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THE BURDEN OF DAMASCUS

Assad speaks: Syria will defend itself against aggression

The Jerusalem Post reports: "Syrian President Bashar Assad said on Thursday [August 29, 2013] that Syria would defend itself against any aggression following reports that the United States and its allies were preparing military action in response to an alleged chemical weapons attack.

'The threats of direct aggression against Syria will only increase our commitment to our deep-rooted principles and the independent will of our people. Syria will defend itself in the face of any aggression,' state television quoted Assad as telling a delegation of Yemeni politicians.

Meanwhile, Syrian Prime Minister Wael al-Halqi called on Thursday for mobilizing national resources to preserve essential state services in the case of a military attack by the United States and its Western allies in the coming days..." **(Syria is not the nation that produces Armageddon, Revelation 16:16. Israel is as Jerusalem is divided – Joel 3:2. Eighteen times Ezekiel 38 & 39 mentions Israel as the world's battleground during World War**

III. Nevertheless, Isaiah 17:1 has yet to be fulfilled but will soon bringing devastation as predicted by the prophet Isaiah: *"The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap."* See the next report.)

Assad: Syria's allies will retaliate in response to U.S. strike

The Jerusalem Post reports: "Syrian President Bashar Assad warned that if there was a military strike by the United States on his country, there would be retaliation by those aligned with Syria.

CBS reported Assad's remarks that he made in an interview with Charlie Rose on Sunday [September 8, 2013] on its news program *'Face the Nation.'*

Syria was as prepared as it could be for an attack, Assad said.

Assad denied that he was behind a chemical weapons attack on the Syrian people and said evidence was not conclusive that there had been such an attack.

'There has been no evidence that I used chemical weapons against my own

people,' *CBS* reported Assad said in an interview conducted in Damascus.

Meanwhile, Iran's new foreign minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said the United States will ignite a fire across the Middle East if it attacks Syria. Zarif made the remarks on a visit to Iraq on Sunday, warning Western powers against warmongering..."

Russia's President Putin warns U.S. over Syria action

BBC News reports: "Russian President Vladimir Putin has warned the U.S. and its allies against taking one-sided action in Syria.

He said any military strikes without U.N. approval would be 'an aggression'.

U.S. President Barack Obama has called for punitive action in response to an alleged chemical weapons attack.

Mr. Putin said Russia did not rule out supporting a U.N. Security Council resolution authorising force, if it was proved 'beyond doubt' that the Syrian government had used chemical weapons.

On Tuesday evening [September 3, 2013], members of the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations agreed on a draft resolution backing

the use of military force.

The measure, to be voted on next week, sets a time limit of 60 days on any operation.

According to the draft resolution, the operation would be restricted to a 'limited and tailored use of the United States Armed Forces against Syria', and prohibit the use of any ground forces.

The U.S. has put the death toll from the alleged chemical attack on the outskirts of Damascus on 21 August at 1,429, though other countries and organisations have given lower figures..." **(Russia and China will go together for Armageddon – Daniel 11:44. And proven by studying the following scriptural texts in this order: Ezekiel 38; 39; Revelation 16:12; Revelation 9:14 – 18. Russia and China have also warned America and Israel that they will stand with Syria if attacked. See the next report on Israel.)**

Iran general: 'Syria will leave Israel in flames'

Israel National News reports: "Iran's army chief of staff, General Hassan Firouzabadi, echoed the remarks of Iranian officials who have declared that 'any military action against Syria will drive the Zionists to the edge of fire,' *Islamic Republic News Agency* quoted.

'Any new (military) operation in the region will leave behind a lot of damage, which will be of interest to no one except the Zionists,' Firouzabadi said after warning that the conflict would not be limited to the region.

The Iranian General's remarks are a direct response to reports of possible U.S.-led military strikes against Syria, Iran's major regional ally, in response to their alleged use of chemical weapons on civilians in Damascus last week [August 21, 2013]. The U.N. continues probing Syria chemical attack sites and U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon said on Thursday his investigating team will report back this week..."

Real death toll in Syria could be more than 200,000 human rights group says

Haaretz reports: "The real death toll in the Syrian war could be more than 200,000 people, a pro-opposition watchdog group said Saturday [August 10, 2013], as it provided a latest count that matched that of the U.N.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said it had documented the deaths of more than 106,000 people, but warned that the real toll could be twice as high.

The United Nations said in July that more than 100,000 have been killed in Syria since March 2011.

'We estimate that the real figure... is double the figure documented by the Observatory due to extreme secrecy that both sides in the conflict maintain on their casualties,' said the Britain-based organization.

The Observatory said it had documented the deaths of 106,423 people, including 53,851 civilians, since March 2011 when the uprising against President Bashar Assad began. What started as largely peaceful protests quickly descended into civil war.

The dead also included 26,853 government soldiers and 171 militants from Hezbollah, the Lebanese Shiite militant group and a key ally of Assad..." **(Islam is definitely not a religion of peace. Many believe whether the death toll is 100,000 or 200,000 the number of Shiites killing Sunnis is now over 80% of Muslim's being slaughtered by their own. Isn't it sad that they execute their own Muslim brothers and sisters in multiplied Islamic nations? Christ and Christianity preach and practice love for their own – I John 3:16: "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" and peace for all others – Luke 6:27, and 28: "But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, Bless**

them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.")

Rebels attack Christian village in Syria

The Fars News Agency reports: "Syria rebels from the al-Qaeda-linked faction al-Nusra Front attacked the Christian village of Maaloula in the Western part of the crisis-hit country, seizing control of a mountain-top hotel and using it to launch mortars against the surrounding area, forcing the locals to hide in a convent.

Al-Qaeda has accused Syria's Christian minority of being 'pro-Assad,' though as a practical matter they are simply averse to the rebels that are constantly attacking them.

Overall casualties from the attack are not yet clear, Antiwar.com reported.

Syria's rebels also attacked Mushirfeh, a town in Homs Province, killing nine people there. The identities of the victims were unclear, but much of the recent fighting in Homs has involved attacks on members of the nation's minorities..." **(This minority group who have been slaughtered are made up of believers in the Jesus of the Judeo-Christian Bible, not the murdering prophet Jesus of the Koran. See Surah 4:157 – 159, 172, 173; Surah 5:72, 73; Surah 6:19; Surah 9:30; Surah 19:18, 33. These texts from the Koran make a monster out of Christianity's God and Savior. The Biblical Jesus predicts such an hour would come: "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" – John 15:28 – 20. See the next report.)**

Christians, other minorities in Syria fear 'ethnic cleansing'

Stars & Stripes reports: "It's a sweltering Friday night and the brightly lit streets of the mainly Christian neighborhood of Kasaa throb with the rhythms of music and the laughter of scores of young men and women

strolling or sitting in outdoor cafes sipping beer or soft drinks.

That is, until the deep rumble of twin 82 mm mortar blasts. The music stops, shops are shuttered, the streets are empty.

Welcome to Damascus...

Over the past year, many Christians

have fled the neighborhood, moving to other areas of the capital or into neighboring Lebanon. Some who remain say they fear the rebels are aiming to achieve 'ethnic cleansing' – the policy of eliminating unwanted ethnic or religious groups by terror that gained international notoriety during the Bosnian war 29 years ago..."

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Destruction of Israel guaranteed, Ayatollah says

WND.com reports: "Iran's supreme leader promises in a newly released audiotape the destruction of Israel and Palestinians' return to that land.

Fars News Agency, an outlet run by the Revolutionary Guards, posted an audiotape of excerpts of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's speeches to Palestinian officials and others with a title 'Palestine will surely become free.'

In the audiotape, which is partly in Arabic, Khamenei gives blessings to those who fight against Israel and says, 'Peace be upon the children of our nation, peace be upon the brave jihadists in Palestinian and Lebanese resistance. Today the Islamic world and the whole world are witnesses to great revelations that show change in international affairs.'

The ayatollah promises a restructuring of the Middle East: 'Palestine will be free, have no doubt in this. ... Palestinians will return there and there will be a Palestinian government ... and that is based on the truth revealed by God. A new Middle East will be ... an Islamic Middle East.'

Khamenei attacks Israel for defending itself: 'They attacked Lebanon – a mistake. They attacked Gaza – a mistake. They attacked those (Turkish) ships – a mistake. These mistakes, one after another, show that the murderous Zionist regime of Israel

is reaching the final fall and destruction of its own non-existence.'

In promising the annihilation of Israel, the supreme leader also says, 'There is no doubt that victory awaits the Palestinian people in the future, and the myth of Zionist power over this region will completely vanish, Allah willing.'..." **(Here is why Islam and its leaders hate Israel – I Chronicles 21:1 "And Satan stood up against Israel." Will they win over God's Chosen People? Never! Isaiah 56:5 promises "I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name that shall never be cut off." See the next four reports.)**

IDF chief warns attack against Israel will carry 'painful price'

YnetNews.com reports: "Against the background of a possible American strike against Syria, the Israeli Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Benny Gantz threatened Israel's neighbor to the north that aggression will carry a 'painful price.'

'In the case of fire directed at Israel, it's clear to all the world's leaders that the price will be painful and the enemy's loss a dire one,' the chief of staff said on Thursday [August 29, 2013].

'The IDF is standing at the threshold of challenging days,' Gantz added. 'We've analyzed the different meanings from every possible development, and out of the necessary responsibility, we're readying for every scenario.

Our intelligence capabilities, most advanced attack methods and our defense systems in the air, land and sea are alerted and manned by our best soldiers.'

Gantz called on citizens to 'continue with their daily routine and preparations for the holidays, with the knowledge that the IDF is standing for their defense determined, strong and ready as ever.'..."

Netanyahu: We have an iron dome – and an iron will

Israel National News reports: "Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu had a message for Israel's enemies on Tuesday [September 3, 2013] as he dedicated a new national cyber center and high-tech park in the southern city of Be'er Sheva.

'We need to see to [our] security. This is our first obligation, as well as mine as Prime Minister, and this is a challenge for us because the reality around is challenging,' Netanyahu began.

'In the end, our lives depend on an iron wall. We are building an iron wall, an iron dome, and we have an iron will,' he declared.

'These are the things that give us the strength to defend ourselves and also to tell those who would attack us: it is not worth your while. These are the fundamentals that protect the State of Israel. Everything else is happening here now.'..."

Barkat: 'Jerusalem cannot be split'

Israel National News reports: “‘Dividing Jerusalem will never function, it will never work,’ insisted Nir Barkat, current mayor of Jerusalem, in an interview with the *Associated Press* on Tuesday [September 3, 2013].

‘Any partition of the city as part of a future peace agreement with Palestinians will not work, only a united city could function and thrive,’ Barkat declared, continuing to say that thoughts of breaking up Israel’s capital should be off the table altogether.

Barkat said that his administration has treated the city’s Arab residents honestly and equally and that alone might affect the political future of Jerusalem...”

Islamic Jihad issues call to abduct IDF soldiers

Israel National News reports: “Hader Habib, a senior member of the Islamic Jihad in Gaza, called on fellow terrorists to abduct an IDF soldier, in a speech Sunday [September 1, 2013] at a protest tent for identification with Palestinian Authority (PA) prisoners that was erected next to the Red Cross Headquarters in Gaza.

Hader called for the abduction of soldiers so that they can be exchanged for PA prisoners.

PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas said

Tuesday in his speech at the Fatah convention that releasing Fatah Tanzim commander Marwan Barghouti, who was sentenced to five life sentences, and Ahmed Saadat, the PFLP commander who ordered the assassination of Minister Rechavam Ze’evi, as well as other senior terrorists, are on his political agenda.

‘None of the Palestinian prisoners in Israel will be forgotten,’ he declared...”

Iran mounts advanced weapons, radars on new overhauled warship

The Fars News Agency reports: “A senior Iranian commander announced on Tuesday [September 3, 2013] that the country’s Navy has equipped its newly-overhauled warship, Lavan, with advanced weapons and radar systems to improve its performance and fire power.

‘Some repairs and changes have been made to the body as well as the sailing, sonar and radar systems, weapons and information-gathering sensors of the warship,’ Navy Commander Rear Admiral Habibollah Sayyari told reporters on the sidelines of a forum in the Northern city of Noshahr today.

‘The warship needed an overhaul and equipment with the state of the art and novel technologies and therefore the warship’s weapons have been modernized,’ he added.

Sayyari said that the overhauled warship may be unveiled in the Sacred Defense Week (late September), commemorating Iranians’ sacrifices during the 8 years of the Iraqi imposed war on Iran in 1980s.

Iran in June launched its overhauled and modernized destroyer named Bayandor in the Southern waters of the country in the presence of Army Commander Major General Ataollah Salehi and Rear Admiral Sayyari...”
(Yahweh God says in Ezekiel 39:6: “...I will send a fire on Magog [Russia], and Persia [Iran] in Ezekiel 38:5. Revelation 9:14 – 18 pictures this nuclear war and the defeat of Russia, China, and her Muslim allies: “Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, [Rosh or Russia] the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel: And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land. Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown [a highly honored moment] the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord God.” – Ezekiel 39:1, 2, 12, and 13.)

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Endless extermination of Christians: Do we care?

WND.com reports: “Not only is it fatally dangerous to be a Christian in Syria and Egypt, but ‘70 percent of Christians killed around the world in 2012 died in the African country of Nigeria, where the persecution

continues today’ (‘Deadliest place to be a Christian: Nigeria,’ Charlie Butts, *OneNewsNow.com*, May 31).

According to a *Fox News* report, in Iraq, which we invaded in 2003 to liberate its people from a vicious dictatorship, ‘the number of Christian houses of worship there has dwindled

alarmingly in the decade since the U.S. invaded and ousted Saddam Hussein from power.

‘There are just 57 Christian churches in the entire country, down from more than 300 as recently as 2003, Patriarch Louis Sako told Egyptian-based news agency *MidEast Christian News*. The

churches that remain are frequent targets of Islamic extremists, who have driven nearly a million Christians out of the land, say human rights advocates' ('Christians, churches dwindling in Iraq since start of war 10 years ago,' Perry Chiaramonte, *Foxnews.com*, March 21).

We hear a lot about Barack Obama's targeted killing of Pakistan's citizens, including innocent civilians, by drones, but you probably have not heard about this:

'The destruction a Christian neighborhood suffered on Saturday speaks volumes about growing religious intolerance in the country.

'An over 3,000-strong mob set ablaze more than 150 houses of Christians in Lahore's Joseph Colony over alleged blasphemous remarks ... by Sawan Masih, a 28-year-old Christian sanitation worker' ('Christians under siege: Mob rule in Lahore,' Rana Tanveer, *The Express Tribune*, March 10)..."**(Islamic Sharia Law commands that death through crucifixion – Surah 5:33 – or decapitation [beheading] – Surah 47:4 – be executed because Christians are infidels. Revelation 6:9 and 20:4 predicts a time of monstrous slaughter just before Christ's return: "And 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 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 seven reports.)**

Coptic Kristallnacht

National Review Online reports: "The millions of Egyptians, Muslim and Christian, who took to the street

in peaceful protest over a month ago understood well the consequences of crossing the Muslim Brotherhood. 'So much violence, so many innocent people killed,' says Mina Thabet, an Egyptian human-rights activist who lives in Cairo. 'The [Mohamed] Morsi supporters are armed and killing people in the streets. They are targeting Copts. But if the Muslim Brotherhood had remained in power, we would have the same violence and much more because he would use the institutions of the country, the army and the police, against us.'

The Muslim Brotherhood's systematic and coordinated attacks against Christians in Egypt are reminiscent of Kristallnacht in Germany in 1938, when Nazi paramilitaries systematically vandalized Jewish homes, businesses, and synagogues and murdered scores of Jews in a disturbing foreshadowing of the fate of European Jews over the next few years. It is no accident that many Jews, including Barry Rubin and Jeffrey Goldberg, have been quick to raise the alarms over the persecution of Christians: They recognize the dangerous signs. 'They have hatred in their hearts,' says Thabet of the Brotherhood, echoing observations commonly made of the National Socialists in 20th-century Germany..."

Coptic Church cancels Sunday mass for 1st time in 1,600 years

The Times of Israel reports: "Amid escalating violence against Egypt's Copts, churches in Minya, located in Upper Egypt, cancelled Sunday Mass for the first time in 1,600 years. Other churches in Minya also didn't hold prayer services.

'We did not hold prayers in the monastery on Sunday [August 18, 2013] for the first time in 1,600 years,' Priest Selwanes Lotfy of the Virgin Mary and Priest Ibram Monastery in Degla, just south of Minya, told the *al-Masry al-Youm* daily.

He said supporters of ousted president Mohammed Morsi destroyed the monastery, which includes three churches, one of which is an archaeological site. 'One of the extremists wrote on the monastery's wall, 'donate [this] to the martyrs' mosque,'" Lotfy added..."

Coptic Christians chant in Tennessee streets: 'Obama, don't you care?'

The Washington Times reports: "Hundreds of Coptic Christians took to downtown Nashville, Tenn., streets this week [August 22, 2013] to protest the ongoing and escalating violence their faith is facing in Egypt.

Among their chants: 'Obama, Obama don't you care? Christian blood is everywhere,' *The Tennessean* reported. The demonstrators, waving Egyptian flags, also called for Americans to 'pray for Egypt.' And signs abounded, with messages such as: 'We are against Muslim Brotherhood.'

A woman who said she has lived in the United States for 16 years expressed fear for Christians who live in Egypt, and she said the Muslim Brotherhood is to blame for the 40-plus church burnings that have been reported in recent days.

'What is terrorism,' she said in *The Tennessean* article, 'but being afraid to go out of your house because someone will attack you.'..."

U.K. Church reports over 100 attacks on Christian properties in Egypt

ChristianToday.com reports: "The Coptic Orthodox Church in the U.K. has received reports of over a hundred attacks on churches and other Christian buildings in Egypt since the ousting of President Mohamed Morsi.

In addition to churches, attacks have been carried out on Christian homes, businesses, institutions and individuals.

It has published a full list of the

properties attacked between 14 and 22 August here.

At least seven Christians have been killed in the violence that ensued after the military broke up sit-ins by supporters of Morsi and the Muslim Brotherhood.

The violence has killed over 830 people, including 70 policemen.

General Bishop in the U.K. Coptic Orthodox Church, Bishop Angaelos said the scale of the violence was 'devastating'.

'To see so many lives lost whether of victims or perpetrators is not only a loss to families and communities, but a loss to the nation and to humanity as a whole,' he said...

Islamists kill five Christians in Nigeria because of their faith

Breitbart.com reports: "On September 2, Islamists in Nigeria ambushed a minibus, ordered passengers to exit, and then shot those that were Christian.

The incident took place near the central city of Jos. Those killed were members of 'a Church of Christ in Nations congregation in... Foron.'

According to *BosNewsLife*, passengers that identified as Christians were ordered to lie down on the side of the road and were executed. Those killed ranged in age from 22 to 40.

A technical school student who rode his motorbike close to the scene to see what was happening was ordered to stop and then asked his religion. When he said he was a Christian he was ordered to lie down with the others. But when the Islamists started shooting those lying furthest away from him he jumped up and ran while the attackers 'fired wildly at [him].'

He escaped with his life and was able to report to authorities how the attack happened..."

Iran upholds American Pastor Saeed Abedini's 8-year prison sentence

ChristianToday.com reports: "The American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ), which defends human rights and religious freedom, said an appeals court in Tehran has rejected the appeal of American Pastor Saeed Abedini, a U.S. citizen, and refused to reduce his eight year prison sentence.

Speaking in an ACLJ news release, Abedini's wife Naghmeah called the decision 'devastating.'

The ACLJ said it is now exploring all legal and governmental options available.

'While we remained hopeful that Iran would use its own appeal process to finally show respect for Pastor Saeed's basic human rights, again Iran

has demonstrated an utter disregard for the fundamentals of human rights,' said Jordan Sekulow, executive director of the ACLJ, (which represents Abedini's wife and their two children) speaking in the news release..."

Judge: Foreigners can sue U.S. pastor over sermons

WND.com reports: "A federal judge has backed a homosexual-rights group in its claim that members were injured by an American pastor's biblical preaching in Uganda against homosexual behavior.

But the ruling from Judge Michael Posner in a case brought by Sexual Minorities Uganda against Pastor Scott Lively of Abiding Truth Ministries could mean much more. It could establish that an international consensus disavowing long-held biblical standards could trump the U.S. Constitution.

SMUG alleges Lively must be punished for criticizing homosexuality, calling his speech a 'crime against humanity' in violation of 'international law.'

The plaintiffs allege that the Alien Tort Statute in the United States allows them to make the charge in the U.S.

Lively's attorney, Horatio Mihet of Liberty Counsel, said his client's preaching is protected by the Constitution..."

THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD

Egyptian court advised to abolish Muslim Brotherhood

Voice of America News reports: "An Egyptian judicial panel on Monday [September 2, 2013] recommended the dissolution of the Muslim Brotherhood - Egypt's largest political organization - and that its headquarters be closed.

In non-binding recommendations to Egypt's administrative court, the panel accused the Brotherhood of operating

outside the law.

The move to strip the Brotherhood of its status as a legally registered non-governmental organization is the latest challenge to the Islamist party from the army-backed interim government that deposed former president Mohamed Morsi in July.

On Sunday, state media reported that Morsi, who remains in detention, will be put on trial along with 14 other suspects

on charges of inciting violence and murder. The charges stem from deadly clashes between Morsi's Brotherhood supporters and opponents in Cairo late last year. Authorities say seven people were killed in the violence..." **(22 million Egyptian citizens marched against Morsi, the newly elected president [June 2012 – July 2013] because they refused the setting up of Sharia Law practiced and promoted by the Muslim**

Brotherhood organization. This law involves the death sentence for all daughters who have pre-marital sex, all homosexuals, all apostates [who criticize Mohammed or the Koran], and all infidels – mainly Christians – as already mentioned.)

Egyptian government decides to dissolve Muslim Brotherhood

Haaretz reports: “Egypt’s army-backed government has decided to dissolve the Muslim Brotherhood as a registered non-governmental organization, a state-run newspaper reported on Friday [September 6, 2013], cracking down on deposed President Mohammed Morsi’s movement.

The decision applies to the NGO registered by the Brotherhood in March in response to a lawsuit that argued the group had no legal status. It marks a mostly symbolic legal blow to Morsi’s group as the authorities round up its members in the harshest crackdown in decades.

‘The minister’s decision has in fact been issued but it will be announced at the start of next week in a press conference,’ *Al-Akhbar* newspaper quoted Hany Mahana, spokesman for the minister of social solidarity, as saying.

The first test of the decision to dissolve the Brotherhood is likely to come on Egypt’s streets after Friday prayers. Even before the ban was reported, the

Muslim Brotherhood and its supporters had called for mass protests across the country after the prayers, especially in Cairo...” **(The following is the rewards suicide bombers receive for killing the four groups mentioned in the preceding report: (1) Suicide bombers [murderers] are the only Muslims assured of eternal life. All others must wait and see. (2) They are promised 72 virgins to enjoy eternally. (3) They have the privilege of choosing 70 relatives or chosen friends to enter heaven. How different is Christianity – “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” – Romans 10:13. See the next three reports.)**

Egypt to try ex-President Morsi for inciting murder

BBC News reports: “Egypt’s state prosecutor says he has referred ousted President Mohammed Morsi for trial on charges of inciting the murder of protesters.

The accusations relate to violence outside the presidential palace in Cairo last December when at least seven people were killed in clashes.

Fourteen other members of the Muslim Brotherhood are to stand trial on the same charges.

Mr. Morsi has been held at a secret location since he was deposed in July.

He faces a number of charges but this

case is his first referral for trial.

Since he was ousted from power, the military-backed interim government has cracked down on Brotherhood supporters, who are demanding Mr. Morsi’s reinstatement.

Last month, hundreds of protesters died when security forces stormed pro-Morsi camps in the capital...”

Muslim Brotherhood: No compromise

Israel National News reports: “Egypt’s Muslim Brotherhood movement refuses to surrender to the intense pressure being brought to bear upon it by the regime headed by Maj. Gen. Abdel Fatah Sisi, who deposed the Islamist president, Mohammed Morsi, in early July.

The Brotherhood’s spokesman, Jihad al-Hadad, wrote on his Facebook page that the Muslim Brotherhood’s position has not changed and that it continues to demand a full return to the previous constitutional situation.

This includes putting Morsi back in power, a reactivation of parliament and acceptance of the constitution that was approved in a plebiscite.

Al-Hadad stressed that the Brotherhood would not recognize ‘the traitors who carried out a coup against the leadership,’ nor would it recognize the functions they are carrying out or their pretense to represent the people...”

CREEPING SHARIA

Man set fire to daughter for meeting men online

YnetNews.com reports: “A resident of the Silwan neighborhood in east Jerusalem was indicted Tuesday [August 13, 2013] for setting fire to his 17-year-old daughter after he believed she was bringing shame to his family.

According to the indictment, filed with the Jerusalem Magistrates court, the father heard his daughter was

engaged in romantic ties with men she had met on Facebook, prompting him to kill her...

On July 21, the father invited his daughter and son to the roof of the family’s three-story house for a barbecue. On the family roof, the daughter expressed her wishes to return home, but the father declined.

As the two were talking, the father suddenly grabbed the charcoal lighter

fluid and sprayed her with it over the barbecue fire, resulting in ‘the daughter instantly catching fire,’ the indictment said...

After people started to crowd around the body, and emergency forces arrived at the scene, the father told his son, according to the indictment, ‘If anyone with the police asks what happened, say I told her not to play with the lighter fluid.’...”

TERRORIST THREATS

Jihadist leader to U.S.: 'Islam is coming'

WND.com reports: "During a radio interview Sunday [August 11, 2013], a representative of al-Qaida in the Gaza Strip sent a message to the United States: 'Islam is coming and there is no other choice.'

That sentiment was expressed by Abu Saqer, leader of Jihadiya Salafiya in the Gaza Strip, speaking on 'Aaron Klein Investigative Radio' on New York's WABC Radio.

Jihadiya Salafiya represents al-Qaida in the Gaza Strip.

Saqer further stated that after battling Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, the thousands of foreign jihadists currently in Syria could turn their ire on what he called the many other 'enemies of Islam,' including Israel and the United States.

Saqer did not say the spread of Islam in the U.S. will come through violence.

'Islam is coming and there is no other choice,' he told Klein about America and Europe.

'Because we think Islam will come and this is something that no one can prevent,' he stated.

'And we will raise the Islamic flag on every point on earth where Muslims live and we will chase all the enemies of Islam wherever they are. Even in the West, in Europe and in the United States.'... (Matthew 24:37 – 42: **"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. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other**

left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." This text does not portray the Rapture, but rather the judgment of sin through the flood as found in Genesis 6:11: **"The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence."** However, the next text portrays the return of Christ to deliver all believers. Luke 21:9, 27, 28, 31, and 32: **"But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by...And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh...So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled."** Lengthy verses, but concluding terroristic followings. See the next two reports and threats.)

Al-Qaida Muslims declare war on Hezbollah Muslims

WND.com reports: "A car bomb explosion in the Shiite Hezbollah stronghold Dahiyeh in south Beirut that killed at least 18 people and wounded some 340 may be the beginning of a new round of Shiite-Sunni sectarian violence in Lebanon and shows al-Qaida has declared war on the Iranian-backed group, according to report from Joseph Farah's G2 Bulletin.

The impact of this attack in a Hezbollah high security area may well prompt the resistance group, which the United States and Israel regard as

a terrorist organization, to confront directly the al-Qaida-affiliated group al-Nusra. The result could become urban warfare in Beirut and the surrounding area.

Jabhat al-Nusra is linked to the armed Syrian opposition seeking to topple the regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. Hezbollah and Iran back the embattled Syrian president and have sent fighters to assist the Syrian military to roll back the opposition.

In response, al-Nusra had threatened to send fighters into Lebanon to attack areas controlled by Hezbollah..."

Taliban claims responsibility for U.S. base attack

Voice of America News reports: "Authorities in eastern Afghanistan said Taliban insurgents on Monday [September 2, 2013] launched an 'unsuccessful' assault against a U.S. military base near the border with Pakistan.

NATO and Afghan officials say a group of heavily armed Taliban suicide bombers staged the coordinated attack on the American base in eastern Nangarhar province.

Provincial governor spokesman Ahmad Zia Abdulzai said the assault began when militants set off bombs and set fire to military vehicles in the parking lot at the U.S. outpost.

Three suicide bombers opened fire on foreign forces guarding the facility, according to Abdulzai. The encounter lasted nearly three hours and the spokesman said NATO helicopters also joined the fight.

NATO officials said none of its personnel were killed in the attack. Local authorities also reported no military or civilian casualties..."