

# IT MIGHT BE TODAY

## "ID Israel"

We are now in our eighth year of presenting a Prophecy Update. This is #391 in that series.

According to one resource<sup>1</sup>, 25% of the verses in the Bible contain a prediction about the future. If you're wondering why we talk a lot about prophecy, it's because one quarter of the Bible is devoted to it.

Of the prophecies, 594 (or 80%) have already come true. Since those that have not come true are all concerned with the end of the world, all that could have taken place has already done so, with 100% accuracy, giving us ample proof that the remaining prophecies will be literally fulfilled.

Knowing the end times prophecies, it is our belief that we can therefore identify trends in the world, and news, that would be expected in light of them.

The majority of our updates are about advances in biometric technology. That's because the Bible, in the Revelation of Jesus Christ, describes the government and the economy of the last days utilizing some sort of identifying 'mark' that will enable citizens to conduct all of their daily interactions.

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<sup>1</sup> *Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy*, Paine, Hodder & Stoughton, 1973.

It's commonly called "the mark of the beast," the beast being a name for the antichrist. He will cause everyone to take his 'mark' on or in their hand or forehead. Without this biometric id, no one will be able to buy or sell, or interact with the government.

It is interesting to see Israel moving towards a mandatory biometric id. On April 14, the Jerusalem Post published a story titled, *Erdan wants advanced biometric ID card mandatory for all Israelis*.

Excerpts:

All citizens will have to gradually move to biometric identification, Interior Minister Gilad Erdan said Monday, submitting a report on the system's pilot run to the cabinet and Knesset.

“Smart biometric documentation that cannot be counterfeited, together with use of the biometric data will allow a full security and defense package for Israeli citizens’ identities and will balance our responsibility to ensure their security with our requirement to defend their privacy,” Erdan stated.

The biometric database pilot period lasted two years, during which over 630,000 Israelis volunteered to receive biometric passports and identification cards.

The report, submitted to cabinet secretary Avichai Mandelblit and Knesset Speaker Yuli Edelstein, reviewed whether smart ID is necessary, biometric databases around the world, alternative plans, possibilities of identity theft and the damage it could cause, how to secure the database, and more.

<http://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/Politics-And-Diplomacy/Erdan-wants-advanced-biometric-ID-card-mandatory-for-all-Isrealis-397994>

In the future Tribulation, some such system will be in place when the antichrist suddenly demands to be worshipped. Those who refuse will be cut-off from being able to participate in government, or from purchasing anything.

As exciting as it may be to see prophecy unfolding, we don't need to see anything happen, or to be fulfilled, before Jesus can resurrect and rapture the church. It is presented in the Bible as imminent.

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