

It Might Be Today

REAL ID

Almost weekly for more than five years we've been bringing you a prophecy update on Sunday morning.

We take the Bible literally, and that includes future unfulfilled prophecy. That being the case, we ought to be able to identify trends and events in the news that corroborate centuries old prophecies. If these are indeed the last days we should be able to see the signs.

One of the most ominous last days prophecies involves the mark of the beast. In the middle of the seven year Great Tribulation the world leader known most commonly as the antichrist will demand to be worshipped. You'll have to take his mark. It seems people will already be participating in a cashless global economic system. In order to continue to be able to buy or sell you'll be required to swear allegiance to the antichrist.

Because of this fantastic prophecy we are always intrigued by developments in personal identification involving advancements in technology - especially ones being implemented by governments on their citizens.

It was back in 2005, when the REAL ID Act was signed into law. In a nutshell, it changed the way citizens sought driver's license. Under the law, your state license would turn into a federal ID card.

Under REAL ID your drivers license will have built in radio chips.

- With just a push of a button, authorities can access all your information as you walk or drive by, even if it's in your wallet or inside your purse.
- In addition - the "enhanced driver's license" will show holograms and various digital photos of your face to prevent ID theft.

All 50 states sought extensions, over and over, citing lack of funding. Twenty-five states have gone on to legislate against implementing REAL

ID. But according to various sources even if your state was one of the 25 that have passed either a law or resolution against Real ID, the federal government doesn't find that fact to be any obstacle at all to continuing to force the states to implement Real ID. Your state is most likely still working to implement Real ID. Real ID compliant driver's licenses will be marked with a gold star.

How can that be? The policy is simply not being called "Real ID" although the benchmarks are the exact same ones set for Real ID.

For example. In March 2010,

The President of the Coalition for a Secure Driver's License (CSDL)... [presented] its Homeland Security Award to the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)... The department [was] recognized for its Advanced Secure Issuance (ASI) driver's license and identification card... The award cites the DMV for "accomplishing alignment of driver's license procedures **with the 18 interim benchmarks of the federal regulations**..."¹

Even though the Nevada legislature, from my cursory research, tried to block REAL ID, in Nevada, your REAL ID compliant license is called ASI.

One op-ed writer said,

So right under the noses of our state legislators, some of whom went to bat and got a law passed to prohibit Real ID, the administrators of State Departments of Public Safety or the Departments of Motor Vehicles are continuing to work on enrolling us all into an international biometric ID as though nothing ever happened.

We're not suggesting that the Real ID Act is the mark of the beast. As I like to point out, we are not predictors; we are observers. When we observe these kinds of trends and news in technology we are observing exactly what you'd expect since the Bible is to be taken literally and these are the last days.

We won't be here to see the antichrist. Believers in Jesus Christ will be resurrected and raptured prior to the beginning of the Great Tribulation on the earth.

Thus our weekly exhortation: Get ready, stay ready, keep looking up.

Ready or not, Jesus is coming!

¹ <http://www.dmvnv.com/news/10010-DMV-to-Receive-Award-for-Driver's-Licenses-March-22.html>