



# Sound the Trumpet!



## Islam and Israel



Our world has changed dramatically over the last few decades. It almost seems as if Islam is about to take over the world. Islam is determined to establish a world-wide Islamic caliphate which seems to be a growing possibility. The so-called Arab spring is not about to bring democracy to Islamic nations, Islam despises democracy. Sharia law is the very antithesis of democracy. The Arab spring is simply facilitating the growth of Islamic fundamentalism with its determination to destroy Israel and rule the world.

In order to adapt the idea of a coming Islamic caliphate to scripture, some are predicting that the Antichrist will be a Muslim and Turkey will be the center of his world-wide kingdom. No matter how hard they try, this cannot be harmonized with the clear teaching of scripture.

What does the prophetic Word say about Islam? Does Islam play a part in the end time events?

I believe that the Word of God has something to say about Islam's involvement in the end times. I believe that this message about Islam is found in the prophecies of the wars of Psalm 83 (Ezekiel 35-36; Isaiah 17) and the war of Ezekiel 38-39.

**THE WAR OF PSALM 83** (also recorded in Ezekiel 35-36 and Isaiah 17)

The timing of this war is given to us in our text. That timing is related to the very hour in which we are now living. The description and events in Psalm 83 relate to this very time and to no other in all of history. Let us look at the text.

**Verse 2,** "For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head." This is exactly what is happening in Israel today. The Palestinians, who are the Edomites, hate Israel and are in a rage to remove her from the land.

**Verse 3,** "They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones." Recently the Palestinians, Hamas, Hezbollah and Syria have signed a pact

with Iran to destroy Israel. The Palestinians recently broadcast a message on TV to Israel; "Israel, return to Europe and Ethiopia, so that Palestinians can return to Israeli cities such as Akko, Haifa and Jerusalem." "Israeli's go to your original home lands; Poland, Germany, Russia and Ethiopia."

A year ago the leader of Hamas sent a message to the UN. He said, "The land of Palestine belongs to the Arabs from sea to sea, there is no place for Jews in it." Hamas has also declared, "We are announcing a war against the sons of apes and pigs [the Jews] which will not end until the flag of Islam is raised over Jerusalem."

**Verse 4,** "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." The Arabs have repeatedly said, "We will wipe Israel off the map." Psalm 83 is a commentary on our own day. This situation has never existed before in all of history, when Islam built their mosque on the temple mount, Israel was not present in the land.

The Imams of Islam have recently stated, "The Jews have no claim to the Temple Mount. There has never been a Temple on it, it belongs to Islam."

**Verse 5,** "For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee." Today Hamas, Hezbollah and Syria are being armed to the teeth to destroy Israel. Today Hezbollah has a 10,000 man brigade armed with 40,000 missiles to be fired at Israel. Some of these weapons have a long range, some are capable of carrying heavy payloads and some are equipped to carry chemical and biological warheads.

Syria has a 500,000 man army with the very latest military equipment supplied by Russia. They also have a large number of missiles, some with chemical and biological warheads. Syria has for sometime been trying to build, beg or steal nuclear warheads, with what success no one knows for certain?

Hamas has an arsenal of 10,000 thousand missiles ready to fire at Israel's heartland.

*"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand;"*  
Joel 2:1

## Experiencing God Despite Distractions

In the normal course of things a certain number of distractions are bound to come to each one of us; but if we learn to be inwardly still these can be rendered relatively harmless. It would not be hard to compile a long list of names of Christians who carried upon their shoulders the burden of state or the responsibilities of business and yet managed to live in great inward peace with the face of the Lord in full view. They have left us a precious legacy in the form of letters, journals, hymns and devotional books that witness to the ability of Christ to calm the troubled waters of the soul as He once calmed the waves on the Sea of Galilee. And today as always those who listen can hear His still, small voice above the earthquake and the whirlwind. While the grace of God will enable us to overcome inevitable distractions, we dare not presume upon God's aid and throw ourselves open to unnecessary ones. The roving imagination, an inquisitive interest in other people's business, preoccupation with external affairs beyond what is absolutely necessary: these are certain to lead us into serious trouble sooner or later. The heart is like a garden and must be kept free from weeds and insects. To expect the fruits and flowers of Paradise to grow in an untended heart is to misunderstand completely the processes of grace and the ways of God with men. Only grief and disappointment can result from continued violation of the divine principles that underlie the spiritual life.

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Ezekiel deals with the same scenario. *"Thus saith the Lord GOD; because the enemy hath said against you, Aha, even the ancient high places (Temple Mt.) are ours in possession."* (Ezekiel 36:2). Today, the Palestinians (Edomites) are claiming the Temple Mount, and at this point they control what happens there. This is unique that an enemy should be contemporary with Israel in the land and claim the Temple mount as its own and seek to remove Israel from the land. Many have sought to destroy both Israel and the Temple in the past but this situation is unique.

The same pre-war scenario is found in Psalm 83:12, *"Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession."* This is again unique to our own day.

### WHO WILL BE INVOLVED IN THIS WAR?

We do not have space to labour this point, but those involved are clearly named.

Psalm 83:6-8, *"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."* This translates into the following: Edom = The Palestinians: The Ishmaelites = The Arabs: Ammon = The Jordanians: The Philistines = Hamas (on the Gaza Strip): Tyre = Hezbollah (in Lebanon): Assur = Syria (a suburb of Damascus): These are the combatants in this war on Israel. This is very same group now preparing to go to war with Israel. This is unique to this very hour.

The war of Ezekiel 38-39 names an entirely different set of combatants. The war of Armageddon involves the entire world. These are three separate and distinct wars. The places, the timing and the people involved are separate and distinct.

Actually these three wars are like concentric circles around Israel. The first group involves those within and those immediately around Israel's borders. The second group involves a group of nations beyond Israel's borders; they are named in Ezekiel 38:3-6. The third group (Armageddon) involves the entire world.

We also have the time of each war given to us. The stage is now set for the war of Psalm 83. The war of Ezekiel 38-39 is to take place after the peace treaty is signed by Antichrist. This will

be a time when Israel is dwelling in peace, though it is a false peace. (See Ezekiel 38:8,11,14 – 1 Thess. 5:3 – Dan. 8:25). The battle of Armageddon will take place at the very end of the tribulation period when the world is in utter chaos.

There is other scriptural evidence that this war will take place very early in the tribulation period. The burning of the weapons of this war will take seven years, (Ezekiel 39:9). That would require seven years before the millennium begins, placing this war very early in the tribulation period. Note that in the chronology of the kings of Israel any portion of a year that a king served was considered a full year in his reign.

The whole world knows that there is a major war coming in the Mideast. That is one reason the push for the peace treaty has taken on a new urgency for the western nations. Retired US general Paul Valley, a Mideast expert, has made some startling statements. He has said, "A major Mideast war is imminent, this war will drastically change our world forever." He goes on to warn of possible chemical attack or even possible nuclear attack on Israel.

### THE OUTCOME OF THIS COMING WAR

I believe the outcome of this war will greatly affect the events that will follow it. It will set the stage for events such as the coming of Antichrist and the peace treaty.

Psalm 83:14-17, *"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,"* Our text tells us how this war will end, *"let them be put to shame, and perish,"* the Palestinians and their allies will be totally routed in this war.

When this war is over the Palestinians will be so humiliated and defeated they will drop any claims to the land of Israel.

Obadiah comments on the outcome of this war, *"And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau;*

*for the LORD hath spoken it,"* (Obadiah 18).

Isaiah 17:13 also tells us the same thing, *"The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: but God shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind."*

Ezekiel tells the same story, *"Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the heathen, and against all Idumea, which have appointed my land into their possession with the joy of all their heart, with despiteful minds, to cast it out for a prey."* (Ezekiel 36:5). God's anger will be kindled against the Palestinians, Hezbollah, Hamas and Syria. They will be totally decimated in this war and the world will be left in a state of shock.

### The Plan of God

In the whole end time scenario God is at work to glorify Himself in the eyes of Israel, in the eyes of the gentile nations and in the eyes of Islam.

In Ezekiel 36:23 we see God glorified in the eyes of the heathen nations, *"And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes."* The same Israel that has dishonoured the name of God will be used by God to glorify that name, not only in Israel but in the eyes of the whole world.

Let me give just a few quotes from Ezekiel to demonstrate this purpose of God in the wars that yet lie ahead. *"And they shall know I am the Lord,"* stated twice. *"And the heathen shall know that I the Lord do sanctify Israel."* *"That the heathen may know me."* *"And they shall know that I am the Lord."*

I believe God's intervention in this war recorded in Psalm 83 (prior to the Tribulation period) and the war of Ezekiel 38-39, which would appear to follow it by a matter of months, (early in the tribulation period) will be a springboard for the salvation of multitudes in the tribulation period.

In the war of Psalm 83 the Muslims that attack Israel will be totally decimated. In the war of Ezekiel 38-39, five of every six Muslims that come against Israel will die. When God has finished dealing with Islam in these two wars it will dawn upon the hearts of

multitudes of Muslims that Allah is not the sovereign Lord of the universe. They will instead realize that Jehovah, the God of Israel is the only true God.

We read about a great multitude being saved and martyred in the tribulation period. We see them in heaven during the tribulation period. Revelation 7:9, *"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands."* John reveals to us who these people are and where they came from. We discover that they are those saved and martyred during the tribulation period. Verse 13-14, *"And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."*

Today it seems at times as if Islam is about to stand Bible prophecy on its head with its own agenda, not so. God has a program and it is recorded in His Word.

In the three wars that Israel has already fought since 1948 God has been seeking to draw Israel to himself. In each war Israel had no hope of survival; they should have been wiped out. God intervened in an obvious and miraculous way. The Lord was saying to Israel by His actions, "Israel I love you, if you will believe me and obey me and trust me I will bless and protect you." Israel has not responded in faith and obedience.

I believe the scriptures reveal three more wars yet to come in which the God of Israel will continue to work to draw Israel back to himself. I believe that those coming wars will increase in intensity and ferocity with hand of God directly involved to arrest a rebellious world. Some will be arrested, like Paul on the road to Damascus. Multitudes will harden their hearts and be hardened by God in response. They will be consumed in the judgment of God.

**QUESTION - WILL THE RAPTURE TAKE PLACE BEFORE THIS COMING WAR?** Answer - We do not know. The rapture is a sign-less event, though it is imminent, we do not know when it will take place. We only know that it will take place prior to the start of the tribulation period. We know that the

seven year tribulation period begins with the signing of the seven year peace treaty, (Daniel 9:26-27).

### **THE AFTERMATH OF THE WAR OF PSALM 83**

The picture is painted in the scriptures we have already quoted. The Palestinians, with Hamas, Hezbollah and Syria will be decimated by the hand of God through Israel. Israel will also suffer losses. The severity of the war will shock the world. The use of chemical and biological weapons and possibly even nuclear weapons will trouble the nations. The fear of the spread of war will grip the world, and not just the fear of war but the fear of nuclear war. The world is already on the edge of an economic collapse; such a war, along with the interruption of oil supplies would likely bring economic chaos to the whole world.

### **THE STAGE WILL BE SET FOR TWO PROPHETIC EVENTS**

**FIRST** - The coming of Antichrist - The world will be filled with unprecedented fear and turmoil. The nations and the people will cry out for a solution, they will be ready for a man to rescue them. Antichrist will come suddenly on the scene as a man of peace. We read about that in Revelation 6:2, *"And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer."*

Paul also describes the same event in 2 Thess. 2:9-10, *"Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved."* The coming of Antichrist will be based on great deception, Jesus also taught us about it in Matthew 24.

This great deception will come on the world from Satan and also from God Himself, verse 11, *"And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie."*

**SECOND** - The peace treaty - At God's appointed time the Antichrist, who will be Roman (see Daniel 9:26-27) will appear on the world stage as a man who can bring peace and solve the world's problems.

The Palestinians and their allies will be nullified as a factor in the land. They and their allies will be ready to sue for peace at any price. The peace treaty will give Israel the whole land and the

Temple Mount on which to build the third Temple. Euphoria will sweep over the entire world the, world will experience unprecedented unity. Even the religions of the world will be caught up in this world wide unity and come together as one.

Antichrist will deceive Islam into believing that he is their Islamic saviour, the Mahdi. He will deceive Israel into believing that he is the Messiah who will bring them peace. He will also deceive Christendom into believing that he is none other than Christ. How could such deception be possible? Remember 2 Thess. 2:11, *"And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie."* Those who have hardened their hearts to the truth will have their hearts hardened by the God of truth.

### **THE WAR OF EZEKIEL 38-39**

It would seem that within a few months of these events the wider Muslim world will realize that they have been deceived. They still have demonic motivation to destroy Israel. They will mobilize under Russia's leadership to destroy Israel, (see Ezekiel 38:2-4 ff).

The lessons of the war of Psalm 83 will be repeated on a larger more dramatic scale.

We see the purpose of God for the tribulation unfolding in the aftermath of Ezekiel's war. *"And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them. So the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God from that day and forward. And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed against me, therefore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword."* (Ezekiel 39:21-23).

God is a God of mercy and grace. Mercy and grace always precede God's judgment. Habakkuk said, "In wrath remember mercy." Peter said that God is, "not willing that any should perish." Hence at the very beginning of the awful tribulation period judgments, God seeks to arrest a rebellious world through a demonstration of His power and glory in judgment on Russia and the Islamic nations. *"Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations,*

and they shall know that I am the LORD." (Ezekiel 38:23).

Some say because of Israel's unbelief God is finished with Israel and He has nothing in this world and in the future for Israel. Why does God continue to seek to bless Israel? Why doesn't God cast them off? The answer is given by God Himself, "Therefore say unto the house of Israel, thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned

among the heathen, whither ye went." (Ezekiel 36:22).

Israel's primary problem is not with the Palestinians, Hamas, Hezbollah, Syria and Iran. It is not primarily with Obama or the Muslim world. Israel's primary problem is with the God of Israel. Israel is still walking in disobedience and unbelief toward God and is still rejecting her Messiah. God is at work today with Israel to remove the blindness and unbelief. Through God's

dealing with Israel multitudes of gentiles will be saved.

To those to whom prophetic revelation has been given a new responsibility that goes with it, "To whom much is given much is required." Are you ready for the trumpet to sound or will you be ashamed at His coming? My unsaved friend, are you ready for the trumpet to sound or will you be left behind to face the judgment of God? Art Sadlier



## The Hour of Deception

It has become more obvious in recent days that the liberal media and many liberals have a deep seated hatred of Christianity.

In the Huffington post, Bill O'Reilly sternly criticized the media for describing Anders Behring-Breivik, the man who has admitted to committing the mass killings in Norway, as a Christian, saying that such a thing was "impossible."

O'Reilly went on to say, "No one believing in Jesus commits mass murder, the man might have called himself a Christian on the net, but he is certainly not of that faith...we can find no evidence, none, that this killer practiced Christianity in any way."

O'Reilly continued, the reason the media was calling Breivik a Christian was because "the left wants you to believe that fundamentalists Christians are a threat just like crazy jihadists are." O'Reilly called this notion "dishonest and insane."

O'Reilly also said that the media "is pushing the Christian angle [because] they don't like Christians very much because we are too judgmental," and that the press wants to "diminish" social and religious conservatives.

Never mind the fact that Breivik had absolutely nothing to do with Christianity. He hadn't been to church since he was a teenager and his manifesto revealed clearly that he was not a Christian. Yet the CBC calls him a Christian fundamentalist. The CBC News anchors started repeating every hour, "The murder was a 'Christian fundamentalist' who hated Muslims."

Breivik wrote, "I guess I am not an excessively religious man. I am first and foremost a man of logic and many more like me do not necessarily have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and God."

Ezra Levant writing in the London Free Press says, "But the CBC calls him a Christian fundamentalist. The mass murder in Norway is a horrendous crime. It is also a terrible tragedy."

Levant goes on to say, "But here Breivik's crimes have turned into the greatest political opportunity liberals have received in years. Left-wing opportunists now have their poster boy: A Christian they can now use as a counter-example whenever anyone is concerned about the war on terror."

Levant goes on to say, "The CBC wants to associate being concerned about radical Islam with this mass murderer. They want to delegitimize peaceful, liberal discussions of these matters, by tainting them with murder." He continues, "That is why the CBC is lusting after the story with such jubilation: It is their answer to 9/11, proof of Christianity's evil and conservatism's evil."

We are living in an hour when men are calling evil good and good evil. David Kupelian recently stated, "The anti-journalists will not print the truth and they attack those who do."

Jesus said that the great mark of the last days would be "deception." In the last few decades we have watched with some amazement, as deception has swept over both the church and society. The stage is set for the man of deception to appear and deceive the whole world.

*"And then shall that Wicked be revealed ... Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness....And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie." (Thessalonians 2:8-11).* Art Sadlier



America

America has been in my opinion, in many ways, the greatest nation in all of

the history of the world. The average American has prospered as no other group of people in history. Freedom, liberty and justice for all, has been the hallmark of America.

In so many categories America has excelled, education, health care, morality and standard of living to name but a few. I realize that America has

been far from perfect, I am not talking about perfection.

One thing is certain; no nation has declared the gospel as freely and as far and wide as America. No nation has sent out missionaries to the far reaches of the earth as America has. No nation has seen the Church of Jesus Christ prosper as America has.

The most powerful military machine ever known to man has promoted freedom for the nations of the world, at least in bygone days.

Alas, something disastrous has happened to that great land. Moral and spiritual decline has been eating away like a cancer within. America has turned away from God. Evolution has been taught in her schools for nearly a hundred years. Materialism has captured the love of her people. Sensuality has been tolerated for far too long and has finally destroyed the families and the souls of her people.

The Church of Jesus Christ has had perhaps the greatest impact for good on America. God has blessed America because of the many that have been truly committed to Christ in days past. Yet that very force (the church) for good and the blessing for the nation has compromised with the world. The church has failed to be salt and light in the world. The Laodicean Church of America is guilty for not stemming the tide of decline that has come.

In recent years the nation has rapidly descended into unimaginable evil and depravity. A plague of immorality, homosexuality, sensuality, drugs and materialism has swept over the nation.

The nation seems to be about to plunge into oblivion. The following is a list of categories in which America leads the world and is an indication as to the lateness of the hour for America.

1. The US has the highest incarceration rate in the world and the largest total prison population on the entire globe.
2. According to NationMaster.com, the US has the highest percentage of obese people in the world.
3. The US has the highest divorce rate on the globe by a wide margin.

4. The US is tied with the UK for the most hours of television watched per person each week.
5. The US has the highest rate of illegal drug use on the entire planet.
6. There are more car thefts in the US each year than anywhere else in the world by far.
7. There are more reported rapes in the US each year than anywhere else in the world.
8. There are more reported murders in the US each year than anywhere else in the world.
9. There are more total crimes in the US each year than anywhere else in the world.
10. The US also has more police officers than anywhere else in the world.
11. The US spends more on health care as a percentage of GDP than any other nation on the face of the earth.
12. The US has more people on pharmaceutical drugs than any other country on the planet.
13. The percentage of women taking antidepressants in America is higher than in any other country in the world.
14. Americans have more student loan debt than anyone else in the world.
15. More pornography is created in the US than anywhere else on the entire globe. 89 percent is made in the US and only 11 percent is made in the rest of the world.
16. The US has the largest trade deficit in the world every single year. Between December 2000 and December 2010, the US ran a total trade deficit of 6.1 trillion dollars with the rest of the world, and the US has had a negative trade

balance every single year since 1976.

17. The US spends 7 times more on the military than any other nation on the planet does. In fact, US military spending is greater than the military spending of China, Russia, Japan, India, and the rest of NATO combined.
18. The US has far more foreign military bases than any other country does.
19. The US has the most complicated tax system in the entire world.
20. The US has accumulated the biggest national debt that the world has ever seen and it is rapidly getting worse. Right now, US government debt is expanding at a rate of \$40,000 per second.

There is another factor that is putting America at risk. That factor is the manner in which the American government has turned against Israel and betrayed her. President Obama's recent proposition, that Israel return to the 1967 borders, has led the other nations of the world to pick up the cry for Israel's surrender to her enemies. Though many Americans support Israel, yet in a democracy the people are responsible for the actions of their government.

God has made an unconditional promise in His Word that He will bless those that bless Israel and curse those who curse Israel. America has been blessed because of her support of Israel in the past. America seems about to be cursed by God for turning against Israel. If Obama does not veto the coming UN vote concerning a Palestinian State, it may tip the scales of judgment on that once fair land. Art Sadlier

## *Separation from Apostasy*

When our Lord returned to heaven He instituted the church on earth. The church is comprised of "called out ones", those who are called out of the world to be Heaven's representatives on earth. The church, corporately, and through each individual believer, is to reflect the holy character of Christ the head of the church and to declare the truth of God's Word.

The Prince of Darkness has other plans. He sought from the beginning to hinder the church by contaminating it with unholy people and unholy doctrine.

Very early, even in the first century, the Devil was successful in his attacks on the church. His goal was, and still is, to cause the believer and the church to become apostate. Apostasy is a falling away, a departure from the truth of God's Word. It involves wrong beliefs (doctrine) and as a result, wrong practices.

Three of the representative first century churches of Asia Minor fell away and became apostate (Rev 2 & 3). As a result of that apostasy, those churches lost their testimonies and were

terminated from the earth by our Lord. Apostasy ultimately brings about the termination of a church.

Apostasy was the primary issue of the first century church, apostasy has always been the primary issue of the church. Apostasy is the primary issue of the church today.

Theoretically, if the churches of the first four or five centuries had not become apostate, the world may well have been evangelized 1,500 years ago.

If a church does not become apostate, it will be blessed of God. It will grow strong and souls will be saved. Its love for Christ will grow, and God will be glorified in the church. John 14:21, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."

The mission of the church is evangelism, to bring the gospel to a lost world. However, the priority of the church is not evangelism. The priority of the church is the Apostles Doctrine, to know it, to believe it to practice it. Out of obedience to the priority of sound doctrine, the mission of the church (and the individual) will be accomplished, souls will be saved and effective evangelism will take place.

New Evangelicals have seriously erred here. The issue is not Evangelism, not church growth, not methods and programs, not nickels and noses. The issue is sound doctrine. Out of sound doctrine will come an understanding of what the church is to be, what it is to be doing and how it is to be done.

In the environment of sound doctrine, God will move by His Spirit, souls will be saved, the church will be blessed and Christ will be glorified.

There has always been a remnant of believers who have sought to maintain purity of doctrine, purity of life and separation from Apostasy.

In the first 50 years of the 20th century the lines were clearly drawn. There were two sides, Liberals and Fundamentalists. There was no deception and no compromise and the true church was never stronger.

The Liberals denied the fundamentals of the faith. The Fundamentalists held firmly to them. In the 1950's something happened which totally changed the whole situation. Ecumenical Evangelism began and turned black and white into gray. As the two sides rubbed shoulders, the clear lines of distinction were smudged.

Out of that situation there arose New Evangelicalism. This group wished to disassociate themselves from the Fundamentalists. They ceased to contend and battle for sound doctrine. The earnest contending for sound

doctrine by the Fundamentalists was an embarrassment to the New Evangelicals.

Instead of confronting Liberals, they began to dialogue with them. From that point forward, the Evangelical church compromised an inch at a time. Today, the Evangelical church is a mile from where it ought to be. Almost everyone decries the mile but few are willing to contend for the inch. We have had 50 years of small compromises, each one seemingly too small to contend.

Jude said we are to "earnestly contend for the faith." We have failed to do this and sadly, many who call themselves Fundamentalists have compromised.

We need to understand that what we believe determines how we act and live and how we serve the Lord. Out of the loss of a clear understanding of what the Scriptures teach regarding what the church is to be and what the church is

*"... now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat." 1 Corinthians 5:11*

to do, has arisen the apostasy of the Church Growth Movement, the Seeker Friendly Church, The Purpose Driven Church and the Emergent Church.

These churches have turned away from what the Lord of the church has clearly taught regarding what the church is to be, to do and how it is to be done. These movements are the natural product of New Evangelicalism.

This turning away is absolute apostasy and God's people need to recognize and reject this apostasy for the error it is and separate from it.

The issue is not whether those involved in apostasy are actually brothers and sisters in Christ. The Scripture teaches we are to separate from disobedient believers. The following texts show this principle. Matthew 18:15-17, "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to

hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican."

1 Corinthians 5:11, "But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat." The issues may vary but the principle of separation is clearly set forth in these and other Scriptures.

One of the reasons for separation from brothers or sisters in Christ is their failure to hold to sound doctrine. 2 Thessalonians 3:6, "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us."

Romans 16:17, "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them."

False doctrine and wrong practice will destroy the church and must be isolated in order to preserve the church. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump" Galatians 5:9. "Beware of the leaven (false doctrine) of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees."

Matthew 16:6, "Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven (false doctrine) of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees."

In order to preserve the church it is necessary to separate from those who are involved in apostasy even if they are our brothers and sisters in Christ. When we get to heaven, if those we separate from are truly believers, wrongs will be made right and we will be restored to fellowship with them. Nevertheless, in order to be obedient to the Lord and His Word, we need to separate from apostasy.

New Evangelicalism has been the single most important factor in the compromise of sound doctrine in the church for the last 50 years. It is important to separate from New Evangelicalism. Art Sadlier

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## SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

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**IN ISRAEL** there has been an attempt to bring down the Netanyahu government. Left wing activists encouraged by the mainstream media, are using the problem of the high cost of living and the high cost of housing to bring protestors into the streets.

One commentator states that the Netanyahu government is the only government in recent years to tackle the deep seated problem.

Israel National News released the following report on August 1, "Histadrut national labor union chairman Ofer Eini punctured the housing protest balloon Monday morning and said he will not be part of an effort to topple the Netanyahu government."

In other Israeli news, the Army is preparing for an uprising by the Palestinians which is anticipated after the vote in the UN on a Palestinian State. The Palestinian leader, Mahmoud Abbas is calling for such an uprising.

Whatever the outcome of the vote, it seems that the possibility of war is looming in the near future.

**IN TURKEY** the Prime Minister has announced the doubling of the military forces from 500,000 to 1,000,000 men. This seems to be a preparation for Turkey's involvement in the war of Ezekiel 38-39 which will take place early in the tribulation period. Turkey is in the process of moving from a secular society to Islamic control. Meanwhile, the rift between Israel and Turkey is beyond repair and growing.

**IN SYRIA** it is growing more apparent that Basher Assad will not survive the growing unrest. Some high ranking officers in the army have deserted to the resistance movement. It seems probable that the new government will be radical Islam. Israel will go from the frying pan into the fire.

**IN EGYPT** the Muslim Brotherhood are beginning to assert their influence. Many protesters; dominated by Muslim Brotherhood supporters; are calling for an Islamic state and Sharia law.

Tensions have been running high between Egypt's Islamist and secular groups, who are at odds over the transition to democracy in the Arab world's most populated country. But with Islamists and the more conservative Salafist groups now filling Tahrir Square, it could mark a turning point in Egypt's post-revolution period.

**IN SAUDI ARABIA** the effort to build a relationship with Pakistan in order to build an alliance to protect itself from Iran has fallen apart. The Saudi royal house attached high importance - and was willing to shell out many billions of dollars - to win Pakistan's guarantee of a nuclear and air umbrella and ground forces ready to come to the oil kingdom's aid in the event of external (Iranian) attack or internal threat from al Qaeda and the Shiite community.

Since the Arab Revolt's eruption seven months ago, the Saudis have sunk around two billion petrodollars in military and economic assistance for buying Pakistan's partnership in their plan for an international Sunni legion to withstand Shiite Iran and replace curtailed US assistance to Islamabad.

All of these efforts seem to be falling apart as Pakistan is flirting with a relationship with Iran. Newt Gingrich has stated that Pakistan is the most dangerous hot spot in the world. Pakistan is reported to have as many as 200 nuclear bombs.

**IN EUROPE** we are told that a default by Greece is inevitable. Other countries are in similar danger. In the midst of this growing crisis the leaders in Brussels are demanding more control

over the economies of the individual states. The whole situation is unstable and seems to be fertile ground for the Antichrist to move in and form the ten nation confederacy prophesied by Daniel.

**IN AMERICA** the warning signs of coming disaster are flashing brighter with every passing day. The debt problem is proving to be unsolvable. It seems that payday for all the over spending will come some day, perhaps sooner than we would like. America's problem is not primarily with her debt or with her enemies, her problem is found in the fact that she has turned away from God.

**IN IRAN** we see an increasing boldness and aggressiveness. As American troops prepare to withdraw from Iraq, Iran is gaining influence in Iraq and preparing to fill the void.

Iran's Press TV reported that 5,000 troops had deployed along Iran's north-western borders with Iraq and on July 14, an Iranian Revolutionary Guards force crossed in and captured three bases of the PJAK, the rebel Iranian-Kurdish movement.

Iran is gaining influence in many areas in the Mideast as the Arab spring leaves unrest and confusion. We can only imagine the threats and intimidation the day after Iran tests a nuclear bomb.

One of the obvious causes of all the turmoil and trouble in the world is loss of American influence and leadership. The world had a policeman in America, whether they liked it or not, it brought stability to the whole world. It seems like the plug has been pulled and the end time Biblical scenario is now rapidly unfolding.

Art Sadlier

"...Blow the trumpet and warn the people" Ezekiel 33:3

## Let the Headlines Speak

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### Turkey's Top Four Military Chiefs Quit Ahead of Key Meeting

Reuters

Head of the armed forces says he quit over jailed officers, in a move that reflects a deep rift between military and government; new ground forces commander appointed. Turkey said on Friday its top four military chiefs were all seeking retirement, in moves that appeared to reflect a deep rift between the secularist military and a government with roots in political Islam.

### Israel Prepares for Unrest as Palestinians Press for Recognition

sfgate.com

Israel's army is reinforcing points on its frontiers and boosting stockpiles of rubber bullets and tear gas as it prepares for possible unrest as Palestinians press ahead with a drive for full United Nations recognition. The military command held a one-day planning and training exercise in late June to lay the groundwork for preparations for September, when the UN is expected to consider a resolution supporting Palestinian statehood, a senior officer said July 19, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the topic.

### Pakistan's Bible Ban Jul 15<sup>th</sup>

frontpagemag.com

Pakistan's Islamist party, Jamiat-Ulema-e-Islami (JUI), has petitioned to have the Bible banned from Pakistan because it violates the nation's notorious blasphemy laws. The move by the JUI is just the latest episode in the ongoing and increasingly deadly persecution of Christians in that Islamic nation.

### Texas Lawmaker Calls for Congressional Probe Into Ban of Christian Prayers At Military Funerals

FoxNews

A Texas lawmaker is calling for a congressional investigation of the Houston National Cemetery after he went undercover and determined that cemetery officials are still preventing

Christian prayers at the funerals of military veterans.

"The Obama administration continues to try to prevent the word 'God' from being used at the funerals of our heroes," said. Rep. John Culberson (R-Texas).

### Muslims in U.S. Prisons Growing in Numbers

Yahoo.com

Radical Islam spreading in US prisons: lawmakers [Excerpts]  
US prisons are becoming a hotbed for indoctrinating inmates and turning them into radical Muslims, US lawmakers were told Wednesday in the second of a series of controversial hearings.

### Preparing the Hordes of Magog - Why is the Largest Army in the Middle East About to Double Its Size?

Bible Prophecy.com

With Prime Minister Erdogan's Islamist AK party having seized its third landslide election victory in Turkey, many throughout the international community have been watching to see what will be next on the Turkish agenda.

Now there are strong indicators in the Turkish media that Turkey is planning on literally doubling the size of its army – this coming from the nation that already has the largest army in Middle East and the second-largest army in NATO, second only to the United States. Presently, Turkey's army has over 500,000 troops. Its army is larger than France, Germany and England combined. And now Turkish media are reporting that they are planning on adding another 500,000 paid soldiers.

### Christians Against Israel

Israel Today - Ryan Jones

The World Council of Churches recently sponsored a debate on the situation of Christians in the Middle East that went unnoticed by most, but which provided another huge red flag in regards to the direction the Church is going as it relates to Israel and the Jews.

Meeting in Volos, Greece, a collection of 30 theologians, social scientists, politicians and church representatives labored for five days to decisively

identify the reason for shrinking Christian communities across the Middle East.

They could have saved their time and their money for other things like, you know, feeding the poor, because everyone already knew what the conclusion was going to be. Israel, and specifically Zionism, is making life untenable for Christians in the region, announced the group in its closing statement.

### 6 in 10 Palestinians Reject 2 - State Solution, Survey Finds

Jpost - Jay Hoffman

73% of 1,010 Palestinians in W. Bank, Gaza agree with 'hadith' quoted in Hamas Charter about the need to kill Jews hiding behind stones, trees. Only one in three Palestinians (34 percent) accepts two states for two peoples as the solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, according to an intensive, face-to-face survey in Arabic of 1,010 Palestinian adults in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip completed this week by American pollster Stanley Greenberg.

### "Palestine" The World's Most Economically and Politically Coddled Entity

Barry Rubin

SkyNews reporter Tim Marshall points out what other reporters don't...point out.

"There are well over 200 NGOs in the West Bank and Gaza, and 30% of the GDP here comes from international aid. Palestinians are among the most foreign aid funded people in the world and the place is awash with money....

### Israel and Palestinian Sources to Haaretz: U.S. Peace Efforts Have Failed

Haaretz.com - Barak Ravid

Sources say Palestinians are more determined than ever to pursue recognition of an independent Palestinian state at the United Nations in September.

The intensive U.S. efforts to create an agreed outline for renewed negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians have failed, Israeli and Palestinian sources have told Haaretz. The sources said the Palestinian leadership is more determined than ever to pursue the recognition of an independent Palestinian state at the United Nations in September.