

# IT MIGHT BE TODAY

## "Rise of the Swedish Cyborgs"

Week-after-week for the past seven years we have presented a Prophecy Update. This is #380 in that series.

The Bible is almost 30% prophecy, and most of the Bible's over 2500 prophecies have been fulfilled to the letter. We therefore expect the remaining prophecies of the Last Days to be literally fulfilled.

One of the primary signs of the last days is the explosion of technology, and especially technologies that could create a global, cashless marketplace that is accessed by personal identifiers either in us or on us.

That's the future the apostle John predicted in the first century, when he described what is famously known as "the mark of the beast."

Several news outlets posted a story titled, *Nordic Countries Lead the Way to Cashless Societies*.

Excerpts:

Nordic countries are leading a shift by rich nations toward cashless societies... Helped by wide use of computers even among the elderly, broad trust in the state and big business and only small... economies, people in Sweden and neighboring countries are fast embracing cards, the Internet and apps for financial transactions, and forsaking notes and coins.

“We are headed more and more for a cashless society,” said Jan Digranes, a director at Finance Norway, which represents banks and other financial institutions.

“It is an ongoing evolution,” said Peter Fredell, CEO of Swedish Seamless, which developed the payment app Seqr that handles around 3 billion transactions in stores, restaurants and e-trade annually.

<http://www.dailystar.com.lb/Business/International/2015/Jan-10/283577-nordic-countries-point-the-way-to-cashless-societies.ashx#sthash.2OcnY1L5.dpuf>

Here is a headline for you: *The Rise of the Swedish Cyborgs.*

Excerpts from the BBC News article:

Darkness had fallen over Stockholm as a group of eight people entered *Swahili Bobs*, a tattoo parlor in the dark alleys of Sodermalm.

By day there were tech entrepreneurs, students, web designers and IT consultants - but that night they were going to be transformed into cyborgs.

It may sound like the beginning of a science-fiction novel, but in fact it is a recollection of real events, by bio-hacker Hannes Sjoblad.

He organized the so-called implant party, which took place in late November and was one of several he has arranged. At it, eight volunteers were implanted with a small RFID (radio frequency identification) chip under the skin in their hand. Mr Sjoblad also has one.

He is starting small, aiming to get 100 volunteers signed up in the coming few months, with 50 people already implanted. But his vision is much bigger.

"Then will be a 1,000, then 10,000. I am convinced that this technology is here to stay and we will think it nothing strange to have an implant in their hand."

<http://www.bbc.com/news/technology-30144072>

The [FinancialPost.com](http://FinancialPost.com) posted an article titled, *Banking on biometrics: How you'll soon be able to pay with your finger, access an ATM with your eyes.*

Excerpts:

In Jordan, you can walk up to a bank teller and get your eyes scanned in lieu of using a bankcard. In Japan, ATMs authenticate your identity using the vein patterns in your finger.

Digital evolution is upon us and financial companies are racing to become the first in the world to integrate biometrics — using human characteristics to verify the identities of customers — into our everyday transactions.

The Toronto-based Bionym, for example, recently announced that its heart-related technology will be the world's first biometrically authenticated wearable payment solution...

<http://business.financialpost.com/2014/12/06/banking-on-biometrics-how-youll-soon-be-able-to-pay-with-your-finger-access-an-atm-with-your-eyes/>

Closer to home, in Omaha, Nebraska, Westside Community Schools have begun collecting student fingerprints for its school lunch program.

The school district has moved to a biometric identification program, saying students will no longer have to use an ID card to buy lunch.

“Students lose their ID, they leave it at home, it went through the washing machine, there were all kinds of reasons why kids didn’t have an ID and it took a lot of time for them to fish it out of their pockets and holding their tray at the same time,” Diane Zipay of Westside Nutrition Services said.

“They never lose their finger.”

Students pay for their items by scanning their fingerprint on a pad, which then connects to a database housing all the students’ identification...

<http://eagnews.org/nebraska-school-district-scans-student-fingerprints-for-lunch-program/>

Technology is **not** the mark of the beast. The beast, more commonly called the antichrist, will utilize the technology already in place. He will demand worship; anyone who complies is taking his mark. Those who refuse will be persecuted.

The antichrist does demands worship in the very middle of the Tribulation. We won't be there!

In fact, the church won't be on the earth for any portion of the seven-year Tribulation. Jesus promised to come to resurrect the dead believers and to rapture those who are alive.

His coming for the church is presented in the Bible as being imminent - meaning, at any moment, with no signs necessary for Him to come.

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