Mike Golay, and Barry Stagner**

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AMIR: Shalom and good evening from CONNECT here in Galilee, in Jezreel Valley in Israel. I'm Amir Tsarfati and boy oh boy, the words we have now is "Any day now." The USS Ford has arrived already off the coast of Greece heading

towards Israel. In just a few hours it will reach Israel. U.S. personnel were evacuated from the U.S. Embassy in Beirut already. And everyone is ready for President Trump's decision: Should America strike decisively the Ayatollahs' regime or strike a deal with the devil? But we're not going to talk about that today. Today I want to invite to our roundtable our dear friends, Jan Markell, Barry Stagner, and Mike Golay, to talk about the artificial intelligence, its rise, and its growing influence in our world and what are the things that should concern all of us when it comes to AI? Shalom everyone, how are you?

EVERYONE: Shalom, Amir.

AMIR: Jan, good to see you. We've missed you. We always love to see you. How is the land of the chosen frozen?

JAN: Four degrees outside today.

AMIR: Oh my goodness.

JAN: We're still frozen.

AMIR: You're still frozen. Yeah, you and Mike are in the same place, frozen in the house and you have nuts that are running your state.

JAN: That is exactly right.

MIKE: So true.

AMIR: Yeah. Speaking of nuts running states, hello Pastor Barry. [Laughter]

BARRY: Hello, I probably shouldn't bring up that it's going to be 76 here today in California.

JAN: No, don't.

AMIR: Guys, you don't want me to tell you what it's like here in Israel. It's beautiful, sunny and but now it's already evening and it's dark. But just so you know, we're having a group here from Southern California that is touring the land, Calvary Chapel of East Anaheim, they're having the time of their life. Tomorrow is their last touring day. Thankfully, everything went well so far, and the Iranian issue did not really affect their tour.

But today we want to talk about something that is extremely important. And I think that a lot



of people are asking that question: "Should we worry about the rise of the artificial intelligence?" I want to remind all of you that throughout our lifetime, we went through three different revolutions. The dotcom that produced the websites and the internet; the social media that produced social media platforms that made every person, not just the companies and organizations, every person becomes now the center; and now we are going through another revolution, the artificial intelligence revolution that is revolutionizing almost every aspect of our life. And I think that there's a lot to talk about today. But before we do that, may I ask you, Mike, to start with a prayer and then we can dive into that. And let me also remind you that halfway through this program, we are going to take some questions from you guys that are watching us live. So Pastor Mike, go ahead.

MIKE: Yeah, Lord, this is a complex and very sensitive subject, very relevant to the end times. We knew things like this would come. So give us wisdom, allow us to communicate with clarity, allow all of the viewers to find great value in it, to share it, to interact with the material we're about to present. But most of all, we pray for Your blessing. And if someone's watching that does not know You yet, that they would come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. It's in His name we pray. Amen.

AMIR: Amen. Amen. You know, the funny thing is, so I sat down a couple of days ago to write down some, on a piece of paper, some topics of, you know, the points of concern about AI. And I wrote a few, and then I decided, okay, let me go to AI to ask AI about the problems of AI. And to be honest with you, I was shocked. It did even a better job than I did on exposing its problems. So I realized that when you are actually looking for the right things, you know, you can actually get some good answers. But let's face it, we all agree here, there are some major, major issues with AI that every Christian should be aware of that. Jan, let's start with you. What is the most concerning thing that you think the artificial intelligence revolution that we're going to right now is posing for us as believers in this world, in these last days?

JAN: Okay, so for us as believers right now, I mean, I think the mischief is probably limited. I mean, I think this is clearly going to be one of the major tools of the Antichrist in the future, which, you know, we're not going to see. I mean, just as the Nazis needed an IBM punch card system, the Antichrist will need this type of artificial intelligence. So I think we need to use it for what good we can use it for, for research, for writing. As you indicated, how you're using it, I think is extremely effective. It can be used for the kingdom. It can be used to get the gospel out. But I think that the likelihood of this morphing into, and as Mark Hitchcock says, and I'd like to quote him, it may not be word for word, but this is next to the formation of Israel, the second most stunning

end-time development that he has seen. And therefore, it's going to be used for good, and it's going to be used for incredible evil eventually.

AMIR: Pastor Barry, spiritually, how dangerous is AI for the believers nowadays? And in our world today?

BARRY: Yeah, Amir, I think that that's the proverbial double-edged sword, that you have the opportunity to enhance your efforts as far as things related to your job. I do think there's a danger for pastors. Our job is to study the Word, not ask AI for 3,000 words on a particular passage. We need to rightly divide the Word itself. So I think that's actually a danger, and I know that it's impacted many in that way.

And I think also that when we look to it for many of the things that Gen Z is looking to it for, for comfort, for instruction, there's even a couple of deities that have been created through AI for those who are looking for a spiritual experience. And again, these things are anti-Christ. They are against Christ. They are instead of Christ. So there are certainly dangers there. And I think one of the things that we need to highlight is that not so long ago, mid-last year, I believe, there was an article that came out that said 75% of those who fall within the age bracket of Gen Z would be willing to develop a romantic relationship with someone that's AI generated. And I think part of the reason, and some of the explanations were, they'll just do everything that they want. They'll agree with everything they say. There'll never be any angst or stress in the relationship because AI will just go along with it.

So, I think there's a lot of dangers there spiritually and even emotionally to just create relationships where you never have to stand up for yourself, you never have to defend your position, you just have a relationship with something that is artificial that just goes along with whatever it is that you want, fashioned and created especially for you. And Amir, I think one of

the things that kind of floats around out there that is kind of interesting is that before we switch over to artificial intelligence, we probably have to tune in and tune up our actual intelligence instead of relying on something that man created to give us our information, so to speak. But again, it's like money. Money is neither good nor bad. It's inanimate, but it can be used for either one. And same with AI.

AMIR: Yeah. Pastor Mike, with your experience so far, and I know it's still in its diapers, this whole revolution. [They're] still improving it almost on a daily basis. But from your short experience with AI, what do you see there as a danger for a believer nowadays?

MIKE: Well, it is definitely a tool. And as we've already discussed, it can be used for evil or for righteousness. In terms of evil, what I'm seeing is people are utilizing it to enhance the porn industry. They're using it to enhance their self-expression. They're using it to fraudulent activity and even ministries like our own, and perhaps most ministries, have probably had their struggle with fake fundraising utilizing voice, video. And so... [AMIR: We had a video...] the devil is deceiving, these fakes that can be used with this tool can have catastrophic effects, Amir.

JAN: Yeah.

AMIR: In fact, while we were in Canada, somebody sent me a video. Apparently, someone took a portion of my report during the war from my house and created a deep fake video where I actually talked to a lady about money that she needs to donate to Behold Israel. It was my face, my lips. If you carefully paid attention, you knew that it's obviously computer generated. But if you're heavy ear [as in hard of hearing] and you can't pay attention to that, you would really think that it's me. And she literally, innocently thought that I am sending her private videos of me asking for donations. And I said, "Look, this is my video, but these are not the words I said." Somebody planted different words there and through an AI-generated software, created my lips to move to

look like these are the words I said. Of course, it was a year ago and it was amateurly and poorly done. I think today it's 10 times more enhanced. And today there is going to be a big, big, big problem for a lot of ministries if somebody decides to go after them. All they need to do is release videos of the people that really, we never did that and we never said that. But yet, you see our image on the screen. And I think deception is going to increase thanks to AI-generated software.

JAN: Can I just add to that, Amir? The 2024 presidential election was the first presidential election strongly influenced by artificial intelligence. And again, impersonating candidates and candidates saying things they normally wouldn't say. So we were warned. Michelle Bachman came on my program several times and said, "Before the election, beware, be careful, be careful, be careful of those impersonating the candidates through AI in the 2024 presidential election."

AMIR: Yeah, wow. You're right. I did see some of those videos. I remember that. Now, as I told you earlier, not long ago I recorded with the pastor, Dr. Rick Yohn, just a program about exploring the Bible. And Dr. Rick Yohn, he's 89 years old and so he's a veteran; he's taught the Bible for almost 70 years now. He never really needed computer to teach the Bible. And yet today, an 89-year-old person is in a very fascinating way using AI to do research that he couldn't do before. And he was amazed at many of the results that he had. And I think that the most important thing is not that the result is as much as how fast you can get answers, whereas you could spend weeks trying to find things if you went through each and every one of those things. And then two days ago, a friend of my son, who is still in military service, and he is in the AI field in the military, he told me, "Look, as much as it's called artificial intelligence, it's still pretty dumb because it tries to somehow learn you and complete your words and somehow think that they know what you want. But all it is, basically... it's not using brains. It's using memory. That's why you need a lot of energy because it searches so fast and so strong. So it needs memory and it needs speed. And

all it does—So why am I saying that? All you need is a lot of bad people to write a lot of bad things, and once AI engine searches for results, obviously, if most of the things are bad, that's the answer he's going to give you because he found more of that than... So, this is why we need to be very careful, and we need to have discernment because obviously, you might actually get a non-biblical answer to a question only because bad people told AI that that's the biblical answer.

And so, I just think that there is no way that we can replace the aspect of discernment and also waiting upon the Lord. Prayer, suffering—through suffering, we learn a lot—and the intimacy of spending time with the Lord. And so not everything can be done with a click on a computer keyboard and an instant answer to things that we have. Pastor Barry, you alluded earlier to the fact that pastors started already using AI to write sermons. Can you give us an example of a church that actually experienced that?

BARRY: Well, there was a church in Germany that had an AI generated, not just sermon, but also the pastor was AI generated. It wasn't actually a real person. And it was in the church service and [it] was packed. And many people came out of there and said, "You know, that was wonderful. We really enjoyed the time there." But there was one who made a comment, I think, that was very interesting. They said, "It was very well put together, very well spoken. The image was great, but there was just something empty about it." And boy, if that isn't the truth, there's no spiritual element to it at all. It was simply words generated and an image generated.

And Amir, I think one of the important things for us to remember, or at least recognize, and I think as far as it relates to Bible prophecy, we've been watching a progression that is leading up to that Revelation 13 thing, where there's an image created of this beast who supposedly was assassinated. And if you look back to recent history, and as you mentioned earlier, we've gone through these three different revolutions. These are all moving toward the fulfillment of what is

recorded there. And one of the key components is, I think, that we first had to become a device-related society in order for us to look at a device that has an image that has life breathed back into it. It looks real, sounds real, it's the exact guy who received a deadly wound. And so really, I think if we're going to look at this through the lens of Bible prophecy, I think that this, as Mark Hitchcock said, I think that this is one of the most significant developments and maybe the last development that is necessary for everything in the tribulation to actually happen. And we're already in an age of delusion, evil and good of exchange definitions, perilous times have come, much of the church is defective from the truth. We can check all these boxes, all of them have happened. But what we needed was a device-oriented society that is going to look at a screen, maybe no bigger than a phone or an iPad or even a TV screen, and see the image of one who once was dead that is now alive and the whole world is going to worship him. So I think this is big news as far as it relates to Bible prophecy.

JAN: Totally agree.

AMIR: I think Apple is about to release, and Google has already, smart glasses. You won't even need your phone anymore. In fact, everything you will see through those glasses is what your phone would have to show you anyway. And so we might even be there in two, three years where it's not a computer screen anymore. We are wearing the glasses that will show us that image and you don't even have to rely on that. Go ahead.

JAN: I think, too, Amir, and building on what Pastor Barry has said here, remember, the Antichrist is going to be in charge of all buying and selling. I mean, just comprehend that for a moment, *all* buying and selling. And how efficient a form of artificial intelligence will be able to help him do all that control of the buying and selling. And the Antichrist could exist everywhere, as he already said, digitally, which I think is the most intriguing concept that we're talking about. How the

Antichrist can appear digitally in a thousand places at once, thanks to, and again, goes back to that image of the beast. I mean, this is huge. This is just huge.

AMIR: It is. Pastor Mike, so apart from the end-times tribulation-related aspects that AI is going to affect so much, what are the dangers of relying on AI even today in your mind? I mean, do you think, are we creating stupid people just by ways of thinking that the artificial intelligence is the intelligence that they need to glean from?

MIKE: Well, stupidity certainly is a possibility, but a lot of stupid people that are by default stupid will choose to use this to take the path of least resistance. And we're seeing this in universities and colleges where they'll generate a paper from AI, and colleges have responded with a system called "Turn It In." Turn It In is something that a lot of the professors are requiring students to submit, and it utilizes AI back on them. And so back in the old days, remember the Dewey Decimal System, when you have to go to the card catalog in the library and sweat for your paper and write it on a swing arm typewriter? Those days are done. I will say this. You mentioned that it is a great tool for research as long as the research is your own thinking. So, for example, if I use AI, whether it's Chat GPT or Gemini, which is Google, I can actually have them answer my question. And if I read the question, I have to maintain a critical and biblical mind to be able to filter what it produces, and I can use some of that material for my own use. I'm not sure a lot of people are doing that. It is a shortcut. It is a lazy path, and it can be a tool for cheating as well.

AMIR: Yeah. Yeah. Reliance on AI definitely can make you feel like, "Well, I asked somebody who knows everything, so it must be true." You know, so many times I corrected both Grok and Chat GPT. I'm getting to learn Gemini right now, so we're not yet good friends. But all my point is that I have to correct them for giving me false information. I asked the question knowing what the answer is, just to see what the answer will be. And of course, remember, they go, they sweep

through websites and through Wikipedia. Wikipedia is being rewritten as we speak right now. Anti-Israel elements and Qatari-funded people are now re-editing everything when it comes to the history of Palestinians, the history of the land of Israel, the Gaza War. So, you can imagine that if somebody in Nicaragua, Venezuela, I don't know, who has no idea what's going on here, if he relies on AI to understand what's going on here and all he does is sweep through Wikipedia, for example, he's going to get the wrong answer anyway. So we have to be very careful and also think out of the box. I know that there are some initiatives to create an alternative to Wikipedia and alternative websites that are with the truth about, at least about the Middle East, about the conflict here and about all of that, the more we create that, the more sources we can have available for AI to go through. But we have to be very, very careful. People must do their own research and not rely on every word that comes out of the AI-generated search engine that we have nowadays. And it's very, very scary to see all of that going on. Before we move to the questions, anyone want to add something?

JAN: Yeah, I would because I have a quote here that's intriguing. And it says, "Young people are particularly drawn to artificial intelligence. Some of them will tell you they can get an answer more quickly from AI than they can from God." Now, we need to ponder that for a moment because young people are being drawn, obviously, to the dark side of what we're talking about. And I consider that to be a very scary concept that I just repeated there.

BARRY: Yeah, one of the AI operating systems is called Python. And I think maybe that's a bit of a tell there. [Laughter]

JAN: Yeah, great.

AMIR: All right, so let's move to the section of the questions and answers. All right, Pastor Mike, take the lead.

MIKE: Yes, it really helps, my friends, when you ask your question with your names, we can address you personally; all questions related to AI, the Bible, and the end times. Our first question, and let's throw this up on the screen when we have time here. It's actually a very forthcoming question. And it's kind of a yes or no, but we want to unpack this. And I'm going to address you, Pastor Barry. Greg is asking this. "I've heard Christians say AI is demonic, like intrinsically demonic. While the people programming it could certainly have evil intentions and be used by Satan so that AI is then used for the devil's purposes. Is AI intrinsically demonic?" We kind of implied the answer earlier, but can you unpack? A lot of our followers do not really know how to think about it, and a lot of people think in absolutes. So what do you say?

BARRY: Yeah, Mike, I think like we mentioned earlier, it's kind of, it's like money, it's like the social media platforms. It is what the human makes it into. And yeah, there could be evil intentions, and those who have generated this particular technology, they could obviously, as you see this, former Google employee who created this digital deity, his intentions are clear. He's atheist and moving people away from God. So, but the mechanics or the technology is neither good nor evil. It's just technology. And it's what you do with it, I think, that makes it either one or the other. Now, I think it's very purposeful in the timing of its creation to advance the Antichrist's agenda, as we talked about earlier. And it is very, very likely the device that's going to be used to generate this image. I think some of the things that people worship in Revelation 13, I think one of the things that has been just amazing in the last 12 to 14 months is some of the imagery that is being created. And I think you alluded to it, that it's enhancing the porn industry through digitally created imagery of people in positions and clothing and apparel that generates basically the same type of response that regular pornography does. So the technology is amazing. And some of these images are... you can't tell really that it's not real, but I think there again, I think we need to be careful

about the proverbial “throwing the baby out with the bathwater.” But I think we would have to offer an extreme caution warning regarding AI as a whole.

MIKE: So, Pastor Barry, I just want to throw this at you, put you on the spot just a little bit. What role does AI play in your ministry, if any? Just curious, because a lot of people are trying to figure out, okay, should I approach this with how much on the caution meter should I approach this whole thing? What value is it? Maybe you can give us some of the ways that you use it, if any.

BARRY: I’ve never used it. And the reason I say that is because I believe God wants to speak to the people that I have the privilege to teach, He has something specific that He wants to generate through *my* efforts and *my* study. And I like Amir, I could probably use some grammar help, in some of those times. I think there’s great value in that. But as far as generating content for a sermon, I would issue the most severe warning about doing that, because AI does not have the Holy Spirit. I know the King of kings and Lord of lords, and I believe He has called me to communicate the truth of His Word. And AI has no discernment whatsoever. And God has given all of us His Holy Spirit, which gives us an *extreme* advantage as it relates to communicating Biblical truth over anything generated artificially. So it plays a zero role in the creation of the sermons that I give at the church.

MIKE: Because I would imagine when you’re putting your outline together, you struggle. It’s kind of like a beautiful birthing process, and you’re in communication with God, and thoughts come to mind, illustrations, even outlines come to mind. And so, what I’m hearing you say is that if you take the shortcut and try AI to do all that, you end up being just a relay of data, and that’s powerless. That’s a very, very good point....

AMIR: I just want to add that not only sermons should not be written with AI, but I don’t know if you know that I’m in the book-writing arena, and if you write a book with AI, you will not have

the rights to that book. And you can fight in court and lose, because it's not you who wrote it. And there are a lot of programs that can easily detect that it was written with AI. So not just sermons that should not be, I think, written with AI, even the books that you read, teaching books, or sometimes they're fiction books. That's what makes a writer a writer. And again, the only time I use AI is on Telegram when I'm writing news and I need better grammar. I take what I wrote, I write grammar help, and I put what I wrote, and it fixes maybe it adds a comma here, a dot here. That's it. Not much. But this is where I just want to write it. English is not my mother tongue. But even in the book writing thing, it's illegal to write. When I say illegal, I mean, yeah... but it's not plagiarism because you don't copy it from a person, but it's not yours. And because it's not yours, you cannot have copyright. And that's why it's not exactly copying from someone else as much as it's not yours so it's not your book. And that's why I hope it will stay like that, because then we can trust that the books that we read are actually books written by real people and not by some AI-generated machines.

JAN: Yeah. I think we should, if I could just throw out a caution to the viewers, because every one of your viewers currently spends a lot of time on YouTube. And I want to tell you how many YouTubes right now are artificial intelligence. [AMIR: Correct]. You would be shocked. You would be shocked. And people are being fooled because they're not aware enough of the topic we're talking about to even understand that such a thing exists on the Internet prominently on that platform. I've been fooled once or twice, but now I've got it figured out. And I mean, it's a serious issue on YouTube.

AMIR: I agree.

BARRY: So coming here, there was a remember that video that was created that sent shockwaves to the Christian world of a conversation that you and I never had. [Laughter]

JAN: Yeah.

AMIR: Yeah. That's the fun side of it, unfortunately. Yeah.

MIKE: But let's throw let's throw this one out. Jan, what do you think about Gisselle's question? Let's throw that up on the screen. "Given today's technology and global organization, how fast do you think the Antichrist will rise after the rapture? Do you think AI will have any role in advancing the Antichrist's status?"

JAN: Possibly. Again, I think the intriguing angle is that the Antichrist could exist again everywhere and anywhere digitally at the same time. I think he's going to arise almost instantly after the rapture. Because I think after the rapture, there's going to be such chaos in the world, if we don't have a man with a plan and a Mr. Fix-it coming on the scene, the world will go into complete meltdown and panic. So he'll come on, I believe almost immediately. But again, I believe one of his primary tools again, going back to I believe this is probably the second-most important sign of the last days, what we're talking about today. And I think that AI will manage it. He'll manage the Antichrist agenda. He'll manage it perfectly. And it's global, remember. It's the whole world. It's not one country. It's not Europe. It's the *whole world* he has to manage.

MIKE: Amir, two people have actually asked this question. So we're getting a two out of one on this one. And Tammy articulated it very well. You know, you look at Revelation 13, which we've referred to at least twice that I've counted here, specifically verse 15, where it says, "And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast." Could this be referring to AI? Why or why not?

AMIR: Again, Mike, for example, when you put AI-generated glasses on you, and that's your means of communication, you're going to see stuff that they want you to see. And you're going to experience things that they want you to experience. There's going to be so much deception, but not just deception, but also satanic-supernatural activity. Remember, one of the things that I believe

the church is slowing down or at least restraining is a supernatural effect of Satan. I think that once we're out of here and once us, with the Holy Spirit that is in us, we're gone, we're going to see an unleash... We're going to see a lot of strange [phenomenon] that are basically satanic and aim to deceive people. And that's one of those things. And I think AI will help people believe that indeed that deadly wound eventually is not killing him forever, but he recovered and he is alive again.

And look at that: Satan is always trying to mimic God. He wants to be like God. So if Jesus, for example, if Jesus was crucified and died, then He resurrected. Then let's have another one that can be killed and then resurrected. And it's also, remember, for example, Jewish people, when they pray, they have the phylactery on the arm and between their eyes right on their forehead. So guess what? The sign of the antichrist, that sign, that mark of the beast will be on the arms and between the eyes, just like that. So it's always a way to look like God and to try to mimic things of God. And remember, the aim is eventually people will worship him as God. I mean, we read from 2 Thessalonians that he will enter into the temple of God, and exalt himself above all things that are of God, and declare himself as God. So the idea is not just to be worshipped as God, but to act like God and to act like the one that is the true God. So yes, AI is definitely, I believe, is definitely going to help the deception that will lead towards that thing. So, there will be supernatural phenomena and AI will help people see it and believe in it from every little corner around the world.

MIKE: Right. So you're saying that the power, the spiritual power has existed like demonic power. And it's the AI that harnesses the information and creates the following while you have a fake trinity, a fake death and resurrection. And I like how you articulated that whatever God has said, it's the devil that does the exact opposite. And it's not like he's original or necessarily creative. He's just a fake.

AMIR: He wants to be *like* God. Remember, he wants to be... he envies God, wants to replace God, wants to be like God. It's not even original if you really think about it. And so, yeah, those who know the truth cannot be fooled. But there are those that can easily be fooled. They believe the lie. And so if there is one thing we know, it's the whole thing is one big lie, and people will buy into it. And that's very, very sad to see that.

You know, our world today, especially when it comes to how Israel is being viewed and treated, is comprised of two groups. The people that are ignorant and the people that are deceiving. Ignorant people don't know the truth, but they're buying the lie. Deceivers know the truth, but they're selling the lie. And we see that the more ignorant people are going to be, the more they will rely on the deceivers that are going to sell them the lie, and they will gladly buy it. So it's very, very sad to see people dumbing down and people relying on other intelligence of other things. And at the end of the day, they will rely on it completely and discernment will be thrown out of the window if at all it was there. And that's why once we are out of here, the level of deception will rise, the level of discernment will sink, and the level of stupidity and ignorance will reign if you really think about that.

And that's probably one of the things that makes us the light of the world and the salt of the earth; it's that we are different. We do use our brains. We do really rely on the Holy Spirit. And we do have discernment. But when you don't do that, when you don't have that, then you rely on something which is not of God. And you have zero discernment, you don't want to wait upon the Lord, you don't want to do it in prayer, and you certainly don't want to suffer at all. So, if you can avoid staying here during the tribulation, do that. It's going to be so—you will find yourself being so stupid that it will embarrass you to a certain degree. Now it's a time, today is the day of salvation. Now it's the time to still escape from all of this stupidity, all of this satanic influence,

all of these horrific things. Because remember, deception is the characteristic of the first half of the tribulation. Then comes the real heavy stuff that is going to kill millions and hundreds of millions of people. But deception is how it starts. Deception is the first three-and-a-half years. Deception is when they think there is peace, but there is no peace. When they think there is a temple, but it's not of God. When they think there is a "savior" but it's actually satanic. Deception is what the first part of the tribulation is going to be. And it's going to be based on stupidity and ignorance of people. Because we're out, we're not here, and there is zero discernment and zero understanding of what's going on. And that's why the two witnesses and 144,000 will have a lot of work to do during that era of so much deception and so much ignorance.

MIKE: Yeah, speaking of deception and ignorance, Jan, I just want to move over to you before we put up Vicki's question, team. Over the span of the last months, we've had ICE here in Minneapolis, Jan, and a lot of AI-generated videos of people arresting ICE or beating ICE up. And then people were taking this as if it was true. Can you imagine? People actually, police, Minneapolis police, arresting ICE officers. And huge chats. "Way to go, city of Minneapolis, way to go people." And this was all AI-generated. And it's shocking how people want to believe the delusion, the lie. Where do you think this comes from? I mean, Amir said clearly that as a non-believer, they're by default unable to discern with the power of the Holy Spirit. But where does all of this hatred for righteousness come from? Before we get to Vicki's question, which is relevant to that.

JAN: Don't you think it's what the Bible refers to as a strong delusion of the last days? I mean, I see this every day, incredible strong delusion, including with what you just referenced. Because we had to watch this for four, five, six weeks, right? Almost literally outside our windows. But the verse that comes to mind to me is, "See that no one deceives you." Which is just going crazy. And

particularly with AI, “See that no one deceives you.” And again, the strong delusion. And the verse that comes to my mind in the Bible is God’s reaction to all this. And that is, God sits in the heavens and laughs at these people. He laughs at these people who are making this artificial intelligence. He laughs at the people who are being fooled by it, being conned by it. And He has the last say, and that’s coming, that’s coming soon.

MIKE: So comment on this, please. Let’s throw Vicki’s question up now. This is an interesting angle. Thank you for this, Vicki. Have you noticed AI obliterating any important news? So now we go on the other side of the equation where AI is being used to cancel. So far, humans have canceled humans. But recently we had a terrible shooting in northern BC. Nothing was searchable or on the internet until later. And I’m assuming, Vicki, they used AI for that. So it’s a very concerning thing. It seems like AI can be hijacked by cancel culture. What do you have to say about that, Jan? Where does that fit in your grid of theology and end times?

JAN: That’s an interesting concept I hadn’t really thought of. I think it’s a good warning if AI is literally obliterating important news. Again, that will be very convenient for the Antichrist because he’s going to have to obliterate lots of things. And he can do it through this means, apparently. So that’s something to think about. I had another quote here, gentlemen. It’s just one sentence I wanted to read because again, it’s a further warning. It says, “A new report reveals how artificial intelligence programs will advise terrorists how to attack a sports venue by nuclear material on the dark web, by spyware, bombs, and more. Jihadists will use AI to plant attacks and map targets. Who could have envisioned this back on 9/11?” See how far we’ve come in 25 years. It’s truly shocking in the world of what evil might be capable of doing and pulling off. Again, the jihadists could tap into this kind of technology and probably are.

MIKE: Yeah. So it seems like everybody's getting in on this tool. Everybody. Let's put Jessica's question up for Pastor Barry. Pastor Barry, her question is this. "With Gen Z finding more and more emotional guidance, which you referenced in AI, how can we disciple them to seek wisdom from God first instead of turning to the fastest fix?"

BARRY: Mike, when these kind of questions come forward, I'm grateful for them because it gives us the opportunity to remember that the Word of God does not return void. It will accomplish the purpose of what was sent. Isaiah 55:11 reminds us. And I think this is one of the errors that the church has made throughout the more recent generations, and that is that we have to morph the message to accommodate the culture. And I always point to the parable of the soils. There're four different kinds of soils represented there, but there's only one kind of seed. And the answers for the previous generation are the same answers for this generation. Now, of course, we use the technology. We use everything that we can at our disposal to advance the kingdom and to communicate truth to them. But there is no new truth. And I think one of the things to remember is that an old adage that's floated around for a long time and that is if it's new, it's not true. And if it's true, it's not new. So we need to reach them with the same thing that reached us.

Of course, we can present it, package it in a way where there'll be a receptive to it. But the *content* has to be what it's always been. James even talks about receiving the implanted Word, which is able to save your soul. And I think again, we've become strategic and specific in our approach to them, and recognizing what it is that they're dealing with, but the answer is still the Word of God. We still reach them with the Word of God.

And I think this previous question to Jan, what about terrorists using this? The AI has no moral compass. It's information that's collected that's going to be presented to the inquirer. Whatever question was they asked, it's going to take its resource pool and it's going to give an

answer according to the information that it has. And the Bible is not like that. The Bible indeed has wisdom. And I thought it was interesting, that question a moment ago about Revelation 13 where it talks about giving life to the image of the beast. That word life is actually *pneuma*. It's talking about the spirit. It's a spiritual perception that people are looking for. So, I think there's been some interesting research done on Gen Z in particular. And we've seen this true at our church and that is that they are coming to faith. And they're coming to faith by hearing the Word of God. And they're hungry for truth. And they want to know. And one of the more interesting stats that I heard. I can't remember if it was a Pew Research group or Barna, but it was one of those. But the majority of Gen Zer's that are coming to faith in Christ are the guys. The men are coming to faith and trusting in the Lord. And I would say that this bears witness at our church too. We've got two Christian universities less than 10 miles away from us and we're seeing more and more of them sitting in the church. And we're thankful for that obviously. But one thing I think we have to be careful of is casting generations to the side. These young men and women need Jesus. And He's still the answer. So, we do the one thing Paul said that he knew, he preaches Christ and Him crucified.

AMIR: Remember, moral compass is also when it comes to death and life. And you know how many times AI advises people to commit suicide or to perform abortion and stuff like that? All of these things because they don't think about life and the importance of life. They don't think about the severity of this whole thing. So, absolutely no moral compass there. Its computer generated and if anything, it learns the pattern of the thinking of the majority of the people. Because as many people that put information in it, it turns into the truth for the AI. So, we have to be very careful. There's only one truth. There's only One giver of life. And if you blur that, you will tend to think that AI has a say in it. And it absolutely does not. So, we have to be extremely cautious.

You know, yeah, we also want, if we speak about Gen Zion, we want to let people know that—If we speak about, excuse me, Gen Z—we want to tell people that Behold Israel began a young adults initiative called Gen Zion from Gen Z. And we want to bring people back. Gen Z, we want to bring them back to the biblical truth about Israel. And the fact that Zion is not a bad word but it's actually a biblical word that is over 150 times in the Bible. And it is a God-given name to a God-given principle and a God-given promise to God-made people through which He is advancing His plans. So, we have to take it back and reclaim it and reshape this generation with the truth of the Word of God. If you get Israel wrong, you get most of the Bible wrong. And it's very, very sad.

I also want to invite people to Proximity, which will take place on March 7th (It has been postponed and the new date is May 2.) at Calvary Chapel of East Anaheim. It's actually Barry's church that puts that conference together. And you can scan the QR code on the screen right now and get your ticket as soon as possible. The ticket will include also lunch on the spot. And it's going to be a specific conference about *The Israel Decree*, one of a kind. So, please pay attention to that.

The last thing I want you to know also is that in July, we are having an Alaska cruise aboard the *Celebrity Edge*. One of the newest ships and the big one, beautiful. And we're going to have a prophecy conference there with Pastor Barry, Bob Pearl and Bob Kopney. And myself. We also



hope that Jan will join us. And we'll let you know as soon as we confirm that. But we would love to see you there with us. Not only to study the Word, to have great fellowship, great worship. But also to see you in person and get to know you in person.

Any more things that you guys want to mention before we conclude? All right. All right. So, I want to thank everybody for watching. We're going to have a Mid-East and Beyond this

Wednesday. It's going to be very, very interesting. We are approaching some very, very, very crucial days in the history of Israel and the Middle East. Stay tuned. We will give you not just news. We're not a news agency. We will connect the dots for you when it comes to the Bible. Thank you, Jan, for joining us from frozen Minnesota. Thank you, Pastor Barry from sunny California. Thank you, Pastor Mike from Minnesota as well. Thank you, everyone, for watching. Please share this video with as many people as you can. Like, share, subscribe, and comment to our video. Until next time, Shalom and good evening.

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