

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

# HOMELAND INSECURITY

## **Police search for terrorism link in New York blast that injured 29**

**September 18, 2016 -- Reuters** reports: “Investigators on Sunday sifted through blast remnants, examined video and scoured the scene of an explosion that wounded 29 people in Manhattan, attempting to establish if there were any links to international terrorism.

The explosion on a commercial and residential street in New York City’s Chelsea district on Saturday night sent a deafening roar and a powerful shock wave through several blocks, wounding people with shrapnel and flying glass. All 29 victims were released from the hospital, officials said on Sunday.

Mayor Bill de Blasio pleaded for any witnesses to provide tips and promised a security presence that would be ‘bigger than ever’ for the United Nations General Assembly bringing together world leaders in Manhattan for six days starting on Tuesday.

FBI investigators will examine remnants of the bomb, plus an unexploded device found four blocks away, as well as a pipe bomb that exploded about 80 miles away in New Jersey on Saturday to see if they were

connected, officials said.

Police recovered video from both scenes in Manhattan including images of the explosion itself, New York Police Commissioner James O’Neill said.

New York police, the FBI and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives converged on the site for their first daylight view of the site of the explosion, cordoning it off and placing dozens of evidence markers on the ground. Police closed several surrounding blocks to traffic...”

**(According to the Answering Islam web page, there are 164 verses in the Koran that call for Muslims to carry out Jihad, or holy war against the infidels. They believe they will be rewarded if they die carrying out jihad.**

**One of the hadith’s of Mohammad states: “Truly the martyr is given by Allah Almighty six things:**

- 1. Forgiveness of sins from the first drop of his blood to be shed;**
- 2. Protection from the torment of the grave;**
- 3. Safety from the Greatest Fear [i.e. the Day of Judgment];**
- 4. Receiving the crown of veneration, a single sapphire of which is worth**

**more than the whole world and its contents;**

- 5. Marriage to seventy-two of the wide-eyed virgins;**
- 6. Intercession on behalf of seventy of his relatives.”**

**See the next report.)**

## **Three bombs found in New Jersey after explosion sparks terrorism fears**

**September 18, 2016 -- Breitbart.com** reports: “Federal investigators found three bombs with shrapnel after investigating a Saturday morning bombing in a New Jersey beach town that they are treating as suspected terrorism.

The bomb went off in a trash can timed to go off at the same time the Seaside Semper Five Marine Corps Charity 5K was set to occur.

No one was injured in the explosion, but the race has been canceled out of an abundance of caution, and a four-block radius around the area was closed off, according to the *Asbury Park Press*.

Authorities found two undetonated shrapnel devices connected to the exploded bomb, but it appears it ‘didn’t

do the damage it was supposed to,' Al Della Fave, a spokesman for the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office said.

The explosion occurred around 9:30 a.m. as spectators and runners were about to line up for the start of the race, according to *New Jersey 101.5*..."

**New Jersey bomber's notebook: 'Attack the kuffar in their backyard'**

**September 21, 2016 -- Breitbart.com** reports: "Ahmad Khan Rahami, the man believed responsible for a series of bombings in New York and New Jersey, was carrying on his person a notebook filled with radical Islamic invective referencing multiple jihadi attacks and terrorism-linked clerics.

In the notebook, Rahami accuses the American government of triggering a war on U.S. soil and favorably references Al Qaeda preacher Anwar al-Awlaki, chief terrorist Osama bin Laden, and terrorists who have acted in the United States, such as Fort Hood jihadi Nidal Hassan.

'You (U.S.A. government) continue your ... slaughter against ... mujahideen be it Afghanistan, Iraq, Sham, Palestine... etc.,' Rahami writes, using the preferred term of Syria among Sunni jihadis. 'Brother Osama bin Laden offered you a truce,' he writes. 'You should have let us meet death overseas. You wanted it this way so you will have it this way.'..." **(Another portion of his notebook stated: "Inshallah [God willing], the sounds of bombs will be heard in the streets. Gun shots to you police. Death to Your OPPRESSION.")**

**FBI investigating stabbing attack in Minnesota mall as 'potential act of terrorism'**

**September 18, 2016 -- ABC News** reports: "The FBI is looking at the stabbing attack in a St. Cloud, Minnesota, mall as possible terrorism, authorities said Saturday, as ISIS claims responsibility for the attack that left nine people injured

'We are currently investigating this

as a potential act of terrorism, and I do say 'potential,'" said FBI agent Richard Thornton of the bureau's Minneapolis office at a Saturday press conference.

Thompson said investigators are looking at all aspects of the life of the suspect, who has yet to be identified and who was shot and killed at the scene by an off-duty police officer...

ISIS claimed responsibility for the attack by a man wearing a security guard's uniform.

The attacker was 'a soldier of the Islamic State' who carried out the attack in response to ISIS calls for violence against civilians, according to a news agency, *Rasd*, operated by the Islamic State group..." **(The second edition of the magazine "Rumiyah" by the Islamic State encourages knife attacks. It states: "...one need not to be a military expert, or a martial arts master, or even own a gun or rifle in order to carry out a massacre or to kill and injure several disbelievers and terrorize an entire nation... One might ask why knives are a good option for an attack. Knives, though certainly not the only weapon for inflicting harm upon the kuffar, are widely available in every land and thus readily accessible. They are extremely easy to conceal and highly lethal..." In this magazine they call for random knife attacks in alleys, forests, beaches and quiet neighborhoods. These are all signs that the return of our Lord is near: "...as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" – Matthew 24:37. How was it in Noah's day? "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence" Genesis 6:11. See the next report)**

**Homeland Security Chair: 'Good chance' mall shooting is Islamic terror**

**September 25, 2016 -- Breitbart.com** reports: "Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX), chair of the House Committee on Homeland Security, told *Fox News'* Mario Bartiromo on Sunday morning

that 'there's a good chance' Friday's mass shooting at a mall in Washington 'could be' Islamic terrorism.

McCaul appeared on *Sunday Morning Futures* to discuss the latest developments in a week of violence, from last weekend's bombings in New York and New Jersey, which were allegedly carried out by Muslim immigrant Ahmad Khan Rahami, to the shooting at the Cascade Mall in Burlington, Washington.

On Saturday evening, police arrested Arcan Cetin, 20, a Muslim immigrant and permanent resident from Turkey, for the shootings, in which four women and one man were killed. Cetin was unarmed at his arrest, though he allegedly used three guns stolen from his father in the shooting..."

**Leaked FBI data reveal 7,700 terrorist encounters in U.S.A. in one year; border states most targeted**

**September 26, 2016 -- Breitbart.com** reports: "Leaked documents with sensitive FBI data exclusively obtained by *Breitbart Texas* reveal that 7,712 terrorist encounters occurred within the United States in one year and that many of those encounters occurred near the U.S.-Mexico border. The incidents are characterized as 'Known or Suspected Terrorist Encounters.' Some of the encounters occurred near the U.S.-Mexico border at ports-of-entry and some occurred in between, indicating that persons known or reasonably suspected of being terrorists attempted to sneak into the U.S. across the border. In all, the encounters occurred in higher numbers in border states.

Some of the documents pertain to the entire U.S., while others focus specifically on the state of Arizona. The documents are labeled, 'UNCLASSIFIED/LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE' and contain data from the FBI-administered Terrorist Screening Center, the organization maintaining the Terrorist Screening Database, also known as the 'Terror Watch List...' **(I have been reporting since September 2013**

about the locations of thirty major militant Islamic groups in the U.S., and after the terrorist attacks in France in January 2015, it was reported by *WND.com* that the FBI

is aware of at least 22 paramilitary Islamic communes in the U.S. Jesus predicted this tragic time in Matthew 24:21 & 22: “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.”*)

# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

## **Christians ‘hung on a cross over fire’, steamrollered and crushed to death in North Korea**

**September 23, 2016 --** *ChristianToday.com* reports: “Christians in North Korea face rape, torture, enslavement, and being killed for their faith, a damning new report from Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) has warned.

CSW, a UK-based religious freedom charity, said in the report, Total Denial: Violations of Freedom of Religion or Belief in North Korea, that freedom of religion or belief ‘is largely non-existent’ under dictator Kim Jong-Un’s leadership.

‘Religious beliefs are seen as a threat to the loyalty demanded by the Supreme Leader, so anyone holding these beliefs is severely persecuted,’ the report says.

‘Christians suffer significantly because of the anti-revolutionary and imperialist labels attached to them by the country’s leadership.’

Among the documented incidents against Christians are ‘being hung on a cross over a fire, crushed under a steamroller, herded off bridges and trampled underfoot’...” **(What vicious monsters these inhuman barbarians are. Why? Jesus stated in Matthew 24:9: “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.” The latest reports confirm that Christians are hated and persecuted in 130 nations. See the next five reports.)**

## **Churches burned and members threatened with violence: The reality of being a Christian in Cuba**

**September 19, 2016 --** *ChristianToday.com* reports: “Amid an escalating crackdown on churches in Cuba, a prominent pastor and religious freedom activist has warned that ‘the threat of physical violence... comes with the territory of being a Christian’ in the Caribbean island.

Rev. Mario Felix Leonart Barroso, who has left Cuba after being targeted by authorities, told International Christian Concern (ICC) that the Cuban government closely monitors religious groups.

The Office of Religious Affairs (ORA) is ‘supposed to mediate and act as a bridge between churches, people, and the government,’ he said.

‘But if you’ve lived in Cuba or know anything about the way things are from the inside, you know the ORA is nothing more than an arm of the state established to suppress the religious liberties and rights of Cuban citizens. It’s just another one of the government’s ways to have eyes and ears everywhere.’

The constitution guarantees religious freedom in Cuba, but UK-based Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) has warned that the government’s treatment of religious groups has significantly deteriorated in the last year. The organization has accused authorities of targeting church properties ‘to tighten its control over the activities and membership of religious groups and thus eliminate the potential for any social unrest?...’

## **More Christians killed in Nigeria by Islamist terrorists of Boko Haram**

**September 29, 2016 --** *ChristianToday.com* reports: “More Christians have been brutally murdered in Nigeria in the latest attack on Christian villages by the Islamist terror group Boko Haram.

At least two Christians died in the attacks on Kuburumbula and Boftari on Monday, according to International Christian Concern (ICC). One man was tied up with rope and ‘slaughtered’ in front of his wife and children, witnesses said.

Kiburumbula lost the largest number, 47, of the 276 girls kidnaped by Boko Haram from their school in Chibok in April 2014.

The killings are just the latest in a recent series of attacks on Christians by Boko Haram which has distressed parents of the kidnapped girls by releasing a video saying they will only let them go if their own captured fighters are released. Eight Christians were reportedly shot dead by Boko Haram as they left a church service earlier this month.

In the first attack on Monday, insurgents burnt seven houses, vandalised shops and set alight market products, Pastor Filibus of the Christian Association of Nigeria told ICC, which is organising an ‘International Day of Prayer’ for the persecuted church worldwide in November.

In the second village, Mallum Tela Madu, a Christian, was dragged into the village, tied up with rope and then brutally murdered by the Boko Haram

Islamists while his family were forced to watch.

ICC reports that it is a new strategy by Boko Haram to deliberately target Christian villages in Nigeria...”

### **Christian writer shot dead for insulting Islam**

**September 25, 2016** -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: “Jordanian writer Nahed Hattar was shot dead on Sunday outside the court where he was to stand trial on charges of contempt of religion.

Hattar, a Christian, was arrested after sharing on social media a caricature seen as insulting Islam, state news agency *Petra* said. The gunman was arrested at the scene.

Hattar, an anti-Islamist activist and supporter of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, was arrested last month after he shared a caricature that depicted a bearded man in heaven smoking in bed with women and asking God to bring him wine and cashews.

Many conservative Muslim Jordanians considered Hattar’s move offensive and against their religion. The authorities said he violated the law by sharing the caricature.

The state news agency quoted a security source as saying Hattar was killed by a man who fired three shots at him on the steps of the palace of justice in the Jordanian capital...”

### **Two dozen Christians deported from Saudi Arabia for praying**

**September 27, 2016** -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: “Saudi Arabia has deported 27 Christians for having a service in their home to mark the festival of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary into heaven, according to news reports.

The deportation was carried out because the Christians’ prayers were ‘unIslamic’, according to *EWTN*.

The women, some of whom had children with them, argued

unsuccessfully that because the Koran esteems Mary, their prayers should not be seen as insulting.

In 2006 the Saudi government pledged to stop interfering with private worship of non-Muslims.

Christians make up about three per cent of the population of Saudi Arabia, where churches are banned and apostasy is a capital offence...”

### **Christians in China forbidden from singing hymns and praying**

**September 29, 2016** -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: “Another church in China has been issued with a legal notice to quit Christian activities in the latest of a spate of actions against house churches.

The house church in Sichuan province has been ordered to stop meeting under rules that govern religious gatherings. The church has been subjected to a clamp down because its pastors are not government-appointed and it is not an officially-licensed church.

Similar action has been taken recently against other house churches in Guangdong, Zhejiang, Anhui and Henan provinces.

Zhang Mingxuan, a pastor and president of the Chinese House Church Alliance, told China Aid that there was a large operation against house churches taking place throughout China. He described it as ‘harrassment’ and said it ‘directly contradicts China’s own laws and its supposed commitment to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights’.

The latest ‘Notice of Order to Reform’, issued to Pastor Zhang Daichun, stated he was guilty of gathering Christians in the 40th building of Jiuzhaigou Garden in Yongle County ‘to perform Christian activities (sing hymns, pray, chant) since 2010’.

Pastor Zhang was given 15 days to stop letting Christians in to worship, and to stop the hymn singing, praying and chanting...”

### **More than 3,500 Muslim refugees in Germany baptised into Christian faith**

**September 13, 2016** -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: “More than 3,500 Muslim refugees have turned to Christ and been baptised in Germany in the last two years, a new survey reveals.

Churches report that many of the refugees being baptised had converted in their home countries such as Syria and Iraq, and especially Iran, but had lived in fear of being murdered if they disclosed their new faith.

As soon as they were able to flee and find safety in Germany, they were able to live openly in Christ and be baptised.

All Germany’s 20 Protestant state Churches and the five largest free Churches were surveyed by the German evangelical organisation Idea.

The survey found that most of those baptised are former Muslims from Iran, Iraq and Syria...” **(These converted Muslims experienced Galatians 6:12 & 14 – suffering persecution for the cross. Because of their being born again, they joyfully followed Matthew 28:19: “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”)**

### **Christian executed in Iran spoke of meeting Jesus before his death**

**September 9, 2016** -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: “The moving last words of a man executed in prison in Iran a few days ago were of his profound faith in Jesus Christ.

The brother of Alireza Asadi, one of 12 people executed near Tehran at the end of August, has posted his last words on Facebook.

Asadi said the ‘best experience’ he had was of meeting Jesus.

The post was circulated widely by Pastor Saeed Abedini, a naturalized U.S. citizen who converted from Islam to Christianity in 2000 and became prominent in Iran’s house church movement. He was sentenced to eight years in prison in 2013 in Iran and

released in January this year.

Alireza Asadi, speaking to his brother Mohsen, one day before his execution, said all was going well...

He said he had been talking to them of God and would continue to do so.

‘For many of you it was a question if I am a Christian or not. But now I say that I am a Christian. And now I have

one or two days til I will die. And I hope it will never happen to you guys. During these moments you forgive all the bad that has happen to you. But the most I want tell you is the best experience that I had. And that was meeting Jesus. And I don’t want to force you guys, But please start to get to know Him. If you just read two sentences from the Bible, you will

never leave it again.’...” (“*Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure*” – I John 3:2, 3.)

# ISIS ATROCITIES

## **Islamic State celebrates Eid al-Adha with video of prisoners hanging from meat hooks**

September 14, 2016 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “The Islamic State commemorated the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha this week with a video of jumpsuit-clad prisoners hung from meat hooks and slaughtered like cattle.

*International Business Times* notes the treatment of the Islamic State’s Syrian victims in the video is similar to how sheep and goats are sacrificed during the Eid al-Adha holiday:

The video, titled ‘*The Making of Illusion*’ shows people purportedly from the Der Ezzor province of Syria, a stronghold of the Islamic State group, which is also known as Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) or Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

All the men are shown dressed in orange jumpsuits, a common trait among people in videos who ISIS says are its prisoners. Many of them are blindfolded, and their hands tied behind them. The video depicts them in what could be either a factory or a prison, while some are saying it could also be an abattoir or a slaughterhouse.

The video initially names many — if not all — of the ‘prisoners’ who go on to be killed. It then shows the Syrians being hung upside down from meat hooks, their hands restrained behind them with zip-ties. At one point, two of them are also shown being carried like goats on two arms by an ISIS member.

Their throats are then slit — much like how goats and sheep are cut in the

halal way so their meat is deemed safe for eating by Muslims. Their ‘execution’ happens because ISIS suspects them to be spies...” (“*Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it*” – Matthew 16:24, 25.)

## **Yazidi girl who escaped ISIS: Militants ‘sang happily’ as they entered Sinjar to massacre thousands**

September 14, 2016 -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: “Fahima Hassan Saleh was 22 years old when ISIS overran her hometown in Sinjar, northern Iraq, in August 2014. As the militants closed in she and her family fled in their car, cramming their neighbors in to the already overflowing vehicle.

They eventually made it to Kurdistan, and are now living in a camp in Zakho, Dohuk, along with thousands of other displaced people – Yazidis, like Fahima, but Muslims and Christians too. Hundreds are orphaned children.

Speaking to *Christian Today* through an interpreter, Fahima recalled the day the militants came. She was sitting at home with her family when someone told them that ISIS forces had entered their village.

‘There was no way to escape,’ she said. ‘Only the mountain, if you wanted to survive.’

‘We heard shooting in the streets, and Daesh [ISIS] forces entered with

their cars and they were singing happily that they would capture us all...” (The prayer all God’s children should pray: “*Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting*” – Psalm 139:23, 24.)

## **‘Like killing a chicken’: Trauma expert on mission to record ISIS horror stories**

September 22, 2016 -- *FoxNews.com* reports: “Abu Chiad boasted about beheading infidels, raping women and children and slaughtering in the name of Islam. Speaking from a prison in the city of Kirkuk, in northern Iraq, he told Dr. Jan Kizilhan that these acts would get him to heaven...

“I asked Abu Chiad how he could show love for his wife and children and murder people the same day,” Kizilhan said in a phone interview from Stuttgart.

He said Chiad showed no remorse as he spoke about making daily trips to a marketplace to behead people and rape Yazidi women, after which he would return home as a loving father and husband.

“Killing them was like killing a chicken,” Chiad told Kizilhan...” (The above story is one of thousands committed by these bloody Muslim brutes and murderers. Hell will not be hot enough for these despicable monsters: “...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*” – Revelation 21:8. See the next two reports.)

**ISIS fighter admits soldiers’ wives used as ‘slave girls’**

September 28, 2016 -- *WND.com* reports: “A captured ISIS fighter has admitted that the wives of Free Syrian Army soldiers, the group most closely aligned with the West’s hopes for Syria’s future, are being seized by ISIS and used as ‘slave girls.’

The report comes from the *Middle East Media Research Institute*, which found the recording on the *Alaan* TV channel of the United Arab Emirates.

The report quotes Abu Al-Mughaira Al-Muhajer, an ISIS fighter captured in Aleppo, who discussed the ISIS practice of rewarding fighters with slaves.

The TV news anchor explained the ISIS fighter, after his capture, discussed

‘how ISIS emirs used slave girls as rewards for their fighters.’

The ISIS fighter then appears on screen, saying: ‘Whenever they took captures, they would bring slave-girls, and they would place them on the slave market in Al-Raqqah. Afterwards they would sell them for dollars. Their price would range from \$250 to \$500.’

He continued: ‘Then ISIS would buy slave girls and give them as rewards. After I informed on by brother who wanted to leave ISIS, I was rewarded with three slave girls, one from Damascus, two from Homs...’

**Women and minors perpetrating terror for ISIS**

September 15, 2016 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Three 15-year-old minors were arrested separately in Paris during the last few days on suspicion

of planning an attack as ISIS agents. During their interrogation, it emerged that they had internet connections with the extremist French preacher Rashid Kassim who is suspected of organizing the failed attempt by a group of women to place a car bomb opposite the Notre Dame Cathedral last week.

Kassim, aged 29 belongs to ISIS and is at present in the Middle East in ISIS-occupied territory, but communicated with his followers through the encoded application ‘Telegram’. He is also suspected of involvement in at least two other attacks in France, the murder of a police officer and his wife in Magnanville last June and the murder of the priest Jacques Hamel in his Normandy church in July. In both cases, the assailants were either in contact with Kassim or were inspired by his internet incitement to perform the attacks...”

# NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

**Gaza Jihadi: Military aid won’t save Israel, America from the ‘wrath of Allah’**

September 16, 2016 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “A \$38 billion American military aid package won’t save Israel from the Mujahideen’s attempts to destroy the Jewish state, a boastful Gaza-based jihadi has declared.

‘The Israelis feel secure thanks to their military upper hand and America’s support, but eventually, neither Obama nor Trump nor the wretched Hillary Clinton will save Israel,’ Abu Aisha Alanssari said. ‘They don’t understand that Allah is more powerful than they are, and he promised the Mujahideen and the believers that they will be victorious. Therefore, it doesn’t matter how many billions the Zionists got and how many planes and tanks they buy with that money. Can tanks resist the wrath of Allah? Has Allah not annihilated entire nations in the past?’

He added that the Mujahideen are working to unite all Muslims so as

to send a sign to the heavens that the time to realize the divine promise to annihilate the Jews has come...” **(The above headline is religious bunk! America will be rewarded for their love and support of the precious Jewish people – “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee” – Psalm 122:6. And God states in Isaiah 56:5: “... I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.”)**

**Hamas: The intifada will continue until the ‘occupation’ ends**

September 30, 2016 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Hamas declared on Thursday that the current wave of terrorist violence, which it refers to as the ‘Al-Quds Intifada’, will continue until the end of the ‘Israeli occupation’.

The terrorist movement which controls Gaza made the declaration in a statement released on the first anniversary of the wave of violence,

which began just before Rosh Hashanah a year ago.

Hamas expressed its opposition to negotiations and normalization with Israel and called on the ‘Palestinian nation’ to hold a ‘day of rage’ on Friday.

Meanwhile, Hamas official Amir Abu al-‘Imrin said in Gaza that ‘our right to the land (Palestine) is a permanent right that cannot be negotiated.’

He stressed that ‘the Palestinian people’ will continue the intifada until they liberate the land, and added that those who negotiate with Israel and support normalization will not succeed...” **(More religious boloney. Israel as mentioned in the previous report is here forever under the eternal rule of Christ in the New Jerusalem. All Christians join with Israel for this joyous 1,000 years – “...I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be**

*his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away” – Revelation 21:2 – 4.)*

### **Hundreds would die, missiles would rain everywhere in all-out war, IDF predicts**

September 16, 2016 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “Hundreds of Israelis killed in thousands of rocket attacks — that is the army’s Home Front Command’s estimation for what to expect in the event of a future all-out war, according to figures released ahead of a nationwide preparedness drill set for next week.

Beginning next week, the Home Front Command will kick off ‘Standing Firm,’ a preparedness drill which will include exercises to test the ability of the IDF and local governments to handle rocket attacks, terrorists infiltrating communities, electric grid failures and other emergency situations.

Next Tuesday morning, the Home Front Command will sound the rocket alert siren in cities around Israel at different times and then throughout the country at 7:05 p.m., except for the communities surrounding the Gaza Strip.

According to the army, some 230,000 rockets of various sizes and warhead capacities are currently aimed toward Israel from a host of enemies...” **(This headline will happen during World War III, Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. The missiles loaded with atomic weapons is described in Psalm 97:3;**

Isaiah 66:15; Ezekiel 27:4; Joel 2:3, 30; Zephaniah 1:18; Malachi 4:1; and Revelation 9:14 – 18. And Netanyahu or whoever reigns will be responsible for the next report.)

### **Netanyahu threatens ‘downpour’ if rocket fire does not subside**

September 16, 2016 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “Israel will not tolerate any missiles or mortars being fired from either Syria or from Gaza and will respond with disproportionate force, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned Thursday, a day after projectiles were fired at Israel from across both frontiers.

Speaking in the southern Israeli city of Netivot on Thursday evening, Netanyahu said that the country will not continue to absorb rocket fire ‘not from the north or from the south.’

‘Anyone who thinks of firing a drizzle will receive a downpour,’ he said during a ceremony in the Gaza border city. ‘The response of the past weeks speaks for itself.’

On Wednesday, a mortar shell fired from Syria struck the northern Golan Heights...

It was the sixth such incident this week and came as fighting between President Bashar Assad’s regime and the numerous rebel groups in southern Syria escalated in recent weeks.

In response to the incidents, Israeli jets have targeted Syrian regime artillery batteries near the border several times, though there were no reports of any Israeli response in Syria Wednesday...”

### **Will upcoming fight in Syria usher in Armageddon?**

September 22, 2016 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “There’s a small town in Syria where ancient Islamic prophecies say a fierce battle will bring about the end of days, and Turkish troops, U.S. military advisors and vetted Syrian opposition fighters appear to be heading straight for it.

Dozens of U.S. Special Forces are advising Turkish troops and Syrian opposition forces as they push farther into Syria, specifically into an area that includes the town of Dabiq, defense officials told *VOA* on Wednesday.

According to early Muslim prophecies, Armageddon will be ushered in with a major Muslim victory against ‘Romans’ in either Dabiq, less than 15 kilometers from the Turkish border, or al-Amaq, another town near Syria’s border with Turkey.

Islamic State has interpreted this ‘Roman’ army to be coalition and coalition-backed forces.

The prophecy continues to say that one-third of the Muslim army will run away, another third will be killed, and one-third of the army will win the battle and later conquer Constantinople, the modern-day Turkish city of Istanbul.

For Islamic State, a battle in Dabiq would symbolize that ancient Muslim prophecies could be coming true. For those who oppose the Islamic State terrorists, reclaiming the town from IS would mark a major propaganda victory...” **(Syria will be deeply involved in Armageddon but loses. Already a suburb of Damascus has been destroyed, and Dabiq and Aleppo will be next. Jesus is coming soon!)**

# **RUSSIA AND THE KINGS OF THE EAST**

### **Russia winning in Middle East: How Putin outmaneuvered U.S. with foray into Syria**

September 26, 2016 -- *The National Post* reports: “When Russia launched a military intervention to support Syrian

dictator Bashar Assad last year, U.S. President Barack Obama responded with wishful schadenfreude.

Russia, he predicted, would get ‘stuck in a quagmire.’ He added: ‘It won’t work.’

Obama had good reason to resent

Russia’s increasingly assertive foreign policy in the Middle East and elsewhere, and to imagine it might backfire on its architect, President Vladimir Putin. The U.S. president clearly hoped an overstretched Russia would get its fingers burned in Syria and emerge chastened

from its adventure in Middle East counter-insurgency.

That's not what happened. Russia didn't get stuck in a Syrian quagmire. It applied a limited amount of military force to great effect, reversing the tide of the civil war and ensuring Assad will not go unless Putin agrees. From Moscow's perspective, the Kremlin's intervention worked out just fine..." **(Russia – Ezekiel 38 and 39 and the Orient – China and North Korea – are all getting their nuclear weapons ready – Daniel 11:44. "Those out of the East – [the Orient] and out of the West [Russia] will trouble him [Syria – Isaiah 17:1]."** **The Rapture is near. See the next four reports.)**

### **Russia to test new missiles in Syria**

**September 20, 2016 --** *The Fars News Agency* reports: "The Russian air force is preparing to try new weaponry and targeting systems, including the new X-38 missiles, with full combat tests of the hardware to be carried out as part of missions in Syria, a source said.

In November 2016, the Russian aircraft carrier Admiral Kuznetsov will be dispatched toward Syria's shores, with the deck-based Su-33 and MiG-29K/KUB fighters and Ka-52K Katran helicopters on board.

According to an RBTH source in the Russian military-industrial complex, the carrier's naval aircraft may test the new X-38 missiles in combat action at the end of the year.

'We reinforce our aviation group and bring in completely new means of destruction to the region,' said the RBTH source. 'MiG-29K fighters will use a totally new type of missile, the X-38, to eliminate the militants'.

According to the RBTH source, Su-33 fighters, in turn, will receive the SVP-24, a new high-precision targeting system for unguided missiles.

The system allows to increase the accuracy of air strikes several times over and avoid possible civilian casualties.

The system adjusts the flight path

based on the fighter's position and flight parameters. As a result, the deviation from the target is not more than a couple of meters. At the same time, the SVP-24 is only a couple of extra units that will be installed as part of the aircraft's avionics..."

### **North Korea hails 'successful' test of new rocket engine**

**September 20, 2016 --** *SpaceDaily.com* reports: "North Korea has successfully tested a new, high-powered rocket engine, state media said Tuesday, a move Seoul said was designed to showcase its progress towards being able to target the U.S. east coast.

The ground test comes less than two weeks after Pyongyang detonated what it said was a miniaturized atomic bomb.

Taken together, the two tests raise the prospect that the isolated state could be inching towards its ultimate goal of developing a nuclear-tipped missile that could hit Washington D.C.

State-run news agency *KCNA* trumpeted the engine test, which it said would give the country 'sufficient carrier capability for launching various kinds of satellites'.

Rocket engines are easily repurposed for use in missiles, and outside observers say that Pyongyang's space program is a fig leaf for weapons tests.

The North's leader Kim Jong-Un hailed the test and called for more rocket launches to turn the country into a 'possessor of geostationary satellites in a couple of years to come', *KCNA* said..."

### **North Korea says nukes are defense against U.S. 'blackmail'**

**September 12, 2016 --** *SpaceDaily.com* reports: "North Korea Saturday sought to justify its weapons program as a defense against U.S. nuclear 'blackmail' as world powers debated ways to punish Pyongyang for its fifth and most powerful atomic test.

South Korea said the nuclear threat from its wayward neighbour was

growing fast and called for tough new sanctions from the UN Security Council to force it to change tack.

The yield from Friday's test, which sparked international shockwaves, was estimated at 10 kilotons — almost twice as much as the one Pyongyang conducted only eight months ago.

The North also boasted that the test was of a nuclear warhead that could be mounted on a missile.

'It is believed that the North's nuclear capability is becoming more advanced to a considerable level, and at a faster pace,' Foreign Minister Yun Byung-Se told senior ministry officials, calling for 'more and stronger sanctions'..."

### **Japan scrambles jets as China sends 40 warplanes into shared strait**

**September 27, 2016 --** *Breitbart.com* reports: "The Chinese military conducted what it called a 'routine' control that sent Japanese jets scrambling Sunday over the East China Sea, with Japan warning that they are keeping an eye on the increasingly 'expansive' activities of China's military assets.

China sent over 40 military aircraft, according to the *AFP*, over an area known as the Miyako Strait near southern Japan, not crossing into Japanese exclusive airspace but cutting close enough that the Japanese self-defense forces responded promptly. The area is near the East China Sea, where China claims the Japanese Senkaku Islands, an uninhabited but resource-rich area. Two of the known aircraft are believed to have been fighter jets. *The Associated Press* identifies the known aircraft passing through the region as 'two fighter jets, four bombers and two reconnaissance aircraft.'

'We will continue to keep close eyes on the Chinese military activities which have been expanding and become more frequent,' Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said, noting it was the first time the Japanese military had documented a Chinese presence in that area..."