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

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Bible? We don't need no Bible! Pastor publicly dumps central idea of Holy Word of God

June 24, 2025 -- WND.com reports: "A minister identified as being part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, commonly described as one of the most liberal organizations claiming the description 'Christian,' has publicly rebuked the Bible's call to share the Good News with others.

In fact, this pastor promotes the idea that, 'There are people who are perfectly happy in other faiths who don't need converting to ours.'

The video was posted on social media by Protestia, which monitors 'theological mischief-makers.'

The pastor, identified as being in the ECLA, 'openly rejects the Great Commission,' the report said.

'We who are in kind of progressive church circles don't tend to be real excited about the idea of running out and telling other people to change because of Jesus,' she said.

That refutes one of the basic teachings in the Bible, often stated and repeated by Jesus himself, that no one reaches the Father, or heaven, without going through Jesus..." (This will be a long post, but I want to share a portion of a chapter from *Great Salvation Themes* by Dr. Van Impe: *The Lord Jesus Christ: The Only Way of Salvation:*

Salvation is not found in manmade ceremonies. Neither is it obtained through ordinances or

Instead, sacraments. Salvation is of the LORD (Jonah 2:9). Still, multitudes believe that the pursuance of good works or the following of a prescribed code of ethics automatically earns them the guarantee of eternal life. Others talk about the benefits of the Golden Rule, the Sermon on the Mount, or the observance of the Decalogue— God's Ten Commandments—as the way to prepare one's soul for heaven. Although such ideals should be part of a believer's life, they are a result of salvation, not a means of achieving it. Ephesians 2:10 states, For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works. In other words, good works accompany salvation because Christ, who lives within the believer, is doing the work in him. Thus, we see that it is because one is saved that he works. He does not work in order to become saved. Too often, however, mankind puts the cart before the horse and attempts to reverse the gears of God's program. The result is humans trying to do that which only Almighty God can do. The end is frustration, false doctrine, and eternal damnation. Man plays no part in obtaining salvation. It is all of God. Titus 3:5 declares, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

God's Word

Let me be as dogmatic as I have ever

been and state that our Holy God has provided no other way of salvation except through the merits of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12). Notice that last phrase again—There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Buddha, Mohammed, Confucius, Zoroaster, Dr. Moon, Maharajah Ji, and multitudes of others are unable to save because the Holy Word of God explicitly states that there is no other name or god who can save. Christ is the only Saviour.

Someone may immediately and antagonistically cry out within himself, "He is quoting some isolated text from Scripture. The Bible is not that narrow in its limitations concerning salvation. Were he using all of the Scriptures, his conclusion would be different." Let me tell you something shocking. I read the entire New Testament through in a four-day period, marking every verse indicating that salvation is in Christ alone, not in creeds, works, ethics, rites, or ceremonies. I found approximately 400 portions of Scripture presenting this clear-cut

Now if God said it once, that would satisfy my searching mind. However, when He declares it nearly 400 times, one had better believe it. In fact, I am presenting the entire list later in this

chapter. The heart of every believer in the Lord Jesus Christ will be blessed as he takes time to study each of these passages. For the present, let's examine just a few of the texts which prove that only Christ can bring salvation to needy hearts. We will begin with the statements of the Saviour himself.

Jesus' Word

In order to bombard you with truth, my comments on the verses will be limited. This way I can cover approximately 75 portions of God's Word.

Matthew 16:18: Upon this rock I will build my church.

Matthew 26:28: This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Mark 8:38: Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

In Luke 5:24, Christ states that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins.

Luke 19:10: The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. To the thief on the cross, the Saviour said, To day shall thou be with me in paradise (Luke 23:43). Only God could make such a promise.

In John 4:13,14, the Lord said to the woman at the well, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

In John 5:40, Christ said, Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

John 6:37: Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

John 8:12: I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

John 8:24: If ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

John 10:9: I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved.

John 10:28:1 give unto them eternal life.

John 11:25: I am the resurrection, and the life. Verse 26: Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. John 12:32,33; If I be lifted up from the earth [I], will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die.

After hearing the statements of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, one would do well to obey God the Father who said in Luke 9:35, *This is my beloved Son: hear him.*

Jesus also said in Matthew 12:30, He that is not with me is against me. One cannot say, "Oh, I admire Christ, but I believe there are other ways." One is either for Christ or against Him. One either accepts what Christ stated about himself through 35 pronouns and references or rejects it. Neutral one cannot be!

The Holy Spirit's Word

Next, let's consider the blessed Holy Spirit's statements, dictated as He moved upon the various Bible writers (see 2 Peter 1:20,21). Thus, we will actually be hearing from Him as we investigate the verses He inspired these men to write. I am using only that portion of each verse which supports the truth that salvation is found in Christ alone. Please investigate each one thoroughly, as nothing has been taken out of context.

Romans 1:16: For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Notice it is the good news concerning Christ that is the power of God unto salvation to all who believe. It is not to all who are sprinkled as babies or immersed as adults. It is not through confirmation or reformation. It is not based on works or a system of ethics such as the Sermon on the Mount, the Golden Rule, or the Ten Commandments. No, it is the good news about Christ that is the power of God unto salvation to all whowatch that word believe-believe.

Romans 5:1: We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:8: Christ died for us.

Romans 5:9: We shall be saved from wrath through him.

Romans 6:23: The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 8:1: There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus. Think of it—no judgment or hell if one is in Christ Jesus!

Romans 10:13: For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall

be saved.

Romans 13:14: Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ.

First Corinthians 1:2: [We are] sanctified in Christ Jesus.

First Corinthians 2:2: For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. Why, Paul? He is the only way.

First Corinthians 3:11: For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. He is the foundation on which the superstructure, the Church, has been built. Praise God, He is the rock or foundation, not Peter or any other man.

First Corinthians 6:11: Ye are washed...in the name of the Lord Jesus. Second Corinthians 5:17: Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature.

Second Corinthians 12:2: *I knew a man in Christ*. Amen, that's the only way to be—in Christ.

Galatians 1:4: [Christ] gave himself for our sins.

Galatians 2:16: Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ.

Galatians 3:13: Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.

Galatians 3:26: For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 5:1: Christ hath made us free.

Ephesians 1:3: Our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

Ephesians 3:17: That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith.

Philippians 3:10: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection. Philippians 4:21: Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. Saints are produced in Christ.

Colossians 1:20: [He] made peace through the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1:27: Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Colossians 2:10: Ye are complete in him.

First Thessalonians 1:10: Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

First Timothy 2:6: [Christ] gave

himself a ransom for all.

Second Timothy 2:10: They may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

Hebrews 2:9: That [Christ] by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Hebrews 5:9: He became the author of eternal salvation.

Hebrews 10:12: But this man [Jesus], after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God.

First Peter 2:24: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree.

Second Peter 2:20: They have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

First John 4:9: God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

First John 4:10: [He] sent his Son to be the propitiation of our sins.

First John 5:11,12: And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

Jude 21: Looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Revelation 5:9.10 pictures the eternal future when believers shall be with Christ in heaven. It also records the words of the song the redeemed shall sing in that day. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. If one never sings about the blood of Christ in his high-class services, he will never find himself in heaven with the throngs singing redemption's story.

Revelation 7:14 pictures the

Tribulation Hour. Here we find that the same plan of salvation exists after the Church is removed from this earth. These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Christ is the Lamb of God (see John 1:29).

Revelation 14:13 states that the only ones called blessed or happy are the dead which die in the Lord. If one doesn't die in the Lord, he will be lost. Dear reader, I sum it all up by saying that you will never see God unless you come by the way of Christ's shed blood upon the cross.

Revelation 21:27: And there shall in no wise enter into it [heaven] any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but [hear it, don't miss it] they which are written in the Lamb's book of life [Christ's book of life].

These references but skim the surface. Four hundred passages reiterate this same glorious truth...)

ISRAEL VS. IRAN

Operation Rising Lion: Israel kills IRGC chief, Hossein Salami, senior IRGC air force commanders

June 13, 2025 -- The Jerusalem Post reports: "Iranian state media confirmed the killing of Iran's Revolutionary Guards Commander Maj.-Gen. Hossein Salami and Iranian Armed Forces Chief of Staff, Maj.-Gen. Mohammad Bagheri in the opening strike of Israel's Operation Rising Lion early Friday morning.

The IDF later confirmed the killing of IRGC air force commander Amir Ali Hajizadeh, along with other senior IRGC air force officials as they met in an underground command center on Friday. This included the commander of the IRGC's UAV Force, Taher-pour, and IRGC aerial command chief, Davoud Shaykhian.

The IDF on Friday afternoon confirmed Defense Minister Israel Katz's earlier statement, noting that the Iran IRGC Air Force Chief, drone chief, and air defense chief were all killed by airstrikes.

More specifically, the IDF said that these officials had directed the massive Iranian attacks on Israel in both April 2024 and October 2024, as well as

the Iranian attacks on Saudi Arabia in 2019..." (Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. 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. For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah. Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison: Which perished at Endor: they became as dung for the earth. Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna: Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession. O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind. As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire; So persecute them

with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm. Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O Lord. Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish: That men may know that thou, whose name alone is Jehovah, art the most high over all the earth. – Psalm 83:1-18.)

Khamenei threatens: The Zionist regime must expect severe punishment

June 13, 2025 -- Israel National News reports: "Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, responded to the Israeli operation against Iran and threatened, 'The Zionist regime must expect severe punishment.'

'The strong hand of the armed forces of the Islamic Republic will not relent. In the enemy's attacks, several commanders and scientists were killed. Their successors and colleagues will immediately continue carrying out their missions, God willing,' he stated.

'Through this crime, the Zionist regime has sentenced itself to a bitter and cruel fate — and it will undoubtedly receive it,' added Khamenei..." (Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set

themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him - Psalm 2:1-12. See the next report.)

'Iran make us proud, burn Tel Aviv to the ground': Mass pro-Iran rally takes over NY's Times Square

June 18, 2025 -- The Jerusalem Post reports: "Tran, Iran makes us proud! Burn Tel Aviv to the ground!' shouted pro-Islamic Republic protesters in New York's Times Square.

The 'Solidarity with Iran' rally was organized by the socialist, pro-Palestinian Bronx Anti-War coalition, which called for people to come out in 'full force to support the brave Iranian and Palestinian people fighting for all free people worldwide.'

'Iran is defending itself against terrorist aggression from the U.S. and Zionist regimes,' the group said.

According to videos and statements from the rally, protesters chanted, 'U.S. drones in the sky, Iran's missiles will reply!' and 'Courts and talks won't set us free, resistance brings victory!' as well as calling for Tel Aviv to be burned to the ground.

Many posters and flags were also held up, including Iranian regime flags, posters saying 'a genocidal apartheid state has no right to exist,' and pictures of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Ebrahim Raisi, and Qasem Soleimani..."

A Battered Iran Signals It Wants to De-Escalate Hostilities With Israel and Negotiate

June 16, 2025 -- The Wall Street Journal reports: "Iran has been urgently signaling that it seeks an end to hostilities and resumption of talks over its nuclear programs, sending messages to Israel and the U.S. via Arab intermediaries, Middle Eastern and European officials said.

In the midst of a ferocious Israeli air campaign, Tehran has told Arab officials it would be open to returning to the negotiating table as long as the U.S. doesn't join the attack, the officials said. Iran also passed messages to Israel saying it is in the interest of both sides to keep the violence contained.

But with Israeli warplanes able to fly freely over the capital and Iranian counterattacks inflicting minimal damage, Israeli leaders have little incentive to halt their assault before doing more to destroy Iran's nuclear sites and further weaken the theocratic government's hold on power..." (*Plead* my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me. Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help. Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy salvation. Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt. Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the Lord chase them. Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the Lord persecute them. For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit, which without cause they have digged for my soul. Let destruction come upon him at unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall. And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord: it shall rejoice in his salvation. - Psalm 35:1-9.)

U.S. strikes three Iranian nuclear sites

June 21, 2025 -- Israel National News reports: "U.S. President Donald Trump posted as dramatic statement on Truth Social announcing that U.S. has attacked in Iran and the attack has been completed.

'We have completed our very successful

attack on the three Nuclear sites in Iran, including Fordow, Natanz, and Esfahan', Trump wrote, 'All planes are now outside of Iran air space'.

'A full payload of bombs was dropped on the primary site, Fordow', he added, 'All planes are safely on their way home'.

Trump concluded: 'Congratulations to our great American Warriors. There is not another military in the World that could have done this. Now is the time for peace! Thank you for your attention to this matter'.

Later Trump shared a screenshot of a post by 'Open Source Intel' with the words: 'Fordow is gone'. (Iran will be blotted out when Russia, China, and Islamic nations fight Israel and her allies during Armageddon - Revelation 16:16. The battle is described in Ezekiel 39:1 - 5: ...thou son of man,prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel: And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand. Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured... Soon the war of wars will arrive from the North and East [Russia and China] -Daniel 11:44. The battle is described in Ezekiel 38:1-5: ...the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief [Russian] prince of Meshech and Tubal: [Moscow and Tubal, or **Tubalsk** – **Southwest of the Russian** capital]: And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet. See the next report.)

Unprecedented strikes against Iranian regime targets

June 23, 2025 -- Israel National News reports: "Defense Minister Israel Katz addressed Israel's strong response to missile barrages directed at Israel Monday morning, emphasizing that the Israeli Air Force is currently targeting regime sites in Tehran.

'The IDF is now striking with unprecedented force at regime and suppression entities deep in Tehran,' Katz said. 'At the command center, I watched the impressive performance of the Air Force closely, along with the Chief of Staff. Soon, images will be released

illustrating the depth of the damage.'

'For every missile fired at the Israeli home front, the Iranian dictator will be severely punished, and the strikes will continue with full force. We will keep working to protect the home front and defeat the enemy until we achieve all our war objectives,' he added..."

A NUCLEAR IRAN?

Vance: 'We're Not at War with Iran, We're at War with Iran's Nuclear Program'

June 22, 2025 -- Breitbart.com reports: "Vice President JD Vance said Sunday on NBC's 'Meet the Press' that President Donald Trump's military strike on Iran was only on their nuclear program.

Host Kristen Welker said, 'Is the United States now at war with Iran?'

Vance said, 'No, Kristen, we're not at war with Iran, we're at war with Iran's nuclear program. Let me say, Kristen, we are incredibly proud of the American Air Force pilots who did an incredible job last night, and the operation was extraordinary. These guys flew from Missouri. They didn't land a single time. They dropped 30,000-pound bombs on a target the size of a washing machine and got home safely without ever landing in the Middle East, without ever stopping to briefly refuel, and of course, they did that in the air.'..." (A huge nuclear war is prophesied multiplied times in God's Word. Revelation 9:14 - 18 depicts Armageddon: 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. And Revelation 16:16 tells of the longest and final battle of the ages. See the next three reports.)

Tehran will restore its nuclear program, Iranian atomic chief vows

June 24, 2025 -- The Times of Israel reports: "Iran is assessing the damage to its nuclear industry following Israel's intensive 12-day campaign against it, and arrangements have been made for its restoration, Iran's nuclear chief Mohammad Eslami said Tuesday.

'The plan is to prevent interruptions in the process of production and services,' Eslami said, according to Iran's stateowned *Mehr News*, claiming that Tehran had been prepared for damage to its nuclear sites.

Iran's nuclear program took serious blows in Israel's bombings since June 13, and particularly early on Sunday, when the U.S. dropped massive bunker-buster munitions and fired missiles at three of its nuclear facilities, joining the Israeli campaign..."

Iran Vows Uranium Enrichment Will Continue Despite U.S. Strikes

June 22, 2025 -- Breitbart.com reports: "The Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) vowed within hours of massive U.S. airstrikes on its nuclear facilities that uranium enrichment will continue.

The AEOI denounced President Donald Trump's strikes as 'barbaric' and vowed that the 'blood of nuclear martyrs' would be honored.

After ritually invoking the name of Allah, the AEOI confirmed that the 'nuclear sites in Fordow, Natanz, and Isfahan were attacked by the enemies of Islamic Iran in a barbaric act that violated international law, especially the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).'

'This action, contrary to international law, was unfortunately carried out in the shadow of the indifference and even the complicity of the International Atomic Energy Agency,' the AEOI charged.

'The American enemy has claimed responsibility for the attack on the aforementioned sites, which are under the continuous supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency, based on the Safeguards Agreement and the NPT Treaty,' the statement said..."

Nations prepared to arm Iran with nuclear warheads after U.S. strikes, Russia's Medvedev claims

June 23, 2025 -- The Jerusalem Post reports: "A "number of countries" are ready to supply Iran with nuclear warheads following American strikes on nuclear facilities early on Sunday, Russian ex-president Dmitriy Medvedev claimed on social media.

In a post on X/Twitter, Medvedev suggested that the United States' attacks on three sites in Isfahan, Natanz, and Fordow backfired, and led to the opposite result from what U.S. President Donald Trump had set out to achieve.

According to Medvedev, "enrichment of nuclear material — and, now we can say it outright, the future production of nuclear weapons — will continue."

Russia's Foreign Ministry said on Sunday that Russia strongly condemns the U.S. attacks on Iran's nuclear sites.

"The irresponsible decision to subject the territory of a sovereign state to missile and bomb attacks, whatever the arguments it may be presented with, flagrantly violates international law, the Charter of the United Nations and the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council," the ministry said in its statement..."

THE END OF THE AYATOLLAH?

Iran's Khamenei said to pick three potential successors as he hides in bunker

June 21, 2025 -- The Times of Israel reports: "Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei has nominated three clerics as potential successors as he hides in a bunker while facing threats of assassination by Israel in the ongoing war, The New York Times reported Saturday.

Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader since 1989, has also named an 'array of replacements down his chain of military command' in case Israel eliminates more top officers, according to the report, which cited three Iranian officials familiar with the plans.

According to the officials and diplomats in Iran, the Islamic Republic's chain of command is still functioning despite the blows it sustained, and the political ranks have shown 'no obvious signs of dissent,' *The Times* said.

Two Iranian officials cited by the paper said Iran's intelligence ministry has ordered all senior government officials and military commanders to stay underground due to the possibility that they will be targeted.

The ministry has also ordered officials to stop using electronic communications, including cellphones, and Khamenei himself now communicates with his commanders only via a trusted aide, The Times reported..." (Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise; For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue. They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause. For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer. And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love. Set thou a wicked man over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand. When he shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his prayer become sin. Let his days be few; and let another take his office. Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow. Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek their bread also out of their desolate places. Let the extortioner catch all that he hath; and let the strangers spoil his labour. Let there be none to extend

mercy unto him: neither let there be any to favour his fatherless children. Let his posterity be cut off; and in the generation following let their name be blotted out. Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the Lord: and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out. Let them be before the Lord continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth. Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart. As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him. As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones. Let it be unto him as the garment which covereth him, and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually. Let this be the reward of mine adversaries from the Lord, and of them that speak evil against my soul. But do thou for me, O God the Lord, for thy name's sake: because thy mercy is good, deliver thou me. For I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me. I am gone like the shadow when it declineth: I am tossed up and down as the locust. My knees are weak through fasting; and my flesh faileth of fatness. I became also a reproach unto them: when they looked upon me they shaked their heads. Help me, O Lord my God: O save me according to thy mercy: That they may know that this is thy hand; that thou, Lord, hast done it. Let them curse, but bless thou: when they arise, let them be ashamed; but let thy servant rejoice. Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle. I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth; yea, I will praise him among the multitude. For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul. - Psalm 109:1-31. See the next five reports.)

Israeli Amb.: Whether Ayatollah Lives or Not 'Is Irrelevant', We're Ensuring They Don't Get Nukes

June 19, 2025 -- Breitbart.com reports: "On Tuesday's broadcast of CNN's 'OutFront,' Israeli Ambassador to the

United States Yechiel Leiter stated that Israel will 'prosecute this war, whether the ayatollah survives or not. We are not going to allow the Iranian regime, under his control, to have a nuclear bomb. Whether he's alive or not is irrelevant.' ... Host John Berman then asked if Israel knows where Iran's supreme leader is. Leiter responded, 'I'll tell you what I do know. I know that, Friday morning, the ayatollah woke up, he looked over his left shoulder for his nuclear scientists and found none. Then he looked over his right shoulder for his generals of the IRGC — those guys who were spreading the terrorism around the world — he didn't see any of them either. So, he's kind of alone right now. He appointed a new chief of staff. He lasted about four days. So, the ayatollah may be many stories underground right now in hiding. That's where he belongs. And we're going to prosecute this war, whether the avatollah survives or not. We are not going to allow the Iranian regime, under his control, to have a nuclear bomb. Whether he's alive or not is irrelevant.' ... "

Defense Minister Katz threatens Khamenei: 'Such a person cannot be allowed to exist'

June 19, 2025 -- Israel National News reports: "Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz on Thursday morning arrived at the scene of the Iranian missile strike in Holon, where dozens of civilians were injured, including four who sustained serious injuries.

During his visit to the scene, Katz sent a powerful message to Iran's Supreme Leader, Ali Khamenei, warning, 'A dictator like Khamenei cannot be allowed to exist. Khamenei is a modernday Hitler, diverting his nation's resources toward the goal of destroying Israel'

Earlier Thursday morning, Katz slammed Khamenei's targeting of civilian infrastructure, saying, 'The cowardly Iranian dictator sits in the depths of his fortified bunker, firing targeted missiles at hospitals and residential buildings in Israel.'

'These are war crimes of the highest order — Khamenei will answer for his crimes.'..."

Iranian Resistance Leader: 'Khamenei Must Go' After U.S. Strikes Regime Nuclear Sites

June 23, 2025 -- Breitbart.com reports: "Following U.S. airstrikes targeting Iran's key nuclear facilities, Maryam Rajavi, the president-elect of the Iranian opposition group National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI), declared, 'Now Khamenei must go.' She added, 'The Iranian people welcome the end of the war and seek peace and freedom.'

On Sunday, Rajavi delivered a sharp rebuke of the regime, calling for sweeping change and blaming the Supreme Leader for years of costly miscalculations that have pushed the nation into crisis, driven by a now-destroyed nuclear weapons program pursued at the Iranian people's expense.

'Khamenei is responsible for an unpatriotic project that, in addition to costing countless lives, has cost the Iranian people at least two trillion dollars — and now, it has all gone up in smoke,' she said..."

Iranian Opposition Head: People of Iran 'Demand Freedom,' Only 'Regime Change' Can Deliver It

June 19, 2025 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "The leader of the opposition group

National Council of Resistance of Iran told European lawmakers that lasting peace in the Middle East hinges on 'regime change by the people of Iran and the organized resistance,' asserting it is up to Iranians — not foreign powers — to topple the Islamic Republic, as Israel intensifies its unprecedented campaign of airstrikes against Tehran.

'The crisis of overthrow has now engulfed the entire clerical dictatorship — a reality that is visible to all,' declared Maryam Rajavi, president-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI), during her address to Members of the European Parliament on Wednesday.

She said Israel's surprise strike on Friday, which triggered a broader conflict, 'marks the beginning of a critical new chapter, both in Iran's internal crisis and in the broader dynamics of the region.'

'It is essential to emphasize that the central and ongoing conflict — unfolding over the past 44 years since June 20, 1981 — is the struggle of the people of Iran and the Iranian Resistance against the ruling religious fascism,' Rajavi noted.

'The only viable solution remains the overthrow of this regime by the people of Iran and the Iranian Resistance,' she added..."

Son of late shah urges Iranians to break with Islamic republic

June 16, 2025 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "The son of Iran's late shah appealed Friday to the country's security forces to abandon the cleric-run state, voicing hope for toppling the Islamic republic after Israel launched military strikes.

Reza Pahlavi blamed Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei for having 'dragged Iran into a war' with Israel and described the government in Tehran as 'weak and divided.'

'It could fall. As I have told my compatriots: Iran is yours and yours to reclaim. I am with you. Stay strong and we will win,' he said in a statement.

'I have told the military, police, and security forces: break from the regime. Honor the oath of any honorable serviceman. Join the people.'

'To the international community: do not throw yet another lifeline to this dying, terrorist regime,' he said.

Pahlavi was crown prince in Iran's pro-Western monarchy, which collapsed in 1979 in a mass revolution that quickly brought to power the clerical establishment that declared an Islamic republic..."

THE RELIGION OF PEACE?

Overstay Migrant Explains Islamic Motivation for Attacking Americans

June 5, 2025 -- Breitbart.com reports: "Media outlets and local police are downplaying the power of the Islamic religion in motivating a Muslim migrant's firebomb attack on Americans in Colorado.

'Allah is greater than the Zionists,' attacker Mohamed Sabry Soliman declared in a video testimonial before the June 1 attack that injured or hospitalized several Americans, including Jewish Americans, who were demonstrating in favor of Israel's counteroffensive against the Hamas jihad group. He added:

I say to my mother, my wife, my children, my brothers, my people: I attest before Allah and before you that Allah [the Islamic deity], His Messenger [Muhammad, the Islamic prophet], and Jihad [religious war] for Allah's sake,

are more beloved to me than you and the whole world.

Soliman explained in the video that was translated and released by MEMRI Reports:

Allah is greater than America and its weapons. Allah is greater than the F-35 planes. Allah is greater than everything else. So why do we fear those who are inferior to Allah rather than fear Allah himself?

If I told my wife and son every day to do something, but they didn't do it, I would be angry ... Then what about Allah, who says to us every day, dozens of times, 'Allah Akbar' [Allah is Supreme] ... Do not forget that Allah is greater than everything. Not the Zionists, America, Britain, France, or Germany. Only Allah has the right to be feared..." (Islam is a religion of hate. Sharia Law demands death penalties for (1) Daughters who have premarital sex, (2) Homosexuals – these murderers

are told to drop them from the highest mountain to be sure to hear their fearful screams, (3) Apostates - these are Islamic religionists who mock Allah, Muhammad, of the Koran, (4) All infidels – non Muslim religionists. Nothing matters to these self-proclaimed holy and righteous men. How wrong they are. It is the Muslims who will be judged by the true God for the way they committed every abominable sin wicked minds created - "Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was

committed to my trust" I Timothy 1:9-11. See the next three reports.)

'A jihad-like attack on America': Security threat shutters Israel summit

June 6, 2025 -- YnetNews.com reports: "A pro-Israel Christian event scheduled to take place in Dallas, Texas, was indefinitely postponed due to threats reportedly made by 'radical jihadist' elements in the United States.

The HaYovel Israel Summit, which was initially planned for the Arlington Expo Center and later moved to Eagle Mountain International Church, was canceled on Thursday. According to Tim Miller, CEO of the LionHeart International Services Group, a private security company, security intelligence indicated that 'there was active planning to target this event.'

Miller, a veteran Secret Service officer and former member of the Marine Corps, described the security alerts as 'extremely concerning.' He referenced the recent murders of a young couple working at the Israeli embassy in Washington, DC, as well as the firebombing of a group of peaceful Jewish marchers in Boulder, Colorado, last week.

'That tends to inspire like-minded people to physical acts of violence and that was the concern and a foundation for some of the decisions that were made,' Miller said.

In a letter to the 700 expected attendees, HaYovel—an organization that brings Christians to Israel to volunteer—wrote, 'While we are unsure of where and when the next Israel Summit will take place, we are not giving up. One thing we are certain of is this: the enemies of God's Kingdom will NOT prevail. Together, we will continue to stand with the land and people of Israel.'..."

Islamist terror leader calls for Trump, JD Vance assassinations over prolsrael views in disturbing video: 'Take revenge'

June 11, 2025 -- The New York Post reports: "The leader of a heinous Islamist terror group has called for President Trump and scores of his top advisers to be assassinated as revenge for their pro-Israel stances, *The Post* has learned.

Sa'ad bin Atef al-Awlaki, the newest leader of the group al-Qa'ida in the

Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), issued the disturbing call in a propaganda video released on Sunday — as he encouraged Muslims in the U.S. to 'take revenge,' sources confirmed.

'Do not consult anyone about killing infidel Americans,' he said in the sick clip.

'Go after the scum of the earth and its greatest criminals. These are Trump and his vice president [JD Vance], his advisor and his supporters in terms of finance, administration, and technology.'

Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth and even Elon Musk were among the advisers named, sources said..."

Australian Imam who apologized for antisemitic sermon now calls to 'kill all oppressors'

June 3, 2025 -- The Times of Israel reports: "An Australian imam who recently apologized for a 2023 sermon vilifying Jews has now called for Allah to 'kill all' oppressors, in language interpreted by some as coded antisemitism.

In December 2023, Sheikh Ahmed Zoud said in a sermon recorded at his Masjid as-Sunnah Lakemba Mosque in Sydney that Jews were 'bloodthirsty, treacherous 'monsters' who 'ran like rats' when Hamas launched its war on Israel on October 7, 2023.

Zoud said in the sermon, broadcast live on the mosque's Facebook page, that 'betrayal and treachery are among the characteristics of the Jews.

'From an early age, they raise their children on violence, terrorism and killing,' he added. 'Jews remain Jews. They are not changed by the passing of time.'

Several months after the broadcast, in March 2024, the Executive Council of Australian Jewry (ECAJ) filed a complaint with the Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC), alleging that Zoud made derogatory generalizations about the Jewish people and used dehumanizing language, in contravention of the country's Racial Discrimination Act of 1975..."

Report: Women Face Brutal Abuse in Saudi Arabian 'Rehabilitation' Centers

May 30, 2025 -- Breitbart.com reports: "The UK Guardian on Wednesday

published a report about hundreds of young Saudi Arabian women being held in secretive facilities — variously described as 'care homes,' 'jails,' 'shelters,' and 'prisons' — where they face brutal punishment for disobeying their husbands or male family members. The official name of these facilities is Dar al-Reaya, which means 'care home' in Arabic. The system was established in the 1960s to rehabilitate young female criminals. Activists dedicated to exposing the Dar al-Reaya system, such as ALQST for Human Rights, say the care homes soon became a convenient dumping ground for 'disobedient' women, who could be consigned to the squalid and abuse facilities at the whim of their husbands or male guardians.

'It is a prison, not a care home, as they like to call it. They call each other by numbers. 'Number 35, come here.' When one of the girls shared her family name, she got lashes. If she doesn't pray, she gets lashes. If she is found alone with another woman she gets lashes and is accused of being a lesbian. The guards gather and watch when the girls are being lashed,' activist Sarah al-Yahia told the Guardian..." (Mass sexual assault of women in public has been documented in Islam for years. On February 11, 2011, former CBS News correspondent Lara Logan was reporting in Egypt about the celebrations following the resignation of Hosni Mubarak when she was attacked by a group of 200 - 300 men, several of whom gang raped her for nearly one half hour. Her only offense - not having her head covered. In an article Dr. Van Impe has cited before, Dawn Perlmutter said: "From a Western perspective this was a crazed mob out of control. For a shame culture this was an acceptable punishment for a woman who was not properly covered. They pulled her blonde hair out and more than likely kept it as souvenirs."

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.)