

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

## NEWS FROM RUSSIA

### **NATO chief: Russia's nuclear threats 'deeply troubling'**

May 28, 2015 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: "Russia's provocative rhetoric and its dramatic expansion of flights by nuclear bombers are deeply troubling and dangerous, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said Wednesday.

Russia's plans to deploy nuclear-capable missiles in Kaliningrad -- near Poland's border -- and its threat to move nuclear forces in Crimea would 'fundamentally change the balance of security in Europe,' Stoltenberg warned, in a speech during a visit to Washington.

In blunt language, the NATO chief delivered a scathing critique of Russia's behavior over the past year -- including Moscow's armed intervention in Ukraine -- and vowed the transatlantic alliance would redouble its commitment to 'collective defense.'

'Russia's recent use of nuclear rhetoric, exercises and operations are deeply troubling,' he told an audience at the Center for Strategic and International Studies think tank.

Russian President Vladimir Putin's 'admission that he considered putting Russia's nuclear forces on alert while Russia was annexing Crimea is but one example,' the former Norwegian prime minister said... **(The Russian bear is again raising his Communist head and ignoring the non-proliferation treaty**

he signed with President Obama. **If our president knew and believed Ezekiel 38: 1, 2, 8, 16; and Joel 2:3, 20 and 30 he would never have signed such a devastating and destructive agreement. These texts predict the largest and deadliest world war with Russia. See the next report.)**

### **Russia claims right to place nuclear weapons in Crimea**

June 3, 2015 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Russian reports forced the American navy to release a video of Russian planes flying close to the USS Ross in the Black Sea in order to prove it was only a 'routine encounter.' Russia previously claimed America acts 'aggressively' in the Black Sea and told world officials they can plant nukes anywhere in their territory, including Crimea.

The Russian media declared the air force sent out 'a flight of six of its Su-24 'Fencer' strike fighters' because the U.S. missile destroyer USS Ross entered 'territorial waters.'

'The crew of the ship acted provocatively and aggressively, which concerned the operators of monitoring stations and ships of the Black Sea Fleet,' claimed an anonymous source. 'Su-24 attack aircraft demonstrated to the American crew readiness to harshly prevent a violation of the frontier and to defend the interests of the country.'

However, the video clearly shows the destroyer in international waters, 25 miles away from Crimea, when the planes flew next to the ship.

'The U.S. navy operates routinely in the Black Sea, in accordance with international law,' explained Eileen Lainez, a Pentagon spokeswoman...'

### **Iran to Russia: Restore military aid to Syria**

June 10, 2015 -- *WND.com* reports: "Amid reports of Russia scaling back military support for the Syrian regime, Moscow has responded to an Iranian request to re-establish assistance, with Russian experts traveling to Damascus to advise the embattled regime regarding strategy for counterattacks, informed Middle East defense officials told *WND*."

Last week, *Asharq al Aswat*, a popular Arabic language newspaper published in London, reported Russia was reducing its diplomatic staff in Damascus and removing advisers and strategic personnel.

According to the Arabic newspaper, Russian technicians also ceased upholding an agreement with Bashar al-Assad's regime to help maintain the country's fleet of Russian-made Sukhoi aircraft, which have been central to Syria's war against the rebels seeking to depose the regime.

The reported Russian about-face

comes as the rebels, including ISIS, have made dramatic gains, taking up to 50 percent of Syria's territory.

*Asharq al Aswat* reported the Russian withdrawals had prompted an unscheduled visit to Iran by Syrian Defense Minister Fahd Jassem al-Freij, who was said to have petitioned Tehran to urge Russia to rescind its move... **(Iran which changed its name from Persia to Iran in 1935 is backing Assad who is an Alawite denominationally which is similar to Iran's Shi'ite religious label. They both hate the Sunnis. Imagine Muslim brothers against brothers who differ denominationally. Since Iran who backs Assad aligns its united power behind Russia for World War III, she presently defends the nation who will stand with her during Armageddon.)**

### **In first, Russia and Egypt hold naval drill**

**June 7, 2015** -- *The Times of Israel* reports: "Russia and Egypt kicked off a joint eight-day naval exercise in the Mediterranean Sea on Saturday,

highlighting growing security ties between the two countries.

Named 'Friendship Bridge 2015', the drill is the first naval exercise the countries have held in the 40-plus years that the two have been official allies.

The exercises are taking place off the coast of Alexandria and are aimed at practicing protection of coastal areas, the Russian Defense Ministry told local media.

The drill comes on the heels of a deal for Moscow to supply Egypt with the advanced S-300 air defense system and other arms, as Cairo increasingly looks north for allies after the U.S. temporarily cut off aid following a military coup two years ago.

'Friendship Bridge 2015 is one of the strongest and biggest joint exercises between Egypt and Russia,' Egyptian military spokesman Brigadier-General Mohamed Samir, told the Chinese *Xinhua* news agency, adding that the training 'comes in light of the high-level bilateral talks pertaining to military and security cooperation and exchange of expertise

between the armed forces of the two countries.'

He added that the joint naval exercise asserts 'the strategic and military cooperation' between Egypt and Russia... **(I, in 1951 began warning America and Canada that Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 predicted in verses 1 and 2 of both chapters that Armageddon would occur in the future under the cities named as Gog of Magog [Russia], as the Greeks called the Scythians who populated Russia.**

**I also named the Islamic cities that would join Russia and China for the greatest war ever as predicted in Revelation 9:14 – 18 and fought in the 'latter years and latter days' – Ezekiel 38:8, 16.**

**One of the main Muslim nations was Egypt, the leader and King of the South – Daniel 11:40 and another nation was Persia which changed its name to Iran in 1935. It's about to happen. Jesus is about to return for as He comes He stops those who are destroying the earth as well as one another – Revelation 11:18.)**

# JIHAD IN AMERICA

### **Dabiq: ISIS could transport nuke from Nigeria into U.S. through Mexico**

**June 4, 2015** -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "The Islamic State (ISIS/ISIL), in the latest edition of its propaganda magazine, indicated that it could purchase a nuclear weapon in Pakistan, take it to Nigeria, and then smuggle it into the U.S. through Mexico by using existing trafficking networks in Latin America.

In an op-ed article published in the ninth edition of ISIS' *Dabiq* magazine released in late May, the jihadist group claims it could transport a nuclear device in the same way illicit drugs are smuggled into Europe through West Africa, adding that Boko Haram's presence in Nigeria could facilitate the transaction.

The Nigeria-based Islamic terrorist group, Boko Haram, pledged allegiance to ISIS in March.

In March, Gen. John Kelly, commander of U.S. Southern Command (Southcom),

warned that Islamic terrorist groups such as ISIS could exploit the capabilities and knowledge of Latin American smuggling networks to infiltrate the U.S. through Mexico and possibly bring in weapons of mass destruction.

The general, in October 2014, acknowledged that illegal drugs from South America move 'through West Africa, up the Maghreb and into Western Europe,' adding that ISIS enemy al Qaeda and its affiliates take 'a lot of money to allow it to flow.'

According to the alleged author of the *Dabiq* op-ed article, kidnapped British photojournalist John Cantlie, ISIS could smuggle a nuke into the U.S. by using the same route and reversing the flow—moving the nuke from West Africa into South America, from where it could be transported into the United States through Mexico... **(Imam Khamenei has**

**warned that if atomic warfare occurs, it matters not if millions of Muslims die**

as a result. He states it will be worth the sacrifice if Islam sets up its flag in America and the world. It won't work Khamenei – "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..." [Psalm 33:12] and that is our God. Amen! Psalm 9:17 says: "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God..."

### **Boston shooting: Suspect plotted to behead Pamela Geller**

**June 4, 2015** -- *CNN* reports: "Usaamah Rahim, who was fatally shot after waving a military knife at law enforcement officers in Boston, was originally plotting to behead Pamela Geller, an activist and conservative blogger, law enforcement sources told *CNN* on Wednesday.

But Rahim, a 26-year-old security guard who officials believe was radicalized by ISIS and other extremists, decided instead to target the 'boys in blue,' a reference to police, according to court documents.

'I can't wait that long,' he said of the original beheading plan, according to an FBI affidavit filed in federal court in Boston.

Geller drew national attention last month after an off-duty police officer working security thwarted an attack at her organization's contest for Prophet Mohammed drawings in Garland, Texas. She's president of the American Freedom Defense Initiative, which includes subsidiary programs Stop Islamization of America and Stop Islamization of Nations.

'They targeted me for violating Sharia blasphemy laws. They mean to kill everyone who doesn't do their bidding and abide by their law voluntarily,' Geller told *CNN's* Erin Burnett after learning of the alleged plot... (This is Islam's method of elimination of its enemies – Surah 47:4, and predicted to become the bloody rage during the battle of Armageddon – "...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" – Revelation 20:4.)*

### **Minnesota Muslims brutally honest: 'We want Shariah'**

May 30, 2015 -- *WND.com* reports: "The Cedar Riverside section of Minneapolis is home to the University of Minnesota, some tasty ethnic foods and brutally cold winters. It's also a known hotbed of Islamic terror recruitment.

Al-Shabab, the Islamist group based in Somalia, has had a field day there over the past six or seven years.

Dozens of young Muslims have left the streets of Cedar Riverside, referred to by some Minnesotans as 'Little Mogadishu' for its high concentration of Somali refugees, to travel abroad and fight for terrorist groups. Some have joined Somalia's notorious al-Shabab, which slaughtered 147 Christians at a university in Kenya last month, while others have opted for ISIS in Syria. Their goal is the

same – to join their brothers in the fight to establish a Shariah-compliant utopia known as a caliphate...

One young man with dark sunglasses and a big smile, followed by another in a plaid dress shirt, and another with long hair stuffed under a Brooklyn Nets baseball cap, all said they would prefer to live under Islamic law rather than American law.

'I'm a Muslim. I prefer Shariah law,' the man in the dress shirt said.

'Shariah law, yes,' said another.

'Of course, yeah,' said the one in the Nets baseball cap.

Asked if most of his friends felt the same way, he responded, 'Of course if you're a Muslim, yeah...' (Shariah Law is the most ungodly and undemocratic piece of legislation any country could ever employ or survive under. Honor killing alone becomes horrendous for Muslim daughters if the law is passed. If a girl has sex and is discovered, her father, brother, or another family member must put her to death. This is murder – Exodus 20:12; Revelation 21:8; 22:15.)

# ISIS REIGN OF TERROR

## **ISIS chief: 'Islam is the religion of war'**

May 16, 2015 -- *WND.com* reports: "ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi sent out a chilling message to fellow Muslims in an online post, calling on followers of the faith to get in the religious war and that Islam has never been about peace.

His message, titled 'March Forth Whether Heavy or Light,' was posted at the online site Downrange and points to a single verse in the Quran calling on believers to 'strive with your wealth and your lives in the cause of Allah,' *Jihad Watch* reported.

Baghdadi's post: 'O Muslims, Islam was never for a day the religion of peace. Islam is the religion of war.'

He then appealed directly to fellow believers to get in the fight.

'Where are you in relation to your prophet (peace be upon him) whom you claim to emulate, and who spent his whole

life ... as a mujahid for the cause of Allah, fighting for his enemies? His lateral incisor tooth was broken in battle, his forehead was wounded, two rings from his chainmail cut his cheeks, his helmet was broken on his head and blood ran down his face.'

Baghdadi also said Muslims ought to realize 'the Jews, the Christians and the rest of the disbelievers' will not 'abandon waging war against you until you follow their religion and apostatize from yours,' and as such, should join ISIS... (II Timothy 3:1 – 5 describes the personalities of the demonic controlled hate filled ISIS inhuman monsters: "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.")

## **ISIS holds mass executions in captured Roman amphitheater**

May 30, 2015 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "A Roman-built amphitheater has been used for the public execution of captured prisoners of war before an audience for the first time in perhaps 1,500 years, after ISIS forces captured the classical ruins at Palmyra last week.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reports twenty prisoners, thought to be captured Syrian soldiers who had attempted to defend the ancient city from the Islamic State, were put to death before an audience of militants and locals. The

observatory reports the amphitheater dead were just a few of the near-70 executed in the area so far, on suspicion of being enemy forces, or giving them shelter, reports *The Independent*.

The 2,000 year-old amphitheater is just one building in a captured city of ancient ruins, which are considered some of the best preserved in the world...

The execution of captive soldiers and criminals became widespread in amphitheaters across the Roman world after the establishment of the Pax Romana during the reign of Emperor Augustus (31 BC – AD 14). Criminals were sometimes required to act in plays where characters were required to actually die on stage, while others were executed in groups en masse by soldiers – just as the Islamic

State did this week...” (The following verses describe these jihadists: “*Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known:*” – Romans 3:13 – 17.)

# THE KINGS OF THE EAST

## **Chinese military expansion sparks fears of war with U.S.**

May 27, 2015 -- *The National Post* reports: “China’s armed forces are to extend their operations and the air force will become an offensive as well as defensive force for the first time, in a major shift in policy that will strengthen fears of accidental conflict.

The People’s Liberation Army, including its navy and air force, will be allowed to ‘project power’ further beyond its borders at sea and more assertively in the air in order to safeguard its maritime possessions, according to a new policy document.

The navy will add ‘open seas protection’ to a traditional remit of ‘offshore waters defence,’ the white paper said.

The document issued by the state council, or cabinet, justified the change by claiming China faces a ‘grave and complex array of security threats.’

The posture risks escalating the tension over disputed islands in the South China Sea and elsewhere in the Pacific, where the United States is determined to protect

the interests of allies such as Taiwan and the Philippines.

Only last week, a U.S. aircraft ignored repeated warnings from the Chinese military to fly a reconnaissance mission over the islands.

*The Global Times*, a tabloid newspaper run by the Communist Party, said China might have to ‘accept’ there would be conflict with the United States.

‘If the United States’ bottom line is that China has to halt its activities, then a U.S.-China war is inevitable in the South China Sea,’ said the newspaper, which is often seen as a mouth-piece of hardline nationalists in the government...” (China unites with Russia for World War III – Ezekiel 38:1, 2, 8, 16; and Daniel 11:44; Revelation 16:12 and Revelation 9:14.)

## **U.S. vulnerable to North Korean nuke attack**

June 8, 2015 -- *WND.com* reports: “The U.S. anti-missile nuclear defense system established to defend against a North Korean missile attack is plagued with technical flaws that make it inadequate, a new U.S. government report concludes.

However, even if the technical problems were resolved, former Strategic Defense Initiative director Ambassador Henry Cooper warns in a report from *Joseph Farah’s G2 Bulletin* that a North Korean satellite could come over the undefended South Pole and detonate a high-altitude nuclear weapon, causing an electromagnetic pulse event for which the U.S. is virtually defenseless.

The U.S. Government Accountability Office report said there are serious technical flaws in the anti-missile interceptors in the U.S. defense system, which focuses on an attack from the north, raising U.S. vulnerability to a North Korean nuclear attack...” (Nuclear war is part of the battle of the ages – see Revelation 9:18. Other prophesied texts are predicted in Psalm 97:3; Isaiah 66:15; Ezekiel 20:47: “...Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched...” Study also Zephaniah 1:8; Malachi 4:1; and Revelation 8:7.)

# NEWS FROM ISRAEL

## **IDF rehearsing for nightmare scenario: 4,000 killed in days**

June 7, 2015 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Security forces are currently rehearsing and preparing for a scenario in which Israel’s enemies launch a

‘carpet’ missile attack that Iron Dome will be unable to counter, due to the sheer number of missiles involved, Arutz Sheva has learned from knowledgeable sources that wish to remain anonymous.

In this scenario, up to 4,000 Israelis will be killed in the first days of the

attack, which could happen as early as this summer.

‘Iran is seeking to cover Israel with intense fire,’ Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu warned in a special briefing for journalists at the week’s end.

‘In Lebanon, the Iranians are inserting the most advanced weapons in the world, and strengthening Hezbollah, so that it can hit any spot in Israel,’ Netanyahu was quoted as saying in the daily *Makor Rishon*. ‘They are trying to build a second front in the Golan, and of course, in Gaza.’

Former prime minister and defense minister Ehud Barak also sounded dire warnings last week, regarding Hezbollah’s ability to deal a heavy blow to Israel, and Israel’s unpreparedness for this.

‘Our rival is serious, and we have no room for smugness on any front,’ he said. ‘We must not be smug and take our superiority as something that is self-evident and supposedly God-given. Superiority is the result of serious work. We have not really dealt with 100,000 rockets, and we have not started to deal with the matter of their accuracy. When the rockets are accurate, it is not more of the same thing. It is something completely different.’...’ (*“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah. There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early” – Psalm 46:1 – 5. See the next report.*)

### **Senior IDF officer warns of ‘approaching storm’**

**June 9, 2015 -- Israel National News** reports: “The Head of the IDF Planning Division, Gen. Nimrod Sheffer, admitted Monday that the IDF was unprepared to deal with terror tunnels Hamas and other groups utilized during Operation Protective Edge last summer.

‘We are looking back at the summer as a lesson we received,’ said Schaffer, speaking at the 15th Herzliya Conference on Monday.

He promised, however, that the IDF’s ‘underground challenge will be cracked.’

‘We have put unusual effort into solving technological and operational challenges,’ Sheffer emphasized. ‘We need the IDF to be flexible enough to change as rapidly as our challenges change and move ahead of them.’

He added that the IDF did not always have that outlook, and ‘we learned unpleasant lessons from it.’

The head of the political-security department at the Defense Ministry, Major General (res.) Amos Gilad, reviewed the threats to the State of Israel - and said Iran was the foremost.

‘Our security situation long ago was not so good, and we have a lot of challenges,’ said Gilad at the conference.

‘When you look into the future, there is a storm approaching,’ Gilad warned. ‘You will not believe it until the storm comes.’

‘It is not deterministic, there is much to do, but the challenges here are unprecedented.’...’

### **Belgian cop writes on Facebook: I would kill each and every Jew**

**June 2, 2015 -- Israel National News** reports: “A Belgian police officer has come under criticism after expressing his desire to ‘kill each and every Jew.’

The officer, identified only as Mohamed N., works in the city of Molenbeek, near the capital city Brussels. Molenbeek Mayor Françoise Schepmans has already told the *Le Soir* newspaper that he will be dismissed from the police.

The comment came during a discussion about a Brussels MP of Turkish origin who was excluded from the Human Rights Council for not acknowledging the Armenian genocide. Mohamed attempted to divert the conversation over to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict but was reprimanded by the thread’s initiator.

Rather than return to the original topic Mohamed wrote, ‘Nothing like the word Jew is so dirty... If I was over there in Israel, frankly, I would do the same thing to the Jews - cut them down one by one - like they do to the Palestinians.’...’ (**Horrendous days are ahead for Israel. Why? Because Satan has always stood**

**against the Jews – I Chronicles 21:1. Great persecution for God’s chosen people and Christians is already in full swing in much of the globe. Jesus predicted the future for His elect people, the Jews and Christians: “Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name’s sake” – Matthew 24:9; “For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened” – Matthew 24:21, 22.**)

### **Palestinian TV calls Jews and Israelis ‘evil, filth’**

**June 2, 2015 -- The Times of Israel** reports: “A children’s program broadcast on official Palestinian television has aired statements calling Jews and Israelis ‘monkeys’ as well as ‘the most evil of creations’ and promised a return to the ‘occupied’ cities of Jaffa, Haifa, Nazareth and Acre.

In an episode that aired May 29, a girl recites a poem in which she calls the ‘sons of Zion’ who ‘murdered Allah’s pious prophets’ (the Jews according to Islamic tradition) the ‘most evil among creations’ as well as ‘barbaric monkeys.’

She recites to the camera: ‘Jerusalem opposes your throngs. Jerusalem vomits from within it your impurity. Because Jerusalem, you impure ones, is pious, immaculate. And Jerusalem, you who are filth, is clean and pure.’

The hostess then applauds her. ‘Bravo!’ she said. ‘Jerusalem is the eternal capital of Palestine, we will never forget it’...’ (**The Koran calls Jews “apes” and “pigs” I quote: “...those who incurred the curse of Allah and his wrath...those of whom some he transformed into apes and swines...those who worshipped evil...these are many times worse in rank, and far more astray than the even path” Surah 5:60. See also Surah 7:166. True Christians obey Psalms 122:6 “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.”**)

# JERUSALEM: A CUP OF TREMBLING

## **Leading Islamic voice calls for reconquering Jerusalem**

May 25, 2015 -- *WND.com* reports: “Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has called on his countrymen to refocus on the Ottoman goal of re-conquering Jerusalem for Islam and uniting Shia and Sunni tribes for that same mission.

In a speech that got almost no coverage in the Western media, Erdogan talked about invading and reconquering Jerusalem, according to an article in the *Anadolu Agency of Turkey*.

‘We Muslims lost our way toward Jerusalem,’ he told throngs of adoring Turks while in the state of Erzincan in central Turkey. ‘The water of our eyes froze making us blind, and our hearts that was destined to beat for Jerusalem is now instead conditioned for rivalry being in a state of war with each other.’

Erdogan was in the city to promote numerous service projects, but the speech focused on Jerusalem.

‘When you mention the worse ascension, the first thing that comes to mind is Jerusalem and al-Aqsa Mosque,’ he said, referring to the mosque that sits on the Temple Mount.

The Mount is controlled by Arab Muslim Waqf officials, who do not allow Jews to pray except at the Western

Wall. But apparently Erdogan is not satisfied with this arrangement. He told his countrymen to ‘ask Allah to restore the Al-Aqsa Mosque to the infallibility of the Muslims.’...” **(This utterance against Jerusalem is the prophecy that leads the world into the greatest war ever, Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Jerusalem becomes a cup of trembling and a burdensome stone globally – Zechariah 12:2, 3. This troublesome Jewish capital witnesses all nations coming against the Holy City- Zechariah 14:2. At this point, verse 4 Christ returns, puts down the world’s enemies – Zechariah 14:4-9 and then rules the world from Jerusalem as He sits on David’s [Israel’s] throne forever.)**

## **Netanyahu: Jerusalem is the capital of the Jewish people alone**

May 17, 2015 -- *Haaretz* reports: “Jerusalem was always the capital of the Jewish people alone – and not of any other nation, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday night during a Jerusalem Day address at Ammunition Hill.

‘This is our home and here we will stay,’ the prime minister added.

That said, Netanyahu stressed that Israel ensures that Jerusalem will be an open and tolerant city.

‘Only under Israeli rule is the freedom of worship in Jerusalem guaranteed for all religions,’ he said. ‘Believers pray at their holy sites, not despite our control over the city but because of it.’

The prime minister described Jerusalem as a ‘touchstone that puts us to the test: To what extent are we willing to hold onto it and defend it?’

Netanyahu vowed that Israel will never come to terms with terror and will hunt down its proponents. ‘We will fight incitement, which stems from denial of our attachment to Jerusalem and our heritage.’

‘Who opposes our presence in Jerusalem?’ the prime minister asked. ‘Those who refuse to accept our right to live as a sovereign nation in our country. They regard us as a foreign weed that needs to be pulled out of this ground.’...” **(God’s Holy Word dogmatically states 930 times that Jerusalem was given to God’s chosen people, the Jews, and the place where our Christ, the second member of the Holy Trinity will reign forever upon His return – Matthew 6:10; Psalm 2:6; Isaiah 59:20; Zechariah 2:10, 4:14; Luke 1:32, 33.)**

# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

## **Marco Rubio: USA at ‘water’s edge’ of declaring Christianity ‘hate speech’**

May 27, 2015 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Florida Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) is worried that freedom of speech and freedom of religion both are endangered by a growing leftist bigotry that is rising in the country. Religion in particular is facing a ‘real and present danger’ of being

labeled ‘hate speech,’ he said.

In an interview with *CBN News*, Rubio discussed his strong Catholic faith, saying that it might not be long before that faith is turned into a crime.

‘If you think about it,’ Rubio said, ‘we are at the water’s edge of the argument that mainstream Christian teaching is hate speech. Because today we’ve reached the point in our society where if you do

not support same-sex marriage, you are labeled a homophobe and a hater.’

Rubio pointed out that the logical end game for liberals who have already begun to persecute and prosecute individual Christians is ultimately to outlaw the faith itself.

‘After they are done going after individuals, the next step is to argue that the teachings of mainstream Christianity,

the catechism of the Catholic Church is hate speech, and there's a real and present danger,' he said..." (Jesus said in John 15: 18 – 20: *"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."*)

### **Marine court-martialed for refusing to remove Bible verse**

May 27, 2015 -- Fox News reports: "A United States Marine was convicted at a court-martial for refusing to remove a Bible verse on her computer – a verse of Scripture the military determined 'could easily be seen as contrary to good order and discipline.'

The plight of Lance Corporal Monifa Sterling seems unbelievable – a member of the Armed Forces criminally prosecuted for displaying a slightly altered passage of Scripture from the Old Testament: 'No weapon formed against me shall prosper.'

Sterling, who represented herself at trial, was convicted February 1, 2014 in a court-martial at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina after she refused to obey orders from a staff sergeant to remove the Bible verses from her desk.

She was found guilty of failing to go to her appointed place of duty, disrespect toward a superior commissioned officer, and four specifications of disobeying the lawful order of a noncommissioned officer.

The Christian Marine was given a bad conduct discharge and a reduction in rank from lance corporal to private.

Both lower court and the appellate court ruled that the Religious Freedom Restoration Act did not apply to her case because displaying a Bible verse does not constitute religious exercise.

However, a religious liberty law firm and a high-powered, former U.S. solicitor general have taken up her case and have filed an appeal to the U.S. Court of

Appeals for the Armed Forces.

'If the government can order a Marine not to display a Bible verse, they could try and order her not to get a religious tattoo, or go to church on Sunday,' said Liberty Institute attorney Michael Berry. 'Restricting a Marine's free exercise of religion is blatantly unconstitutional...' (Beloved in Christ Jesus: *"Fight the good fight of faith"* Why? The persecutors are all demonic controlled blasphemers and apostates: *"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils"* – I Timothy 4:1. Because of this situation, we as believers must stand against Satan's malicious malignant spirits. See Ephesians 6:12 – 16.)

### **ISIS burns 80-year-old Christian woman to death for alleged Sharia violation**

May 28, 2015 -- Breitbart.com reports: "Reports from Iraq indicate the Islamic State (ISIS/ISIL) burned an 80-year-old woman to death after she failed to obey Sharia law.

The vicious act occurred in a town just 12 miles south of Mosul. Sa'ed Mamuzini with the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) told the media the Christian woman hailed 'from Kremlis in the Nimrud area of the Hamdaneya sub district, east of Mosul.'

The news comes only a day after ISIS allegedly burned a 20-year-old woman alive 'because she refused to perform an extreme sex act.' Zainab Bangura, the United Nation's representative for sexual crimes in war, interviewed people displaced by ISIS.

'They commit rape, sexual slavery, forced prostitution and other acts of extreme brutality,' Bangura asserted. 'We heard one case of a 20-year-old girl who was burned alive because she refused to perform an extreme sex act. We learned of many other sadistic sexual acts. We struggled to understand the mentality of people who commit such crimes.'

ISIS stormed into Iraq and Syria in 2014, leveling historical monuments and kidnapping females as it establishes its caliphate. Yazidi populations have

suffered the most under the hands of ISIS terrorists, who interpret the Yazidi worship of the Peacock Angel as 'devil worship...' (*"Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied. Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him"* – Jude 1:2, 3, 4, 10, 14, and 15. See the next two reports.)

### **ISIS captures 88 Eritrean Christians in Libya**

June 9, 2015 -- Fox News reports: "The ISIS terror group kidnapped 88 Eritrean Christians from a people-smugglers' caravan in Libya last week, a U.S. defense official confirmed Monday.

The defense official confirmed initial reports of the mass kidnapping to Fox News after seeing a recent intelligence report. The independent *Libya Herald* newspaper reported that the convoy was ambushed by militants south of Tripoli before dawn this past Wednesday morning.

Meron Estafanos, the co-founder of the Stockholm-based International Commission on Eritrean Refugees, told the paper that the group of migrants included 'about 12 Eritrean Muslims and some Egyptians. They put them in another truck and they put 12 Eritrean women Christians in a smaller pick-up'.

Estafanos said that the militants

had initially stopped the truck and demanded that the Muslims on board make themselves known. Everyone who responded was asked about the Koran and their religious observance in an attempt to catch Christians pretending to be Muslims...”

### **‘Eleven Christians killed every hour,’ says Irish bishop**

May 17, 2015 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “According to Bishop John McAreevey, the Chair of the Council for Justice & Peace of the Irish Catholic Bishops’

Conference, statistics show that the situation of Christian persecution in the world is far more dire than most people understand.

The bishop called the breadth and scale of the suffering of Christians ‘unprecedented.’

At least 100,000 Christians are killed every year because of their faith, which amounts to 273 per day, or eleven every hour, McAreevey said, without mentioning those who are ‘being tortured, imprisoned, exiled, threatened, excluded, attacked and discriminated against on a

widespread scale.’

In a sobering presentation before the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade this past week, McAreevey said that Christianity is the most oppressed religion in the world, and the followers of Jesus are actively persecuted in some 110 countries.

More striking still, he contended, according to the International Society for Human Rights, a non-religious organization, “80 percent of all acts of religious discrimination in the world today are directed against Christians.”

## **POST TENEBRAS SPERO LUCEM**

The above heading is taken from the Latin Vulgate translation of Job 17:12 “After darkness, I hope for light.” It was adopted as the motto for the Protestant Reformation as *Post tenebras lux* or Light after Darkness. For years the Light of the Gospel had been eclipsed and buried by the traditions of man, but with the Reformation, it was now shining through. Revelation 7:9-17 tells us that in the darkest hour of human history, the Great Tribulation, the greatest revival in human history will take place in which “...a great multitude which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes... these are they which came out of the great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb” [Revelation 7: 9 & 14]. See these last two reports.)

### **Christian witness to Muslims surges after ISIS executions**

May 25, 2015 -- *WND.com* reports: “A worldwide Christian organization says that the horrific executions of Christians by members of ISIS in Libya in February have sparked a surge in conversations between Christians and Muslims about faith.

Tami Yeager, a volunteer coordinator with the *Voice of the Martyrs*, reports the ‘vivid video footage’ ‘did not spark

division amongst Egypt’s 10 million Christians and 73 million Muslims.’

Quite the contrary, she said, ‘the declarations of faith uttered by the men only moments before their death have created fertile soil for conversation between Muslims and Christians.’

Her report appeared on the *VOM* blog site this week as a follow up to a trip to the Middle East. The Christians killed by ISIS in February were mostly Egyptians who had gone to Libya for various jobs.

The ISIS video shows black-clad executioners leading a line of Christians down onto a beach then executing them.

Yeager reported: ‘Militants released video footage of the martyrdom of Coptic Christian men in Libya. The footage of their martyrdom included a caption that read – ‘The people of the cross, followers of the hostile Egyptian church.’ The 21 men who knelt before their persecutors were identified as ‘people of the cross,’ and asked to deny their faith or die. Many of the men are seen uttering their final words on this earth – ‘Lord Jesus Christ.’

She said the statement of faith exhibited by the men ‘sparked the Bible Society of Egypt’s biggest campaign ever.’...

### **ISIS fighter ‘follows Jesus after encounter in dream’**

June 10, 2015 -- *WND.com* reports: “An ISIS fighter who reveled in killing

Christians now follows Jesus Christ after a ‘man in white’ repeatedly appeared to him in dreams and said, ‘You are killing my people,’ according to a missionary leader.

A worker with the international evangelical group Youth With a Mission, or YWAM, came in contact earlier this year with the ISIS fighter, who, though understandably guarded, confided that he had become a Christian.

He confessed he once had ‘actually enjoyed’ killing Christians, according to Gina Fadely, international director of frontier missions for YWAM.

Fadely revealed the story in an interview May 29 on *The Voice of the Martyrs Radio Network*, the *Christian Post* reported.

The ISIS fighter, she said, ‘told this YWAM leader that he had begun having dreams of this man in white who came to him and said, ‘You are killing my people.’

‘And he started to feel really sick and uneasy about what he was doing,’ Fadely said.

‘The fighter said that just before he killed one Christian, the man said, ‘I know you will kill me, but I give to you my Bible.’” Fadely recounted. ‘The Christian was killed and this ISIS fighter actually took the Bible and began to read it.’...