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The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most powerful event in all of human history. It's the event that changes everything. His death atones for our sin, but His resurrection from the dead gives Him the ability to give us the gift of eternal life. It's His triumph over Satan!

I have been to EMPTY Garden Tomb in Israel many times. At each visit, I am so grateful that Jesus is who He claimed to be -- the Messiah, the One who stepped out of the tomb and vanquished death!

The hope of the future is the triumphant return of Jesus Christ! Because of your help, we can continue to carry out the vital work of reaching the lost with the Good News.

I sincerely thank you for your prayers and financial support of our international broadcast and prophecy ministry.

Until He returns,

Ed Hindson

Pope and Imam Sign "One World Religion" Covenant?



A historic document signed recently by Pope Francis and leading Muslim Imam Sheikh Ahmed al-Tayeb – whose official title is The Grand Imam of Al-Azhar – has many observers very concerned. This historic meeting between the head of the Roman Catholic Church and the most important Imam in Sunni Islam took place in Abu Dhabi at a gathering of religious leaders representing Christianity, Islam, Judaism, and other faiths. On the surface the covenant entitled “A Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together” stipulates its intention is to foster peace between nations, religions, and ethnic groups while combating extremism and violence. Obviously, this is an admirable effort worthy of support. Yet, certain ambiguous language in the document

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regarding God leads many to be cautious of the implications that may arise. Particularly, the idea that such a document could form the groundwork for a one-world religion!

While the document contains many remarks aimed at fostering a spirit of commonality between religions such as encouraging believers “to shake hands, embrace one another, kiss one another and even pray” together, it is the ambiguous reference to God that causes the greatest concern.

The document uses the same term; God, to simultaneously reference the God of the Bible

and Allah. One glaring example of this categorizes Christians and Muslims as “We, who believe in God.” Perhaps equally problematic is that the document claims that “the pluralism and the diversity of religions” evident in the world were all intentionally

“willed by God.” Moreover, the document claims that the idea that people should “adhere to a certain religion” should be rejected. Therefore, according to this document the perfect will of God allows for hundreds of different religions that must all be considered as equally valid. Such ideas have caused many to consider that the essence of this document is to push for a one-world religion.



Sadly, this idea is not out of character for Pope Francis. In September 2015, during a stop at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Pope Francis stressed the unity between Christianity and Islam. Likewise, in January 2016 the Vatican released an extremely disturbing video in which Pope Francis declared that all of the major world religions are “seeking God or meeting God in different ways.”

It should be noted that many prophecy experts have long believed that numerous parallels can be drawn between the one-world religion described in Revelation 17:1-18, and the influence and power of the Roman Catholic

Church. The book of Revelation describes a “great harlot,” or a false, one-world religion that will be prominent during the end times (Revelation 17:1-6). This one-world religion will be led by a “false prophet” (Revelation 13:11-15; 16:13; 19:10; 20:20). This false

religion will dominate all people of the earth, all nations, and languages. While this inference is not certain, it certainly arouses our attention - especially in light of the history of the Catholic Church and Pope Francis’ statements in the past. Therefore, given the implications of this recent covenant between Pope Francis and Imam Sheikh Ahmed al-Tayeb we should be in prayer.— PNL

PRAY: Pray that Christian leaders around the world would not be influenced by the ambiguous language used for God in this document. Pray that a clear distinction would remain between the God of the Bible and Allah. Pray that the Roman Catholic Church would not continue to make statements equating God with Allah.

Israeli Scientists May Have Found Cure for Cancer

In an exciting recent announcement, a small team of Israeli scientists believe they might have found a complete cure for 90% of cancers! Clarifying this, Dan Aridor, chairman of the board of Accelerated Evolution Biotechnologies, boldly remarked that “We believe we will offer in a year’s time a complete cure for cancer.” Aridor added, “Our cancer cure will be effective from day one, will last a duration of a few weeks and will have no or minimal side-effects at a much lower cost than most other treatments on the market. Our solution will be both generic and personal.”

The CEO of Accelerated Evolution Biotechnologies, Dr. Ilan Morad, was quoted by The Jerusalem Post as saying their treatment, referred to as MuTaTo (multi-target toxin) is essentially on the scale of a cancer antibiotic. It amounts to a disruption technology of the highest order. Morad elaborated that, basically, the team had to identify why other cancer-killing drugs and treatments do not work or eventually fail. Then, the team found a way to counter that effect.

The new treatment, MuTaTo uses a combination of several cancer-targeting peptides for each cancer cell at the same time, combined with a strong peptide toxin that kills cancer cells specifically. By using at least three targeting peptides on the same structure with a strong toxin, Morad said, “we made sure that

the treatment will not be affected by mutations; cancer cells can mutate in such a way that targeted receptors are dropped by the cancer.” Morad added that many current cancer treatments allow the cancer to return because they do not address

the cancer stem cells. MuTaTo’s multiple-target attack ensures that the cancer stem cells will be destroyed as well. Additionally, Morad said their discovery could also reduce the sickening side-effects of most cancer treatments, which stem from

drug treatments interacting with the wrong or additional targets, or the correct targets but on non-cancerous cells. The MuTaTo cancer treatment will eventually be personalized. Each patient will provide a piece of his biopsy to the lab, which would then analyze it to know which receptors are overexpressed. The individual would then be administered exactly the molecule cocktail needed to cure his disease.

We believe the Bible teaches that the Lord is the ultimate healer of our infirmities (Isaiah 53:4 cf. Matthew 8:5-17) and while we believe that we will only be free from all sickness and illness when we are in the presence of the Lord, we can certainly praise God for the miracles of healing He delivers through the hands of those who seek to alleviate humanity of such dreadful diseases! Likewise, since the Lord has the power to heal all our diseases (Psalm 103:2) it is



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Iran Debuts Dangerous New Cruise Missile

In yet another example of the dangers presented to the world by the nation of Iran, Iranian Defense Minister Amir Hatami announced that their military had successfully tested the new *Hoveizeh* surface-to-surface cruise missile. The greatest danger of this new missile is that it flies at a very low altitude, hugging the ground in a flight path that renders it extremely difficult to detect and intercept.

Debka File, an English language Israeli military intelligence news site, described the effectiveness of this type of missile stating “Iran is confident that neither the United States nor Israel has the answer to this threat.” *Debka* added that according to their military experts, “no military force in the world has so far found an effective means of intercepting cruise missiles before they strike unless they are of short range.”

The added danger is that the *Hoveizeh* missile, launched from a mobile launcher, has an effective range of 800 miles, putting Israel

and U.S. troops stationed in the region well within the range.

Many experts are also concerned that

this new missile system could be used to deliver a “dirty bomb” in the region. A “dirty bomb” is a conventional missile that is also loaded with a small amount of nuclear material



rendering it as a means of creating a small scale nuclear weapon.

These fears are increased with the *Hoveizeh* missile because as Iran’s *Islamic Republic News Agency* recently reported, 30 tons of yellowcake (uranium ore) was shipped from a production plant in the city of Ardakan in central Iran to a uranium conversion facility in Isfahan. This is exactly the type of radioactive material that could easily be fashioned into a “dirty bomb.” As a result, many experts are rightly on edge.

As we so often point out, the increased

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certainly within His divine will to use the team of Israeli scientists at Accelerated Evolution Biotechnologies to achieve that objective.

Let us pray that this new breakthrough will result in the cure for cancer as the scientists believe.—PNL

PRAY: Pray for the team of scientists working on what they believe will be a cure for cancer. Pray that the Lord will equip them with the knowledge and resources they need to rid the world of this dreaded disease.



Riots on the Temple Mount

Thousands of Palestinians recently stormed the Golden Gate of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem in an effort to re-open the site for Muslim worship. The area around the gate has been closed by a court order since 2003 when it was discovered that the Islamic heritage association that operated there was associated with Hamas and the site had become a meeting place for suspected terrorists. Illegal construction was also being carried out on site.

Palestinian officials hailed the entry of worshipers into the Golden Gate site on Friday as a “big victory.” In an effort to curtail further violence, Israeli police arrested 60 East Jerusalem residents in their homes on suspicion of incitement and rioting at the Temple Mount. The police said additional arrests are possible.

The Israeli news source *Haaretz* reported that prior to the arrests, firebombs were thrown at a security vehicle used to protect Jewish residents. Fortunately, the passengers

were able to safely evacuate the vehicle before it was set on fire and burned.

In response, two top Islamic Waqfs – religious-authority representatives – were arrested by Israeli police. Sheikh Abdelazeem Salhab, the head of the Waqf council on the Temple Mount and Najah Bakirat, deputy head of the organization, were both arrested. However, Israeli Police have not confirmed the arrests, but Palestinian media shared images of the men being escorted from their homes on social media.

Interestingly, the Jordanian government – who officially controls the Temple Mount – recently expanded the number of members in the Waqf in the hopes of thwarting Israeli efforts to change the delicate status quo at the holy site, according to *Haaretz*.

The extraordinary move is perceived as part of Jordan’s efforts to close ranks in order to combat any change in the religious and

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threats coming from Iran always remind us of numerous scriptural passages such as those in which the prophet Daniel and Jesus both warned of wars and rumors of wars until the return of Christ (Daniel 9:26; Matthew 24:6).

The Old Testament prophet Joel also fearfully predicted that the citizens of the world would be engaged in such a great degree of warfare that they would need to turn their everyday tools into weapons of war (Joel 3:9,10). With the threat of Iran boasting a

missile that the U.S. and Israel cannot defend against, the predictions of the prophet Joel no longer seem so difficult to imagine. Yet, we must cling to the promise the Lord gave to His people that when confronted with war in their land, “ye shall be remembered before the Lord your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies” (Numbers 10:9). Nevertheless, with such dangerous potential involved with this new *Hoveizeh* missile, we should be in serious prayer.—PNL

PRAY: Pray that the Lord would protect U.S. and Israeli troops and citizens from this new *Hoveizeh* missile. Continue to pray for a lasting peace in this region.

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political status of the Temple Mount – which is holy to both Muslims and Jews – especially with respect to allowing the latter to pray there.

Jewish entrance to and prayer at the Temple Mount is severely restricted, allowed only certain times and days of the year, with Waqf officials forbidding Jewish worshipers from even moving their lips in prayer or bowing down at the site. Violators are removed by Israeli police.

According to Jewish tradition, the Shekhinah (הַשְׁכִּינָה) (Divine Presence) used to appear through the Eastern Gate and will appear again when the Messiah arrives (Ezekiel 46:12). This event is seen by many Bible teachers as the triumphal entry (Ezekiel 43:2; Matthew 21:1–11) that Jesus will make into the Temple when He returns to initiate His Millennial Kingdom (Zechariah 14:4), entering the Temple complex

by way of the re-opened Eastern Gate.

Thus, since the Bible clearly teaches that Israel will not be at true peace with her neighbors until Christ returns to bring the ultimate peace only He can affect, and reign over the earth (Ezekiel 13:10; Jeremiah 8:11 cf. Matthew 24: 21-22) we must consider such events as mass rioting on the Temple Mount – especially around the site of the Eastern Gate – as having a potential implication for the fulfillment of prophecy.

Likewise, the Bible indicates that when we see Israel surrounded by her enemies, we should know that desolation is near (Luke 21:20, 22). As riots such as this are carried out against the citizens of Israel – at the location of what was once their most Holy religious site – we cannot help but think that Israel’s enemies have sounded her indeed!—PNL

PRAY: Pray for protection to the citizens of Jerusalem. Pray that the violence occurring on the Temple Mount would be effectively stopped. Pray also for leaders of the other countries of the world to recognize Israel’s claims to the Temple Mount and her right to protect Israeli citizens from such violence.