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The battle for Israel has been going on for over 4,000 years, ever since God called Abraham to believe in Him and trust in Him. God promised He would make of him a great name, a great nation, and ultimately, a great blessing!

Satan has done everything he can to stall the promise of God to the nation and people of Israel, and to fight against the very purposes of God Himself.

Because of your prayers and financial support, I am able to share the connections between our world's upheavals and God's timeless principles.

World peace will not come because of brilliant politicians. There will only be permanent peace on Earth when Jesus comes to reign and rule in righteousness. Let us prepare our hearts and live our lives accordingly as we look forward to that glorious day.

Until He returns,

Ed Hindson

U.N. Accuses Israel of 'War Crimes'



In yet another example of their blatant anti-Israel position, the United Nations recently issued a report claiming Israeli soldiers were guilty of "war crimes" when firing at Hamas-led rioters rushing the security fence separating Israel from Gaza. The United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) issued a 22-page report that claims "The commission has reasonable grounds to believe that during the Great March of Return, Israeli soldiers committed violations of international human rights and humanitarian law." Argentinian legal expert Santiago Canton, who chaired the UNHRC's commission of inquiry into the protests stated "Some of those violations may constitute war crimes or crimes against humanity, and must be immediately investigated." This report was issued for events that transpired during the last 11 months during

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which the terror group Hamas has organized numerous – often weekly – riots along the Israeli/Gaza border intended to provoke Israel into action. Another example of the bias nature of the UN is that this recent report was based on 325 interviews yet only 15 were from the Israeli side.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the report reflected the council’s “obsessive hatred” of Israel. Netanyahu was quoted as saying, “The UN Human Rights Council is setting new records of hypocrisy and lies stemming from its obsessive hatred toward Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East. Hamas is the one firing missiles at Israeli civilians, throwing explosive devices and carrying terrorist activity during demonstrations on the Gaza border.” Sadly this is merely another example in a long line of biased actions the U.N. has taken toward Israel over the years.

Examples of the U.N.’s history of hatred toward Israel include the unanimously passed U.N. resolution 2334 (2017) that denies Israel’s right to possess any land in Judea, Samaria and even the city of Jerusalem including the Temple Mount! Similarly, the U.N. vehemently opposed U.S. President Trump’s relocation of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem. Additionally, the United Nations funds numerous schools that are providing Palestinian students with textbooks that do

not acknowledge the State of Israel or that there is even a Jewish presence in the Holy Land!

The harm that the U.N. repeatedly attempts to bring on the nation of Israel should cause us great concern but it shouldn’t be a shock to us. The Bible clearly indicates there will come a time when the nations of the earth will be gathered together, under satanic beguile, to oppose Israel (Ezekiel 38: 1-23; Zechariah 12:3; 14:1-2; Revelation 16:13-16). Perhaps the continued persuasion of the world’s nations at the biased hands of the U.N. is part of the prelude to the events of the last days?

Likewise, the Bible warns that God will curse those who curse Israel. Genesis 12:3 is an amazing verse in many respects.

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The first half, dealing with blessing, implies a maximization element. When someone blesses Israel, God wants to maximize that blessing to as many as He can. “*I will bless those who bless you*” But when someone curses Israel, God’s normal approach is to localize the impact as much as possible. “*and the one who curses you I will curse.*” It is noteworthy that the biblical word for “curse” (Hebrew *Klaah*) carries the semantic meaning of wishing harm violence, or disaster. Thus, this recent vote by the U.N., in the minds of many, is an obvious “curse” the nation of Israel. As such, we should be in serious prayer over this situation.— PNL

PRAY: Pray that Israel will be able to continue to defend herself against the terror group Hamas. Pray also that political leaders around the world would not be persuaded by the obviously biased actions of the United Nations.

Russian TV Identifies Nuclear Targets in the U.S.

During a recent announcement in which Russian state television revealed that Russia is developing a new hypersonic missile, several U.S. cities and military facilities were identified as targets. It was stated that the new “Tsirkon” hypersonic missiles would be placed on Russian submarines and could reach these targets inside the U.S. in less than five minutes!

This report was delivered only days after Russian President Vladimir Putin said Moscow was militarily ready to carry out a “Cuban Missile”-style crisis if the United States wanted one. Putin had also recently issued a public warning to the U.S. regarding America’s plans to withdraw from a 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty and send anti-missile systems to our European allies along the Russian border. Putin also accused the U.S. of planning to develop intermediate-range missiles to equip our allies.

During the televised report, Dmitry Kiselyov, presenter of Russia’s main weekly TV news show ‘*Vesti Nedeli*’, showed a map of the United States and identified several targets he said Moscow would want to hit in the event of a nuclear war.

The targets, which Kiselyov described as U.S. presidential or military command centers, also included Fort Ritchie, a military training center in Maryland closed in 1998, McClellan, a U.S. Air Force base in California closed in 2001,

and Jim Creek, a naval communications base in Washington state. In a dire tone, Kiselyov noted, “For now, we’re not threatening anyone, but if such a deployment takes place, our response will be instant.”

The Pentagon responded by saying that Putin’s threats only help to unite NATO. Eric Pahon, a Pentagon spokesman, said, “Every time Putin issues these bombastic threats and touts his new doomsday devices, he should know he only deepens NATO’s resolve to work together to ensure our collective security.”



It is virtually impossible to contemplate such military threats without remembering the words of Jesus indicating that wars and rumors of wars will increase as the end times draw closer (Matthew 24:6; Mark 13:7).

Doubtlessly, many would consider the threats recently issued on Russian television as a rumor of war! Considering the nuclear option involved with modern warfare we must also be aware that many Bible passages seem to describe the tragic circumstances associated with such devastating weaponry (2 Peter 3:10-11; Revelation 18:10).

As with any rumor of war, we must be concerned but especially when two super-powers such as the U.S. and Russia are involved. The Bible teaches that at least one final war will

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Iranian Drones to Target Israel

In yet another display of their unchecked aggression toward Israel, Iran's Defense Ministry recently announced that it had launched a massive exercise involving 50 drones. The Iranian drones are based on a reverse engineered U.S. Sentinel drone captured by the Iranians in 2011. Iran's Islamic Revolutionary



Guard Corps (IRGC) said this exercise was intended to demonstrate Iran's military strength and develop a plan to attack Israel with a fleet of combat drones. IRGC Ground Force commander Maj.-Gen. Golan Ali Rashid this was the strongest exercise of its kind to date. According to reports by Iranian news agencies, *Fars News* and *Tasnim News* the operation was named "Beit al-Maqdis," as a reference to its ultimate target of Jerusalem.

The operation was attended by the commander of the IRGC, Hossein Salami, and IRGC Aerospace Force commander Amir Ali Hajizadeh. The Iranians indicated this was the first time that so many drones operated simultaneously in an "offensive operation"

at distances of more than 1,000 km away from each other. The drone pilots are being trained to strike predetermined targets with "high precision."

Boasting to the Iranian press, Maj.-Gen. Rashid claimed that "today we are witnessing the strongest maneuvers of the IRGC's Aerospace Forces." Iranian enemies will be "humiliated and feel shame," according to the statement.

IRGC commander Salami said he appreciated the power of the IRGC's air force and that the most recent operation demonstrates that despite U.S. sanctions, Iran is achieving military success. While Tehran has created other version of the Sentinel drone previous operations were limited as the drones were limited in their capabilities.

The drones in the recent "Beit al-Maqdis" operation was apparently more advanced and capable of inflicting far greater damage. This operation came in the wake of a large naval drill in February and frequent new tests of

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take place as the end times approach that will kill one-third of the entire population of the world! Frighteningly, a war between the U.S.

and Russia could fulfill that dire prophecy.

As such, let us be in prayer over this situation. —PNL

PRAY: Pray that the political disputes and tensions between the U.S. and Russia will not continue to escalate and result in war. Pray that God would continue to protect the United States and that we would turn again to Him in a national revival.

Genocide in Nigeria; 6000 Christians Slaughtered

Some exceedingly disturbing reports are coming out of Nigeria, an African country on the Gulf of Guinea, where Christians are experiencing what is being described as “pure genocide.” Church leaders say that 6,000 people – mostly women and children, – have been murdered by Fulani radicals since January!

The Fulani are commonly regarded as the world’s largest nomadic group and comprise about 20 million people dispersed across Western Africa. In Nigeria they are the most populous and politically influential ethnic group.

As early adopters of Islam, the Fulani participated in jihads in the 16th Century that established them as a dominant social and economic force in Western Africa. In cooperation with Boko Haram since 2009, the Fulani have tried to impose Islamic law across Nigeria by killing and terrorizing countless Christians.

According to *Open Doors*, a charity that provides aid to Christians who live under pressure because of their faith, the Fulani typically “descend on the villages in the night or in the day and carry out cruel attacks against innocent people, including women and children.”

This is exactly the sort of attack that have been reported since January. Nigerian church leaders report that “over 6,000 persons, mostly children, women and the aged have been maimed and killed in night raids by armed Fulani herdsmen,” which is prompting their cry to the government of Nigeria “to stop this senseless and blood shedding in the land and avoid a state of complete anarchy where the people are forced to defend themselves.”

Additionally, the *Christian Association*



of Nigeria issued a press release calling on the international community, as well as the United Nations, to intervene in the Fulani attacks, fearing they might spread to other countries as well.

“We are particularly worried at the widespread insecurity in the country where wanton attacks and killings by armed Fulani herdsmen, bandits and terrorists have been taking place on a daily basis in our communities unchallenged despite huge investments in the security agencies,” they added, saying President Muhammadu Buhari has failed to bring attackers to justice.

The non-profit group *Intersociety* commented that “Nigeria is drifting to a path of genocide ... of the indigenous Christians and other indigenous religionists in Northern Nigeria.”

Roman Catholic Bishop William Avenya of Nigeria compares the situation in Nigeria to that of Rwanda where nearly 1 million people were killed in 1994.

Sadly, we cannot be surprised by these events. The Scriptures are replete with warnings that suffering persecution because of faith in Christ is inevitable. Paul made it clear in 2 Timothy 3:12 that, “Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will

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ballistic missiles.

Last year, Iran fired ballistic missiles at Kurdish opposition groups in Iraq and also at ISIS in Syria. IRGC Aerospace Force commander Hajizadeh commented, “One of the features of this exercise is the power to design and plan co-flying UAVs in a very small geographic area that has brought about the rise of a new air power in Islamic Iran.” According to multiple news reports, the drones operated in numerous provinces in Iran.

Many prophecy teachers find it interesting that the Bible describes “locust” type creatures that play a significant role in an end-times conflict. Revelation 9 describes them as “the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces

were as the faces of men. And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months. And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon” (Revelation 9:7-11 KJV).

While many understand these “locusts” as demonic beings, John may have seen advanced military weaponry such as combat drones in his vision. Such similarities should cause us concern and drive us to prayer. — PNL

PRAY: Pray the Iranian military would not be able to launch a massive drone attack against Israel. Pray for continued protection for Israel in the face of her enemies.

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be persecuted.”

Likewise, Jesus warned His followers, and modern believers, that “Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for

theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:10). He also taught His disciples, “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first” (John 15:18).

Therefore, we should not be surprised that some of the worst persecution recorded in the Bible came at the hands of the religious leaders (Acts 4:1–3).

Doubtlessly, the Fulani radicals who are killing Christians in Nigeria believe they are doing so in obedience to the false God of Islam they worship. As believers in the true God. We must be in prayer for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria.— PNL

PRAY: Pray that the horrible persecution in Nigeria would cease. Pray the international leaders would become aware of this situation and intervene.