

# IT MIGHT BE TODAY

## ONE BRACELET TO RULE THEM ALL

Every Sunday we present a prophecy update. We show how news and trends in the world corroborate centuries-old prophecies you read in the Bible.

When the apostle John wrote the Revelation of Jesus Christ in the first century he spoke of a society in which each citizen would have some sort of a 'mark' on their body by which they would be uniquely identified to conduct business and contact the government.

Mid-way through the seven-year Great Tribulation, the man we know as the antichrist will take over that system and demand that his citizens swear allegiance to him. Those who refuse will not be able to conduct any business. At some point those who refuse will be persecuted.

Ours is the generation that has seen the technology developed that could fulfill this prophecy. I want to cite a few news stories that indicate we are moving in the direction of having a unique personal identifier by which we will transact all of our business.

On July 20 TIME Magazine posted an article online titled, *A Store Without a Checkout Counter? JCPenney Presses on with Retail Revolution*.<sup>1</sup>

Excerpts:

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<sup>1</sup> <http://moneyland.time.com/2012/07/20/a-store-without-a-checkout-counter-jcpenney-presses-on-with-retail-revolution/>

JCPenney's plans to completely change the checkout experience at stores. Using advanced Wi-Fi networks, mobile checkout, RFID (radio-frequency identification) tracking systems for goods, and all sorts of self-checkout possibilities, JCPenney will get rid of cashiers, cash registers, and checkout counters, the staples near the exits of virtually every store, as soon as 2014.

Maybe they will use a self-checkout system like Home Depot or Fresh & Easy. But I think we all know that eventually they will install a scanner of some kind that reads an identifier on us or in us.

On July 17 securitypark.net posted a story titled, *RFID Wristbands for Event management from DAILY RFID*.<sup>2</sup>

Excerpts:

DAILY RFID has released RFID Wristband series in either disposable or reusable versions to fulfill the access control process. With chips sealed in the wrist housing, RFID wristbands can be easily used in access control system such as identity badge and ticketing... the RFID wristband is an ideal selection for improving the management of big events just like World-Cup, Concert, Music Party and so on... The reusable one is waterproof and heat-resistant for long term use.

SoundCheck blog posted a story on July 20 titled with this question, *Big Brother's Name Is... Bonnaroo?*<sup>3</sup>

Excerpts:

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<sup>2</sup> [http://www.securitypark.co.uk/security\\_article268165.html](http://www.securitypark.co.uk/security_article268165.html)

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.wnyc.org/shows/soundcheck/blogs/soundcheck-blog/2012/jul/20/big-brothers-name-bonnaroo/>

The Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival released a statement this week announcing that this year's event, held from June 7 through 10 in Manchester, Tennessee, "saw the largest integration between a live music event and social media in history."

Apparently, instead of actual tickets, concertgoers were given RFID bracelets, which they could link to Facebook and then... whenever they passed a check-in point they could swipe their wristband and it "would post to Facebook noting the attendee's corresponding activity."

... you had to activate your wristband for it to do all this cool social networking for you. Nearly half of Bonnaroo concertgoers did just that.

On July 26 the Washington Times posted a story titled, *Just a face in a crowd? Scans pick up ID, personal data.*<sup>4</sup>

Excerpts:

Businesses foresee a day when signs and billboards with face-recognition technology can instantly scan your face and track what other ads you've seen recently, adjust their message to your tastes and buying history and even track your birthday or recent home purchase.

The technology to accomplish what John the apostle saw over two thousand years ago is here. Right now. It is only a matter of time before every citizen in every country all over the world has his or her own personal identifier on or in the body.

*These are the last days and things are lining up just as God said they would!*

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<sup>4</sup> <http://p.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/jul/26/just-a-face-in-a-crowd-scans-pick-up-id-personal-d/>

Does anything need to happen before Jesus returns to resurrect and rapture the church? No. And that's why I like to end these updates by saying, Get ready, stay ready, keep looking up.

***Ready or not, Jesus is coming!***