IT MIGHT BE TODAY

I'm Watching You. Always Watching.

We like most Sunday's to bring what we call a Prophecy Update. We show how news and trends in the world are corroborating centuries-old prophecies found in the Bible.

Technology that the apostle John predicted 2000 years ago in the Revelation of Jesus Christ is available and is being rolled out slowly but inevitably to consumers. John saw everyone being identified, and conducting their daily business, by means of something on or in their hands or foreheads. Today we call this biometrics.

The latest example of a biometric technology that consumers willingly submitted to was at the Lollapalooza Concert in Chicago. Here excerpts from an article that describes what I'm talking about:

Hundreds of thousands of young and old alternative music fans lined up to willingly be tracked with RFID micro-chips at Lollapalooza in Chi-town in Chicago Friday.

The "non-removable wristbands" were provided by organizers for attendees to gain entrance to Lollapalooza music festival in Chicago's Grant Park, that began Friday August 2nd...

http://deadlinelive.info/2013/08/05/fans-to-be-willingly-rfid-chipped-at-lollapalooza-concerts/

In England, *PayPal* is testing mobile payments using your face for recognition.

Here is an excerpt from the article on <u>cnet.com</u>:

Using the PayPal app for iOS, Android, or Windows Phone, shoppers can see nearby participating merchants highlighted on their mobile phones. They can then "check into" a certain store by clicking on its name and pay for an item by sliding an animated pin down the screen. The person's name and photo then pops up on the store's payment system. After the customer agrees to pay for the item, the cashier clicks on the person's photo to send the payment through.

http://news.cnet.com/8301-1023 3-57597555-93/paypal-tests-mobile-payments-using-your-face-for-verification/

While we willingly submit to invasive technologies for the convenience they afford us, the government is making us unwilling participants in their invasion of our privacy.

For example *The Wall Street Journal* reported that the FBI employs a secret tactic in its quest to keep up to speed on suspects: a hacker-like feature that allows the Bureau to remotely activate the microphone of any laptop or an Android smartphone. From there, the FBI can listen in on activity without the knowledge of the device's owner.

http://www.redmondpie.com/the-fbi-can-activate-your-notebook-or-android-smartphone-mic-remotely/

Another article, posted on <u>cnet.com</u>, was titled, *FBI pressures* Internet providers to install surveillance software.

Excerpts:

The U.S. government is quietly pressuring telecommunications providers to install eavesdropping technology deep inside companies' internal networks to facilitate surveillance efforts.

FBI officials have been sparring with carriers, a process that has on occasion included threats of contempt of court, in a bid to deploy government-provided software capable of intercepting and analyzing entire communications streams. The FBI's legal position during these discussions is that the software's real-time interception of metadata is authorized under the Patriot Act.

While we are on the subject of losing our privacy, you might want to return your Samsung Smart TV. According to an article,

The flaws in Samsung Smart TVs, which have now been patched, enabled hackers to remotely turn on the TVs' built-in cameras without leaving any trace of it on the screen. While you're watching TV, a hacker anywhere around the world could have been watching you. Hackers also could have easily rerouted an unsuspecting user to a malicious website to steal bank account information.

Samsung quickly fixed the problem after security researchers at iSEC Partners informed the company about the bugs. Samsung sent a software update to all affected TVs.

http://money.cnn.com/2013/08/01/technology/security/tv-hack/index.html

It's here. The world John saw two thousand years ago.

What terrifies people - even nonbelievers - is that this stuff is precursor to the Mark of the Beast. But as I like to point out, **technology is not the Mark**.

Here is what is going to happen (according to the Bible). At some point people all over the world will be using some type of biometric technology to identify themselves and conduct their business.

Mid way through the seven-year Great Tribulation the world leader known as the antichrist will demand his followers worship him. He will use the biometric ID system to enforce his demands.

Those who swear allegiance to him, willfully and knowingly, are described as taking "the Mark of the beast."

If you are a Christian you won't be here when all that goes down. Jesus promised you He would return to resurrect or rapture you prior to the Great Tribulation.

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