It Might Be Today

They Chip Horses, Don't They?

We like every week to bring what we call a Prophecy Update. We show how news and trends in the world are corroborating centuries-old prophecies found in the Bible.

I want to talk about the latest mark-of-the-beast news item.

When the apostle John wrote the Revelation of Jesus Christ in the first century he made it clear that in the end times, and especially during the future seven-year Great Tribulation, everyone would have some sort of 'mark' on them by which they would be identified and conduct all their business.

In numerous updates we've discussed the technologies that exist which could easily fulfill this prophecy. The problem for some of us is that we can't foresee how it is that folks will become tagged or chipped. It seems too much an invasion of privacy.

Nevertheless, there are some people, powerful people, who see nothing wrong with forced microchipping. One of those is Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah. On November 29 ABCNews.com posted a story titled, Saudi King Urged Gitmo Chip Implants to Track Them 'Like Horses, Falcons.'

Excerpts:

Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah proposed that the Obama administration implant electronic micro-chips into the bodies of Guantanamo Bay detainees to track their movements when they are released, a leaked State Department cable shows.

"This was done with horses and falcons, the King said," according to the document... Abdullah suggested Bluetooth technology could be used to keep tabs on the men.

¹ http://abcnews.go.com/US/wikileaks-cable-depicts-americans-harrowing-escape-iran/story? id=12266487

The king raised the idea in a March 2009 meeting with White House counterterrorism advisor John Bennan in Riyadh, where the men had discussed a range of security issues including closure of the U.S. military detention center of Guantanamo Bay.

"I've just thought of something," the King said to Brennan, suggesting the chips.

This is exactly the kind of news you'd expect if we were trending towards the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. You be seeing advancements in technology that make the kind of thing John saw in the first century possible and probable. And you'd see powerful political leaders suggesting we implement it for the greater good of society.

Without sounding political, I daresay that there are a lot of people who might agree with the Saudi king. A recent Pentagon analysis found that around 20% of former Guantanamo detainees have returned to the fight against the U.S. and the number continues to climb.

Or maybe we will begin to see that we can better protect our children if they are chipped from an early age.

Or maybe our children, who are growing up in age age of exponential technological advancement, will have no qualms about being chipped or tagged or tracked.

I remind you that although we follow the fulfillment of Bible prophecy, we are not waiting for any prophecy to be fulfilled. Jesus promised to return to resurrect and rapture the church as an imminent event. By that we mean the certainty that He may come at any moment and the fact that no prophesied event stands between the believer and that hour.

Nothing needs to be fulfilled before the Lord can return for us. We are only waiting for Him - and His coming is always imminent.

Are you rapture-ready? If not, get ready, stay ready, and keep looking up. **Ready or not, Jesus is coming!**