

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

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Each week we present what we call a prophecy update. We check the news for stories that seem to corroborate centuries old prophecies found in the Bible.

Everyone has heard of the mark of the beast. It's a prophecy the apostle John made in the first century. He saw, in the last days preceding the rule of the antichrist, that people would have some sort of mark as their personal identifier. This mark would also be how people transacted all their daily business.

It all sounded farfetched until just a few years ago. Today systems that sound very much like the immediate precursors to the mark are already in place.

Canada, for example, has made biometrics a necessity for certain visa applications.

According to Nair & Company, an international business services provider,

Canada has made biometrics mandatory for the nationals of thirty jurisdictions applying for Canadian visitor visas, study permits, or work permits, commencing 2013. Applicants seeking to enter Canada will now have to provide finger prints and digital photographs. Biometrics of the travelers entering into Canada will also be confirmed.

<http://www.nair-co.com/CanadaNewVisaRules-28-12-2012.aspx>

Another website reported that biometric IDs are now mandatory for the revenue department in New Delhi.

This now means that along with any other necessary documentation, a Unique Identification (UID) number or an enrollment slip proving biometric registration will be necessary to procure property in India.

<http://www.prophecydude.org/news/biometric-ids-mandatory-for-revenue-department-in-new-delhi/>

On January 1st Israel National News reported that a biometric database test project was to begin.

Excerpts:

Despite protests by privacy groups, Israel will begin amassing biometric data on its citizens beginning Tuesday. The pilot program for the biometric database will greatly enhance the ability of authorities to identify terrorists, supporters of the project say – while those opposed believe that the program will give the state unprecedented opportunity to control the lives of Israelis.

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/163735#.UQhM93y9KK2>

According to [LiveScience.com](http://www.livescience.com),

Ecuador has installed a nationwide system that lets government officials ID "several million" people by their voices and faces...

If an Ecuadorian agency taps a phone line, for example, it is now able to match the voices in a call with a database of "voiceprints" of known criminals, suspects and persons of interest.

The voice system is 97 percent accurate, says the system's maker, SpeechPro, the U.S. subsidiary of a Russian company called Speech Technology Center. Adding face recognition makes the system nearly foolproof, SpeechPro's website adds.

Ecuador's new ID tech is a sign of the increasing affordability of countrywide systems that identify people by their biological characteristics, called biometrics.

<http://www.livescience.com/25613-nationwide-biometrics-ecuador.html?cid=dlvr.it>

Then there was this article in USA Today, *Palm scanners get thumbs up in schools, hospitals.*

Excerpts:

At schools in Pinellas County, Fla., students aren't paying for lunch with cash or a card, but with a wave of their hand over a palm scanner.

"It's so quick that a child could be standing in line, call mom and say, 'I forgot my lunch money today.' She's by her computer, runs her card, and by the time the child is at the front of the line, it's already recorded," says Art Dunham, director of food services for Pinellas County Schools.

Students take about four seconds to swipe and pay for lunch, Dunham says, and they're doing it with 99% accuracy.

"We just love it. No one wants to go back," Dunham says.

Pinellas County Schools were the first in the nation to bring palm scanning to their lunch lines about 18 months ago.

They are being used by 50,000 students at 17 high schools and 20 middle schools. Soon, the program will expand to 60,000 more students at 80 elementary schools, Dunham says. The 2% of students who opt out can still use cash.

Palm-scanning technology is popping up nationwide as a bona fide biometric tracker of identities, and it appears poised to make the jump from schools and hospitals to other sectors of the economy including ATM usage and retail. It also has applications as a secure identifier for cloud computing.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2012/11/25/palm-scanners-technology-schools/1726175/>

Are these biometric systems the mark of the beast? Of course not!

But the technology to identify you and for you to transact all your business by a wave of your hand must be developed and implemented before the antichrist declares it his mark.

This kind of technology **is** most assuredly a sign we're in the last days.

I'm looking for Jesus to return to resurrect and rapture the church. You are, too, if you are a believer.

If not you'd better get ready for Him, then stay ready and keep looking up because ***ready or not, Jesus is coming!***