

# It Might Be Today

## CHIPS

Bible prophecies are coming true before our very eyes. That's why 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.

Modern technology has made it possible for you to be identified and to conduct all your business without cash via technology that is either **on** you or **in** you. More-and-more applications of this trend are being adopted everyday.

On June 1st, MarketplaceTech posted a story titled, '*Chipping' our kids: Can we fight truancy with technology?*<sup>1</sup>

Excerpts:

In San Antonio, they're going to track children with the same microchips used for cattle, or boxes in a Walmart warehouse: Radio Frequency Identification (RFID). In the fall, San Antonio's Northside Independent School District will outfit more than 6,000 students in a middle school and a high school with RFID chips, as a pilot for a district-wide program.

In other news, Spain's Ibiza Hotel introduced the world's first fingerprint payment system. When guests arrive at the hotel, they are prompted to register one or more credit cards with their unique fingerprints, enabling them to pay for foods and services by scanning their fingers on a biometric reader. Developed by PayTouch, a Barcelona-based payment provider, the technology is said to only take five seconds, with credit card verifications done in real time.<sup>2</sup>

RFID wristbands are becoming standard at music festivals around the world. One article stated,

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.marketplace.org/topics/tech/chipping-our-kids-can-we-fight-truancy-technology>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.psfk.com/2012/06/pay-with-finger-swipe.html>

RFID technology has made its way into music festival wristbands. You may have noticed at the last festival you attended... that to enter the grounds you had to walk through what looked like a fun metal detector. These "fun metal detectors" had an outline of a hand that security kindly asked to place your hand by. Placing your hand in the outline like a missing puzzle piece, your wristband was validated within a millisecond... Intellitix, a provider of RFID access control activated over one million RFID tags at festivals last year. What's the big deal, you may ask? They're the reason why queues have been cut and ticket fraud is almost extinct. Intellitix's RFID wristband is some of "the next-generation festival technology."<sup>3</sup>

The USDA Food and Nutrition Services published a report titled, *Use of Biometric Identification Technology to Reduce Fraud in the Food Stamp Program*.<sup>4</sup>

Excerpts:

Biometric identification technology provides automated methods to identify a person based on physical characteristics - such as fingerprints, hand shape, and characteristics of the eyes and face - as well as behavioral characteristics - including signatures and voice patterns. Although used in law enforcement and defense for several years, it has recently been used in civilian applications and shows some promise to reduce the number of duplicate cases in the Food Stamp Program (FSP) and other assistance programs.

Biometric identification systems are currently operational at some level in Arizona, California (under county initiative, first by Los Angeles County), Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, and Texas. Finger imaging is the principal form of technology used in all eight States, though alternative technologies have simultaneously undergone trials in Massachusetts (facial recognition) and Illinois (retinal scanning). By the end of 2000, new systems are expected to be in place in California (statewide unified system), Delaware, and North Carolina. Other States are currently in the initial planning stages, including Florida, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina.

(The report dates back to 1999 but has been revised up to 2012).

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.ibtimes.com/articles/347950/20120601/rfid-wristband-register-bonnaroo-intellitix-bamboozle-coachella.htm>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.fns.usda.gov/ora/menu/ProgramIntegrity/biomeval.htm>

Then there is this. Google “human barcode” and you’ll see the website for Biopt ID.<sup>5</sup> By using advanced algorithms to analyze the fingernail bed, Biopt ID has developed a scanning technology that captures the identifying patterns of parallel ridges and valleys found in the nailbed. This technology is capable of reading what they call an individual's "human barcode" in seconds. One of their products is called the ONEtouch Biometric Reader. They describe it by saying, “the revolutionary dual sweat gland and three finger biometric technology allows for a totally secure environment replacing passwords and other login credentials . All you need are three fingers.”

**“And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.” (Revelation 13:16-17)**

The scene in Revelation, predicted 2,000 years ago and impossible until now, could easily become an overnight global reality.

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 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!***

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<sup>5</sup> <http://www.bioptid.com/>