

E-Prophecy: Technology in Bible Prophecy



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Narrator: Thank you for tuning in to another edition of Prophecy Update. Our host Bill Salus will be discussing technology in these end times and how it relates to prophecy with Technology Minister Nathan Jones of Lamb & Lion Ministries. Let's join Nathan and our host Bill Salus as they get into this most interesting topic for today.

Bill Salus: Welcome to another edition of the Prophecy Update Radio Program whereby we intend to authenticate the sovereignty of God through Bible Prophecy by telling you what Bible prophecy has to say about these last days. And I am your host Bill Salus, and I am delighted to have with me today Nathan Jones of Lamb & Lion Ministries. Nathan how are you?

Nathan Jones: I am doing great Bill, good to be here.

Bill Salus: Good, thanks for joining us on the program today. Today we're going to be talking about Nathan's special area of expertise and that is technology in the end times. Nathan is the Web Minister at Lamb and Lion Ministry and Nathan is full-time staff, he answers a lot of questions and e-mails that come through to Lamb and Lion Ministries. Of course that is the ministry founded by Dr. David Reagan just a wonderful ministry for you to go to if you have end time prophecy questions as I often do and I send them to Nathan for his responses. Nathan before we get into our topic today, how can people get in touch with you and your ministry and submit e-mails to you with questions, and things like that.

Nathan Jones: Certainly our primary outreach over the internet is www.lamblion.com, you remember Jesus came first as a lamb, as a suffering servant, He is coming back as a lion, a roaring King, so to help you with the order of that domain name, lamblion.com, on it we have tons of articles, our TV show *Christ in Prophecy*, I think I last count 130 some episodes you can watch. We podcast which is getting mp3's out on your iPod or mp3 player. We have a blog called the *Christ in Prophecy Journal*, we have a Facebook group, there is almost 4,000 people who sit there and talk about Bible prophecy and lift each other up, especially people in countries where there is no real solid churches and there is no real way to share Bible prophecy, the love of Bible prophecy and they get to do that through the Christ in Prophecy group. I even twitter, we twitter and give updates on Bible prophecy, so that is the place to go if you want to reach me and you have a question about Bible prophecy, just click the contact us button. Also in Facebook if you are part of the group and you have questions or leave comments on the blog you can do that too. And I will answer the questions or we have some really dedicated very knowledgeable volunteers that can help and answer those questions as well on the Facebook group. So I invite you to come to lamblion.com and get to know you.

Bill Salus: And please do listeners, I go there quit frequently. Nathan and I exchange e-mails a couple of times a week I would say, right Nathan?

Nathan Jones: Yeah, definitely.

Bill Salus: And we share and brainstorm on important end time prophetic topics. Daniel 12:4 Nathan says, "But you Daniel shut up the words," regarding prophecy that he was given that alarmed him, end times prophecy regarding the Jewish people. "Shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall increase." Now I know that with Lamb and Lion Ministries Nathan that you are involved in these things, you are talking about Twitter, and Facebook and things like this. Do you think that when we talk about this that there could be some reference to end time technologies like the computer and the social networks that you are talking about that knowledge can be disseminated out on a wide massive scale? Do you think that might be hinted in what is being said there in Daniel 4:4?

Nathan Jones: When I went to Bible College and then to Seminary I used a typewriter to get through and to do all of my papers. And as I got into missions work and wanted to get on the mission field I learned computers and eventually went to Tech School and learned web development. And it opened up a whole new world to me about how you can get the Gospel to people around the world. I'll give you some statistics out there that in the United States almost 80% of the people in the United States are on the Internet right now, 80%. In China in just the last three years it went from 10% to 29% of the 1.33 billion population of China is on the Internet. Overall you can reach a third of the world over the Internet, through computers, and cell phones, and now tablets which are big like the iPad and the way to get the Gospel out is unprecedented. And that is on top of radio and television and communications and we've got satellite, it is just amazing. The people that I deal with everyday, my mission field now are people from all over the planet. Give you one example I've got a young guy a teenager from Saudi Arabia who wrote in he wanted to know the Gospel, but if anyone in Saudi Arabia found out that he was checking up on Jesus he would be killed. So we were able to use that technology to get him the Gospel. I have people in England and South Africa who write in saying there are no good churches; the church is almost dead it is like less than 1% evangelicals in the UK. And one of our people on it is named Suzanne she is like, "You are like my church because this is the only way I get to share fellowship with other Christians and get a good solid dose of the Gospel." So the technology is there to reach people, we talk to Atheist and Muslims and cults all the time and get to share the Gospel. People trip across our website or we go out with the newsletter that someone forwards to them and that brings them the Gospel too. So yes I would say that when Daniel is talking about the end times, excuse me when the angel to Daniel was telling him in the end times go your way, sorry Daniel you can't understand it now, but when it gets to the point when people travel incredibly well, they go to and from around the planet. And we have the technology for that. I mean with the concord what it used to take just an hour or two just to get from Europe to the United States. We've got the ability now to get the Gospel all over. I believe it was a year or two ago the Billy Graham

organization even decided that they saw the signs of the end times were coming and with the technology they devoted their whole year to getting the message of Bible prophecy out through technology.

Bill Salus: Yeah, and you know what is amazing Nathan I know that you are on a more advanced level when you are talking about those social networks. I know you really have become adept in utilizing those for the advancement of Lamb and Lion articles and work like that, Facebook and Twitter and whatnot. But you know I am astounded when I write an article or something and I'll find out that it got picked up on Joe's blog site. I mean I don't know if there is a Joe's blog site, but in other words these are just free blog sites that people pick up from like Google, Blogspot.com or whatever it is you just Google free blog spots. I have used them before that is how I started with my ministry and they are grabbing articles they are using how to post them and now you throw in Facebook and Twitter you can take and get this information out and you don't have to spend a lot of money to put something like this together it is all pretty much free isn't it for the novice.

Nathan Jones: Pretty much.

Bill Salus: Maybe those who feel compelled they would like to get their foot in the door on something like this. Speak to them for a moment.

Nathan Jones: Oh, certainly.

Bill Salus: Then I want to get more into some of the prophecy stuff.

Nathan Jones: There is a lot of fear especially among the generation that wouldn't have grown up with technology is that the technology is beyond them, that they just can't use it and figure it out. But cost wise it is either next to nothing or free like you said, Facebook, Twitter that is all free stuff. Websites are real cheap and really you can even set up website now that don't require a lot of knowledge. You can do e-newsletters where there is wizzywig editors, what you see is what you get. I know some of the other Bible Prophecy Ministers are starting use them to get their newsletter out. The technology isn't all, like back when I started 10 years ago you had to understand the code and you had to really get in there. But now it is a lot easier for people. You've got all these blogs and websites yourself Bill and you are doing a great job with that. And there is no excuse for getting on, even if you don't want to have your own material, I have people all the time from our Facebook group and on the blog who do nothing but go to different on-line forums and share the Gospel with people. One of our best volunteers she is down in Florida, a grandmother she is a gun nut, so she is on all the gun nut sites if I can use that. I have a gun, so I am supportive of that. But she shares the Gospel with people. I am amazed when I look at the statistics for our website and see sometimes people who are totally against what we stand for, there was a lesbian group for instance that had an issue with one of our issues on homosexuality, well she posts our thoughts on it and what the Bible says on it on her website and her people stampede onto our website to read about. Well I don't know if she realized it or not but she just opened the door to the Gospel to all her readership, that is the

power of the web. And then everyone can have access to that, all you have to do like you would share your faith with your neighbor next door or your family, you can just get right on-line and do the same thing.

Bill Salus: Great and a lot of these articles that you find coming out on the internet sites, they give you the opportunity to blog and make a comment. And it is the perfect opportunity to express your faith on some level depending on what the article is and how you want to comment on it. So yeah do use those opportunities dear listeners to do those types of things. Now Gutenberg came out with his printing press around the 1600's or whatnot, I don't know the exact date and that revolutionized the ability to get the Bible into different languages and to get more information into people's hands, scriptural information in people's hands. But these days there are Bible software programs, I mean I will be honest with you and I am guilty of this and I almost hate to admit it, but I seldom even open my Bible I am always opening my Bible on my computer.

Nathan Jones: Yeah, the search features are just so wonderful.

Bill Salus: When I study I study in my Parson's Bible Software there is Logo's Bible Software. What software do you folks use over there at Lamb and Lion?

Nathan Jones: I prefer biblegateway.com. It is just a website, you can get on and you can do searches by topic, by keywords, you know you pull up verses; it's got all sorts of different versions as well as commentaries built into it. It is all on-line; it's all free they just ask for a donation now and then if you are interested. There is Blue Letter Bible there is Bible.org.

Bill Salus: So you didn't even buy software, or may you have one. You prefer to use already web driven sites that are free to go to.

Nathan Jones: It's my left hand, and my right hand is probably dictionary.com to correct all my spelling.

Bill Salus: Right.

Nathan Jones: So between those two I live on biblegateway.com to help people answer questions. And you know I teach Bible Drill with the fourth and fifth graders so I can look up a verse in under 10 seconds like the best of them, so I am not worried about losing that ability. But the technology is out there that anybody can access the Bible. Having Bible's online are so wonderful because then that opens up the Bible to the entire planet. Places where Bibles are illegal like North Korea and back in the day behind the iron curtain, now through the internet they can get them and most of those sites are not blocked from what I understand, even North Koreans can get to some of those websites.

Bill Salus: Right it would be very difficult to censor that out now so it does reach. And wasn't the ministry of reconciliation to get out from Jerusalem to the outermost parts of the world. That is our job as Christians.

Nathan Jones: Now I firmly believe that we will not reach the entire world with the Gospel over the internet at this time period. We do know once you get into the Tribulation though the Bible talks about the 2 witnesses in Jerusalem, the 144,000 Jewish evangelist, the angel that travels all over the world. And so the fulfillment of where Jesus says that every nation, tribe and tongue will get the Gospel is Tribulation oriented. But we can get really close now days. And again the web is limited because we only have about the 1/3 of the world accessing the internet right now according to the latest statistics. So that still leaves 2/3 of the world that aren't using it yet. You know your aborigines and your tribe's people, so missionaries I'm not saying the web should replace mission work, it is a tool within God's tool belt that He is using really mightily right now to get the Gospel out.

Bill Salus: That's a good point and you mentioned the two witnesses and I want to talk about the potential technology that surrounds events that happen to them. They are actually two witnesses in Revelation 11 who are preaching the Gospel. Some people believe that it is Moses and Elijah and we are not going to try to predict that for you in this particular conversation, but they are preaching the Gospel and the Antichrist kills them and it says, "The whole world will see this and actually rejoice." And I'll actually probably turn to that passage as we talk about it. But before I go there I want to sum up on Daniel 12:4 so we know that it probably got technological applications that knowledge shall increase as people run to and fro. But also I think; tell me what you think about this, do you think it also alludes to the fact that there will be discernment of Bible prophecies. That a generation that needs to discern those prophecies especially in the end times will see the signs around them and they will say well like for instance Ezekiel 38 and 39 Russia, Iran, Turkey, Libya, Ethiopia, a consortia or nine populations that will someday come together and invade Israel. We are seeing those relationships stronger then ever, those national relationships. We are seeing that Russia is supplying arms to almost all of the Ezekiel invaders. So we can sit there and look at these things and look at Ezekiel's prophecies and say, "Huh, this must be what Ezekiel was talking about. This could be a near event." So insights start to develop as we see the stage set around us and these relationships being formed so we can actually start to discern some of these prophecies these prophets were trying to tell us about. Is that how you see that as well?

Nathan Jones: Technology is a fruit of knowledge. And it is wonderful as one invention is created another one piggybacks off of it. I really firmly believe and especially when you read about say the people who put the atom bomb together back in WWII I mean they were getting ideas and inspirations that just seemed to come out of nowhere. So I think this huge technological shift we are seeing is God oriented, God is using it. And it is a sign of the time, it is a sign of the soon return that technology would increase. But technology is a fruit of knowledge, so where does that knowledge come from, our ability to learn. I heard one story about back in the 1800's if a person read the entire NY Times Magazine that we all the information that they would read in their entire lifetime. Today we go through, if you are a reader 100's of articles or TV shows educational TV shows or something, each day the knowledge that we are passing between ourselves and then we build off that. And our

knowledge of the Bible as all these signs come together like you said in Ezekiel 38 and 39 as the nations coalesce into what they are supposed to be as the end time players. As the European Union rises, as the Muslim nations unite, it is all coming together and we can read the Bible like ah, see now that is what Daniel wanted to know. Daniel was asking the angel, "You know I want to understand this." He said, "No it is for people when knowledge increases they'll start understanding it." And Bill I say right now today we are living in the time where we are seeing that knowledge coalesce so that when we read the Bible we are like, "Yes, that makes sense." For hundreds of years people have not understood this, Israel is a nation once more, it matters. So I think the Holy Spirit is using that knowledge again to help us understand the Bible better, which increases our faith and gets us out there using the Internet and sharing with friends to get that Gospel out in the short amount of time we have.

Bill Salus: Right and when you talk about Israel being restored as a nation, Israel is God's end time peace that is why I always look to Israel in that capacity. And we are starting to see that since Israel has become a nation, the Arabs have protested that. Well interestingly the Arabs, there is an Arab confederacy in Psalm 83. We are also seeing that Iran is trying to build the nuclear technology and Ahmadinejad has said that he wants to wipe Israel off the map, sounds like that has a potential Ezekiel 38 rendering as well. So Israel is sort of a provocateur of us understanding these types of things as well.

Nathan Jones: Exactly.

Bill Salus: Now speaking of the two witnesses in Revelation 11 we are told in verse 7, "When they finished their testimony the teaching of the Gospel in and around Jerusalem that the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit, that of course would be the Antichrist, will make war against them, overcome them and kill them. And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which is spiritually called Sodom and Egypt where also our Lord was crucified because we know that would be Jerusalem. Then those from the people, tribes, tongues and nations will see the dead bodies three and a half days and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another because these two prophets tormented those who dwelled on the earth." Because they were giving the Good News versus the counterfeit Gospel the lie of the Antichrist we are talking about prophecy that is deep into the mid-point of the Tribulation so the message of the Gospel is not received well and it says but whom? By the peoples, tribes, tongues and nations, in other words the whole world. Now Nathan in the 1800's it was commonly that this was a argument that the Bible had to be erroneous because there was no way in the 1800's the whole world could see two dead witnesses in Jerusalem for 3 and a half days. But isn't that changed now?

Nathan Jones: Oh, certainly. That story, I guess you could say it cracks me up a point, yet it is so sad as a point that these two witnesses have such a message that the entire world, I mean how evil can it be that the entire world has a party and won't even have the decency of burying them. And the Lord in front of all of them resurrects them from the dead. And it says

the whole world gets to see them come back from the dead. Now you can imagine the people in Jerusalem they are standing around might get to see him. Maybe once they are a mile up in the air the surrounding countryside sees them. But how does an entire planet see this, unless there is satellite television, and the internet, and ways that you can get pictures around. I mean sure I bet YouTube will be posting videos all over the place, "Oh, look these guys are dead, yeah." "Oh, look they are gone!" And what a testimony that will be. Besides the 3 and a half years that they will be witnessing, but that they were resurrected from the dead. And I am sure the spin will go crazy trying to explain their disappearance but it will be a sign of the time and I think many people will come to know the Lord as their Savior by their resurrection because of the technology used during that time.

Bill Salus: Right. I will imagine that some of your mainstream news medias which several of them may be still around because that would be a post Rapture event, we don't know.

Nathan Jones: Yes, exactly.

Bill Salus: Maybe Fox won't be here but maybe MSNBC will we don't know.

Nathan Jones: Definitely not World Net Daily right?

Bill Salus: World Net Daily won't be here. But that is amazing and I interpret that the same way, that the whole world will now be able to see them and whatever mainstream media is covering in operation of that time they will certainly be covering that. I mean just think about when Desert Storm hit and I believe it was around 1991 or so, I don't know about you Nathan but I was watching every possible moment that I could of the events as Iraq was firing scud missiles in Israel and George Bush Sr. was forming his coalition.

Nathan Jones: Oh, yeah I was watching with great interest because I was a senior in High School at the time. And I was expecting that it could escalate and I would be drafted or something. So I was really watching it with interest. What is interesting when we talk about technology is that we know that at some point technology will eventually no longer exist in the Tribulation. By the end of the Tribulation people are running around on horses and you hear a lot of people say, "Well that is crazy because we have tanks and all today." But it looks like the world will be so devastated there might not even be fuel for these tanks and all and the equipment that it will leave people on horses. Another thing is that the end sign of punishments is that there will be lots of solar flares and eruptions. And so when I build a web ministry and we want to leave messages behind for people, I know that the internet technology will last up to the mid-point of the Tribulation, but after that it gets a little sketchy because between the solar flares breaking up our technological ability with the satellites that we, by the end of the Tribulation I doubt there will be any technology left, or very little.

Bill Salus: Because of the destruction that goes on inside of the Tribulation like you are talking about.

Nathan Jones: Exactly.

Bill Salus: Now, there is another interesting technology. 2,000 years ago the Apostle John wrote in Revelation 13 about a cashless society that would come forth. And he says that there will be a point in time where the false prophet and the Antichrist put together a cashless system and he says he causes all both small and great, rich and poor, I am reading around Revelation 13:16, verses 16, 17 and 18, "He causes all both small and great, rich and poor, free and slaves will receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads and no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast or the number of his name." And we get wisdom here, "here is wisdom, let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast for as the number of a man his number is 666." Now of course most everybody has heard about 666, although they don't understand what is related to, but it has to do something with this prophecy here of course the cashless society. Now 2,000 years ago John trafficked in monetary currencies of denarius, right? But he is talking about something here that you know you can't transfer denarius as an implant inside of your hand or denarius inside your hand or in your forehead. He is talking about something entirely different, a mode of currency and monetary exchange, apparently cashless. That is why Mark Hitchcock set a book our recently called, *Cashless*. Do you think John was possible trying to describe a technology that could be a cashless society and is that potentially the biometric or type of cashless society that we could have at this point and time?

Nathan Jones: You can certainly control a person by their money. I mean there is no doubt, no doubt that we are moving towards a cashless society. I barely use cash, I use credit card for everything. And I know right now there is a lot of move to have something that you can just swipe something that can't be stolen, maybe it is implanted in you. There are even reports where certain stores have been trying this out to just see how it works. So we are moving into that direction, and it is a smart thing. I mean I don't want people stealing my credit cards and my identity. I don't want them stealing my wallet if there is something built into me that I can wave, or is biometric that scans my finger prints of something like that, that is a great thing. And it all has to be managed by a large database with lots of connectivity, and networking. So there is definitely a technology there. But I won't be the first to say that I think it is an RFID chip or we are all going to be running around with chips. There is a lot of people panicking out there are a lot of people panicking out there that their chip or if a bar code has 666 somewhere, "Oh, I can't buy this product." I even wrote an article that said, "Stop panicking over the mark of the beast." Because there is no way in the Church Age that we have to worry about taking the mark, this is something that the Antichrist institutes at the mid-point of the Tribulation and since the Tribulation is clearly not going on now we don't have to worry about taking it. But John is pretty specific, for one we are talking about a 1st Century man and he sees the mark on the forehead and the right hand. We are not talking about it is in the forehead or the hand, he can see it. So unless it is a big bump that is pretty obvious, but these little chips that they are coming out with are sliver thin glass that protects the component inside. So I don't think they will be visible, they aren't even visible now. You put them in animals and you don't see them on the animal. So I believe it will be a tattoo or something. Maybe it will have a magnetic inking so it can be scanned. But you can walk into a store and unless someone sees

that, they know not to sell you something or they will probably die themselves because of the Antichrist. So I believe there is probably a technology behind it, but I probably more lean on the side that I don't think it is a RDIF chip or anything like that.

Bill Salus: Right.

Nathan Jones: Yeah.

Bill Salus: Well the, first of all those types of technologies if this is what John was trying to describe are in themselves not necessarily a bad thing.

Nathan Jones: No, no.

Bill Salus: Like info pet where you put a chip inside of your poodle's neck and if Feefy gets lost, you can GPS, you can find them. Or let's say little Johnny gets kidnapped you could find him if he had some tracking mechanism. You know even your cell phones tend to have a ping that they generate where you can actually find someone. But there are actually these RFIDs I think they are, whatever they are where you can actually locate them through GPS. So the technology in itself is not a bad thing. But the usage of it to monitor all of humanity like you say from a large database and the Antichrist bids to be omnipresent perhaps which he can't be because only God is. But he can't search the hearts and minds or men and women but he will be able to track their every footstep if they have a technology inserted that he can monitor through GPS and things like that. But also just for the listeners, like you said the Church won't be here, they will be raptured prior to this so it is not a threat to them. And more then just a technology, it is a form of worship. In other words...

Nathan Jones: Oh, yeah it is a loyalty mark.

Bill Salus: It is it is a loyalty thing. But it also facilitates their ability to buy and sell. So now some other people now are saying, because you know how fast technology develops. Like you said you had a typewriter when you were in college. And I remember when I first started my business the fax machine was a big thing, now I hardly ever use it because it is all e-mail and scan, right. But so we are talking about a situation where...so where I am going with this Nathan is that when I got my first cell phone it was the size of a loaf of bread it seemed like, and I felt I could launch a rocket with it. But now I've got one that I can fit in my shirt pocket, I can Skype on I can shoot videos, I can be on the internet and can retrieve e-mails. And I'm talking this has all happened within 10-15 years. Where do you see this all going? Is it going to continue to improve to a point where we can't even imagine what it is going to end up like?

Nathan Jones: Just in the last 10 years of technology that I have been in, I have seen incredible advancements. It is impossible in the technology world even reading up on it to stay up to date. Most guys who get into technology within 3-5 years they become project managers because the technology out paces them and you have to bring in a new slew of graduates or even high schoolers in to start programming and developing. So it used to be every 3 years there would be a technological revolution, now it is every year and a half. And just recently with

the introduction of the iPad and the Tablets and the iPhones we have seen a major technological revolution of how people do computers. The desktop that sits on your desk is gone away to the laptop which now has gone to the portable devices. And keeping up with that technology is amazing. So yes when you say 5, 10 15 years from now. I checked out the 3D televisions the other day. Can you imagine if they could project that in hologram, you could be inside your television within 10, 15 years with technology increasing. But we are also seeing a slow down in technology in some areas.

Bill Salus: How so?

Nathan Jones: Space science for instance has hit a stand still. Most nations don't really want to develop it. I think Iran recently sent up some earth worms that is about high tech as we are getting. And we know that when the Tribulation comes on the world there are not people living on other planets, because it is a judgment on the world. So we know at some point Jesus has to come before we start colonizing planets. Also these special minerals the really rare minerals used to make all this technology they are running out of, and you can read that in a lot of articles. There is a big concern, where is your plasma television going to get's its specialized minerals. And China right now has a hold on that and a lot of companies are over there begging China, release your special minerals because we need to make our cell phones and televisions. So we know there is a time limit on how far technology can go based on the current materials we use to make it. Unless they can find something else, so I think that is another sign that we aren't going to see technology advance until we have replicants running around impersonating us. That our time limit on how far technology is going to reach a point where it is going to stop and definitely in the Tribulation God is going to take the technology away near the very end of the Tribulation.

Bill Salus: So are you saying that my Eight-track tape player is never going to come back into usage again?

Nathan Jones: Eight-track what Bill? What's that?

Bill Salus: Eight-track tape, you probably weren't even born when those came out.

Nathan Jones: Nah, my parents had a John Denver 8-track I remember that.

Bill Salus: Yeah, Creedence Clearwater and all those bands back then.

Nathan Jones: I still have cassettes, so that shows I know a little about that.

Bill Salus: Oh, good we can relate together then. Well Nathan it has been pleasure to have you on the program again.

Nathan Jones: Good to be here.

Bill Salus: And again get your questions over to him at Lamb and Lion Ministries that is lamblion.com, correct?

Nathan Jones: Correct, yeah.

Bill Salus: And you will get a very intelligent answer in an expedient fashion. So God bless you listener, and God bless you Nathan. Thank you for being on the program.

Nathan Jones: Thanks for having me, Bill.