

# Genesis 4:19-22 | Technology & The Bible

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**God made us to be creative beings.**

# Genesis 1:27-28

27 So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful  
and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.  
Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky  
and over every living creature that moves on the  
ground.” (NIV)

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# Exodus 31:1-5

Then the Lord said to Moses, 2 “See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, 3 and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills— 4 to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, 5 to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of crafts. (NIV)





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# God made us to be creative beings.

1. We can use technology to express creativity and beauty.
2. We can use technology to do good work.



# 1 Corinthians 10:31

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. (NIV)







**Technology can be used for good or for evil.**



# Genesis 3:21

The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. (NIV)



# Genesis 4.19-22

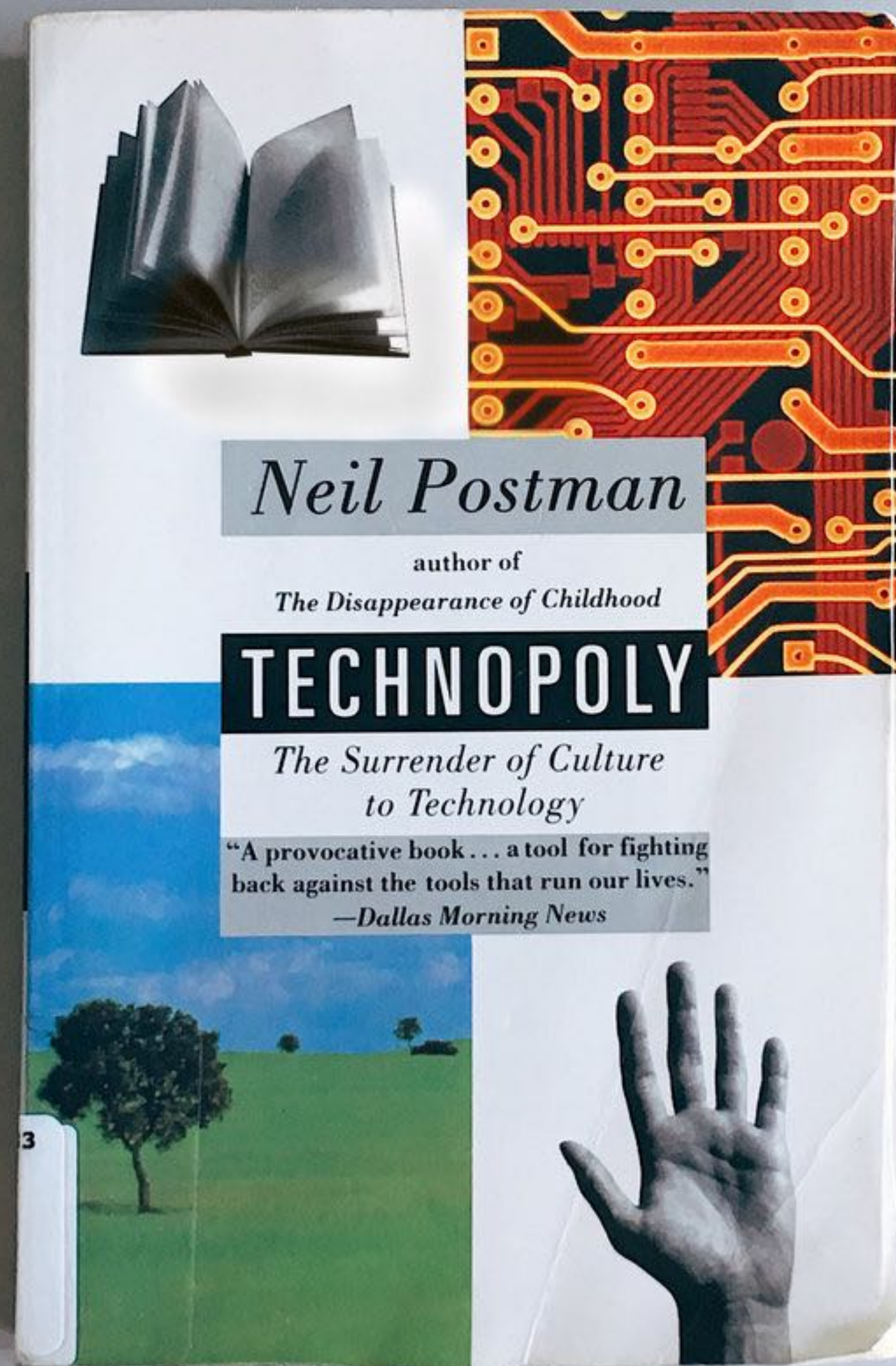
19 Lamech married two women, one named Adah and the other Zillah. 20 Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who live in tents and raise livestock. 21 His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all who play stringed instruments and pipes. 22 Zillah also had a son, Tubal-Cain, who forged all kinds of tools out of bronze and iron. Tubal-Cain's sister was Naamah. (NIV)



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# Genesis 11:3-4

3 They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. 4 Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.” (NIV)



# Revelation 17:4

The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries.

(NIV)



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1. Technology often has unintended consequences.
2. Technology can cause us to rely on ourselves instead of God.
3. How we use technology is an overflow of our hearts.



# Proverbs 4:23

Above all else, guard your heart,  
for everything you do flows from it. (NIV)



# John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (NIV)



**God will ultimately redeem technology.**



# Revelation 21:24

The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. (NIV)