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Matthew 24:42 **WATCH**
yesterday's prophecy, today's reality

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Good morning and welcome to my thoughts for today. It's Sunday, March 26th. The time is 2:29 pm and the temperature is a sunny 55. Spring is moving in, and summer is around the corner.

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WHAT I'M THINKING

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The Bible tells us what will take place upon the earth but does not give the details to how these events will develop. The details are given through the developments in science, technology, politics, culture, and the morality manifested in the world. Because of this, Jesus tells us not only to focus on the things of God (pray) but also to pay attention to what has and is developing in the world (watch, Mark 13:33). Also, when Jesus teaches that certain events are the "*beginning*" of sorrows (Matthew 24:8), he indicates we can watch the final events as they develop to lead to the arrival of the Antichrist and the return of Jesus.

In this issue of *2442 WATCH* we look at developing events leading to the rise of the Antichrist and the great sorrows of the great tribulation.

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

The year was 1956. AI research was founded, and the term coined, on the campus of Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire with the prediction that a machine as intelligent as a human would exist in no more than a generation. Little advancement toward this goal took place until the twenty-first century when interest in AI exploded. As of this writing, AI has penetrated society and is in the beginning phase of impacting all phases of life. By the time the dust settles, jobs will have been lost, industries will have vanished, how we buy and sell will have gone cashless, and how life is lived will be transformed, sadly, not for the better.

The end goal is to develop a machine that has a conscious and the ability to think on its own, developing and implementing its own cold, hard, this is the way it is conclusions. In other words, a machine with the intelligence and mental capabilities of a person, but without the compassion, without a soul. Currently AI's can draw conclusions, make predictions, and make decisions, but do not yet have the human attributes of intention, motivation, or the power to implement its own conclusions. Not yet, but AI is on target for reaching this capability no later than 2030, the date set by the United Nations and World Economic Forum

for transforming the entire structure of the world economy, our communities, our culture, and even our human identities through the merging of the physical, digital, and biological worlds. The World Economic Forum's book, *The Fourth Industrial Revolution* outlines our transformation with the developing transhuman, AI world.

The goal of AI recorded in the Bible goes beyond the benevolent advancement of mankind. Its ultimate, diabolical end is to have in place some sort of image with self-awareness capable of implementing a cashless economy with the ability to identify and have others put to death who are not onboard with the new global cashless economy. This end is identified in Revelation 13:15-17 as the "image of the beast," with the beast being the realignment of all nations under ten regions. (See my book *Age of the Antichrist, ARE WE THERE YET?*). Here's how Revelation 13 describes it (emphasis added):

"And he had power to give **LIFE** unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both **SPEAK**, and **CAUSE** that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

Note the attributes associated with the AI described here. It has *life*, indicating it has a conscious and self-awareness. It could *speak*, revealing it forms its own thoughts, draws its own conclusions. It *causes*, showing that it can exert its own power to act to make something happen; in this case the killing of anyone that does not comply with the cashless economy.

The great danger of AI, and the image of the beast, is that it creates an economic system using a mark on or within the body to identify anyone who does not buy or sell using this economic technology mandated by the one known as the Antichrist. Since the Bible warns not to participate in this cashless system, the majority killed will be God's people (Revelation 14:9-10).

A couple of books you might read concerning AI and where it is taking us are: *The Age of AI* by Henry Kissinger, and *The Fourth Industrial Revolution* by Klaus Schwab.

AI has made great advancements in our twenty-first century. With the 2030 goal for the transformation of the entire world, you will see greater advancements where the difference between humans and machines will be blurred. There is a good chance you may be interacting with humanoids powered by AI any day now, and not know it. Watch the news. Pay attention to how AI will continue to infiltrate society. AI has accelerated since 2020 and will continue its super sonic leap forward as we near 2030.

As we watch world events and AI's advancement, we know it won't be long and the one called the Antichrist will appear. According to Scripture it is the Antichrist, the second beast, who gives the economic image its life. This life is most likely the power, the energy, the spirit of demons, or the Devil himself inhabiting this diabolical creation. Here's how Revelation 13:15 sees it (italics added):

"And he [the Antichrist] *had power to give life unto the image of the beast*, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed."

Our days are perilous. As it was in the days of Noah, the majority today ignores the signs of our times and mocks those who warn of the peril we're in. AI is just one more major development moving us closer to the arrival of the Antichrist, the return of Christ, and the fulfillment of the United Nations and World Economic Forum's goal to have in place the total transformation of our world no later than 2030.

Even as Jesus preached that the times are fulfilled, God's kingdom will soon be here, and we need to prepare by believing Jesus and repenting of our sins; so should we. We are 2000 years closer to the end of our present age than when Jesus warned us to prepare. How much more urgent should our warning be?

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Boiling Frogs

Everything I mention in this issue is comparable to boiling water in which Americans adjust to, instead of getting out of. Eventually the events we are swimming in will destroy everything we equate to life, even life itself.

Like the proverbial frog in a pot of boiling water, Americans adjust to their destructive environment never realizing their danger until it's too late. Most are too comfortable in the moral depravity, economic chaos, and cultural decline to see their danger. For some, they feel the heat and remove themselves from further harm at the cost of going against what is viewed as normal and nothing to be concerned about.

In a Biblical context this is called deception. Jesus warned of deception, and the Apostle Paul indicated that the majority will be deceived (2 Thessalonians 2:3). This deception will lead you into eternal death unless you recognize your danger, remove yourself from the practices and direction of our culture, and warn others of the danger they are in.

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Cashless

Even a decade ago most could not imagine a world without cash. Thanks to COVID-19, a cashless society is now seen as an inevitable reality where more people are gravitating toward cashless payments. To help the masses move in this direction, all types of incentives, loyalty rewards, discounts, and such like are offered to encourage greater use of cashless transactions.

COVID-19 accelerated the global transition to cashless transactions and the momentum has not slowed as more businesses and countries entertain and implement cashless technology such as self-checkouts, credit card uses, debit balances, digital currencies, and similar technologies. It is predicted that cashless transactions will increase more than 80% from 2020 to 2025 and even triple or be completely cashless by 2030. The bottom line is, we are on track to reaching the United Nations and World Economic Forum's goal of being cashless no later than 2030.

The Bible forewarned that global, cashless transactions would replace all forms of physical transactions. Eventually the law will mandate that you take some sort of identification number in or on your body as the only means to buy, sell, or make any type of transaction. Here's how the Bible puts it in Revelation 13:16-18:

“And he causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that has understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.”

This system is now being set in place. After it is in place, the one called the Antichrist will then make it law that all forms of transactions—including gold and silver—will be illegal except this new global, cashless system. Noncompliance will mean the loss of everything and eventually death.

The goal is to have it all in place no later than 2030. As of this writing we are on the fast track to reaching this date. In the meantime, between now and 2030, you will continue to be compelled to give up your cash by offering you discounts, cashbacks, loyalty rewards, free stuff, and all types of ways to compel you to stop using cash. In this way, cash users are being penalized. It wouldn't surprise me if one day soon we are charged a transaction/handling fee when cash is used.

Today we are transitioning from cash. Cash can still be used. It will be harder to use as more businesses refuse cash transactions and the benefits of using cashless transactions become more tempting. The use

of cash will not completely vanish until the one called the Antichrist is in authority and mandates cashless transactions as the law of the land.

Enter FedNow. As I was writing this issue, FedNow became the hot news topic. FedNow is the infrastructure that will be used in July to allow for real time, instant transactions. In its March 15, 2023 press release titled, **Federal Reserve announces July launch for the FedNow Service**, it states that the FedNow system will be tested by several service providers in April to fine tune and work out any bugs. It will then be implemented through all government agencies: military, social security, and any transaction the government is involved with. All financial institutions, service providers, and corporations are encouraged to enroll in the system. In its press release it states:

“Through financial institutions participating in the FedNow Service, businesses and individuals will be able to send and receive instant payments at any time of day, and recipients will have full access to funds immediately, giving them greater flexibility to manage their money and make time-sensitive payments. Access will be provided through the Federal Reserve's FedLine® network, which serves more than 10,000 financial institutions directly or through their agents. For more information, visit FedNowExplorer.org.”

Sounds like a great system until you realize, as the *Washington Standards* headlines shouted out on March 20, 2023, *FedNow Instant Payments Are Coming & CBDCs Will Follow*. In other words, the FedNow system puts in place the infrastructure necessary to eliminate cash and roll out cashless transactions. It is the train track that the cashless economy will ride to transform the world's economies. The cashless economy is no longer coming, it is here. I mean, like, really here. I encourage you to research the FedNow system for yourself. It is coming in July and as it continues to permeate our financial institutions, social providers, and corporations, it is going to affect you, like, big time. Pay attention, from this point forward, to those letters and notices you get from your financial institutions, utility companies, etc. announcing changes. Pay attention to Wal-Mart and other chains in how they receive your money for services. As Bob Dylan sang out, “the times they are a-changin’,” and from this point forward those changes will take place even quicker.

The day is coming when you will have to decide to take a cashless mark or not be able to buy or sell, pay bills, pay mortgages/rent, go to the hospital, etc. To take the mark is to submit yourself to the Antichrist and to reject God. The Bible encourages the rejection of this economic mark. Faith is obeying God regardless of the earthly, physical costs we may soon experience. Faith is understanding that the inheritance and glory that will be given to us is much greater than any loss or suffering we may endure in this life (Romans 8:18).

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Drones

The Russia-Ukraine war has made war drones everyday news. The masses have been introduced to a new era of warfare. Using drones for war is still in its infancy but be assured that as its technology becomes more sophisticated, we will see hundreds and thousands and tens of thousands being used. Along with their quantity, their destructiveness will also become more deadly.

This brings me to a very vivid, prophetic dream I had on April 7, 1980. Here it is as I wrote it then:

“In this dream I was standing outside of The Salvation Army by their shelter entrance talking with Ed. This day was a day of clouds: thick, low, rolling clouds. I was relating this dream to Ed, and as I was speaking of the planes, we were looking into an opening in the clouds and saw planes, multitudes and multitudes of planes so thick that the sky could barely be seen. Whether these planes were American or foe I knew not, but Ed and I knew what they meant—America had entered war.

On waking up I felt uncomfortable in mind and spirit. I had pressed heavily upon me that America shall be involved in another major war and this will be for my eyes to witness.”

At that time, forty-three years ago, drone technology was reserved for dreamers and the works of science fiction. To consider, even today, tens of thousands of manned airplanes is inconceivable. But to consider that one day tens of thousands of inexpensive, unmanned drones would one day release their destruction from American skies is more than conceivable.

Could we wake up tomorrow and see our skies darkened with hostile drones? No. But within the next seven years the technology, sophistication, and ability to mass produce such a multitude is more than enough time.

Currently America has tense relations with Russia, China, and middle eastern countries. Each of these play a major role in final end-time events. Any one of these could use drones on America. We know that as we draw closer to the arrival of the Antichrist and the return of Christ, world power will return to the middle east and America will be brought to her knees, losing her place as a world power. With the United Nations and World Economic Forums’ goal to have the world transformed no later than 2030, a lot will be taking place between now and then to ensure America’s destruction. Drones seems a logical step to facilitate America’s end.

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Gay/Lesbian Infiltration

The gay/lesbian culture has infiltrated all aspects of culture. Young and old. Rich and poor. Politics, religion, our universities, our elementary schools, and you name it and chances are they have poked their head in preaching their sexuality is healthy and just another viable alternative relationship between people. The real truth is that ‘gay/lesbian participants reported more acute mental health symptoms than non-gays and lesbians as well as more acute physical symptoms and chronic conditions as reported by the American Journal of Public Health (see link below).

The greater concern of this infiltration is that it reveals God’s patience is running out on our nation and He is ready to let our nation be overtaken by all kinds of depravity and violence before He permits another nation to destroy us. See my article, [Sin’s Progression](#).

Like it or not. Believe it or not. America is standing on the edge of destruction, like, in my life time and I am currently in my seventieth year. There is hope for America, if, as a nation, we repent of our sin. Unfortunately, even though I think it’s possible, I don’t think it’s probable that repentance will take place.

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Lest We Forget

Jesus knew the beginning from the end and the direction the world would take from beginning to end. He gave us insight to the events leading to earth’s final seven years. He called these events the “beginning” of sorrows (Matthew 24:8) and taught that the generation in which these events take place is the last generation the world will see. We are the “This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled” that Jesus spoke of in Matthew 24:34. The events he spoke of that lets us know when the final generation is here are (Matthew 24:7-8):

nation against nation
kingdom against kingdom
famines

disease
earthquakes

These events have always been with us throughout history, somewhere. What makes them signs of earth's final years is that they will be global, no longer isolated to one continent or nation, nor will their great intensity only appear once every 100, 50, or 10 years but will become everyday events and their destructive impact will affect all, causing us to live daily under their shadow and threat.

These events and the uncertainty, chaos, and destruction they bring paves the way for the one called the Antichrist. As we continue toward 2030 and the fulfilling of the United Nations and World Economic Forum's *Agenda 2030* goals, we will see these increase in frequency, intensity, and destructiveness. Sadly, many of these will be caused by the globalist power players who themselves are influenced by the demonic principalities and powers that influence the world's direction (Ephesians 2:2, 6:12; 2 Corinthians 4:4).

The future from this point forward will see increasing troubles. Even as the sun rises and the rain falls on both the good and evil (Matthew 5:45), so will earth's great troubles impact the saint and sinner alike. As the previous verses indicate (Matthew 5:38-44), no matter how bad things may get, hold on tight. Resist the temptation to return evil for evil; go the extra mile, love your enemies, do good to them that hate you, pray for them that despitefully use and persecute you. Don't give up your faith, continue to do the works of a Christian even more during these difficult times, recognizing that those treating you horribly are in need of the hope and salvation that you have (Hebrews 10:25).

Times are tough and will continue to get tougher. The world needs your message of hope and salvation through Jesus. If you who have the message don't speak it to others, they will not hear the message that can bring them comfort when things seem almost hopeless.

Nations Aligned

It is no coincidence that Great Britain, the United States, Russia, Islam, and China are all on the world stage at the same time as powerful empires. Each of these are identified in the Bible as the final end time empires in the book of Daniel.

Great Britain and the United States are identified as the leaders developing the agenda and moving the nations toward international governance, a global cashless economy, and the putting in place the final events necessary for the arrival of the one called the Antichrist.

Russia is identified as the empire instrumental in transferring world power back to the middle east through their military encroachment into other nations and alliances with the middle eastern Islamic nations.

The **middle eastern nations** are identified as developing into the body of the international government to which Great Britain, the United States, Russia, and all nations will be connected. Let me speak in clearer language: all nations are moving toward being connected to and submissive to this middle eastern Islamic beast/empire. It is out of this new world order that the Antichrist arrives and is given authority over this new world order.

China is identified as the exception to Islam's dominance and eventually is a military threat to the Antichrist's authority.

Israel, in many ways, is the passive player in the world's mess. Her neighbors are in ongoing conflict with her wanting her land and her demise as a nation. She would prefer to be left alone, but her neighbors force a reaction from her as she seeks to protect and keep her small piece of real estate. Even so, it's an important piece of real estate in the spiritual war: if the Antichrist can rule over Jerusalem to sit on David's throne he fulfills his dream of being as God, usurping Jesus' rightful place on the throne.

The Antichrist's overall goal is to bring peace between Israel and her neighbors, rebuild the temple, sit on the throne in the temple as god, and then seek to destroy Israel and all God's people through the great tribulation.

Pay attention to the news. Pay attention to how these empires continue to dominate the news. Pay attention to the intermingling of Great Britain, the United States, Russia, and the Islamic nations for the good and the bad as they move all nations toward international governance, a cashless economy, and the rise of the Antichrist. As we continue our move toward 2030 the intensity between these empires will become more intense, more intermingled, and more destructive.

These glimpses are taken from my book, *age of the Antichrist, ARE WE THERE YET?*

[Here's a link to my free e-book](#) and a [Second link to the chart, The Prophetic Timeline](#)

Preparations

Since COVID-19, advancement toward a cashless economy has moved at break-neck speeds. Along with it has been the increase in natural disasters and in overall depravity and chaos.

Currently we are in a transitional period. We have a little time to prepare. Most important is looking at who we are as a Christian.

If you are not already living in the disciplines of Christianity, now is the time to do so. Being truly Christian will get us through the tough times ahead, even if we walk through the valley of the shadow of death to meet Jesus himself..

To be truly Christian is to be transformed from head-to-toe, inside and out. It is to love God with all your mind, body, and spirit. This takes place when we are proactive, with our hands to the plow living the Christian life.

Ask yourself: Have I truly given my life to living Christianity?

Consider this: God created us with a mind, body, and spirit. Giving these to God is to give our all to God...but have we? (Hebrews 4:12)

Mind Transformation. To love God with all our mind is to be transformed by the renewing of our minds, to take every thought captive, to think upon the good, honorable, lovely, etc., and to actively search out the things that belong to God. As our minds are transformed, God keeps us in perfect peace. (Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Philipians 4:8; Colossians 3:1-2; Isaiah 26:3)

How much of your mind is given to the pleasures of this world instead of God? Repent!

Body Transformation. To love God with all our body is to discipline our bodies through fasting. Consider fasting as the removal of food, thoughts, actions, etc. in favor of something greater.

Jesus expects us to abstain from food periodically to keep the affections and lust of the body from controlling us. Food is essential to our existence. Going without food is a discipline placing our focus on something greater than food and life itself. Continual fasting from the desires and pleasures of the flesh also places our focus on that which is greater than the pleasure we get from the things of this world. (Matthew 6:16; John 4:32; Galatians 5:24; 1 Corinthians 9:27)

How much of your body is given to its desires and affections? Repent!

Spirit Transformation. To love God with all our spirit is to bring our human spirit under the control of God's Spirit. Our emotions come out of the spirit and the spirit puts into action the thoughts and emotions. When God's Spirit of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and self-control

controls our spirit there is no room for the spirit and actions of anger, jealousy, depression, sexual immorality, etc.

If we live in God's Spirit, we need to discipline ourselves to make sure we also walk in God's Spirit by saying no to those emotions and actions which do not belong to God. (Galatians 5:18, 25)

Prayer is the discipline given to us to connect our human spirit with God's Spirit. It is expected that we pray on a daily basis. Jesus indicated this when he taught his disciples to pray: "give us this day our daily bread." Jesus also taught his disciples that we should pray always and not give up. (Matthew 6:11; Luke 18:1)

How much of your spirit is given to the emotions and activity of God's Spirit? Repent!

It's often said that if we are the Christian we should be today, we will be the Christian we should be tomorrow. That's a true statement. The problem is too many think they are Christian when they do not practice Christianity. They look like a Christian but do not have the power of God's Spirit to be Christian.

Jesus taught, in Matthew 6:25-34, that we do not need to worry about even the lack of essentials for staying alive when we are proactive in our Christianity by seeking first God's kingdom and living righteousness.

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Revivals

Events taking place on the Asbury College campus and the release of the movie, *Jesus Revolution*, has renewed interest in revivals but has not fanned into flame true revival.

Since I was a kid the denominations have always spoken of a coming revival that would wake up God's people. So far that revival has not come and will not come until after the one called the Antichrist has arrived. Here's what I wrote in my book, *Revelation and the Age of the Antichrist*:

"As amazing as this may sound to us now, the church and Israel will have the power to stop rain from falling, turn water into blood, and bring a variety of plagues upon the earth as often as they choose (Rev. 11:6). This power given to Israel and the church is also spoken of in Daniel 11:32 as "exploits" and spoken of by the prophet Joel in Joel 2:28-30 as the pouring out of the Holy Spirit. This pouring out of the Holy Spirit is the great awakening/revival that God's people have anticipated and talked about for a long time, yet has not taken place. There will be no global reawakening until after the Antichrist is on the scene. Even then it will not be the hopeful, world changing mass revival that so many are looking for. It is through the fire that God's people are purified and filled with power like it has never experienced in all of church history. This earthly revival will take place during the global holocaust of God's people."

Instead of going here and there running after revivals, remain where you are. Seek for that personal revival and transforming fire of God's Spirit. Only when we, the individual, embraces the Holy Spirit will there be a revival of any size. Here's a verse of a hymn I've embraced:

Burning, burning, brightly burning,
Brightly burning Fire divine,
Satisfy my spirit's yearning.
Fill this empty soul of mine.

[Here's a link to my free e-book](#)

2442 Watch is published and written by Steve Magill, unless otherwise noted. Its purpose is to have a place to park various thoughts concerning last day events affecting our present age. It's publishing frequency will be whenever I have a couple of pages of thoughts to share. Will that be tomorrow? Next week? Next year? It will be some time, just don't know when. The good news is, this one is hot off the virtual press.

*"Watch therefore, for you do not know
what hour your Lord is coming"
Matthew 24:42*

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