

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"North & South of the Border"

We focus on prophecy each week for about five-minutes. The Bible is about 30% prophecy. About 500 of those prophecies are the yet-to-be fulfilled prophecies of the Last Days.

It's more than a curiosity; it's extremely practical. For one thing, it shakes-off spiritual apathy. The apostle Paul said: "[know] the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed" (Romans 13:11).

Prophecy also encourages holy living. The apostle Peter, after a long discussion about the Last Days, wrote, "Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?" (Second Peter 3:11-12).

Add to that the fact that the Book of the Revelation promises you a blessing just for reading it.

Looking at today's headlines, it seems the "time" in which we live is one in which several prophecies could easily go from unfulfilled to fulfilled.

The future Great Tribulation described in the Revelation of Jesus Christ predicts a cashless economy that is accessed by what is described as a "mark" on the right hand or forehead.

It sounds a great deal like biometrics, which is defined as, “the measurement of unique physical or characteristics as a means of verifying personal identity.” We are perhaps most familiar with fingerprints, but there are now various other biometrics, e.g., vein prints, palm prints, iris scans, and facial recognition.

It’s clear that society is moving ever closer to a system of commerce, and of life, that will require biometric identification to participate.

This week I read a couple of stories involving biometrics and border security. One was titled, *Biometric Border Trial to Scan Faces Through Cars at Mexican Border*.

Excerpts:

US border authorities are planning to launch a biometric border system at a checkpoint in Mexico that will scan the faces of drivers as they enter the country.

Called the Vehicle Face System, it is in part a product of research conducted at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory last year which involved the development of technology that allows a single camera sensor to scan an image at multiple focal ranges at the same time. This technology is critical for allowing cameras to biometrically scan the faces of drivers through vehicle windshields, with border authorities aiming to scan each individual entering the country from Mexico by car, and to match their biometrics against information in government databases.

Meanwhile on our northern border, another article was titled, *Canada to Dramatically Expand Biometric Border Screening This Year*.

Excerpts:

Canada's biometric border screening program is going to expand dramatically this year.

It's the latest example of a global trend toward enhanced biometric border screening, with Canada's Immigration Minister highlighting its security benefits.

Biometric data from visitors will be held by the RCMP, Canada's national police agency, for ten years, and will be shared with Canada's partners in the 'Five Eyes' intelligence alliance – the US, the UK, Australia, and New Zealand.

Biometrics may not end up having anything to do with the antichrist and people taking his mark in their hand or forehead.

What I'm saying is this: Reading the Bible you'd expect advances in technology that could implement a cashless economy using unique identifiers; **and that is exactly what is happening in the world.**

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!***