

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

TERROR IN BOSTON

Boston bombing suspect exhibited extremism at local mosque

Voice of America News reports: "Two ethnic Chechen brothers, suspected of the double bombings at the Boston marathon, attended a mosque in Cambridge Massachusetts. The bombs killed three and injured more than 170. The older brother, now deceased, is accused of being argumentative about his religion, critical of those who weren't conservative Muslims.

The two bombing suspects are seen in the background of many pictures taken by spectators. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, 19, who wore a white baseball cap on the day of the bombing, is recovering at a Boston hospital after gun battles with police. He faces the death penalty if convicted on a federal charge of using a weapon of mass destruction. His older brother, Tamerlan, who wore a black hat, was killed by police four days after the bombings.

Tamerlan attended Friday prayers and occasionally daily prayers at a mosque in Cambridge, outside of Boston. Mosque officials say that twice, he created a scene, arguing with the preachers - once about observing Thanksgiving and the U.S. Independence Day. But the more recent episode involved Martin

Luther King Jr.

'The person who was delivering the sermon, he made a sort of a parallel between how Martin Luther King had inspired people just like our Prophet Muhammad had inspired people, and he [Tamerlan] seemed to have been offended by that. He stood up and objected to it,' recalled Anwar Kazmi, a mosque board member.

Mosque officials said Tamerlan called the preacher a 'non believer' who was 'contaminating people's minds.' The Congregation shouted back to him to leave and he did.

A *YouTube* page, purported to be Tamerlan's, has videos that allegedly promote jihad, or holy war..." (***Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived***) - I Timothy 3:13. **How far will such blasphemers go? "They will give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils"** - I Timothy 4:1.)

Al-Qaeda propagandist called for attacks on sports events

CNSNews.com reports: "Although no group has claimed responsibility for the deadly bomb blasts at the Boston Marathon, a leading al-Qaeda ideologue last year recommended that jihadists in America include sporting

events in their list of prospective terror targets.

Writing in the online magazine of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), *Inspire*, the terrorist known as Abu Musab al-Suri listed what he called 'the most important enemy targets.'

Al-Suri contended that civilians should be targeted 'when responding to a brutal practice carried out by America and her allied forces.'

'This is done by targeting human crowds in order to inflict maximum human losses,' he wrote. 'This is very easy since there are numerous such targets such as crowded sports arenas, annual social events, large international exhibitions, crowded market-places, skyscrapers, crowded buildings ... etc.'..." (**Sports events would give murderous Islamic terrorists maximum crowds to slaughter. Who is behind their wicked intentions? "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it"** - **John 8:44.**)

Pressure-cooker bomb instructions in al-Qaeda magazine

USA Today reports: “Instructions to make bombs out of pressure cookers similar to those believed the source of two explosions in Boston were published two years ago in *Inspire*, an online magazine tied to al-Qaeda and the late U.S.-born cleric Anwar al-Awlaki, an analysis of the magazine shows.

The article, *‘How to Make a Bomb in the Kitchen of Your Mom,’* by ‘the AQ Chef’ instructed would-be bombers to glue shrapnel to the inside of a pressure cooker and then ‘fill in the cooker with the inflammable material.’

Would-be bombers, the article said, should use gloves to prevent their fingerprints from being found on the bomb fragments and to ‘put you [sic] faith in Allah and pray for the success of your operation.’...” **(Anwar Al-Awlaki, an American convert to Islam, created the al-Qaeda magazine named *Inspire*. In a preceding article, he encouraged young Muslims to buy trucks, equip them with sharp blades located on the truck’s front end and then mow down American pedestrians on America’s streets. What a spiritual event this would become for Muslims. Another 9/11. “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them” – Ephesians 5:11.)**

Supreme Leader condemns U.S. selfish, irrational approach to terrorism

The Fars News Agency reports: “Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei condemned the recent bomb blast in Boston, but meantime slammed Washington for its selective and illogical attitude towards terrorism, saying the U.S. keeps mum about the massacre of innocent Muslim nations, but it wants to set fire to the world when a bomb blasts on its soil.

‘In compliance with the logic of Islam, the Islamic Republic of Iran opposes and condemns any kind of explosion and killing of innocent people no matter

if it takes place in the United States’ Boston or in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria,’ Ayatollah Khamenei said in Tehran addressing a meeting with Iranian Army and Basij (volunteer forces) commanders and personnel on the threshold of the National Army Day.

‘But’, he said, ‘the attitude of America and others who allege to be supporters of human rights towards the killing of innocent people is contradictory and we, thus, believe that the United States and the front standing against the Islamic Republic of Iran are irrational.’

Elaborating on the United States’ selfish and irrational approach to terrorism, Ayatollah Khamenei said despite the Americans’ claim about their opposition to the Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMDs), ‘the United States’ drones massacre innocent people, children and women in Afghanistan and Pakistan, while the terrorists who are overtly or covertly supported by the U.S. are killing people in Iraq and Syria.’

‘What kind of logic is this that if children and women in Afghanistan and Pakistan are killed by Americans and if the terrorists supported by the U.S., the West and the Zionists cause catastrophes in Iraq and Syria, it wouldn’t matter, but if a blast takes place in the U.S. or a western country, then the whole world should pay the price for it,’ he asked.

The Leader warned that ‘the paradoxical, irrational and bullying’ behavior of the U.S. and the West and their disrespect for human principles have pushed the western civilization towards demise...” **(This article is a farce by Iran’s religious leader. He and Ahmadinejad advocate killing all Jews as soon as possible since their messiah Mahdi will not appear unless Iran heads up the slaughter of God’s Chosen People – Deuteronomy 7:7, 8; Psalm 122:6.)**

Muslim Brotherhood links Boston attack to anti-Islam conspiracy

Israel National News reports: “A leader of Egypt’s Muslim Brotherhood ... linked the Boston bombings to an anti-Islam conspiracy.

In a post on his personal Facebook page Muslim Brotherhood Vice President Essam el-Erian suggested the attack was part of a global plot to discredit Islam, citing violence in Mali, Syria, Somalia and other Muslim nations, *The Hill* reported.

‘Our sympathy with the families of the victims, and the American people do not stop us from reading into the grave incident,’ he wrote, according to an English translation.

‘This series of events began with the sending of French battalions to Mali in a war against organizations that are said to belong to al-Qaeda. Bombings intensified in Syria in a suspicious manner that deviated from the path of the great Syrian revolution, and smear campaigns began,’ he continued. ‘Violent explosions returned, rearing their ugly heads again in Iraq, targeting peaceful movements aiming for needed reform. After a reasonable calm in Somalia, the capital Mogadishu shook again, leading to lowered confidence in the new president and government.

‘A question that forces itself: Who disturbed democratic transformations, despite the difficult transition from despotism, corruption, poverty, hatred, and intolerance to freedom, justice tolerance, development, human dignity, and social justice?’

The Freedom and Justice Party officially condemned the Boston attacks, saying they ‘categorically’ rejected the ‘intolerable’ attack, claiming it violated the principles of Islamic Sharia law...” **(America, the big Satan is accused of an anti-Islam conspiracy. Question -- Who is behind the 70,000 deaths in Syria as Shiites and Sunnis slaughter one another because of religious differences between two Muslim denominations? How different is Jesus and Christianity -- “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another” – John 13:35 “and Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren” – I John 3:16.)**

Taliban: 'Wherever we find Americans we kill them'

Israel National News reports: "While the Pakistani Taliban has denied involvement in the Boston marathon bombing, it has openly applauded the heinous attack, which killed three and injured over a hundred more.

'Wherever we find Americans we will kill them, but we don't have any connection with the Boston explosions,'

Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) spokesman Ihsanullah Ihsan said, according to reports.

While no one has claimed responsibility for the attack, there has been increasing speculation that the Pakistani Taliban is to blame.

The terrorist group harbored Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan until the U.S. invasion of 2001. It claimed responsibility for a botched car bombing

in New York's Times Square in 2010, for which a Pakistani-American man, Faisal Shahzad, is serving a life sentence, as well as countless other attacks against American targets.

'This was a heinous and cowardly act, and given what we now know took place, the FBI is investigating it as an act of terrorism,' President Obama said following the attack. 'Any time bombs are used, it is a terrorist act...'

THE BURDEN OF DAMASCUS

Israeli warplanes launch air strike inside Syria

BBC News reports: "Israeli planes have launched a strike inside Syria from Lebanese air space.

Unnamed U.S.-based Israeli officials said the target was a shipment of arms destined for Lebanon's Hezbollah. The governments of Israel and Syria have not yet commented on the strike.

Israel launched a similar strike in January, when it also claimed to have targeted a Hezbollah-bound arms convoy.

Meanwhile, U.S. President Barack Obama says he does not foresee sending U.S. troops to tackle Syria's civil war.

Western intelligence agencies have raised concerns that the Syrian regime has used chemical weapons, something which the U.S. has termed a 'red line'.

Mr. Obama reaffirmed ...that clear evidence of chemical weapons would be a 'game changer', but that any response would not be rushed.

Analysts say the U.S. and its allies are discussing possible action including air strikes to enforce a no-fly zone, but Syria's ally Russia is strongly opposed to such measures..." **(I was stunned when President Obama stated on national and international television that Israel has a right to defend its people.**

Syria has never yet witnessed the prophecy of Isaiah 17:1 -- "*The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.*")

Syrian official: Israeli strike 'declaration of war'

Israel National News reports: "Syrian Deputy Foreign Minister Feisal al-Mekdad ... called Israel's bombing of a weapons transport in Syria a 'declaration of war.' Speaking in an interview on *CNN*, al-Mekdad said that Israel was siding with 'Islamist terrorists' to unseat President Bashar al-Assad, and that Syria would respond 'at the time and in the manner that it chooses to.'

Israel has not confirmed or denied the claims that it had attacked a convoy in Syria that was transporting Iranian produced missiles to Hezbollah over Syrian territory. 'We don't respond to these kinds of reports,' an IDF spokesperson told foreign news media...

Also condemning the strike was Lebanese Foreign Minister Adnan Mansour, demanding that the Arab League take 'a decisive stand against Israeli terrorism.' Mansour complained that the League had remained silent 'for too long' in the wake of 'Israeli hooliganism,' and demanded that the League 'immediately condemn the Israeli action against the Assad regime'..."

Hezbollah: We will defend Syria against Israel, U.S.

The Jerusalem Post reports: "Hezbollah is ready to protect Syria against Israel and the U.S., a Hezbollah official was quoted by the *Lebanese Daily Star* as saying..."

'Hezbollah is ready to prevent Syria falling under the control of Tel Aviv and Washington,' Ibrahim Amin Sayyed said at a memorial service in Baalbek.

Sayyed maintained the organization is not intervening in the Syrian conflict, but rather 'it is an intervention in the conflict against America and Israel.'

'We are present in Syria at the political and the strategic levels and for the defense of the great cause [Palestine],' he added, noting Hezbollah does not work against the needs and demands of the Syrian people.

'On the contrary, we support the people in their demands to reach a situation that preserves their dignity and freedom and ensures their participation in political life,' he said..."

Exiled Muslim Brotherhood plans return to Syria

The Financial Times reports: "The Muslim Brotherhood is set to open offices inside Syria for the first time since the organization was crushed there decades ago, in an apparent effort to capitalize on the increasingly Islamized rebellion.

Riad al-Shaqfa, the movement's exiled leader, said in an interview with *the Financial Times* that a decision was recently taken to revive organizational structures inside Syria and followers have been asked

to start opening party offices in rebel-held areas.

'In the beginning we said this is a time for revolution, not ideology. Now there are many groups inside so we feel

we should reorganize,' he said, adding that the Brotherhood – a similar movement to its Egyptian counterpart – was hoping to promote a more moderate brand of Islamist thinking at a time of growing radicalization...'

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Pentagon taps anti-Christian extremist for religious tolerance policy

Breitbart.com reports: "Today, we face incredibly well-funded gangs of fundamentalist Christian monsters who terrorize their fellow Americans by forcing their weaponized and twisted version of Christianity upon their helpless subordinates in our nation's armed forces.'

Those words were recently written by Mikey Weinstein, founder of the Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF), in a column he wrote for the *Huffington Post*. Weinstein will be a consultant to the Pentagon to develop new policies on religious tolerance, including a policy for court-martialing military chaplains who share the Christian Gospel during spiritual counseling of American troops.

Weinstein decries what he calls the 'virulent religious oppression' perpetrated by conservative Christians, whom he refers to as 'monstrosities' and 'pitiable unconstitutional carpetbaggers,' comparing them to 'bigots' in the Deep South during the civil rights era.

He cites Dr. James Dobson—the famous Christian founder of Focus on the Family—as 'illustrating the extremist, militant nature of these virulently homophobic organizations' rhetorically-charged propaganda.' Regarding those who teach orthodox Christian beliefs from the Bible, Weinstein concludes, 'Let's call these ignoble actions what they are: the senseless and cowardly squallings of human monsters...'" (This brutal atheist, Mikey Weinstein

who calls Christians and their military chaplains "monstrosities' and 'pitiable unconstitutional carpetbaggers,' and 'bigots' promotes court-martials for spreading Christ's message of love, our Lord predicted such maniacal hatred preceding His return. Please see Matthew 23:9; John 16:2; Revelation 20:4. Hell awaits these duped blasphemers. He'll join the Antichrist and False Prophet when Christ returns – Revelation 19:20.)

Military surrenders in war on Christian evangelism

WND.com reports: "The Pentagon announced ... that military members who want to talk about their faith with other members have every right to do so, backtracking on a previous warning against 'proselytizing,' which it said could be subject to court-martial.

The statement from Lt. Cmdr. Nathan Christensen said the Department of Defense 'never and will never single out a particular religious group for persecution or prosecution.'

The Pentagon walked back its statement ... after the Alliance Defending Freedom filed a Freedom of Information Act request for records relating to Pentagon statements on the issue.

'Members of our military should not be denied the very freedoms they fight to defend. Freedom of religion and speech are paramount among those freedoms,' said ADF Legal Counsel Joseph La Rue. 'We appreciate the Pentagon's clarification, but little or no evidence exists of coercive proselytization in the

military, so we are still troubled over what motivated the original comments.

The Pentagon's Christensen said in the statement ... that the Department of Defense 'makes reasonable accommodations for all religions and celebrates the religious diversity of our service members.'

'Service members can share their faith (evangelize), but must not force unwanted, intrusive attempts to convert others of any faith or no faith to one's beliefs (proselytization),' he said..." (Thank God for the stand the Department of Defense and the Alliance Defending Freedom as they filed a Freedom of Information Act looking into this blasphemous movement to stop our chaplains from mentioning the Gospel message.

When 24,000 acts of assaults and rapes occur among our military leaders in just one year, it's time for our chaplains to preach I Corinthians 6:9-11. Look it up. God means what He says.)

Egyptian Muslims prohibited from wishing Happy Easter

Breitbart.com reports: "An Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood fatwa prohibiting Muslims from wishing Christians a 'Happy Easter' has revealed the insidious underbelly of the Muslim Brotherhood's plan for assimilating Egyptians into accepting sharia. The Brotherhood has offered a vague delineation of what sharia means by touting a jurisprudential doctrine known as *istislah*, which asserts that Islamic legal principles should be interpreted to achieve 'societal benefits,' thus clouding

perception of how the Brotherhood would 'implement the sharia.' But when it comes to religious differences, look out.

The fatwa is quite clear: Brotherhood leader Abdel Rahman al-Barr quotes the Koran to support his contention that Muslims should only greet Christians on their holidays 'so long as this greeting does not come at the expense of our [Islamic] religion.' Muslims cannot wish Christians a 'Happy Easter,' because they don't believe Jesus was killed or crucified.'

The obfuscation used by the Brotherhood was in evidence when Atlantic writer Eric Trager asked Brotherhood leader Farid Ismail in July 2012 how Mohamed Morsi would implement sharia. Ismail responded: 'It means peace, security, equality, citizenship, freedom, and giving rights for people despite their religion or ethics or color or sex.'

Kafr el-Sheikh Governor Saad al-Husseini has said, 'Everything I'm doing is sharia! Justice is sharia. War against corruption is sharia. Security is sharia. ... Improving the economy is the sharia. This is the sharia. To preserve the dignity of Egyptians is the sharia. ... Day and night we are with poor before rich. This is sharia!...' (This headline shows the deep hatred of Islam for Christianity especially for the message of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ which the Easter holiday celebrates. Sharia Law is deadly even to Muslims as daughters who have premarital sex are put to death by a father, son, or cousin. It also includes death for homosexuals, apostate Muslims and infidels of all religious stripes.

Yet our President sends millions of dollars to Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood members annually. II Corinthians 6:14 – 18.

See the next four reports.)

Egyptian police ignore Muslim slaughter of Coptic Christians

Breitbart.com reports: "If there was any further proof needed that the

Egyptian government has no interest in protecting Coptic Christians from assault from Muslims, and may be aiding and abetting such attacks, the evidence is in. A just-released video appears to show Egyptian police standing and watching while a murderous attack was launched on Coptic Christians at a Cathedral, as they mourned other Coptic Christians who were previously killed by Muslims. The first attack took place in Khosous; four Copts were murdered and a nursery and church were burned.

Not only did the Muslim police stand and watch; one police officer apparently aided a Muslim gunman take aim at the mourners exiting the church. Two Copts died, and 84 were injured, including 11 Coptic Police officers. The video shows Muslims using guns, machetes, throwing stones, and possibly hurling Molotov cocktails at the mourners exiting St. Mark's Coptic Orthodox Cathedral in the Abbassia District of Cairo.

And just guess who were the ones arrested? Four Copts. You read that correctly..."

Egypt's Pope says Islamist rulers neglect Copts

Haaretz reports: "Egypt's Christians feel sidelined, ignored and neglected by Muslim Brotherhood-led authorities, who proffer assurances but have taken little or no action to protect them from violence, Coptic Pope Tawadros II said.

In his first interview since emerging from seclusion after eight people were killed in sectarian violence between Muslims and Christians ... the pope called official accounts of clashes at Cairo's Coptic cathedral 'a pack of lies'.

He also voiced dismay at attempts by President Mohamed Morsi's Islamist allies to purge thousands of judges appointed under ousted President Hosni Mubarak, saying the judiciary was a pillar of Egyptian society and should not be touched.

"There is a sense of marginalization and rejection, which we can call social isolation," the pope told *Reuters* ... of the feelings of Christians, who he said

make up at least 15 percent of Egypt's 84 million people. Most Egyptians are Sunni Muslims.

Attacks on churches and sectarian tensions increased significantly after the rise of Islamists to power following the 2011 uprising that overthrew Mubarak, even though Christians had demonstrated alongside Muslims for his removal.

Asked about the government's response to this month's attacks, he said: 'It made a bad judgment and it was negligent... I would have expected better security for the place and the people.'..."

Egypt's Coptic Christians live in fear of Islamic extremists

The LA Times reports: "The Mass was celebrated as if from centuries past: A bearded priest veiled in incense chanted for grace in a church along the Nile, near the spot where Christians believe Jesus and his mother sought refuge in an earlier age of bloodshed and uncertainty.

Marianne Samir knelt and prayed for the Coptic Christians killed in a spasm of sectarian violence that has further shaken a nation engulfed in economic and political anxieties.

'I feel unsafe,' said Samir, a high school philosophy teacher with a cross tattooed on her wrist. 'The Islamists want war. They want strife. But this is our land too. It is a country blessed by God, and there's no way we'll leave it to them.'

Wind gusted and whitecaps rose and fell on the river bending around the Church of the Virgin Mary.

'They set a Christian man on fire the other day,' Samir added. 'They threw a gasoline bomb at him and no one did anything.'

Seven Copts and one Muslim have died in clashes in recent days. The latest violence began after Coptic youths in a village north of Cairo drew offensive images, including a swastika that was mistaken for a cross, on the wall of a Muslim institute. Gun battles broke out and a church was set aflame, a sign that President Mohamed Morsi's

Islamist-led government has failed to defuse religious enmity...”

Muslims attack Christians at funeral in Nigeria, 20 dead

Breitbart.com reports: “At least 20 people were killed in violent clashes between Christian and Muslim mobs in central Nigeria’s Taraba state, prompting a round-the-clock curfew, an aid worker has told *AFP*.”

‘We have recovered 20 bodies from the violence so far,’ the source said ... adding that the unrest had occurred in the town of Wukari, some 200 kilometres (125 miles) from the state capital Jalingo.

‘We are still going round the town in search of more bodies,’ he said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorised to speak to the media about death tolls.

Authorities have imposed a curfew in the area following the bloody clashes, officials said.

Local residents said the violence erupted when the funeral procession of a traditional chief from the predominantly Christian Jukun ethnic group marched

through a Muslim neighbourhood chanting slogans, which Muslims viewed as an act of provocation...”

Pope Francis: Liberation theologian?

Breitbart.com reports: “Liberation theologians are claiming that the election of Pope Francis, who has a history of personally ministering to the poor, will herald an era in which their tenets are championed around the world instead of suppressed, as they supposedly were under the two previous popes, John Paul II and Benedict XVI, who had been John Paul II’s chief theologian as Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger.

Prominent liberation theologian Leonardo Boff said Pope Francis will fix a church ‘in ruins’:

With this pope, a Jesuit and a pope from the Third World, we can breathe happiness. Pope Francis has both the vigor and tenderness that we need to create a new spiritual world. Pope Francis comes with the perspective that many of us in Latin America share. In our churches we do not just discuss theological theories, like in European churches. Our churches work together

to support universal causes, causes like human rights, from the perspective of the poor, the destiny of humanity that is suffering, services for people living on the margins.

Boff had been told to remain silent by the two previous popes, who feared a connection between socially active priests and leftist politics. Francis had joined them; in 2010 he averred that reading the Gospel with a Marxist interpretation would cause trouble...” **(Saint Francis of Assisi, Bishop Sheen, and Malachi Martin all proclaimed that pope number 113, dating from Celestine II onward would see a defector arise within Catholicism as the pope who reigns during Armageddon and Christ’s return.**

The Jesuits adopted Marxist Leninism about 60 years ago and this communistic ideal infiltrated the Jesuit movement from top to bottom throughout South America. I have just spent hundreds of hours in deep study to create a video to be released soon. It’s the most startling video ever entitled “Christ’s Return, Millions Deceived” – stay tuned.)

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Netanyahu: Conflict is over Israel’s existence, not land

Israel National News reports: “The conflict between Israel and the Palestinian Authority is not over land, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said ... speaking in a meeting with senior officials in the Foreign Ministry.

The conflict, he said, is over Israel’s very existence. In proof, he pointed to the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza in 2005, which included the forced removal of thousands of Jewish residents of the area.

Israel got rocket attacks in exchange, he said.

The Palestinian Authority does not wish to recognize Israel as the national homeland of the Jewish people, he

continued. However, he said, Israel remains willing to restart negotiations with no preconditions...” **(So true, Islamic religionists want to carry out Psalm 83:4 - “They have said, 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 because of God’s promise to Israel’s everlasting existence. Isaiah 56:5 states: “... I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.”)**

Quds Brigades warn Israel of stunning response to future aggressions

The Fars News Agency reports: “Al-Quds Brigades, the military wing of the

Palestinian Islamic Jihad Movement, said the resistance groups’ response to any future Israeli strike on Gaza will stun the Zionists much more than the Palestinians’ response to the 8-day Israeli war on the Gaza Strip last November.

Spokesman of al-Quds Brigades Abu Ahmad stressed that the group treats each and every Israeli threat to Gaza seriously and will never be handcuffed and helpless against the Zionist enemy’s invasions.

Meantime, he downplayed the Israeli threats as ‘empty’ and said, ‘Palestinian resistance groups in the Gaza Strips, including the Quds Brigades, are prepared to face any scenario in the region.’

Abu Ahmad said that the resistance

movement has many unused cards in their hands for confronting Israel, and noted, 'Future battles will be different for the Palestinian Resistance (movement) and we will stun the enemy more than before...'” **(All Islamic threats will meet resistance from the Judeo-Christian God, Yahweh. Genesis 12:3 states - “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.” See the next two reports.)**

Hamas warns Zionist extremists against storming Aqsa Mosque

The Fars News Agency reports: “The Palestinian Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, warned against Israel’s persistent aggression against the al-Aqsa Mosque, and stressed that the holy mosque is a redline for the Palestinians.

‘The al-Aqsa Mosque is our redline and any kind of insult to or desecration of the holy mosque by the Zionists will be considered as a blatant crime and aggression against a part of the Muslims’ beliefs,’ Hamas said in a statement.

The statement also underlined the Islamic identity of the holy mosque, and called on the Palestinians to prevent

desecration of the mosque by extremist Zionists...’

Iran able to destroy Israel ‘alone’: commander

SpaceDaily.com reports: “Iran’s army ‘alone’ is able to destroy Israel, army commander General Ataollah Salehi said ... responding to boasts by the Jewish state that its military that could attack its archfoe on its own.

‘Our message to this illegitimate regime (Israel) is the same, we do not need to utilise all of Iran’s military forces,’ Salehi said on the sidelines of the Islamic republic’s annual Army Day. ‘The army ... alone is able to destroy Israel.’

His comments come after Israeli chief of staff Lieutenant General Benny Gantz ... said the Jewish state’s military was capable of attacking Iran on its own without foreign support.

Asked in an interview on public radio if the military could wage attacks on Iran ‘alone’ -- without the support of countries such as the United States -- Gantz replied: ‘Yes, absolutely.’...”

Top Official: Iran Threat Greater Than Ever

Israel National News reports: “A top security source told Channel Ten that

despite appearances to the contrary, Israel’s military option on Iran was very much alive, and that Iran was reaching the point where construction of a nuclear weapon was within reach.

The official, whose identity was kept under wraps, is considered a highly placed, highly reliable source. The official said that Iran has in recent months ‘dramatically’ increased its uranium enrichment capabilities, the result of the installation of new centrifuges. With the new equipment, Iran should be able to soon enrich as much as 200 kilos of uranium. With that amount, the source said, Iran would be able to easily equip a nuclear arsenal.

The decision on whether Iran will go in this direction is in the hands of Iran’s spiritual leader, Ali Khamenei. Israel has excellent intelligence on what is going on in Iran and is aware of the danger of the current situation, the source said. ‘If we see they are moving towards the ‘red line’ of nuclear capability, all options are on the table – even before they reach this point.’...” **(Ali Khamenei recently stated – It matters not how many millions of Iranians die in a nuclear war as long as Islam’s flag flies over all nations. This is the so-called religion of peace.)**

PLAGUES AND PESTILENCES

Saudi Arabia Sars-like virus ‘kills five’

BBC News reports: “Five people in Saudi Arabia have died from a Sars-like virus and two more are seriously ill, officials say.

The seven cases were all from al-Ahsa governorate in the east of the country, the Saudi news agency SPA said citing health officials.

The novel coronavirus (NCoV) causes pneumonia and sometimes kidney failure.

It is from the same family of viruses as the one that caused an outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (Sars) that emerged in Asia in 2003.

In the statement released by SPA, the Saudi health ministry said it was taking ‘all precautionary measures for persons who have been in contact with the infected people... and has taken samples from them to examine if they are infected’.

However, the ministry gave no details on how many people had been

tested for the disease.

Recently, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said it had been informed of 17 confirmed cases of NCoV worldwide, including 11 deaths.

Cases have been detected in Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Germany and the UK...” **(Jesus predicted a deluge of diseases through virus attacks and animal diseases. It’s coming during the 7 year Tribulation period – Matthew 24:7; Luke 21:11; Revelation 6:7, 8. See the next two reports.)**

China bird flu: Reported H7N9 cases rise to 60

BBC News reports: “China has reported 11 fresh cases of bird flu, with the virus now appearing in the central province of Henan and the capital Beijing.

The new cases of the H7N9 strain bring the total number of reported cases to 60. Two more people have now died.

Authorities believe the virus is being spread through direct contact with infected poultry.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) said there was no evidence yet of human-to-human transmission.

Michael O’Leary, the WHO’s representative in China, said cases did not appear to be connected.

‘There’s no way to predict how it will spread but it’s not surprising if we have new cases in different places like we do in Beijing,’ he told reporters.

Recently, a seven-year-old girl became Beijing’s first confirmed case of the H7N9 strain.

Two cases were reported in the central Henan province, while the others were seen in and around Shanghai, where the virus first appeared in February.

Two new deaths announced ... were also in Shanghai, bringing the total number of dead to 13...”

WHO says new bird strain is “one of most lethal” flu viruses

Reuters reports: “A new bird flu strain that has killed 22 people in China is ‘one of the most lethal’ of its kind and transmits more easily to humans than another strain that has killed hundreds since 2003, a World Health Organization (WHO) expert said ...

The H7N9 flu has infected 108 people in China since it was first detected in March, according to the Geneva-based WHO.

Although it is not clear exactly how people are being infected, experts say they see no evidence so far of the most worrisome scenario - sustained transmission between people.

An international team of scientists led

by the WHO and the Chinese government conducted a five-day investigation in China, but said they were no closer to determining whether the virus might become transmissible between people.

‘The situation remains complex and difficult and evolving,’ said Keiji Fukuda, the WHO’s assistant director-general for health security.

‘When we look at influenza viruses, this is an unusually dangerous virus for humans,’ he said at a briefing.

Another bird flu strain - H5N1 - has killed 30 of the 45 people it infected in China between 2003 and 2013, and although the H7N9 strain in the current outbreak has a lower fatality rate to date, Fukuda said: ‘This is definitely one of the most lethal influenza viruses that we’ve seen so far.’

Scientists who have analyzed genetic sequence data from samples from three H7N9 victims say the strain is a so-called ‘triple reassortant’ virus with a mixture of genes from three other flu strains found in birds in Asia...”

SIGNS IN THE SUN, MOON, AND STARS

Life on Mars to become a reality in 2023, Dutch firm claims

The Guardian.co.uk reports: “A few months before he died, Carl Sagan recorded a message of hope to would-be Mars explorers, telling them: ‘Whatever the reason you’re on Mars is, I’m glad you’re there. And I wish I was with you.’

17 years after the pioneering astronomer set out his hopeful vision of the future in 1996, a company from the Netherlands is proposing to turn Sagan’s dreams of reaching Mars into reality. The company, Mars One, plans to send four astronauts on a trip to the Red Planet to set up a human colony in 2023. But there are a couple of serious snags.

Firstly, when on Mars their bodies will have to adapt to surface gravity that is 38% of that on Earth. It is thought that this would cause such a total physiological change in their bone

density, muscle strength and circulation that voyagers would no longer be able to survive in Earth’s conditions. Secondly, and directly related to the first, they will have to say goodbye to all their family and friends, as the deal doesn’t include a return ticket.

The Mars One website states that a return ‘cannot be anticipated nor expected’. To return, they would need a fully assembled and fuelled rocket capable of escaping the gravitational field of Mars, on-board life support systems capable of up to a seven-month voyage and the capacity either to dock with a space station orbiting Earth or perform a safe re-entry and landing.

‘Not one of these is a small endeavour’ the site notes, requiring ‘substantial technical capacity, weight and cost’.

Nevertheless, the project has already had 10,000 applicants, according

to the company’s medical director, Norbert Kraft. When the official search is launched on Monday at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York, they expect tens of thousands more hopefuls to put their names forward’...” (“*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*” – Luke 21:25. “*Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken*” – Matthew 24:29. “*And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood*” – Revelation 6:12.)