



# It Might Be Today

## Finger Scans

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.

Many of the most fantastic prophecies require the rapid advancement of technology. The Bible speaks of a 'mark' on or in a person's hand or forehead by which they will be identified and transact all business. Ours is the first generation in human history to see the possibility of such a system being realized.

What seemed outrageous for centuries is now almost expected! And it is already being implemented in various ways.

The latest example of invasive id technology comes from Washington County Florida. An October 7 article posted on the internet was titled, *FLORIDA SCHOOL DISTRICT TO IMPLEMENT 'FINGER SCANNERS' TO IDENTIFY STUDENTS?*<sup>1</sup>

Excerpts:

When a student boards a bus in Washington County, he or she presses his or her finger onto a scanner registering them as present for the day. The school board decided to take this action when they saw conflicting attendance records.

According to the local NBC News affiliate, the district will be testing out the technology on a few buses but plans to implement it in the whole fleet before the end of this year.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.theblaze.com/stories/florida-school-district-to-implement-finger-scanners-to-identify-students/>

[Commenting on this one tech website said] “The scanner also captures your fingerprint which is a unique, identifiable piece of information, stores it in a database, and links it to a name.

Yes, parents can opt-out and request their children be tallied the traditional way. But still, it seems kinda Orwellian that the school wants you to flash your fingerprint before you can learn your reading, writing and arithmetic.”

It’s part of a growing global trend to depend upon personal identifiers.

Back on August 8 startribune.com posted an article titled, *Wrist band is part ID, part PayPass.*<sup>2</sup>

Excerpts:

U.S. Bancorp is testing a silicone bracelet that uses radio frequency identification technology for an ID and payment system.

[Without] purse and wallet, Jennifer Swenson approached the cashier at CVS. When asked for \$1.84 to pay for her drink, she waved a silicone bracelet above the credit card reader and headed back to work.

Swenson is among the thousands of U.S. Bancorp employees who are testing the VITAband, a cross between a re-loadable prepaid card and medical identification bracelet.

The wrist band uses a radio frequency identification (RFID) chip, which contains a tiny microchip and radio antenna. The chip communicates wirelessly with the payment reader at the register, transmitting how much you owe and approving the purchase within seconds.

Back on June 28 rfidnews.org posted an article titled, *Water Parks and Resorts Using RFID to Capture Precious Memories.*<sup>3</sup>

Excerpts:

Great Wolf Resorts, a chain of North American indoor water park hotels, has launched a new program that enables guests to link to their Facebook and automatically share photos from their visit using RFID-equipped wristbands.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.startribune.com/business/126417528.html>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.rfidnews.org/2011/06/28/water-parks-and-resorts-using-rfid-to-capture-precious-memories>

Dubbed Great Wolf Connect, the platform allows guests to check-in at designated Paw Posts photo booth kiosks located throughout the resort. Guests simply scan their wristband and photo is taken. That photo and a caption are then automatically posted on the guest's Facebook page.

Developed by Fish Technology, the wristbands also serve as guests' room keys and in-house charge accounts.

Then there's the new gadget from Jawbone, the folks who make bluetooth headsets.

Jawbone, the company famous for its range of Bluetooth headsets, is branching out into the burgeoning fitness gadget market by launching Jawbone Up, a wristband and iPhone app combination.

Jawbone Up will track all of your activity via the attractive wristband you wear at all times. Whether you're out jogging or cycling it'll track your steps, calories burned, speed and distance traveled. It's even waterproof to 1m.

It's then up to you to plug the wristband into your iPhone, using the headphone jack nestled inside the gadget, and all of your data will be uploaded. The companion app also encourages you to eat healthy as it wants you to take snaps of your food using the iPhone's camera.

The Jawbone Up duo, and this is the really clever part, will also track your sleep, based on your nocturnal activity. It'll wake you with vibrations at the perfect time in your sleep pattern, and during the day, if it feels that you've been still too long, it'll give you a nudge, letting you know its time to move.<sup>4</sup>

Technology is *not* the mark of the beast. The antichrist, in the middle of the future seven-year Great Tribulation, will demand his followers worship him. Their decision will be integrated with the existing personal identification technology so he can determine if a person is loyal or not.

A person cannot ignorantly take the 'mark' simply by having a wristband or microchip implant. It will require a personal decision to 'accept' the antichrist and to reject Jesus Christ.

I remind you that although we follow the fulfillment of Bible prophecy, we are not waiting for any prophecy to be fulfilled. Jesus promised to return to resurrect and rapture the church as an imminent event. By that we mean

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<sup>4</sup> <http://www.t3.com/news/iphone-app-news-jawbone-launches-fitness-app-wristband>

the certainty that He may come at any moment and the fact that no prophesied event stands between the believer and that hour.

Are you rapture-ready? If not, get ready, stay ready, and keep looking up.

***Ready or not, Jesus is coming!***