

**News and Current Events :: Single Currency****Single Currency - posted by Limey153 (), on: 2008/12/1 14:36**

Saw this article on MSN and was a good reminder of just how easy it could be for the Anti-Christ to get the world into a global cash-less money system. One big global economic collapse and nations will love to go after the new system.

(<http://money.uk.msn.com/investing/news/article.aspx?cp-documentid11470106>) MSN - UK urged to join euro

**Re: Single Currency - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2008/12/1 19:24**

Just a thought, and not to sound contentious, but where does the Bible teach that there will be a global cash-less society? Does the Bible really say that? Or are we reading popular theology back into the Scriptures?

**Re: - posted by enid, on: 2008/12/2 14:51**

Whilst it does not say in scripture that there will be a cashless society, it looks like the assumption is made from Rev 13 v16-17, where the beast causes all to receive a mark, and no one can buy or sell without the mark.

Also, in Rev 18, when Babylon falls, it says in verse 11 that no one buys her merchandise anymore. Merchandise such as gold, silver etc.

Maybe the merchandise was bought with cash, maybe it was trade, but it was bought.

Food for thought.

**Re: - posted by TaylorOtwell (), on: 2008/12/2 16:54**

Along with King Jimmy's thoughts...

I would suggest trying not to read Revelation with a Euro/Amero-Centric view of the world. For instance, what does a cashless society have to do with the tribes in Africa and South America? Or, the remote parts of India and Tibet?

The mark of the beast is something that every person on earth either has or does not have. It is not a temptation only the "civilized" world will face.

Therefore, it may be helpful to rethink some of the modern views of what the mark really is.

**Re: - posted by enid, on: 2008/12/3 4:35**

America isn't mentioned at all in the Bible, let alone Revelation.

However, Babylon, is mentioned throughout the Bible, from Genesis and into Revelation. Maybe symbolically, but it is mentioned.

Who cares whether we have cash or not? It's worthless anyway.

The mark will come world wide, even to regions of the world that are even now undiscovered, but will be. Even to languages that are practically unknown to the 'outside' world.

Forget a cashless society, but be ready for persecution.

**Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2008/12/3 8:27**

Might I suggest that the "plain and simple" interpretation of Revelation, concerning the Mark of the Beast, is not a "cashless society," but rather, is simply a mark that shows one's allegiance to the Beast, that gives one permission to participate in buying and selling. Nowhere is the notion of "cashless" taught. Quite the contrary, "buying and selling" does happen up until the very last hour, when Babylon with all her silver and gold (forms of currency) are overthrown. One's ability to "buy and sell" (thus denoting currency), are dependent upon one taking a mark.

And what is that mark? Gramatically speaking, the word for "mark" in the Greek is a word used for cattle branding. The highly tech. option of a computer chip makes for "sexy theology" suitable to wild Bible studies and self-proclaimed "Bible Prophecy Teachers" on TV, but is not something the Scriptures directly teach. Additionally, mass producing 6+ billion computer chips to distribute and implant in people on a global scale is simply not practical, especially in a world that will be caught up in violent chaos. Practically speaking, it would be far easier and more efficient to get people to use some sort of everyday device they find in their own home to mark themselves with. Even today, some college Fraternities still are known for "branding" their members on the skin with a little alcohol/liquor, and a hot piece of metal with a Greek letter. Very simple to do, medicially safe, and with very little pain (from what one person told me who had it done to them).

**Re:, on: 2008/12/3 8:29**

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Thats not necessarily true. I can't put my finger on them at the moment, but there are passages of scripture that I have heard explained as representative of America... particularly in relation to a country referred to as a Lion... which would be Great Britain, which was in fact inhabited at the time the Bible was written.

Either way, I dont think anyone can conclusively state that America is not mentioned in the Bible. What we DO no is that Israel will stand alone with NO allies... and as of right now, we are their only trues allies.

Krispy

**Re: - posted by TaylorOtwell (), on: 2008/12/3 9:03**

I would also note that we are assuming an entirely futuristic view of Revelation, which would have had almost no relevance to its original audience. Perhaps we should reconsider this as well?

Grace to you,  
Taylor

**Re:, on: 2008/12/3 10:09**

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This is becoming very popular today (which raises a red flag w/ me just on that basis alone), but I dont think you can look at the world today and whats going on and not see the things written in Revelation.

Just the fact that Israel, after being destroyed in 70AD, became a nation again in the 1940's... and not only that, but became a super-power. That is Biblical prophecy being fulfilled in a very literal and practical sense.

I reject the notion that the book of Revelation, along with it's prophecies were fulfilled in the 1st century. It doesnt even m

ake sense.

Revelation 17 gives a very graphic description of the Roman Catholic Church, even giving the geographical location of the Vatican... yet, the RCC did not exist in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd centuries (when some claim the Book of Revelation was fulfilled).

That theory is very popular on the History Channel, Discovery Channel, etc... (very humanistic unbelieving channels) and is now gaining popularity among believers.

There were a lot of believers who got excited about the "Book of Judas" a few years ago too.

Krispy

**Re: - posted by TaylorOtwell (), on: 2008/12/3 13:08**

Actually the view that it was not entirely futuristic is not modern; as many Puritans held to a historicist (it has been being fulfilled gradually through the centuries) view of Revelation.

I wasn't saying it definitely doesn't have futuristic elements, I was just trying to give the discussion some balance and point out an assumption. I do not claim to understand Revelation with confidence.

Grace to you,  
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**Re: - posted by Fuegodedios (), on: 2008/12/3 13:41**

Krispy I agree with your statements on the danger of taking heed to the secular media's take on eschatological knowledge or the doctrine of end things. If you notice that whenever the history channel does a special on prophecy it is always doom and gloom now mind you the tribulation is going to be horrendous and ruinous at the sametime this is the only element the secular media and even some christians focus on they forget the one who opens the seals and the one who ends this whole deal as victor JESUS CHRIST THE RIGHTEOUS. This is just another covert way of the media saying we will not have the lord or his christ to rule over us it is a hidden way to exalt its Anti-God and Anti-Chirst mentality leaving one with no peace. It is funny to see what the word antichirst means. it means to not only be against christ but to be in place of christ. When these T.V. Shows do specials like this they are looking to replace christ and his word as the end all to all discussions on eschatology. Remember what Isaiah 26:3 tells us

The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace,

We must keep a steady balance and remember that the book of revelation is not the revelation of antichrist,satan, and the false prophet but it is a revelation of one seated upon the throne, the throne being set(fixed established not going anywhere) in heaven. It is established upon sovereignty, justice, omnipotence and every other wonderful thing God is.

**Re: Along with King Jimmy's thoughts... - posted by Lysa (), on: 2008/12/3 14:53**

Taylor,

I really do like your interpretation. We are so narrow-minded because it's all about us here in America!

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This puts a LOT into perspective for me.

Thank you!

**Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2008/12/3 15:52**

Quote:  
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Excellent observation. (Edit: It is easy to lose the plot in that book!)

MC

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Thats cool, Taylor. I'm no expert on Revelation either!

**Fuegodedios...** good word, bro.

Krispy

**Re: - posted by GodsFire, on: 2008/12/3 17:28**

Praise the Lord brethren,

I believe we ought to take the book of Revelation very literally, not exactly metaphoric, but truth.

We have been indoctrinated in this country as well as with the bible, we need to make time now to hear from the holy spirit, leave man and all of his ideologies out of it, even mine.

We need to take the book of revelation as apocalyptic and the end of things as we know of them.

This will take meditation to the Lord, and a concentrative effort for the Lord to see our hearts and intentions as we study to be shown prophetic information in its entirety and accuracy just as John saw the portion he was given....

Again , I am stating that we should take the word very literally instead of figuratively, remember we have been indoctrinated both directly and indirectly to seeing the Book of Revelation in that manner.....

All as I know right now is that we as a people are in a trouble that I have not seen in my lifetime, and that it is to extreme biblical proportions globally.

Praise the Lord Jesus

**Re: - posted by rreighe (), on: 2008/12/26 22:11**

i dont know what to believe right now with whether revelations was a prophecy or a describing. my pastor (from central Texas) was telling me that the rapture was invented in the 1830's by someone. and that revelations was written to describe the christian persecution from Rome along time ago. but then again that wouldn't make sense because I don't remember there being 1k years of peace on earth right afterwards... i don't know. I'm living my life like the rapture will happen tomorrow even though it is just as much possible that it won't...

**Re: - posted by MarkDP (), on: 2008/12/27 0:08**

There are number of thoughts I would like to share with you on the subject of the rapture which I hope may help you with your question. I too have noticed that very few churches even speak of a rapture anymore.

First of all, it is evident that the early church did not have much of a question about Christ's return. When He ascended to Heaven in Acts 1 the believers assembled were told to go and get busy because...

Acts 1:11 11 This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

He will be coming back again in the clouds. What I have been observing lately is arrogance in modern Christianity that some how now we are more enlightened than the early church fathers. (After all, we now have computers and Bible CDs.) From what I read, I think we would be much better to be more like the early church than for them to be more like us to day.

The apostle Paul had no question about the Lords return. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

It seems that what we are saying with one side of our mouth is we proclaim the Word of God is inspired and then with the other side of the mouth discount total sections of scripture. The question as to exactly when the rapture will occur (pre, mid, etc) is an issue up for some speculation, but that it will happen doesn't seem to be negotiable. It appears that what we are seeing is the fulfillment of 2 Peter 3:3-4

knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."

Regarding persecution of the church and tribulation, I find it helpful to separate these two by definition. Persecution being man's wrath against man, while tribulation being God's wrath unleashed against mankind. The church is and will continue to experience persecution; our Lord promised it. We should not judge the times from an American viewpoint. However, it is contrary to the nature of our God to unleash wrath against His Bride. 1 Thessalonians 5:9

For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

We will be gone from here before that takes place. And with the removal of His Bride, the Church, will be the removal of the Holy Spirit (2 Thes. 2:3-7). I do not believe this is an escapist approach, just a Biblical one.

Blessed is the servant who is found watching and waiting when the Lord returns, for he will come as a thief in the night. There is more to share but hope this helps.

**Re: - posted by rreighe (), on: 2008/12/29 15:48**

it does help some. i mean when he told me that the rapture wasn't going to happen, it just didn't make sense. because if the rapture is for real, than it would happen within our lifetime or our children because prophesys are being revieled now. <http://contenderministries.org/prophecy/endtimes.php> that site says it. but either way i'm still trying to figure it out for sure . i need a quote in The Bible that talks about a one world curency, gov, and religion. because those seem to be the most talked about and most pointed to ideas.

**Re: Rapture - posted by MarkDP (), on: 2008/12/30 18:18**

Another helpful site is Chuck Misslers Koinonia House. I found an answer to the 1830 comment at <http://www.khouse.org/g/articles/1995/39/> indicating it was referenced in the early church writings.

You can read or listen to his teachings. Here is a quick link to the rapture section. <http://www.khouse.org/6640/BP101/>

He has some very good end times info on his site.

**Re: - posted by PassingThru, on: 2008/12/30 22:09**

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I agree that we should be careful not add our own ideas to Revelations as if they were part of scripture itself. That said, computer chips are actually very practical and are already used for 'branding' both cattle and people today:-

(<http://www.antichips.com/>) [www.antichips.com](http://www.antichips.com)

'Verichips' probably cost less than a dollar to mass produce. Even poor rural workers in developing countries have mobile phones these days so a tiny chip isn't going to be discarded for being too costly. In any event people would be forced to pay for it themselves just like we pay for our documents such as passports and driver's license today.

I doubt Hitler would have settled for homemade tattoos if this technology had of been within his grasp. I don't think the Anti-Christ will be any milder.

PassingThru

**Re: - posted by MarkDP (), on: 2008/12/30 22:29**

I believe it is absolutely incredible to realize that the things described in Revelation less than, say even as little than 30 years ago, seemed totally science fiction, are now not only possible but practical and even logical from the world's point of view. I have worked in a technology field for local government most of my life and have followed the trends and issues that at government face. The number one challenge since the late 1980's is identity; are you who you say you are? Fraudulent benefits are breaking government. This is not just an American problem. Has anyone noticed now the recent advertising of identity insurance? A recent statistic I encountered in my job several weeks ago is that currently statistics are that one in three will have their identity stolen in one form or another. Stopping terrorism; illegal immigration; financial fraud; health care; A secured form of identification along with vital personal records is ready and cost effective for all world governments. Hard to ignore something so obvious and practical.

**Re: Single Currency - posted by MikeCorral (), on: 2009/3/11 19:14**

"During Wednesday's summit, Mr. Ahmadinejad also called for greater regional economic integration and urged member states to begin discussing the establishment of a single currency and a bank that would promote trade. Iran's closest neighbors and key trading partners, include Pakistan, Turkey, Iraq, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kirgystan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan."

Ahmadinejad Blames Economic Woes on West at Tehran Summit

By Edward Yeranian

Cairo

11 March 2009

<http://www.voanews.com/english/2009-03-11-voa47.cfm>

**Re: - posted by rreighe (), on: 2009/3/11 22:45**

remember that the mark is AFTER the time when Jesus comes to take HIS people. if I had to guess i would say about half a billion / 500million christians would be taken (remember this is strictly MY guess, no factual evidence can prove or disprove, remembering we do not have access to other people's hearts like God does so no statistics are worth even looking at to in depth, in my opinion) but umm... and also during the blood storms, big hail, and wormwood (if it is before the mark i'm not sure.. the mark is after the dead and resurrection of antichrist so...) and the 200mill demonic horseman, a polyon. ect. there are not going to be a whole lot of people left on the Earth by the time of the mark application. also remember that NOT EVERYBODY is going to take the mark, it says something about not being able to buy or sell without it, well that to me is obvious that there will still be rebels and christians/trib saints, so that makes the numbers even lower. tim layhaye and jerry b jenkins predicted that there will be much human life lost during those years and i would guess about .75 - 3 billion people by the time of the mark application.

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remember i am 17 and still learning which is why i can't get to specific. but just adding a MAJOR point that you missed with the "6+ billion people"