

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"A Chip Off the Old Beast"

We like to spend a few minutes each Sunday talking about trends and Bible prophecy.

There are approximately 500 yet-to-be-fulfilled prophecies. Knowing what they say, we expect to see certain trends in the world. We're not saying these trends are the fulfillment of prophecy - only that things seem to be unfolding just as you'd expect.

The single most well-known End Times prophecy has to do with what the Bible describes as "the Mark of the Beast."

The Beast isn't the character in M. Night Shyamalan's recent films. It's one of many titles for the future world leader more familiar to us as the Antichrist.

At the mid-point of the future seven-year Great Tribulation, the Antichrist will demand his citizens worship him:

- If they agree, it's business as usual for them, and they are described as taking his "mark."
- If they refuse, they will not be able to buy or sell, or participate in the economy in any way.

Since the “mark” involves buying and selling, and is said to be on the hand or forehead, students of Bible prophecy have for many decades thought it would involve placing a microchip under the skin.

Maybe; maybe not. But it is undeniable that people are becoming more comfortable with being chipped.

The latest article was titled, *Thousands of Swedes are getting microchip IDs inserted into their hands to swipe into homes, offices, concerts and even to access social media.*

Excerpts:

More than 4,000 Swedes are being implanted with a microchip that contains details about their identity.

The miniature technology bypasses the need for cash, tickets, access cards and even social media.

BioHax International is the market leader in the innovate industry and has captured public imagination since it was started five years ago by Jowan Osterlund, a former professional body piercer.

In June 2017, SJ Rail, the Swedish train operator, announced that around 100 people were using microchips to pay for their journey.

Commuters with a microchip in their hand are able to have their ticket loaded directly onto the device.

Microchipping has even been adopted by professional social media platform LinkedIn.

Several companies in Sweden already offer [microchipping] to their employees - often for free - to help them quickly enter the building or pay for cafeteria food.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-6306569/Thousands-Swedes-getting-microchip-IDs-inserted-hands.html>

Microchipping is just one of many technologies that could explain the “Mark of the Beast” being necessary for commerce. Our point is this: If you read the Bible from a literal and futurist perspective, you’d expect there to be technologies like microchipping. It is predicted by the 2000 year old Book of the Revelation.

As believers, we expect that Jesus could return at any moment.

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 (any-moment) event.

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