

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"How Swede It Is"

Each week we present what we call a Prophecy Update. This is #422 in that series.

Unique among all books ever written, the Bible accurately foretells specific events - in detail - many years, sometimes even centuries, before they occur.

Approximately 2500 prophecies appear in the pages of the Bible, about 2000, or 80%, of which already have been fulfilled to the letter with no errors.

Since the probability for any one of these prophecies having been fulfilled by chance averages less than one in ten (figured very conservatively), and since the prophecies are for the most part independent of one another, the odds for all these prophecies having been fulfilled by chance without error is less than one in 10 to the 2000th power.

That is 1 with 2000 zeros written after it.

Something like 500 prophecies remain to be fulfilled. We ought to be able to identify trends in the world, and hard news items, that would be expected in the light of the yet-to-be-fulfilled prophecies.

Futurists, like ourselves, who take Bible prophecy literally, see predictions of a cashless economy. At least one country is getting close to implementing just that.

The on-line NY Times article was titled, *In Sweden, a Cash-Free Future Nears.*

Excerpts:

Parishioners text tithes to their churches. Homeless street vendors carry mobile credit-card readers. Even the Abba Museum, despite being a shrine to the 1970s pop group that wrote “Money, Money, Money,” considers cash so last-century that it does not accept bills and coins.

Few places are tilting toward a cashless future as quickly as Sweden, which has become hooked on the convenience of paying by app and plastic.

At more than half of the branches of the country’s biggest banks, including SEB, Swedbank, Nordea Bank and others, no cash is kept on hand, nor are cash deposits accepted. They say they are saving a significant amount on security by removing the incentive for bank robberies.

Filadelfia Stockholm church, so few of the 1,000 parishioners now carry cash that the church had to adapt, said Soren Eskilsson, the executive pastor.

During a recent Sunday service, the church’s bank account number was projected onto a large screen. Worshipers pulled out cellphones and tithed through an app called Swish, a payment system set up by Sweden’s biggest banks that is fast becoming a rival to cards.

Other congregants lined up at a special “Kollektomat” card machine, where they could transfer funds to various church operations. Last year, out of 20 million kronor in tithes collected, more than 85 percent came in by card or digital payment.

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/27/business/international/in-sweden-a-cash-free-future-nears.html?_r=1

The world that the Bible predicted thousands of years ago is upon us.

While we see the signs, we are not waiting for anything to happen before the Lord comes to resurrect the dead in Christ, and to rapture living believers. That event is imminent, pretribulational, and premillennial.

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