

THE FAITHFUL CHURCH DISCERNS

The Faithful Church Discerns The Aspects, Elements And Trends Of The End-Time Scenario:

- 1. An Economic Trend** leading to a one world electronic currency and digital ID
 - a. The move toward a cashless society, online purchases, the monitoring and control of buying and selling; Rev. 13:15-18
 - b. The formation of a Central Bank, a digital system that can be centrally controlled
 - c. Social credit scores (allotments) are developed and will be enforced

- 2. A Political Trend** leading to a blending of nations, puppet governors and feudalism
 - a. There will be a one-world government with a one-world leader; Rev. 13:17; Dan. 7:4-7
 - b. The first Babylon is a pattern for the last Babylon; Gen.10:8-10; 11:1-6; Rev. 18:2-24
 - c. Government leaders meet to plan and implement their “global goals” and the 2030 Agenda

- 3. A Technological Trend** with men increasing in knowledge; Daniel 12:4, and many “ever learning”, but never coming to a knowledge of the truth; 2 Timothy 3:7
 - a. Technology is presently creating a surveillance state to monitor the movement of citizens, which includes the ability to track the travel, health and activities of individuals
 - b. The beast system is forming with the construction of data systems and extensive censorship
 - c. The “brain-computer interface” is already here; use of facial recognition technology, body implants connecting man to A.I. which enables thoughts to be read and controlled; Rev. 13:16

- 4. A Cultural Trend**, largely influenced by an elitist-controlled media, which is employed to condition the thinking and behavior of the masses; Romans 12:2; Eph. 4:23
 - a. People are seduced by the changing popular culture of socialism, hedonism and paganism
 - b. Foreigners bring their own standards of morality and practices from their countries of origin
 - c. The music of the pop culture has infiltrated the Church; Matthew 11:16-17; Rev. 18:22

- 5. An Ecumenical Trend** leading toward a one-world religion; Rev. 13:8
 - a. Promotion of humanism and a social gospel, “Reparation”: forced wealth redistribution (an imagined social redemption instead of individual repentance toward God); Acts 2:38
 - b. The blending of religions to form an inter-faith union of worship, which includes “Gaia” (mother goddess of Earth) and a false “peace plan”; Isaiah 48:22; 59:8; Romans 1:25
 - c. “Emergent church” offers formulas for false conversion, church growth, improved self esteem

- 6. Satan’s Modes Of Attack** are “within” (inward seduction) and “without” (outward persecution); 2 Corinthians 2:11
 - a. **As a Dragon** - he is the source of outward, aggressive persecution; he personifies the accuser of the brethren who wages war with the saints; Daniel 7:21; Rev. 11:7; 12:3, 13
 - b. **As a Serpent** - he is the spiritual seducer; the “serpent of old” beguiled and tricked the woman; his goal is to deceive, to cause God’s people to doubt God’s Word, and to twist (pervert) the scriptures; Genesis 3:1-13; Revelation 20:2
 - c. **Satan enters into the Antichrist** when he and his fallen angels are cast down to Earth; he appears as a lamb, but he speaks like a dragon. He desires worship and will persuade people to accept his “mark”, thereby “sealing” their allegiance to him; Rev. 12:4-13; 13:11-18; 14:9-10

d. As it was in the “days of Noah”- genetic manipulation, violence and lawlessness fill the Earth; Noah and his family enter the Ark; Gen. 6:1-22; 7:1; Matt. 24:37-38; 2 Peter 2:5

e. As it was in the “days of Lot” - Lot was carnal, but he was “vexed” by the grievous sin and sexual perversion of Sodom; he and his daughters were rescued by angels and escaped to a place of safety; Luke 17:28-29; 2 Peter 2:7-8; Gen. 18:20; 19:1-22

7. The Spirit Of The Age has infiltrated the Church; Jer. 7:23-31; 8:5-6

a. The spirit of antichrist is clothed as the spirit of the age (“zeitgeist”), preparing the way for the coming of Antichrist even as the Holy Spirit is preparing believers for the return of Jesus Christ

b. The trend of **occultic counterfeits**, New Age pseudo-spirituality which mimics the true gifts of the Holy Spirit, including Gnostic Mysticism, numerology, Cabala, kundalini yoga, sorcery, divination and clairvoyance (masquerading as prophecy); Isaiah 2:6; Acts 8:9-11; 16:16-17

c. The trend of **feminism** of the secular world has infiltrated the Church with its promotion of “women’s rights”; the domination of women usurping the roles of men

d. The **distorted sexuality of the world** has infiltrated the Church, which tolerates an alternate lifestyle and ordains the LGBT community; Romans 1:26-27

e. The **materialism** of the world infiltrates the Church with consumerist Christendom, mammon worship, prostitution of God’s Word through prosperity teachers; 1 Tim. 6:5; 2 Tim. 3:2

f. Obsession with **entertainment** and the “**culture of celebrity**” has infiltrated the Church

g. The **political correctness** (wokeness) of the fallen world has infiltrated the Church; James 4:4

8. The Counterfeit Aspects of those “Coming In His Name”; 1 John 4:1-6; Matthew 24:24

a. There is a counterfeit, prophetic “messenger ministry”, which is preparing the way for Antichrist (even as John the Baptist prepared the way for the appearing of Jesus). John lived a separated, holy life; he never sought to win the allegiance of the people, and always pointed men to Jesus; he was humble, faithful and frugal; Matthew 3:1-15; 14:3-12

b. Anyone who claims to bear His name (or message), but offers a different practice or theology, or anyone who attempts to imitate His deeds (perform supernatural signs), but display a different history (track record) or character (signs and wonders are never the emphasis); 2 Tim. 3:8; 4:3-4

c. Beware of “a mixture” of biblical truth and error; false prophets and teachers introduce doctrine and texts which exceed what is written; 1 Cor. 4:6; Deut. 22:11; Rev. 22:18

d. “Professing” Christians who exercise “the gifts” (give words, have dreams, visions and revelation) but are “off” in their conduct, speech or application of scripture; Jer. 23:13-32; 29:8-9

e. Hananiah was a false prophet who made a loud claim to speak for God; **he performed a prophetic act with passion**, but gave a false prophecy, causing God’s people to trust in a lie. Jeremiah confronted him, spoke the truth and gave a true prophecy; Jeremiah 28:1-17

f. Rabshakeh delivered a convincing “religious message” to God’s people (during the time of Hezekiah and Isaiah) to follow the king of Assyria; **he offers the people material incentives for them to change their theology**, and is a type of the False Prophet just as Sennacherib (the king of Assyria) is a type of the Antichrist; 2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chron. 32; Isaiah 36-37

g. Caiaphas was a high priest; he prophesied correctly, elaborated on truth in scripture, but was motivated by personal gain. He used his position to convince people to reject Jesus and proclaim their allegiance to a false one, inciting them to say “we have no king but Caesar”. He was in league with the religious and civil authorities; John 11:47-53; 18:12-24; 19:15

