



End-Times gods

How today's objects of worship show we're in the season of the Lord's Return

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The testimony of Daniel's story is fascinating. Students of the Bible should be familiar with his rise to prominence in Babylon as a captured slave, and his miraculous overnight survival in a lion pit. More relevant to our time was his special gift of receiving and interpreting visions from God. In one of these particular dreams, Daniel prophesied that three false gods would shape the progress of the kingdom of the "last days."

Our study will lead us to some important conclusions. First, we are in fact living in the last days... during the time of the last king. The three gods of the end-times foreseen by Daniel are flourishing and already very powerful.

What is the value in identifying the false gods that will be worshipped just prior to the Lord's return?

- We can joyously celebrate the knowledge that we are living in the very season of Christ's return.
- Knowing that we are this close to being with Jesus should cause us to pursue more holy lives and do more things which will have eternal value.
- It reminds us of our responsibility to only worship God and be careful not to fall into the trap of worshipping any of the last days false gods.
- It equips us to be better able to share with others the urgency of having a relationship with Jesus.

How can we say that there are any pagan gods that are prominent today since there is such a universal trend toward secularism?

- Don't confuse being spiritual with be religious.
- A person's religion is defined by what they put their trust in whether they acknowledge it or not.

Do you have a sense that we are close to the return of the Lord? Besides the passage of time, what tells you that we are closer to His return today than yesterday?

Developments in the world show how the stage is being set for end time prophecies to be fulfilled. The most prominent of these is Israel being back in the land as a nation...

Ezek 37:21... 25 – Then say to them, `Thus says the Lord GOD: "Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and

will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land... Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children, forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever.

How should we regard Christ's return?

Watch for His return...

Matt 24:42 - "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

What has the Lord provided us to enable us to watch for Him?

Our Lord describes the events prior to His return so that we may watch for Him in the Olivet Discourse. Among the events He described was the abomination of desolation. Let's take a look at this passage:

Matt 24:15-21

- 15 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),
- 16 "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.
- 17 "Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house.
- 18 "And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.
- 19 "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!
- 20 "And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.
- 21 "For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Why does this verse make a special point that you should pray that your flight would not be on the Sabbath?

Because this passages s being directed to Jews and religious Jews will have a dilemma about doing any kind of work on the Sabbath and may hesitate when they should be tang action to flee.

What can we learn about the abomination of desolation from this passage?

- It occurs in the holy place.
- It is an event that begins the great tribulation where Jews in Judea are persecuted.

Where can we learn more about the abomination of desolation?

The Book of Daniel...

Dan 9:25-27

25 "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times.

26 "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; and the people of **the prince who is to come** shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 Then **he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; but in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate**, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate."

What value are the time frames given in this passage?

It provides the timing of the coming of the Messiah. The "weeks" are weeks of years (seven year periods). Historians have calculated the time of the decree to restore Jerusalem to Palm Sunday works out to the day $(7+62)*12*360$. The 70th week is yet to come.

What else is this 70th week of Daniel known as?

The Tribulation, the "Great Tribulation" (Matt 24) is the latter half of this 7-year period). Also the time of Jacob's trouble...

Jer 30:7 - Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; and it is the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it.

What does it mean "Messiah shall be cut off"?

God's own people will reject the Messiah.

Who will destroy the city and the sanctuary?

The people of the prince who is to come.

Did this happen?

Yes, by the Romans in 70 A.D.

Who is the prince who is to come?

The one who "confirms a covenant with many" for 7 years, brings an end to the sacrifice, and perpetrates the abomination of desolation.

What is the sacrifice that is ended?

The temple sacrifices that the Jews practice according to the Mosaic Law.

Does this sacrifice go on today?

No, a temple is required. The Jews have not had sacrifices since 70 A.D.

So what does this tell us about whether this passage talks about a past or future event?

It must be yet future because it says "Then he shall confirm a covenant." And the prince is to come brings an end to the sacrifices which means there must be a temple.

What must be in place for the abomination of desolation to occur?

A temple in Jerusalem. Note that this is not required for the beginning of the 70th week of Daniel or the rapture.

Can we tell what the abomination of desolation is from this passage?

Look at the meaning of the words themselves:

Abomination – something that causes disgust or hatred... detestable

Desolation – something that causes a place to be devoid of inhabitants.

When does the abomination of desolation occur?

At the mid point of the 70th week of Daniel.

Let's take a look at another passage that provides more insight into the abomination of desolation. In Daniel 10-11 events taking place prior to the abomination of desolation are described. In chapter 11, a leader emerges who perpetrates the abomination of desolation (verse 31).

Who is this leader?

The "prince who is to come" of Daniel 9.

Let's take a look at the emergence of this leader...

Dan 11:21-23

21 "And in his place shall arise a vile person, to whom they will not give the honor of royalty; but he shall come in peaceably, and seize the kingdom by intrigue.

22 "With the force of a flood they shall be swept away from before him and be broken, and also the prince of the covenant.

23 "And after the league is made with him he shall act deceitfully, for he shall come up and become strong with a small number of people.

How do we know this verse is not talking about Antecles Epiphemes as Preterists who claim most or all of the Old Testament prophecies have been fulfilled?

- The context of this passage reveals that the same person is being discussed throughout Chapter 11.
- References to the time of the end are clues that this passage is related to the return of the Lord.

- Also, the abomination of desolation was referred to by Jesus as a second-coming-related event.

Verse 21 - What position does this leader become?

King... he seizes the kingdom which in context refers to taking control of the dominant power in the world.

How is this leader described?

As a vile person, to whom they will not give the honor of royalty.

What does this mean that “they will not give the honor of royalty”?

He will not be born to his position but will come in by a peaceful transition (he will be elected).

Why is this leader called a vile person?

Because of what he does... as you read on

There has been a lot of vile leaders in history, how can we tell that this is talking about one who emerges in the time-frame of the Lord’s return?

From the context, Daniel 11:35 & 11:40 both use the phrase “the time of the end.” This is a “code phrase” which refers to the coming of the Messiah to set up His Kingdom on earth.

How does this leader become king?

“he shall come in peaceably, and seize the kingdom by intrigue”

What does it mean he will “seize the kingdom by intrigue”?

He will plot to be leader and make behind the scenes deals for support like today’s politicians.

Where else in the Bible can we learn about the coming of this end-times leader?

The book of Revelation talks about a leader who emerges in the same way...

Rev 6:2 - And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

The white horse is symbolic of one who comes in peace. Indeed the Lord Himself returns on a white horse...

Rev 19:11 - Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

What does the book of Revelation call this vile end-times leader?

The beast...

Rev 17:12-13 - "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they

receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast.

How does the beast of Revelation come to power?

World leader give their power and authority to him. Note that this is essentially the same as it says in Daniel, he will “seize the kingdom by intrigue.”

What other name by whom we know this vile end-times king?

He is the Antichrist.

What does the term “antichrist” mean?

Against Christ or instead of Christ.

Where do we get this term “Antichrist”?

From the Bible...

I Jn 2:18 - Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

Is there only one Antichrist?

There is only one who will set up a world government at the time just prior to the Lord’s return but there has been many antichrists.

In 1 John 2:18, what does it mean “it is the last hour”?

It is close to the Lord’s return.

In 1 John 2:18, how do we know it is the last hour?

Because many antichrists have come... The coming of antichrists will culminate in the vile king we know as the Antichrist just prior to the Lord’s return. Note that there can’t be antichrists if Christ has not come. The very fact that Christ has come the first time puts us in the time of the end.

Who are the antichrists in the world today?

Those who deny that Jesus is the one who God sent to save us. Atheists, agnostics and even those who trust in salvation by works are all antichrists...

I Jn 2:22 - Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.

What is significant about the emergence of false christs?

It is a sign of the end-times. Jesus Himself gave this as a sign for which to watch...

Matt 24:4-5 – “Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.”

There a lot of antichrists in the world today...

II Jn 1:7 - For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

How can we test what is of Christ and what is antichrist?

Whether their theology is consistent with what the Bible says about Jesus...

I Jn 4:2-3 - By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

What does it mean in 1 John 4:2-3 that “Jesus Christ has come in the flesh”?

That God’s Anointed, our Savior has come into the world as a man. Recall the Gnostic Heresy that says Jesus never came as a man but only as a spirit.

What does it mean in 1 John 4:3 that the spirit of antichrist is already in the world?

- The human nature to be independent from God is the spirit of antichrist and this is already in the world even prior to the coming of the one who personifies this attitude.
- I take it that Satan has had a candidate to be Antichrist since the Lord came for when God releases His restraining influence...
II Th 2:7-8 - For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

Let’s go back to Daniel and look at the key passage which describes the three gods of the end times...

Dan 11:31-39

31 "And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation.

32 "Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.

33 "And those of the people who understand shall instruct many; yet for many days they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering.

34 "Now when they fall, they shall be aided with a little help; but many shall join with them by intrigue.

35 "And some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify them, and make them white, until the time of the end; because it is still for the appointed time.

36 "Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.

37 "He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all.

38 "But in their place he shall honor **a god of fortresses**; and **a god which his fathers did not know** he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things.

39 "Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with **a foreign god**, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain.

What does Daniel 11:31 tell us about the abomination of desolation?

The forces mustered by the Antichrist will defile the temple in addition to halting the sacrifices. They will place something in the temple that is an abomination that causes desolation. What ever it is, it causes the Jewish people to recognize the Antichrist for who he really is and they vacate the temple and Jerusalem. (As Jesus said in Matthew 24:16, they all head for the mountains.)

How do we know this king in Daniel 11:36 is the Antichrist?

- Because of his prominent role in end-time events per the context (the abomination of desolation) along with his attitude toward God, “*he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods.*”
- Also the parallelism between this passage and Rev 13:4-6...
 - 4 So they worshipped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"
 - 5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.
 - 6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

In Rev 13:4-6, who are the beast and dragon?

The dragon represents Satan and the beast is the Antichrist.

What are the "great things and blasphemies" the beast in Rev 13:4-6 will speak?

He will speak against the God of the Bible, Jesus Christ, and will claim to be God himself. More insight about this is given in Daniel...

Dan 7:25 - He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time.

What insight does Revelation 13 give to what the abomination of desolation may be?

Certainly the Antichrist claiming he is God and demanding worship. It may be an image of himself he sets up in the temple...

Rev 13:14-15 - And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

What is the significance of the 42 months in Revelation 13:5?

This is 3.5 years... the second half of the 7-year tribulation which follows the abomination of desolation at the midpoint (Daniel 9:27). This is what Jesus calls the "great tribulation" in Matthew 24:21.

Who gives the Antichrist authority to continue with his wickedness for 42 months? ...Why?

God, because "there is authority except from God" (Romans 13:1). God uses the Antichrist to pour out his wrath on a rebellious people so that His grace may abound to those who are saved.

Why doesn't the great tribulation last any longer than 42 months?

Because this is what is prophesied and, as Jesus said, Matt 24:22 - "unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened."

What does the Antichrist do per Daniel 11:32?

He encourages those who do wicked things against the "covenant" - Jewish and Gentile Christians who have eternal life under the covenant of God.

What does it mean that "the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits"?

Those who have eternal life will be empowered by the Holy Spirit and will do amazing things in the face of overwhelming odds.

Who are "the people who understand" in Daniel 11:33?

They are the same as "the people who know their God" in verse 32, the saints.

What will happen to "the people who know their God" per Daniel 11:33?

- They will be a great witness to others, helping them to know God but will themselves fall victim to warfare and persecution.
- Indeed, the book of Revelation says that persecution of the saints will be common during the tribulation...
Rev 6:9-11 - When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

What does Daniel 11:34 say will happen?

The martyrdom of the saints will cause many people who sympathize with them to help those subject to persecution and there will be many who secretly become Christians.

What does Daniel 11:35 say about why some saints will die during the tribulation?

Those saints who die during the tribulation will be better off for it in that they will be refined, purified, and made white (i.e. without a sin nature).

What does Daniel 11:37 have to say about the religion of the Antichrist?

He has no regard for the God of his fathers but instead exalts himself as God.

Does the reference to "God of his fathers" mean that the Antichrist is Jewish?

Many have taken it this way. Indeed he may be but I think not necessarily so, especially in the context of introducing the three gods of the end times... I think it more likely that this refers to gods his ancestors have honored. This is supported by the original Hebrew... *eloheem* is plural and while it is used for the Triune Godhead (or royalty as argued by Jewish scholars), it may also be used for gods with a little "g".

What does it mean in Daniel 11:37 that the Antichrist does not regard the desire of women?

- Many have claimed that this means the Antichrist is gay but I don't think so. Those who think Daniel 11:37 says that the Antichrist is at least part Jewish claim the desire of women is a reference to the Messiah. It certainly goes without saying that the Antichrist has no regard for the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Many Bible scholars say that "the desire of women" is a reference to fertility gods like the goddess of Tammuz that pagans have honored in times past. The context of the three gods will reinforce this perspective.

Let's now take a look at our key passage that introduces the three gods of the end times...

Verses 38 and 39 says that the Antichrist will honor three gods, how do you explain that since it also says he does not regard any god in verse 37?

The Antichrist does not regard any god because he represents himself as God. He does however recognize "lessor gods" of a different type that are useful to him, these lessor gods serve him.

Why is it important to understand the identity of the three gods of the end-times described in Daniel 11:38-39?

- Identifying these three gods are part of following Christ's command to watch and anticipate the sea son of His return. We can not tell if these three gods are in power if we don't know who they are.
- Our study will lead us to conclude: (1) we are in fact living in the last days, (2) the three gods are flourishing and already very powerful.

How should we apply our study of the three gods of the end-times to our own lives?

- Joyously celebrate the knowledge that we are living in the very season of Christ's return.
- Reinforce our mandate to only worship God and be careful not to fall into the trap of worshipping any of the last days false gods.

How are the three gods described in Daniel 11:38-39?

- Two of them are found in verse 38, a god of fortresses and a god unknown to his fathers
- The third is in verse 39: a foreign god.

How do we know these three descriptions don't apply to one god?

- The god of fortresses and the unknown god can not be the same because one is known and the other is not.

- The third god, the foreign god, is used to attack what the first god strengthens so they can not be same... so we are talking about 3 distinct gods.

What do we know about the god of fortresses?

The Antichrist will honor the god of fortresses instead of the gods of his fathers or the desire of women, or any other god.

What do we know about the god which his fathers did not know?

The Antichrist will shall honor the god which his fathers did not know with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things.

What do we know about the foreign god?

- The Antichrist will use the foreign god to act against the strongest fortresses.
- The Antichrist will acknowledge the foreign god, advance its glory, cause it to rule over many, and use it to divide the land for gain.

SCITE – God of Fortresses

A key to learning the identity of the three gods is to understand what they are not...

What god could be "desired by women" in Bible times but no longer be worshipped in the time of the end?

- I have seen this interpreted as the Messiah since Hebrew women looked forward to being the mother of the Messiah but the context here is speaking of the world and not Israel.
- The god (or gods) of fertility such as the goddess of Tammuz were highly esteemed by women and society in previous times—but are no longer desired.

Why are fertility gods no longer worshipped in our day?

- Fertility gods have been replaced with science such as invetro fertilization, drugs, etc.
- Large families are no longer a means to achieve prosperity. High fertility isn't regarded as a desirable road to affluence. In fact, a high birth rate is frowned upon--even denigrated--these days. For the first time in history, population growth rate is voluntarily declining in many places.

What could the "gods of his fathers" be?

- Like the "one desired by women", I have seen this interpreted as the God of the Bible but again the context here is speaking of the world and not Israel.
- Like the fertility gods, these other gods have also been replaced by the new end-time ones.

So who are these pagan gods who have been unceremoniously deposed by the new end-time gods?

- The Bible only mentions pagan gods in a generic sense, rarely identifying them by name, apart from the several fertility deities.
- Despite the fact that they are unnamed, the prophets of the Old Testament repeatedly castigated the Jewish people for their idolatries in worshipping them.

Besides, the bible, how do we know about the many false gods worshipped by Gentiles during the times of the Greeks and Romans for example?

Mythology text books overflow with accounts of false gods. Belief in such types of gods have been the primary form of religion throughout human history.

Why did people during ancient times worship these many false gods?

Any phenomenon or physical law found in nature that they could not logically explain had a god assigned to the job of governing its behavior.

Why don't we have these gods around today?

Few educated people in the world today would seriously consider worshipping these type of gods since science can be used to explain everything.

These gods are not relevant to the time in which we live. Instead, society puts its faith in the powers of reason, knowledge and science and technology.

So what has replaced the "gods of the fathers"?

- A new god of science and technology has replaced the many "gods of the fathers. "
- All people have faith in something... the saved have faith in Christ, atheists have faith in materialism, people in general must have faith in some deity, if not gods of the fathers then science.

How can science and technology be a modern-day god? After all, its explanations and claims are not mythical. The hypotheses of science are tested by verifiable observations.

- The reliance on the modern-day ingenuity of science and academics leaves little room for the real God.
- The world arrogantly no longer sees a need for the sovereign Creator.

Is there any aspect of God's domain that Science & Technology has not attempted to encroach?

- People trust in doctors and medicine for healing instead of the omnipotent God who is in control.
- Through cloning and genetic manipulation, man has attempted to be a creator of life.
- Modern probability theory now gives us dependable forecasts of what is likely to happen in the future.

- The result is weather forecasts and enormous financial service industries such as insurance and derivative securities.

What is the problem with using probability theory to predict the most important future events?

It is based on the false assumption that "*all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation*" (2 Peter 3:4). People deny that Jesus will return and have selectively forgotten that God has poured out His wrath on the earth before and will do so again.

How can we say that Science & Technology qualifies as a false god?

It has replaced a myriad of false gods in explaining the universe and has been very successful in replacing the only true God. That fact alone serves as a qualifying agent for a false god.

How do we know that science and technology will emerge to be a major factor in the end-times?

God told Daniel that it would be:

Dan 12:4 - "But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."

Doesn't this talk about our day with all the travel that characterizes life now. And the increase of knowledge that we have from technology and the Internet is hard to keep up with.

How might we recognize the new god of science and technology as the "god of fortresses" (Daniel 11:37)?

We need to see the connection between fortresses and science.

What are fortresses?

Fortresses are synonymous with fortification and defense. A place of security.

What are the benefit of fortresses?

People with a strong fortress will feel secure and invulnerable. An impenetrable fortification speaks of independence, setting itself up as a bulwark against outside intervention.

What characterizes a strong city state that is ruled by a "god of fortresses"?

It is impervious to attack and represents a society that is insulated against all enemies-natural or human.

What role did technology have in Daniel's day?

- The design of strong fortifications and the implements of warfare in Daniel's day demonstrated the leading edge of technology, just as it does today.

- Strong fortresses needed to consider location, layout, lookout towers, gates needed to be strategically placed, and wall heights and thicknesses were also important.
- In Daniel's day, Babylon was the strongest city in the world... The wall of Babylon was so wide a 4-horse chariot could make a 180 degree turn on the top.

So how was the science of fortress construction in Daniel's day related to the modern god of fortresses in our day?

- Successful fortifications depended upon possessing leading edge technology and information. The smarter the construction, the more trustworthy it is.
- People put their faith in Babylon's fortifications then just as people trust in our high-tech weapons to preserve the peace today.
- The superiority of a nations armies has always been primarily determined by the state of their technology.

Who is the true God of fortresses?

The God of the Bible...

Psalm 18:2 - "The Lord is my rock, my fortress curd my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge."

God is referred to as a "fortress" on at least 20 occasions in Old Testament Scripture. Several times He is also called a "tower."

Proverbs 18:10 - "The name of the Lord is a strong tower the righteous run to it and are safe"

Let's call the god of science and technology Scite. Why do you think it is appropriate to give these false gods names?

- Since these false gods are objects of faith in the endtime world, giving them names personifies them and helps us see that they can take on personality and character.
- Also, a demonic spirit is behind each of these developments; each has a patron demonic essence.

Back to Daniel 11:38, it says the Antichrist will honor the god of fortresses, what does this mean?

- He will praise Scite and encourage others to worship him.
- He will use Scite to advance his causes.

What sort of things will the Antichrist do with Scite?

He will use it to rule over the world...

Revelation 13:15-17

15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,

17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Who is "he" in Revelation 13:15?

The context shows that it is the false prophet who causes all the world to worship the Antichrist (Revelation 13:12).

Who is the beast in Revelation 13:15?

The Antichrist who is given authority over the world (Rev 13:7).

What does the image of the beast do? (Rev 13:15)

Speak, recognize those who do not worship the Antichrist, and kill them.

What could this image be?

- A robotic representation of the Antichrist.
- We have technology today that robots and computers could use to animate a likeness of a person (servo motor control), recognize a person's speech (DSP), and render a judgment (expert system).

How does Rev 13:15 describe how the image of the beast is able to do what it does?

The false prophet gives it power and breath (electricity and artificial intelligence software?).

What else does the image of the beast do? (v16-17)

Force people to take an identifying mark that must be used to buy or sell.

How will the Antichrist be able to enforce the use of the mark of the beast?

- All non-users will be considered criminals, all transactions will be electronic and non-users will be shut-out.
- Note: the infrastructure for worldwide control exists today: credit cart transactions, Internet, Tirris ID systems.

What else does the Antichrist do during the tribulation which uses technology?

He makes war with nuclear weapons killing many...

1/4 + 1/3 = >1/2 of earth's population are killed

(see Revelation 6:8 & 9:15, nuclear war:

Rev 6:12-15, effects of fall-out: Rev 8:7-12)

- Indeed, Jesus said His return at the end of the tribulation is necessary or man will destroy himself...
Matt 24:21-22 - "For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened."

- I also believe that the Antichrist may use technology to explain away or even take credit for the rapture as ridding the world of those chronically intolerant people who are holding back his vision of society. The explanation of a space weapon or extraterrestrial allies may be invoked.

Why couldn't the destruction described in Revelation be supernatural instead of nuclear weapons?

It could be and much of it probably is but God generally uses agents in the world to bring about His desired results because this can be dismissed by man as being not of God.

Why would God choose to work in subtle ways making it easy for people to dismiss His work?

- To make sure that those who have rejected Him receive their due.
- The same reason God sends people a strong delusion after the rapture...
II Th 2:9-12 - The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

How is the spirit of Antichrist already at work in the world using Scite?

II Th 2:7 - the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.

It provides Satan with a means to jam our minds with useless information and a plethora of worldly entertainment, robbing much of humanity of their thinking skills and ability to discern the truth.

1 Tim 6:20 - O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babble and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge

So with all this talk of Scite being used by the Antichrist and replacing trust in God during the end-times, is science and technology evil?

No, it is and will be used for great good. In the parable of the unjust steward, Jesus praised a man who took advantage of his position to make friends for himself knowing he was about to be fired. Jesus summed up the parable, "*make friends for yourself by unrighteous mammon that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home*" (Luke 16:9). Therefore, keep an eternal

perspective and use the tools of the world to lay up for yourself "*treasures in heaven*" (Matthew 6:20). There is also this...

Matt 24:14 - "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."

Rev 14:6 - Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth-- to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people--

When will the gospel be preached to all the world?

- It has been and will be through radio, TV, and Internet broadcasts.
- Note that while the "angel flying in the midst of heaven" could be literal, it may also represent satellites broadcasting the gospel since "angel" means "messenger".

So how should we regard science & technology?

- Use it as a tool to further God's Kingdom.
- Don't allow yourselves to become slaves to it by letting Scite consume all your time.
- Don't put your trust in Scite.

Where does Scite get it's power?

- From God, to serve His purpose.
- Scite in an of itself is no more powerful than the pagan idols used to describe natural phenomena.

MOFI – The Unknown God

What about the "unknown god, "the second "god that is unknown to his fathers"? Who is this?

Although Daniel may not have been able to recognize him, I believe some clues are given that allow us to attempt an identification.

What do we know about the unknown god?

What we do know is that he is a new one who was not evident 2500 years ago.

- As was the case with the "god of fortresses," the new "gods unknown to his fathers" must fill a void left by the other gods
- The "god's of his fathers" will no longer hold influence over mankind.

We already concluded that the "unknown" god and fortress" gods are not the same...

- We can deduce that the "unknown god" must represent something entirely separate and distinct from science and technology.

What clues do we get from Daniel 11:38 about the unknown god?

The "unknown god" is one that the kingdom of the last days "will honor with gold and silver; with precious stones and costly gifts."

Why is the way the unknown god honored significant?

This god is one who is honored in a very different way than the gods of the fathers and the "one desired by women."

How did pagans honor the "gods of their fathers" and the "one desired by women"?

They were not generally honored with such precious gifts. Rather, the types of things offered to these gods were drink libations, animal and meat sacrifices, the practice of various rituals and even human sacrifices.

Why weren't pagan gods honored with gold and silver; with precious stones and costly gifts?

The priests of these religions dealt in the mystical presenting themselves above such worldly things. If they were to begin demanding valuable gifts that they themselves would have to consume, their message and credibility would be suspect.

What do the gold and silver; with precious stones and costly gifts represent?

The honorariums given to the unknown god are all of very high monetary value. Each served as a storehouse of wealth or an object of adornment signifying wealth.

So considering the honorariums given to the unknown god, what can we conclude about his character?

The unknown god is closely related to wealth.

What could this new modern-day god of wealth and giver of prosperity be?

- I believe this new unknown god emerged with the rise of a massive idolatry associated with modern monetary finance... hence "Mofi".
- Mofi is the new religion of economics, free markets and fractional-reserve monetary systems (banks creating money not backed by collateral).

We know that one of the old pagan gods that had to be done away with is the "one desired by women," how is Mofi incompatible with a fertility goddess?

The security Mofi promises has replaced what a fertility goddess has to offer?

What security does a fertility goddess have to offer?

Children.

How were children an asset during the time of Daniel?

Acquiring wealth was labor-intensive. The more help you had to contribute to the family's well being, the better off you were. Also, when you got old and couldn't work, children took care of the parents.

How does Mofi promise to care for old folks today?

As families got smaller around the world, funded pensions systems have emerged to take over the role of providing for those too old to work.

Do you see a relationship between Mofi and feminism?

- Until Mofi came on the scene, there has been a certain interdependence between the sexes. Men and women have needed each other.

Men were more effective than women in hunting-gathering, agricultural, and heavy-industrial tasks but were clumsy in the kitchen and not very good at caring for the little ones

- Now you can come close to purchasing all the services that a spouse provides. We are only a few steps away from gender independence.
 - In vitro fertilization means that women don't even need a man to have a baby. And human cloning even promises this without male sperm.
- The partnership between the sexes is becoming entirely voluntary... Fewer people are getting married because they don't see the need. (This end-time trend was also prophesied...)
 - 1 Tim 4:1-3 - Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

How does Mofi offer an alternative to God?

- Mofi falsely promises a way to be independent of God and be in control of your future.
- Mankind's confidence in this new god rises up to eclipse a reliance and belief in God.
- Who will need God when Mammon shows itself able to provide all the economic and material sustenance that mankind wants?

Daniel saw Mofi in his vision but did not recognize him. Do people recognize him today?

- Most people in the world today cannot see this god either though they may be able to name his parts.
 - Mofi lurks behind much deception and camouflage.

- We will strip away his cover and pull him out into the light for you to see more clearly. More than likely, you may have honored this false god more than you already know.

Let's consider 6 blocks which make up Mofi's pedestal all of which are growing rapidly and combined make for exponential growth... this pedestal is kind of a "Tower of Mofi"...

1. HUMAN ACTIVITY & CONSUMPTION

What kind of consumer does the free market ask a person to be?

A good consumer who believes more is always better.

How does our society encourage people to be good consumers?

- Conspicuous consumption is idolized in the media.
- We track consumer indexes and are taught that more consumption means faster economic growth.
- By making it easy to "buy now and pay later."
- Tax deductions are given for being in debt but interest and capitol gains are taxed.
- We are taught that the roads to freedom and progress all lead through the holy ground of higher consumption and productivity.
- Global businessmen salivate over opening up third-world markets by making them card-carrying members of the "free market" consumer philosophy.

What is wrong from a spiritual standpoint with the "free market" consumer philosophy?

- It is based on a false assumption that more is always better.
- It tacitly endorses such sins as greed, covetousness, envy, lust, and gluttony.

Does the world view the "free market" as a benevolent force for mankind?

Yes

What is the explanation for why the "free market" is a benevolent force for mankind?

- The free market is an "invisible hand," that left to its own, will deliver what is in the best interests of mankind.
- Even though people act narrowly in their own interest, selfishly fulfilling their own needs, wants, greed and fears, together as a group this "invisible hand" works for the greater good.
- People believe that if the market is open and free to go what ever direction it chooses, it can be counted on to deliver prosperity and wealth.
- This inherent good makes the market into a god.

What is the flaw in this logic about the free market being inherently good?

- The market is not God and not inherently good.
- Since the market is made up of individual sinners, the collective action of human buyers and sellers will not be any less sinful than the raw material from which it is made.

2. TRADE

How did society's deep reliance on our modern-day financial systems develop? How did it become a god?

- At one time wealth and prosperity had different definitions.
- Consider a family living on an Oklahoma homestead in 1850... >80% of their living requirements did not involve an external transaction with someone outside their extended family.
- Now, >80% of the value added of the services and products that the average household uses are purchased from outside the home (most of us still shave our own beards and wash our own floors).
- We now live in an environment where everything is defined by costs, prices, gains and losses, all expressed in monetary form (even time is money).

What does the difference between what a family needed for its livelihood in 1850 versus today represent?

- Increased trade. The volume of transactions has grown significantly.
- The role of money and economics has increased its market share of our physical activities by over 3 times during this period.
- The philosophy of "It's the economy stupid" resonates well in the world today.

As trade increases, what needs to increase?

The supply of money

How does the supply of money increase?

Banks make money...

- The world today uses a "fractional-reserve" banking system. This is a "fractional-reserve" banking is a technical term that serves as an elegant cover for a low-brow idea.
- Fractional reserve banking is simply lending out something that isn't yours.
- The name "fractional-reserve" comes into play because central banks are in control of this practice, by setting certain limits (fractions and reserves), they can regulate the process of money creation to suit a given purpose.

3. ROLE OF MONEY

What do people need to make transactions today that most didn't in 1850?

Money.

What did people use to do instead of use money for transactions?

Barter goods and services.

Why do we use money instead of barter today?

Money offers considerable conveniences: easier to carry, more flexible, speeds transactions, it can now be used as a storehouse.

What is the downside to the conveniences of money?

Money opened the door to misuse and began the practice of valuing everything in terms of currency units.

How is money misused?

It makes consumption too easy and can be stolen, lost, or gambled away.

What is wrong with expressing the value of everything in terms of currency units?

- It can become an instrument used to control the obligations and resources of other people.
- The more that all transactions or human activity is expressed in monetary terms, the greater the growth of this building block in the creation of financial wealth.
- It reinforces the idea that money can provide for all of man's needs (so who then needs God?)

4. CAPITALIZATION

When are assets more valuable than money?

- When they are assets that generate more money such as factories, patents, trade names, etc..
- While money is valuable, it is even more valuable if it is in motion.
- Capitalization is all about establishing a value for the ownership that enables the flow of money

5. SECURITIZATION

In what units are corporate capital measured?

- Stocks and bonds, also called securities.
- Securitization is the turning the ownership of something (like the value of a flow of money) into discrete bits of stocks and bonds.
- There is also another dimension to securitization which are called futures and derivatives which are essentially bets on the future value of a stock.

What is the downside to securitization?

- The more securitization occurs, the more centrally controllable all wealth becomes.
- We have seen the impact of decisions the Fed makes on the prime lending rate or what certain types of bad news does to the financial markets for example.

What is wrong with wealth becoming more centrally controllable?

Wealth is more and more in the hands of a few, eventually the Antichrist will have sole control and the Bible tells us about this abuse of power.

6. INCREASING LUSTS

What gives the latest fad its value?

- If demand is perceived to outstrip supply... an object's value may rise due to illusory or fictitious reasons.
 - There is a great marketing maxim that "perception is reality" but this is false because this world is passing away, the real reality is that which is eternal.
- Real wealth may not have actually increased, just the vanities and idolatries of its perspective owners.
- Therefore lust can aid the rise of Mofi.
 - Some examples of how lust has driven the value of something can be seen in Cabbage Patch Dolls, Beanie Babies, and .com Internet stocks.

What is the mortar that holds the "Tower of Mofi" together? What energizes the willing laborers who support each of the money blocks making Mofi into a god?

The love of money...

1 Tim 6:10 - For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

How does the love of money get people into trouble from a spiritual standpoint?

It becomes an idol which competes with God...

Matt 6:24 - "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

So what should we do about our finances knowing that we are in the end-times?

Look to the Bible for guidance. A sampling...

Proverbs 6:6-8 - Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, Which, having no captain, overseer or ruler, provides her supplies in the summer, and gathers her food in the harvest.

- Be diligent in your work
- Live below your means
- Save to prepare for the future despite government discouragement to do so.

Proverbs 13:11 - Wealth gained by dishonesty will be diminished, but he who gathers by labor will increase.

- Invest what you earn honestly
- Don't buy stocks on margin (this is what set off the crash of 1929)

Proverbs 21:20 - There is desirable treasure, and oil in the dwelling of the wise, but a foolish man squanders it.

- Plan to have what you need (especially important when living in the country).
- Do not be wasteful.

Proverbs 3:28 - Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back, and tomorrow I will give it," when you have it with you.

- Avoid debt.. **Why?** - it puts you in bondage...
Prov 22:7 - The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.

Proverbs 22:26-27 - Do not be one of those who shakes hands in a pledge, one of those who is surety for debts; if you have nothing with which to pay, why should he take away your bed from under you?

- Don't take out loans you can't repay
- Avoid loans on home equity

Ecclesiastes 11:2 - Give a serving to seven, and also to eight, for you do not know what evil will be on the earth.

- Diversify your investments

GLOBO – The Foreign God

Let's now turn our attention to the third in the triad of the pagan end-time god's...

Who is the foreign god? What do we know about the foreign god?

The king of the last days "will attack the mightiest fortresses with the help of the foreign god.

What does this tell us about the strength of the foreign god relative to Scite, the God of Fortresses?

That this foreign god is stronger than Scite since he will overcome even the strongest fortresses on earth.

What does the word "foreign" imply in this passage of Scripture?

Either it implies something unknown or strange or non-domestic, having to do with another country.

Which possible implication of the word "foreign" is most likely to describe this god?

All three of these gods were unknown or strange in Daniel's day, one was even called the unknown god. So it must be that foreign means that this god finds its power outside of a country,

This foreign god is used against fortresses. What are fortresses?

Places of security and defense.

Who builds forts?

Countries with armies needing protection from invaders.

Who build forts during Daniel's day?

The countries were defined by their dominant city-state. The city-state had influence over the region around it but its strength was in the dominant city which we would regard as a capitol today.

So what do the "mightiest fortresses" that the foreign god overcomes represent?

- Fortresses are almost always associated with the defense of a sovereign nation, Therefore. it is my belief that the "mightiest fortresses" represent actual sovereign countries or power bases.
- If the "mightiest fortresses" represent sovereign countries, then we can conclude that the strongest and most powerful of nations will be attacked and overcome with the aid of this "foreign god."

How can something that is itself foreign simultaneously be attacked by something foreign?

- In my opinion, the riddle, wrapped in an enigma is this: It is a god that must be different from and stronger than that which it is used against, individual sovereign nations country, so it must then be collective, something that is greater than the whole, yet different from its parts.
- I am persuaded to conclude that this is the god of globalism. Meet GLOBO.

How is Globo closely aligned with the power of the Antichrist?

The Bible tells us that the Antichrist will rule the planet before the Lord returns...

Rev 13:8 - All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

What does the Antichrist do with Globo?

- He uses him to subdue the mightiest fortresses of sovereignty around the globe.

- Even the United States and other strong nations are being immobilized by this god of globalism. Their ramparts are being stormed by a flood of foreign values and influence.
- He uses Globo along with Mofi and Scite to assemble the world against God at Armageddon
Rev 16:13-14 - And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

How is Globo closely related to Scite and Mofi?

They work together...

Mofi: Globalization has stimulated a tidal wave of cross-border capital flows.

- The total financial capital of the world is ~\$100 trillion, 6-7 times greater than 1980
- The value of foreign currency exchange has risen by >50 times since 1980.
- The trading of stocks by foreign investors has grown 30 times since 1980 (20 yrs).

Scite: Enables the electronic transactions necessary for Mofi to work and stimulated worldwide communication in support of Globo.

What makes Globalism so strong?

- It's objective is to create a world system in which all individual and collective actions are governed through the incentive of wealth and prosperity.
- Boiled down to its very core, the driving motivation of globalization is materialism and humanism on a global scale
 - Note that all "isms" will become wasms" when the Lord returns.

Many Bible prophecy enthusiasts point to groups such as the Illuminati, Bilderbergers, Council on Foreign Relations, and Trilateral Commission claiming that there are people in high places conspiring together to bring the world under control over time. Is this a valid claim?

I don't believe there is a grand human conspiracy. I believe that it looks like a conspiracy because the god of this age is working behind the scene to bring globalism into being.

Is Globo a benevolent or a tyrannical force?

It is brutal and tyrannical in its nature.

Why is Globo brutal and tyrannical in its nature?

1. Global financial markets have the ability to either bless with prosperity or punish with economic hardship.

2. Globo is in the service of mammon... one must accept the notion that wealth and material prosperity is the ultimate goal of human existence.
 - Forbes summed this up, "he who ends up with the most toys wins."
 - Note that the "American Dream" (a.k.a. pursuit of happiness) requires money.

Why is it brutal and tyrannical to be in the service of mammon?

The pursuit of things in this world causes you to be tempted further into sin and to take a path that's end is destruction...

1 Tim 6:9 - But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

Sin is bondage because one sin leads to another and you have no righteous option once on this path.

What is the IMF?

The International Monetary Fund is an international organization of 182 member countries established to promote international monetary cooperation, exchange stability, and orderly exchange arrangements; to foster economic growth and high levels of employment; and to provide temporary financial assistance to countries to help ease balance of payments adjustments.

Doesn't this sound like a benevolent organization, where is the tyranny in the IMF?

- Assistance from the IMF does not come without condition (strings are attached).
- Changes fostered by the IMF almost always lead in the direction of further globalization and financial or economic liberalization causing the country being helped to open up its economy to the rest of the world even more.

Why isn't it good to open up a country's economy to the rest of the world?

- Some of the changes are good such as measures to curb corruption.
- But by far most changes enable foreign influences such as multi-national corporations to buy-up strategic companies bargain prices resulting in a country's loss of control of its economy and sovereignty.

What is causing companies to become multi-national?

Economics. It is necessary to be competitive. It is necessary to increase your markets. Revenue growth is a primary objective at the multinational corporation where I work.

How does the increase of multi-national companies serve to further the power of Globo?

These companies are operating outside the control of any one country... What could be more natural than a world government to supervise them?

What is bad about a country losing its sovereignty?

A small band of players can bludgeon countries into subservience to the demands of the reigning commercial colossus spanning the globe. Concentrated power increases the potential for abuse of power.

How do global interests even impact elections within a country?

If any political party appears to favor policies seen to be potentially harmful to the value of financial markets, stocks and bonds sell off quickly... Voters with savings and retirement nest eggs quickly get the message to "vote their pocket"

- The Clinton campaign certainly capitalized on this phenomenon in 1992 with the slogan, "It's the economy stupid."
- This phenomenon is also seen in the EMU (European Monetary Union).

How is the spread of democracy related to globalism?

- The Western Civilization (or Roman) system of democracy has appeared to win the great economic contest with other forms of government just as the free market appears to have won out over communism (therefore free market economics is linked to Western Civilization).
- Democracy is based on "the common good" or the "consent of the masses" just as the free market is thought to work for the greater good.

What is the problem with seeking "the common good" with the "consent of the masses?"

It forces us to have a sliding scale of ethical values, morality has to be relative and moral compromise is always the result...

Eric Buehrer, *The New Age Masquerade: The Hidden Agenda In Your Child's Classroom*, "If we truly believed that moral truth was relative according to culture, then you could not raise a voice against slavery, apartheid, male chauvinism, or any one of a dozen 'cultural barbarities'"

What industries does globalism favor?

Globo opens up access and control to certain strategic industries such as energy, financial services, technology, telecommunications, and transportation...

Dan 12:4 - But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.

- An integrated worldwide financial/economic system is essential in order to control the actions of humanity, see Revelation 13:6 regarding the mark of the beast.
- A worldwide communications industry devoid of censorship and local control is necessary to promote the values of humanism, materialism, to amuse, and to senseless preoccupy

(This is the anti-Babel effect, trying to undo the separation of people groups by languages.)

Globo is causing a blending of cultures through a unified, collaborative media, an important part of communications.

- I was amazed in when I was in Germany on 1980, the radio stations played the same music as I heard in the U.S.
- CNN was reporting the result of the Gulf War from all perspectives.
- People don't realize but the infrastructure to disseminate world-wide propaganda is already in place and growing more powerful every day.

Why do people accept as truth the propaganda they receive via the media?

For the most part, people accept what they want to accept...

2 Tim 4:3-4 - For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

- While this passage is speaking specifically about the apostasy of the professing church, it applies to society as a whole in a general sense.

The other reason people blindly accept media propaganda as truth is that God gives them over to a debased mind so that they may suffer the consequences due their rebellion...

Rom 1:28 - And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

There is still a lot of isolationist sentiment and nationalism is certainly not dead. Do you think this could cause some future reversal in globalism?

- Very likely, for a time. But the Bible is clear that globalism must certainly be in place for the Antichrist to be in power.
- A major world crisis could even be used as an argument for even greater global institutions with more power. Note that the United Nations was formed as a result of World War II.
 - The world will embrace further economic centralization because this is a proven way to increase wealth.
 - I liken this to the gun control lobby... gun laws do not really prevent crimes using guns so when a major crime occurs, it becomes an excuse for more, tougher laws. The end objective of this

process is total control, eventually all privately-owned guns will be outlawed.

What makes globalism a religion?

- People are trusting in it as mankind's savior.
 - They rally around environmental issues like global warming where world-wide action is held up as the only solution... "think globally, act locally" - "visualize world peace"
- Many have put their faith in the idea of the self-regulating free market as piously as others put their trust in God.
- Like Mofite and Scite, people worship Globo as great givers of prosperity and perpetual security.

What will be the end of Globo?

- God will end the reign of the great end-time economic monetary colossus during the Great Tribulation.
- Globo/Mofite/Scite is very likely represented by the Babylon the Great of Rev 18...
(read Rev 18:2-19)

Tower of Babel

When in history has something similar to modern-day globalism taken place?

The tower of Babylon in Genesis 11..

Gen 11:3-9

3 Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar.

4 And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

5 But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.

6 And the LORD said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.

7 "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech."

8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city.

9 Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

What did these early Babylonians do?

Used their technology (bricks & mortar) and unity to do a great task (build a tower).

What was their motivation to build the Tower of Babel?

To make a name for themselves and to avoid being scattered - they wanted to resist God's plan for mankind to fill the earth.

What did God command the great sea creatures and every living thing that moves when they were created?

Be fruitful and multiply – fill the waters in the seas and multiply on the earth (Genesis 1:22).

Did God's creatures do as He commanded?

Yes.

What similar command did God give Adam and Eve?

Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it.

Gen 1:28 - Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Recall that God interrupted mankind filling the earth with the flood, had He changed His mind about mankind filling the earth?

No...

Gen 9:1 - So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

Why did the people in Genesis 11 want to resist God's plan to fill the earth?

Because it was God's plan and not their own. It is human nature to think you have the best perspective and put yourself before God.

What was the significance of the tower?

Its top would be the heavens, where God is - they felt that if they could go to God on their own, they didn't need Him.

What was so disturbing to God about their coming together to build a tower?

- This tower was a ziggurat, used for worshipping the stars and astrology. It was a symbol of rank collective idolatry and occultism.
- Also, it would lead to greater wickedness, "nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them."

What did God do in response to the Tower of Babel?

He confused their language and scattered them. This was the beginning of languages.

Why did God have to break up their working together? Why shouldn't their collective effort bring good?

It could but God knew their nature, that if man is left to his own devices great wickedness will result.

How is the language barrier being reversed today?

- Knowledge is increasing, there are more people who act as bridges speaking multiple languages (most are Europeans by the way).
- English has become a universal language of commerce and technology (much as Greek in the time of the first advent of Christ).
- Technology is eroding away the barriers by using picture instead of words and even electronic translators.

What are the similarities between the Tower of Babel episode and globalism today?

- In both cases people combined their efforts in an attempt to prove that humanity does not need God.
- In both cases, God intervenes to bring a stop to the flood of wickedness.

Conclusion

With all this said, a disclaimer: certainly new developments will help us refine our perception of these three gods of the end times.

- For example, Globo and Mofi are so closely tied together that they may well be the same god unknown god. The foreign god could be some extraterrestrial power.
- But based on what we know today, we can see the trends that have given rise to what people will worship in the end times.

It sounds like we have come down hard on technology, money and even working together on a global scale.

Does this mean we should be against these things?

- No, these things are not evil in and of themselves... it is only our wandering affections that have given life to these gods.
- These idolatries, along with the anti-Christian objectives of the great diabolical strategist behind this end-time kingdom are what is evil.
(Technology, money and globalism are not the first things that evil has personified.)

Should Christians resist the trend toward Globalism?

No, to do so is to think human effort can change God's plan.

Some see passages such as James 4:7, "resist the devil and he will flee from you" as a command to resist the

infrastructure that will benefit the Antichrist. Why isn't this the case?

- James 4:7 applies personally but not where God is giving the world over to what it wants.
- It is flawed eschatology which sees the tribulation before the rapture of the church arguing that "the church must be purified by God's wrath." This philosophy really advocates a salvation by works to improve society and thus postpone the terrible time of the tribulation at least for your generation. Amillennialists seek to reform society for the same reason. Reforming society would be a good thing but the only way to do this is to help people into a saving relationship with the Savior one soul at a time.

How are the three gods of the last days different from the false gods of the past?

- They are capable of touching all the people of the world.
- They have great power.
For the first time in creation, the false gods have the ability to take the entirety of mankind into captivity--not just one culture, one religion or one country; but all of humanity.
- All of these three gods have only risen to power during the last 250 years or so.
That is an extremely short period of time in relation to human history. Their advance has been as rapid as a flood...
Dan 9:26 - The end of it shall be with a flood

What can we as Christians expect from a world given over to Scite, Mofi and Globo?

- Increasing deception, powers and agendas are not always as they seem...
 - Jesus said that great deception would characterize the tribulation...
Matt 24:24 - "For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect."
 - We know that as this age comes to an end even before the tribulation that deception will increase...
2 Tim 3:13 - But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.
- Expect to see more traitors. As national sovereignty breaks down, fewer people see national secrets as a thing to protect...
2 Tim 3:1-5 - But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful,

unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

- A world given over to worship of these false gods will be increasingly inhospitable to those who trust in the God of the Bible.

How should we as Christians respond to increasing marginalization and persecution that comes from the worship of Scite, Mofi, and Globo?

Rejoice...

Matt 5:11-12 - "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Draw closer to the Lord and encourage one another...

Heb 10:24-25 - And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.