

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

“Coming Soon to a Government Over You” Prophecy Update #703

We reserve a few minutes Sunday morning to suggest news, or trends, that seem to be predicted by a literal, futurist reading of the Bible. We are careful to use recognized, reliable sources for news. There is a lot of sensationalism surrounding unfulfilled Bible prophecy, and we don't want to add to it.

We're not saying the things we report are the fulfillment of prophecy - only that they are the things you'd expect in light of the Bible's unfulfilled prophecies.

The future, seven year Great Tribulation is described in chapters six through nineteen of the Revelation. It is dominated by the world leader we most commonly call the antichrist. In the Revelation, he is mostly called the Beast. The apostle John describes certain characteristics of life under the reign of the Beast:

- There will be a global economy accessed by a personal identifier on or in each person.
- Without this people will not be able to buy or sell, or transact any daily business.
- The government of the antichrist will exercise virtually total control over its citizens.

What the Bible predicted over two thousand years ago sounds ominously similar to something I just read about. The article was titled, *China bank protest stopped by health codes turning red, depositors say*.

Excerpts:

A protest planned by hundreds of bank depositors in central China seeking access to their frozen funds has been thwarted because the authorities have turned their health code apps red, several depositors told Reuters.

The depositors were planning to travel to the central province of Henan this week from across China to protest against an almost two-month block on accessing at least \$178 million of deposits, which has left companies unable to pay workers and individuals unable to access savings.

Rights groups have warned China could use its vast COVID surveillance infrastructure to stifle dissent. Without a green code on their smartphone app, citizens lose access to public transport and spaces such as restaurants and malls, as well as the right to travel across the country.

"They are putting digital handcuffs on us," said a depositor from Sichuan province surnamed Chen, who declined to use his full name for fear of government retribution.

[One man who declined to give his name for fear of further government retribution said] "I can't do anything, I can't go anywhere. You're treated as though you're a criminal. It infringes on my human rights."

<https://www.reuters.com/world/china/china-bank-protest-stopped-by-health-codes-turning-red-depositors-say-2022-06-14/>

In the year 2000, Harvard Law School professor Lawrence Lessig predicted that the internet would become an apparatus that tracks our every move, erasing important aspects of privacy and free speech in our social and political lives. "Left to itself," he said, "cyberspace will become a perfect tool of control."

The article in which Lessig was quoted went on to say "The technology we thought we were using to make life more efficient started using us some time ago. It is now attempting to reshape our social behavior into patterns reminiscent of the total surveillance culture of the medieval village, or East Germany under the Stasi.

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/nov/28/technology-our-lives-control-us-internet-giants-data>

It sounds exactly like what John saw and recorded.

We believe the resurrection and rapture of the church is imminent. It could happen any moment; nothing needs to happen before it. It will definitely happen before the Tribulation. Jesus will come, in the clouds, and raise the dead believers of the Church Age. He will transform the bodies of living believers to glorified, resurrection bodies. We will join Him in Heaven while the earth endures one final seven-year campaign of severe evangelism.

Are you ready for the rapture? If not, Get ready; Stay ready; Keep looking up.

Ready or not, Jesus is coming!