

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

LONDON TERROR ATTACKS

Manchester attack: 22 dead and 59 hurt in suicide bombing

May 23, 2017 -- BBC News reports: "Twenty-two people, including children, have been killed and 59 injured in a suicide attack at Manchester Arena.

The blast happened in the foyer at 22:35 BST on Monday at the end of a concert by US singer Ariana Grande.

Police said the lone male attacker, who died in the blast, detonated a homemade bomb...

The prime minister has chaired a meeting of the government's emergency Cobra committee and is expected to travel to Manchester later.

Chief Constable Ian Hopkins said it was 'the most horrific incident' the city had ever faced.

He said the 'fast-moving investigation' was now working to establish whether the attacker 'was acting alone or as part of a network'.

Sixty ambulances attended the incident and those wounded are now being treated at six hospitals around the city..." **(Another in a long line of despicable and cowardly acts by these 'losers' as President Trump calls them in the following article. What causes these losers to strap on explosives and run into a crowd of children**

and teenagers? According to a hadith of Muhammad: "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." What a surprise for them when they close their eyes in this world, and open them in "outer darkness, where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth" – Matthew 8:12; 13:41-42; 22:11-13; 24:44-51; and 25:14-30. These passages declare the undeniable fact that those who do not belong to Christ will suffer a terrible fate, while His children will enjoy Heaven with Him eternally. The misery that causes the gnashing of teeth will be unknown in Heaven. See the next three reports.)

Trump deplores 'evil losers' who bombed Manchester concert

May 23, 2017 -- The Times of Israel reports: "US President Donald Trump on Tuesday condemned the bombing of a pop concert in Britain that claimed the lives of 22 people

in Manchester the previous night, describing those who carried out the attack as 'evil losers' and saying that society can no longer tolerate such bloodshed.

Trump was delivering a press statement together with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas in Bethlehem as part of his 28-hour visit to Israel and the West Bank. The two men also discussed the future of Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

Manchester police said an apparent suicide bomber set off an improvised explosive device at the end of an Ariana Grande concert in the northeastern UK city. Many of those killed and injured were reportedly children.

'I extend my deepest condolences to those terribly injured in this terrorist attack, and to the many killed, and the families, so many families, of the victims,' Trump said. 'We stand in absolute solidarity with the people in the United Kingdom. So many young innocent people living and enjoying their lives, murdered by evil losers in life.

'I won't call them monsters, because they would like that term,' he continued. 'They would think that's a great name. I will call them from now on losers, because that's what they

are, they're losers. And we'll have more of them, but they're losers. Just remember that.'..."

John Robson: The obvious lesson about terrorists — they hate us for who we are, not what we do

May 26, 2017 -- *The National Post* reports: "Once again, we find ourselves aghast at a terrorist atrocity. Once again, we seek to console, rebuild and carry on. And once again, we wonder what it can all mean.

Consolation is the first task. And we must carry on, seeking better security without shrinking into lives of fear. But we must also recognize, again, that these people hate us not for what we do but for who we are.

Consider the choice of target: an Ariana Grande concert. Not a gathering of police officers, soldiers, politicians, Christians, Jews or even 'capitalists.' Young people having fun at a pop concert. Why them?

Part of the answer is that it's random. Terrorism aims to be unpredictable.

Part is convenience. The terrorists were presumably looking for a 'soft' target and a concert is far easier to attack than a government building or a major sports event nowadays. Or at least, sort of. (It would be possible to hit a crowd pouring out of a hockey game in Canada, or a soccer match in Britain, avoiding tight security at the actual venue entrances, just as it was possible to hit people bunched together leaving a concert.)

Partly, it was a decision to massacre the most innocent: teens and even children. Of the dozens who were injured, roughly a fifth were under 16; roughly a dozen remain in hospital. The youngest confirmed fatality was just eight. And of those adults present, a high proportion were accompanying their children. Islamists proudly declare that they are in love with death. Their rejection of life, joy, hope and affirmation in every form is underlined by their choice of victims in this instance. In fact, I have wanted to

put this thought in print for a long time and it's time to say it out loud: if your religion loves death, you are worshipping the wrong supernatural being..."

Islamic State supporters vow to 'shake' the West following Manchester terrorist massacre

May 24, 2017 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Islamic State sympathizers and militants celebrated last night's deadly terrorist massacre at a crowded concert in Manchester, England, with the jihadists vowing to continue the onslaught against the West.

The Islamic State claimed that a 'soldier of the caliphate planted bombs in the middle of Crusaders gatherings,' apparently taking credit for the carnage.

Breitbart Jerusalem obtained access to correspondence posted in 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.

A militant named Abu Ayman Alalmani (the German) wrote, 'Thanks to Allah who allowed this achievement of the Mujahideen. We are all believers in Allah that our brothers, the supporters and the Mujahideen, are those who committed the attack among the infidels. We swear to Allah that the infidel countries in the West won't have the luxury of security. This is a Godly promise and this is the promise of the Mujahideen, the future will prove to you that you are the countries of heresy. You will see this and not only hear it.'..."

ISIS newspaper days before London Bridge: new UK attack 'definitely coming'

June 4, 2017 -- *PJMedia.com* reports: "The latest issue of the Islamic State's weekly newspaper *al-Naba* released two days ago warned that another terrorist attack in Britain was "definitely coming."

Al-Naba, a 16-page color newsletter, is distributed within ISIS territory but is

also posted and distributed online via the usual ISIS mediums such as Telegram and social media.

Britain, said an article within the newsletter titled "Blessed Battle of Manchester: A new lesson for tyrants, Crusader States," thought it "was safe from the wounds of the Mujahideen."

"Protected by the sea they have long relied on isolating themselves" and thought "their exit from the European Union would save them."

"A soldier from the Islamic State" in Manchester, the article continued, "has unleashed terror throughout their country, they rushed to spread the army in the cities, mobilizing police and security in the streets for fear of a new attack," which "is inevitable, God willing."... (*...pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment... they are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression; they speak loftily. They have set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth*) – Psalm 73:6; 8-9.)

Van hits pedestrians in 'major incident' at London Bridge, reports of stabbings, gunfire multiple injuries

June 3, 2017 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Police are responding to an incident in central London on Saturday night following a report a van has hit a number of pedestrians on London Bridge.

At 2208hr British Summer Time (BST), Metropolitan Police officers responded to reports of a vehicle in collision with pedestrians.

Witnesses have said a white van mounted the pavement and ran over pedestrians.

There are reports there are armed police at the scene, and about five people are being treated for their injuries after being hit by the vehicle.

BBC reporter Holly Jones, who was on the bridge at the time of the incident, said the van was driven by a man and was 'probably travelling at about 50 miles an hour'...." (**ISIS is**

encouraging its followers to carry out attacks with vehicles and knives. Their propaganda magazine *Rumiyah* is filled with instructions as to how to pick out the proper vehicle, how to kill as many people as possible with knives. Romans 1:29 – 31 describes these dealers of death as: *“Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful.”* See the next report.)

London attack: 12 arrested in Barking after van and knife attack

June 4, 2017 -- BBC News reports: “Twelve people have been arrested after the London terror attack which left seven people dead and 48 injured.

The arrests in Barking, east London, followed a raid at a flat belonging to one of the three attackers.

A van hit pedestrians on London Bridge at 21:58 BST on Saturday. Three men then got out and stabbed people in nearby Borough Market.

The attackers were shot dead by eight officers who fired 50 bullets. A member of the public was accidentally shot.

The member of the public remains in hospital in a non-critical condition, Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley said.

“The situation these officers were confronted with was critical, a matter of life and death – three armed men wearing what appeared to be suicide belts,” he said.

“They had already attacked and killed members of the public and had to be stopped immediately.”

The suspected suicide vests were later found to be hoaxes...”

Islamic State supporters celebrate London terror: Allah will reward you for running over infidels

June 4, 2017 -- Breitbart.com reports: “Writing in an encrypted chat room, Islamic State sympathizers and militants hailed Saturday’s deadly attacks in London and typically called for more such carnage throughout Europe and the West.

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

No group has claimed responsibility for the terrorist massacre in London yet in which seven people were murdered and dozens more were injured near the London Bridge and Borough Market.

The attack was carried out mere hours after an IS-linked news service had posted a message on Telegram calling for supporters to “gain benefit from Ramadan” and “kill the civilians of the Crusaders. Run over them by vehicles...” (Allah is incapable of rewarding – *“For all of the gods of the nations are idols; but the LORD made the heavens”* – Psalm 96:5. God Almighty will judge. Jonathan Edwards, on July 8, 1741 delivered a sermon entitled *“Sinners in the hands of an angry God”* in which he spoke of the wrath of God that will be poured out on sinners. He stated: “...There are the black clouds of God’s wrath now hanging directly over your heads, full of the dreadful storm, and big with thunder; and were it not for the restraining hand of God, it would immediately burst forth upon you... The wrath of God is like great waters that are dammed for the present; they increase more and more, and rise higher and higher, till an outlet is given; and the longer the stream is stopped, the more rapid and mighty is its course, when once it is let loose...If God should only withdraw his hand from the flood-gate, it would immediately

fly open, and the fiery floods of the fierceness and wrath of God, would rush forth with inconceivable fury, and would come upon you with omnipotent power; and if your strength were ten thousand times greater than it is, yea, ten thousand times greater than the strength of the stoutest, sturdiest devil in hell, it would be nothing to withstand or endure it. The bow of God’s wrath is bent, and the arrow made ready on the string, and justice bends the arrow at your heart, and strains the bow, and it is nothing but the mere pleasure of God, and that of an angry God, without any promise or obligation at all, that keeps the arrow one moment from being made drunk with your blood...” Praise God Jonathan Edwards did not end his sermon there. “...And now you have an extraordinary opportunity, a day wherein Christ has thrown the door of mercy wide open, and stands in calling and crying with a loud voice to poor sinners; a day wherein many are flocking to him, and pressing into the kingdom of God. Many are daily coming from the east, west, north and south; many that were very lately in the same miserable condition that you are in, are now in a happy state, with their hearts filled with love to him who has loved them, and washed them from their sins in his own blood, and rejoicing in hope of the glory of God...” Yes, even members of ISIS can be forgiven by God if they turn to Him. Missionary David Garrison wrote a book, *A Wind in the House of Islam*, in which he states ‘we are living in the midst of the greatest turning of Muslims to Christ in history’. Many that convert face a death penalty, but Jesus stated: “...Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that, have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom you shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed, hath power to cast into hell: yea, I say unto you, Fear him” – Luke 12:4 – 5.

Dearborn, Michigan link to London jihad massacre

June 6, 2017 -- WND.com reports: “People who knew the jihadists who struck Saturday with long knives against

defenseless London diners saw something, and they said something. But the British government did nothing.

In fact, one of the three attackers was reported to authorities for following the teachings of a known radical sheik based in Dearborn, Michigan.

Dearborn is home to the largest Arab-American community in the U.S.

According to the *Telegraph*, a former friend of one of the three dead London suspects claimed one of the attackers had been radicalized while watching Dearborn cleric Ahmad Musa Jibril's YouTube videos, and he said he contacted authorities after becoming concerned about his friend's Islamist views.

The *Telegraph* described the Dearborn sheik as 'infamous American hate preacher Ahmad Musa Jibril.'...
(This cleric is following in the footsteps of Anjem Choudary, Britain's most notorious radical Muslim preacher, who in September 2016 was sentenced to five and a half years in prison for ISIS recruitment. See the next two reports that show that this recruitment drive is a success.)

23,000 Jihadists in Britain, not 3,000 as previously claimed

May 28, 2017 -- Breitbart.com reports: "Government sources have confessed that there are at least 23,000 jihadists in Britain – more than seven times higher than previously revealed.

Until recently, the public had been led to believe there were around 3,000 known jihadists in Britain, with 500 being subject to active investigations led by MI5. Whitehall officials have now disclosed that a further 20,000 individuals have been identified as posing a "residual risk", according to *The Times*...

Terror expert: U.K. let radical imams 'inspire' terrorists' acts of 'evil'

June 7, 2017 -- WND.com reports: "Cherished freedoms make the fight against radical Islam more difficult in the United States and the United Kingdom, but the battle can be won through the ideas and by putting an end to cultural coddling of radical ideologies, according to a terrorism expert with extensive ties

to the U.K.

Frustrations over recent, deadly terrorist attacks in London and Manchester are more aggravated by stories revealing one of the terrorists was featured in a documentary called 'The Jihadis Next Door' and made no secret about his support for jihad and that more than 20,000 people in the U.K. are of concern to authorities.

However, Anglosphere Society Founder Amanda Bowman told *WND* and Radio America rounding up these suspects is much tougher to do in a free society.

'The problem that we are dealing with in the United States and the United Kingdom is that you can't actually detain people until they do something, because in our countries we respect the right to speak out,' said Bowman, who also ran the New York office of the Center for Security Policy for eight years.

'We are now, both in the U.S. and the U.K. and in western Europe, the victims of our own tolerant societies and what makes it so worthwhile to be American or to be British,' Bowman said...

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

In Ramadan Massacre, Egyptian Christians killed for refusing to renounce their faith in Jesus

May 28, 2017 -- Breitbart.com reports: "As more and more details emerge concerning Friday's Ramadan attack on a busload of Christians on pilgrimage, the more it becomes evident that these 29 martyrs died solely because they were Christians.

Survivors of the attack said that the ten masked Islamic State militants did not merely open fire on the bus full of Christian pilgrims on their way to the Monastery of Saint Samuel the Confessor, but that the victims were made to descend from the bus and asked one

by one whether they were Christians before being shot by the assailants.

According to one of the chaplains of the group, Father Rashed, as each pilgrim came off the bus they were asked to renounce their Christian faith and profess belief in Islam, but all of them—even the children—refused. Each was killed in cold blood with a gunshot to the head or the throat.

In a statement Friday, President Donald Trump said the 'merciless slaughter of Christians in Egypt tears at our hearts and grieves our souls.'

'Wherever innocent blood is spilled, a wound is inflicted upon humanity,' the statement said. 'But this attack also steels our resolve to bring nations

together for the righteous purpose of crushing the evil organizations of terror, and exposing their depraved, twisted, and thuggish ideology.'...
(The Church Father Tertullian wrote in the 2nd Century "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church". This has been demonstrated throughout the centuries. Jim Elliot in 1949 wrote "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose." These 29 faithful believers found this to be true on this Friday – "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven" – Matthew 10:32. Revelation 2:10 states: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.")

Islamic State supporters following coptic bus attack: 'Christians will not have security'

April 28, 2017 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Writing in an encrypted chat room, Islamic State sympathizers and militants celebrated the deadly terrorist attack against a bus of Coptic Christian pilgrims in Egypt on Friday, and warned that Christians in the country should expect more such attacks.

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

The Islamic State claimed responsibility for the attack in which 29 Christian civilians were murdered by gunmen claiming to be security forces as the pilgrims were reportedly on their way to volunteer at a monastery.

"A security team of caliphate soldiers set up an ambush for dozens of Christians as they headed to the church of St. Samuel," IS announced on Saturday through Amaq, the terrorist group's media and propaganda arm..." *("Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you" – Matthew 5:10 – 12.)*

Islam's holiest month Ramadan: a time when jihadis encourage martyrdom

May 26, 2017 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Islamist and jihadi organizations encourage their followers to carry out violent attacks on Ramadan, the holiest month for Muslims, when terrorist groups especially encourage and value martyrdom.

There is usually a spike in jihadi attacks during the holy month, expected to start on Friday this year.

Following the Islamic State's (ISIS/ISIL) call for violence during the holy month last year, the U.S. State Department-led Overseas Security Advisory Council warned: 'According to Islamic practice, sacrifice during Ramadan can be considered more valuable than that made at other times, so a call to martyrdom during the month may hold a special allure to some.'

The Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) notes that Islamist and terrorist groups stress themes of jihad in messages, articles, and sermons published on Ramadan.

Among the Ramadan themes identified by *MEMRI*, are:

The commandment of jihad, which is of supreme importance at all times, assumes even greater importance during this holy month and gains precedence over all other commandments... On Ramadan Allah grants fighters special strength, despite – or rather by virtue of – their fasting. Those who gain martyrdom during the month of Ramadan are doubly rewarded in Paradise.

Most Muslims follow the tradition of abstaining from eating, drinking, smoking, having sex, and other physical needs each day, starting from before the break of dawn until sunset during the month of Ramadan.

However, other Muslims adhere to the tradition that perceives Ramadan as a month of jihad and martyrdom..." *(Unlike the 29 martyrs mentioned in the first article in this section, these martyrs will experience the wrath of God poured out on them. "For, behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire" - Isaiah 66:15. And "... out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God" – Revelation 19:15.)*

Record few Americans believe Bible is literal word of God

May 17, 2017 -- *Gallup.com* reports: "Fewer than one in four Americans (24%) now believe the Bible is 'the actual word of God, and is to be taken literally, word for word,' similar to the 26% who view it as 'a book of fables, legends, history and moral precepts recorded by man.' This is the first time in Gallup's four-decade trend that biblical literalism has not surpassed biblical skepticism. Meanwhile, about half of Americans — a proportion largely unchanged over the years — fall in the middle, saying the Bible is the inspired word of God but that not all of it should be taken literally.

From the mid-1970s through 1984, close to 40% of Americans considered the Bible the literal word of God, but this has been declining ever since, along with a shrinking percentage of self-identified Christians in the U.S. Meanwhile, the percentage defining the Bible as mere stories has doubled, with much of that change occurring in the past three years.

Still, while biblical literalism has waned, the vast majority of Americans — 71% — continue to view the Bible as a holy document, believing it is at least God-inspired if not God's own words..." *(As born-again believers, we accept the Word of God in its entirety as divinely inspired and inerrant. During these last days, we are seeing a continual turning away from this truth. Many ministers have taken it upon themselves to reject the inspired Word of God. This rejection goes against what we know to be true and spoken of by the Word. II Peter 1:19-25 bears record of the fact that men of God were directed as to the words that they should write. II Timothy 3:16 tells us that "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness". This verse tells us that Scripture is literally "God breathed". Other verses you may wish to study are Luke 9:26, Hebrews 1:1,2 and Zechariah 7:12. There are many verses that bear testimony of the record of truth. The Word of God gives a direct warning to those who would*

tamper with His Word. Revelation 22:18,19 is a fearful admonition to those who would take away from the Word of God. As one begins to deny certain areas of the Bible, it leaves the door open for a further denial of God's truth. Jesus spoke to this end in John 5:46,47 when he authenticated the words of Moses and the prophets. He said that if one would not believe this record, that same one would not believe His Words. It is a terrible thing to see men turning away from the Word of God. We know that this is a sign of the soon coming of our Lord Jesus Christ I Timothy 4:1.)

Christian pastor in Bible Belt admits personally worshipping Allah

May 16, 2017 -- WND.com reports: "A former church has been taken over and

converted to a mosque in a rural North Carolina county, and a group of Christian pastors took part in the conversion ceremony in an effort to 'show mutual respect' for their Muslim neighbors.

Crosses have been removed from the former church's facade and steeple, and mosque leader Ali Muhammad turned them over to the group of pastors.

'What they were attempting to do is honor our tradition and so they wanted to turn the crosses over to us,' said the Rev. Jim Melnyk, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Smithfield, a small town in Johnston County about 45 minutes south of Raleigh. 'They were reaching out to us, and we were reaching out to them.'

Melnyk said he was joined by pastors from the United Methodist Church, United Church of Christ and three different

Baptist congregations at Saturday's ceremony, which marked the official conversion of a former Pentecostal church into a mosque. One lay person from the local Presbyterian Church was also present for the 'celebration.'... (*"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves"* – Matthew 7:15. *"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them"* – Acts 20:28 – 30.)

THE RELIGION OF PEACE?

Muslims crave a chilling kind of peace, experts say

June 6, 2017 -- WND.com reports: "The 'religion of peace' struck again Saturday night in London, when three terrorists drove a van into a crowd of pedestrians on London Bridge, then jumped out and reportedly shouted, 'This is for Allah,' as they stabbed passersby with knives.

With seven more dead and 48 more wounded in the latest attack, it's hard for many to believe Islam is truly a religion of peace, as many politicians and media figures have claimed.

But Islam is a religion of peace, according to a former Homeland Security officer who specialized in Islamic theology and the strategy and tactics of the global Islamic movement. It's just that the Muslim definition of peace is different than the Western one.

'Peace is defined by pledging loyalty to Shariah law,' said Philip Haney, who worked in Customs and Border Protection. 'They define everything that they do based on their loyalty to the principles of Shariah law, and it's a component of Shariah that peace is

not possible within this world we live in until Shariah law is established. So I tell people tongue-in-cheek that Islam is a religion of peace, just not right now. It will be when Shariah law is implemented, but not until then.'... (**In March 2015, the UK newspaper *The Independent* had a series of articles entitled: "Life under Isis: The everyday reality of living in the Islamic 'Caliphate' with its 7th Century laws, very modern methods and merciless violence."**

It stated: "It is one of the strangest states ever created. The Islamic State wants to force all humanity to believe in its vision of a religious and social utopia existing in the first days of Islam. Women are to be treated as chattels, forbidden to leave the house unless they are accompanied by a male relative. People deemed to be pagans, like the Yazidis, can be bought and sold as slaves. Punishments such as beheadings, amputations and flogging become the norm. All those not pledging allegiance to the caliphate declared by its leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, on 29 June last year are considered enemies." What a difference between this teaching and the teaching of our Lord: "Ye

have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" – Matthew 2:43 – 48.)

Ex-Islamist leader: 'stop saying violence has nothing to do with Islam'

June 6, 2017 -- Breitbart.com reports: "British Muslims have been urged to 'stop pretending' violence and terrorism are completely alien to Islam. The call was made by Maajid Nawaz, a former leader of the UK branch of the hardline Islamist group Hizb ut-Tahrir (HuT).

Mr. Nawaz, a broadcaster and author, was speaking on London's *LBC* radio in the wake of Saturday night's terrorist atrocity in the British capital, in which seven people were killed and more than 50 injured. In response to a caller questioning whether Islam had anything to do with acts of terrorist violence, he had this to say:

'When the prophet Mohammed said: 'I have been ordered to fight the people until they declare there is no god but God and Muhammad is his messenger', That's clearly got something to do with violence doesn't it?' Maajid suggested...' (The web page **Answering Islam lists 164 jihad verses in the Koran**. It listed as its criteria: "Each of the 164 Jihad verses in

this list was selected based on how clearly and directly it spoke about Jihad, at least when considered in its immediate context. Most of the listed passages mention a military expedition, fighting, or distributing war spoils." You can find these listed at: http://www.answering-islam.org/Quran/Themes/jihad_passages.html.)

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

'Jerusalem is not a problem, it's a solution'

May 22, 2017 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Jerusalem is not the problem but rather the solution, President Reuven Rivlin said Sunday at the opening ceremony celebrating the 50th anniversary of the liberation and unification of Jerusalem, which was held in the Old City.

'Sometimes I hear that they are talking about 'the Jerusalem problem',' the President said. 'Jerusalem is not a problem, Jerusalem is the solution. There are dreamers of political solutions who are trying to cut the city into parts, but anyone who talks about Jerusalem like a surgeon brings a disaster upon it and its inhabitants, and brings it back to the days of its lowliness.'

'For many years now, they have been trying to undermine the foundations of Jerusalem, they have never stopped,' Rivlin continued. 'Even now, the UNESCO conference is trying to rewrite history, to say that 'we have no connection to the city.' To all those who denounce Jerusalem we have one answer: Jerusalem has been burned and broken and smashed and eulogized, but it rose and returned to its sons, opening its gates to thousands of believers of different faiths.'

The President went on to say, 'A united Jerusalem is not built in words, it is built by deeds. If we tell the world that Jerusalem is one, and that Jerusalem cannot be divided, we should not divide it ourselves. Anyone who looks at Jerusalem today cannot help but see that there is still a disconnect between the western part of the city and the eastern part of the city. Sovereignty in Jerusalem means responsibility for all of

Jerusalem...' (Psalms 122:6 – "*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.*" Why? Satan stood up against Israel — I Chronicles 21:1. The Devil and his anti-Semitic haters will lose because Yahweh God promises "*I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name* (emphasis mine) Isaiah 56:5. "*For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: But because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers...*" Deuteronomy 7: 6 – 8.)

Netanyahu: Jerusalem will always be Israel's capital

May 22, 2017 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu stressed on Sunday that Jerusalem will always be the capital of the Jewish state.

'Tonight, I say to the whole world and in the clearest way possible, Jerusalem was and will always be the capital of Israel,' Netanyahu said at the opening ceremony celebrating the 50th anniversary of the liberation and unification of Jerusalem, which was held at the foot of the Tower of David in the Old City.

'The Temple Mount and the Western Wall will always remain under Israeli sovereignty,' he added.

'It is not our adherence to Jerusalem

that demands an explanation, but rather the disgraceful attempt to expropriate our ties to Jerusalem and our sovereignty in Jerusalem. Where were UNESCO and its ilk, when for 19 years we were deprived of our right of free access to the holy sites of our people? Why were their voices not heard when all traces of Jewish existence in eastern Jerusalem were shattered? Well, in the face of this hypocrisy, which, unfortunately, has reached delusional heights, we will continue to insist with all our strength on the truth: Jerusalem has always been the national capital of the Jewish people alone, and not of any other people,' said Netanyahu.

'We do not need to explain our presence in Jerusalem. We owe no apology for this. We are in Jerusalem with a right, an absolute right, and this right is only reinforced by our being the only true democratic state in the Middle East...' ("...when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever... And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever" – II Samuel 7:12, 16. "*I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations*" – Psalms 89:3-4. "*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 for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end”—Luke 1:32, 33. Jerusalem is the Eternal Capital of Israel, and the Lord Jesus Christ will reign from David’s Throne in Jerusalem for ever and ever.)

Abbas: We want a state alongside Israel

May 17, 2017 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Palestinian Authority (PA) chairman Mahmoud Abbas, who is currently visiting India, met on Tuesday with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Pranab Mukherjee, and asked them to support the two-state solution.

On Monday, in a speech at the Center for Islamic Culture in India, Abbas said the following:

‘We are striving to implement the two-state solution within the 1967 borders, that is, an independent sovereign Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital living in peace alongside the State of Israel.’

‘We hope that the Israeli Prime Minister will accept this invitation to realize peace. As I have said many times, I will reiterate my words that we are ready and reach out in order to achieve the desired peace,’ he added.

‘The solution of the Palestinian problem and the end of the occupation will greatly assist in the fight against terrorism in the region, since the implementation of justice is the basis for success in the war against terrorism carried out by terrorist groups such as ISIS and other extremist organizations operating in our region,’ claimed Abbas...” (Caroline B. Glick, senior contributing editor to *The Jerusalem Post* wrote a book in 2014 entitled **“The Israeli Solution”** where she stated in the preface: “Establishing a Palestinian state, so the thinking goes, would be a panacea for all the region’s ills. It would end the Arab world’s conflict with Israel, because the reason the Arab world is anti-Israel is that there is no Palestinian state. It would also nearly erase the Arab world’s anti-Americanism, because the reason

the Arabs – and the larger Muslim world – are anti-American is that the United States supports Israel even though there is no Palestinian state... For the past ninety years, the two-state solution has been tried more than a dozen times, and every time it has failed, abysmally. Between 1970 and 2013, the United States presented nine different peace plans for Israel and the Palestinians, all based on the two-state solution – and for the past twenty years, the two-state solution has been the centerpiece of the U.S. Middle East policy. But despite this laser focus, American efforts to implement the two-state solution have all been dismal failures.” See the next two reports.)

Jordan, PA, Egypt reiterate commitment to two states

May 15, 2017 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Jordan, the Palestinian Authority (PA) and Egypt on Sunday reiterated their commitment to the ‘two-state solution’ as the only solution to the Israel-PA conflict, the Jordanian news agency Petra reports.

Jordan’s Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi met in Amman with his Egyptian counterpart Sameh Shoukry and Saeb Erekat, the Palestine Liberation Organization’s (PLO) executive committee’s secretary general.

The three discussed future steps regarding the peace process, which is a ‘priority issue’ for the region, Safadi was quoted as having told reporters.

During a joint press conference following the meeting, in which the officials reiterated the principles they agreed on in their meeting, Safadi highlighted the commitment to achieving peace as a strategic option, as all Arab states have reaffirmed in the Arab Peace Initiative during the 28th Arab summit recently held in Jordan.

Discussions also included efforts to end the political stalemate by resuming ‘serious and effective’ negotiations to solve the conflict based on the two-state solution...”

Hamas assures critics Israel’s destruction still its goal

May 11, 2017 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “Hamas co-founder Mahmoud al-Zahar clarified Wednesday that his terror group’s new political program, which some interpreted as accepting the idea of a Palestinian state on the 1967 lines, would not preclude Hamas from seeking to liberate all of historic Palestine, including Israel.

‘If we liberate Palestine through the resistance until the 1967 borders, we will go directly to liberate the rest of Palestine and the territories of 1948, and there will be no negotiations,’ Zahar said at a conference in Gaza addressing international reactions to the new policy document, according to the Hamas-linked *al-Resalah* news site.

Zahar was likely responding to hardline critics of Hamas’s new program, such as the Palestinian Islamic Jihad terror group.

‘As partners with our Hamas brothers in the struggle for liberation, we feel concern over the document,’ Islamic Jihad’s deputy leader, Ziad al-Nakhala, said Saturday.

‘We are opposed to Hamas’s acceptance of a state within the 1967 borders and we think this is a concession which damages our aims,’ he said in a statement on Islamic Jihad’s website...” **(This headline is the reason for the failure of the two-state solution. The enemies of Israel do not want peace. Their goal is “...let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance”—Psalm 83:4. Benjamin Netanyahu stated: “If the Arabs put down their weapons today, there would be no more violence. If the Jews put down their weapons today, there would be no more Israel.” He is wrong on one point, there will always be an Israel – “...I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off” – Isaiah 56:5.)**