

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

Picture Your Privacy

I read or listen to the news with a Christian worldview and, especially, an ear for how things are corroborating centuries old Bible prophecies regarding the last days. Each week I present my findings as a Prophecy Update.

Believers and nonbelievers are familiar with the phrase "the mark of the beast." It comes, of course, from the Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

The "beast" is a description of the coming world leader who we know best as the antichrist. At first he will be hailed as the greatest peace-maker the world has ever known. He will sign a treaty with Israel that guarantees their safety and security. But three and one-half years later he will declare himself god and demand his followers swear allegiance to him.

In order to compel them to swear allegiance, the antichrist will assume total control of the economy. No one will be able to buy or sell anything, or conduct any business of any kind, unless they have sworn themselves to him.

How will he accomplish this? The apostle John saw something he called a "mark" in everyone's hand or forehead by which they conducted all their daily business and commerce. Whatever this is, it becomes "the mark of the beast" when the antichrist makes his demand.

It seems likely that what John saw was a system of commerce that depends upon biometric data of some type read by electronic scanners of some type.

In other words, everyone will be identified by their unique biometric data in a database that can be easily electronically accessed.

Ours is the first generation in the history of the world that can fulfill this prophecy.

What's more, it might already be upon us.

On May 10, a credible, conservative source - [wired.com](http://www.wired.com) - posted a story titled, *Biometric Database of All Adult Americans Hidden in Immigration Reform*.

Let me read excerpts from it to you:

The immigration reform measure the Senate began debating yesterday would create a national biometric database of virtually every adult in the U.S., in what privacy groups fear could be the first step to a national identification system.

Buried in the more than 800 pages of the bipartisan legislation is language mandating the creation of the innocuously-named “photo tool,” a massive federal database administered by the Department of Homeland Security and containing names, ages, Social Security numbers and photographs of everyone in the country with a driver’s license or other state-issued photo ID.

<http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2013/05/immigration-reform-dossiers/>

I'm not saying immigration reform is the mark of the beast, or even that it is the system envisioned by John in the Revelation.

But I think you see where we are headed; and that the things the Bible predicted over two thousand years ago - which seemed improbable if not impossible - are upon us.

We won't be here when the antichrist makes his demands. We will have been resurrected from the dead or raptured at the coming of Jesus for His church.

Are you ready for the rapture? If not, get ready, stay ready, and keep looking up. ***Ready or not, Jesus is coming!***