



THE FUTURE TODAY!

Prophecy Meetings

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Revelation 13:11-18

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Sunday Afternoon Service

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Opening Comments

- Welcome to the **FUTURE TODAY** prophecy meeting.
- If you have your Bible, turn to **Revelation 13**.
- One of the purposes of this meeting is to inform you about what is going on in the world.
- We want our people to be able to understand the times we are living in and remind ourselves of the hope we have in Christ.
- Jesus is coming back to get His church and the signs of His soon coming are many.
- Some of those signs are not broadly talked about, and many of them are not well understood.
- The book of Revelation gives us an idea of what is coming, but it is not always clear.
- In the seven-year Tribulation, as God pours out His judgment on a wicked, God-hating, Christ-rejecting world, one man will rise to great power – world domination power – the Antichrist.
- The second half of Revelation 13 describes a second man who will rise in support of the Antichrist.
- **Revelation 13:11-15**
- This person is called the False Prophet.
- **Revelation 13:16-18**
- As believers, we have no fear of the mark of the beast.
- It won't happen until the halfway point of the Tribulation, which is at least three and a half years after the church has been taken up to heaven by Jesus.
- What we believers need to be mindful of are the preparations that are already in motion to make the mark of the beast possible.
- Up until fairly recently, the idea that one man could control the buying and selling of the whole world seemed like fantasy or science fiction.
- Every year we are moving closer to the possibility.
- From microchips implanted with personal data to globalization of world markets, we are getting closer every day.

- One big hurdle to the feasibility of controlling buying and selling is money.
- To have control over buying and selling, you must be able to control the flow of money.
- For decades people have been talking about the pros and cons of a cashless society and we see our culture moving in that direction.
- It used to be that everyone carried cash, but increasingly people are not.
- You can now use your debit card at vending machines.
- The latest step in that process is the digital dollar.
- In March of last year, a Democrat sponsored bill was introduced **Electronic Currency and Secure Hardware Act - The ECASH Act**
- Hardware “authorized” to hold or “facilitate transactions involving e-cash” would be “secured locally via cryptographic encryption” and would not be subject to “surveillance, personal identification or transactional data-gathering.”
- The danger of something like this is that it creates a pathway for the government to have direct access to our money.
- The fact that only the most liberal Democrats support this bill makes me highly skeptical.
- There is probably little chance this bill will get passed.
- But then, also in March of 2022, President Biden signed an executive order calling for more research on development of a CBDC, a U.S. Central Bank Digital Currency.
- They are trying to move this concept forward, and with enough time, they will succeed.
- They will have to – it is the only pathway that leads to the Antichrist having the power to limit buying and selling.
- And there is the danger – can we trust this government, or any government for that matter with that kind of power over our individual lives? Look at China for the danger of that.
- The whole world is moving toward the idea of a digital currency.
- It is probably inevitable, but it certainly isn’t the good thing they are trying to make it out as.
- We share this so that you can be informed.

- I don't know what the right response is – I know I will resist it.
- Until then, trust God, pray, and keep looking up – Jesus is coming!
- Pastor Randy will now share!