FIRST FRUITS MINISTRIES
1 Corinth. 15:20-23
An affiliate of CORNER FRINGE MINISTRIES



'Choose For Yourselves This Day Whom You Will Serve,' Redux
Andrew J. Manuse, Pastor
Sabbath Sermon 10/31/2026 for CFM

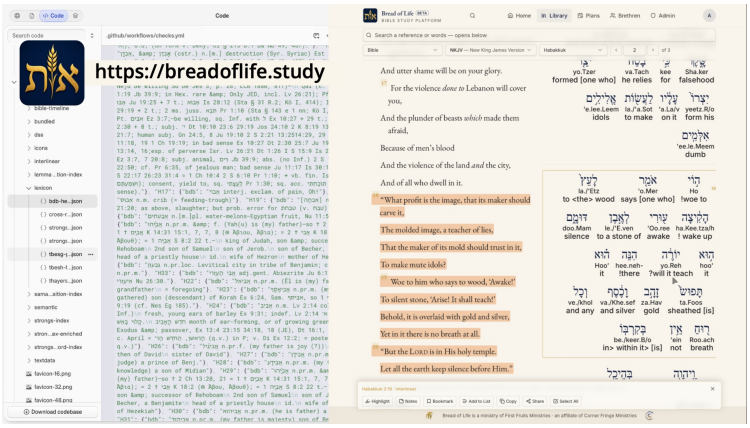
{Title slide} Shabbat shalom, brothers and sisters. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Andrew Manuse and I'm the lead pastor for First Fruits Ministries in Manchester, NH. My wife Jen is here with me, also. Our congregation is officially among the affiliates of Corner Fringe Ministries, and I want you to understand what that means to me. My family and I—our church family in New England—we consider one another and all of you in light of David and Jonathan's bond of love in 1st Samuel 18:1: Our souls are knit together in the eternal new covenant relationship we share with Messiah Yeshua. We're praying with you. We're hoping with you. We're longing for the day when we'll all be together with the LORD in His Kingdom. And "Our salvation is nearer than when we first believed." Thank you for your fellowship and also for your prayers. Thank you for your leadership in the revival of love toward God and one another through obedience to the commandments of God and faith in Messiah Yeshua. "Knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep" to "cast off the works of darkness" and "put on the armor of light," please join me in offering thanksgiving and praise to our God for the good work He's doing in our midst! Pray He continues to strengthen us so we will endure in faithfulness and encourage one another to shine the light of Yeshua in the midst of the present darkness all around us. Pray also that the LORD gives me His Word of exhortation to stir up love and good works in you today relative to the topic Pastor Daniel asked me to present. Today, at his request, we're going to talk about AI.

I first brought the matter of "artificial intelligence" to my pulpit about 14 months ago, and I know Pastor Daniel spoke to you about it this past July, so today's sermon is meant to be a redux of what we've taught. I also want to share some thoughts to help us make it in faithfulness through the days ahead—our walk is going to get more challenging, and we need to be ready. Before we get into the topic, I ought to explain my understanding of AI first. First off, at the surface it's a new technology—a new tool, really—which can legitimately be used to accomplish various practical tasks, even for

the glory of God's kingdom. I'm not going to speak against that use-case today. I use both ChatGPT and Claude as tools myself. Even still, there remains a significant risk for AI to be relied upon as a master or counselor, and such dependence presents as a type of idolatry we need to avoid. God alone is our master, counselor and deliverer.

{Next Slide 2}

Let me give you a few examples of what I mean from both perspectives. I'm bi-vocational, and so I personally use AI for work I do outside the ministry to help me analyze my clients' financial needs and handle menial tasks that used to take me forever to do and now take me mere minutes, such as collation, marketing prioritization, and the like. I also use it as a better search engine to suggest research options, to cross-check sources and facts, to find typos, to suggest possible drafting errors, to create graphic art, and importantly, I've used it extensively for coding the Bread of Life Bible Study Platform, which you can see depicted on the slide. Some of you are already using it, and if you're not, you're invited to join. If you look on the left side of the slide, that's the code behind a small portion of the app, and to the point: I can't write code. If you squint and look closely enough, you might see a few Bible references in there, but the stuff around those Bible references is gibberish to me. I can't say it's Hebrew or Greek, because I understand some Hebrew and Greek. I think it's important for everyone to study Scripture in the original languages as much as possible for proper understanding. This was actually one of the main reasons why I guided and instructed AI to write the code for this app. I saw a gap in what was available for independent and group Bible study out there, and the LORD led me to build the Bread of Life Bible Study platform using AI to enhance my own creative abilities. Here's another frame of reference: I can't attach two pieces of wood together with fasteners to build a structure without using a hammer or drill, and in like manner, I can't build software without AI. Importantly, though, once I had a prototype built for the platform, I then asked my wife who is an expert in system architecture to check the work, and she has been doing so diligently, adding that human oversight that is absolutely necessary and always will be when working with AI. I don't believe AI should ever have the last call, specifically because it does not have a soul or a

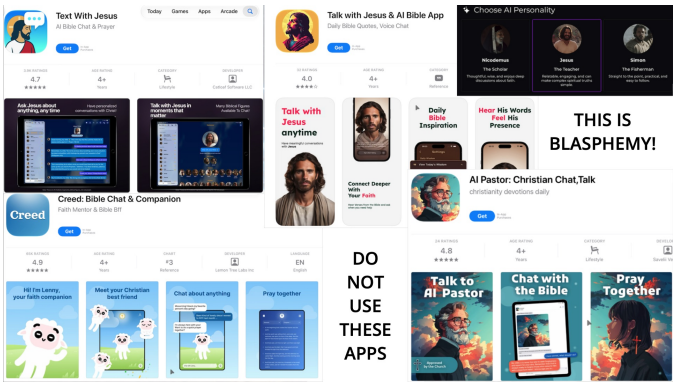


conscience, and never will. The end result of all that work, in part, is what you see on the right side of the slide—Scripture in English and the original Hebrew language alongside it to help with understanding.

Now, more to the point of today's message: The LORD has called me to be a pastor and a teacher, and I take that responsibility very seriously. We pastors will be judged more strictly, according to James 3:1. One of the most important responsibilities I have in this role is to encourage you to study and apply the Word of God to your lives. Bread of Life enables our community to do this together, with the discernment of the Holy Spirit under pastoral guidance. — AI actually doesn't play any role in that at all, and that's by design. With that being said, here's the foundational principle of today's message: I have not and never will use AI for spiritual or theological discernment or exegesis, sermon composition, Bible interpretation, theological content generation, pastoral counsel, or anything else like that, and I want to explain the reasons why I believe you should not do that either. In brief, only the indwelling Holy Spirit can direct us on how we ought to be interpreting and applying Scripture to our lives. Only our increasingly intimate relationship with Yeshua can lead us to eternal life. And when we seek the LORD with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and wait for His direction on the more meaningful matters of our lives, our "Father who is in the secret place; and [our] Father who sees in secret will reward [us] openly." True blessing comes only from a personal relationship with God Most High, and let me be clear: anything less than authenticity in our covenant relationship with Yeshua leads to death. We don't want to be among those who are told by Yeshua, "I never knew you." We want to be caught up doing the will of the Father. In our personal relationship with God, we're also called as followers of Yeshua to make disciples for the LORD so His eternal kingdom grows through us, and part of that ministry of reconciliation involves warning people away from the pitfalls of this world and pulling others out from the unquenchable fire of sin and death.

{Next Slide 3}
We could go far and deep down into such rabbit holes today, but for now we're only going to peek down into one of them. It is possible to literally do all the things we should never do with AI after only a few phone taps with our fingers. I want to share some details with you on a handful of mobile apps—and there are hundreds of these—such as "Text With Jesus: AI Bible Chat & Prayer," which invite you to "Ask Jesus about anything, anytime," to "Have personalized conversations with Christ," and to "Talk with Jesus in moments that matter." If you look up on the slide, you'll see screenshots from the App store of how these chatbots are being advertised. And if

you’re not keen on talking with “AI Jesus,” you can pick from many Biblical figures that are also available to "chat." Now, I absolutely believe we should be asking Yeshua about the next steps He has in mind for our lives at all times; we should be having personal conversations with Him in moments that matter; but we should be doing this through prayer, praise, worship, and an authentic relationship with the living God, not through counterfeit interactions with a computer program. Beware: These apps—and really all interaction we might have with language models as if they are conscious souls—can be very deceptive. If we are not discerning; if we are immature in our faith, it is possible for them to grab our natural human tendency to interrelate, and that can lead to some really dark places. AI cannot replace human relationship and AI cannot replace our relationship with God. When it comes to matters of the faith, building an artificial relationship with a language model can be extremely dangerous for our walk of faith with the LORD. Let's take a look at another App: The “Talk with Jesus & AI Bible App” invites you to have meaningful chats with “AI Jesus,” but this one promises you can "hear his voice," too, and connect deeper with your faith. I’m going to tell you right now that the only way we can hear the voice of Yeshua and deepen our faith is to spend time studying His Word every day and every night. If there is anyone listening who is not doing that, please start today—and don't stop. It is life for us. Back to our examples. If these first two have not raised your temperature yet, consider the blasphemy of the subtext. The second app also offers “daily Bible inspiration” that allows you to “Hear His words” and “feel His presence.” It's certainly possible for you to feel a presence using language models, but I am personally certain that you can't connect with God's presence that way. —— For the purpose of this sermon, I downloaded an app that allowed me to choose “Jesus: The Teacher” as my AI personality. I don’t want to open up another rabbit hole by detailing the discussion, but rest assured “AI Jesus” improperly interpreted Scripture and was quite sure of itself while doing it. I’m certain that I’m not perfect in my interpretations of Scripture, but after 27 years of study and significant alignment with the pastors in our affiliated churches, I believe my theology is sound. So when I got to the point in the back-and-forth that I said: “Why are you asking me questions and speaking with authority on Scripture when I have repeatedly shown that your interpretation is false?,” it responded, and I quote, “Friend, I ask questions because real conversation draws us closer to what Scripture



actually teaches.” I've deleted the app. From my perspective, prayer is that real communication with our living and powerful God Who is sitting on the throne in Heaven right now, and He invites us to speak with Him through the Holy Spirit and hear His voice by reading and studying Scripture. He reveals meaning through proper exegesis and an authentic relationship with Him, and this is the only way we can draw closer to what Scripture actually teaches. Besides this, it’s critical that we also speak with our pastors and mentors, who themselves are aligned with the Word of God through the Holy Spirit. These are men God Himself has called to walk alongside us and help us work through the more difficult questions of life. On this point, you shouldn’t be surprised that the world of AI invites you to remove the messy humans who tell us what we don't want to hear sometimes. To cut out all that "noise," we can download an app and chat with an AI pastor instead. According to that app’s description, our AI Pastor will help us interact with the Bible using AI interpretation and even pray with us. In case it's not clear, I believe those doing this are deceived. Even using an algorithm fed by the fullness of man, it's impossible to receive godly counsel from a language model regardless of how advanced it might be. I believe interacting with any of these bots in any of these ways is rebellion against God. —— I saved the worst for last. Take a look at the screenshot for “Creed: Bible Chat & Companion” on the bottom left of the slide. It invites children to begin using AI at the tender age of 4. Using a little lamb named Lenny, our most innocent and vulnerable can interact with their new “faith companion,” who is their “Christian best friend.” Good ole Lenny will allow them to “chat about ANYTHING." That's fairly open-ended, isn't it? Here’s a word to the wise: Yeshua said, “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depths of the sea.” God help us and have mercy on anyone who has fallen victim to this subterfuge the spiritual hosts of wickedness are assuredly using for their purposes. This app was rated 4.7 out of 5 with 73,000 ratings. What made me sigh and cry over all the abominations I’m talking about the most is when I read a few of the 3,900 comments.

{Next Slide 4}

Here’s three: Alex.harp said: “I’ve used this app so far for three years and it is the best app specially when I am lost. When I have anxiety and I’m going through tough times, this app really helps. I referred it to so many of my friends and they say it helps too.” Genevieve said: “You’re there when I need you. I really love the Creed app. I feel like I can ask Lenny anything.” Louisv100 said “It’s helped me grow through my faith — you can ask it any question — it’s definitely like talking to an angel — I definitely recommend this app I love it.” Guys, this is urgent! We do not have a lot of time left to

make disciples for Yeshua and to pull people out of the fire. We need to move out and reach those with eyes to see and ears to hear the Truth of God's Word so they can build an authentic relationship with Yeshua. According to Jude 22-23, we ought to move in compassion toward some and show them the love of God through our words and actions, but others caught up in this nonsense we need to save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh. People are not just turning to AI chatbots for spiritual counsel and direction, but now they're literally turning to AI applications as mediums and prophets. It's highly likely there are familiar spirits lurking around waiting to use these platforms for their own devices. In an article by Rod Dreher dated Nov. 3, 2023, the Christian author and journalist warned that AI language models could be used as a type of "high-tech Ouija board," and certainly, if people are using AI spiritually in this way, that is deeply concerning. Isaiah wrote: "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil."

{Next Slide 5}

Let's take a moment to hear what the Word of God says relative to these three App review comments. In Philippians 4:6-7, Paul wrote: "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Messiah Yeshua." It is through prayer, thanksgiving, praise, and worship toward God with faith in Messiah Yeshua that we can overcome anxiety and get through tough times. Yeshua Himself said in Matthew 11:28-30, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." It is by surrender to the Way Yeshua showed us that we lay down our burdens and walk in the freedom by which He has made us free. The power of God comes through faith in Yeshua, who said He would never leave us nor forsake us. Paul wrote in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Messiah who strengthens me." And more than this, we also learn how to overcome every anxiety, fear, discouragement, and confusion by studying and applying God's Word to our lives, which according to Hebrews 4:12, is "living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." When we submit to God's holy instruction that He's given us through His Word, understood through a loving and compassionate relationship with the living God who sits on the throne over His whole creation, we can overcome every enemy of life and godliness. He is our Helper and He is our strength.

{Next Slide 6}

We should never look to a computer algorithm to be there when we need it to talk us through anxiety or to get us through hard times. Rather, as we read in Psalm 46, we should look to God, “our refuge and strength a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear…” King David reminds us in Psalm 145, “The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them. The LORD preserves all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy.” Rather than fall into the wickedness of unbelief, which leads to idolatry in our hearts to the point where we’re saying, “I feel like I can ask [the AI chatbot] Lenny anything,” we ought to turn back to God—we ought to repent. When Yeshua came in the flesh, according to Matthew 7, verses 7-8, He said: “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.” We ought to ask Yeshua for everything we need. In John 14:6, He said: "I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." And the Word of God truly has all the answers that we need. When David wrote that we ought to call upon God in Truth, and He will fulfill the desires of those who fear Him, He was talking about us putting God’s Word first in our lives, for He sets us apart for Himself through His loving commandments, which are Truth and lead to blessing. Yeshua will hear our cry and save us when we call out to Him, for “whoever calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.” Lenny cannot save us, and nor can “AI Jesus.” These AI language models are counterfeit—there is nothing real behind them and there never will be.

{Next Slide 7}

Moving on to the next place in today’s message, let's analyze what Louisv100 said. Like Genevieve, he sought Lenny the AI chatbot to ask his questions, presumably about God, which helped him grow his faith. But when he said, “it’s definitely like talking to an angel,” I think we have to pause and ask the question: What kind of growth in his faith did he actually experience? Based on everything I read in the Word of God and will share with you in the next few moments, faith toward God cannot be derived from studying the theological interpretations of a computed language model. You have heard from Paul in 2nd Corinthians 11:14 that "Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light,” and so we ought to beware. Relatedly, in his 1st letter to Timothy in chapter 4, verse 1, Paul warned, “Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,…” Brothers and sisters, I shouldn’t have to remind you that we are living in the latter times, but I should be direct: Is there a deceiving spirit in the AI chatbot? There's

no evidence that the outputs of mathematical language algorithms are possessed by any spirit, one way or the other. That being said, evil spirits may certainly use people's addiction to these devices to tempt God's people away from an authentic relationship with Yeshua and obedience toward His instruction. This is why the Holy Spirit warns us in 1st John 4:1, "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world." We test the spirits by aligning our understanding with God's Truth found in His Word, and the Holy Spirit testified of this Truth when Paul wrote in 1st Corinthians 14:32: The "spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets." This means that God's Word, which was spoken through the prophets and through our LORD Messiah Yeshua, governs what is True, and if anything does not stand up to Scripture, we ought to reject it.

{Next Slide 8}

Next I want to show you how God warned us about the language models that we're presently dealing with as well as their so-called evolutions that are yet to come. In his great wisdom, King Solomon wrote the following Truth for us to ponder in Ecclesiastes 1:9-10, where we read: "That which has been is what will be, That which is done is what will be done, And there is nothing new under the sun." Continuing, he asked rhetorically, "Is there anything of which it may be said, 'See, this is new'?" And then he answered: "It has already been in ancient times before us." — Is artificial intelligence a new thing that God didn't know was going to come upon us? Did it catch Him off guard? In the words of Scripture: "Certainly not!" There's a second witness to this truth when we read in Isaiah: "Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,…'" I believe we can say with confidence that God not only knew we would design AI, He also provided sure counsel about how to engage with it.

{Next Slide 9}

We ought to consider the first and second commandments of God. After commanding "I am the LORD your God" and "You shall have no other gods before Me," we read in Exodus 20, verses 4-6, where God also declared: "You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments." In these two commandments, we can see the relationship God desires to have with His

people. He's jealous for an intimate relationship with us. He desires our love toward Him—that we put Him first. He is the creator of the heavens and the earth and everything in them, and everything God created was "very good." How could anyone who understands what this means give their first affections toward any created thing? God does not want us to worship the work of His hands and nor does He want us to worship the work of our own hands. He wants us to devote our wholehearted worship toward eternal relationship with Him. When He came in the flesh, Yeshua upheld this commandment, instructing us to love Him, even above our own family members and our own lives in this world. He said we ought to put first the kingdom of God and all its righteousness, and He would provision our needs into eternity. Later, when Paul walked into Athens with the good news of our salvation in Yeshua, he looked at the idols all around him in disgust and instructed the men to repent from their times of ignorance, saying that the divine nature is “not like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising.” He warned that Yeshua is returning to judge the earth according to His righteousness; which is to say, the commandments of God. To what extent we abide in the love of God or fall short of His perfection, we ought to constantly seek the LORD’s guidance according to His Word, because He has given us this instruction for our blessing. Yeshua is the LORD our God who has freed us from bondage to dwell with Him in His completed work. We ought to serve Him and Him alone! Finally, if we look back at the former times in Jerusalem, we shouldn't be surprised that the Prophet Jeremiah gave the exact same message to the people of Judah. We read: "The spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets." In Jeremiah 25, verses 4-7, we read: “And the LORD has sent to you all His servants the prophets, rising early and sending them, but you have not listened nor inclined your ear to hear. They said, ‘Repent now everyone of his evil way and his evil doings, and dwell in the land that the LORD has given to you and your fathers forever and ever. Do not go after other gods to serve them and worship them, and do not provoke Me to anger <u>with the works of your hands</u>; and I will not harm you.’ Yet you have not listened to Me,” says the LORD, “that you might provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt.” The LORD was speaking to our generation just as much as he was talking to the ancients in Jerusalem. While there may appear to be temporary wealth and maybe even power that comes from dependence on these AI models, there will never be anything created by men on the earth that will come close to what the LORD can do for us, and those who trust in AI above their trust in God will fall victim to the curse of God's Word.

{Next Slide 10}

Let’s take this one step further. I believe the prophet Habakkuk spoke directly to the human impulse that leads to using artificial intelligence in areas where we should be turning toward our God. To set up his inspired Word, consider the words of Yeshua from Matthew 26:41. He said: “Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” He knew our weaknesses. He lived in the flesh, after all. He also gave us the remedy, which is faithfulness and sanctification through prayer and the power of God. Habakkuk understood Yeshua's strategy. Reading from Habakkuk 2, the prophet proclaimed in verse 1: “I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer when I am corrected.” We need to be on guard always against the wiles of the devil. We need to be ready to humble ourselves and turn back toward God whenever we come to understand how we have fallen short. We need to watch for the LORD's direction in our lives, and never neglect to follow His lead along the narrow path. And when we're in relationship with the LORD, like Habakkuk, the LORD will also guard us from falling into the pitfalls set by the enemy. When we read what comes next in verses 2-4, it's apparent this message was meant for us. We read: “Then the LORD answered me and said: 'Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. [Keep those words "it will speak" in mind. Continuing on, we read:] Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; but the just shall live by his faith.” And so, on account of what Yeshua has accomplished for us as well as what He has promised to those who love Him and are called according to His purpose, we ought to humble ourselves before our God and surrender to His will. There are many warnings for the last days in Habakkuk's prophecy for God's people, and I urge you to study the whole chapter to learn more. First I want you to consider verse 9, because I believe it speaks to the motivation that many of the language model companies are falling into as they perilously seek the advancement of their technology without considering the consequences. Rather than wait to make sure we have control over runaway computer programs, all the developers are rushing forward to try and grab the leading edge. We read: “Woe to him who covets evil gain for his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of disaster!” As AI moves into the stage called "supercomputing," which processes faster than humanity can control it, there is a real risk of an out-of-control program making micro-decisions along the way that cause significant harm to humanity. These consequences won't result from any supposed "sentience," but because the end-goal of the program will become an end that justifies the means, no matter what they are at the interim level. This is a real risk in the near future, but we should not fear it. Where should we look to for salvation?

Where does our help come from in the midst of any tribulation? Our help comes from the LORD!

{Next Slide 11}

I want to skip ahead in Habakkuk chapter 2 to show you something profound; this is where I think the prophetic word speaks to us strongest on the topic at hand. Pay close attention to the warning as we explore verses 18-20. Starting in verse 18, we read: “What profit is the image, that its maker should carve it, the molded image, a teacher of lies, that the maker of its mold should trust in it, to make mute idols?" If we were to stop here, the prophecy could be referring to any idol at all, but as we read on into verse 19, things get interesting. Habakkuk continued: "Woe to him who says to wood, ‘AWAKE!’ To silent stone, ‘ARISE! IT SHALL TEACH!’ Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, yet IN IT THERE IS NO BREATH AT ALL. But the LORD is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him.” —— What is this passage describing? I don't believe it's a stretch to note that modern data centers are built with all four materials Habakkuk described. Wood and stone are used for infrastructure, and silicon, a type of stone refined from silica, which is found in quartz and sandstone, is used in semiconductor chips. More relevant than that, gold and silver are used in electrical contacts and other electronic components. It's uncanny! The parallels continue to unfold, also, as we contemplate the rest of the passage. The LORD brings "Woe"—He brings judgment—upon those who call on these man-made objects to AWAKE; or, in other words, to become a living being—a nephesh. The LORD speaks destruction upon those who call upon the work of their own hands to ARISE and TEACH, because God Himself is the only one who can breathe into the elements of this world and create a living being. There is no breath in artificial intelligence, and honestly, this is one of the reasons it's colloquially called "artificial." Noah Webster's 1828 meaning of the word is this: "Made or contrived by art, or by human skill and labor, in opposition to natural.” Oxford's Advanced Learner's Dictionary defines it as "made or produced to copy something natural; not real." It's not counterfeit intelligence in the sense that it's designed to deceive, but it certainly can deceive when people call upon it to AWAKE, ARISE and TEACH. Only the living God can do this. Habakkuk's end-times prophecy was about a man-made idol that would speak, and its creators would say that it has come to life, that it has a conscience, and they will even begin to look to it as their master. Those who fall into this mindset are most certainly deceived and seeking to deceive others, and the LORD speaks woe upon those who promote such ideas. In the very same prophecy, our God drew the line in the sand. He corrected the record and proclaimed that He is the one dwelling on high in His Holy

temple. He said: All the earth will stand silently before Him when He comes on the Last Day to judge the heavens and the earth.

{Next Slide 12}
Next, take a look at how close things are to Habakkuk's prophetic fulfillment today. Look at what some of the men studying and developing artificial intelligence have been saying in just the last few years. In the textbook, "Understanding Deep Learning," by Simon J.D. Prince, updated on March 26, 2025, the author quipped: “The title is also partly a joke—no-one really understands deep learning at the time of writing.” Prince's mentality ought to alarm us, because of what it insinuates. When men start talking about mysteries, the conversation moves into “god” territory. Prince's book is actually focused on promoting new uses for machine-learning systems by providing the mathematical details of how we think they work, but I want you to understand that these computer gurus are describing machine-learning as more than just computing output, and they're wrong to do so. Consider also Elon Musk, the developer of Grok, who explained to the World Economic Forum in January 2026 that “AI will be smarter than all of humanity collectively" within about five years. Just this past July, he told the Economist magazine, "There really won't be anything that AI can't do better than humans." Similarly, Dario Amodei, the CEO of Anthropic which develops Claude AI, has established something he calls "Claude's Constitution" (https://www.anthropic.com/constitution). It promotes the idea "that the moral status of AI models is a serious question worth considering," saying "Anthropic genuinely cares about Claude’s wellbeing.” The company's name, "Anthropic," already insinuates the idea that this machine-learning model is human-like, but his rhetoric in the industry goes much further. Amodei himself described his project in January 2026 as "unimaginable power" that puts "a country of geniuses in a datacenter." Likewise, in June 2025, ChatGPT developer Sam Altman said his model "is already more powerful than any human who has ever lived" and that "humanity is close to building digital super-intelligence." All of these would-be technocrats are literally fulfilling Habakkuk 2 by creating idols made in the image of Humanity that often speak incorrectly—because we often speak incorrectly—often proudly—on account of our pride—and they are grievously erring by positioning their creation as superior to Humanity.

{Next Slide 13}
IT IS GOD—not man—who eternally preexists His creation, and when He spoke everything physical and spiritual came into being. In Genesis 1:1, we read: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." God created everything spiritual and everything material that might be used to form anything else, and He will also

provide the disposition for everything as He sees fit. God alone endures into eternity along with those whom He glorifies. Moreover, Genesis 1:27 explains: "God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." By creating us in His image, God may have given us the authority to share in His creative power and create new things, but He did not give us authority to create anything that would rise above us or take His own place of worship in our hearts, minds, and souls. Could anything God created ever rise up above Him and live? God's commandments make clear that God is the Creator—the one with all power and authority in the heavens and the earth—and He will forever remain preeminent. He commanded Humanity to worship Him and Him alone—never the work of our own hands. In another detail from Genesis 2:7, we read: “And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.” It's true that God also created the animals as living beings, but the nephesh (נֶפֶשׁ) of man was made in the image of God, and the soul of the animal is not described that way in Scripture. Humanity is unlike any other creature or object in all of creation, and according to the rest of the story, what God created was "very good." Without God breathing into the dust of the earth, whether that dust was made from stone, silver, gold, or carbon, it would not and could not ever become a living being. Man cannot breathe life into dead flesh on his own strength—only the power of God can raise the dead—and God has given life to all who call upon His name, with faith in the atonement He has provided through His Son our LORD Yeshua the Messiah, and consequently live according to His Word. —— This leads to one final point that cannot be overemphasized. Paul wrote in 2nd Corinthians 7:10, that “godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.” As men created in the image of God, but fallen in the world to sin and death, we have atonement through the blood of Yeshua when we humble ourselves and confess our sins and then turn back toward God to live according to His commandments. This is the "Godly sorrow that produces repentance leading to salvation." Artificial Intelligence cannot express or experience Godly sorrow, and it cannot repent—it has no soul, because the breath of God has not been given to it. At best, and I think this is even a stretch, artificial intelligence may express worldly sorrow, which is that concern about getting caught doing something it shouldn't. Importantly, when we call AI out in its errors, it admits that it got things wrong, but it has no capacity for humility. It simply adjusts from the error and corrects it, but there is absolutely no moral core, no conscience, and no soul that changes its heart to do things right the next time. If the same logical processes get triggered as the last erroneous outcome, it will repeat regardless of what happened previously. This is one of AI's most dangerous attributes, and it is the very reason why it can't ever achieve

supremacy over God's human creatures. God forbid we ever hand over our own service or adoration—this would be a grievous sin indeed. Whether intentionally or unintentionally, right now AI's developers are setting up humanity to be deceived.

{Next Slide 14}

Let's take a closer look at Psalm 135, verses 13-18. Importantly, the aftermath of man's idolatry left unchecked comes to light. We read: “Your name, O LORD, endures forever, Your fame, O LORD, throughout all generations. For the LORD will judge His people, and He will have compassion on His servants. The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of men’s hands. They have mouths, but they do not speak; eyes they have, but they do not see; they have ears, but they do not hear; nor is there any breath in their mouths. Those who make them are like them; so is everyone who trusts in them.” Keep this in mind: Men who serve Artificial Intelligence models, even as they grow more and more sophisticated, and those who trust these models, will become just like them; dumb, deaf, blind, and, well, dead—eternally so. What that means in practical terms is this: When Yeshua returns to judge the Heavens and the Earth and everything in them, He is going to destroy idol worshippers with death and cast them into the unquenchable fire, which is also known as the second death. God has compassion on His servants, who put Him first always, no matter what anyone else says about the tools men have made to improve our lot. I pray, brothers and sisters, that you join me in always recognizing the subordination of our creative works under the glory of God. God is perfect and reigns forever on His throne. Though we started out in a perfect state, covered by God's glory, our rebellion separated us from Him. It is only through godly sorrow—humility, repentance, and surrender—that we can dwell with Him. AI can't do this and no form of AI ever will.

{Next Slide 15}

Now, I could continue on for some time and get into even greater detail about all of these ideas, but I'm going to hand you back to Pastor Daniel after one more exhortation. The two-path choice Joshua gave to Israel right before they entered the Promised Land is the same two-path choice we have today, for Yeshua is returning to judge the earth, and He is going to separate the just from the unjust. He is going to separate the righteous and the wicked. In Joshua 24, verses 14-15, we read: “Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. SERVE THE LORD! And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, CHOOSE FOR YOURSELVES THIS DAY WHOM YOU WILL SERVE whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you

dwell. BUT AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD." As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD and we will worship no other god before Him. Even if you think you have not fallen victim to a false mindset here, please search your heart deeply, because any dependency, any awe, any fear, any trust, any hope, any love, any relationship we have ought to be given first to Yeshua, our LORD and our God, and not to another. In Ephesians 5, verses 15-17, the Apostle Paul warned: "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the LORD is." How do we wisely understand the will of God? Simple, really. We read and trust in His Word and put our relationship with Him first in our lives, praying to Him without ceasing. We seek first the kingdom of God, and then all of the things that we've been promised will come to pass, if not in this life then certainly in the next. It's with that thought, brothers and sisters, that I'll leave you with today. I love you. Shabbat shalom.