

# IT MIGHT BE TODAY

## "Mark My Wrist"

Week-after-week for the past seven years we have presented a Prophecy Update.

According to estimates by scholars, somewhere between two-thirds and three-fourths of the nearly 2500 prophecies in the Bible have been fulfilled **to the letter**.

We therefore expect the remaining last days prophecies to be literally fulfilled.

Since that is the case, we should be able to look at news and trends in the world and see things lining up for their fulfillment.

The most interesting, and simultaneously disturbing, trends have to do with the invention and implementation of technologies that seem to be the forerunners of the dreaded Mark of the Beast.

The apostle John, while exiled on the Island of Patmos, received the Revelation of Jesus Christ. In it he saw a future in which everyone would have something he called a 'mark,' on their hand or forehead. This 'mark' would enable them to be identified, and to transact all their business.

The tech to accomplish the things John saw is here today.

[pakalertpress.com](http://pakalertpress.com) posted a story titled, *School Plans To Tag Students With Microchip Bracelets To Encourage 'Good Behavior.'* The school in question is in New Zealand.

## Excerpts:

In a move that sounds like something out of a frightening dystopian fiction, a school in New Zealand has come under intense criticism from parents for attempting to introduce a scheme to tag children with microchips in order to promote good behavior.

Fairfax Media reports that [the school] plans to attach chipped bracelets to students to track their behavior. Many parents were not notified of the scheme, only finding out about it via minutes from a Parent Teacher Association meeting.

Under the proposal, the devices locked to kids' arms would allow teachers to use portable scanners in order to add reward points to a student's good behavior record, stored on a database.

Students would be rewarded points when they did something teachers determined to be positive, and incentives would be enhanced with the promise of prizes for reaching a certain amount of points.

<http://www.pakalertpress.com/2014/08/03/school-plans-to-tag-students-with-microchip-bracelets-to-encourage-good-behaviour/>

Your friendly neighborhood Starbucks is going to be getting more hi-tech. According to a web article,

A decade after the idea was first sketched on the proverbial drawing board, Starbucks is poised to finally let its customers order their coffees from their phones. And the company's plans for building on its wildly successful mobile app don't stop there.

Simultaneously, Starbucks is in talks with potential partners to allow its customers to use the Starbucks app as a payment instrument in other stores.

<http://recode.net/2014/07/17/starbucks-has-bigger-plans-in-mobile-payments-than-most-people-realize/>

The Squamish Valley Music Festival is underway, in Canada.

Each of the festival's 35,000 daily attendees will receive a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) wristband developed by Montreal-based Intellitix. The wristbands will run on the company's IntelliPay system – a fully-integrated RFID system that combines access control, cashless payment and social media integration.

Festival goers received their wristbands through mail and will be required to activate them online prior to attending the event in order to be able to use them.

The wristbands are similar to how public transit smart cards work in that attendees can add money into their account for any purchases made at the venue. This can be done with ease online, including by smartphone, or at the 'Top Up' stations found across the festival site.

<http://www.vancitybuzz.com/2014/08/squamish-festivals-rfid-wristbands-allow-attendees-go-cashless/>

Here are a few random stats I came across:

- 3 out of 10 British citizens under the age of 35 have never written a check.
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- 43% of South Africans and 27% of Kenyans have adopted a cashless system.

According to the Manchester Evening News, in Britain,

A street in South Manchester is to be the country's first ever 'cashless' shopping area in a special experiment.

For [one day] only, shops and businesses on Beech Road will accept only debit and credit card payments and no notes or coins.

<http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/beeceh-road-chorlton-street-become-7304416>

This season, while watching any National Football League (NFL) Thursday-night games, television viewers will be able to view how far each wide receiver runs, from the second the player takes possession of the ball to the minute the play ends. What's more, that distance will not be just the official forward yards as marked by the chain crews and referees - it will measure all yards accrued as he twists, dodges, side-steps, and moves up and down the field until the second the opposition stops him. All of these stats are being automatically collected by an RFID system installed at 17 football stadiums throughout the United States. RFID tags embedded in between the two layers of plastic that make up a player's shoulder pads, as well as tags in referees' back pockets, tags on the tops of the chains used to mark yardage, will supply the real-time information.

<http://www.rfidjournal.com/articles/view?12068>

None of these things is the Mark of the Beast. The Mark of the Beast is an event, three and one-half years into the Great Tribulation, when the antichrist reveals himself and uses the technology of the time to control the populace.

All we are saying is this: The technology to implement what John saw in the first century is here, today. End times prophecies are capable of being fulfilled like no other time in history.

We aren't looking for the antichrist to be revealed. We are looking up, to see Jesus Christ return - to resurrect the dead in Christ, then rapture living believers.

Are you ready for the rapture? If not, get ready, stay ready, and keep looking up. ***Ready or not, Jesus is coming!***