

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"Amazon Sees All"

We focus on prophecy each week for about five-minutes.

The New Testament tells you and I repeatedly that we are living in the last days before the coming of Jesus Christ. Not only are we told that, but there is evidence to back it up. There are signs that we're living in the last days:

- The explosion of knowledge (Dan.12:4).
- Global communication (Rev. 11:4).
- The rise of Europe as a superpower and the move towards a one world government. (Revelation 13).
- The move towards a one world cashless society (Revelation 13).
- The birth of the Israel as a nation (Isa.66:8).
- The alignment of hostile nations against Israel (Ezekiel 38).
- International conflict over Israel (Zech.12:3).
- The movement of Israel to rebuild their temple (Matt.24:15).

The Bible describes a yet future period of seven years during which the entire planet will experience tribulation like never before. One prominent feature of that Great Tribulation is the world ruler we know best as the Antichrist. At one point in the middle of the Tribulation, he will exercise complete control over his citizens. No one will be able to buy or sell anything without first having sworn total allegiance to him. It will be the ultimate totalitarian state.

His ability to control every aspect of a person's life isn't going to happen overnight. Things must already be in place for him when he seizes power.

You'd therefore expect a trend towards the loss of personal freedom due to invasive technology.

I read an article titled, *The FBI is Trying Amazon's Facial-Recognition Software*.

Excerpts:

The FBI is piloting Amazon's facial matching software - Amazon Rekognition - as a means to sift through mountains of video surveillance footage the agency routinely collects during investigations.

The pilot kicked off in early 2018 following a string of high-profile counterterrorism investigations that tested the limits of the FBI's technological capabilities, according to FBI officials.

For example, in the 2017 mass shooting in Las Vegas carried out by Stephen Paddock, the law enforcement agency collected a petabyte worth of data, much of it video from cellphones and surveillance cameras.

“We had agents and analysts, eight per shift, working 24/7 for three weeks going through the video footage of everywhere Stephen Paddock was the month leading up to him coming and doing the shooting,” said FBI Deputy Assistant Director for Counterterrorism Christine Halvorsen.

She said Amazon Rekognition could have gone through the same trove of data from the Las Vegas shooting “in 24 hours” - or three weeks faster than it took human FBI agents to find every instance of Paddock's face in the mountain of video.

<https://www.nextgov.com/emerging-tech/2019/01/fbi-trying-amazons-facial-recognition-software/153888/>

Another article reported this:

A growing number of Americans are OK with the facial recognition technology, especially if it increases public safety, according to a national survey released Monday.

The survey found only one in four Americans believe the federal government should strictly limit the use of facial biometrics technology.

The survey also indicates Americans are more likely to support any apparent tradeoff to their own privacy caused by facial recognition technology if it benefits law enforcement, reduces shoplifting or speeds up airport security lines.

<https://www.nextgov.com/emerging-tech/2019/01/survey-americans-warming-use-facial-recognition-tech/153987/>

Read the Bible and this is the kind of Last Days trend you'd expect.

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!*