

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"Can You Spare a Square?"

People are curious about what they call the apocalypse. Trouble is, they aren't getting reliable information about it. They think it can involve things like Zombies or alien invasions.

The apocalypse is something we, as Christians, have a great deal of information about. In fact, **I'd say we're the experts:**

- *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*, the last book of the Bible, describes the future of earth in great detail. The word "revelation" in that title is *apocalypse*. The word *apocalypse* has been hijacked by the world to mean catastrophe. In fact, *apocalypse* means a *revealing*, or an *unveiling*. It is the unveiling of Jesus Christ as He prepares the earth for His Second Coming.
- Including the Revelation, the Bible is 30% prophecy. Some 2000 have already been fulfilled, with about 500 prophecies remaining to be fulfilled. The remaining prophecies tell us exactly what the future holds. We can expect things in the world to be trending towards the fulfillment of prophecy.

That's why just about every Sunday for the past ten years we have set aside five-minutes to present what we call a 'prophecy update.'

The most prominent of the yet-to-be-fulfilled prophecies involve the world leader most commonly called the Antichrist. He will be able to demand loyalty and allegiance that is on par with being worshipped.

He'll be able to do it because every citizen will be part of a biometric system that will control every aspect of their lives.

We already see trends in this very direction. A recent article in the Atlantic was titled, *China's New Frontiers in Dystopian Tech*.

You're going to chuckle a little as I read excerpts, but really this is deadly serious.

Excerpts:

Dystopia starts with 23.6 inches of toilet paper. That's how much the dispensers at the entrance of the public restrooms at Beijing's Temple of Heaven dole out in a program involving facial-recognition scanners. It's part of the president's "Toilet Revolution," which seeks to modernize public toilets.

Want more? Forget it. If you go back to the scanner before nine minutes are up, it will recognize you and issue this terse refusal: "Please try again later."

China is rife with face-scanning technology... Don't even think about jaywalking in Jinan, the capital of Shandong province. Last year, traffic-management authorities there started using facial recognition to crack down. When a camera mounted above one of 50 of the city's busiest intersections detects a jaywalker, it snaps several photos and records a video of the violation. The photos appear on an overhead screen so the offender can see that he or she has been busted, then are cross-checked with the images in a regional police database. Within 20 minutes, snippets of the perp's ID number and home address are displayed on the crosswalk screen. The offender can choose among three options: a 20-yuan fine (about \$3), a half-hour course in traffic rules, or 20 minutes spent assisting police in controlling traffic.

Police have also been known to post names and photos of jaywalkers on social media.

Cities in the provinces of Fujian, Jiangsu, and Guangdong are also using facial-recognition software to catch and shame jaywalkers.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2018/04/big-in-china-machines-that-scan-your-face/554075/>

It's exactly the kind of intrusive control you'd expect from reading the Bible. It all sounds very "Antichrist."

We are not looking for any particular sign, or prophecy to be fulfilled. Jesus promised He'd return to rapture His church - which entails the resurrection of the dead in Christ of the Church Age, then the translation from earth to Heaven of all living believers. It is presented in the Bible as an imminent event.

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