

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

## A NUCLEAR IRAN

### **'One Iranian nuke, 3 million dead Israelis'**

**March 3, 2015** -- *Israel National News* reports: "Following upon a report in a Kuwaiti newspaper, that U.S. President Barack Obama threatened to shoot down IAF jets en route to Iran if Israel tried to attack the nuclear infrastructure there – a report later denied by the White House – *Arutz Sheva's* Mark Langfan stated on *NewsmaxTV's* Steve Malzberg show Monday: 'You can't believe anything the Obama Administration says on Iran or Israel.'

He reminded viewers of the chilling words uttered by Iranian President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani in an Al Quds Day speech on December 14, 2001:

'If one day, the Islamic World is also equipped with weapons like those that Israel possesses now, then the imperialists' strategy will reach a standstill because the use of even one nuclear bomb inside Israel will destroy everything. However, it will only harm the Islamic world. It is not irrational to contemplate such an eventuality.'

Langfan then proceeded to explain, with one of his trademark maps, that 3 million Israelis would likely be killed if Iran successfully drops one 'Hiroshima-size' 15 kiloton nuclear bomb anywhere near Tel-Aviv..." **(The above figure is very likely because during the Armageddon war [Revelation 16:16]**

one-third of the earth's inhabitants die -- Revelation 9:18 from atomic warfare and then another one-fourth die as the rider on the Fourth Horse sees another twenty-five percent die through sword [Islam], hunger, death and a pestilential plague through the beasts of the field [Revelation 6:7, 8].)

### **Bibi showdown with Iran a 'replay of Bible story'**

**March 3, 2015** -- *WND.com* reports: "Christian supporters of Israel see Tuesday's address to Congress by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as more than just a political speech.

They're calling it a 'wake-up call,' and a 'warning,' one that appears eerily similar to another from 2,500 years ago in which the Jewish people found themselves in grave danger.

With the Feast of Purim and Netanyahu's speech converging in the same week, there are lessons to be drawn from history, they say.

Purim celebrates Queen Esther's brave intervention to stop a plot that, if allowed to go forward, would have led to a genocide against the Jews.

But is the biblical story of Esther replaying thousands of years later?

The threat Israel faces today does include some of the same national players, the same dates and the same stakes, according to Bible scholars and

Christian friends of Israel..." **(It is coming as found in Jeremiah 30:7: "Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble..." but he, Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel [Genesis 32:38] shall be saved out of it.)**

### **Israeli officials: plenty 'new' in PM's Iran speech**

**March 4, 2015** -- *Israel National News* reports: "Contrary to opinions rendered by President Barack Obama, there was plenty new in Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's speech on Iran, said officials in Israel Thursday. The sources told *Channel Two* that the Prime Minister offered a credible alternative to Obama's current Iran policy that would more successfully contain the Islamic Republic's nuclear development program.

Obama said Wednesday that he 'didn't have time' to watch Netanyahu's speech, but that he had read the transcript and not noticed 'anything new' in the Prime Minister's comments. 'On the core issue, which is how to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon which would make it far more dangerous, the prime minister did not offer any viable alternatives,' Obama said in comments from the Oval Office. 'We don't yet have a deal. But if we are successful, this will be the best deal possible with

Iran to prevent Iran from having a nuclear weapon,' he stated.

'I am not focused in the politics of this, I am not focused on the theater,' Obama sniped. 'As far as I can tell, there was nothing new.'

But Obama is wrong, the sources said. Unlike the plan under negotiation now, Netanyahu's plan would require real action – not just promises – from Iran for the removal of economic sanctions. In addition, the Netanyahu plan would require Iran to discuss ancillary aspects of Iran's nuclear efforts, including its development of long-range missiles to deliver nuclear weapons that could easily strike Israel – or even the U.S. In his speech Wednesday, Netanyahu pointed out that the missile development program was not even on the agenda for talks between Western powers and Iran..." **(Netanyahu knows his Bible better than our president does as I proved the second week of March to the entire world via our TV program.**

**Consider World War III as described in Ezekiel 38:1, 2, 8, 16 that mentions Israel as the battleground 18 times: Ezekiel 38:8, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19; 39:2, 4, 7 [twice], 9, 11, 12, 17, 22, 23, 25, and 29. Study your Bible Mr. President. See the next 4 reports.)**

### **Arab paper: Obama only one not to understand Mideast**

**March 5, 2015 -- WND.com** reports: "Nations are collapsing in the Middle East and the terror organizations, mostly backed by Iran, are filling the void, according to a new commentary published by a Saudi-owned news website.

The Jews understand that fact, the Arabs get it and the rest of the world seems to get it.

So who doesn't?

President Barack Obama.

That's the conclusion of Faisal J. Abbas, editor for the English-language website of *Al-Arabiya*.

'It is extremely rare for any reasonable person to ever agree with anything Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says or does,' he wrote Tuesday, according to the *Middle East Media Research Institute*.

'However, one must admit, Bibi did get it right, at least when it came to dealing with Iran. The Israeli PM managed to hit the nail right on the head when he said that Middle Eastern countries are collapsing and that 'terror organizations, mostly backed by Iran, are filling in the vacuum' during a recent ceremony held in Tel Aviv.'

Abbas wrote that in just a few words, Netanyahu 'managed to accurately summarize a clear and present danger, not just to Israel (which obviously is his concern), but to other U.S. allies in the region.'

'What is absurd, however, is that despite this being perhaps the only thing that brings together Arabs and Israelis (as it threatens them all), the only stakeholder that seems not to realize the danger of the situation is President Obama, who is now infamous for being the latest pen-pal of the supreme leader of the world's biggest terrorist regime: Ayatollah Ali Khamenei (although, the latter never seems to write back!)?...'

### **From the extreme left: 'Netanyahu is right on Iran'**

**March 9, 2015 -- Israel National News** reports: "Speaking to Italian newspaper *La Repubblica* over the weekend, prize-winning Israeli author David Grossman expressed his support for Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's position on the Iranian nuclear program.

As quoted in the Israeli daily *Israel Hayom*, Grossman – an outspoken critic of Netanyahu and his policies – said, 'Iran threatens the entire world; this time Netanyahu is right.'

Grossman had harsh words for the American position led by President Barack Obama, terming the American approach toward Iran's nuclear program 'criminal naiveté.' He emphasized that he does not want Netanyahu to win the elections on March 17, but said that world leaders should listen to Netanyahu on this matter just the same.

The author, whose son was killed during the Second Lebanon War in 2006, said that Netanyahu's speech last week in the U.S. Congress might end up being

a 'tragic mistake,' but its content was correct.

Iran's nuclear plans are 'an expanding danger in the region which could soon pose a threat not just to Israel but to the entire free world. We need to listen to Netanyahu,' the writer said..."

### **Bennett: Iran deal will go down in infamy 100 years from now**

**March 2, 2015 -- Israel National News** reports: "Jewish Home party leader and Economy Minister Naftali Bennett has warned that world powers were on the verge of a deal with Iran that 'will be remembered one hundred years from now' - for all the wrong reasons; and Israel, he pledged, would do everything in its power to stop that from happening.

'We're looking at a very bad deal indeed. A disastrous deal that we have to do everything in our power to prevent,' Bennett told *Arutz Sheva* after addressing the AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington Monday.

Despite heading a grueling election campaign, Bennett chose to join Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in the U.S., in order to advocate Israel's stance on solving the Iranian nuclear crisis to American audiences.

Under the deal currently on the table between Iran and the so-called P5+1 powers, 'Iran will legally be able to acquire a nuclear weapon,' Bennett warned.

'It gets a definitive path to the weapon.'

Bennett noted that not only was Iran's nuclear program clearly aimed at developing nuclear weapons, but that Tehran has also been actively developing long-range missiles to target western countries at the very same time as it is engaged in negotiations with those same countries.

As such, he insisted, 'this deal risks America's interests as well as Israel's.'

'Iran right now is developing Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles. They don't need them to hit Israel - their existing missiles do that job,' he explained.

'The reason they're developing these

Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles is to hit New York, London and Paris, and the free world has to do everything now to prevent them from acquiring (nuclear weapons),’ he urged.

The solution is not to let up on the sanctions regime currently imposed on Iran, Bennett continued, while hinting that Israel would do whatever it takes to prevent Tehran from acquiring a nuclear weapon.

To that end, the Minister issued a stark warning to world leaders.

‘If this deal is signed it will go down in infamy,’ Bennett warned...”

### **Iran’s new missile puts Israel ‘in range’**

**March 8, 2015 -- Israel National News** reports: “As the U.S. and its allies continue to discuss limiting Iran’s nuclear program with Tehran, the Iranian military on Sunday announced that it had developed a new long-range cruise missile with a range of some 2,000 kilometers (1,200 miles) – putting Israel well within its reach, Israeli sources said. The missile, called the ‘Soumar,’ features ‘different characteristics in terms of range and pinpoint accuracy in comparison with the previous products,’

Iranian Defense Minister Hossein Dehqan said at the unveiling of the missile Sunday.

The missile, Dehqan said, was developed based on the needs of the Iranian Armed Forces, and is ‘a crucial step towards increasing the country’s defense and deterrence might.’

On Saturday, an Iranian military official said that the country would be unveiling yet another missile system on April 18, when the country marks National Army Day. That system, called the Talaash-3, is based on the Russian S-200 missile system, the official said...”

# ISIS IN AMERICA

### **FBI Director: ISIS tentacles reach into all 50 U.S. states**

**February 27, 2015 -- Breitbart.com** reports: “The presence of the Islamic State (ISIS, ISIL) in the United States can be felt in all 50 states, according to the director of the FBI.

FBI Director James Comey told the National Association of Attorneys General that ISIS is a ‘chaotic spider web’ that avidly uses social media to radicalize people across the United States.

‘We have investigations of people in various stages of radicalizing in all 50 states,’ said Comey, adding, ‘This isn’t a New York phenomenon or a Washington phenomenon. This is all 50 states and in ways that are very hard to see.’

He made those comments as the FBI arrested three men in Brooklyn, New York for attempting to provide support to ISIS.

Comey said his agency is investigating suspected ISIS supporters who reside in all 50 states.

‘Those people exist in every state. I have homegrown violent extremist investigations in every single state. Until a few weeks ago there was 49 states. Alaska had none which I couldn’t quite figure out. But Alaska has now joined the group so we have investigations of people in various stages of radicalizing in all 50 states,’ Comey said.

‘ISIL in particular is putting out a siren song with their slick propaganda through social media,’ the FBI Director added.

In describing the jihadist group’s message, Comey said, ‘Troubled soul, come to the caliphate, you will live a life of glory, these are the apocalyptic end times, you will find a life of meaning here, fighting for our so-called caliphate. And if you can’t come, kill somebody where you are.’...” **(America is in grave trouble. Ezekiel 33:3 states: “...when he seeth the sword come upon the land... blow the trumpet, and warn the people.” Ezekiel continues: “Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman’s hand.” Matthew adds: “...as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be” – Matthew 24:37. How was it in Noah’s day? “The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence” Genesis 6:11. See the next 3 reports.)**

### **Intel: ISIS planning attacks on U.S. soil**

**February 18, 2015 -- WND.com** reports: “Egypt, now at the forefront of fighting ISIS, is warning it has intelligence revealing the global jihadist group is planning a worldwide offensive this spring or summer that could reach targets within the United States.

Interrogations of ISIS members captured in recent weeks in the Egyptian Sinai Peninsula and information collected by Egyptian security forces indicate ISIS is planning ground offensives this spring and summer aimed at taking over more territory across the Middle Eastern and Persian Gulf, a senior Egyptian intelligence official told *WND*.

Some of the information indicates the new offensive will not be limited to the Arab world. Timed to coincide with its planned surge, ISIS is plotting possible attacks using cells abroad.

ISIS and its jihadist allies could activate cells to carry attacks in Europe and possibly within the U.S., the senior Egyptian official warned...”

### **Al Shabaab calls for attack on Mall of America in new video**

**February 22, 2015 -- Fox News** reports: “A new video from Al Shabaab purportedly shows the terror group calling for an attack on Mall of America,

in Bloomington, Minn.

According to *Fox 9*, the mall is one of three similar targets the terror group specifically names, including West Edmonton Mall in Canada and the Oxford Street shopping area in London.

The video purportedly shows 6 minutes of graphic images and the terrorists celebrating the 2013 Westgate Mall attack in Nairobi, Kenya, that killed more than 60 people.

An image of the Mall of America is shown in the video, alongside its GPS coordinates. The mall says it is ramping up its security in response.

‘We will continue to monitor events with the help of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies,’ Mall of America said in a statement. ‘As always, we take any potential threat seriously and respond appropriately. Mall of America has implemented extra security precautions, some may be noticeable to guests, and others won’t be. We will continue to follow the situation, along with law enforcement, and will remain vigilant as we always do in similar situations.’

Jim Kallstrom, the former assistant director of the FBI’s New York office,

said the FBI has a ‘huge job in front of them.

‘You look at the Mall of America, you look at all the malls then you start to backtrack and say you know it would be nice if we knew what comes and goes into the country,’ Kallstrom told *Fox News* on Sunday. ‘We don’t have a clue.’

The Department of Homeland Security and FBI issued a joint statement Sunday saying that both agencies were aware of the video.

‘In recent months, the FBI and DHS have worked closely with our state and local public safety counterparts and members of the private sector, to include mall owners and operators, to prevent and mitigate these types of threats,’ the statement read...’

### **Iran cleric vows to ‘raise flag of Islam on White House’**

**March 1, 2015** -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “A senior Iranian cleric with close ties to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei vowed on Friday that ‘we will raise the flag of Islam over the White House’ in response to the killing of Hezbollah and Revolutionary Guards

operatives on the Golan Heights last month.

According to foreign media, Israeli attack helicopters killed six Hezbollah terrorists along with six Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) operatives, including a high-ranking general.

Among the Hezbollah operatives killed in the strike was Jihad Moughniyeh, the son of Hezbollah’s former military leader, Imad Moughniyeh, who according to Western intelligence sources, was in the midst of setting up a terrorism base on the Syrian Golan and plotting rocket attacks, bombings, anti-tank missile strikes, and cross-border infiltrations against Israel.

The cleric, Ali Shirazi, made the remarks to the official Revolutionary Guards web site. His comments were reported by the Saudi-owned news network *Al Arabiya*.

‘The resistance front led by Iran would retaliate from the global arrogance of killing [Iranian officers] and Hezbollah men’ on the Syrian side of the Golan Heights, Shirazi said during a ceremony honoring Iranian soldiers who died in Syria and Iraq...’

# ISIS ATROCITIES

## **ISIS ‘morality police’ rules with iron fist**

**February 16, 2015** -- *Israel National News* reports: “Islamic State (ISIS)’s ‘morality police’ is enforcing modest dress through a reign of terror, human rights organizations claim Monday.

The Al-Merced NGO reports that the city Albuhamal in the Deir al-Zor province of eastern Syria, the modesty squad attacked a woman because her eyes were too exposed to their liking. Two young men who tried to protect the woman were arrested as well.

In Mosul, a center for ISIS in Iraq, the city’s morality police regularly beat women with iron rods who are not dressed modestly according to a strict interpretation of Islamic Sharia law.

Recently, the group published a guide for Muslim women.

Among other things, it was explained in that girls as young as 9 years old can marry, and that the role of women is to stay home unless there is a real need to exit the house. Women are also permitted to be taken captives as prisoners of war, as are children.

ISIS has already explained that Islam calls for non-Muslim women to be forced into sexual slavery, and likewise recently stoned a woman accused of adultery.

Young women have been targeted over and over again by the terror group, which recruits women to support its male terrorists and serve as wives, baby-sitters, and mothers to future jihadists...’

**(Islam is inconsistent. Shariah Law commands that all unmarried daughters who have premarital sex are to be put to death by the father, son, or cousin. On the other hand, 72 virgins are presented to suicide bombers for sex**

**eternally and in this case it’s honorable. Go figure out such idiotic reasoning. Here is what our God states: “Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God” I Corinthians 6:9, 10.)**

## **Islamic State militants ‘burn to death 45 in Iraq’**

**February 18, 2015** -- *BBC News* reports: “Jihadist militants from Islamic State (IS) have burned to death 45 people in the western Iraqi town of al-Baghdati, the local police chief says.

Exactly who these people were and why they were killed is not clear, but Col.

Qasim al-Obeidi said he believed some were members of the security forces.

IS fighters captured much of the town, near Ain al-Asad air base, last week.

Col. Obeidi said a compound that houses the families of security personnel and local officials was now under attack.

He pleaded for help from the government and the international community.

The fighting and poor communications in the area make it difficult to confirm such reports.

Earlier this month, IS published a video showing militants burning alive a Jordanian air force pilot, whose plane crashed in Syria in December...” **(Islamic murderers will be tormented in the flames of Hell fire forever – “...the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death” – Revelation 21:8; and “For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie” – Revelation 22:15. Jesus described what it meant to be lost because of a life of sin: “...it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame” Luke 16:22 – 24. See the next 2 reports.)**

### **Daesh-inspired boys set fire to friend in Yemen**

**March 6, 2015 -- GulfNews.com** reports: “Inspired by the video of Daesh burning to death the Jordanian pilot Muath Al Kasaesbeh, a group of boys set about re-enacting the atrocity in their Al Dahthath village in Yemen’s northern province of Ibb.

According to local journalist

Mohammad Mouzahem, as many as seven boys recently entrapped a 10-year-old boy in a wooden cage and poured fuel over him. One of them acted as a Daesh leader sitting on a chair and gave orders to his operatives to set the boy on fire.

Arriving in the nick of time, residents were shocked when they saw the boy alight crying for help as his friends watched.

Mouzahem said: ‘The villagers took him to a local hospital where he received treatment for burns to one of his legs.’...”

### **ISIS: Burning of Jordanian pilot consistent with Islamic law, history**

**February 25, 2015 -- Breitbart.com** reports: “The latest issue of ISIS’ magazine, *Dabiq*, devotes an article to defending the murder of a Jordanian pilot by burning him alive in a cage. Contrary to claims that such punishment is ‘un-Islamic,’ ISIS lays out the case that it is in keeping with Islamic law.

When video of the murder of pilot Mouath al-Kasaesbeh was revealed earlier this month, commentators argued that such a punishment was contrary to Islamic beliefs. *CNN*’s Fareed Zakaria appeared on Jake Tapper’s show saying, ‘This has nothing to do with Islam, as you’ve pointed out, Jake, the burning of a body dead or alive is very un-Islamic.’ Later, Zakaria would tell Don Lemon, ‘It doesn’t follow any precepts of Islam.’ Similarly, the head of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) held a press conference in which he called it ‘unspeakable and anti-Islamic.’

The latest issue of *Dabiq*, ISIS’ glossy, English-language magazine, attempts to justify the killing on the basis of Islamic law and history. In a piece illustrated with gruesome photos of the murdered pilot, the unidentified author writes:

In burning the crusader pilot alive and burying him under a pile of debris, the Islamic State carried out a just form of retaliation for his involvement in the crusader bombing campaign which continues to result in the killing of countless Muslims who, as a result of these airstrikes, are burned alive and buried under mountains of debris.

The article goes on to mention specific elements of Islamic law which they argue justified their actions. It also offers five historical instances in which fire was used as a punishment against enemies of Islam...” **(As in the previous article, see Revelation 21:8 and 22:15.)**

### **ISIS arrests woman over exposed eyes**

**February 18, 2015 -- Breitbart.com** reports: “The Islamic State’s (ISIS/ISIL) established ‘morality police’ reportedly attacked a woman in eastern Syria because her eyes were exposed.

Women under the caliphate must dress conservatively, following the protocols issued in various ISIS publications concerning the behavior of women. This includes a full face veil. The majority of women shown in pictures and videos are covered from head to toe in all black. The ISIS morality gangs in Albuhamai, Syria, found a woman wearing a full face veil that they deemed to have left her eyes too exposed. The police also arrested two men who attempted to protect her.

In July, the jihadists passed extreme restrictions on women. A full-face veil is required, and the hands and feet must be covered. Females must not wear clothes that ‘hug the body.’

‘The conditions imposed on her clothes and grooming was only to end the pretext of debauchery resulting from grooming and overdressing,’ said the ISIS publication. ‘This is not a restriction on her freedom but to prevent her from falling into humiliation and vulgarity or to be a theatre for the eyes of those who are looking.’

‘Anyone who is not committed to this duty and is motivated by glamour will be subject to accountability and severe punishment to protect society from harm and to maintain the necessities of religion and protect it from debauchery.’...” **(The inconsistency is unsupportable concerning the total cover up of eyes and bodies to avoid sexual desires but allowing suicide bombers, sword slashers and machete hackers to enjoy eternal sex with 72 virgins as a reward from their god for killing others. See the next 3 reports.)**

# SHARIAH LAW

## **Saudi Arabia court gives death penalty to man who renounced his Muslim faith**

**February 24, 2015 -- Telegraph.** *co.uk* reports: "An Islamic court in Saudi Arabia has sentenced a man to death for renouncing his Muslim faith, the English-language daily *Saudi Gazette* reported on Tuesday.

The man, in his 20s, posted an online video ripping up a copy of Islam's holy book, the Koran, and hitting it with a shoe, the newspaper reported.

Saudi Arabia, the United States' top Arab ally and birthplace of Islam, follows the strict Wahhabi Sunni Muslim school and gives the clergy control over its justice system.

Under the Wahhabi interpretation of Sharia Islamic law, apostasy demands the death penalty, as do some other religious offences like sorcery, while blasphemy and criticism of senior Muslim clerics have incurred jail terms and corporal punishment.

Executions in Saudi Arabia are usually carried out by public beheading..."

## **Saudi executions set 'unprecedented' pace**

**March 4, 2015 -- The Times of Israel** reports: "Saudi Arabia has beheaded

dozens of convicts, including foreign drug traffickers, since the start of the year in what Amnesty International calls an unprecedented pace of executions in the kingdom.

Those put to the sword have included five Pakistanis, an Indian, two Jordanians, two Syrians and a Yemeni, with few foreign governments willing to publicly appeal for clemency from the wealthy Gulf state.

Three beheadings in a single day on Tuesday — one for rape and two for murder — took the total so far this year to 38, according to an *AFP* tally.

That is about three times the number over the same period in 2014, but observers disagree about the reasons.

There was also a surge in the latter months of last year, toward the end of King Abdullah's reign. He died on January 23 and was succeeded by King Salman..."

## **Iran blinds acid attacker in 'eye for an eye' punishment**

**March 6, 2015 -- The Times of Israel** reports: "An Iranian man convicted of blinding another man in an acid attack was blinded in one eye himself this week in the government's literal application of the Biblical law of retaliation.

It marked the first time Iran has carried out such a punishment, according to *The Guardian*.

Under Sharia law in Iran, retribution for crimes against persons is allowed, but clemency is encouraged. Victims and their families have the final say in such matters and punishments can be stopped.

The man in question was not identified but, according to the report, medics gouged out his left eye at Rajai-Shahr prison in the city of Karaj, northwest of the capital Tehran.

The man was found guilty of throwing acid in the face of another man five years ago in the city of Qom. He was sentenced to have both his eyes removed, serve a prison sentence of 10 years and pay a fine.

On Tuesday, his victim decided to postpone the loss of his right eye by six months. He will be allowed to plead to keep his remaining eye, according to the report..." **(In Christianity ones love for others is to be practiced: "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" Ephesians 4:31 and 32. See the next report.)**

# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

## **Victim says "Glad I am Christian" comment got him stabbed in the face**

**March 5, 2015 -- The Oakland Press** reports: "'I said to myself, not to him, that I am glad I am Christian,' and 'the next thing I know...' said 52-year-old Calvin Archer, before making a motion to show how the defendant stabbed him in the face.

Archer was testifying in the 46th District Court in Southfield during a

preliminary examination for Terrence Lavaron Thomas, 39, who is facing two attempted murder charges.

The case stems from a Valentine's Day incident near the Northland Mall bus stop where police say Thomas stabbed Archer and another man, Raymond Shackleford, following an argument about religion.

Archer said before stabbing him, Thomas was arguing with a lady about religion.

Shackleford, who was stabbed in the left hand while he tried to save Archer,

also testified in the court.

'When I arrived (at the bus shelter) he was talking to another young guy. They were talking about rap music,' Shackleford told Judge Bill Richards as he described what he saw that day.

'Somehow the conversation turned to religion and church,' said Shackleford, adding that Thomas then started talking to everyone.

'He was talking about how he was a Muslim' and 'we should be following Allah,' Shackleford testified.

That's when Archer, who was sitting on a bench next to Thomas, made the comment, and then Thomas hit him in the face.

Shackleford said when he tried to stop Thomas, his left hand was cut..."

### **Franklin Graham: New Obama danger for Christians**

**March 3, 2015** -- *WND.com* reports: "Globally known evangelist Franklin Graham says President Obama is so sympathetic to those of the Muslim faith, he's actually endangering Jews and Christians, opening the doors for them to be persecuted in the United States.

'We're going to see persecution in this country because our president is very sympathetic to Islam, and the reason I say that ... is because his father was a Muslim, gave him a Muslim name, Barack Hussein Obama,' Graham said in an interview on *'The 700 Club'* on the *Christian Broadcasting Network*.

'His mother married another Muslim man. They moved to Indonesia. He went to Indonesian schools. So, growing up, his frame of reference and his influence as a young man was Islam. It wasn't Christianity; it was Islam.'

Graham's remarks aren't much of a surprise to those who listen to him frequently. He's been an outspoken critic of Obama's presidential policies and has decried what he's characterized as a curious White House reach-out to Muslim groups, such as the Muslim Brotherhood.

'There are Muslims that have access to him in the White House,' he went on, *CBN* reported. 'Our foreign policy has a lot of influence now, from Muslims. We see the prime minister of Israel being snubbed by the president and by the White House and by the Democrats, and it's because of the influence of Islam. They hate Israel and they hate Christians, and so the storm is coming, I believe...' (The storm has already started and will become devastating and torrential during the 7-year Tribulation hour: "...when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And

*they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" Revelation 6:9, 10; and "...I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years" – the reward martyrs receive -- Revelation 20:4. See Graham's next warning.)*

### **Rev. Graham: America is 'morally crumbling within'**

**February 25, 2015** -- *CNSNews.com* reports: "Reverend Franklin Graham said he did not know whether President Barack Obama dislikes America, as 'America's Mayor' Rudy Giuliani stated last week, but Graham said it is true that Obama 'defends Islam and chastises Christians,' denies the 'religious freedoms' of those who oppose abortion and gay marriage, and added that our nation is 'morally crumbling within' and that 'we have turned our back on God.'

Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani has taken a lot of heat from the media for his remark that he's not sure if President Obama really loves America,' said Rev. Graham in a Feb. 24 Facebook post.

'I don't know if that's true or not, but I do know that the president defends Islam and chastises Christians, rebukes our allies and befriends our enemies, and fully supports gay marriages and abortion but denies the religious freedoms of those who don't agree,' said the reverend, who oversees the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

'Our nation is ridiculed abroad and morally crumbling within,' he said. 'We are in trouble. We have turned our back on God.'..."

### **Public school has students 'bowing to the sun god'**

**February 22, 2015** -- *WND.com* reports: "A legal case over a public

school in California that has students 'bowing to the sun god' is looming in an appeals court, where a team of lawyers advocating for student and parental rights is challenging the Encinitas Union School District's Ashtanga yoga program.

It has broad implications, and it's getting attention not just in the United States but worldwide.

Austria, for example, recently removed a similar teaching from its classes because it conflicts with students' Catholic beliefs, and the Indian Supreme Court is examining whether the Ashtanga yoga philosophy 'would discriminate against the Muslim and Christian minorities.'

'At its core, this case is about the American constitutional ideal of religious freedom,' explained Dean Broyles, who runs the National Center for Law & Policy, which is fighting the school district's yoga campaign.

The case is now before the California Court of Appeals in San Diego..." (*"Thou shalt have no other gods before me" Exodus 20:3; and "Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day. And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known" Deuteronomy 11:26 - 28.*)

### **Iraqi Christians: 'Why will no one speak out for us?'**

**March 1, 2015** -- *WND.com* reports: "Former Rep. Frank Wolf, the leading voice for religious freedom in Congress for decades, says Christianity is on the verge of extinction in Iraq and the remaining steadfast believers do not see much effort from the U.S. or other Western nations to improve their plight.

Wolf served in the House of Representatives from 1981 to 2015. He is the author of the International Religious Freedom Act, which established the International Religious Freedom Office at the State Department and created an ambassador-at-large position to promote religious freedom around the world. That post has been vacant for some time.

Upon leaving the House, Wolf became the first-ever Wilson chair in religious freedom at Baylor University and co-founded the 21st Century Wilberforce Initiative. He co-led a trip to Iraq in January to observe conditions for Christians and other minorities and to speak to people firsthand. The group recently released a report based on that trip titled, 'Edge of Extinction: The Eradication of Religious and Ethnic Minorities in Iraq.' He said the conclusions of the visit were obvious.

'Two things. They're really suffering and they're really facing extinction,' said Wolf, who added that the people there are mystified at the relative silence in the midst of their suffering, since the Islamic State has very real plans to bring its savagery to the West as well.

'The threat ISIS poses is not only to them but to people in the West and, quite frankly, people in the United States,' Wolf said. 'It's kind of a conglomeration. They kept saying, 'Why will no one in the West speak out for us? Does anyone care?...' (The Latter Day apostate Christian is described in Revelation 3:15 – 17: "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." The signs of an apostate.)

### **India: Rash of attacks on Christians fuels climate of fear**

**March 1, 2015 -- Breitbart.com** reports: "A spate of new episodes of violence against Christians in India is stoking fears that the Hindu nationalist Modi government is ushering in an era of heightened persecution.

The violence has not been localized to one specific area, but has occurred throughout the country. In the western Indian state of Goa this week, unidentified marauders profaned a statue of Our Lady of Lourdes in a village parish, striking and damaging it. In the state of Kerala, in south India, a Christian cemetery

in the district of Pathanamthitta was vandalized, with graves and tombstones smashed on two consecutive days and graffiti written across the cemetery wall.

In Mangalore, in the state of Karnataka, in central India, assailants hurled a volley of stones at a Catholic prayer hall on the outskirts of the city, breaking its windows. According to local Christians, the anti-Christian violence is meant 'to create panic and insecurity in society.'

According to a forum of Christian NGOs, 'the attacks and the frequent acts of vandalism against Christian targets in different parts of the country are worrisome.' Most distressing is the seeming apathy of the ruling Hindu government, which, in theory, should 'have the task of stopping the violence, ensuring peace and harmony in society, and protecting the rule of law and freedom of religion.'..." (*"And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?" – I Peter 3:13; and "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation [testing and trials]: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him" – James 1:12. God's not talking about sin but suffering. See the next 2 reports.*)

### **War on Christians: ISIS goes on church-burning and kidnapping spree in Syria**

**February 25, 2015 -- Breitbart.com** reports: "Around 4:00 in the morning on Monday, February 23rd, an estimated 1500 ISIS fighters attacked a series of Christian towns in northeast Syria, burning churches, taking as many as 90 hostages, and forcing hundreds to flee from their homes.

According to reports from the Syriac Military Council, a Christian self-defense organization, when ISIS fighters attacked the town of Tel Shamiram, they separated out the men, around 50 of whom they have taken into the mountains, and approximately 90 women and children are being held prisoner in the village by ISIS militants. Some residents were able to flee and they are currently sheltering in churches in Al-Hassaka and Al-Qamishli. According to one source, ISIS has taken 30 Christian young women and plans to

distribute them as concubines in the town of Shadadeh.

Bassam Ishak, president of the Syriac National Council of Syria, has made several recent visits to Washington, D.C. warning of the potential for these attacks and asking for U.S. support. He said Hassaka would no doubt be targeted because it separates ISIS in Syria from ISIS in Iraq. Ishak said that the Syriac Military Council had about 1100 troops, but weapons for only 500. The area is being defended by militia that include the Syriac Military Council (MFS), Christian police (Sutoro), the Khabur Guards, and the Kurdish People Protection Units (YPG)..."

### **Boko Haram pledges allegiance to Islamic State in audio message**

**March 8, 2015 -- The Australian** reports: "Boko Haram has pledged allegiance to Islamic State in an audio message, after three bombs wreaked havoc in northeast Nigeria, killing 58 and wounding scores.

'We announce our allegiance to the Caliph of the Muslims, Ibrahim ibn Awad ibn Ibrahim al-Husseini al-Qurashi,' Boko Haram leader Abubakar Shekau said yesterday, referring to Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

Shekau said the pledge was made because of religious duty to Islam and as it would 'enrage the enemy of Allah'.

The eight-minute speech, in which Shekau was not shown, was published on a Twitter account used by Boko Haram and subtitled in English, French and Arabic.

Shekau has previously mentioned Baghdadi in video messages yet stopped short of pledging formal allegiance.

But there have been increasing signs that the Nigerian militants, whose six-year insurgency has killed more than 13,000 people and left 1.5 million homeless, has been seeking a closer tie-up. Shekau announced last year that the captured town of Gwoza in Borno state was part of a caliphate, and in recent weeks Boko Haram videos have increasingly resembled Islamic State propaganda..."