



It Might Be Today

PALM READER

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. It is being introduced here and there in various applications.

The latest mark-of-the-beast news comes from the people at Fujitsu. They have developed a system called PalmSecure. Here is how they describe it on their website.

Fujitsu provides a highly reliable biometric authentication system based on **palm vein pattern recognition technology**. PalmSecure™ features industry-leading authentication accuracy with extremely low false rates, and the non-intrusive and contactless reader device provides ease of use with virtually no physiological restriction for all users.¹

How does it work? **It is the authentication of your identity by reading the pattern of the veins in your hand.** It is very ‘mark-of-the-beast-ish.’

¹ <http://www.fujitsu.com/us/services/biometrics/palm-vein/>

Back in July of this year Reuters posted a story stating, “a New York City hospital has stopped asking many patients to dig out health insurance cards and fill in endless forms, instead identifying them by scanning the unique lattice of veins in their palm.”²

The article explains,

Using near-infrared waves, an image is taken of an individual's palm veins, which software then matches with the person's medical record. The initial set-up for a new patient takes about a minute, the hospital said, while subsequent scans only take about a second. Registration into the new system is optional, but less than 1 percent of patients have [refused]...

Another article says, “this identification method is considered highly accurate, since each person’s vein pattern is unique. Even between identical twins, enough variation exists to create a unique identifier...”³

According to the Tampa Bay Times,

Elementary students in Pinellas County will soon be paying for their lunches with a quick swipe of their hands. School officials plan to roll out palm scanners in elementary school lunchrooms in November. High schools and middle schools got the devices this summer.⁴

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

² <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/07/28/us-palm-scan-idUSTRE76Q71920110728>

³ <http://www.healthmgttech.com/index.php/solutions/electronic-medical-records/identity-in-the-palm-of-your-hand.html>

⁴ <http://www.tampabay.com/news/education/k12/pinellas-elementary-schools-to-get-palm-scanners-which-move-lunch-lines/1196789>

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!