

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh" - Luke 21:28

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Billy Graham: 'Final call' for America to repent

WND.com reports: "Believing God will allow him to live to 95; famed evangelist Billy Graham is making his 'final call to America to turn to God.'

Timed to coincide with his 95th birthday, Graham is calling people in the United States and Canada to repentance as part of the 'My Hope with Billy Graham' evangelistic outreach set for the week of Nov. 7, 2013.

Unlike his famous stadium crusades over the past six decades, Graham is asking Christians to invite family, friends and neighbors to their homes to watch the 'Living Room Crusade' on their televisions, tablets or smartphones as part of a massive grassroots effort to ignite a spiritual awakening in North America.

In what is expected to be the largest undertaking in its 60-plus year history, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association hopes to mobilize millions of Christians to register as host 'Matthews' at www.myhopewithbillygraham.org and undergo training to learn how to share their faith with others.

'We have seen God visit our nation in powerful and transformational ways in

the past,' Preston Parrish, vice president of 'My Hope with Billy Graham,' told *WND.com*. 'We are praying this will be a real moment of revival and awakening and transformation across our nation.'... (The answer to America's problems is found in the Old Testament promise: *"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land"* - II Chronicles 7:14.)

Brazil evangelical Christians hold huge Sao Paulo rally

BBC News reports: "More than a million Brazilian Christians have taken part in a 'March for Jesus' in Sao Paulo.

Huge crowds thronged through the city's main avenues, accompanied by floats blasting out gospel music.

The evangelical groups who organized the march described it as the 'largest Christian event in the world'.

Brazil has the largest Roman Catholic population in the world, but other Christian churches have grown enormously in recent decades.

Christians came to Sao Paulo from all over Brazil to join the mass celebration of their faith.

Police estimated that the number of people taking part was at least a million, and organizers said the figure was much higher.

The 'March for Jesus' has been held annually since 1993, organized in part as a response to Sao Paulo's similarly massive Gay Pride event... (Praise God for the great rally of Brazilian Christians displaying their devotion for Christ - *"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy"* - Psalm 107:2 and *"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven."* - Matthew 10:32, 33.)

50 Christians burned to death in pastor's home

WND.com reports: "Fifty members of a northern Nigerian church were burned to death in their pastor's house.

The attack by armed gunmen was only the first in a 12-village spree of violence that left over 100 dead in

northern Nigeria's Plateau State, a region that had previously been outside Islamic terrorist group Boko Haram's operational area and is the largely Muslim Fulani tribesmen's homeland.

Yet Boko Haram claimed responsibility for the attacks and threatened even more violence.

Open Doors, USA spokesman Jerry Dykstra says the recent wave of attacks is rapidly turning Nigeria into a deadly religious battlefield, where Boko Haram is declaring Christians must convert ... or die..." **(Islamic terrorists will soon begin their death sentences in all 57 Muslim lands. This is what some call the 'Religion of Peace'. Hundreds of thousands of genuine Christians have already been slaughtered and the 'march**

of death' will soon begin globally – John 16:2 and Revelation 2:10 – "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." See the next report.)

Gaza Church claims Christians kidnapped, forced to convert

YnetNews.com reports: "The Orthodox Christian Church in the Gaza Strip is claiming that a group of armed Islamists kidnapped five Christian Palestinians, a young man and a mother and her three daughters, to force them to convert to Islam.

In a statement, the church said that "the dangerous Islamist movement is trying to convince Christian men and women to convert to Islam, destroying Christian families and the Christian presence in the Gaza Strip."

The church refused to divulge the name of the Islamist group it accused of these attempts.

The head of the Gaza church claimed that one of the Christians was abducted on Saturday after he had been heavily pressured to convert to Islam and had been prevented from seeing his family. According to the leader, the young man's parents filed a police complaint, but the police did nothing after learning that the person behind the alleged kidnappers was a senior cleric identified with Hamas..."

PSALM 83:4

Ahmadinejad: World forces must annihilate Israel

The Jerusalem Post reports: "In a speech published on his website Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said the ultimate goal of world forces must be the annihilation of Israel."

Speaking to ambassadors from Islamic countries ahead of 'Qods Day' ('Jerusalem Day'), an annual Iranian anti-Zionist event established in 1979 by Ayatollah Khomeini and which falls this year on August 17, Ahmadinejad said that a 'horrible Zionist current' had been managing world affairs for 'about 400 years.'

Repeating traditional anti-Semitic slurs, the Iranian president accused 'Zionists' of controlling the world's media and financial systems.

It was Zionists, he said, who were 'behind the scene of the world's main powers, media, monetary and banking centers.'

'They are the decision makers, to the extent that the presidential election hopefuls [of the USA] must go and kiss

the feet of the Zionists to ensure their election victory,' he added.

Ahmadinejad added that 'liberating Palestine' would solve all the world's problems, although he did not elaborate on exactly how that might work..." **(Ahmadinejad's goal is to fulfill Psalm 83:4: "...Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance." It won't happen you second Hitler – "...I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off" Isaiah 56:5. See the next two reports concerning Iran's president, the greatest Jew hater since Haman and Hitler.)**

Ahmadinejad terms Zionism plight of modern history

The Fars News Agency reports: "Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad described Zionism as the plight of the modern history, stressing that the Zionist regime of Israel is the axis of unity for the

world hegemonic powers.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad made the remarks in a meeting with ambassadors and embassy staffs of Islamic countries in Tehran.

The president referred to the protests and uprisings of the immigrants in the occupied lands, reiterating, "The Zionist that has resorting to lies and phony promises attracted a group into their lands from around the world in order to expand their hegemony over the regional nations taking advantage of their presence are now mistreating them."

'Zionism is the modern times plight of the human society and when we meet the European politicians they say speak transparently about everything, but they refrain from talking about the Zionist regime, which proves that Israel is the axis of unity of the world hegemonic powers,' he added..."

Iran's nuclear program designed to 'finish off' Israel, Hezbollah MP says

The Times of Israel reports: "Hezbollah MP Walid Sakariya told Lebanese television that the nuclear weapon Iran is allegedly developing is intended to annihilate Israel.

In a segment recorded and translated by MEMRI (the Middle East Media Research Institute), Sakariya, also a retired general, told his interviewer on Hezbollah's *al-Manar TV* that should Iran acquire a nuclear weapon it would serve Syrian as well as Iranian interests, namely the eradication of the Jewish state.

'This nuclear weapon is intended to create a balance of terror with Israel, to finish off the Zionist enterprise, and to end all Israeli aggression against the Arab nation,' Sakariya said.

'The entire equation in the Middle East will change,' he asserted..."

PM: If Iran goes nuclear, it may actually use bomb

The Jerusalem Post reports: "If Iran gets a nuclear bomb it may actually use it, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said, rejecting the notion that Tehran would act responsibly if it became a member of the world's nuclear 'club.'

Netanyahu, in a meeting with visiting Australian Foreign Minister Bob Carr, spelled out five things that would likely happen, were Iran allowed to go nuclear: There will be nuclear proliferation in the Middle East as various other actors will then want to have a bomb; Iran will have a firmer hand on the 'choke point of the world's oil supply,' namely the Strait of Hormuz; there will be a magnification of global terrorism because the terrorists under Iran's sway will believe that they have immunity; and Israel's cities will be rocketed even more because those firing the rockets will feel that they enjoy a nuclear umbrella.

That the Iranians might actually use the bomb is a reality that cannot be denied, Netanyahu said.

'This is a regime that has broken every rule in the book,' he added. 'They very likely could use weapons of mass death.'

Netanyahu said there was an illusion among many in the world that if Iran acquired nuclear weapons, it would behave responsibly like the world's other nuclear states..." **(Ahmadinejad's goal is to bring his messiah, Mahdi, back soon. To do so he must destroy as many Jews as possible before his holy leader arrives. His return is based on the murder of God's Chosen People. It won't succeed. God promised in Genesis 12:3 – "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." Iran will definitely use the bomb on Israel and even America if and when it possesses the weapon of mass destruction. See the next report.)**

Michael Oren: the world talks as Iran acts to destroy Israel

Israel National News reports: "The world wasted 10 years of Israeli warnings on Iran's nuclear program and another eight years before imposing belated sanctions, says Michael Oren, Israel's Ambassador to the United States.

His op-ed article in *The Wall Street Journal* was another implied hint that Israel cannot wait much longer before trying to delay Iran's nuclear program with a military attack, and such articles by the ambassador to the United States presumably are coordinated with Israel's highest officials.

'Historically, Israel has exercised that right [to defend itself] only after exhausting all reasonable diplomatic means,' he wrote. 'But as the repeated attempts to negotiate with Iran have demonstrated, neither diplomacy nor sanctions has removed the threat.'

Oren noted that Israel exposed to the world in 2002 that Iran built a secret nuclear enrichment plant at Natanz. Since then, 'The ayatollahs systematically lied about their nuclear operations, installing more than 10,000 centrifuges, a significant number of them in a once-secret underground facility at Qom.

'Iran is also the world's leading state sponsor of terror. It has supplied more than 70,000 rockets to terrorist organizations deployed on Israel's borders and has tried to murder civilians across five continents and 25 countries, including in the United States... By providing fighters and funds, Iran is enabling Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad to massacre his own people.'

Oren underscored that Iran has become a global terror threat even without nuclear weapons, and if they are acquired, it will be easier for Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to carry out his policy stated last week that 'the annihilation of the Zionist regime is the key for solving the world problems.'..."

Iran preparing Mahdi's special forces

WND.com reports: "The Quds Forces, a special Iranian unit of thousands of operatives tasked with exporting Iran's Islamic revolution, are being told to step up preparations for terrorism for the coming of the last Islamic messiah and the destruction of the West.

Ali Saeedi, the Iranian supreme leader's representative to the Revolutionary Guards, emphasized during a Friday sermon in Tehran that the Islamic republic must directly confront America so that the necessary environment is created for the reappearance of Mahdi, the Shiite's 12th imam, who will kill all infidels and raise the flag of Islam in all corners of the world.

'In three points of history, God directly confronts the will of unruly

humans in which, of course, the Right will overcome the False,' Saeedi said, according to the *Sepah News*, the Guards' official publication. 'The first point in history was during the era of pharaoh, the second era was Bani Abbas, and the third is our current era in which it seems that God has

willed us to enlighten the world with the coming of Imam Mahdi.'...' (This murderous plan is backed by many Imam's, Islam's clerics and holy (?) men. Some I have quoted on global television are Khamenei and Kabbani, the religious leaders of Iran and America. They both teach

that all infidels, [non-Muslims] will be killed and Mahdi, their messiah will use the prophet Jesus as his executioner of Jews and Christians. This they prophecy in the Koran because Jesus has become a Muslim since his departure and returns as Allah's evangelist. What blasphemy!)

THE BURDEN OF DAMASCUS

Iranian mouthpiece media calls on Syria to attack Israel

Israel National News reports: "Syrian President Bashar Assad should attack Israel, says an Iranian newspaper considered the mouthpiece of the Supreme Leader.

Iran is concerned that the fall of Assad's regime will cost the Islamic Republic its closest ally and could ignite anti-Syrian elements in Lebanon, base of the Iranian-funded Hezbollah terrorist organization and political party.

The *Kayhan* newspaper, which operates directly under the supervision of the Islamic Supreme Leader of Iran, wrote that Assad has every reason to strike Israel because of Israel's alleged responsibility for the bombing in Damascus, which killed several of Assad's top military officers.

The suicide blast has been widely attributed to Al Qaeda or other terrorists, if not the Syrian rebels themselves, and no journalist has even implied that Israel was involved.

The newspaper's call for war cannot be taken lightly. *Kayhan* 'offers insight into the most extreme views of Iran's leaders and into the mind-set and plans of those who are at the center of power,' according to *New York Times* correspondent Michael Slackman..." (Syria will pay the price

if God's Chosen People, the Jews are attacked. Isaiah 17:1 predicts what our Almighty God will do against these ungodly attackers – "...Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap." See the next three reports.)

Syria's Alawites 'prepare for last stand'

SpaceWar.com reports: "There are growing signs that Syrian President Bashar Assad is setting up strongholds for his minority Alawite sect in their ancestral lands in northwestern Syria, where they will presumably dig in as the country Syria dissolves amid a 17-month-old revolution — or make a last stand.

Assad seems determined to fight on and his forces appear to be driving rebel forces out of Damascus after more than a week of fierce street battles during which four of the president's key security chiefs were assassinated in a bombing.

But there's a growing belief, largely based on a series of recent military operations by Assad's forces, mainly Alawites who are the pillars of his minority regime, to consolidate Alawite regions in coastal Latakia province where he can count on the populace as rebel forces take territory.

'It appears to be a matter of time

before Alawite-dominated forces fighting in Damascus begin their retreat,' global intelligence consultancy Stratfor observed from Texas.

Alawites, an offshoot of Shiite Islam, comprise around 12 percent of Syria's population of 22 million..."

Jordan king warns Syria on the brink of civil war

AFP reports: "The king of Jordan warned that his northern neighbor Syria was on the brink of all-out civil war and that in a worst-case scenario, chemical weapons could fall into the hands of Al-Qaeda.

King Abdullah II told *CNN* a bomb attack that killed core members of the Syrian regime was a 'tremendous blow' to President Bashar al-Assad but not yet the death knell for a regime that remains determined to cling to power.

'In other words, it's getting very, very messy to a point where I think the worst-case scenario for all of us in the region is when you get full-out civil war. There is no coming back from the abyss,' he said..."

Hizbullah places itself at Assad's disposal

Israel National News reports: "The Hizbullah terror group has affirmed its allegiance to Syria and has offered

to place itself at President Bashar Assad's disposal.

According to a report in Lebanon's *Al-Joumhouria* newspaper, Hizbullah leader Hassan Nasrallah 'placed all of Hizbullah capabilities at al-Assad's disposal, in the event of the Syrian regime requiring urgent assistance.'

The newspaper quoted senior political sources as confirming that there had been contact between Assad and Nasrallah, and that 'Nasrallah had offered al-Assad two forms of assistance, firstly he offered elements of Hizbullah's special forces any time they are needed, even if they are required to be sent to open fronts to fight the revolutionaries. Secondly, Nasrallah invited the Syrian president to his personal residence, or even to meet inside the Iranian embassy in Beirut.'

The report said that Assad 'has opted to remain in Syria because he still believes he is able to steer the ship with the help of some Russian political and military experts.'...

Israeli envoy to UN: Assad likely to use chemical weapons on his own people

Haaretz reports: "Israeli Ambassador to the UN Ron Prosor warned the General Assembly that Syrian President Bashar Assad could use chemical weapons on the Syrian people saying 'We should not pretend that a regime that

cuts the throats of children today will not be prepared to gas them tomorrow.'

The General Assembly condemned Syria's military campaign against anti-regime rebels in a resolution that also censured the Security Council for failing to stop the bloodshed. The resolution deplored 'the increasing use by the Syrian authorities of heavy weapons, including indiscriminate shelling from tanks and helicopters, in population centers and the failure to withdraw its troops and the heavy weapons to their barracks.'

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon told the assembly that Syria faced the 'grim possibility of long-term civil war,' and warned of the risk of a 'proxy war, with regional and international players arming one side or the other.'

'What is especially tragic about Syria is that this catastrophe was avoidable,' he said...' **(The major denominations within Islam are Egypt's Wahhabis, Syria's Alawites, Iran's and Iraq's Shiites and the more peaceful groups the Sunnis and Sufis. Imagine Muslims destroying Muslims chemically and in every way imaginable and receiving 72 virgins as an eternal reward. See I John 3:10 and I John 3:16 for Christianity's handling of brothers and sisters in the faith regardless of denominational preferences. See the next two reports for more of the same Islamic hatred between their various sects.)**

Student activist asks for formation of Islamic resistance cells in Syria

The Fars News Agency reports: "An Iranian student activist called on the Syrian youths to form a chain of Islamic resistance cells to help the government in the confrontation against armed rebel and terrorist groups.

Speaking to reporters, Secretary of the Union of Iranian University Student's Islamic Society (UIUSIS) for Political Affairs Mohammad Riyazati stated that unrest in Syria is a plot hatched by the US and the Zionist regime of Israel to break the Islamic resistance front in the region.

He pointed to the failure of different plans for resolving the current crisis in Syria, including the 6-point peace plan by UN-Arab League special envoy Kofi Anan, and noted, 'What Syria needs today more than any other time is the formation of a chain of Islamic resistance cells among the Syrian youths.'

Riyazati further pointed to the crucial role played by a similar chain of young Iranian Basij (volunteer) forces in confronting saboteurs and forces who had been organized and backed up by foreign spy agencies during post-election unrests in Iran in 2009, and said it exemplified how youth cells can help restore stability in times of crisis...'.

THE RISE OF THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD

'Muslim Brothers plotting overthrow of Gulf states'

The Jerusalem Post reports: "Dubai's chief of police has warned of an 'international plot' to overthrow the governments of Gulf Arab countries, saying the region needs to be prepared

to counter any threat from Islamist dissidents as well as Syria and Iran.

The comments by Dahi Khalfan, one of the most outspoken security officials in the United Arab Emirates, follow the detention in the UAE since April of at least 20 dissidents, according to

relatives of the detainees and activists.

'There's an international plot against Gulf states in particular and Arab countries in general... This is preplanned to take over our fortunes,' Khalfan told reporters at a gathering marking the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

‘The bigger our sovereign wealth funds and the more money we put in the banks of Western countries, the bigger the plot to take over our countries... The brothers and their governments in Damascus and North Africa have to know that the Gulf is a red line, not only for Iran but also for the Brothers as well.’

Most of the detainees since April are Islamists, targeted by an official clampdown amid concern they may be emboldened by the rise of the Muslim Brotherhood in other Arab countries such as Egypt...”

Syria’s Muslim Brotherhood hopes for Islamic state

Israel National News reports: “The Muslim Brotherhood in Syria said that the country post-Assad will be an Islamic state.

Speaking to the *Al-Arabiya* network, the movement’s deputy leader, Ali Al-Bayanouni, said, ‘You cannot deny the fact that Syria is an Islamic Arab country because most of the people who live in the country are Arab and Muslim, and the existence of non-Muslim minorities does not eliminate the identity of the majority.’

Al-Bayanouni called Syrian President

Bashar Assad ‘a criminal and a murderer who must be brought to justice,’ stressing that ‘no one has the authority to pardon the criminals.’ At the same time, despite the evidence of war crimes being committed by rebel forces as well, Al-Bayanouni said he fully supports the rebels.

‘Whoever carries a weapon for self-defense and in order to protect his honor is a hero and deserves recognition, and is not a criminal and therefore will not stand trial,’ he said.

Islamists have gained power in both Tunisia and Egypt following the Arab Spring revolutions that toppled the governments in both countries last year...” **(The Muslim Brotherhood of both Egypt and Syria is the most anti-Jewish and anti-Christian organization ever. Notice the language in the report “the existence of non-Muslim minorities does not eliminate the identity of the majority.” We are rapidly approaching the great tribulation period lasting seven years – Revelation 7:14 – a period of slaughter for Jews and Christians by Islam – Matthew 24:9; Revelation 6:9; 13:15; 20:4. Genuine Christians will escape the horrendous times via the rapture — Luke 21:36; Revelation 3:10.**

That’s how near Christ’s return is – Matthew 24:33. See the next report on anti-Semitism.)

Egypt’s Muslim Brotherhood blames Sinai attack on Mossad

Haaretz reports: “Egypt’s Muslim Brotherhood said on its website that the attack on a police station in Sinai in which 16 policemen were killed ‘can be attributed to Mossad’ and was an attempt to thwart Islamist President Mohamed Morsi.

The statement said Mossad was trying to abort the Egyptian uprising that toppled president Hosni Mubarak last year and that it was ‘imperative to review clauses’ of the agreement between Egypt and Israel.

Egypt branded the Islamist gunmen behind the attack as ‘infidels’ and promised to launch a crackdown following the massacre that has strained Cairo’s ties with both Israel and Palestinians.

The bloodshed represented an early diplomatic test for Morsi, who took office at the end of June after staunch U.S. ally Hosni Mubarak was overthrown last year in a popular uprising...”

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

‘Netanyahu, Barak mulling fall strike on Iran’

YnetNews.com reports: “Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Ehud Barak advocate an attack of Iran’s nuclear facilities in the upcoming fall, *Yedioth Ahronoth’s* senior commentators Nahum Barnea and Shimon Shiffer reported.

According to Barnea and Shiffer,

‘Not a single state official or military official or even the president – supports an Israeli attack in Iran.’

The report stated that Netanyahu and Barak believe that setting back Iran’s nuclear project is worth the risk – while defense officials believe the opposite to be true. The report also referred to Netanyahu’s certainty that U.S. President Barack Obama will not stop Iran’s nuclear development on

time...” **(Reports are circulating that the attack on Iran could happen very soon. There is little hope for Israel’s safety otherwise. Ahmadinejad has repeatedly warned that Islam’s messiah, Mahdi, will only appear if a massacre of Jews occurs first. Pray for the people of Israel; a second holocaust may be on its way – Psalm 122:6. See the next three reports.)**

Report: Saudis threaten to shoot down Iran-bound Israeli planes

Israel National News reports: “Saudi Arabia has informed Israel in recent weeks that it will shoot down any Israeli planes that fly over its airspace on their way to or from Iran. A report in *Yediot Achronot* said that the Saudis have made it known that they will not allow their airspace to be used for any attack on Iran’s nuclear facilities by Israel, the U.S., or any other country.

According to the report, the Saudis transferred the message to Israel via senior officials in the administration of U.S. President Barack H. Obama. The officials had just recently returned from talks in Israel with senior members of the government.

IDF intelligence, the report said, had identified four air routes that could be used to attack Iran – one of them over Saudi Arabia. The Saudi route would have Israeli fighter jets flying south, turning into Saudi territory for a short time, and then exiting into the Persian Gulf and Iran.

As a result of the warning, the report said, Israeli officials are now concerned that they will have to figure out a way to avoid a battle with the Saudi air force if the southern route is chosen. Although Saudi pilots are not known for their skills, the country has a wide array of sophisticated defensive and offensive systems and weapons, thanks to massive American arms sales...”

An attack on Iran ‘within weeks or months’

Israel National News reports: “Aharon Ze’evi-Farkash, former head of the Israeli Military Intelligence Directorate, predicted that an Israeli attack on Iran could take place in the near future.

‘It could happen within weeks or months,’ Ze’evi-Farkash said in an interview with *Channel 2 News*.

‘There is a need to stop Iran’s nuclear

program,’ he clarified, adding, ‘I do not know if Israel plans to attack soon, the prime minister said the issue has not yet been decided. But the way I understand the big picture, it seems it will happen soon.’

Ze’evi-Farkash also sided with other former senior defense officials, such as former Mossad chief Meir Dagan and former Shin Bet head Yuval Diskin, who have expressed their opposition to the move. Ze’evi-Farkash warned that an attack on Iran may cause significant damage to Israel, saying he believes Israel should prepare a plan for military action, but at least for now - not apply it in practice.

‘We must take into account that at this time we should re-evaluate the picture that emerges regarding our ability to act, when required to do so,’ he said, stressing that his remarks should not be seen as a call to remove the military option off the table.

‘The Iranians need to understand that if they do not cease their efforts to become nuclear, the moment will come when they will have to absorb a blow - especially to their military bases,’ said Ze’evi-Farkash, who predicted that in such a case the IDF will not operate alone. ‘The blow will be dealt by a coalition, an American one or even an Israeli one.’...”

Netanyahu: Khamenei ‘not a rational leader’

Israel National News reports: “After a week in which security officials past and present explained why they strongly oppose an Israeli attack on Iran, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has clarified why he is seriously considering taking action against the Iranian nuclear facilities.

Netanyahu made the remarks in a closed meeting and was quoted in a report on *Channel 2 News*.

‘Khamenei is not a rational leader, just like the leaders of North Korea who are totally unpredictable,’ Netanyahu

was quoted in the report as having said. He added that when Iranians speak of the destruction of Israel they may really mean it.

Netanyahu also stressed, ‘In war, 90% of damages to the home front can be prevented with proper defense. It is impossible to defend oneself against nuclear weapons.’

He also addressed the possibility of American involvement in the attack and said, ‘I am not messianistic. I too wish that the United States will do the job.’ He stressed, however, that under the conditions that the United States is placing and given the pace at which Iran enriches uranium, American involvement is not certain...”

Navy commander: security of Strait of Hormuz fully depends on Iran

The Fars News Agency reports: “Iran’s Navy Commander Rear Admiral Habibollah Sayyari underlined Iran’s tight and full control over the regional waters, especially the Strait of Hormuz, saying that the U.S. moves, including its future wargames with 20 other states in the region cannot undermine Iran’s might and power.

‘Iran is the greatest maintainer and protector of security in the Persian Gulf,’ Sayyari said, and dismissed the U.S. announcement about its imminent wargames in the regional waters in the Persian Gulf as unimportant.

‘Iran has seen so many similar stances of the U.S. and Washington’s decisions, moves and wargames have no impact on the Islamic Republic of Iran,’ he continued.

‘The U.S. imagines that it can affect Iran by announcing that it would stage a demining exercise, but this won’t happen,’ the Admiral reiterated.

He said security of the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz fully depends on Tehran. ‘Administering (affairs in the) Strait of Hormuz and full control of the region lie in Iran’s hand.’

He further warned the Arab states on the Southern rims of the Persian Gulf to distance themselves from the U.S. and more rely on their internal power, reminding that regional security can only be established through the joint cooperation of the regional states...” (***“This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come” – II Timothy 3:5. The battle at the Strait of Hormuz could, according to Ted Koppel, who investigated the area claims that the fight could cause the greatest problem ever over oil being cut off to numerous nations causing gas prices as high as \$10.00 per gallon.***)

Egyptian protesters demand to end ties with Israel

Israel National News reports: “Dozens of protesters demonstrated outside the residence of Israel’s ambassador to Egypt in Cairo, demanding that the government cease all diplomatic relations with the Jewish state in light of the attack along the border between Israel, Egypt and the Gaza Strip.

While the perpetrators remain

unknown, Egypt has blamed Israel for the attack, which killed 17 Egyptian soldiers and injured seven.

‘It’s definitely Israel who is behind it; we demand the termination of any political relations with Israel,’ said Ahmed El-Toni, one of the protesters, who referred to himself as an ‘independent activist,’ *Ahram Online* reported.

He also criticized Egyptian President Mohamad Morsi for not yet taking action against the assumed culprits...” (***Armageddon will be global over Israel. Gog of Magog – led by Russia will include an Islamic alliance who joins Russia for what the Jews call the ‘Battle of Battles’ – Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39; Revelation 16:12; Revelation 9:14 – 18. Israel becomes the primary nation under attack mentioned 18 times in Ezekiel 38 & 39. Ezekiel 38:8, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19; 39:2, 4, twice in 7, 9, 11, 12, 17, 22, 23, 25, and 29. This battle begins over the division of Jerusalem – Joel 3:2. See the next report.***)

Al-Aqsa Sheikh: Jerusalem will be Muslim forever

Israel National News reports: “Sheikh Yusuf Salameh, a preacher at the Al-Aqsa Mosque, denounced a statement by Israel’s attorney general that Israeli law must be applied to the Al-Aqsa mosque complex in Jerusalem.

Attorney general Yehuda Weinstein has said that the Temple Mount in Jerusalem is part of Israeli territory so Israeli law applies there, including antiquities laws and laws regarding building and planning.

At the same time, he said, the law had to be applied with extra sensitivity and pragmatism, due to its unique nature.

In response, Sheikh Salemeah said that ‘Al-Quds’ (the Arabic name for Jerusalem) is an Islamic city, as determined by the creator of the world and as indicated in the Koran.

He said that no decision by one person or another will be able to change this reality, stressing that ‘Al-Quds’ will remain Islamic until the end of time. ‘Al-Quds threw up its occupiers in the past and it will throw up this occupier, too,’ he said...”

SIGNS IN THE SUN, MOON, AND STARS

NASA celebrates Mars Rover landing

Voice of America News reports: “The U.S. space agency, NASA, says its Mars Science Laboratory has made a successful landing on the red planet.

There will be several weeks of testing before NASA turns Curiosity loose to roam about the Martian surface, looking for signs that the planet once might have had conditions suitable to support life.

But first the scientists and engineers at the Joint Propulsion Laboratory near

Los Angeles did a little celebrating.

NASA described Curiosity’s plunge through the Martian atmosphere as ‘seven minutes of terror,’ but the landing, which engineers said was the most complex ever attempted, proceeded flawlessly.

Moments after touchdown the craft sent a picture back to Earth, showing one of its six wheels on the planet’s surface.

Curiosity will spend the next two years analyzing rock samples, weather and radiation levels to see whether

conditions on Mars have been favorable for microbial life...” (***“And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory” – Luke 21:25 – 27.***)