

It Might Be Today

RFID & IDF

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.

For years critics ridiculed those who took Bible prophecy literally that in the last days human beings would have some sort of "mark" on their hand or forehead by which they would be identified and transact all their business. It wasn't uncommon to see cartoons and caricatures of people with the numbers '666' tattooed on their foreheads.

It's not so funny anymore! The technology now exists that makes it possible to implement just such a system.

The latest mark-of-the-beast news comes in a press release from a company called PositiveID. It was titled, *Positive ID receives VeriChip Order for Israeli Military*.¹ The release was dated October 11 and reads like this:

PositiveID announced that it has received an order for its VeriChip microchip to be used for disaster preparedness and emergency management by the Israeli Military.

The VeriChip microchip was cleared by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 2004 for patient identification. The company's integration partner intends to provide the microchips to the Israel Defense Forces, the State of Israel's military force.

¹ <u>http://www.rfidnews.org/2011/10/11/positiveid-receives-verichip-order-for-israeli-military</u>

VeriChip will assist emergency situations and disaster recovery in conjunction with modified cameras capable of wirelessly receiving both RFID scanned data and GPS data. A Web-enabled database will also support the gathering and storing of information and images captured during emergency response operations.

"Our partner is looking to help healthcare organizations, militaries including the IDF, and governments with their disaster preparedness and emergency response needs," said Marc Poulshock, PositiveID's vice president of business development.

The RFID chipping of Israeli soldiers is even more intriguing when you realize that military service is mandatory for every Israeli citizen over the age of 18. Men serve three years while women serve two years.

This doesn't mean the entire military will be microchipped, or that the VeriChips will remain in use after military service ends. But it is intriguing in light of Bible prophecy.

All the way back in the first century the apostle John saw the world we are living in, the future that is now here, in which some sort of "mark" on or in our bodies could do just about anything we want it to.

Technology is not the "mark of the beast." The "mark" involves swearing personal allegiance to the antichrist. He merely uses the technology to know who does and who doesn't swear to him.

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.

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