

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

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

U.S. churches warned of 'jihadist' threat

WND.com reports: "Police in Fort Collins, Colo., are warning local churches to report any suspicious behavior after a self-proclaimed 'Islamist jihadist' threatened Mormons and Catholics 'would be destroyed' in the next two weeks [August 1 – 14, 2013].

According to the *Coloradoan*, police released a memo describing an unnamed white man in his early 30s who was stopped for attempting to shoot a video while driving. Wearing a T-shirt wrapped around his head and a bandana and sunglasses over his face, the man reportedly claimed he was the Archangel Michael and told police everyone would know who he was in the next two weeks, but didn't elaborate or make threats specific enough to warrant arrest.

The man is also reportedly linked to a white Honda coupe spray-painted with 'F— DHS' (Department of Homeland Security) on the trunk, 'Rev 14-7&8'; on its side and 'YHVH' (the Hebrew name for God) on the back bumper and hood.

The verse on the vehicle, Revelation 14:7, reads, 'Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment

is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.'..." **(This jihadist sounds more like an imposter posing as a jihadist terrorist to create trouble for Muslims. While I speak out against jihadists, I take this person as a mentally impaired fake, a false prophet – Matthew 24:5, 11, and 24. Nevertheless, we must be watchful.)**

Military censors Christian chaplain, atheists call for punishment

Breitbart.com reports: "A Christian chaplain in the military is being officially censored for engaging in free speech, and anti-Christian activists are demanding he be punished.

Lt. Col. Kenneth Reyes is a Christian chaplain currently serving in the U.S. Air Force. He is stationed at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Alaska. As an ordained clergyman whose duties are to provide religious instruction and spiritual counseling, he has a page on the base's website called 'Chaplain's Corner'.

Reyes recently wrote an essay entitled, 'No Atheists in Foxholes: Chaplains Gave All in World War II.' This common saying is attributed to a

Catholic priest in World War II, made famous when President Dwight D. Eisenhower said during a 1954 speech: 'I am delighted that our veterans are sponsoring a movement to increase our awareness of God in our daily lives. In battle, they learned a great truth that there are no atheists in the foxholes.'

As reported by *Fox News's* Todd Starnes, when Reyes referenced this famous line in his essay, the Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF) contacted the base commander, Col. Brian Duffy, demanding he take action on Reyes's 'anti-secular diatribe.'

MRFF's letter says that by Reyes's 'use of the bigoted, religious supremacist phrase, 'no atheists in foxholes,' he defiles the dignity of service members.' They accuse him of violating military regulations..." **(The great and terrible hour is coming soon when Islamists jihadists and even ungodly American and Canadian atheists will persecute American and Canadians like Muslims are doing in scores of nations. Soon Revelation 6:9 and Revelation 20:4 will break out in our two countries and praise God we will be evacuated – Revelation 3:10. See the next report.)**

U.S. city looks to penalize Bible believers

WND.com reports: “Think it’s hot in Texas these days? Just wait a few weeks, until the San Antonio City Council ends its summer hiatus and resumes work on a proposed change to its nondiscrimination ordinances that apparently will discriminate against all who take the Bible at its word and follow it.

That’s because the change creates a penalty for those who ever exhibit a ‘bias,’ which clearly could include adopting the Bible’s condemnation of homosexuality, with a permanent ban on participation in city government, business or employment.

Opponents of the plan, which would add ‘sexual orientation’ and ‘gender identity’ to the nondiscrimination ordinances, charge it is a violation of constitutional Article VI, paragraph 3, which states, ‘No religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States.’

The opponents explain that the ordinance would bar anyone from office who has ‘demonstrated a bias’ against someone based on categories that include ‘sexual orientation.’

The proposal, however, does not define ‘bias,’ which, according to local church leaders, could mean someone who declares homosexual behavior is sinful.

The new ordinance would state: ‘No person shall be appointed to a position if the city council finds that such person has, prior to such proposed appointment, engaged in discrimination or demonstrated a bias, by word or deed, against any person, group or organization on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran status, age, or disability.’

Anyone in office who demonstrates a bias would be considered guilty of ‘malfeasance’ and removed from office...”

Egypt: Christian beheaded as Islamist violence escalates

Israel National News reports: “Amidst continuing unrest in Egypt, the country’s Coptic Christian minority is facing an alarming campaign of violence at the hands of Islamist extremists.

In the most recent case, the decapitated body of 60 year old Magdy Habashi was found early Thursday [July 11, 2013] in a cemetery in the town of Sheikh Zweid, in northern Sinai, after being abducted last Saturday by suspected Islamist radicals. He was the second Christian to be killed in northern Sinai in less than a week, following the assassination of Coptic Christian priest Mena Aboud Sharoben in the coastal city of Arish by suspected Islamist gunmen last Saturday [July 6, 2013].

Elsewhere, Christian groups have reported numerous attacks against churches and Christian-owned homes by violent mobs. In one particularly grave incident, the murder of a Muslim in the southern village of Nagaa Hassan triggered claims that local Christians were responsible. Seizing the opportunity, a mob of Muslim extremists armed with axes, knives and clubs descended on the Christian community, murdering at least four people, injuring dozens and setting fire to scores of homes.

Coptic Christians comprise only 10 percent of Egypt, which has boiled over with intrigue and rage since the January 25 revolution in 2011 that toppled the 30-year regime of former President Hosni Mubarak.

The new Coptic pope, Tawadros II, has been unusually vocal in his criticism of the Muslim Brotherhood and in supporting the ouster of the Brotherhood-backed president Mohammed Morsi. His predecessor had discouraged Copts from involving themselves in politics, fearing a backlash from the country’s Muslim majority. Those concerns appear to have been well-founded...” **(The next six reports reveal the hatred**

of Muslims for Christians. Sharia Law is being presently accepted in numerous nations and calls for the death of those who worship the True Jesus, the Son of God, and not the phony prophet Jesus, the Koran calls Isa who becomes executioner of all Jews and Christians either by crucifixion or beheading – Sura 5:33 and 47:4 in the Koran.)

Syria: Jihadist rebels kidnap priest

Israel National News reports: “Al Qaeda-linked rebels in the eastern Syrian city of Raqqa on Monday [July 29, 2013] abducted a prominent Italian Jesuit priest who championed the uprising against President Bashar al-Assad, activists told the *Reuters* news agency.

Members of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant kidnapped the priest, Paolo Dall’Oglio, while he was walking in the city which recently fell under the control of Islamist brigades, the sources said.

Syrian authorities expelled Dall’Oglio from the country last year after he helped victims of Assad’s military crackdown from a monastery north of Damascus.

Over the past several weeks, a second civil war has begun brewing in war-ravaged Syria, between the more moderate, Western-backed rebel groups and the Islamist extremist groups...” **(More about Islam, the religion of love and peace; Christianity merits the titles. Here is what Jesus taught – “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another” – John 13:35 and “Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren” – I John 3:16.)**

Assyrian Christians told ‘If you want to come back, convert to Islam, or die

ChristianToday.com reports: “According to the *Assyrian International News Agency*, Assyrian

Christians who have fled from an area of Syria called al-Thawrah (also known as al-Tabqah), have been told by rebels, 'If you want to come back, convert to Islam, or you will be killed.'

An *AINA* story said, 'Accounts by Assyrian refugees reveal the real face of the Islamist undercurrent within the Syrian opposition. Furthermore, these accounts serve as a stark and chilling reminder of what has already been suffered by non-Muslim communities in Iraq since 2003.'

'On February 11, rebel fighters from the al-Nusra Front took control of the city and its strategic dam, the largest of its kind in the country. They also seized control of the three quarters that housed dam workers - many of whom were Christian Assyrians.'

Whilst they allowed the dam's original staff to remain in the city in order to continue its operation, management and upkeep, those who were not Sunni Muslim were not afforded the same privilege.

One Assyrian refugee was reported as saying, 'Everything is now in Jabhat al-Nusra's hands. All the Muslims stayed there, but if any Christians want to go back they have to become Muslim or else they will be killed.'...'
(The invitation of Christianity differs grossly from Islam's call to convert. Theirs is 'convert or die'; Christianity's invitation is recorded in Matthew 11:28 – 30 "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." And Revelation 22:17 "... the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.")

Leader: 'Open season' on Nigerian Christians by Islamists

Israel National News reports: "Christians in Nigeria are an

endangered species, according to Pastor Ayo Oritsejafor, president of the Christian Association of Nigeria. Oritsejafor met this week [July 29, 2013] with U.S. lawmakers, pleading for help in combating the Islamist groups, which have mercilessly attacked Christian communities for the past several years – making Nigeria one of the most dangerous places in the world for Christians.

Currently there are some 80 million Christians in the country, but many of them, especially in the north of the country, have faced terror and death at the hand of Islamist groups such as Boko Haram, whose leader, Abubaker Schekau, has personally murdered hundreds of Christians, and helped plan the murders of many more. In 2012, more than 100 Christians died on average each month in northern Nigeria, many by members of the Jihad group.

In a recent troubling development, Oritsejafor told legislators that Islamists have begun targeting not only churches, but also schools – shooting up classrooms with children in attendance. Islamists have declared all schools except those teaching Islam illegal, and Boko Haram is intent on enforcing that law, as well as others drawn from Sharia Islamic law. 'It is open season on Nigeria's Christians,' Oritsejafor told the legislators...'
(God's Children, genuine Christians, are being butchered by these religious murderers. They believe they will be rewarded with 72 virgins; instead Revelation 21:8 and 22:15 states: "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death", "For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.")

Iranian Christians continue to face arrest, imprisonment

ChristianToday.com reports: "The steady flow of Iranian Christians facing arrest and imprisonment on spurious charges continues."

In Shiraz, famous for its cultural significance to Iranians as the home of Persepolis (the ancient 'city of the Persians') and the poet Hafez's tomb, eight Christians were jailed last week [July 16, 2013] for 'action against national security' and 'propaganda against the system'.

Mohammad Roghangir, Massoud Rezaie, Mehdi Ameruni, Bijan Farokhpour Haghghi, Shahin Lahooti, Soroush Saraie, Eskandar Rezaie and Roxana Foroughi were sentenced to between one and six years in prison. They were arrested in October last year – seven of them picked up from the same prayer meeting.

Earlier this month near the capital, Tehran, 28-year-old Christian convert Ebrahim Firouzi was charged with 'promoting Christian Zionism'.

Firouzi was arrested in March while at work and released on bail in May. At his trial at the Revolutionary Court in his hometown of Robat Karim, just to the south-west of the capital, he was also charged with 'attempting to launch a Christian website, contact with suspicious foreigners and running online church services'...'
(Our Lord states: "...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" – Revelation 2:10. James 1:12 tells us: "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.")

Pakistan: Christian facing life imprisonment for blasphemy

ChristianToday.com reports: "Convicted of blasphemy, Sajjad Masih Gill, 28, a Christian resident of District Pakpattan-Punjab, has been fined USD \$2000 and is now looking at a life prison sentence."

According to a report by Aftab Alexander Mughal, editor of Minorities Concern of Pakistan, Judge Mian Shahzad Raza handed down the unexpectedly heavy sentence on July 13.

Mughal said according to the *Dawn* newspaper, Gill had been charged with sending blasphemous text messages that defiled the name of Muhammad and insulted Islam, to clerics and a

number of influential people.

Mughal said this is the first case in Pakistan of someone being accused and convicted of blasphemy by text messages.

Mughal said on Dec. 18 2011, one of the blasphemous texts was reportedly received by Malik Muhammad Tariq Saleem, a businessman living in Gojra,

District Toba Tek Singh. The following day, Mughal said, Muhammad Tariq filed a complaint with area police...” **(The Sharia Blasphemy law viciously puts to death all girls who commit premarital sex, plus all gays, apostates and infidels. Christianity teaches love “...the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” – I John 1:7.)**

NEWS FROM IRAN

Iran's president-elect calls Israel 'wound' on Muslim world

Reuters reports: “Two days ahead of his inauguration as Iran’s next president, moderate cleric Hassan Rouhani called Israel a ‘wound’ on the Muslim world that must be removed, and urged Iranians to support the rights of Palestinians, Iranian media reported on Friday [August 2, 2013].

The remarks echoed the strong anti-Israel sentiment of outgoing president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, whose denial of the holocaust and description of Israel as a ‘cancerous tumor’ prompted international condemnation.

‘The Zionist regime is a wound that has sat on the body of the Muslim world for years and needs to be removed,’ Iran’s student news agency quoted Rouhani as saying at the annual Qods Day rally in support of Palestinian rights...” **(This headline and story I knew could happen. You see the new president, Hassan Rouhani, was the right hand man of Khomeini who returned from exile in France in the 70’s and immediately threw out the Shaw of Iran and began his message of hate throughout the Muslim world. Read on as you view the most death promoting message ever delivered by the man who is responsible for the thousands of Muslims murdering Muslims today. Michael Evans in his book The Return of the Mahdi states: “... The spirit of the Grand Ayatollah Khomeini lives on in Iran. This is the same Khomeini who said in**

1981, ‘I say let Iran go up in smoke, provided Islam emerges triumphant in the rest of the world.’” The new president was trained to hate Jews both by Khomeini and Khamenei, the present Imam of Iran.)

Iran's president warned: fighting Israel a top priority

Israel National News reports: “With the full endorsement of Iran’s chief mullah, Ali Khamenei, newly installed Iranian President Hassan Rohani, presumably agrees with the theological and political positions of the Iranian Islamist leadership.

Nevertheless, senior Iranian leaders have made it abundantly clear that even if he were contemplating any changes to the policies of the Islamic Republic, he does not have the authority to do so. In a recent speech, top Iranian cleric Ahmad Khatami, a close confidante of Iranian Supreme Ruler Ali Khamenei, issued a warning to the future president Hassan Rouhani: If he wished to remain in power, he must confirm and carry out the ‘Supreme Leader’s’ anti-Israel policies.

A report issued by MEMRI, the Middle East Research Institute, quoted Khatami, speaking on behalf of Khamenei, as saying ‘if the Zionist regime wants to attack Iran [even] in the most minimal fashion, we will destroy Tel Aviv and Haifa. We fear no one.

‘As the leader [Khamenei] instructed, we are assisting any Palestinian group that wants to fight

the Zionist regime,’ he said, adding that the Iranian leadership was very pleased at how Iran played a role during Operation Pillar of Defense, when Hamas hammered Israel with rockets and missiles. Thanks to Iranian-supplied Fajr-5 missiles, ‘Tel Aviv was turned into a ghost town’ during the war.

Israeli officials said that they did not know what Khatami was talking about, as Tel Aviv had not been evacuated during the war, and that in fact there had been only a small number of missile alarms sounded in the city. In fact no missiles actually hit the city at all...” **(As long as Khamenei is in power the goal of this religious leader is as his messiah Mahdi commands him to do and that is to fulfill Psalm 83:4 – “...Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.” Today four Protestant denominations agree with this ungodly and unholy goal. Their hateful plans will fail because the God of Judaism and Christianity promises that His ‘Chosen People’ the Jews, will have an everlasting name – Isaiah 56:5 – and that our Lord and Savior Jesus will rule over Israel forever – Luke 1:32, and 33.)**

Supreme leader appoints Ahmadinejad as Expediency Council member

The Fars News Agency reports: “Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei in a decree on Monday

[August 5, 2013] appointed former President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as a member of the state Expediency Council (EC).

‘In view of the valuable efforts you have made in the great responsibility of the Islamic Republic of Iran’s president in the last eight years and the many experiences you have gained accordingly, I appoint you as a member of the state Expediency Council,’ the Supreme Leader said in his decree.

‘May God help you succeed,’ Ayatollah Khamenei added.

Ahmadinejad served as Iran’s president for two consecutive 4-year terms from August 2005 to August 2013.

The EC has the authority to mediate disputes between the Iranian parliament and the Guardian Council, and serves as an advisory body to the Supreme Leader, making it one of the most powerful governing bodies in the country.

EC members include heads of the three branches of power, the clerical members of the Guardian Council and a variety of other members appointed by the Supreme Leader for three-year terms. Cabinet members and parliament speakers also serve as temporary members when issues under their jurisdictions are under review...” (Khamenei, Iran’s number one cleric wants Ahmadinejad, the second Hitler, to continue his blasphemous offensive against the Jews. Soon, the judgment promised to all anti-Semites will take place as Christ arrives and says to all Jew haters: “...Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.”)

Rouhani calls for broadening of ties with China

The Fars News Agency reports: “Iranian President Hassan Rouhani underlined the need for the further expansion of bilateral ties between Iran and China.

‘We believe that expansion of Tehran-Beijing relations will

guarantee the two nations’ interests,’ Rouhani said in a meeting with the visiting Chinese Culture Minister, Cai Wu, in Tehran on Monday [August 5, 2013].

The Chinese culture minister, for his part, described the two countries’ relations as exemplary, and said, ‘Iran and China have ancient cultures and civilizations and they can play an important role in the world today.’

Cai arrived in Tehran on Sunday to attend President Rouhani’s swearing-in ceremony...” **(The above must happen; the three pronged invasion called Armageddon – Revelation 16:16 occurs as Russia and Persia and other Muslim nations invade Israel – Ezekiel 38:1, 2, 8, and 16. They fail – Ezekiel 39:1, 2, 12, and 13. Then China and the remaining army of Russia, Iran and Iran’s Islamic allies move upon Israel for the second invasion – Revelation 16:12; Daniel 11:44; and Ezekiel 38:5. Persia in the final verse is Iran; they changed their name from Persia to Iran in 1935. This new president must obey Khamenei to retain his elevated position. The opposing side, America, Canada, and most of the European Union nations battle Russia, China and the Islamic alliance. See the next two reports.)**

Iran may try new path to nukes

Israel National News reports: “Iran may be preparing to use a heavy water reactor for producing weapons-grade plutonium, according to U.S. and European officials cited in the *Wall Street Journal*. This is an alternative method for reaching a nuclear bomb, which joins its existing uranium enrichment project.

A heavy-water reactor is an easier target to hit than the underground facilities that house Iran’s uranium-enrichment facilities, the newspaper notes.

In recent months, said the U.S. and European officials, the Iranian

regime has made significant advances on the construction of a heavy water reactor in the northwestern city of Arak. The spent fuel from the reactor under construction can serve as the raw material for making two nuclear bombs a year, said U.S. and U.N. officials. India, Pakistan and North Korea have all built plutonium-based bombs.

Iran has notified the International Atomic Energy Agency that it plans to make the reactor operational by the second half of 2014 and could begin testing it later this year.

‘The IAEA has been monitoring Arak since its construction began,’ wrote the *Journal*. ‘But following Iran’s latest timeline, the site’s importance has vastly shot up for Washington and Brussels, said U.S. and European officials. ‘It really crept up on us,’ said an official based at the IAEA’s Vienna headquarters.’

The paper quoted ‘a senior European official involved in the Iran diplomacy’ as saying, ‘At this stage, our most pressing concern is dealing with the enrichment of uranium. But we are increasingly concerned about activity...at Arak?...’

Report: Iran may develop nukes that could reach the U.S. by 2015

The Jerusalem Post reports: “U.S. intelligence agencies have assessed that as early as 2015, Iran will be set to test an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), that has the capability to strike the United States, a released Pentagon report states.

‘Iran has ambitious ballistic missile and space launch development programs and continues to attempt to increase the range, lethality, and accuracy of its ballistic missile force,’ the report says.

‘Iran could develop and test an ICBM capable of reaching the United States by 2015.’

The U.S. Department of Defense assessment was compiled by The National Air and Space Intelligence

Center (NASIC) at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, together with the Defense Intelligence Agency's Missile and Space Intelligence Center

and the Office of Naval Intelligence.

The report also stated that China and North Korea were rapidly proliferating the developments of

nuclear warheads capable of hitting the United States, as well as supporting the development of advanced Iranian missile capabilities..."

NEWS FROM ISRAEL

Abbas: Palestine will be Judenrein [Free of Jews]

Israel National News reports: "Palestinian Authority (P.A.) head Mahmoud Abbas presented a racist and hateful vision of a future Palestinian state when he spoke to reporters in Cairo Monday [July 29, 2013].

'In a final resolution, we would not see the presence of a single Israeli – civilian or soldier – on our lands,' he told a group of reporters, most of them Egyptians, on Monday.

'An international, multinational presence like in Sinai, Lebanon and Syria – we are with that,' he went on, referring to United Nations peacekeeping forces like UNDOF and UNIFIL.

Arab affairs expert Dalit Halevy explained that when Abbas speaks of 'Israelis,' he in fact means 'Jews.' She pointed out that the P.A. refers to all of the Arabs who live in what they term 'Palestine' – including 'Israeli Arabs' – as Palestinians. There is, therefore, no distinction in the P.A.'s approach between 'Palestinians' and 'Arabs,' and similarly no distinction between 'Jews' and 'Israelis,' when speaking of residents of the territory of the Land of Israel ('Palestine').

Even now, Jews are not permitted to live inside the P.A.-controlled territory, and the sale of land to Jews is punishable by death.

It was after meeting Egyptian prime minister Adly Mansour, that Abbas laid out his vision for the permanent status arrangement he will insist upon in the talks that opened in Washington Monday, between the Israeli delegation headed by Minister Tzipi Livni and the P.A. delegation headed by Saeb Erekat.

'We have already made all of the necessary concessions,' he said, adding that 'eastern Jerusalem is the capital of the state of Palestine...' (The Word of God states 930 times that Jerusalem belongs to the Jewish settlers and rulers of Israel. Though a compromise may occur during peace negotiations it won't be permanent – Daniel 9:27.)

P.M.: U.S. pressure the only thing holding Iran back from bomb

Israel National News reports: "Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu on Tuesday [August 6, 2013] met with a delegation of 36 U.S. Congress members who are visiting Israel. Leading the delegation is Maryland Representative Steny Hoyer (D), currently the House minority whip.

Netanyahu held a round-table discussion with the Congresspeople, presenting Israel's case on a number of regional and security issues.

Netanyahu also discussed Iran with the group, saying that the U.S. needed to more forcefully press Iran to stop its nuclear development program. 'Iran's president said that pressure will not help to dissuade him from developing nuclear weapons. But we see that over the past two decades, the only thing that has helped has been pressure.'

As a result, the best thing the U.S. could do to stop Iran from moving forward with its nuclear program was to increase the pressure on Tehran, he said. 'I have said it before, and I will say it again, because it's important that it be understood. If the pressure on Iran is lifted, it will go ahead with developing nuclear weapons...' (I believe Iran will get the bomb and use it since their messiah refuses

to appear until Iran destroys the majority of the Jews – Matthew 24:9; John 16:12; Isaiah 56:5. See the next two reports.)

Hamas testing missiles that can reach Jerusalem

Israel National News reports: "The Islamist Hamas organization is testing locally-made M75 missiles that can reach Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, according to military sources.

The medium-to-long range missiles were used against Israel by the terrorist organization during last year's eight-day Pillar of Defense counter terrorist operation in Gaza.

The M75s, produced using Iranian technology and assembled with Iranian parts, were fired at the Knesset in Jerusalem, but missed the target. Instead, at least one landed in Gush Etzion, exploding on the outskirts of an Arab village. The locally-produced missiles were also fired at Rishon Letzion.

During that conflict, Hamas also fired a number of Iranian Fajr-5 missiles (range: up to 47 miles or 75 kilometers) at Tel Aviv and Rishon Letzion, missing the mark in most cases. These missiles were also manufactured with Iranian technology and parts. One struck a residential building in Rishon Letzion, causing severe damage to the structure and physically wounding two people. Many others were traumatized in the attack..."

Canada: 'Al-Quds Day' speaker calls for Israelis to be killed

Israel National News reports: "The former president of 'Palestine House,' a Canadian NGO accused by the government of showing a 'pattern

of support for extremism,' has called for the forced ethnic-cleansing of all Israelis Saturday [August 3, 2013].

In the video Elias Hazineh can be seen addressing a crowd of anti-Israel activists in Toronto during the annual Al-Quds Day march.

'We have to give them an ultimatum,' he said of Israelis, 'you have to leave Jerusalem; you have to leave Palestine...'

But Hazineh did not stop there. Dismissing negotiations, he called for

the forced ethnic-cleansing of Israeli Jews as a solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict:

'We say get out or you're dead. We give them two minutes and then we start shooting! And that's the only way they'll understand.'

Nearly one million Jews were ethnically-cleansed from Arab states following the establishment of Israel, and today make up around half of the entire Israeli population.

Elias finished his speech by calling

for war against the Jewish State.

'I am reminded of this verse from the Quran: 'And prepare against them whatever you are able of power and steeds of war' - that's the only thing that they'll understand!'

Al-Quds Day has been marked annually around the world since 1979, when it was established by Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khomeini to express support for 'the liberation of Jerusalem' by Muslim forces and to call for the destruction of the State of Israel...''

TERRORIST THREAT

Report: Al-Qaida developed liquid that turns clothes into explosives

Haaretz reports: "An Al-Qaida affiliate has developed a new generation of liquid explosive that U.S. officials fear could be used in a future attack, *ABC News* reported Monday [August 5, 2013].

Two senior U.S. government sources who have been briefed on the terror threat that prompted the U.S. to close embassies across the Mideast and North Africa this week, told the network that clothes dipped in the liquid become explosive devices when dry.

One of the U.S. officials described the new generation explosive as 'ingenious,' while another said it would be undetectable under current security processes.

The liquid explosive is believed to be the brainchild of the Yemen-based affiliate Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), the officials told *ABC News*. This affiliate is home to Ibrahim al-Asiri, a master bomb maker, who was on the 25 'most wanted terrorist' list published by the Yemeni government...'' **(Romans 1:30 predicts that mankind will become "...inventors of evil things..." Read Romans 1:21 – 32 for a complete analysis of what and why.)**

Photos of 'smiling martyrs' hit Internet

WND.com reports: "A campaign on Twitter aims to inspire Muslim men to join war in the Middle East by featuring the faces of the dead – smiling.

The Middle East Media Research Institute report says the macabre images are to convince additional fighters to join the effort to overthrow Bashar al-Assad in Syria.

Besides the images, there are messages. One of the Tweets even mentions the smile on the jihadist's face and invokes the war against Assad.

'A deceased martyr smiling ... your glory oh Allah (oh Allah make the ending better) #martyr #Syria Oh God, your glory eclipses the land of Bashar...' ("**...evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived**" – **II Timothy 3:13.**)

Al-Qaida threat in Middle East 'most serious in years', says U.S. lawmaker

Haaretz reports: "The Al-Qaida threat that closed U.S. embassies in the Middle East on Sunday [August 4, 2013] is the most serious in years and the 'chatter' among suspected terrorists is reminiscent of what

preceded the Sept. 11 attacks, a U.S. lawmaker who is briefed on intelligence said.

The State Department closed 21 embassies and consulates and issued a worldwide travel alert warning Americans that Al-Qaida may be planning attacks in August, particularly in the Middle East and North Africa.

'There is an awful lot of chatter out there,' Senator Saxby Chambliss, the top Republican on the Senate Intelligence Committee, said on NBC's *'Meet the Press.*'

He said 'chatter' - electronically monitored communications among terrorism suspects about the planning of a possible attack - was 'very reminiscent of what we saw pre-9/11.'

The threat also has prompted some European countries to close their embassies in Yemen, where an Al-Qaida affiliate, Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, is based. 'This is the most serious threat that I've seen in the last several years,' Chambliss said...'' **(A final sign predicted by our Lord is that "...upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity [mass confusion] will occur." – Luke 21:25. It has occurred.)**

KNOWLEDGE INCREASED

Pioneering adult stem cell trial approved by Japan

BBC News reports: “The first trial of stem cells produced from a patient’s own body has been approved by the Japanese government.

Stem cells can become any other part of the body - from nerve to bone to skin - and are touted as the future of medicine.

Researchers in Japan will use the cells to attempt to treat a form of blindness - age-related macular degeneration.

The announcement was described as ‘a major step forward’ for research in the field.

There are already trials taking place using stem cells taken from embryos. But this is ethically controversial and

the cells will not match a patient’s own tissues, so there is a risk of rejection.

Adult stem cells - which are also called induced pluripotent stem cells - are made from a patient’s skin, so there should be no risk of rejection... **(“But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased” – Daniel 12:4.)**

PLAGUES AND PESTILENCES

Bird flu strain in China ‘passed between humans’

BBC News reports: “Researchers have reported the first case of human-to-human transmission of the new strain of bird flu that has emerged in China.

The *British Medical Journal* said a 32-year-old woman was infected after

caring for her father. Both later died.

Until now there had been no evidence of anyone catching the H7N9 virus other than after direct contact with birds.

But experts stressed it does not mean the virus has developed the ability to spread easily between humans.

By June 30th there had been 133

cases of H7N9 bird flu reported in eastern China and 43 deaths.

Most people had visited live poultry markets or had close contact with live poultry in the week or two before they became ill... **(A sign of Christ’s return – there shall be pestilences – Matthew 24:7; Luke 21:11; Revelation 6:7, and 8.)**

CREEPING SHARIA

Coming soon: America’s own Islamic ‘no-go’ zones

WND.com reports: “Coming soon to dozens of locations across the United States: America’s own ‘no-go’ zones where Muslims install their own courts, government, justice and punishment, much like the zones that already exist across the European Union.

That’s according to Martin Mawyer of the Christian Action Network.

His organization has been so strong in its opposition to radical Muslim expansion in the U.S., he’s been targeted in a \$30 million defamation lawsuit by a group called Muslims of the Americas, founded by Pakistan

Sheik Mubarak Ali Gilani...

Mawyer told *WND* he now has learned that the Muslim organization is attempting to model the previously secretive training camps after the European ‘no-go’ zones.

Across the E.U., there are enclaves where Muslims make up almost 100 percent of the population. They have been known to set up Sharia religious-law courts alongside secular court systems. They exert control over every facet of life, up to and including applying Islamic limits to what people do, say, wear and believe.

‘What they’re trying to do is step up from the training camp, the secretive, plotting location ... and become their

own state within a state,’ he told *WND*.

Law enforcement often even is afraid to enter such zones, he noted... **(Believers in Christ, take a stand “Fight the good fight of faith” – I Timothy 6:12. As Paul is about to enter his final hours upon earth he states: “For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing” – II Timothy 4:6-8.)**