

It Might Be Today

We like every week to bring what we call a Prophecy Update. We show how news and trends in the world are corroborating centuries-old prophecies found in the Bible.

The mark of the beast was introduced by the apostle John when he wrote the Revelation of Jesus Christ in the first century. It is some sort of mark on your hand or forehead by which you will conduct all commerce. You won't be able to buy or sell anything without this mark.

The global system involving this mark will already be in place before the world leader we call the antichrist comes to power. He will hijack the system and demand that you worship him - otherwise you will not be able to use the system to buy or sell anything.

Developments in Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) sound like a possible precursor to the economic system of the Great Tribulation. There were a few noteworthy news items along those lines recently.

On May 12th Mercury News in the Silicon Valley posted a story titled, *Nokia to Build Radio ID Chips into Phones for Inventory Control*.¹

Excerpts:

Nokia, the world's biggest maker of mobile phones, plans to incorporate radio frequency identification chips in its handsets to track them from assembly through recycling.

The company sees "numerous benefits" from using the chip tags "early in the process, and early in the process for Nokia means in the device itself," Jarkko Jaervilehto, a Nokia development manager, said Tuesday at an industry seminar in Vantaa, Finland.

Radio frequency identification, or RFID, is already used to track boxes and pallets at factories and retailers such as Wal-Mart Stores, reducing the need for checking by hand or using bar codes. The chips equipped with radio transmitters are also used for tagging pet animals.

¹ http://www.mercurynews.com/ci_12355589?source=email

He said it wasn't clear when... Finland-based Nokia would start putting the chips in its phones, saying technology and standards need more development. European Union privacy laws may also require that consumers be able to switch off the tags, he said.

On May 13th The Register, a British website, posted an article titled, *VeriChip Shaves 3mm Off Human RFID Chips*.²

Excerpts:

VeriChip has developed an even-smaller implantable RFID tag, measuring a diminutive 8mm by 1mm.

Not that this new chip is designed for tagging people as such. It's been developed for use with "vascular access catheters" being deployed by MedComp.

People-tagging is still firmly on the agenda, with VeriChip hopeful that once people have had one tag inside them, they'll happily opt for another: "We also expect to offer the VeriMed Health Link patient identification service at a reduced rate to all patients who receive a Medcomp vascular port" said VeriChip chairman Scott R. Silverman, when the contract was announced.

Here's a scary slant on implantable chips. Fox News ran a story that claims an implantable chip has been developed by a Saudi inventor that would consist of a tiny GPS tracker and a small dose of cyanide "to remotely kill the wearer... if the authorities deemed he'd become a public threat."³

The inventor said the chip could be used to track terrorists, criminals, fugitives, illegal immigrants, political dissidents, domestic servants and foreigners overstaying their visas.

There was some other very big GPS news. ChicagoTribune.com posted, on May 7th, an article titled, *Wisconsin Court Upholds GPS Tracking by Police*.⁴

Excerpts:

² http://www.theregister.co.uk/2009/05/13/verichip_medcomp/

³ <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,520331,00.html>

⁴ <http://archives.chicagotribune.com/2009/may/07/news/chi-ap-wi-gps-police>

Wisconsin police can attach GPS to cars to secretly track anybody's movements without obtaining search warrants, an appeals court ruled Thursday.

As the law currently stands, the court said police can mount GPS on cars to track people without violating their constitutional rights – even if the drivers aren't suspects.

WorldNetDaily reported “that an army of some 140,000 workers [have been] hired in part with a \$700 million taxpayer-funded contract to collect GPS readings for every front door in the nation.”⁵

I think you can see how technology exists that not only makes the fantastic prophecies of the Revelation plausible but inevitable.

We're not looking for the antichrist. In fact, he will not be revealed until we - the church - are removed in the rapture. We are looking for Jesus Christ to come at any moment.

These are the last days. Get ready, stay ready, keep looking up. Ready or not, Jesus is coming!

⁵ <http://www.worldnetdaily.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=97208>