

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

## ISIS: THE GLOBAL THREAT

### **Islamic State graffiti found throughout Washington D.C.**

October 9, 2014 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Graffiti that appears to be in support of the Islamic State terrorist group has been popping up throughout the District of Columbia. The most frequently displayed message reads 'Allahu Akbar' (God is Greater) in Arabic, and at the bottom, ISIS, for the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham. The FBI is reportedly investigating the acts of vandalism.

On Tuesday, *New York Magazine* reported two findings of the pro-IS graffiti between the Dupont Circle and Adams Morgan neighborhoods of Northwest D.C.

FBI Spokesman Andrew Ames told *New York Magazine* regarding the findings: 'We are aware of the graffiti' and 'urge anyone who sees suspicious activity or if anyone has any information about this vandalism to report it to the local authorities or to the FBI.'

A couple weeks ago, a woman found the slogan posted on an electrical box on the cross section of N street and Connecticut Ave NW..." **(Genesis 6:11 states: "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence." Jesus picked up on this text and compared it to the hour of His return: "But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the**

*Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" - Matthew 24:37 - 39.)*

### **U.S. teen arrested for attempting to join Islamic State militants**

October 7, 2014 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "A 19-year-old American has been arrested for allegedly attempting to travel overseas to join Islamic State militants.

Mohammed Hamzah Khan was taken into custody Saturday at O'Hare International Airport by the FBI as he attempted to fly from Chicago to Istanbul via Vienna, according to a press release issued Monday by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Khan was charged with one count of attempting to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization operating inside Iraq and Syria. The state of Illinois resident appeared Monday morning before a U.S. magistrate judge and remains in federal custody pending a detention hearing Thursday..." **(II Timothy 3:1 - 5 pictures the blasphemous acts of human beings, young and old, preceding the hour**

**of Christ's return: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." See the next three reports.)**

### **Report: Four Islamic terrorists found in Texas in last 36 hours**

October 9, 2014 -- *WND.com* reports: "A noted Washington watchdog organization on Wednesday said four 'Islamic terrorists' have been caught in Texas after coming into the U.S. across the Mexican border in just the last 36 hours.

*Judicial Watch* announced its sources within the Department of Homeland Security say the arrests were made by federal authorities and the Texas Department of Public Safety in McAllen and Pharr.

The announcement came only hours after a member of Congress, Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., disclosed in a TV interview that jihadists with the

Middle Eastern group ISIS have been caught coming into the U.S. from Mexico.

He said his information came from the Border Patrol.

‘They were caught at the border ... therefore, we know that ISIS is coming across the border,’ he said. ‘If they catch five or 10 of them, we know there are dozens more that did not get caught.’

*Judicial Watch* said it confirmed its information after Hunter, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, was interviewed by the *Fox News Channel’s Greta Van Susteren*.

Hunter said that if the administration really wants to protect Americans from ISIS, it needs to secure the southern border...”

### **Three Toronto teenagers attempt to join ISIS**

**October 18, 2014** -- *Israel National News* reports: “Three teenage girls from Toronto attempted to join ISIS, the *Toronto Daily Star* reported Friday, in order to become the brides of Islamist terrorists.

All three girls, aged 15-18, are of Somali heritage, according to the daily; two were sisters.

The three attempted to enter Syria via Turkey - boarding a flight from Toronto to Cairo, then from Cairo to Istanbul - before being apprehended by border officials in Turkey after the girls’ parents alerted authorities.

Canadian officials praised the parents for taking quick action.

‘The parents felt comfortable in contacting police to prevent the young girls from ruining their lives,’ Hamilton, CA lawyer Hussein Hamdani, who has worked in the past to help bring together Muslim communities and the police, said to the *Star*. ‘This is something we want to encourage and keep building those bridges.’

Hundreds of women have flocked to ISIS to become ‘terror brides,’ with the prevalence of teenage emigrants alarming Western officials.

Just days ago, French officials estimated that at least 100 women and girls have fled France to join the group;

last month, British officials counted at least sixty women who have joined ISIS’s ‘modesty police’ in Raqqa...”

### **Scotland Yard: minimum of five Britons join ISIS every week**

**October 22, 2014** -- *Israel National News* reports: “Britain’s most senior police officer revealed shocking statistics on Tuesday, according to which five UK citizens are leaving each and every week to join the brutal Islamic State (IS or ISIS) terrorist group in Syria and Iraq.

Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe was quoted by the *Huffington Post* saying: ‘the advance of IS across Iraq and Syria...are not just the horrors of distant lands. We know that over 500 British nationals traveled to join the conflict. Many have returned and many will wish to do so in the coming months and perhaps in future years.’

‘We still have an average of five people joining them a week,’ said Hogan-Howe. ‘Five a week doesn’t sound like much but when you realize there are 50 weeks in a year, 250 more would be 50% more than we think have gone already.’

And that’s the best case scenario, warned the police commissioner.

‘Those numbers are a minimum. Those are the ones that we believe have gone,’ he noted. ‘There may be many more who set out to travel to another country and meandered over to Syria and Iraq in a way that is not always possible to spot when you have failed states and leaky borders.’

Hogan-Howe warned of the great danger that jihadists may return to commit terror in England, saying ‘the drumbeat of terrorism in the UK has changed. It’s faster and it’s more intense.’...”

### **Canadian authorities overheard plans for ‘ISIS-inspired knife-and-gun attacks’**

**October 9, 2014** -- *The National Post* reports: “The RCMP is investigating 63 national security cases linked to terrorism and involving 90 suspects, Canada’s top security officials said Wednesday, even as a U.S. television network reported Islamist extremists are plotting violence

in Canada.

As federal officials touted national agencies’ success in stopping terrorist acts at an Ottawa committee hearing, *NBC News* published a report saying that U.S. intelligence officials are tracking ISIS imitators in Canada targeting the U.S. embassy in Ottawa and an unspecified shopping mall.

*NBC* later amended its story, removing references to specific targets and methods, and describing the attacks as being in an “aspirational” stage.

“Intelligence officials tell *NBC News* that Canadian authorities have heard would-be terrorists discussing potential ISIS-inspired ‘knife and gun’ attacks against U.S. and Canadian targets inside Canada,” the network reported.

“Both U.S. and Canadian officials fear the beheading of an innocent person in a public place, or the slashing of citizens on a crowded street until police arrive to shoot and ‘martyr’ the terrorists...”  
**(These Islamic monsters and butchers are controlled by demonic beings because they are children of the Devil: “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.)**

### **Canada mosque teaches 4-year-olds how to behead**

**October 6, 2014** -- *WND.com* reports: “An Ontario mosque is coming under fire for using young Muslim children to conduct mock beheadings in a school play.

Video footage of the Islamic Jaffari Center in Thornhill, Ontario, shows children as young as 4 years old watching and learning to conduct beheadings in a play that reportedly took place two years ago.

The video was featured on the Canada’s *Sun News Network* television program, ‘Byline with Brian Lilley.’

A young boy can be seen sitting on the floor as another boy approaches him from behind with a machete.

At the end of the play, the boy playing the part of the executioner announces, 'Here are the heads...' **(Hell won't be hot enough for these monsters of hate and death – "And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea" – Mark 9:42.)**

### **Busted ISIS cell planned beheadings on London streets**

**October 8, 2014 --** *Israel National News* reports: "New details in connection to the arrest of four Islamic terrorists on Tuesday reveal that the cell was affiliated with the Islamic State (ISIS), and planned a brutal beheading - or beheadings - on the streets of London.

MI5 (British intelligence) and police monitored the four, arresting them while they were in the 'early stages' of planning a 'significant' attack. Scotland Yard indicated the four intended to import ISIS's beheadings of westerners in Syria that have shocked the world, reports the UK's *The Telegraph*.

Con Coughlin, defense editor of the British paper, confirmed to *Fox News* on Tuesday that the plan was to behead civilians in public citing intelligence officials.

'The material that we have from Scotland Yard and the intelligence services is they have uncovered the first

ISIS plot here in the UK,' Coughlin said. 'Basically, (they were) British jihadists coming back to London and wanting to carry out a plot, and I'm told the plot was to behead people on the streets of London.'

Coughlin continued 'what I'm told about this plot is this group did recently come back from Syria, was planning to carry out beheadings - I say plural - on the streets of London in the next few days or so...' **(The beginning of the upcoming slaughter by beheading in Revelation 20:4 – "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." See the next report.)**

### **Australian jihadist warns Tony Abbott 'we will defeat you' in Islamic State video**

**October 21, 2014 --** *The Sydney Morning Herald* reports: "An Australian teenager who ran away from his Bankstown family home in June has surfaced in a chilling Islamic State video threatening Tony Abbott and vowing to fight until the militant group has conquered the West.

Abdullah Elmir, 17 appeared in the

video posted on the internet on Monday night under the nom de guerre 'Abu Khaled from Australia'. He is dressed in military gear and holding a rifle, standing among several dozen fellow jihadists.

Speaking for a little under two minutes directly to the camera, Elmir baits the United States, Britain and 'especially ... Australia' to throw everything they have militarily against the Islamic State group, which has seized large tracts of territory across Syria and Iraq.

He then vows the group will keep fighting until it has raised the black flag of the Islamic State above the White House and beheaded 'tyrants' – apparently referring to Western leaders including Mr. Abbott.

It is the first time the Islamic State, also known as ISIL, has specifically mentioned the Prime Minister in one of its major propaganda videos and is also the most prominent role so far given to an Australian jihadist.

'This message I deliver to you, the people of America. I deliver this message to you, the people of Britain, and I deliver this message to you, especially, the people of Australia,' he says.

'Bring every nation that you want to come and fight us. It means nothing to us. Whether it's 50 nations or 50,000 nations, it means nothing to us. Bring your planes. Bring everything you want to us. Because it will not harm us. Why? Because we have Allah, glorious be He...'.

# PLAGUES AND PESTILENCES

### **Ebola confirmed inside U.S.**

**October 1, 2014 --** *WND.com* reports: "The Centers for Disease Control have confirmed a 'critically ill' person in Dallas, Texas, has contracted the Ebola virus – and the individual had been in the country for eight days before being hospitalized.

Officials say the first case of Ebola in the United States, not brought for special treatment, has been identified and the patient is in 'strict isolation' at the Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital.

Doctors refused to answer questions about whether the patient is a U.S. citizen,

saying only that 'he's visiting family who live in this country.'

'We got the result back at 1:22 p.m. CT this afternoon that the patient has Ebola, and we want to emphasize at this point, we have no other information any other person is affected,' said Texas Department of State Health Services Commissioner Dr. David Lakey. 'We are committed to make sure Texas is safe.'

On Sept. 20, the patient arrived in the U.S. on a flight from Liberia, officials with the CDC reported.

In a press conference Tuesday, CDC Director Dr. Thomas Frieden said, 'He

began developing symptoms several days after arriving in the United States and was hospitalized. Today we determined the patient has Ebola...' **(Jesus predicted 'pestilences' would inundate the globe just preceding His return to set up His Kingdom. – "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places" – Matthew 24:7; "And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven" – Luke 21:11;**



**“And 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” – Revelation 6:7, 8. See the next five reports.)**

### **Health worker in Dallas tests positive for Ebola**

**October 12, 2014 -- WND.com** reports: “A health-care worker who treated Liberian Thomas Eric Duncan at a Dallas hospital has tested positive for Ebola.

It would be the first known case of the disease being transmitted in the U.S.

Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control, said Sunday morning that the health-care worker at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital had treated Duncan multiple times.

Frieden said anyone who treated Duncan is now considered to be potentially exposed. But he could not give an exact number of the health-care workers considered at risk.

CNN, citing an official familiar with the case, said the patient is a female nurse.

Confirmatory testing will be conducted Sunday by the CDC in Atlanta.

Officials at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital said at a Sunday press conference that the health-care worker treated Duncan after his second visit and was wearing protective gloves, a gown and a mask.

She was not part of the original high-risk pool of 48 people who are being monitored because of contact with Duncan...”

### **U.S. rethinks Ebola response as second Dallas nurse is diagnosed**

**October 15, 2014 -- The Christian Science Monitor** reports: “A flawed response to the first case of Ebola in the United States has led to a second nurse being diagnosed.

Wednesday morning, the Texas

Department of State Health Services confirmed the diagnosis of a second nurse that helped care for Liberian Ebola patient Thomas Eric Duncan at Dallas’s Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital before his death last week. A nurse named Nina Pham was diagnosed over the weekend and is now being treated.

The announcement came as the director of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Tom Frieden, acknowledged that his agency was too slow in responding to the situation at the Dallas hospital. Failure to follow protocol was the cause for the new cases, health officials have said, but a nurses’ union, Nurses United, cited unnamed nurses who claimed protocols changed constantly as the hospital tried to figure out what to do with Mr. Duncan.

The union also claimed that needless numbers of people were exposed to Duncan as soiled bedclothes and other detritus piled up in his room.

The flawed response isn’t surprising in many ways, given that this has been the U.S. health care system’s first test with the illness. The failure to completely contain the virus has forced the CDC to create a new ‘Ebola response unit’ to help other hospitals prepare as the agency acknowledges the U.S. may see more cases. One part of that plan is to limit exposure of victims to fewer nurses and doctors...”

### **WHO: Ebola infection rate may rise to 10,000 new cases per week**

**October 14, 2014 -- The Globe and Mail** reports: “West Africa will be enduring 5,000 to 10,000 new cases of Ebola every week by the end of next month, the World Health Organization says.

The worrisome new forecast was issued on Tuesday by the WHO’s deputy director-general, Bruce Aylward, in a press briefing in Geneva. He predicts a dramatic rise from the current total of about 1,000 new cases weekly.

Several weeks ago, the WHO had predicted 20,000 cases of Ebola by November, and Dr. Aylward recalled that many people were ‘scared to death’

by that estimate. But the grim reality has far surpassed that earlier forecast. The official number of Ebola cases will climb above 9,000 this week, he said, and the number of new cases each week is showing no signs of declining.

Dr. Aylward said he hopes that the Ebola epidemic will peak by December at the forecast level of 5,000 to 10,000 new cases weekly in the three main afflicted countries: Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone. By then, he said, a huge global effort against Ebola should finally be starting to ease the spread of the virus.

When the Ebola cases are tracked to their end, about 70 per cent of all Ebola patients are dying, and this death rate is consistent across the three main countries, Dr. Aylward said...”

### **Reeling from Ebola, WHO warns of MERS risk to Africa**

**October 1, 2014 -- Reuters** reports: “Vulnerable countries, especially in Africa, need to defend themselves against the possible seasonal spread of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) in the first half of 2015, the World Health Organization said on Wednesday.

A WHO Emergency Committee recommended steps ‘to strengthen infection prevention control practices, build capacity of health care workers and provide protective equipment in vulnerable countries, especially African countries.’

Poor infection control and a lack of expertise and equipment are widely seen as key reasons for the rapid spread of the deadly Ebola virus in three West African countries.

The committee, whose experts issue an update on the disease every three months, also called for improved MERS awareness among pilgrims going to Saudi Arabia for the annual Muslim haj journey and for surveillance of pilgrims during and after haj...”

### **Mosquito virus that walloped Caribbean spreads in U.S.**

**October 1, 2014 -- Bloomberg.com** reports: “A mosquito-borne virus that can cause debilitating joint pain lasting for years has spread to the continental U.S.

after infecting hundreds of thousands of people in the Caribbean and Central America.

The virus is called Chikungunya, an African name meaning ‘to become contorted.’ While the illness, first

identified in Tanzania in 1952, has long bedeviled Africa and Asia, the only recorded cases in the U.S. before July involved patients who contracted the virus abroad.

Now, 11 cases have been confirmed as

originating in Florida, spurring concern this may be the beginning of the type of explosive growth seen elsewhere from a disease that has no vaccine or cure. Medical and environmental experts are debating how best to quell the outbreak before it takes off...”

# CAN ISIS BE STOPPED?

## **The Apocalyptic Prophecy fueling Islamic State militants**

**October 8, 2014** -- *Sky News* reports: “An ancient prophecy that sees an ‘infidel horde’ in a monumental battle with an Islamic army in the Syrian town of Dabiq has apparently been seized upon by IS fundamentalists.

The Sunni Muslim tale dates back more than 1,300 years and tells of the ‘horde’ flying 80 banners before an Islamic triumph that triggers the end of days.

It has become a fundamental part of the philosophy that drives Islamic State militants.

Having captured Dabiq in August, the town’s symbolic significance far outweighs its relatively minor strategic importance to the group, compared with cities it controls such as Raqqa in Syria and Mosul in Iraq.

But as the militants come under heavy bombardment from the air by the U.S. and allies seeking to halt their march, Dabiq is increasingly becoming a rallying call.

Shadi Hamid, a fellow at the Brookings Institute, said: ‘It raises morale.

‘It is fair to assume that the vast majority of (IS) fighters believe in this type of talk.’

The prophecy itself was made by the Prophet Mohammed, according to his companion Abu Hurayrah’s report, or hadith.

Abu Hurayrah is described as the most prolific narrator of hadith - accounts of the Prophet Mohammed’s deeds, teachings and sayings - in Sunni Islam, adding to the importance of the prophecy in the eyes of IS.

Among IS supporters on social media, Dabiq has become a byword for

a struggle against the West, with the U.S.-led coalition portrayed as modern-day Crusaders. IS has even named its official magazine Dabiq...” (*“Then shall they cry unto the Lord, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings. Thus saith the Lord concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him. Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them. Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer of God”* – Micah 3:5 – 7.)

## **Report: Merger of ISIS and al-Qaeda could cripple civilized world**

**October 12, 2014** -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “As ISIS continues to advance on the Syrian town of Kobani and close in on Turkey’s border, experts in Islamic radical movements think the terror group may merge with its al-Qaeda mother organization soon. Together, the group would represent the greatest terror threat to the civilized world.

‘I think Britain, Germany and France will witness significant attacks in their territories by the Islamic State. Al-Baghdadi [the leader of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, otherwise known as ISIS] may reconcile with al-Zawhiri [the leader of the al-Qaeda central organization] to fight the crusader enemy. The attacks by the United States and her allies will unite the two groups,’ said

Hisham al-Hashimi, an Iraqi researcher who just finished writing a book about ISIS based on his unique access to the organization’s documents and years of research and advising Iraqi security forces.

‘I have been monitoring al-Qaeda’s leaders’ rhetoric towards Baghdadi. They are getting softer and softer. ...The Islamic State, regardless of how big or small it becomes, will come back to its mother: al-Qaeda,’ he added...” (**This headline might produce great damage in the world, but Armageddon, Revelation 16:16, is the war that produces ‘hell on earth’. “Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths”** – Revelation 9:14 – 18. Ezekiel 38 & 39; and Revelation 16:12 pictures this war with Russia and China in two separate invasions against Israel. This produces mass devastation globally as Russia [Ezekiel 38:1, 2, 8, 16; Ezekiel 39:1, 2, 12, 13] and China [Revelation 16:12] heads up World War III accompanied by Islamic nations but controlled by Russia and China.)



### **How ISIS could change the world forever**

**October 2, 2014** -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Make no mistake: in taking the fight to the Islamic State -- aka IS, aka the Enemies of Islam -- President Barack Obama is at a defining moment for his presidency and probably the future.

Perhaps less spectacular than the fall of the Berlin Wall and the implosion of the Soviet Union a quarter of a century ago or September 11th, the decision to catalyze a global fight against Islamic extremism and terrorism could be as far reaching in consequence. Consider the grounds for this conclusion.

The accumulating grievances dating back to well before the Sykes-Picot secret treaty of 1916 sliced Mesopotamia into indigestible parts have become irreversible thus forcing religious, ethnic, regional, political and ideological schisms to the breaking point. This breaking point has been exacerbated by centuries old Arab and Muslim animosity over Western imperialism and dominance. Turkey and Egypt of course are part of this imbroglio. And the long-standing Arab-Israeli-Palestinian conflict remains a ticking time bomb.

As a result, at least four consequences have arisen. First, IS has become Frankenstein's monster of the Four New Horsemen of the Apocalypse that threaten mankind. The first rider is failed or failing government. The second is economic despair, disparity and dislocation. Third is radical ideology in this case predominantly religious fanaticism. Fourth is environmental calamity..." (This interpretation is completely

erroneous -- "And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer. And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword. And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine. And 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" -- Revelation 6:1-8.)

### **Military analyst: ISIS 'will never be destroyed'**

**September 28, 2014** -- *WND.com* reports: "Retired U.S. Navy Capt. Chuck Nash says radical groups like the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, or ISIS, can never be completely eradicated, and

any meaningful degrading of the terrorist army will only come with competent ground forces working in tandem with powerful airstrikes like Americans saw Monday night.

Nonetheless, Nash is impressed by the performance of U.S. forces this week in the first airstrikes conducted in Syria and is pleased to see Arab allies, particularly Sunnis, joining the fight.

Late Monday, the Pentagon confirmed that the U.S. was carrying out the first wave of airstrikes inside Syria. War planes with precision-guided munitions and multiple U.S. Navy vessels firing a variety of missiles took part, with varying levels of assistance from Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

By all accounts, the strikes were on target and avoided civilian casualties. However, Nash said Americans should have no illusions about what U.S. military efforts can and cannot accomplish in taking the fight to ISIS.

"It will never be destroyed. The violent element is in the DNA of Islam. It's in their documents. Moderates and radicals read the same documents and draw their inspiration from the same religious texts. It will never disappear. It can only be degraded," said Nash, who is also a military analyst for the Fox News Channel..." (When Christ returns He destroys those who destroyed the earth -- Revelation 11:18. Then as the kingdom of this world becomes the Kingdom of our Lord, He reigns forever and ever and the wicked are sent to everlasting fire -- Revelation 11:15 and Matthew 25:41.)

# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

### **City of Houston demands pastors turn over sermons**

**October 15, 2014** -- *Fox News* reports: "The city of Houston has issued subpoenas demanding a group of pastors turn over any sermons dealing with homosexuality, gender identity or Annise Parker, the

city's first openly lesbian mayor. And those ministers who fail to comply could be held in contempt of court.

"The city's subpoena of sermons and other pastoral communications is both needless and unprecedented," Alliance Defending Freedom attorney Christina

Holcomb said in a statement. "The city council and its attorneys are engaging in an inquisition designed to stifle any critique of its actions."

ADF, a nationally-known law firm specializing in religious liberty cases, is representing five Houston pastors.

They filed a motion in Harris County court to stop the subpoenas arguing they are 'overbroad, unduly burdensome, harassing, and vexatious.'

'Political and social commentary is not a crime,' Holcomb said. 'It is protected by the First Amendment.'

The subpoenas are just the latest twist in an ongoing saga over the Houston's new non-discrimination ordinance. The law, among other things, would allow men to use the ladies room and vice versa. The city council approved the law in June.

*The Houston Chronicle* reported opponents of the ordinance launched a petition drive that generated more than 50,000 signatures – far more than the 17,269 needed to put a referendum on the ballot.

However, the city threw out the petition in August over alleged irregularities..."  
**(Christianity is under siege by anti-Christian haters of God's Holy Word. Christ is about to return and to judge all ungodly sinners. "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" and to the workers of iniquity "...these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal" – Matthew 25:31 – 14 and 46. See the next two reports.)**

### **Fury unleashed over city's assault on pastors**

**October 17, 2014 -- WND.com** reports: "A move by Houston officials to bolster their defense of a 'non-discrimination' ordinance by issuing subpoenas demanding pastors turn over sermons dealing with homosexuality has stirred such an outrage across America that 1,000 people per hour were signing a petition in opposition.

The Web petition set up by the Family

Research Council had collected 25,000 names in 24 hours.

The latest total was nearly 38,000 names.

The signers are standing 'unapologetically' with the Houston pastors whose sermons were subpoenaed, and their churches are calling on the city of Houston 'to retract their demands and issue a clear statement in support of the free speech of all people.'

FRC noted Houston Mayor Annise Parker's office has filed a subpoena demanding that five pastors who oppose the ordinance turn over sermons, emails, text messages and even communications with members of their congregations.

The petition says Parker 'has breached the wall of separation between the state and the church.'..."

### **Christian school 'downgraded for failing to invite an imam to lead assembly'**

**October 20, 2014 -- The Telegraph.co.uk** reports: "A successful Christian school has been warned it is to be downgraded by inspectors and could even face closure after failing to invite a leader from another religion, such as an imam, to lead assemblies, it is claimed.

The small independent school in the Home Counties was told it is in breach of new rules intended to promote 'British values' such as individual liberty and tolerance in the wake of the Trojan Horse scandal, involving infiltration by hard-line Muslim groups in Birmingham.

Details of the case are disclosed in a letter to the Education Secretary, Nicky Morgan, from the Christian Institute, which is providing legal support to the school.

The group warned that the new rules intended to combat extremism are already having 'disturbing consequences' for religious schools and forcing Ofsted inspectors to act in a way which undermines their ethos.

It follows complaints from orthodox Jewish schools about recent inspections in which girls from strict traditional backgrounds were allegedly asked whether they were being taught enough about lesbianism, whether they had

boyfriends and if they knew where babies came from.

In the latest case inspectors are understood to have warned the head that the school, which was previously rated as 'good' that it would be downgraded to 'adequate' for failing to meet standards requiring it to 'actively promote' harmony between different faiths because it had failed to bring in representatives from other religions.

They warned that unless the school could demonstrate how it was going to meet the new requirements there would be a further full inspection which could ultimately lead to it being closed..."

### **ISIS threatens to crucify Lebanon's Christians**

**October 2, 2014 -- The International Business Times** reports: "Christians in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley have begun arming themselves in preparation for an Isis (now known as the Islamic State) offensive as it seeks to expand its territorial control outside of Syria.

Up to 3,000 militants from the Islamic State and other jihadists occupy the mountain range between Lebanon and Syria near the Sunni town of Aarsal.

As IS seek to grab land outside of the mountain caves and farms they currently control, Christian volunteers have now created village defence forces to protect against the Sunni militants who have taken up to 21 Lebanese soldiers and policemen hostage.

'We are a minority and we are under threat by the jihadists,' Rifaat Nasrallah, a commander of the volunteer guards in the Greek Catholic town of Ras Baalbek, said.

'It wasn't the idea of anyone in particular,' Nasrallah says of the formation of defence units. 'The whole village felt in danger so we all agreed it was necessary.'

'We don't shoot if we see someone or something moving in the mountains,' said one of the watchmen. 'We just call the Army and they investigate.'

Ras Baalbek has a population of 15,000 and is separated from the flashpoint town of Aarsal by a range of hills.

‘Imagine if Islamic State makes it into Ras Baalbek and they crucify a Christian. It will set Lebanon alight,’ a western diplomat in the Lebanese capital of Beirut, speaking on condition of anonymity, told *The Times*...’ (**Hatred abounds for the Christians of the world. USA Today reported that the most hated religion**

**in 132 nations is Christianity. Why? Jesus warned: “If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I**

**said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name’s sake, because they know not him that sent me” – John 15:18 – 21)**

# SHARIAH LAW AND HONOR KILLINGS

## **Woman ‘honor killed’ by own father, Islamic State militants in Syria**

**October 22, 2014 -- Breitbart.com** reports: “A video has surfaced showing what is believed to be Islamic State militants stoning a woman to death after accusing her of committing adultery.

The ‘honor killing’ was shockingly led by the woman’s father. The woman is heard begging her father to spare her life, but he tells her that he’d rather please Allah instead, before initiating the stoning himself. Right before executing his daughter, the man responded to her pleas by saying, ‘Don’t call me father,’ before committing the barbaric act of savagery.

An Islamic State jihadi added that she should be ‘content and happy’ about her punishment, because Allah had sanctioned such a disciplinary measure. He then asks if the woman is ready to ‘submit to Allah,’ before tying her up and dragging the woman into a pit. After she has been rendered defenseless, the Islamic State militants, who are known for their cowardly tactics, then begin stoning the woman to death...”

## **ISIS magazine: Islam calls for sexual slavery**

**October 13, 2014 -- Israel National News** reports: “The brutal jihadist Islamic State (ISIS) terror group that has seized large portions of Iraq and Syria in recent months released the fourth edition of its English-language digital magazine ‘*Dabiq*’ on Sunday, in which it encourages taking women as sex slaves as part of Islam.

In the article in question from the digital publication, entitled ‘The revival (of) slavery before the Hour’ - a reference to Judgment Day - the group outright calls for the sexual enslavement of non-Muslim women, particularly from the Kurdish Yazidi ethnic minority.

‘One should remember that enslaving the families of the kuffar - the infidels - and taking their women as concubines is a firmly established aspect of the Shariah, or Islamic law,’ wrote ISIS in the article, reports *CNN*.

Harrowing reports have surfaced of the endless rape and torture being imposed on Yazidi women and girls, with many opting for mass-suicide after the brutalities.

The article comes out in time for the release of a *Human Rights Watch (HRW)* report on ISIS crimes against the Yazidis in Iraq, which is based on interview with 76 displaced persons.

‘The Islamic State’s litany of horrific crimes against the Yazidis in Iraq only keeps growing,’ said *HRW* special adviser Fred Abrahams. ‘We heard shocking stories of forced religious conversions, forced marriage, and even sexual assault and slavery - and some of the victims were children.’

In fact, ISIS is not unique in its use of sexual assault and slavery against its enemies.

Deputy to the Chief Mufti (Islamic scholar) of Syria, who is loyal to Syrian President Bashar Assad’s regime that ISIS is fighting against, in early January gave Syrian soldiers religious permission to rape so as to take revenge on Syrian rebels...” (**“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. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God” – I Corinthians 6:9 – 11. See the next report.)**

## **Whippings, forced marriages, and beheadings: Inside ISIS’s ‘morality police’**

**October 9, 2014 -- Breitbart.com** reports: “A Syrian woman who joined the ISIS morality police and patrolled the streets enforcing strict Islamic State female dress codes has spoken of her experiences after finding the country too much to handle, having witnessed crucifixions and beheadings and being forced into an arranged marriage.

The 25 year-old woman, who has only been identified by pseudonym ‘Khadija’ has spoken to *CNN* while dressed in a full veiled niqab to hide her face has told the network about life in Raqqa. As a member of the al-Khansaa brigade she was charged with enforcing the morality of the Islamic regime, and patrolled the streets while heavily armed to ensure compliance.

Speaking of the punishment for dissent, she said: ‘We’d patrol the streets. If we saw a woman who was not wearing the correct sharia clothing, we would grab her. Sometimes, they would be lashed’...”