JANUARY 2018 VOL. 24 NO. 1 | P.O. BOX 7004 TROY, MICH. 48007-7004 | E-mail: jvimi@jvim.com | www.jvim.com facebook.com/jack.vanimpe.ministries | plus.google.com/+jackvanimpe | voutube.com/c/jackvanimpe

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

JERUSALEM: A CUP OF TREMBLING

Jerusalem: Opposition to mooted Trump Israel announcement grows

December 4, 2017 -- *BBC News* reports: "Opposition is growing in the Arab world to an expected announcement by Donald Trump that the U.S. will recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

Reports say the president will make the statement this week but will further delay acting on a campaign pledge to move the U.S. embassy to the city.

The head of the Arab League, Jordan and the Palestinian president have warned of the consequences of a declaration.

The city's fate is one of the thorniest issues between Israel and the Arabs.

A deadline for Donald Trump to sign a waiver delaying the relocation of the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem expires on Monday.

Every president, including Mr. Trump, has signed the waiver every six months since U.S. Congress passed an act in 1995 calling for the embassy to be moved.

Mr. Trump repeatedly pledged during his election campaign to move the embassy, and while he has said it was still his intention, he has not yet done so. There are signs however he will make a statement on Wednesday announcing Washington's recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel while holding off moving the embassy..." (930 times God promises Jerusalem forever to the Jews. President Trump is being true to the promises of the Almighty God to Israel. Ours was the first nation to recognize the sovereign state of Israel in 1948, but 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. Soon all Hell will break loose in the Middle East. Joel 3:2 warns today's politicians that World War III occurs because of parting God's land. It won't succeed. Christ will return, stop the horrendous war and reign over the world from the Throne of David in Jerusalem forever – Revelation 11:18; Luke 1:32, 33. See the next three reports.)

Jordanian king warns U.S. against moving embassy to Jerusalem

November 30, 2017 -- The Times of Israel reports: "Moving the American embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem would threaten the prospects for peace, the Jordanian king told U.S. decision-makers on Wednesday.

Emphasizing that there is no alternative to the two-state solution, King Abdullah II said in Washington that it was important no measures be taken to undermine U.S. efforts to kickstart peace talks, the *Jordan Times* reported. On Tuesday, U.S. Vice President Mike Pence said U.S. President Donald Trump was 'actively considering' moving the embassy to Jerusalem, evoking a campaign promise that the

On Wednesday, *Hadashot* television news reported that in Israel, 'there is a very high expectation' that Trump will declare that he 'formally recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and instructing his team to actively prepare to move the embassy.' The report said the declaration was expected within days, possibly as soon as Sunday..."

administration had sidelined.

Hamas threatens 'intifada' over U.S. recognition of Jerusalem

December 3, 2017 -- Israel National News reports: "Hamas called Saturday for a new 'intifada' if Washington recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel or moves its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

'We warn against such a move and call on the Palestinian people to revive the intifada if these unjust decisions on Jerusalem are adopted,' Hamas said in a statement.

Any decision to move its embassy there would be 'a flagrant attack on the city by the American administration' and give Israel 'a cover for continuing its crime of Judaizing the city and emptying it of Palestinians,' it said.

The last intifada, or uprising claimed the lives of some 1,000 Israelis between September 2000 and February 2005..."

Jerusalem: Turkey warns Trump against crossing 'red line'

December 5, 2017 --*BBC News* reports: "Turkey's president has warned it could sever ties with Israel if the U.S. recognizes Jerusalem as its capital.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan said such a move would cross a 'red line' for Muslims.

A growing number of countries have urged Donald Trump not to make his anticipated announcement.

Reports say the president will dramatically shift the U.S. position on the status of Jerusalem this week. Its fate is one of the thorniest issues between Israel and the Palestinians.

'Mr. Trump! Jerusalem is a red line for Muslims,' Mr. Erdogan said in a televised speech on Tuesday.

'We could go as far as cutting diplomatic ties with Israel over the issue.'..."

Israel fires back at Turkey: Jerusalem has been the Jewish capital for 3,000 Years

December 5, 2017 -- Haaretz reports: "A senior Israeli official responded to Turkey's threat to cut ties with Israel if the U.S. recognizes Jerusalem as its capital, saying that 'Jerusalem has been the Jewish capital for 3,000 years and the capital of Israel for 70 years, whether [Turkish President] Erdogan recognizes it as such or not.'

Tayyip Erdogan said on Tuesday that the possibility that U.S. President Donald Trump will recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital 'is a red line for Muslims.' He warned that if such a decision is made it 'will result in Turkey's cutting diplomatic ties with Israel.'

Erdogan's comments echo a growing sentiment in the Arab world and international community who are warning the U.S. against the potential fallout from the move.

The Turkish premier's announcement follows comments by the diplomatic adviser of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas who said that the Palestinian leadership would 'stop contacts' with the U.S. if Trump follows through with the move..." (Although its history is one of war and destruction, Jerusalem means "city of peace" or "foundation of peace."

From the siege of David in 1000 B.C. to the Six Day War of 1967, the sounds of battle have been heard as this city has experienced 46 sieges and 32 partial destructions. It has been burned to the ground five times, always rising from the ashes. It is the site of the most volatile political, religious, and military problems in the entire world.

The Jewish cry for peace in Jerusalem is sincere, finding its roots in the promise given through Moses (Leviticus 26:6). Jerusalem will finally become the city of peace and capital of the world when Christ, who is our peace, returns (Isaiah 9:6).

Having a history of 4,000 years, Jerusalem was first mentioned in Scripture in Genesis 14:18 when Melchizedek was king over the city of Salem. Later, it was called Jebus, named for the third son of Canaan, as it was the dwelling place of the Jebusites (Judges 19:10, 11; 1 Chronicles 11:4, 5). When David took the city, the fortress was on a hill called Zion, another name given Jerusalem. Somehow, later, Jeru was added to Salem ... perhaps a combination of Jebus, changed to Jeru, and Salem.

Since B.C. 400, Jerusalem has passed from one Gentile power to another. From 70 A.D. alone, the transition of power went from the Roman conquerors to the Persians in 614; to Caliph Omar in 637; to the Crusaders in 1099; to Salidan in 1187; to the

Egyptian Mamalukes in 1250; the Turks in 1517; the British in 1917, and finally, in 1967, the Jews captured Jerusalem.)

'You can tell Ezekiel: "The bones ain't dry anymore!"'

November 21, 2017 -- Israel National News reports: "MK Yehuda Glick (Likud) spoke at a conference held by Arutz Sheva and the Orthodox Jewish Chamber of Commerce, which took place at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem...

'Dear friends: Dovy, Anthony, Joe Frager, Ken, my friend Oren Hazan and Mark Zell, and all the wonderful people from *Arutz Sheva*, Rabbanit Melamed, all the Baruch family, et cetera, et cetera.

'Ladies and gentlemen, it really is a wonderful miracle to be here. We can't take things for granted. We're sitting here in the hotel of King David, in the city of King David; ladies and gentlemen, we have to remind ourselves: Coming to Israel, Anthony, is not just sight-seeing. Coming to Israel is to see the words of the prophets coming out of the book, and materializing, and becoming a reality.

'You can tell Ezekiel: 'The bones ain't dry anymore!' You can tell Jeremiah, 'Jerusalem is not isolated like a widow anymore,' and you can tell Zechariah, 'Children are playing in the streets of Jerusalem'.

'Ladies and gentlemen, the words of the prophets are coming out of the book, and we are writing the next chapter of the Book in our generation, we are seeing it happen with our own eyes, and we have a mission, that Jerusalem should be the G-dly capital of the Jewish People and of the world..." (A vivid description of the scattering and return of Israel is given by the Prophet Ezekiel in his vision of the valley of dry bones. He is transported to a great valley full of dry, bleached bones exposed to the wind and sun. He was asked if those bones could live and was also told to prophecy about them. While he was speaking, the bones came together and the skeletons, covered with flesh and given life, stood to their feet and became a great army.

The bones represent Israel [Ezekiel 37:11]. Their disconnectedness and dryness indicate Israel's scattering

and lack of hope. The graves are the nations in which they dwell. The imparting of sinew, flesh, and breath is a miracle timed for the last days.

The Jews are to come out of the nations

to which they have been scattered. They will return in unbelief without spiritual life, but finally after being settled in their land, there will come a time of conversion, of new birth [Ezekiel 37:1-14, Romans 11:26].)

THE WORLD WITHIN A MADMAN'S REACH

North Korea's latest missile test puts more of U.S. in range

November 29, 2017 -- Asia Times Online reports: "North Korea fired a ballistic missile early Wednesday, the first such launch in two months and one that based on preliminary projections shows Pyongyang is edging closer to possessing a weapon that can hit Washington D.C.

The launch reported by South Korea and the U.S. came just a week after U.S. President Donald Trump reinstated North Korea on a list of state sponsors of terrorism, allowing for fresh sanctions on the country in addition to those already in force under UN mandates.

A report on North Korea television said the intercontinental ballistic missile can reach all areas of the U.S. mainland and that the country under leader Kim Jong Un had achieved its goal of becoming a nuclear power. In September, it conducted its sixth and largest nuclear test.

'Kim Jong Un declared with pride that now we have finally realized the great historic cause of completing the state nuclear force,' according to a statement read by a television presenter..." (God help and bless America. I am dogmatic when I state this global shaking event could occur as predicted through nuclear weapons. I also believe this world shaking event would take the lives of millions. Revelation 9: 14 - 18 is the prophecy describing Armageddon: "...Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths." The good news is that I dogmatically believe that this battle is fought after the Rapture: "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth" - Revelation 3:10; "...I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter" - Revelation 4:1; "...the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" – I Thessalonians 4:16 – 18. Rest upon God's Word: "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ' -Titus 2:13. See the next two reports.")

North Korea: Manhattan and White House top nuclear targets, report shows

November 23, 2017 -- News.com.au reports: "Major cities, military bases and the White House are among the top potential targets in a North Korean nuclear strike, an eye-opening report has revealed.

The United States mainland is the top

target listed in the new report by the European Council on Foreign Relations, which paints a grim picture of North Korea's nuclear potential.

North Korea has not released an official list of targets.

The European think tank has instead collated the list based on material published on the secretive regime's propaganda channels.

The report, pre-empting defeat: In search of North Korea's nuclear doctrine, goes on to suggest how North Korea would use its nuclear weapons in a conflict situation.

It aims to 'predict Pyongyang's response to different scenarios, and to avoid war, the international community needs to understand how the regime sees its nuclear weapons, and when it would use them'.

It also warns Pyongyang's weapons program is here to stay..."

Hawaii on frontlines of preparing for nuclear attack

November 29, 2017 -- Voice of America News reports: "As tensions escalate between North Korea and the United States, Hawaii finds itself on the frontlines in preparing for a nuclear attack. Whether or not North Korea has developed the capability of hitting the islands with a missile, state officials aren't taking any chances.

Starting in December, Hawaii will be testing its 'Attack Warning' siren for the first time since the Cold War in the 1980s. The state is adding the signal to its monthly 'Attention Alert' test, which warns people of an incoming tsunami or hurricane.

While the wailing siren could be used to warn of a nuclear strike from North Korea, Vern Miyagi, administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA), said he thinks an attack is unlikely.

'If North Korea launches against us

or our allies, the retaliation would be complete and they would defeat North Korea's ambition to continue its regime. So if they did launch an attack against us, the regime would be probably end,' said Miyagi..."

RUSSIA AND KINGS OF THE EAST

Dunford: U.S. military superiority over Russia, China markedly decreasing

November 19, 2017 -- SpaceDaily. com reports: "The U.S. has been losing its military supremacy over its peer countries like Russia and China over the last 10-15 years and should step up efforts to increase its deterrence potential, Joe Dunford, Head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was cited as saying during a lecture at the Tufts University in Massachusetts earlier this week.

Russia and China have heavily invested in their capabilities to struggle against America's traditional dominance in a range of spheres, General Dunford said, as cited in a news article published on the U.S. Defense Department website.

'As an example, if you take the naval alliance in Europe, Russia understands that the transatlantic link is critical for us to meet our NATO commitments,' he added. The rivals' 'anti-access' strategy is thus oriented at developing systems to limit U.S. ability to move into the region and to operate freely on the ground to meet alliance commitments.

The areas that are in the Russian and Chinese spotlight are electronic warfare, cyber technologies, antispace capabilities, anti-ship cruise and ballistic missiles, aimed to prevent the U.S. from spreading its power to Europe and supporting its allies..." (Russia is warming up for Armageddon. Soon a peace program will be contracted for the Middle East nations - Daniel 11: 21, 24. It will be a peace contract for seven years but broken after 42 months - Daniel 9:27. Russia is the nation that then says: "...I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor

gates, To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations..." – Ezekiel 38:11, 12. See the next report.)

U.S. vows to help Europe repel Russian aggression

November 29, 2017 -- SpaceDaily. com reports: "Secretary of State Rex Tillerson re-committed the United States to opposing Moscow's 'aggression' against its neighbors Tuesday and vowed to help Europe wean itself off Russian oil and gas.

Next week Washington's top diplomat will attend ministerial meetings of the NATO alliance in Brussels and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in Vienna.

At both sets of talks Russia's intervention in Ukraine will top the agenda and U.S. allies in Europe will be looking for reassurance that President Donald Trump's administration has their back.

Trump came to office this year seeking warmer ties with Moscow and has sometimes called into question the value of U.S. alliances, but relations with President Vladimir Putin's Kremlin quickly soured.

Now, Tillerson is heading to Europe with a tough message that the Western allies stand shoulder to shoulder to oppose 'the enemies that threaten our security and oppose our way of life.'..."

From Myanmar to Zimbabwe, China's global footprint grows

November 27, 2017 -- SpaceDaily. com reports: "China has traditionally rejected U.S.-style interventionism, but its deepening economic involvement in volatile countries like Myanmar and Zimbabwe is thrusting Beijing towards a more assertive global role, analysts say.

China's foreign policy has been guided by its principle of 'non-interference in other countries' internal affairs', which emerged in 1954 when it was a much weaker nation.

While Beijing remains rhetorically committed to the stance, it is now a very different power, boasting the world's largest standing army and the second biggest economy.

This change has coincided with a shift in diplomatic engagement that most recently saw Beijing take the unusual step of proposing a strategy to resolve the crisis over Muslim refugees flooding over the border from Myanmar to Bangladesh.

It has also stepped up its role in the Middle East — on which it depends for oil — after having long taken a backseat in the powder-keg region, offering to host talks on the Syrian and the Israeli-Palestinian conflicts.

China is now expected to take greater responsibility in world affairs as 'it's no longer the little underdog,' said Kerry Brown, director of the Lau China Institute at King's College London.

'You can't have an elephant pretending it's a mouse.'..." (China will become a basic partner with Russia for the rapidly approaching battle of Armageddon - Revelation 16:16. Russia will lead invasion number one - Ezekiel 38 & 39. China will lead invasion number two - Revelation 16:12; Revelation 9:14 - 16. Then all nations will come against Jerusalem for the final invasion at which point Jesus will return to stop the bloodshed and set up his eternal kingdom upon earth - "[He gathers] all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken... Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day

of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south" – Zechariah 14:2 – 4. Then Psalm 2:6 occurs as God the Father says: "...I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion [Jerusalem]".)

North Korea calls U.S. terror listing a 'serious provocation'

November 24, 2017 -- SpaceDaily.com repots: "North Korea condemned its U.S. terror listing as a 'serious provocation' on Wednesday, warning that sanctions would never force it to abandon its nuclear weapons programme.

The response came shortly after China, the North's sole ally, also rejected as 'wrong' new U.S. sanctions that targeted Chinese companies doing business with the pariah state.

President Donald Trump Monday declared North Korea a state sponsor of terrorism, a spot on a U.S. blacklist Pyongyang had shed nearly a decade ago.

On Tuesday the U.S. unveiled its fresh sanctions which also targeted North Korean shipping, raising the pressure on the North to abandon its nuclear programme.

'Our army and people are full of rage and anger towards the heinous gangsters who dared to put the name of our sacred country in this wretched list of 'terrorism',' North Korean state news agency *KCNA* quoted a foreign ministry spokesperson as saying.

Slamming Washington for behaving like an 'international judge on terrorism', the spokesperson added that the U.S. move was 'clearly an absurdity and a mockery to world peace and security'..." (II Timothy 3:1 – "This know also, that in the last days perilous [dangerous] times shall come." Soon the kings of the East [Orient] will move into the Middle East – the second invasion of Israel after Russia's defeat. America will be involved against North Korea as part of "Tarshish" – Ezekiel 38:16.)

McMaster: 'Increasing' possibility of war with North Korea

December 3, 2017 -- Voice of America News reports: "The White House national security advisor says the possibility of war with impoverished, but nuclear-armed North Korea is 'increasing every day.'

'There are ways to address this problem short of armed conflict,' H.R. McMaster said Saturday, 'but it is a race because he's getting closer and closer and there's not much time left,' in a reference to North Korean leader Kim Jong-un.

North Korea announced last week that

it can now hit the U.S. mainland with a warhead, after its test-firing of a new intercontinental ballistic missile.

Media reports say the Pentagon is looking at U.S. west coast sites where additional defense systems can be installed, following the North Korean threat of a strike on the U.S. The Reuters news agency says the defenses would likely include Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) anti-ballistic missiles, similar to those deployed in South Korea..." (Nuclear war is coming - "Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths." This conflict called Armageddon is described in **Revelation 9:14 – 18.)**

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

American 'Christendom' staging 'rebellion against God'

November 19, 2017 -- *WND.com* reports: "The United States is post-Christian.

The population of the United States identifying as Christian has been in decline for many years.

According to a study from the Pew Research Forum, the Christian population of the United States suffered a staggering 8 percent decline between 2007 and 2014. Christianity is also seen as a valid target for mockery in American

pop culture, with even the shooting victims from the Sutherland Springs, Texas, massacre being mocked by many commentators for their faith in God.

The decline is also reshaping American congregations, many of whom are combining in an effort to stay open.

'We no longer live in Christendom,' the Rev. Daniel Webster, canon for evangelism and media for the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, told *The Baltimore Sun...*" (President Ronald Reagan spoke at the Dallas Ecumenical

Prayer Breakfast on August 23, 1984 and stated: "...Without God, there is no virtue, because there's no prompting of the conscience. Without God, we're mired in the material, that flat world that tells us only what the senses perceive. Without God, there is a coarsening of the society. And without God, democracy will not and cannot long endure. If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under..." Amos 8:11, 12 states: "Behold, the days

come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it.")

Quran sneaking into Christian settings

November 19, 2017 -- WND.com reports: "There will be a new feature in the Christmas program at one Norwegian elementary school this year: the Quran. But it's only the latest example of the Muslim holy book showing up in a Christian environment.

The Stigerasen School in Skien, Norway, announced last week that this year's Christmas festivities would feature students reading not only the typical Bible verses but also two verses from the Quran.

The Quranic verses are about Jesus, but Muslims consider Jesus only a prophet, not the Son of God. And Christmas is not an Islamic holy day; Muslims typically do not celebrate it at all.

The Quran has pushed its way into other Christian settings around the world. In January, passages from the Quran were read from the lectern of St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in Glasgow, Scotland.

The cathedral had invited local Muslims to join its service on the feast of Epiphany to promote understanding between Christianity and Islam.

A Muslim student read from the Quranic chapter that tells the story of Jesus' birth to the virgin Mary. The chapter contains the Islamic teaching that Jesus is not the Son of God and should not be worshipped, which led some Anglicans to criticize the cathedral for allowing the verses to be read..." (True Christians must oppose this unholy alliance because the Koran teaches eight times that anyone who calls Jesus the Son of God shall burn in hell forever — Surah 4:165, Surah 5:18, Surah 6:101, Surah 9:30, Surah 17:111,

Surah 19:38, Surah 23:91, Surah 88:92. God's Word says that anyone denying that Christ is the Son of God is an antichrist – I John 2:22. Only an individual ignorant of God's Word could join these two religions.)

Church of Sweden to stop clergy calling God 'he' or 'the Lord' in bid to crack down on gendered language

November 24, 2017 -- The Telegraph. co.uk reports: "The Church of Sweden is urging its clergy to use gender-neutral language when referring to the supreme deity, refraining from using terms like 'Lord' and 'He' in favor of the less specific 'God.'

The move is one of several taken by the national Evangelical Lutheran church in updating a 31-year-old handbook setting out how services should be conducted in terms of language, liturgy, hymns and other aspects.

The decision was taken Thursday at the end of an eight-day meeting of the church's 251-member decision-making body, and takes effect May 20 on the Christian holiday of Pentecost.

A former state church, headquartered in Uppsala, some 60 kilometers (37 miles) north of the capital, the church has 6.1 million baptized members in a country of 10 million. It is headed by a woman, Archbishop Antje Jackelen.

Jackelen told Sweden's *TT* news agency a more inclusive language had already been discussed at the 1986 conference.

'Theologically, for instance, know that God is beyond our gender determinations, God is not human,' Jackelen was quoted as saying by TT..." (It's true that God is a spirit and does not possess any physical characteristics, but it is also true that He has chosen to reveal Himself to mankind in male form. The Bible contains approximately 170 references to God as the "Father". Jesus Christ used the term "Father" nearly 160 times in direct reference to God. The word "Theos" -- a masculine noun in the Greek - is used in direct reference to God, in nearly 900 verses. "...let God be true, but every man a liar..." – Romans 3:4.)

Christians in India praise God in spite of police brutality, month in jail

November 28, 2017 -- *MorningStarNews.* org reports: "Six Christians facing false charges, two of them beaten by police, were jailed for a month for praying for a sick woman in eastern India, they said.

After tribal Gondi villagers in Simdega District, Jharkhand state, attacked the Christians on Sept. 16, officers at the local police station refused to listen to the victims and hit two young men among them, 25-year-old Sajan Majhi and Kalender Majhi, 20, they said.

'The police hit Sajan Majhi and Kalender Majhi repeatedly,' said one of those arrested, 35-year-old Dasrath Karketta. 'They didn't give us a chance to speak. If they inquired of us, we could have explained what happened exactly, but they didn't; instead, they scarred the face of Kalender Majhi. He bled also.'

The police beating followed the thrashing the Christians received from Hindu extremists in Ghosra village, who attacked them while they were praying for healing for the wife of Bikhru Majhi, sources said. Officers jailed the Christians and charged them with 'promoting enmity between classes' and insulting religion. They spent a month in jail before being released on bail.

'We spent one month in jail joyously - we sang hymns, read the Bible, prayed and worshipped together in jail,' Karketta said. 'We shared the gospel with other inmates in the district jail. There also, people came to Christ. We strongly felt the Lord was using us for His work and were happy about it.'..." (Christians who suffer and die for Christ will receive the "Crown of Life" to place at the feet of Jesus -James 1:12; Revelation 2:10. The 24 elders represent 12 Old Testament Tribes and 12 New Testament Apostles – saved Jews and redeemed Christians. In Revelation 4: 10 & 11 they cast their earned crowns before the Lord Jesus Christ.)

ISLAMIC ATROCITIES

Report: Hundreds of Islamic State sex slaves face honor killings if they escape

November 26, 2017 -- Breitbart.com reports: "The estimated 640 young girls from Iraq's Turkmen minority community who remain under the shackles of sexual slavery at the hands of the Islamic State (ISIS/ISIL) face honor killings if they escape and return to their families, a former Iraqi lawmaker representing the ethnic group told *Fox News*.

'We are very conservative. If our wife or sister was raped, we cannot talk about it,' Fawzi Akram, the former Iraqi member of parliament (MP) who now serves as a prominent aid and community leader, told *Fox News*.

He revealed that '640 of our girls—some younger than 12—are missing by ISIS.'

Last year, the Knights of Columbus, the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization, and the nonprofit In Defense of Christians unveiled a detailed store-like price list maintained by ISIS for selling sexual slaves as young as 1-year-old 'in the name of Allah.'

Honor killings across the globe often involve Muslim males murdering or mutilating a female family member accused of bringing shame and dishonor to their families and Islam.

Akram reportedly indicated that Turkmen 'families are so deeply ashamed that they often don't want their abducted girls to come back for fear they were violated. If they do escape and return, they face being honor killed.'..." (Islam is inconsistent. Shariah Law commands that all unmarried daughters who have premarital sex are to be put to death by the father, son, or cousin. On the other hand, 72 virgins are presented to suicide bombers for sex eternally and in this case it's honorable. Go figure out such idiotic reasoning. Here is what our God states: "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God" I Corinthians 6:9, 10.)

'Ignorant infidels' in U.S. may have to be 'forced' to accept Islam

November 26, 2017 -- WND.com reports: "Radical imams from Virginia, Maryland and Texas attended a fund-raising event organized by an Islamist charity on Saturday, Nov. 18, in which they were treated to a smorgasbord of teachings from foreign-based Islamic thinkers.

The prime delicacy was offered up by keynote speaker Habib-ur-Rehman Ludhianvi, a visiting Islamic cleric from Pakistan.

Ludhiavi believes America is a 'land of infidels,' whom he described as 'ignorant.' His comments are a ringing example of what Muslim leaders say when they are behind closed doors and in the company of other Muslims, as opposed to the public comments meant for gullible infidel ears, security experts tell *WND*...

At the Virginia conference, Ludhianvi advised a sort of carrot and stick approach to conquering American minds for Islam, starting with heretical Muslims who don't believe in jihad. He said: "They are ignorant and there is no need for dialogue with them, God has given them two options, one is the holy book and one is the stick and if one does not accept the holy book they have to be forced..." (Islam's goal is global domination. Islamic leaders Ayatollah Khomeini, Khamenei, and Kabbala, all warn that Islam will take over the world and that their prophet Jesus, called Isa, will be the chief executioner of all who will not convert to Islam under the rule of their messiah Mahdi. Shariah Law demands that all Islamic apostates who deviate from any point of Islam's law be executed by crucifixion [Surah 5:33] or beheading [Surah 47:4]. This is not only for Islamic defectors but all Christians as well. See the next report.)

'Western Christianity in denial about radical Islam'

November 23, 2017 -- The Jerusalem Post reports: "The West is still in denial about radical Islam's goal to eradicate Christianity, according to an Italian journalist and author.

Once radical Islam gains a foothold in Europe, there is nothing suggesting that it can't easily dismantle Western Christianity, just as it did Christianity in the Middle East, wrote Giulio Meotti, cultural editor for *Il Foglio*, in a Gatestone Institute article this week.

'If Eastern Christianity can be extinguished so easily, Western Europe will be next,' he wrote.

'While natural disasters such as tsunamis or earthquakes spur solidarity throughout the West, the disappearance of entire Christian populations and their ancient civilizations never seems to disturb anyone,' Meotti said in the essay titled 'Europe: Destroyed by the West's Indifference?' 'Perhaps it is a sign of denial by the West.'

Meotti struck a similar tone to a piece written by CAMERA Christian media analyst Dexter Van Zile, who said that the reason many churches take to blaming Israel is because the Jewish state is a safe target, while offending a jihadist would offer a different result.

'Our media and intelligentsia are always on the alert to defend everything coming from Islam, whether women's veils or the 'right not to be offended' by cartoons,' Meotti wrote. 'The same establishment, however, lies in a coma when Christian symbols come under attack.'..."

Why Islamic State is obsessed with targeting Muslims

November 27, 2017 -- The Times of Israel reports: "The Islamic State insists on slaughtering innocent worshipers, even Muslims, as they pray. The horrific massacre on Friday at a mosque in Northern Sinai was a stark reminder of this reality and prompts the question: why and to what end?

While no one as of Saturday night had claimed the deadly massacre that killed 305 worshipers, Egyptian officials said the terrorists were waving the black Islamic State banner as they fired into the mosque. The main suspects are Islamic State's Sinai Province, the group formerly known as Ansar Bayt al-Maqdis. Its leader, who goes by the nom de guerre Abu Osama (his real name is Muhammad al-Isawi), took over when his predecessor, Abu Du'a al-Ansari, was assassinated in August 2016.

Friday's attack was perpetrated against a mosque for Sufis, followers of a mystical stream of Islam that once flourished throughout the region, and whose message is generally one of tolerance, peace and a love of God and humanity.

That the attack took place at a mosque was no mistake. Yes, it is a convenient place to target a large gathering, but, more importantly for the killers, it also conveys a message to Sufis to stop practicing their religion.

This is not due to a unique hatred for Sufis. It's much bigger than that: a hatred for anyone not conforming to Salafi Islam — a puritanical version of the religion that emerged from Saudi Arabia in the 18th century. Anyone, be they Christians, Jews, Hindus, Yazidis, Shiites, or Sufis, or even Sunnis deemed too lax in their practice. All are targeted..." (10 reasons why sharia is bad for all societies: 1. Islam commands offensive, aggressive and unjust jihad which is a holy war. 2. Islam orders apostates to be killed. 3. Islam orders death for Muslims and death for non-Muslim critics of Muhammad and the Ouran, and even Sharia itself. 4. Islam orders unmarried fornicators to be whipped, put to death, and adulterers to be stoned. 5. Islam commands all homosexuals to be executed. 6. Islam commands that highway robbers should be crucified or mutilated. 7. Islam commands that a male and female thief must have a hand cut off. 8. Islam allows an injured plaintiff to exact legal revenge, physical eye for physical eye. 9. Islam allows husbands to beat their wives. 10. Islam commands that drinkers and gamblers be beaten. Sharia law ultimately degrades societies and diminishes freedom. See the next three reports.)

Nigeria mosque attack: Teenage suicide bomber kills 50

November 21, 2017 -- ChristianToday. com reports: "A teenager blew up himself as worshippers gathered for prayers in a mosque in northeastern Nigeria today, killing at least 50 people. The attack struck Madina mosque in the Unguwar Shuwa area of Mubi, around 200km (125 miles) from the Adamawa state capital, Yola. It is thought to be the biggest mass killing in the country this year and is expected to be claimed by the Islamist militant group Boko Haram.

The area has faced an insurgency from the jihadists and the militants held territory in 2014, although they were pushed out of those areas by troops in early 2015.

Abubakar Othman, a police spokesperson in Adamawa state, said the death toll from the attack in the town of Mubi is 50 people, but 'there could be more as those seriously injured could add to the figure'. Boko Haram typically mounts suicide attacks in crowded public places such as mosques and markets.

Tuesday's attack is the highest loss of life since 56 people were killed in the same state last December, when two schoolgirl suicide bombers killed 56 people and wounded dozens more in a coordinated attack on a crowded market..."

Egypt mosque attack: at least 155 killed in Sinai

November 24, 2017 -- *BBC News* reports: "Suspected militants have launched a bomb and gun attack on a mosque in

Egypt's North Sinai province, killing 155 people, state media report.

Witnesses say the al-Rawda mosque in the town of Bir al-Abed, near al-Arish, was targeted during Friday prayers.

Local police said men in four off-road vehicles opened fire on worshippers, *AP* reported.

Egypt has been fighting an Islamist insurgency in the region, which has intensified since 2013.

More than 100 people were also wounded in the attack, reports say.

Pictures from the scene show rows of bloodied victims inside the mosque.

One report said the target appeared to be supporters of the security forces who were praying at the mosque..."

Gunmen in mosque attack 'carried Islamic State flag'

November 26, 2017 -- Asia Times Online reports: "Gunmen who attacked a mosque on Friday in Egypt's North Sinai brandished an Islamic State flag as they opened fire through doorways and windows, killing more than 300 worshippers, including two dozen children, officials said on Saturday.

No group has claimed responsibility, but Egyptian forces are battling a stubborn Islamic State affiliate in the region, one of the surviving branches of the militant group after it suffered defeats by U.S.-backed forces in Iraq and Syria.

The assault on a mosque has stunned Egyptians, prompting President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi's government to tighten security at places of worship and key buildings, and call three days of mourning for the bloodiest attack in Egypt's modern history.

State news agency *MENA* said the death toll had risen to 305, including 27 children, and 128 people were injured.

Egypt's public prosecutor's office, citing interviews with wounded survivors as part of its investigation, linked Islamic State militants, also known as Daesh, to the attack on the Al Rawdah mosque in Bir al-Abed, west of El-Arish city..."