

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"Fingering it Out"

Each week we present what we call a Prophecy Update. This is #433 in that series.

The Bible accurately foretells specific events - in precise detail - sometimes even centuries before they occur.

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

Because we know that the remaining 500 or so prophecies will definitely be fulfilled, we look for news, and trends, that you'd expect to be taking place.

Call it signs of the times.

Ever since John wrote the Revelation of Jesus Christ in the first century, futurists like ourselves have been predicting that, in the Tribulation, everyone will conduct their daily business by means of some "mark" on their hand or forehead.

You'd therefore expect commerce to be heading in that direction... And it is.

A recent article posted by Japan News was titled, *Fingerprints to be tested as 'currency.'*

Excerpts:

Starting this summer, the government will test a system in which foreign tourists will be able to verify their identities and buy things at stores using only their fingerprints.

The government hopes to increase the number of foreign tourists by using the system to prevent crime and relieve users from the necessity of carrying cash or credit cards. It aims to realize the system by the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The experiment will have inbound tourists register their fingerprints and other data, such as credit card information, at airports and elsewhere.

Tourists would then be able to... make purchases after verifying their identities by placing two fingers on special devices installed at stores.

A total of 300 souvenir shops, restaurants, hotels and other establishments will participate in the experiment.

[The government hopes] to realize the system throughout the country, including Tokyo, by 2020.

Attempts to put similar systems into practical use are under way at a bank and a theme park in Japan.

In October last year, the Huis Ten Bosch theme park in Sasebo, Nagasaki Prefecture, introduced on a trial basis a similar system in which visitors can make payments with just their fingerprints at about 30 stores and restaurants.

An official from the theme park said, “The system has been well received by customers, including those with children, since it saves them the trouble of taking their wallets out.”

By the end of this month at the earliest, Tokyo-based Aeon Bank will become the first bank in Japan to test a system in which customers will be able to withdraw cash from automatic teller machines using only fingerprints for identification and omitting the use of cash cards.

<http://the-japan-news.com/news/article/0002859676>

Fingerprint scanners are just one of many technologies that sound eerily like the mark. It's exactly what you expect from a literal reading of the Bible.

You know what else you can expect? The church will not be on the earth for any portion of the Tribulation. Jesus promised He'd come for us before that terrible time. He will come and resurrect the dead believers, than snatch-away those who are alive. We call this the Rapture of the church. It is imminent - meaning it could happen any moment.

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