

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

HOLIDAY HORRORS

10-year-old girl used as human bomb in Nigeria New Year’s Eve attack

January 1, 2017 -- *AFP* reports: “One person was seriously injured when a suicide bomber aged around 10 blew herself up in a New Year’s Eve attack in the northeastern Nigerian city of Maiduguri, witnesses and aid workers told *AFP* Sunday.

The girl approached a crowd buying noodles from a food vendor in the Customs area of the city around 9:30 pm on Saturday and detonated her explosives, they said.

Although no one has claimed responsibility the attack bore the hallmark of Boko Haram Islamists who are notorious for using suicide bombers, mostly women and young girls, in attacking civilian targets.

‘The girl walked towards the crowd but she blew up before she could reach her target,’ said witness Grema Usman who lives in the area.

‘She died instantly, while one person was seriously hurt after he was hit by shrapnel.’...” **(What murderous barbarians these groups are. Their hatred knows no limits. Jesus said**

in Matthew 18:6 – *“But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.”* While the following report did not occur during the Christmas and New Year’s holiday, it demonstrates the extreme measures that these degenerates will go to. It has been reported that in a statement to the National Press Club in Washington DC in 1957, Golda Meir stated: *“Peace will come when the Arabs will love their children more than they hate us.”* God’s Word states that: *“...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance...”* – Galatians 5:22 – 23. True peace will only come to this world when the “Prince of Peace” [Isaiah 9:6] returns to rule. See the next report.)

Syrian jihadi parents kiss daughters goodbye before one is blown up in suicide bombing

December 22, 2016 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Syrian ‘jihadi parents

kissed their daughters goodbye shortly before one of them’ was blown up by a remote detonator in a suicide bombing attack on a police station.

Video shows a jihadi father telling the two children, aged 7 and 9 years old, ‘how to carry out suicide bomb attacks’ before a woman in a burka embraces them, the *Daily Mail* reports...

The 7-year-old is believed to have been killed in a suicide bombing attack on a police station in Damascus shortly after the video was filmed...

A separate video shows the girls dressed in woolly hats and coats, embracing their mother before they left the room.

A man behind the camera asks the mother why she is sending her children into jihad so young.

‘No one is young when it comes to jihad as every Muslim is supposed to participate in jihad,’ she replied.

A short time later on Dec. 16, the 7-year-old girl walked into the Damascus police station, asking to use the restroom before she is blown up in a bombing that also injured three officers, *Reuters* reported...”

Turkey nightclub shooting: Istanbul mourns victims as search continues

January 1, 2017 -- *Guardian.com* reports: “Istanbul is on high alert as the hunt for a gunman, who fled after killing 39 people at a nightclub on New Year’s Eve, continues.

President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan vowed in a statement that Turkey would fight terrorism ‘till the end’ following the attack at Reina in Istanbul’s upscale Ortakoy neighbourhood.

‘Turkey will stand together and not give passage to dirty games of terrorists,’ he said.

Mehmet Görmez, Turkey’s most senior Muslim cleric, condemned the attack as ‘savagery’ and a ‘massacre that no Muslim conscience can accept’.

There was condemnation from around the world as well as inside Turkey. The U.S. State Department described the attack as ‘heinous’ and the Russian president, Vladimir Putin, said it was ‘hard to imagine a more cynical crime’.

The attack came at the end of a year of terrorist incidents across Europe, including the driving of a truck into a Christmas market in Berlin earlier in December. The German chancellor, Angela Merkel, sent her condolences to the victims of the Istanbul attack, saying ‘terrorists have carried out an inhumane and devious attack on people who wanted to celebrate the New Year together’...” **(Islam’s murderers: “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come... evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived” – II Timothy 3:1 & 13; and “Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it” – John 8:44.)**

Islamic State supporters celebrate Berlin truck ‘attack’

December 20, 2016 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Islamic State sympathizers and militants are celebrating an incident on Monday in which a lorry ploughed through a crowd of shoppers in a busy Christmas market in Berlin, reportedly killing nine people and injuring more than fifty.

The messages, obtained by *Breitbart Jerusalem*, were posted to a closed chat group that utilizes the encrypted Telegram messaging service. The chat group serves as an internal Twitter of sorts for IS jihadists and sympathizers, and it has been used in the past to issue IS communications.

The messages also celebrated the assassination on Tuesday of Russia’s ambassador to Turkey. That murder, which was caught on video and was perpetuated at a public event in front of witnesses, was reportedly carried out by an off-duty police officer...” **(Killing is rewarded in Islam. Not only do they receive 72 virgins as righteous and martyred godly men, but what even more shocking is they get to choose 70 relatives and friends to go to heaven. Their plan of winning the lost is a sick one and against God’s plan which is: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” – John 3:16.)**

The new tools of terror: Vehicular violence at center of recent attacks

December 21, 2016 -- *ABCNews.go.com* reports: “With the news that ISIS has claimed responsibility for Monday’s attack in Berlin, the world is seeing another example of terrorists trading

bullets and bombs for cars and trucks as a way to more discreetly unleash carnage across the world.

On Tuesday afternoon, SITE Intelligence reported that the ISIS terror group has claimed responsibility for the attack, calling the fugitive terror truck driver a ‘soldier of the Islamic State,’ that worked ‘in response to calls for targeting nationals of the international coalition.’

The attack follows an increasingly familiar pattern. Over the past six months, attackers have used vehicles to mow down crowds during Bastille Day celebrations in Nice, France; to ram a pack of students on the campus of Ohio State University; and, most recently, to plow through a Christmas market in Berlin.

These incidents are not coincidental, however.

Since at least the summer of 2014, the ISIS terror group has been calling on its followers to use vehicles in attacks on innocents.

‘If you are not able to find an IED [improvised explosive device] or a bullet, then single out the disbelieving American, Frenchman, or any of their allies,’ ISIS spokesman Abu Muhammad Al-Adnani said in Sept. 2014, according to SITE Intelligence. ‘Smash his head with a rock, or slaughter him with a knife, or run him over with your car, or throw him down from a high place, or choke him, or poison him.’...” **(This tactic is nothing new. In 2010, al-Qaeda published its second edition of *Inspire* magazine where they encouraged their followers to use a pick-up truck as a mowing machine to “...mow down the enemies of Allah.” Romans 1:30 describes such people as “...inventors of evil things...”)**

UNSC RESOLUTION 2334

Chief Rabbi: U.S. has forsaken Israel, we can trust only in the Lord

December 29, 2016 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “The U.S. has forsaken Israel, and the Jewish state can now place its trust only in God, Israel’s Sephardic Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Yosef said Wednesday, as Jerusalem and Washington continued to face off over Friday’s United Nations Security Council resolution condemning Israeli settlements.

‘Sometimes, we need to be reminded from above that we can count on no one but our Father who art in heaven,’ Yosef told followers at the Western Wall. ‘Even America... forsook us last week at the UN.’

He added: ‘We mustn’t forget that the hearts of kings and captains are in the hands of the Lord, and we can count on no one but (the Lord).’

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry again criticized Israel’s settlement policies in a major address on the way ahead for the Mideast peace process at the State Department on Wednesday.

Furthermore, an official in Jerusalem told *The Times of Israel* on Tuesday, the government expects more U.S.-led maneuvers at the UN that are critical of the Jewish state...” **(How sad that America has turned her back on Israel. Ours was the first nation to recognize the sovereign state of Israel in 1948, but in the last eight years we have moved further and further away. God promised to Abraham: “...I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless thee, and**

curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed” – Genesis 12:2, 3. The Obama Administration has left America in a precarious position by not vetoing Resolution 2334.)

Fatah thanks UN members for giving it ‘permission’ to kill Jews

December 26, 2016 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Fatah’s official Facebook page posted a picture of ‘Palestine’ last week. The picture includes the entirety of Israel painted in the colors of the PLO flag, being used to stab the word ‘settlement,’ *Palestinian Media Watch (PMW)* reported.

The text above the image reads ‘#Palestine will defeat the settlement.’

After the UN Security Council unanimously voted to adopt a resolution condemning any and all Jewish presence over the 1949 armistice lines, Fatah published an updated version of the same picture, this time with the words ‘thank you’ added above the names of the 14 countries which voted in favor of the resolution. A puddle of blood was also added to the bottom of the picture.

According to *PMW*, the image shows that ‘Fatah is saying more Israelis will pay with their lives as a result of the UN resolution.’...” **(“They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance” – Psalm 83:4. It won’t work, Israel 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. See the next report.)

Hamas, Islamic jihad terror groups praise UN anti-Israel resolution

December 26, 2016 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Palestinian terrorist factions, including the Islamist groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad, welcomed the UN Security Council resolution condemning Israel’s settlement policy and branding Jewish homes in the West Bank and eastern Jerusalem as illegal and dangerous to the so-called two-state solution.

The Palestinian jihadist organizations said the motion represented an important sea change in the international position on the conflict and a crucial victory for the Palestinian people.

Hamas, which does not support the two-state solution, lauded the countries that voted for the motion, saying they backed the Palestinian people’s rights.

The organization’s spokesperson Fawzi Barhoum stated that ‘Hamas commends the countries that voiced their opposition to the Israeli occupation’s aggressive settlement policy aimed against the Palestinian people.’ He further added that he lauds ‘the

important about-face in the international position in favor of the Palestinian people. We expect further support for the Palestinians’ righteous cause of ending the occupation.’

The Iran-backed Islamic Jihad announced that the UNSC resolution is ‘a clear condemnation of Israel’s occupation and aggression, and a victory for the Palestinian people, securing a global consensus in their favor.’...”

Bennett tells Kerry: Pick up your Bible and read it

December 29, 2016 -- Israel National News reports: “Education Minister and Jewish Home Party head Naftali Bennett responded Wednesday to Secretary of State Kerry’s call for a ‘viable two state solution.’ Bennett said that ‘Kerry quoted me three times anonymously in his speech in order to demonstrate that we oppose a Palestinian state.’

‘So let me state it explicitly.’

‘Yes. If it depends on me, we will not establish another terror state in the heart of our country. The citizens of Israel have paid with thousands of victims, tens of thousands of rockets and innumerable condemnations for the utopian idea of a Palestinian state. It’s time for a new policy and we will lead the way.’

Earlier, Bennett sent a sharp message to Secretary of State Kerry on the eve of his policy speech regarding the Arab-Israeli conflict.

‘A few days ago the UN Security Council voted for a shameful resolution stating that Jerusalem is occupied territory,’ the minister said.

‘Jerusalem has been the Jewish capital for 3,000 years. That is in the Bible, open it and read. We, the Jews, have been lighting the menorah for 2170 years in Jerusalem. We say ‘Next year in Jerusalem’ every Passover. We lit the menorah 1,000 years ago in Russia and Morocco and said ‘Next year in Jerusalem.’ We lit the menorah 72 years ago near the Auschwitz crematoria and said ‘Next year in Jerusalem.’“

‘Mr. Secretary: No UN decision or speech will change the fact that Jerusalem was and will always be the Israeli capital.’...” **(Amen! The angel Gabriel announced to Mary: “He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest, and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David; And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.” – Luke 1:32, 33. In the Davidic Covenant recorded in II Samuel 7:12 – 16; God promised that David’s house, kingdom, and throne would be established forever. It is on that throne, in Jerusalem, that Jesus will reign for the Millennial Kingdom and for all eternity.)**

U.S. House passes motion repudiating UN resolution on Israel

January 6, 2017 -- The Times of Israel reports: “The U.S. House of Representatives passed a scathing rebuke Thursday night to a United Nations Security Council resolution the Obama administration allowed through last month that condemned Israeli settlements as illegal.

House Resolution 11 declared the UN motion a ‘one-sided’ effort that is an obstacle to peace, placing disproportionate blame on Israel for the continuation of the conflict and discouraging Palestinians from engaging in direct, bilateral negotiations.

Passed by a vote of 342-80, the measure puts the lower chamber of Congress firmly against President Barack Obama’s decision to withhold the U.S. veto power from shielding Israel against the censure.

UN Resolution 2334 says the settlement enterprise ‘has no legal validity and constitutes a flagrant violation under international law’ and calls for a complete end to all construction in areas Israel captured after the 1967 Six Day War, including East Jerusalem.

It also calls on all states ‘to distinguish, in their relevant dealings, between the territory of the State of Israel and the territories occupied since 1967’ — language that Israel fears will lead to a surge in boycott and sanctions efforts, and that an Israeli official warned would provide ‘a tailwind for terror.’

The House resolution condemned that provision, saying it ‘effectively lends legitimacy to efforts by the Palestinian Authority to impose its own solution through international organizations and through unjustified boycotts or divestment campaigns against Israel.’...” **(Thank God for the motion that the U.S. House has passed – “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee” – Psalms 122:6.)**

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Christians most persecuted religious group in the world, study says

December 29, 2016 -- Breitbart.com reports: “Christians are the most persecuted religious group in the world,

with around 90,000 killed for their faith in 2016, the director of a leading religious study group has said.

Massimo Introvigne, Director of the Centre for Studies on New Religions (Cesnur), told *Vatican Radio* that around half a billion Christians in the world are unable to express their faith completely freely, while around 90,000 – one every six minutes – died for their faith in the past year alone.

Referring to statistics from the Center for the Study of Global Christianity, Mr. Introvigne said around 70 percent of Christians murdered in 2016 died in tribal conflicts in Africa. These deaths were included, he said, because very often they involved Christians who refuse to take up arms for reasons of conscience.

‘The other 30 percent, or 27,000, were killed in terror attacks, the destruction of Christian villages, or government persecution,’ he added...” (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 three reports.)

Report: 90,000 Christians killed for their faith in 2016

January 1, 2017 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “During the year 2016, some 90,000 Christians were killed for their faith around the world, according to a new study from the Turin-based Center for Studies on New Religions (CESNUR).

The director of CESNUR and leader of the study, Dr. Massimo Introvigne, told *Breitbart News* that Christians are the most persecuted religious group in the world, and the numbers of those affected are staggering.

Christians are targeted primarily for two reasons, Introvigne said, ‘first because their proclamation of peace disturbs more belligerent groups; and second, because their social teachings on life, family and poverty are opposed by powerful forces.’

While in the past century, atheistic communist regimes were the greatest persecutors of Christians, Introvigne added, the geopolitical landscape has changed considerably since then and the actors have changed as well.

While ‘Communism’s last salvos’ are still responsible for some ill-treatment of Christians, Introvigne told *Breitbart*, ‘Islamic ultra-fundamentalism’ has taken its place as the number-one agent of persecution...”

‘Worst year yet’: The top 50 countries where it’s hardest to be a Christian

January 12, 2017 -- *ChristianityToday.com* reports: “For the third year in a row, the modern persecution of Christians worldwide has hit another record high.

But the primary cause, Islamic extremism, now has a rival: ethnic nationalism.

Thus, Asia increasingly merits concern alongside the Middle East, according to the 2017 World Watch List (WWL) released today by Open Doors...

The annual list examines the pressures faced by Christians in five spheres of life (private, family, community, national, and church), plus levels of religiously motivated violence, in order to rank the top 50 countries where ‘Christians face the most persecution.’...”

Migrant stabs Christian woman because she was reading Bible

January 1, 2017 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “An Afghan migrant attacked a woman at an asylum center in Austria because she was reading a Bible.

The attack took place in the town on Timelkam in the state of Upper Austria. The attacker was a 22-year-old migrant

from Afghanistan who became annoyed that the 50-year-old woman had been invited by Christian residents to read the Bible.

Austrian paper *Kronen Zeitung* says he ran into the kitchen where the woman was talking and attempted to stab her in her upper body. Her thick winter coat protected from serious harm, however she fell and injured her ear due the force of the blow.

Police arrived at the scene and arrested the migrant. He admitted he had overreacted, although he told police this was due to ‘personal problems’. He also stated that he had never seen the woman before the attack.

There have been numerous incidents of Christians coming under attack in migrant centres across Europe.

One charity said that over 700 Christians have been attacked in German asylums homes since May 2016, with the majority of perpetrators being Muslim...”

Christian woman In China sentenced to three years in prison for holding bible study

January 3, 2017 -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: “A Christian woman in China has been sentenced to three years in prison for holding a Bible study after being accused of ‘gathering a crowd to disturb public order’.

China Aid reported that Ma Huichao was sentenced on Friday at a court in the western Xinjiang region of the country.

She had been taken into police custody along with four other Christians when officials claimed that their Bible study met without government approval, and stood trial in mid-November.

China Aid added that Ma’s lawyer, Li Dunyong was disallowed to plead innocent on her behalf, and Ma received

a three-year prison sentence beginning on December 30th...” (“*Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death*” – Revelation 2:10, 11. See the next report.)

Evangelical pastor sentenced to over two years in prison in China

January 6, 2017 -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: “An evangelical Christian pastor in China who has been detained for more than a year has been sentenced to two-and-a-half years in prison.

House church pastor Yang Hua, also known as Li Guozhi, was sentenced in Guizhou province on a charge of ‘divulging state secrets’, according to persecution watchdog China Aid.

Police raided his Huoshi Church in December 2015 and arrested Yang

after he tried to stop officials from confiscating the church computer hard drives.

His lawyers later filed a suit stating he had suffered torture while in prison.

Bob Fu, president and founder of China Aid, condemned his treatment: ‘This is nothing but purely barbaric religious persecution. We urge President Obama and President-Elect Trump to unequivocally condemn this brutal act,’ he said.

Last June Yang wrote to his wife from prison urging her to place her full trust in God...”

HOMELAND INSECURITY

Islamic terror cells shift from Mideast to U.S.-Mexican border

January 6, 2017 -- *WND.com* reports: “A new report by a government watchdog agency says jihadists are partnering with Mexican drug cartels along the U.S.-Mexican border, preparing to carry out precision attacks in American cities.

Judicial Watch cites confidential U.S. and Mexican law enforcement sources for the disturbing report, which builds on earlier *JW* reports shining light on the jihadists’ exploitation of the porous border policies of President Barack Obama.

As part of the plan, Islamists have arrived recently at the Monterrey International Airport situated in Apodaca, a city in the Mexican state of Nuevo León, about 130 miles south of the Texas border, *JW* reports...” (Americans are fearfully awaiting the attacks of the Satanically controlled Islamists. Since the time of the Crusades, 300,000,000, yes three

hundred million Jews, Christians, and other non-Muslims have died according to Mark Gabriel a converted Muslim. ISIS claims to be in all 50 American states, all of Canada, and most of Europe. However, ISIS is but one of eleven terrorist organizations planning global control in the near future. The other groups are: Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula; Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb; Boko Haram; Taliban; Al-Shabab; Hamas; Hezbollah; Muslim Brotherhood; Jemaah Islamiah; and the Uighurs. See the next report.)

Spanish military report: Islamic terrorists operate, raise cash in Latin America to attack U.S.

December 29, 2016 -- *JudicialWatch.org* reports: “Latin America is a hotbed of Islamic terrorism where groups like ISIS and Hezbollah operate freely and raise large sums of money to finance terrorist activities in other countries, mainly the United States, according to a new report released by Spain’s Defense

Ministry. ‘Latin America represents an important region for Islamic radicalism because conditions enable the free, almost undetectable, movement of their members throughout the region,’ the defense document states.

Governments in the region consider Islamic terrorism to be a foreign problem, the report says, and intelligence agencies are ill equipped to handle the threat they represent. ‘The ignorance involving the threat of jihadist terrorism in Latin America has been such that some governments have refused to cooperate with U.S. authorities and other intelligence services,’ the disturbing assessment reveals. The report was released this month by the division of Spain’s Defense agency known as Instituto Español de Estudios Estratégicos (IEEE), Spanish Institute of Strategic Studies. The document, authored by a counterterrorism expert, is titled ‘*El radicalismo islámico en América Latina. De Hezbolá al Daesh (Estado Islámico), Islamic Radicalism in Latin America, from Hezbollah to ISIS...*’

ISIS singles out Dallas megachurch in call for arson Jihad

January 9, 2017 -- PJMedia.com reports: “After recent tutorials advising lone jihadists how to commit knife and vehicle attacks, the Islamic State’s latest issue of *Rumiyah* magazine counsels terrorists on waging arson attacks — with a Dallas megachurch suggested as a possible target...

The first issue of 2017 notes that ‘incendiary attacks have played a significant role in modern and guerrilla warfare, as well as in ‘lone wolf’ terrorism,’ claiming a November fire at a furniture factory in Losino-Petrovsky, Russia, and highlighting scores of wildfires around Israel that month as incidents that ‘demonstrated the lethality of such an effortless operation.’

ISIS recommended arson as a simple terror tactic that arouses little suspicion in the planning stages ‘to destroy the property of the Crusaders and, in some cases, kill several of them, sending them from the fire of this world to the inferno of Hellfire.’...

The article includes a large photo of the First Baptist Church in Dallas, along with its address and the caption, ‘A popular Crusader gathering place waiting to be burned down.’...’ (After the French priest was killed in Rouen, Normandy, in northern France in July 2016, the warning went out to clergy in London stating that they were next. In December 2016, ISIS called for their followers to attack churches in the U.S., Canada, France, and the Netherlands. Now in 2017 they are calling for arson attacks. Christians should arm themselves with the best of weapons. Jesus said in Luke 22:36: “...he that hath no sword [for protection], let him sell his garment, and buy one.” Why? Leviticus 24:17: “...he that killeth any man shall surely be put to death.”)

Islamic State arrests reveal jihadi threat near seat of U.S. government

December 28, 2016 -- The Washington Times reports: “Law enforcement agencies have arrested nine Northern Virginia residents on charges of aiding the Islamic State since the terrorist group rose to power in Syria and Iraq in 2014 and launched social media propaganda to attract followers, a government message to police states.

The Northern Virginia Regional Intelligence Center issued profiles of the nine in a Dec. 21 report labeled ‘law enforcement sensitive.’

Such reports are designed to help state and federal agents recognize trends in the types of individuals who are influenced by the Islamic State’s message and how they communicate across terrorist networks...

The Northern Virginia report shows that Muslims seeking to become mass killers live near the seat of American government...” (The reason America is so hated is because it’s that it has the largest Christian population globally. Jesus said: “If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also” – John 15:18 – 20.)

Harvard University launches fellowships in Islamic law to influence U.S. policy

December 26, 2016 -- Breitbart.com reports: “Harvard Law School has announced the launch of a series of paid fellowships for research on issues of Islamic law during the 2017-2018

academic year, aimed at influencing public discourse and U.S. policy on Sharia.

According to a recent email sent by the director of Harvard’s Islamic Legal Studies Program, Intisar Rabb, the launch of the new program comes ‘just in time’ for the beginning of the Trump administration and has the goal of ‘building a community of Islamic law scholars in the academy’ as well as informing ‘policy and media discourse about Islamic law.’

Fellows will receive a stipend of up to \$5,000 per month and are expected to promote the development of policy papers ‘at the intersection of Islamic law and relevant issues of U.S. policy.’ These policy papers will include short commentary on recent cases or other Islamic law sources, longer policy briefs, or op-eds, according to the law school website.

Harvard’s SHARIAsource Portal has amassed a digital library of Sharia case law from around the world, with 25 editors from 21 different institutions (6 outside of the U.S.) and 1711 primary sources from 18 different countries. The data includes 902 Sharia court cases, 541 legislative acts and 251 Fatwās.

The new Sharia Research Fellowship Program will provide opportunities for scholars to conduct research on ‘policy-related aspects of Islamic law,’ and Harvard will provide them with a workspace and Harvard Law Library privileges, along with their stipend. The school is encouraging applications especially from ‘women, minorities, and citizens of all countries.’...’ (Muslims demand Islamic laws in America and in the nations in which they live and they will do everything abominable to get what they want even to demand and control their prayer times. Titus 1:16 states: “They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate”.)

THE KINGS OF THE EAST

Kim: North Korea in 'final stages' of developing ICBM

January 2, 2017 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "North Korea's leader says his country is in the final stages of developing an intercontinental ballistic missile.

Kim Jong Un made his remarks Sunday in a televised New Year's speech.

U.S. State Department spokeswoman Anna Richey-Allen on Sunday called on North Korea 'to refrain from provocative actions and inflammatory rhetoric that threaten international peace and stability.' She also called on 'All states to use every available channel and means of influence to make clear to the DPRK and its enablers that launches using ballistic missile technology are unacceptable, and take steps to show there are consequences to the DPRK's unlawful conduct.'

North Korea conducted two nuclear tests in 2016 undeterred by international rebukes and increased sanctions..." **(Russia constitutes the first invasion of Armageddon – Ezekiel 38 & 39. China and the Oriental nations, the second invasion- Revelation 16:12; Revelation 9:14 – 16. The third and final invasion is when all nations come against Israel – Zechariah 14:2, and Christ returns in verse 4 to end the most devastating battle ever and then as 'the Prince of Peace' – Isaiah 9:6, 7, brings 1,000 years of blessing to the entire world – Revelation 20:4. See the next three reports.)**

U.S. condemns Pyongyang missile plan, warns against 'provocative' actions

January 3, 2017 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: "The United States on Sunday sharply condemned a North Korean plan to test-fire an intercontinental ballistic

missile and warned Pyongyang against 'provocative actions.'

The toughly worded U.S. statement called on 'all states' to show the North that any unlawful actions would have 'consequences.'

It was issued by the Pentagon at a sensitive time — just weeks before President Barack Obama is due to hand power over to his successor, Donald Trump.

The statement came hours after Kim Jong-un, the North Korean leader, said his country was close to testing such a missile, which would be capable of reaching American shores.

'We are in the final stages of test-launching the intercontinental ballistic missile,' Kim said in a televised New Year's speech, pointing to a string of nuclear and missile tests last year.

He said Pyongyang was now a 'military power of the East that cannot be touched by even the strongest enemy...'"

South Korea vows U.S. missile system as opposition lawmakers head to China

January 4, 2017 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: "South Korea is committed to deploying an advanced U.S. missile defense system this year despite opposition from China, a minister said Wednesday, even as opposition lawmakers headed to Beijing with a different message.

Seoul and Washington agreed to deploy the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system in the South after a string of North Korean nuclear and missile tests — prompting strong objections from China.

'THAAD deployment is part of our efforts to bolster defense against threats from North Korea,' Defence Minister

Han Min-Koo said in a report to the country's acting president.

'This is not a subject for political considerations,' he told Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-Ahn, who took over the executive powers of scandal-hit President Park Geun-Hye after she was impeached last month..."

U.S. can defend itself from North Korea missile attack: Pentagon

January 4, 2017 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: "The United States is certain it can defend itself from an attack by North Korea, the Defense Department said Tuesday after Pyongyang warned it was close to test launching a ballistic missile.

'We remain confident in our ballistic missile defense and in our defense of our allies and our defense of the homeland,' Pentagon spokesman Peter Cook said at a news briefing.

North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un, in a New Year's speech Sunday, said the country was 'in the final stages of test-launching the intercontinental ballistic missile.'

In 2016, North Korea conducted two nuclear tests and numerous missile launches last year alone in its quest to develop a nuclear weapons system capable of hitting the U.S. mainland.

'We would once again call on the North Koreans to refrain from provocative actions,' Cook said.

Analysts are divided over how close Pyongyang is to realizing its full nuclear ambitions, especially since it has never successfully test-fired an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM)..."