

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

THE ISLAMIC CALIPHATE

ISIS changes name, declares Islamic 'caliphate'

June 29, 2014 -- *Haaretz* reports: "An offshoot of Al-Qaida which has captured territory in Iraq and Syria has declared itself an Islamic 'caliphate' and called on factions worldwide to pledge their allegiance, a statement posted on Islamist websites and Twitter said on Sunday.

The move poses a direct challenge to the central leadership of Al-Qaida, which has already disowned it, and to conservative Gulf Arab rulers.

The group, previously known as the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and also known as ISIS, has renamed itself 'Islamic State' and proclaimed its leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi as 'Caliph' - the head of the state, the statement said.

'He is the imam and khalifah (Caliph) for the Muslims everywhere,' the group's spokesman Abu Muhammad al-Adnani said in the statement, which was translated into several languages and read out in an Arabic audio speech.

'Accordingly, the 'Iraq and Sham' (Levant) in the name of the Islamic State is henceforth removed from all official

deliberations and communications, and the official name is the Islamic State from the date of this declaration,' he said..." (A caliphate must be instituted by the Muslims of the 57 Islamic nations. This caliph has set himself up without the approval of all Muslim nations. In reality, this ruler, he has defied Shariah Law which namely proclaims a death sentence to the man who sets himself up as the unelected leader. Let's see what happens to the self-proclaimed caliph. See the next five reports.)

ISIS chief appears in first video

July 5, 2014 -- *BBC News* reports: "Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the leader of Islamist militant group ISIS, has called on Muslims to obey him, in his first video sermon.

Baghdadi has been appointed caliph by the jihadist group, which has seized large swathes of Iraq and Syria.

The video appears to have been filmed on Friday during a sermon at the al-Nouri Mosque in Mosul, northern Iraq.

It surfaced on Saturday amid reports that he had been killed or wounded in

an Iraqi air raid.

It was not clear when the attack was supposed to have taken place.

In the sermon, at Mosul's most famous landmark, Baghdadi praised the establishment of the 'Islamic state', which was declared by ISIS last Sunday.

Experts say the reclusive militant leader has never appeared on video before, although there are photographs of him.

'Appointing a leader is an obligation on Muslims, and one that has been neglected for decades,' he said..."

Self-proclaimed 'caliph' orders all Muslims to move to new Islamic state

July 2, 2014 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "The self-appointed leader of the newly proclaimed Islamic state in Iraq and Syria is demanding that all Muslims emigrate there and take up arms.

Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi posted an audio message on Islamist websites Tuesday, saying the new state is for all Muslims, regardless of skin color or nationality. He said Syria is not for the Syrians and Iraq is not for Iraqis.

Baghdadi said the holy month of

Ramadan is the perfect time for all Muslims to take up weapons and flight.

Sunni extremists from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant proclaimed a sovereign state for Muslims earlier this week. ISIL has seized much of northern Iraq and is one of the rebel groups fighting to topple the Syrian government..."

ISIS issues a 'passport' for its 'caliphate'

July 8, 2014 -- *Israel National News* reports: "The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) declared itself an Islamic 'caliphate' last Sunday, and now apparently has begun issuing 'passports' to further establish its Jihadist state.

ISIS members this week circulated photographs of the supposed passport, which reads 'State of the Islamic Caliphate' at the top and at the bottom states 'the holder of the passport if harmed we will deploy armies for his services,' reports Al Arabiya.

Regardless of the likelihood that the passport will be accepted by foreign states after ISIS conquered vast portions of Iraq and Syria, ISIS has said it will distribute the document to 11,000 citizens living in cities near the border of the two countries..."

Several Salafi groups oppose ISIL's Islamic caliphate announcement

July 2, 2014 -- *The Fars News Agency* reports: "Several Salafi-Takfiri groups active in Syria in a statement voiced their opposition to the so-called 'Islamic caliphate' newly declared by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) Takfiri terrorist group.

"The conditions are not set for the creation of an Islamic caliphate, especially if this caliphate will be set up by the ISIL,' part of the statement by the Takfiri groups said.

The Salafi groups headed by the Islamic Front affiliated to the Muslim Brotherhood of Syria said that the announcement by the ISIL is shrugging shoulders over the savage crimes committed by them.

Baghdadi, who was a detainee at U.S. Bucca prison in 2005, has announced himself as the caliph of the Muslim world..."

Leading Sunni scholar says jihadist caliphate violates sharia

July 6, 2014 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Prominent Sunni Muslim scholar Yusef al-Qaradawi said on Saturday that the declaration of an Islamic caliphate by

jihadists fighting the governments in Syria and Iraq violates sharia law.

Last Sunday, the jihadists of the Islamic State group declared a caliphate in areas they control in Iraq and Syria and ordered Muslims worldwide to pledge allegiance to their leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, under the name 'caliph Ibrahim'.

Qatar-based Qaradawi, seen as a spiritual guide of the Muslim Brotherhood in his native Egypt, said in a statement that the declaration 'is void under sharia.'

'We look forward to the coming, as soon as possible, of the caliphate,' Qaradawi said, of the form of pan-Muslim government last seen under the Ottoman Empire.

'But the declaration issued by the Islamic State is void under sharia and has dangerous consequences for the Sunnis in Iraq and for the revolt in Syria,' he added.

The influential cleric said the declaration and nomination of Baghdadi by a jihadist group 'known for its atrocities and radical views' fail to meet strict conditions dictated by sharia.

The title of caliph, he said, can 'only be given by the entire Muslim nation' not by a single group..."

FIRST THE MIDEAST – THEN THE WORLD

ISIS plans to smash borders of Mideast map

June 29, 2014 -- *WND.com* reports: "Claiming its goal is to smash the 'partitioning of Muslim lands by crusader powers,' the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham, or ISIS, has set out its goal of redrawing the map of the Middle East.

This goal is outlined in an article from its latest weekly web magazine, *The Islamic State Report*, a professionally designed mouthpiece meant to recruit would-be jihadist fighters from the West.

ISIS' web magazine began in June

and has just published its fifth issue. Its fourth issue talks about redrawing the map of the Middle East, and on its cover shows ISIS fighters crossing between Syria and Iraq without any sign of a demarcation between the two countries. The web magazine is published every Saturday.

The article seeks to justify creation of an Islamic caliphate to re-establish the Middle East region before it was carved up by the British and French following World War I..." **(ISIS will attempt the infiltration and unification of Islam's 57 nations into one Caliphate with**

various and previous names similar to America's title as one nation with 50 states.)

ISIS edging closer to Israel

June 29, 2014 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Speaking Sunday, former National Security Council director Yaakov Amidror said that if Jordan requested Israeli assistance in preventing its border with Iraq from being overrun by forces belonging to ISIS, the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, then Israel would have little choice but to help.

'It's not just in Jordan's interest, but in

Israel's as well to work together to solve this problem,' he said.

As the Sunni Islamist forces of ISIS have overrun Iraq, edging ever closer to that country's border with Jordan, Amman has expressed nervousness that it could be the group's next target. Some ISIS sources have already made unconfirmed claims to have seized a Jordanian town, although those reports appear to be false.

Jordan on Friday deployed massive army forces on its Iraqi border, including tanks, army vehicles, missile launchers and soldiers, reported Yedioth Aharonoth, citing the Arab news source *Asharq Al-Aswat*.

In the Arabic report, Jordanian sources were quoted as claiming that the Iraqi army still controls the area just over the Jordanian border, but that they have already lost control over adjacent areas. A senior Jordanian captain told the paper the army is at maximum preparedness so as to be able to get involved at a moment's notice.

Jordan has good reason to worry; ISIS Islamists have publicly called for Jordanian King Abdullah's execution, declaring him a traitor to Islam who has joined forces with the West..." **(The Islamic ISIS organization plans the eventual takeover of Israel making the Jewish people controlled by the Islamic State of Iraq, Syria, and Al-Sham, the newest Muslim power if they succeed. It will fail.)**

ISIS puts bull's-eye on Mecca, Medina

July 3, 2014 -- *WND.com* reports: "Now that the Islamic State has issued a declaration that Muslims around the world must adhere to its recently announced caliphate, jihadist fighters say Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arabia will be the next targets after Jordan.

Sources say the Islamic State, formerly the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (or Greater Syria), is a rival to Saudi Arabia, even though both are Sunni. However, like the Muslim Brotherhood, the Islamic State abhors monarchies. The Islamic State is hoping that the Saudi army will revolt against the King and

join its caliphate.

The area between Iraq and Jordan, into Saudi Arabia, is mostly desert, allowing the Islamic State to make major inroads into the kingdom before meeting resistance..." **(In Ezekiel 38:13 Sheba in one of Islam's major nations that raises a voice of opposition to ISIS. How great is God's Word in every prediction. Why? Webster's Dictionary identifies Sheba as Saudi Arabia.)**

ISIS leader: 'we will conquer Rome'

July 3, 2014 -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: "In an impassioned audio address, the leader of Islamic militant group ISIS has declared that Muslims will continue fighting until they conquer Rome.

Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi used his latest message to call his radical followers to 'rush' to his newfound pan-Islamic state, a stretch of land across Iraq and Syria where he has instated himself as leader, or 'Caliph'.

'Rush O Muslims to your state. Yes, it is your state. Rush, because Syria is not for the Syrians, and Iraq is not for the Iraqis. The land is for the Muslims, all Muslims,' he urged.

'This is my advice to you. If you hold to it you will conquer Rome and own the world, if Allah wills.

'O Muslims everywhere, whoever is capable of performing hijrah to the Islamic State, then let him do so, because hijrah to the land of Islam is obligatory... immigration to the house of Islam is a duty,' he insisted.

Baghdadi also rallied his fellow extremists to continue fighting for their cause – urging them 'to arms, to arms, soldiers of the Islamics, fight, fight'..." **(I don't believe that Islam will ever conquer Rome. Christianity numbers two billion five-hundred million members. Islam is half that number. Better still is the fact that Christ's return to set up His eternal kingdom on our planet and His armies of millions return with Him – Revelation 19:11, 14, 16, 20:4; Revelation 11:15 – and Christ rules the entire world from**

that day under the Judeo-Christian banner – Luke 1:32, 33.)

'Soon... a day will come when the Muslim will walk everywhere as a master'

July 2, 2014 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the leader of the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS), sent a message to his fellow Sunni supporters to commemorate the Muslim holiday of Ramadan.

Baghdadi wrote:

'Soon, by Allah's permission, a day will come when the Muslim will walk everywhere as a master, having honor, being revered, with his head raised high and his dignity preserved. Anyone who dares to offend him will be disciplined, and any hand that reaches out to harm him will be cut off.'

The ISIS leader showed a willingness to blame the Jews for 'mobilizing' the international community against his radical terrorist group..." **(Islam's goal is global domination. Islamic leaders Ayatollah Khomeini, Khamenei, and Kabbala, all warn that Islam will take over the world and that their prophet Jesus, called Isa, will be the chief executioner of all who will not convert to Islam under the rule of their messiah Mahdi. Kabbala is the American leader of Islam for whom Rick Warren addressed two Muslim conventions. Is this the Jesus, Rick, you push in your ministerial staff meeting with Muslim clerics searching out the similarities between the Koran and God's Holy Word? How about practicing Romans 16:17 "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them" and Ephesians 5:11 "...have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" Rick? See the next two reports.)**

ISIS, Boko Haram share aim to establish Muslim empire

July 5, 2014 -- *WND.com* reports: "The motive fueling the recent kidnapping of 186 Kurdish school children by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria also was

behind Boko Haram's May seizure of more than 250 school girls in Nigeria, according to Middle East and terrorism analysts.

While an immediate goal is to strike fear in the hearts of the enemies of Islam, the ultimate aim is for the children, their parents and their communities to adopt the jihadists' fundamental Islamic beliefs and submit to Shariah, or Islamic law, said Heritage Foundation Middle East analyst Jim Phillips.

Boko Haram's campaign of terror includes massacres of Christians and destruction of their churches. Only a few dozen of the schoolgirls have been able to escape their captors, and the government has declared a state of emergency across the region.

ISIS recently was blamed for the kidnapping of the boys from Syria who had traveled to Aleppo for academic testing. They were on their way home when terrorists intercepted a convoy of minibuses and took the boys to Minbej for 'training.'

'The two groups are very similar in one sense, because it's one way for the terrorists to impose their will and intimidate the parents of these young people, not just the young people themselves,' Phillips said.

Phillips said it's possible that one of the ISIS objectives for the kidnappings is to brainwash the teenage boys and turn them into suicide bombers..."

Italian party leader: ISIS threatening entire world

July 2, 2014 -- *The Fars News Agency* reports: "Laura Chiatroni Madrigali, the leader of Italy's 'Forza Popolare' party, called for an immediate halt in financial and arms supports for the terrorist Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant

(ISIL, ISIS or Daesh), warning that the group is a vital threat to the whole world, specially the European states.

'What worries me is to know that terrorists can strike anywhere in the world at any time, even using weapons of mass destruction. They can poison aqueducts or spread deadly substances in the air-conditioning ducts in public places, and Europe is not protected as is the U.S.,' Madrigali said in an interview with *FNA*.

'This requires full cooperation among nations to stop them before there is an escalation of violence and terror,' the Italian party leader added..."

Another Syrian rebel group joins forces with ISIS terror group

July 11, 2014 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Another Syrian rebel group has pledged allegiance to the Islamic State, the terror group formerly known as the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS).

The 1,000-member Dawud Brigade, based in the town of Sarmin, located in Syria's Idlib province, has thrown its weight behind the Islamic State. The entire rebel brigade had reportedly arrived Sunday in Raqqa, the city that the Islamic State has turned into its main Syria headquarters.

The defected Dawud Brigade Islamist opposition force claimed to have brought with them a convoy of over 100 vehicles, including 10 tanks, adding firepower to the Islamic State's expanding arsenal of modern armaments.

On orders from the Islamic State, the Dawud Brigade troops said they were planning on heading to Aleppo to confront President Bashar al-Assad's Syrian Armed Forces.

On Tuesday, *Breitbart News* reported that several factions within the Free Syrian Army (FSA), which U.S. officials deemed a 'moderate' opposition force, had defected and decided to join the radical jihadi Islamic State terror group. The United States has reportedly armed and supplied the FSA through backchannels in Saudi Arabia and Qatar..." **(Shariah Law demands that all Islamic apostates who deviate from any point of Islam's law be executed by crucifixion [Surah 5:33] or beheading [Surah 47:4]. This is not only for Islamic defectors but all Christians as well. See the next report.)**

Palestinian jihadists seek unity with ISIS

July 3, 2014 -- *WND.com* reports: "There is an attempt by jihadist organizations in the Gaza Strip to unite under the common banner of the al-Qaida-inspired Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, according to informed Middle Eastern security officials.

Contacted by *WND*, Abu Saqer, one of the top leaders of Jihadiya Salafiya, which represents al-Qaida ideology in the Gaza Strip, confirmed the attempt to organize various jihad groups to fight Israel under the ISIS umbrella.

Saqer claimed there is also an effort to recruit jihadists to ISIS from inside the West Bank, particularly in the Hebron region.

While the exact nature of the ISIS presence in Gaza remains unclear, the group's flags were seen flying at a funeral this past Sunday for two terrorists eliminated in an Israel Air Force strike last Friday, Israel's daily *Maariv* newspaper reported. The terrorists' coffins were reportedly also draped in ISIS flags..."

THE RELIGION OF PEACE?

ISIS: give over girls for 'sex jihad'

July 6, 2014 -- *WND.com* reports: "Radical Islamists murdering and imposing mayhem across Iraq, now calling themselves the Islamic State but

generally known as ISIS, the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, have demanded both property and human lives as the price of their rapid advances.

Now they want girls.

ISIS has been putting up posters

throughout Mosul, one of the captured Iraqi cities, telling residents to bring their unmarried daughters to ISIS soldiers, according to a report from the Clarion Project, a respected nonprofit organization that works to expose Islamic extremism, primarily through

documentary films it produces.

Citing Arabic sources including those inside Mosul, the report said the posters call for girls to participate in 'jihad al-nikah,' or 'sex jihad.'

The Clarion Project cites information from *Al-Masryalyoum*, a 'respected' Egyptian daily newspaper along with other Arab press sources.

Posters in public places in Mosul read:

'We call upon the people of this county to bring their unmarried girls so they can fulfill their duty in sex jihad for their warrior brothers in the city and anyone who will not appear will feel the full force of the Shariah [Islamic law] upon him.'...'' (Numerous fathers, brothers, or other family members have put daughters to death for having had pre-marital sex, as demanded by Shariah Law and called 'honor killings.' Now these sex and lust filled perverts defy Allah's law because of one apostate Muslim leader. The Christian world as an example to all Muslims states: "Let God be true and every man a liar" – Romans 3:4.)

ISIS crucifies nine people in Syrian villages

June 29, 2014 -- *The London Daily Telegraph* reports: "A man has survived being crucified by ISIS in Syria, after the jihadists raided his village and nailed him to a cross for eight hours.

The unnamed man from Al-Bab, near the border with Turkey, was crucified as a punishment, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

He managed to survive the ordeal.

But eight others who received the same punishment did not survive. The men, from Deir Hafer in the east of Aleppo province, were subjected to the same treatment and crucified 'in the main square of the village, where their bodies will remain for three days', the Britain-based monitor said.

The men were reportedly rebels fighting against both President Bashar al-Assad and jihadist groups including ISIS...'' (As already mentioned, apostates are either crucified [Surah 5:33] or beheaded [Surah 47:4] for taking a stand against ISIS. See the next report.)

British jihadist threatens beheadings in Trafalgar Square

July 8, 2014 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "A British extremist has taken to twitter to say an Islamic State would capture Downing Street and hold executions in Trafalgar Square. Abu Dugam al-Britani, has issued a series of chilling warnings of a 'holy war' in Britain, according to the *Daily Mirror*.

Al-Britani is believed to be fighting for ISIS in Syria, and it is thought his real name is Abu Rahin Aziz, an Islamist extremist with a history of violence. He is thought to have fled Britain as he faced trial for beating up a football fan on Oxford Street in central London. In his absence he was found guilty of affray, and jailed for 36 weeks.

The father-of-one, who claims to be fighting for Isis, used Twitter to warn that the Prime Minister's official residence will become the centre of a British Islamic state. He said: 'Downing Street will be a base for Muslims. Trafalgar Square is where public executions will take place. Army of Islamic State is coming.'...

NEWS FROM ISRAEL

Israel confirms death of missing teens, calls for 'Eradicating Hamas'

July 1, 2014 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Late Monday, Israelis were formally informed that their worst and growing fears about the fate of three kidnapped teens were confirmed. The bodies of the three teens kidnapped while traveling home from school on June 12 were found about 5:00 PM Monday afternoon, partially hidden in a field north of the city of Hebron.

The area where the bodies were found late Monday afternoon by Israeli security forces was immediately declared a closed military zone.

Eyal Yifrach, 19, Gil-ad Shaar, 16, and Israeli-American citizen Naftali Fraenkel, 16, were kidnapped at a popular hitchhiking station outside the

town of Alon Shvut in the Etzion Bloc south of Jerusalem.

The kidnapping resulted in an unprecedentedly large national mission to find the missing boys. The military launched 'Operation Brother's Keeper' which also led to a severe crackdown against the Palestinian terrorist group Hamas, thought responsible for the kidnappings and murders of the three boys...

Deputy Defense Minister Danny Danon said, 'I was filled with deep sadness upon hearing of the murders of Naftali Frankel, Gilad Shaer, and Eyal Yifrach by Hamas terrorists,' and called for Israel to undertake a campaign with the goal of 'eradicating Hamas.'...'' (Hamas slaughtered these Jewish teenagers. Hamas must pay for their murderous acts – our God Yahweh

commands: "...he that killeth any man shall surely be put to death" – Leviticus 24:17.)

Hamas: any Israeli attack will open 'the Gates of Hell'

July 1, 2014 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Any Israeli action to punish Hamas for the alleged murder of three teenagers whose bodies were found on Monday would open 'the Gates of Hell,' the Islamist movement warned.

'If the occupiers carry out an escalation or a war, they will open the Gates of Hell on themselves,' Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri told *AFP*.

The warning came shortly after Israel confirmed finding the bodies of the three students who disappeared while hitchhiking in the southern West Bank on June 12.

The bodies were found in a field near Halhul some 10 minutes from the roadside spot where they were last seen, media reports said..." (I agree with the above headline, but the 'Gates of Hell' will fall upon the heads of Hamas who have 220,000 rockets ready to kill every Jew possible. I Chronicles 21:1 informs the world why anti-Semitism is global and will fail because Yahweh God states "I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name..." Isaiah 56:5. This information is a warning for all Jew haters. See the next five reports.)

Hamis promises Israel 'suicide attacks on every bus, café and street'

July 11, 2014 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "The Hamas rocket offensive against Israel in response to Operation Protective Edge continues to grow, with Israel reporting on the third day of strikes that 250 rockets have been launched out of Gaza since Tuesday. That number threatens only to grow as Hamas releases propaganda footage promising 'thousands' of rocket strikes.

In a video published by the *Jerusalem Post*, the Hamas jihadist group promises Israel that they will continue their attempts to kill Jews. 'Zionists, wait and see stabbing attacks everywhere,' the narrator says over some rudimentary animations. 'Wait for suicide attacks on every bus, café and street.' In addition to the suicide attacks, the narrator implores the viewer to 'remember the rockets that made Tel Aviv and the Israeli Parliament tremble,' promising that Hamas has 'thousands of them.' The video provides Hebrew text to ensure that Jewish viewers get the message.

In addition to the video, the Hamas leadership itself has made clear it has no interest in deescalating tensions. Sami Abu Zuhri, a spokesman for Hamas, said at a press conference yesterday that the terrorist group has determined that 'all Israelis have now become legitimate targets.' Another top Hamas figure, Hussam Badran, went as far as to condemn the Palestinian Authority, which incorporated Hamas into a 'unity' government, for being 'completely

detached' from the Palestinian people..."

Mahmoud Abbas slams Hamas over rocket attacks on Israel

July 11, 2014 -- *The National Post* reports: "Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas called on Hamas to end its hail of rockets on Israel as Israeli leaders signalled they were preparing to invade the Gaza Strip to stop the barrages.

Mr. Abbas spoke Thursday as the Palestinian death toll from three days of intensified Israeli air strikes in Hamas-controlled Gaza neared 90.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a televised address there would be 'additional phases' to the military operation and that a 'difficult, complex' battle lies ahead.

'What are you trying to achieve by sending rockets?' Mr. Abbas asked on Palestine TV, without explicitly naming Hamas, which recently lent its backing to his government after a seven-year rift. 'We prefer to fight with wisdom and politics.'

It was the first time he has openly criticized Hamas for firing hundreds of rockets into Israel over the past month. The public nature of his critique may further strain his political alliance with the hardline Islamists, which has already developed cracks over finances and his denunciation of the abduction of three Israeli teenagers, whose killing Israel has blamed on the militant group..."

IDF chief: we're ready for ground offensive, awaiting cabinet's orders

July 11, 2014 -- *YnetNews.com* reports: "IDF Chief of Staff Benny Gantz said Friday that the military was ready for a possible ground offensive in the Gaza Strip, and was awaiting instructions from the political leadership.

'Nothing is stopping us from moving forward,' Gantz said during a tour of a Paratroopers training base. 'The IDF is not waiting for the last straw to go on a ground offensive, it's waiting on political instruction.'

'Terrorists in Gaza are understanding that they've made a big mistake. In four days we've been intelligently using our

offensive means while remembering that there are civilians there that Hamas has turned into hostages,' Gantz said. 'Gaza is slowly sinking to its doom.'

The chief of staff noted that 'the air offensive is excellent and we have intelligence that works. We know what to attack, and we will intensify the attacks. We've yet to exhaust our offensive capabilities.'

Gantz went on to say that 'strategically, Gaza needs to choose whether it's heading for a calm or to a security catastrophe...'"

Iran condemns Israeli self-defense as 'savage aggression'

July 9, 2014 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Iran's foreign ministry condemned Israel's operation to protect its citizens from Hamas rocket fire on Wednesday, calling on the West to urge the Jewish state to prevent a 'human catastrophe'.

The remarks by Iran, a traditional ally of Hamas, came after the Israeli Air Force pummeled terror targets in Gaza Tuesday night, in response to nearly a week of near-constant rocket fire on Israeli civilians.

'We are, unfortunately, witnessing the escalation of savage aggression by the Zionists in recent days against the innocent and defenseless people of Palestine,' IMFA spokeswoman Marzieh Afkham said in her weekly briefing with reporters.

Iran calls on 'Western countries and supporters of the Zionist regime (to) take firm a stance and prevent a human catastrophe and stop the attacks,' she added.

Afkham also questioned the 'unrealistic excuse of the kidnapping of three Zionist settlers,' referring to the horrific abduction and murder of Israeli teenagers Naftali Frenkel (16), Gilad Sha'ar (16), and Eyal Yifrah (19).

Unsurprisingly missing from the statement was the fact that Hamas and other terrorist groups in Gaza have fired more than 500 rockets on Israel over the past week, according to several

estimates, with 120 fired on Tuesday alone.

Hamas's rockets have hit not only the embattled Israeli towns and villages bordering Gaza which have been under constant attack for more than a decade, but also reached major Israeli cities, such as Be'er Sheva, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and even as far north as Hadera..."

Jordan demands Israel stop 'barbaric' operation

July 9, 2014 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Jordan condemned Israel's Operation Protective Edge on Wednesday, calling the mission which

aims to stop Hamas from firing hundreds of rockets at Israeli civilians 'barbaric.'

Jordanian spokesperson Mohammed Momani said that the airstrikes on Gaza, which reportedly have killed over 20 Gaza residents, including many senior terrorist officials, are 'aggressive,' reports *AFP*.

Momani said his country, which signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1994 it has threatened to revoke, 'condemns the military aggression that Israel has launched in the Gaza Strip,' and calls for 'its immediate halt.'

The spokesperson further claimed

the 'barbaric aggression' of Israel has 'negative repercussions on the Gaza Strip and the whole region. ...The Israeli actions violate international laws and obstruct peace efforts in the region.'

It should be noted that Hamas is using 'brutal' tactics to inflate its casualty number, by among other things using human shields and firing on Israeli civilian population centers from within Gaza population centers.

The calls to stop the operation comes on the heels of similar statements by Turkey. On Tuesday, the Turkish foreign ministry called on Israel 'to immediately halt its attacks on Gaza.'..."

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Top Malaysian court rules 'Allah' only for Muslims

June 23, 2014 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "Malaysia's highest court has upheld a government ban against a Roman Catholic newspaper using the word 'Allah' to refer to God.

The Federal Court ruled in a four-to-three decision Monday that the church's Malay-language newspaper, *The Herald*, had no grounds to appeal a lower court decision last year that Allah should be reserved exclusively for Muslims, because if other religions use the word, it could be confusing and lead Muslims to convert.

Such conversion is illegal in Malaysia, where more than 60 percent of the population of 30 million are Muslim - the country's official religion. Just over 9 percent are Christian.

Monday's ruling ends a dispute that has been ongoing since 2007, when Malaysia's Home Ministry threatened to revoke the publishing permit of *The Herald* for using the Arabic word in its Malay-language edition..." **(We have religious leaders like Dr. Schuller, Rick Warren, and 300 others who signed the "Yale Covenant" which states: 'We will call our Judeo-Christian God Allah.' Apostasy reigns in 2014. Please look at**

the above headline again. Malaysian leaders forbid Christians from using and defiling the name of their god 'Allah'. What a rebuke to alleged latter day Christian apostates.)

Convert to Islam or face the sword

June 23, 2014 -- *The National Post* reports: "Convert to Islam or face the sword.

That was the stark message Christians in the Syrian city of Raqqa received last year when ultra-fundamentalist Sunni extremists, proclaiming themselves to be members of the Islamic State of Iraq and Al-Sham (ISIS), seized power and launched a reign of terror against Shiites and Christians that has included beheadings and at least three crucifixions.

Aware of ISIS' ferocious reputation for murder and mayhem, thousands of Christians who lived in Mosul and the surrounding Nineveh Plain fled in panic when ISIS rebels captured Iraq's second largest city from government forces on June 10. Many of those who escaped have sought refuge in this Christian enclave in the Kurdish city of Irbil, only an hour's drive away from Mosul..." **(Rick Warren and his ministerial staff join with Muslim clerics to study**

the similarities between Christianity and Islam. This headline along with dozens of facts from the Koran prove the futility of such a proposal by misguided apostate leaders of Christianity. See the next two reports.)

'Dozens' dead as Boko Haram sacks churches in Chibok

June 30, 2014 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Suspected Boko Haram Islamists armed with explosives attacked a series of churches on Sunday near Chibok, the northeastern town where more than 200 teenage girls were kidnapped in April, witnesses said.

Residents said dozens of people may have been killed in the raids on villages roughly 10 kilometres, (six miles) outside of Chibok, but no one was able to offer an authoritative death toll and the military was not immediately available to comment.

'The attackers went to churches with bombs and guns,' Timothy James, a Chibok resident said by phone.

'From what I gathered, dozens of worshippers, including men, women and children were killed,' he said, explaining that his information had come from people who fled the affected area and through phone calls.

Enoch Mark, an outspoken Chibok leader since the April 14 kidnappings, gave a similar account, telling *AFP* in Lagos, 'presently, as we are talking now, we are under attack'.

'We cannot tell the number of dead bodies,' he added. 'I was told the attackers burnt at least three churches to the ground.'..."

North Korea: where Christians are persecuted but strong in faith

June 26, 2014 -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: "North Korea is widely hailed as the worst country in which to be a Christian. The arrest and detention of missionaries such as Kenneth Bae and John Short, along with reports of gross human rights violations against citizens deemed to be conspiring against the state, has resulted in growing international concern for the small nation led by Dictator Kim Jong-Un.

Around a third of North Korea's 100,000-strong Christian population are

thought to be labouring in concentration camps, while tens of thousands of citizens, including many who are Christians, have defected to countries such as neighbouring South Korea, China, Mongolia and Russia.

However, Rev Eric Foley, co-founder of Seoul U.S.A, a ministry dedicated to supporting defected and underground Christians in North Korea, says that despite intense persecution, North Korean Christians are remaining steadfast in their faith, and even sharing it with others..."

Christians in Iraq see silver lining amid jihadist takeover

June 27, 2014 -- *WND.com* reports: "As the world watches al-Qaida-inspired ISIS, the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, continue its drive to Baghdad, some analysts who are closely monitoring the impact on Christians see a bright spot.

AssyrianChristians.com writer Amir George declares that something 'we never believed could be possible is

coming out of this.'

'A Christian area on the Nineveh plain is forming, and it looks like it may be a safe, self-governing area where Christians can live freely,' George said.

George, author of 'Liberating Iraq,' said the autonomous Christian region, near Kurdistan, will likely be self-sustaining.

It's now being protected by a 5,000-member security force of Christians and Kurds, he said..." **(Praise God for Christian believers who stand for Jesus alone and who now have found some peace after seeing tens of thousands, yes millions killed by Islamic terrorists. Thank God for 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.")**

PLAGUES AND PESTILENCES

Superbugs could 'cast the world back into the dark ages', David Cameron says

July 2, 2014 -- *The Telegraph.co.uk* reports: "The world could be 'cast back into the dark ages of medicine' where people die from treatable infections because deadly bacteria are becoming resistant to antibiotics, David Cameron has warned.

The Prime Minister has called for governments and drug companies around the world to work together to 'accelerate' the discovery of a new generation of antibiotics.

His intervention comes amid fears in the medical profession that manageable illnesses like pneumonia and tuberculosis could kill huge numbers of people like they did early in the twentieth century.

About 25,000 people die annually across Europe because of infections that are resistant to antibiotic drugs,

Mr. Cameron said..." (Pestilences are predicted as final day signs just preceding Christ's return to earth to set up His eternal kingdom. **Matthew 24:7: "...there shall be famines, and pestilences..." and Revelation 6:7, 8: "...when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth."** See the next report.)

U.N.: Ebola outbreak could become pandemic

July 3, 2014 -- *WND.com* reports: "Health ministers from 11 West African countries began a two-day Emergency Ministerial meeting in Accra, Ghana, Wednesday amid concern the outbreak

of the Ebola virus that began in Ghana could spread across their region as an uncontrolled pandemic.

In a statement distributed at the United Nations, the World Health Organization, WHO, classified the current Ebola outbreak as the worst ever.

The outbreak traces back to cases appearing in rural Guinea in March, which spread across Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. So far, a total of 750 cases and 455 deaths have been reported in the affected countries, according to WHO...

Ebola spreads from close contact with the blood, secretions, organs or other bodily fluids of infected people...

The Ebola virus has alarmed international health officials because the frequency of international air travel has increased the possibility the outbreak in one nation might quickly be transmitted to other countries by patients in the incubation phase of the infection..."