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Promoting a Christian Agenda for the End Times

Arewa's Chieftain, Joseph Waku says it is "reckless" to call Boko Haram terrorists. Nigerian government concurs!

As widely reported in the Nigerian media [for example, Punch July 13, pg 12] Vice Chairman of Arewa Consultative Forum, Senator Joseph Waku, said it was "reckless" for the President of the Christian Association of Nigeria, Ayo Oritsajefor, to have requested that the US Congress' Sub Committee on Africa, Global Health and Human rights should classify Boko Haram as a terrorist organization. So what then is Boko Haram if it is not a terrorist organization? In the face of statements like these being boldly bandied all over, how can government still claim that Boko Haram is faceless!

In the last edition we pointed out the obvious, that former National Security Adviser, Owoye Andrew Azazi, probably lost his job mainly on account of his being bold enough to point out the identity of BH handlers. Now it seems not only must BH sponsors not be named, we must also watch our mouth what name we give to Boko Haram itself!

Over 3,000 lives terminated in pure terrorist actions all over the land, yet the Organization that claims responsibility for these killings must not be designated terrorists. How utterly ridiculous!

Incredibly, the Nigerian government also concurs with Mr Waku. Speaking through our ambassador to the United States, the government laughably argued that designating BH as the terrorists organization that it is will somehow only hurt the average Nigerian more. In other words such a designation that would lead to the official monitoring and seizure of assets of people linked with Boko Haram by the US government, limiting their movements into the United States, etc will somehow hurt more the Nigerians whose wives, children, husbands are weekly being killed all over Churches, University campuses, Media houses, Banks, and Police Barracks in the name of Boko Haram. What height of insensitivity! It is quite clear that government values the lives, nay the convenience, of these terrorists (even calling them 'family members') far more than the lives of Christians and other law-abiding citizens.

The untenable logics arguing against calling the spade of BH the spade that it is continue: it would raise the profile of Boko Haram, it would open up Nigerian airspace to those dreaded drones → pg 2

South Africa: Christian Students kicked out of college dorms for refusing to study Qur'an and wear Islamic dress

More than 70 further education and training students from South Africa's Kwazulu Natal have been kicked out of the institution's dormitories for daring to protest their being required to observe Islamic customs and rules.

Specifically, these obviously Christian students were required to study the Qur'an and wear Muslim clothes. On the other hand, they were forbidden to carry Bibles inside the premises

The campus belongs to the Department of Higher Education, which rents the premises to the As-Salaam Institution, which promotes Islamic education and religion.

"All we wanted was to be free to practice our own religions and not be forced to follow Islam, but now we have been punished by being deprived of safe accommodation," one of the affected students was quoted.

As noted by Robert Spencer, "Imagine the outcry that would ensue if they had been kicked out of the dorms for refusing Christianity!"
<http://www.jihadwatch.org/2012/06/south-africa-students-kicked-out-of-college-dorms-for-carrying-bibles-refusing-to-study-quran-and-we.html>

Melinda Gates launches \$4 billion new global Contraceptive Campaign

Melinda Gates has announced that she is setting aside four billion dollars to make contraceptives available to 120 million women by 2020. (<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/catholic-melinda-gates-announces-multi-billion-dollar-global-contraceptive/>).

Most of Gates' focus will be Africa, where according to her, women are clamouring to be injected with contraceptive drugs. (Newsweek interview, April). Maybe she should have said that the clamouring is from the multitude of Africa-based Non-governmental agencies that draw their lifelines directly from the Gates Foundation.

According to the catholic news site, lifesitenews, "The injectable contraceptive favored by the Gates Foundation is Depo-Provera, which can cause early abortions by preventing a newly-conceived zygote from attaching to the uterine wall. It is also associated with numerous dangerous medical → pg2

conditions, including bone loss, increased risk of blood clots, breast cancer, cervical cancer, increased herpes susceptibility, memory loss, and other disorders, many of which are acknowledged by the U.S. Food and Drug administration.”

Testimonies of previous users of the product are similarly frightening enough! See web sources, for instance).

Speaking further at the 2012 TEDxChange conference, Gates says she wants to develop a class of non-hormonal contraceptive implants that permanently reside in the woman’s body and can be activated and deactivated at will. Easier said than done!

According to Melinda Gates, a group of catholic nuns at the Ursuline Academy of Dallas, where she once attended school, are in full support of her new global contraceptive campaign. Speaking to Newsweek she said the nuns contacted her to tell her: “We’re all for you. We know this is a difficult issue to speak on, but we absolutely believe that you’re living under Catholic values.” <http://www.thedailybeast.com/newsweek/2012/05/06/melinda-gates-new-crusade-investing-billions-in-women-s-health.html>

The Gates have been several times accused of engaging in population control. In vol 13 no 2, we reported Bill Gates’ statement at the 2010 TEDxChange conference to the effect that he was interested in vaccines that would invariably help curtail rising population. (Watch and hear Bill Gates say this directly <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f21fPRw9JaU>).

The mainstream media, choked by Gates largess no doubt, did not see anything newsworthy in such a slip-of-the-tongue admission.

Arewa says Boko Haram not Terrorists

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(which fear is the beginning of wisdom for terrorists in Afghanistan and Pakistan!), etc, etc. But those propounding all these nauseating arguments have no suggestions as to how to curtail what has now become a sure “Sunday-Sunday” random killing of Christians during Church services. If government is afraid to remove its gloves in dealing with BH, why prevent others from dealing with BH in a language they would certainly understand?

As for the well-known propensity of the United States to exploit such opportunities to undermine sovereignty of other nations, who says the United States will hold back from doing whatever it needs to do to protect her interests in any land, anywhere on the planet – justifiable or not justifiable? After all the Yankees did not ask any

permission from the Pakistanis before going for Osama bin Laden in Abbottabad.

But beyond seeking America’s flip-flop assistance, it’s best Nigeria’s Christians take their case seriously to God; as well as come up more forcefully in convincing government of her need to act more decisively. Any American promise in the current dispensation could truly be viewed with scepticism. One of the main reasons Islamists are becoming emboldened, especially in the Middle East at the present time, is the reluctance of the Obama administration to even notice the immense evils being perpetrated by the Jihadists on Christians. As pointed out by Raymond Ibrahim, after dragging its feet for months before acceding to Congress demands that it should publish the annual **Country Reports on Human Rights**, the administration finally did that in May - but removed, for the first time ever, the sections covering religious freedom. The article further suggests that the US administration is actually one of the entities putting pressure on Nigeria’s President Jonathan to soft-pedal in its dealing with BH. While the US Congress might indeed be willing to honestly help out Nigerian Christians, the general position of the Obama administration on the persecution of Christians by muslims is quite clear! <http://www.raymondibrahim.com/12083/obama-administration-war-on-persecuted-christians>

Clearly, prominent Nigerian moslems who have become blacklisted by BH for their non-support should have our sympathy; but their lives or interests are by no means superior to those of the Christians who are continuously mowed down or bombed out at with impunity by recalcitrant Islamic jihadists. The influence of this group of non-BH affiliated moslems on government is certainly out of proportion; and is probably responsible for government’s unimpressive flip-flop response to the Boko Haram terror. It becomes sadder still, when the mouthpiece for such groups are people who claim to be Christians. Imagine, Vice President of Arewa Consultative Forum, Mr Joseph Waku suddenly remembers that he is a Christian, and he had the audacity to challenge the competence of the President of the Christian Association of Nigeria to speak for Nigeria’s Christians on the issue of whether or not the United States should designate Boko Haram a terrorist organization. What a shame!

“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! “ **Isa 5:20**

Ebonyi Governor warns FG not to negotiate with Boko Haram

Meanwhile, Governor Martin Elechi of Ebonyi State, has advised the Federal Government to steer clear of any negotiation with Boko Haram, insisting that the activities of the sect are basically political. (see <http://tribune.com.ng/index.php/news/46247-dont-negotiate-with-boko-haram-elechi-warns-fg?tmpl=component&print=1&page=>). Certainly this experienced political actor must know what he is talking about! Speaking at the state capital Abakaliki when the Muslim community paid him a Sallah homage on Monday 20th August, Elechi reiterated that “the call for negotiation between the government and the dreaded sect was uncalled for, as there was no basis for negotiation.”

Shocking rise of nudity on Primetime TV

It used to be, in “the olden days” that naked human bodies only feature in so-called “blue films”. Nowadays, it is as if a movie, even a family soap, has not meet the mark if suggestive sexual scenes are missing. According to the US based Parents Television Council, the incidents of nudity even on primetime broadcast television in that country has increased dramatically. According to a study cited by the PTC, whereas only one instance of full-frontal nudity occurred during the 2010-2011 study period, 64 instances aired by the same time the following year. PTC figures that represents a 6,300 percent increase of full-frontal nudity on primetime TV in just one year. The Council is calling on appropriate regulatory bodies to be more alive to their responsibilities and find means of clearing the over 1.6 million backlog of indecency complaints from concerned public. Who really is calling the shot and determine what gets shown on TV?

Black Pastors Oppose Gay Marriage

The Coalition of African American Pastors (CAAP), a grassroots group of nearly 4,000 members, has launched a [national campaign](#) to support marriage between one man and one woman and to oppose the Obama administration’s efforts to advance same-sex marriage. Speaking at the launching on July 31, President and founder of CAAP, the Rev. William Owens, said: “The time has come for a broad-based assault against the power that be that wants to change our culture to one of men marrying men and women marrying women.”

Bishop Janice Hollis, presiding Prelate of the Covenant of International Fellowship of Churches, called Obama’s support of gay marriage a “travesty” and said it reflects the “disorder in the highest office in the land.”

The CAAP is particularly irked at what it sees as Obama’s taking the black community for granted “while pandering to the gay community.” Owens said CAAP sent a letter to Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder in May asking for a meeting to discuss the gay marriage issue, but “He has not given us the courtesy of any reply.”

“The Coalition of African American Pastors (CAAP) consists of 3,742 African American pastors, and he has totally ignored us,” Owens noted.

The marriage pledge launched by the CAAP states that “homosexual practices of same-sex couples are in violation of religious and social norms and are aberrant” and that same-sex unions “are sinful and in direct violation of the law of God in that they are a deviation from the natural use and purpose of the body.”

It concludes: “We therefore declare our opposition to any deviation from traditional marriages of male and female, notwithstanding the rulings of the court systems of the land or acts of legislative bodies in support of same-sex ‘marriage’ and/or civil unions. And to call on Pres. Obama to repudiate his assertion that gay marriage is a civil right.”

Speaking directly to President Obama at the launching, Owens said: “Mr. President, I’m not going to stand with you, and there are thousands of others across this country that are not going to stand with you with this foolishness,” Owens said.

<http://cnsnews.com/news/article/black-pastors-oppose-gay-marriage-warn-obama-we-will-not-stand-you>.

Julian Assange – the sexuality angle

As it is becoming evident, it takes more than securing an asylum from a friendly foreign country to guarantee reprieve for a fugitive whose life may well be on the line. Holed up in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London, and having secured an asylum from Ecuador, Julian Assange still has to traverse much of British territory before getting onto a plane for Ecuador! Now Assange must be understanding for the first time the real gravity of what Wikileaks did by throwing up for the whole world to see, the dark secrets of American Embassies all around the world.

It is generally understood that an extradition to Sweden is only the prelude to his eventual extradition to the United States where treason charges – and possible death sentence - await him.

But the Assange story has another important side to it that is unfortunately mostly overlooked. The charges awaiting him in Sweden is that of sexual assaults, filed by two different women. Assange didn’t rape the women, but against their wish and protestations, he went ahead to have intercourse with

them without using a condom. Presumably there are other women who though aggrieved, prefer not to press any charges; or who even did not mind having an Assange spend the night with them – condoms or not.

The truth of the matter is that men prefer and enjoy sex better without condom. That is why prostitutes, as has been revealed at many fora, charge far more for direct sex than one with condoms.

The point we bring out in the Assange story is that all the clamour of groups like Planned Parenthood, advocating for limiting the population size of the world, while waving aside the moral question is not going to get anywhere. If it is okay for a man to sleep with as many women as he pleases as he trots around the globe, - as long as he limits the size of his family to two kids, it is like self-deception.

Which is why many insists that PP and affiliates are not deceived by the unworkability of the solutions they profer. (See vol 8 no 1 for instance for many facts –ranging from carcinogenesis to plain ineffectiveness – to show the non-sustainability of the condom solution) Rather, the reasoning goes on, PP is only out to destroy the family unit – by not only encouraging promiscuous extramarital sex, but also by moving ahead its pet programme of homosexual relationships.

This is food for thought.

New Capabilities and Applications for the new world Camera

Shoppers could soon be automatically recognised when they walk into a shop using a controversial new camera. Called Facedeals, the camera uses photos uploaded to Facebook to recognise people as they walk in. Shoppers who agree to use the system, which has not been developed with Facebook, will be offered special deals.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-2187801/Were-watching-The-camera-recognise-Facebook-picture-time-walk-shop.html>

Still talking cameras, Google and Apple are already deploying planes to produce new aerial maps so detailed they can show up objects just four inches wide. Privacy campaigners observe that the planes will be able to photograph sunbathers in their back gardens or see into homes through skylights and windows.

As reported in a commentary by Terry of Rapture Ready, “Google admits it has already sent planes over cities while Apple has acquired a firm using spy-in-the-sky technology that has been tested on at least 20 locations, including London.”

The technology is similar to that used by intelligence agencies in identifying terrorist targets in Afghanistan. (Vanessa Allen, "Software Giants Will

Use Military-Grade Cameras to Take Powerful Satellite Images," Rapture Ready News, 07:04)

Tenuousness of current civilization

While it is okay to celebrate man's many inventions in his fulfilling the divine mandate to exercise dominion on earth, it is amazing how propagandists would have us begin to worship science and technology as savior of the world in the days ahead. Really, nothing can be farther from the truth! There are so many situations and complications, that science and technology have no chance of handling, by any means. For example, talk of super-earthquakes (which come in cycles of thousands of years and dwarf anything we have seen in this age), or even the more familiar hurricanes (think of Sandy), tsunamis, volcano eruptions (of the St Mt Helen's kind),etc.

The real bad news that follows man's overrating science far above its real worth, is the dangers that come with unbridled scientific (mis)adventures itself. New esoteric diseases like HIV-AIDS, moral issues associated with sex transplants, the yet unfathomable dangers associated with genetic manipulations (both of plants and animals), as well as the myriads of issues associated with microchip implants, and of course the pseudo-science called theory of (macro) evolution, are some issues we have discussed on the pages of this bulletin in the past.

One relatively minor area showing the tenuousness and abject vulnerability of our current S&T-dependent civilization is its utter dependence on electricity and electronics. In July, it took just one massive thunderstorm and several cities in almighty America (across Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland, including Washington DC itself) reeled in power outage for several days! Suddenly all the convenience of modern civilization lost their sheen and appearance of invincibility! The same story was repeated in the wake of Hurricane Sandy which evoked memories of Hurricane Katrina which saw residents of New Orleans descend into near barbarism in just a matter of weeks of no electric power. Incidents of looting, mugging and rape became rampant just because the refrigerators, airconditioners, computers, cell-phones, television, ATMs, petrol vending machines, lifts, even power generators, etc could not be powered!

India's turn came in July, as due to management problems and inability of the state to cope with the demand for electric power, the national grid buckled and failed - on two consecutive days, leaving 670 million people without electric power. The outage dubbed the worst in the world since it affected 10% of the world's population, brought near chaos particularly to the transportation sector as

traffic lights went out and hundreds of trains could not operate. (see reports at <http://edition.cnn.com/2012/07/31/world/asia/india-blackout/index.html>)

Now comes the crux of the matter. It is not only natural phenomena like earthquakes, 'super-derecho' storms, or solar flares that could knock off electricity; some inventions of man, notably electromagnetic pulse (EMP) bursts could easily replicate the same scenario. Such a burst, which can be produced by a small nuclear explosion in the upper atmosphere of a region could easily knock off electricity and fry electronic components in devices across several cities. Theoretically, depending on size and height of the detonation, an entire country could be affected!

In other words, nuclear bombs don't actually have to be used to destroy people and infrastructure directly, exploding one at high altitude over a region could take off the electricity with predictable roller-coaster impacts.

An article in the Wall Street Journal tried to describe what a massive EMP burst would do to the United States:

"No American would necessarily die in the initial attack, but what comes next is potentially catastrophic. The pulse would wipe out most electronics and telecommunications, including the power grid. Millions could die for want of modern medical care or even of starvation since farmers wouldn't be able to harvest crops and distributors wouldn't be able to get food to supermarkets."

Frank Gaffney, the president of the Center for Security Policy, believes that a single EMP burst could potentially end up killing the vast majority of the population of the United States....

"Within a year of that attack, nine out of 10 Americans would be dead, because we can't support a population of the present size in urban centers and the like without electricity"

Given human depraved thinking, such a possibility is not to be left undeveloped. Nations all over the planet are aware of what an EMP burst can do and have been developing "Super-EMP" weapons that can take power grids down in a single strike.

The following is a short excerpt from a statement by Dr. Peter Vincent Pry to the United States Senate Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security on March 8th, 2005....

Russian and Chinese military scientists in open source writings describe the basic principles of nuclear weapons designed specifically to generate an enhanced-EMP effect, that they term "Super-EMP" weapons. "Super-EMP" weapons, according to these foreign open source writings, can destroy even the

best protected U.S. military and civilian electronic systems.

(<http://www.infowars.com/if-one-storm-can-turn-d-c-dark-for-several-days-what-would-a-massive-emp-burst-do/>)

So if brute nature doesn't put down man's science and technology-powered civilization some day, man himself is guaranteed to do it. While it is okay to celebrate our scientific and technological prowess, we should learn to be realistic about their limitations; and perhaps tremble at the prospects of putting such increasing knowledge in the hands and services of leaders with perverse minds and numerous unholy agenda.

Thank God for Jesus. He is in ultimate control and as He has promised, will directly intervene in the affairs of mankind at His chosen time. No shaking Christian.

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me" - John 14:1

Expect Massive Solar Storm in the next two years – Scientists

Scientists are warning that power grids, communications and satellites could be knocked out by a massive solar storm in *the next two years*. This is based on measurements that show that the sun is reaching a peak in its 10-year activity cycle, putting the Earth at greater risk from solar storms.

As explained in news reports "The threat comes from magnetically-charged plasma thrown out by the sun in coronal mass ejections. They trigger geomagnetic storms which can literally melt expensive transformers in national power grids. Satellites can be damaged or destroyed and radio communications - including with jet airliners - could be knocked out."

There is 12% chance of a major solar storm every decade - making them a roughly one-in-100-year event. The last major storm was recorded in 1859, more than 150 years ago. (<http://news.sky.com/story/969059/world-on-alert-for-massive-solar-storm>)

Building the Third Temple In Jerusalem

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But by far the most serious challenge standing against this dream project is that the same site being proposed for the Jewish Temple currently hosts the Islamic Dome of the Rock as well as the al-Aqsa Mosque. Yet the Bible is unequivocal that the Temple would be rebuilt on location, and be in full

operation at the time of the antichrist's full manifestation.

"And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate," Daniel 9:27

"When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) ...For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. " (Mat 24:15, 21)

In Vol 8 No 2 2005, we mentioned Hal Lindsey's recounting a spiritual insight and inspiration that came to him on the subject. The summary of it is that Lindsey believes that the Dome on the Rock is actually located at the Court of the Gentiles' portion of the original Temple. Hence the very plausible conclusion: "The Temple can be rebuilt and stand alongside the Dome of the Rock without disturbing it. And since the outer court, also known as the Court of the Gentiles, is given to the Gentiles in this period just before the Messiah comes, it infers that there would be a Gentile building there, i.e., the Dome of the Rock".

It is widely believed among students of endtime prophecy that facilitating the rebuilding of the third Temple will be one of the projects the antichrist will use to buy over Jewish support and loyalty. Eventually, 3½ years into the 7 year peace treaty, he will attempt to declare himself god, even right in the same Temple. The whole world will accept him, but not the Jews. (Christians of course would have been raptured). That would lead to massive persecution of the Jews for the last 3½ years of the treaty culminating in the second coming of the Lord to deliver the Jews (see Rev 12:5-6). The raptured saints will be on the Lord's entourage (Zech 14: 5), to effect the final judgement on the antichrist (2 Thess 1:7, 2:8) at the end of this seven-year period – the same seven year period that is still outstanding from the seventy "weeks" determined upon the Jewish people but currently 'frozen', in the last generation, till the 'times of the Gentiles' be fulfilled (see Daniel 9:27, Luke 21:24; Rom 11:25).

The current rumblings in the Middle East are therefore indications that these realities are fast coming upon the world. Are you prepared or still totally immersed in some rat-race?

FROM OUR BLOG
<http://churcharise.blogspot.com/>

Re: The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

I was truly surprised by the great amount of plain ignorance displayed by Sabella Abidde in his article on the current Israeli-Palestinian conflict (Punch Nov 21, 2012, back page.).

First, Abidde avoids mentioning the fact that it was the Palestinian terrorist organization, Hamas, that first started raining down rockets targeting Israeli cities, including Tel Aviv. And killing innocent civilians in the process. Of course, Hamas is banking heavily on people like Abidde to try to whip up popular sentiments against Israel, so that rather than reply Hamas rocket for rocket, she should rather be seeking for terms of conciliation. However, Benjamin Netanyahu had made it clear that that would not happen. Even Obama's unabashedly pro-Palestinian USA could not but agree that Israel had the right to defend her citizens from unprovoked aggression. Reading the mood, Hamas and her supporters have decided on the current Egypt-mediated ceasefire.

Sabella Abidde no doubt is much aware of the above point; which is why he stridently avoided making any mention of the cause of the flying rockets. What I find quite amazing is his apparently honest prescription for solving the crisis. He went on and on about how the Palestinians have a right to their own state, existing side-by-side a Jewish state. In fact he wrote somewhere: "Palestinians should be granted independence. One hundred years is such a long time to be under the shadow of another country. And in fact, Israel should have agreed to a Palestinian Statehood a long time ago. What's the point "holding on" to Palestine? "bla, bla, bla.

What crass nonsense!

The state of Israel came into existence only 64 years ago in 1948. How then have the Palestinians been under the shadow of that country for 100 years?

And Israel has made it clear over and over again that she has no problem with a Palestinian state existing side-by-side her. It is the Arabs who have sworn never to allow the state of Israel to exist side-by-side their Arab state! This is pure easily verifiable fact.

In his 2009 speech, soon after coming into office, Benjamin Netanyahu made it abundantly clear to the whole world that he was ready to discuss a two-state solution with the Palestinians any time anywhere. He described the real roots of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict:

"the simple truth is that the root of the conflict was, and remains, the refusal to recognize the right

of the Jewish people to a state of their own, in their historic homeland”.

It is a matter of plain history that it was the Arabs that rejected the UN partition plan of 1947 mandating the creation of two separate states – A Jewish State and an Arab State. Israel of course embraced the idea, and based largely on that mandate announced the creation of Israel on May 14 1948. The Arabs, far more militarily established than Israel at that time, threatened to liquidate the new state within a week. They are still trying till today to save face and attempt to carry out their boasting.

This simple and incontrovertible fact is further plainly demonstrated by current developments in Gaza. Israel vacated Gaza on her own volition some seven years ago - without any conditions whatsoever. But what happened? Hamas quickly over-ran the legitimate Palestinian puppet government, took over the land, and began to use it (based on its proximity to Israel) as a base to send thousands of rockets into Israeli cities. Israel’s response has been to target Hamas infrastructure, taking great pains and efforts to minimize damage to the civilians; but everybody knows that Hamas uses her own people as human shields, choosing to locate her rocket launchers and strategic infrastructure in the neighbourhood of mosques, schools and hospitals (for instance, see http://www.terrorism-info.org.il/malam_multimedia/English/eng_n/pdf/hamas_e028.pdf).

To minimize even further the possibilities of these rockets being smuggled into Gaza in their thousands in the first place, Israel rescinded her original policy of total non-intervention in the affairs of Gaza, pronouncing a naval blockade which will necessitate that items being imported into the region will be inspected to ensure that rockets and ammunition are not packaged together with food and drugs. Nigerians will remember the cache of weapons seized at Apapa the other time (October, 2010), which Israel identified as destined for Gaza enroute Nigeria. (<http://www.nairaland.com/541157/seized-bombs-meant-gaza-strip>)

Thus, the situation in Gaza is a mini-version of the whole Arab-Israel conflict story. Israel has announced over and over again that she has no problem lying side-by-side with a prosperous Palestinian state. But her appeal to the world is that there should be some guarantee in place that such a State will not become the launch pad for those who have sworn that the only reason they are alive is to seek the annihilation of Israel. Hamas, for example, is one organization that has this goal boldly and proudly inscribed in her charter. It’s there today for all to see (<http://www.mideastweb.org/hamas.htm>).

Addressing the Knesset on the occasion of his 100th day in office in 2009, Netanyahu, for the sake

of US President Obama, clearly summarized Israeli’s position on a Palestinian state:

“I told President Obama when I was in Washington that if we could agree on the substance, then the terminology would not pose a problem. And here is the substance that I now state clearly:

“If we receive this guarantee regarding demilitarization and Israel’s security needs, and if the Palestinians recognize Israel as the State of the Jewish people, then we will be ready in a future peace agreement to reach a solution where a demilitarized Palestinian state exists alongside the Jewish state.”

How can a regular back page columnist in a national newspaper like the Punch claim ignorance of these open facts, and spend a whole article writing prescriptions for minor skin rashes while leprosy festers!

I’ll like to refer readers to an article by Benjamin Netanyahu on Lessons from Sudetenland to further provide details of the conflict and where, (with corroboration from Bible prophecies written thousands of years before this time), it will eventually all end (<http://www.khouse.org/articles/1997/11/>)

BEHOLD, I COME QUICKLY

We are glad to announce that the orderly compilation of our news and articles, over the ten year period 2001 - 2011 is now about ready. Titled, **BEHOLD, I COME QUICKLY**, it is a trilogy – three books in one. Book 1 is subtitled: **ALERTS FROM SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**; Book 2: **SIGNS FROM SOCIETY AND GOVERNANCE** and Book 3: **INSIGHTS FROM RELIGIONS AND SPIRITUAL EXPRESSIONS**.

We covet your prayers for God’s speed even as we put finishing touches to the publications. Soft copies of our first book, **THE TIME IS FULFILLED**, compilation of our news and articles from 1998-2001, can still be downloaded free of charge from our website www.churcharise.org.

“But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.”

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

TOPICAL ISSUE: **Building the Third Temple In Jerusalem**

Calls for the rebuilding of a third Temple on Mount Moriah in East Jerusalem has been intense in recent years, with many groups springing up, dedicated to this Project. For examples of these, see <http://www.templemount.org/tempprep.html>, <http://www.prophecynews.co.uk/index.php/temple-mount>, and <http://www.squidoo.com/templejerusalem>.

These efforts recently got a fresh boost with the added voice of an influential Israeli politician, Zevulun Orlev, former leader of the National Religious Party and now a member of the Knesset, representing the Home Party. Writing ahead of the fast of Tisha B'Av, Orlev called for the rebuilding of the Temple and noted that "fundamental changes" to Israeli society and government, including new Basic Laws, would have to be instituted in order to realize the success of the project. <http://www.timesofisrael.com/>. The annual fast commemorates, among other national calamities, the destruction of the first and second Temples - occurring on the same date of the Jewish calendar, 9th of Av - in the years 586 BC and of 70 AD respectively (<http://www.templemount.org/construct2.html>).

Besides spiritual reform and the creation of a cadre of religious experts capable of running the Temple, Orlev noted that the government — "assuming the government will choose to be democratic" — must turn back dissent surrounding the project as well as "ignore eye-rolling economists who will say it's a waste of public funds." Government will also have to deal with the various modern movements who will certainly defend the rights of the sacrificial animals as well as protest discrimination against women in Temple service. ➔ continued on page p7

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EXHORTATION: **Wicked Ways – End Times**

To living men no time can be as solemn as "the living present," whatever its characteristics; and that solemnity is immensely deepened in an age of progress unparalleled in the history of the world. But the question arises whether these days of ours are momentous beyond comparison, by reason of their being in the strictest sense *the last*? Is the world's history about to close? The sands of its destiny, are they almost run out, and is the crash of all things near at hand?

Earnest thinkers will not allow the wild utterances of alarmists, or the vagaries of prophecy-mongers, to divert them from an inquiry at once so solemn and so reasonable. It is only the infidel who doubts that there is a destined limit to the course of "this present evil world."

Jesus makes the following statement so everyone reading these scriptures would understand. "*Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.*" [Matthew 24:34](#). Jesus is speaking of future events so the generation that would be witnesses to all the signs that He had just mentioned should be fully aware that all these things will be fulfilled during the life span of that particular generation.

The generation that saw Israel reborn as a nation in 1948 is currently still with us.

Nobody can perfectly place a date on when the seven year tribulation period will begin and we don't really need to. God Almighty told us, in His word, that when we *begin* to see these things we are to look up for our redemption draws nigh. I just read the news again and guess what? Sure enough, these things are beginning to unfold.

Now, here's why I've written this commentary. I see a major problem occurring today among those who profess to be followers of Jesus Christ. Many of God's children are enticed with and even enjoying very wicked lifestyles. "*If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*" [2 Chron.7:14](#). We should pay close attention to what God tells us.

The end is in sight, therefore shouldn't we who are called by His name (Christians), be turning from our wicked ways? This time in which we live is certainly the last of the last days. Everyone who professes to be following the Lord Jesus Christ should be evaluating their lives and looking in the mirror to see who's looking back. Is Jesus looking back at you and smiling that smile that says "Well done my good and faithful servant"? Or is the world looking back at you and whispering "You're one of us".

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