

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"Chips Ahead"

Each week we present what we call a Prophecy Update. This is #427 in that series.

The Bible accurately foretells specific events - in precise detail - sometimes even centuries before they occur.

Approximately 2500 prophecies appear in the pages of the Bible. About 2000, or 80%, have already been fulfilled to the letter, with no errors.

Want to hear one? Some time before 500BC, the prophet Daniel proclaimed that Israel's long-awaited Messiah would begin his public ministry 483 years after the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem (Daniel 9:25-26). He further predicted that the Messiah would be "cut off," meaning killed, and that this event would take place prior to a second destruction of Jerusalem.

Abundant documentation shows that these prophecies were perfectly fulfilled in the life (and crucifixion) of Jesus Christ. The decree regarding the restoration of Jerusalem was issued by Persia's King Cyrus to the Hebrew priest Ezra in 458BC; 483 years later the ministry of Jesus Christ began in Galilee.

BTW: In one of the most amazing prophecies of the Bible, Isaiah predicted Cyrus' decree to free the Jews. One hundred fifty years before Cyrus lived, the prophet calls him by name and gives details of Cyrus' benevolence to the Jews (Isaiah 45:1, 4; see also 41:2-25; 42:6).

We therefore expect the remaining 500 or so prophecies to be literally fulfilled. That being the case, we ought to be able to identify trends in the world, and see news, that aligns with what the Bible says will happen.

Because of the amazing advances in biometric technology, we often bring you updates that fall under the heading, The Mark of the Beast.

In the last book of the Bible, the Revelation of Jesus Christ, the apostle John wrote about a future system of world commerce that would involve nothing more than what he called a 'mark' on your hand or forehead. People all over the world will buy and sell and conduct all of their personal business utilizing this mark.

At the mid-point of the future 7-year Tribulation, the world leader we know best as the AntiChrist will take control of commerce, and he will demand everyone swear allegiance to him. If they won't, they will be unable to buy or sell anything.

The Mark sounds a great deal like biometrics; at least, you'd expect, in light of the prophecy, for technology to be advancing in the field of personal identifiers by which you conduct your business.

A recent web article was titled, *Taiwan chipmaker maker sees record sales for 2015 as human-embedded microchips soar in popularity.*

Excerpts:

The world's largest chip maker, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., raked in record profits in 2015, highlighting a burgeoning industry that's changing the way humans interact with and connect to technology.

Experts predict human microchip implants will be used extensively in the future. "We call it augmented humanity," said [one] futurist. "We foresee a future in which everyone will have an implanted chip that will benefit our personal lives as well."

The RFID-embedded chips are similar to those used to in cats and dogs that help track lost pets. Relatively small in size, the devices are about the size of a grain of rice, says The Washington Times.

Others believe human-embedded microchips could offer advantages in terms of security. For example, *Fox News* suggests they could be used to help locate a missing child, or soldiers and journalists lost in war zones.

A few weeks ago, tech innovator Andreas Sjöström made headlines when he became the first person to fly commercially using only a microchip embedded in his hand. Sjöström, Vice President and Global Head of Digital at Sogeti, used the Near Field Communication (NFC) chip to "pass through Stockholm Arlanda airport, through security, at the lounge, and finally through the gate to the aircraft," according to his blog.

"My NFC chip contains my Scandinavian Airlines EuroBonus member ID, and since the airport has NFC readers all the way from security to the gate, I can use the chip instead of ordinary boarding passes."

<http://www.glitch.news/2016-01-27-taiwan-chipmaker-maker-sees-record-sales-for-2015-as-human-embedded-microchips-soar-in-popularity.html>

We can't say which of the many biometric technologies might emerge as the one which will be in use in the Tribulation.

What we are saying is that these advances are exactly what you'd expect from reading Bible prophecy.

The church will not be on the earth for any portion of the Tribulation. Jesus promised He'd come for us before that terrible time. He will come and resurrect the dead believers, than snatch-away those who are alive. We call this the Rapture of the church. It is imminent - meaning it could happen any moment.

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