



## “Convergence Before Our Eyes” Technology & Israel



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1. One more time, let's heed Jesus' warning in Matt. 24: “See to it that no one misleads you.”
2. So far, we've reviewed 4 of the 6 categories of signs Lamb & Lion Ministries lists:
  1. Nature
  2. Society
  3. Spiritual
  4. World Politics

We pointed out how these signs are increasing exponentially. Today we'll emphasize how they are converging like never before.

3. That brings us to our final two categories of signs: technology and Israel. We'll find that they overlap in unexpected and accelerating ways.

### Technology

1. Many people are surprised to learn that Bible prophecy foretold this category of signs. Clearly, some of prophecies are implied instead of overt, but you have to consider how ancient prophets would have described visions that strained their own imagination, like:

#### Positive

- Flying vehicles piloted by men
- 2 witnesses' bodies viewable by the whole world
- The proclamation of the Gospel worldwide

#### Negative

- The ability to control global buying and selling
- Mechanisms to allow one-world government
- Possible technology making inanimate objects seem lifelike

2. Although we've ascribed some prophetic fulfillments as “positive” and some as “negative,” technology in and of itself is neither.
  - We use technology every week to broadcast Christ in Prophecy TV and Radio
  - Nathan's role as an Internet Evangelist depends on the ability to connect with people around the world
3. Recently, we saw the horrific potential of modern technology to threaten an entire nation—and the potential of technology to provide defensive systems to protect innocent civilians (Israel vs. Iran). More on that later...

### Israel

1. We refer to Israel as the greatest sign of all. Why?
  - Israel stands as God's prophetic time clock
  - When Israel is back in the Land and has reclaimed Jerusalem, Jesus said the end is near



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- The parable of the Fig Tree (Matthew 24:32-33)
  - What is the meaning of the word “generation” in Matthew 24:34
2. As we said last week, in just the past 77 years:
    1. Israel reestablished
    2. Surrounded by hostile Arab nations
    3. Menaced by Russia to the north
    4. The Roman Empire revived
    5. An epidemic of wars and rumors of wars
  3. Even the recent outbreak of war is evidence that Satan is pulling out all the stops to destroy the Jewish people—thus making God a liar.
  4. There is a powerful but ironic and dangerous convergence between the Sign of Technology and the Sign of Israel:
    - The IDF has proven to be very effective at leveraging technology to defend the nation (Zechariah 12:6)
    - By reputation and proven capability, Israel has one of the most capable militaries in the region—if not the world
    - BUT, by relying on its own IDF and giving credit to scientists and technicians, Israel risks (or in fact, has) ignoring the providence and protection of God Himself
  5. Convergence is the metanarrative that is tying all the Signs of the Times together:
    - Technology offers a growing ability to predict (and a potential ability to tamper with) natural forces (think nuclear power, cloud-seeding, hurricane prediction, etc)
    - The alarming spiritual trends are being manifest in the breakdown of society, as even our own nation relives “the days of Noah” and outdoes Sodom and Gomorrah
    - Although mankind has always been in rebellion against God, Spiritual and Societal revolutions are driving the World Political scene that God’s prophetic Word foretold
    - And at the center of it all, receiving world attention far beyond its size or population would seem to merit, is Israel—the “apple of God’s eye” and the continuing target of Satan’s frenzied effort to thwart God’s End Times plan
  6. The Signs of the Times are shouting that Jesus is coming soon! God revealed these signs not just to give us intellectual knowledge, but to offer assurance, encouragement, and motivation in an increasingly dark age.  
What will YOU do with that knowledge? (Luke 21:28)