

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"Cashless & Indians"

Each week we present what we call a Prophecy Update. This is #469 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.

You might call them the signs of the times.

The majority of our updates seem to deal with what we commonly call "the Mark of the Beast." In the Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ, the apostle John saw a future in which the world would be united in a global, cashless economy. Every person on earth would have some sort of personal identifier in them, or on them, by which to conduct all transactions.

Futurists like ourselves were ridiculed for taking John literally, and seriously. Not anymore. Even mainstream reporters use the term, "Mark of the Beast," when discussing advances in tech.

The Washington Post published an article titled, *What the U.S. can learn from India's move toward a cashless society.*

Excerpts:

A decade ago, India had a massive problem: nearly half its people did not have any form of identification.

In 2009, the government launched a massive project, called Aadhar, to solve this problem by providing a digital identity to everyone based on an individual's fingerprints and retina scans.

As of 2016, the program had issued 12-digit identification numbers to 1.1 billion people. This was the largest and most successful I.T. project in the world and created the foundation for a digital economy.

India's next challenge was to provide everyone with a bank account. Its government sanctioned the opening of 11 institutions called payment banks, which can hold money but don't do lending. To motivate people to open accounts, it offered free life insurance with them and made them a channel for social-welfare benefits. Within three years, more than 270 million bank accounts were opened, with \$10 billion in deposits.

And then India launched its Unified Payment Interface (UPI), a way for banks to transfer money directly to one another based on a single identifier, such as the Aadhar number.

India has just introduced another innovation called India Stack. This is a series of secured and connected systems that allow people to store and share personal data such as addresses, bank statements, medical records, employment records and tax filings, and it enables the digital signing of documents. The user controls what information is shared and with whom, and electronic signature occurs through biometric authentication.

Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz said at the World Economic Forum meeting in Davos, Switzerland, that the United States should follow Modi's lead in phasing out currency and moving toward a digital economy, because it would have "benefits that outweigh the cost."

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/innovations/wp/2017/01/23/what-the-u-s-can-learn-from-indias-move-toward-a-cashless-society/?utm_term=.bea278580e30

This is happening, just as we expect from our literal reading of Bible prophecy.

Not to worry: The Mark of the Beast - whatever tech eventually becomes its foundation - **cannot occur until mid-way through the future Great Tribulation.**

Technology itself is NOT the mark, but, rather, the swearing of allegiance to the antichrist, in the face of the Gospel telling you it means eternal damnation.

We won't be on the earth to see it, and be confronted with swearing allegiance to the antichrist.

Jesus promised He'd come and resurrect the dead in Christ, and rapture living believers, **before** the Great Tribulation will begin.

There are no prophecies needing to be fulfilled prior to the rapture. It is presented in the Bible as an imminent event. Are you ready for the rapture? If not, get ready, stay ready, and keep looking up. ***Ready or not, Jesus is coming!***