



THE FUTURE TODAY!

Prophecy Meetings

De-banking and the Mark of the Beast!

Revelation 13:16-17

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Sunday Afternoon Service

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Opening Comments

- Welcome to the **FUTURE TODAY** prophecy meeting
- Our purpose for doing these meetings is to keep the church informed of what is going on in the world regarding things that relate to end-times prophecies.
- We are all busy and we have things that are important to us.
- Sometimes it is hard to keep up with everything that is going on in the world.
- But God does want us to have an idea of what is going on, especially as it relates to things He said would come in the future.
- Most of the world is focused on the material world, with little or no thought regarding spiritual things.
- It was the same during the time Christ walked on the earth. **Luke**

12:54-56

Then He also said to the multitudes, “Whenever *you* see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, ‘A shower is coming’; and so it is. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blow, you say, ‘There will be hot weather’; and there is.

⁵⁶ Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how *is it* you do not discern this time?”

- Jesus, God in the flesh, the long-awaited Messiah was in their presence and fulfilled hundreds of prophecies and they were spiritually blind to it.
- Turn to **Revelation 13**
- Lately something has been in the news that we should make sure we are aware of.
- The concept is not new, but the way it is being applied is relatively new.
- It relates to something that will happen in the Tribulation period.
- **Revelation 13:16-17**
- For a long time, it was hard to imagine how something like this could happen.
- How could the Antichrist and False Prophet prevent people from buying and selling?

- It has long been believed that a global economy will make it possible – maybe a single currency that the whole world adopts.
- The digital dollar or a digital currency might also be the tool – eliminating cash.
- The latest thing that is likely to pave the way for the Mark of the Beast is something called de-banking.
- De-banking is when a bank closes the accounts of one of its customers.
- Banks routinely do that for accounts that pose a financial risk or pose a threat to the reputation of the bank.
- In the past banks focused on money.
- There has been a shift in the last few years and some people are having their accounts closed because the bank disagrees with their views on cultural or political issues.
- And legally the bank is not required to explain why they choose to close an account.
- Most businesses were created for the purpose of offering a product or service to create a profit.
- Now most large corporations find themselves being evaluated based on their ESG score.
- ESG = Environmental, social, and governance.
- There are groups that evaluate corporations based on how closely they are aligned with the far-left radical ideologies that are ruining our world.
- Sadly, most of the largest corporations in the world are either in agreement with these destructive ideologies or they go along so that they don't anger the ESG gestapo.
- Some, are willing to sacrifice profits to go along with these demonic ideologies.
- At this point, de-banking people for their political or cultural views is not widespread.
- Most people are not making enough noise to draw attention to themselves.
- And it is not clear that the practice will stand up in the courts.
- Right now, it is too soon to know just how far they will be able to go.

- If they think they can get away with it, they will do it!
- Artificial intelligence could change that.
- AI could analyze everything that can be discovered about anyone and then assign individuals with something like an ESG score that corporations like banks or governments can use to determine how they will relate to them.
- After the church is taken by Jesus to heaven, the earth will undergo the most terrible time in human history.
- At the halfway point of the seven-year Tribulation, the false prophet will institute the Mark of the Beast.
- Things like de-banking are not the Mark of the Beast.
- But it is certainly proving how the Mark might be implemented.
- We don't need to be afraid, but we should be informed and watchful.
- It is our wish that we would not be accused of not discerning the times.
- And remember, these kinds of things point to the fact that Jesus is coming back to get us – maybe soon and very soon!
- Pastor Randy will now share some more on this and other topics.