

It Might Be Today

IRIS & ID

Every Sunday we present a prophecy update. We show how news and trends in the world corroborate centuries-old prophecies you read in the Bible.

When the apostle John wrote the Revelation of Jesus Christ in the first century he spoke of a society in which each citizen would have some sort of a 'mark' on their body by which they would be uniquely identified to conduct business and contact the government.

Mid-way through the seven-year Great Tribulation, the man we know as the antichrist will take over that system and demand that his citizens swear allegiance to him. Those who refuse will not be able to conduct any business. At some point those who refuse will be persecuted.

Ours is the generation that has seen the technology developed to fulfill this prophecy. I want to cite a couple of stories that indicate we are moving in the direction of having a unique personal identifier, what some call a national ID, by which we will transact all of our business.

The Charleston (West Virginia) Daily Mail website posted an article on July 15 titled, *State now issuing revamped driver's licenses, IDs.*¹

Excerpts:

The State began issuing the new style of licenses and identification cards at the Kanawha City office this week, said Natalie Harvey, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Motor Vehicles.

The state is making the changes to comply with federal law.

Other offices around the state will begin issuing them over the next two weeks.

¹ <http://www.dailymail.com/News/201107141515>

The federal REAL ID Act of 2005 is nudging states toward a nationwide identification system.

In addition to the information already on the state's licenses and ID cards - name, birth date, address and license number - a new identification number will be printed just under the resident's birth date.

Harvey said that number will be unique to each person nationwide.

On July 20 Reuters ran a story titled, *Police to begin iPhone iris scans amid privacy concerns.*²

Excerpts:

Dozens of police departments nationwide are gearing up to use a tech company's already controversial iris- and facial-scanning device that slides over an iPhone and helps identify a person or track criminal suspects.

The so-called "biometric" technology... could improve speed and accuracy in some routine police work in the field. However, its use has set off alarms with some who are concerned about possible civil liberties and privacy issues.

The smartphone-based scanner, named Mobile Offender Recognition and Information System, or MORIS, is made by BI2 Technologies in Plymouth, Massachusetts, and can be deployed by officers out on the beat or back at the station.

An iris scan, which detects unique patterns in a person's eyes, can reduce to seconds the time it takes to identify a suspect in custody. This technique also is significantly more accurate than results from other fingerprinting technology long in use by police, BI2 says.

When attached to an iPhone, MORIS can photograph a person's face and run the image through software that hunts for a match in a BI2-managed database of U.S. criminal records. Each unit costs about \$3,000.

One of the technology's earliest uses at BI2, starting in 2005, was to help various agencies identify missing children or at-risk adults, like Alzheimer's patients.

Since then, it has been used to combat identity fraud, and could potentially be used in traffic stops when a driver is without a license, or when people are stopped for questioning at U.S. borders.

² <http://mobile.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE76J4A120110720?irpc=932>

Roughly 40 law enforcement units nationwide will soon be using the MORIS, including Arizona's Pinal County Sheriff's Office, as well as officers in Hampton City in Virginia and Calhoun County in Alabama.

The technology to accomplish what John the apostle saw over two thousand years ago is here. Right now. It is only a matter of time before every citizen in every country all over the world has his or her own personal identifier on or in the body.

These are the last days things are lining up just as God said they would!

Does anything need to happen before Jesus returns to resurrect and rapture the church? No. And that's why I like to end these updates by saying, Get ready, stay ready, keep looking up. **Ready or not, Jesus is coming!**