



It Might Be Today

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

The most infamous of all prophecies is the dreaded Mark of the Beast. The Mark of the Beast involves a person knowingly, willingly swearing his or her allegiance to the world leader we call the antichrist in the middle of the yet future Great Tribulation. It's not something that will sneak-up on anyone.

When the antichrist demands allegiance he will usurp a technology that can identify a person simply by the 'mark' on their hand or forehead. All transactions, both personal and commercial, will involve that 'mark,' so it will be easy for the antichrist to track any resistance once he takes over the system.

The latest mark-of-the-beast technology news comes from Japan. An April 12 article posted on DVICE.com was titled, *No cards required: Japanese ATMs to use hand scans*.¹

Excerpts:

Japan's Ogaki Kyoritsu bank is preparing to roll out biometric ATMs that will allow users to access their accounts by scanning their hand, and entering their birthdate and PIN number. They will be the first machines that do not require cards.

¹ <http://dvice.com/archives/2012/04/no-cards-requr.php>

Customers at select locations of the bank will register their biometric data with their branch where it will be stored in conjunction with their numerical data. These will then authenticate a person's account.

There are ATMs that make use of some level of biometrics - whether it is a scanning the unique patterns of a finger, palm or iris. The difference is these scans are used in conjunction with cards - you can't use one without the other.

The move to the completely card-less system being trialed in Japan has a surprising origin. A large number of customers lost their cards and other forms of ID after the 2011 Tohoku earthquake - this new system would allow clients access to their accounts in emergency situations.

On July 11 of last year DVICE.com posted an article titled, *An ATM for the illiterate uses your fingerprint as your PIN.*²

Excerpts:

As banks are looking to expand ATM machines into developing nations where universal literacy can't be assumed, an ATM that doesn't require reading skills is needed. NRC Corp's fits the bill. Identifying people using a biometric fingerprint scanner and then letting them select their quantity of money with color-coded, pre-set cash buttons, it removes barriers that traditional ATMs have.

While I was on the DVICE.com website, I searched for related news. Way back in 2009 they posted an article about the new CocaCola Freestyle machines. They are technologically advanced dispensing machines that have cartridges containing all the flavors of all Coke products and you choose them in any combination.

The big biometric news was that the machines at Hitachi in Japan “allow registered employees to buy drinks just by having their finger scanned.”³

Back two more years, to 2007, and Hitachi was experimenting with automobile steering wheels equipped with a finger-vein authentication system.

² <http://dvice.com/archives/2011/07/an-atm-for-the.php>

³ <http://dvice.com/archives/2009/07/want-to-by-a-dr.php>

Attached to your steering wheel, a finger vein identification system means more than just a secure car. For instance, you could start your vehicle and all of its systems - air conditioning, chair position, radio station, etc. - to presets remembered by the car and stored in a profile based on your veins. Different fingers might even control different functions, allowing your ring finger or pinky to turn on the radio or authorize a payment at a drive-thru without having to take your hand off the wheel.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 would identify and track us.

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!

⁴ <http://dvice.com/archives/2007/10/hitachi-considers-steering-whe.php>