

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"Somebody Swipe Me"

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.

There is no more terrifying prophecy than the dreaded Mark of the Beast. It is something *in* you or *on* you by which you will transact all your daily business. Eventually it will be controlled by the antichrist in order to subject you.

This week I want to share something that's coming in a little over a year. By itself, it's not the biggest technological advance; but it is an example of how, little-by-little, we are being herded towards the type of system retailers and the governments of the world want us to utilize - and there's not a thing we can do to stop it.

This is from the online version of the Wall Street Journal, February 6, titled, *October 2015: The End of the Swipe-and-Sign Credit Card*

Excerpts:

It's a payment ritual as familiar as handing over a \$20 bill, and it's soon to go extinct: prepare to say farewell to the swipe-and-sign of a credit card transaction.

Beginning later next year, you will stop swiping the credit card. Instead, you will insert your card into a slot, just like people do in much of the rest of the world, where the machine will read a microchip, not a magnetic stripe. You'll still be signing for the time being, but the new system also enables the use of PIN numbers, if card issuers decide to add them to their cards.

The U.S. is the last major market to still use the old-fashioned swiping system, and it's a big reason why almost half the world's credit card fraud happens in America, despite the country being home to about a quarter of all credit card transactions.

The recent large-scale theft of credit card data from retailers including Target and Neiman Marcus brought the issue more mainstream attention, leading to a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing this week. Executives told the senators that once the country transitions to the new system - which includes credit cards embedded with a microchip containing security data - these kind of hacking attacks will be much more difficult to pull off.

<http://blogs.wsj.com/corporate-intelligence/2014/02/06/october-2015-the-end-of-the-swipe-and-sign-credit-card/>

There was a link in the article to explain the tech, called EMV, standing for Europay, Mastercard, and VISA. The technology has been around quite some time. They explain,

... many banks recognize the benefits of chip-based payment but also realized that international standards for such payments were needed to help foster global interoperability. The original EMV Specifications were created to fill that void.

As the industry has evolved, additional EMV Specifications have been written to advance new payments initiatives.

In other words - they needed it to be globally standard - so that everyone in the world could utilize it.

Technology is not the "mark." A person will "take the mark" when, in the middle of the future seven-year Great Tribulation, they are commanded to swear allegiance to, and worship, the antichrist. If they do, they've taken his mark. If they do not - they will be cut-off from buying and selling anything and will be persecuted.

The good news is that, no matter how much we must get involved with this technology, we cannot take the mark because we will not be here when the antichrist is in power. We will have been resurrected and raptured prior to any portion of the Great Tribulation. We will be kept out of that hour that is coming to try those who dwell upon the earth.

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