

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"Fly the Biometric-friendly Skies"

We focus on Bible prophecy each week for about five-minutes, calling it a "Prophecy Update."

With somewhere around 500 prophecies regarding the Last Days that are yet to be fulfilled, we ought to be able to identify trends in the world that are to be expected in light of those prophecies.

The last book of the Bible, The Revelation of Jesus Christ, discusses life in the future, seven-year Great Tribulation that is coming after the rapture. It's most frightening feature is that people will not be able to buy or sell anything, or participate in society in any way, unless they receive what is called "the Mark of the Beast."

- The "Beast" is one of the many names the Bible uses to describe the world leader most commonly called the antichrist.
- Receiving his "mark" means swearing allegiance to him, rejecting Jesus Christ.

While we are not told what, exactly, is the mark on their hand or forehead, it sounds a great deal like modern biometric technologies; things like facial recognition, microchipping, retinal scanning, palm prints, and many other such identifiers.

Reading the Bible as you should, from a literal and futurist perspective, you therefore expect advances in, and the implementation of, biometric technology that will be thrust upon us.

I read an article this week titled, *Airport biometrics trials expand on three continents*.

Excerpts:

Trials of new biometric systems are launching and continuing at several airports around the world, as airports and airlines seek to increase automation to speed up identification processes.

SITA Smart Path has been deployed for a trial using facial recognition instead of a boarding pass for security processing at Athens International Airport. The airport, Greece's largest, is the first in Europe to use biometric identity at security.

The Korea Airports Corporation has deployed Fujitsu's biometric palm vein authentication system to all 14 domestic airports under its jurisdiction. The system began operation on December 28, 2018, and has been used more than a million times by 160,000 individuals with registered palm vein patterns.

Chinese technology expert Matthew Brennan filmed a kiosk [in China] as it identified him with facial biometrics, provided flight plan information, and offered him directions to his gate...

The facial recognition technology deployed to a boarding gate at JFK's terminal 5 for JetBlue passengers in partnership with U.S. Customs and Border Protection... is reducing the amount of time necessary for passengers to move through the airport while increasing security.

Collins Aerospace... announced... that its SelfPass airport biometric solution is now being trialed at Bristol Airport and Dublin Airport, enabling passengers to use a single biometric enrollment in multiple countries.

The facial recognition system from Gemalto deployed for a trial of American Airlines passengers at LAX has been largely successful through its first 90 days...

It's a growing trend you'd expect, and predict, from reading the Bible.

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!*