How Soon – the Great Tribulation?

The world is at a transition point. All the red flags are flying, the storm signals are going off, the sirens are screaming. But who is awake to hear the warning, or see the danger? How close are we to the GREAT TIME OF TROUBLE AND WOE prophesied for the "end"?

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Well-known Evangelist Billy Graham is now 95 years of age and reportedly often bedridden at his home in Montreat, N.C. The October 2014 issue of <u>Decision</u> magazine has reprinted a sermon Graham delivered Jan. 7, 1962 on the *Hour of Decision* radio program under the headline "Turning the Tide of History". His comments start off saying, "Our nation was founded by men who believed in prayer," and he notes that Benjamin Franklin, in addressing the 1787 Constitutional Convention said, 'God governs in the affairs of men.' Then he noted numerous instances in history from the Bible where God-fearing, Christ-believing people "turned the tide of history by prayer." For example, Elisha prayed and a young man was raised from the dead; Jesus prayed and Lazarus rose from the dead; the thief on the cross next to Jesus prayed and Jesus told him he would be with him in paradise. "Today the world is being carried on a rushing torrent of history that is sweeping out of control. There is but one power available to redeem the course of events and that is the power of prayer by God-fearing, Christ-believing people."

Graham continued, "One of the reasons the *United Nations* has become so ineffective in handling world situations is that there is no prayer, no recognition of God. Unless the leaders of the nations turn to God in prayer, their best plans will fail, just as did the plans of those who built the tower of Babel." He said that even though America is just as wicked as Sodom and Gomorrah ever were and as deserving of the judgment of God, God would spare us if we were earnestly praying with hearts that have been cleansed and washed by the blood of Christ. He went on to say, "If only they would discover the power and wisdom that there is in reliance upon God, we could soon see the solution to the grave problems that face the world."

I agree with Graham one-hundred percent, on that statement.

The Need for Prayer

What are the chances that President Obama and the American leadership are going to turn to God in prayer? George Washington, John Adams, Abraham Lincoln and our founding fathers of America believed in prayer. They called for a national day of fasting, mourning, and prayer during their time of service when troubles beset America. Check the facts written about Barack

Obama's Muslim background, schooling and Islamic heritage and orientation of mind. He is a supporting friend of the Muslim Brotherhood. Our country is sitting on the horns of an explosive dilemma with a president who thinks that he is using the Muslim Brotherhood to further America's interest, but they are really using him to further their own interest.

Patton's Prayer

The answers to prayer in history are awesome. One of those answers was when General George Patton, leader of the Third Army in Europe during WW II, was called upon by the American authorities to intervene in what was later called the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium. The German Panzer Army Division was on the march toward the coast and had broken through the American troop lines and surrounded a small town in Belgium called Bastogne which the Americans had been holding down at "all costs". General Patton, who was in the south, was ordered to bring the Third Army northward to intervene and halt the German advance.

Acting commander, General Anthony McAuliffe, who was in command of the U.S. Army's beleaguered 101st Airborne Division which was surrounded at Bastogne, received an ultimatum from the Germans to surrender or else. McAuliffe's reply to the Germans was one word— "NUTS". He and his soldiers stood their ground and fought off the Germans until General Patton and the Third Army arrived. General McAuliffe's action helped assure the final defeat of the Germans and became a lasting symbol of American courage and determination under fire. The Germans did not understand "Nuts!"

General Patton had all the traits of military leadership, fortified by genuine trust in God, intense love of country, high faith in the American soldier and no use for half-measures.

Before the battle of the Bulge, on the morning of December 8, 1944, Patton called the Third Army Chaplain and said, "We must do something about those steadily falling rains if we are going to win the war" and asked him to write a good prayer and report to him within the hour. Patton read the copy and approved. "Have 250,000 copies printed and see to it that every man (officer and soldier) in the Third United States Army gets a copy" (to pray united together before going into battle). On 12/12/44 it was received by the entire army.

It read:

"Almighty and most merciful Father, we humbly beseech Thee, of Thy great goodness, to restrain these immoderate rains with which we have had to contend. Grant us fair weather for battle. Graciously hearken to us as soldiers who call upon Thee that, armed with Thy power, we may advance from victory to victory, and crush the oppression and wickedness of our enemies, and establish Thy justice among men and nations. Amen."

Patton's personal message and name was on the backside of the card—"To each officer and soldier, I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty, and skill in battle. We march in our might to complete victory. May God's blessings rest upon each of you."

On December 20 the prayer was answered. The heavy rains, thick fogs, and swirling ground mists that blotted out the sun and reduced visibility to a few yards ceased. Bright clear skies and perfect flying weather appeared and enabled the 101st Airborne, with the 4th, 9th and 10th Armored Divisions to valiantly drive the Germans home. Patton sought God and prayed for fair weather and he got it.

In the *Review of the News* late in January 1945 in the city of Luxemburg, Patton was quoted saying to a retired general, "Well, Padre, our prayers worked. I knew they would." There are many other cases where prayer has led to miracles. America as a nation, needs to get down on her knees, fast and pray for God's intervention, deliverance and salvation.

Signs of the Shemitah

We have just entered a Jewish Shemitah year in September. The Shemitah year is a Sabbatical year of letting the land rest. Blood moons, plummeting stock markets and a growing *Ebola* pandemic have dominated the headlines this past week and an army of Islamic ISIS terrorists bearing down on the Iraqi capital of Baghdad. Are these all harbingers of the end of the world age? Is this unusual confluence of events and dire forebodings just another coincidence, a fluke, an accident? Or is there special prophetic significance to what we see occurring all around us, this year in particular?

Jesus Christ declared, speaking of the years before His return, that there would be definite "signs" or "heralds" of His coming. "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows" (Matt.24:7-8).

Ebola Threat

Ebola is a modern pestilence or plague threatening the world, causing great fear and panic in Africa at this time. The world is worried. But President Barack Obama has already suggested that he will not impose a travel ban from infected countries. The very credible legal watchdog group *Judicial Watch* is reporting that the Obama Administration is trying to figure out how to transport more Ebola-infected patients from West Africa to America. *Judicial Watch* Washington, DC, has learned that the Obama administration is actively formulating plans to admit Ebola-infected non-U.S. citizens into the U.S. for treatment. Specifically the goal of the administration is to bring Ebola patients into the U.S. for treatment within the first days of diagnosis. It is unclear who would bear the high costs of transporting and treating non-citizen Ebola patients. The plans include special waivers of laws and regulations that ban the admission of non-citizens with a communicable disease as dangerous as Ebola.

Businessman Donald Trump Blames Obama for NYC Ebola, says Newsmax. "Outspoken successful businessman, thinker, doer, mover and a shaker—billionaire Donald Trump who pulls no punches calls Obama 'a total incompetent' for his feeble response to Ebola and not issuing a travel ban and calls for the president's resignation. He states: 'Obama is a far worse president than Jimmy Carter.'"

What is the Obama strategy for dealing with Ebola and the safety of the American citizens? There is none.

God's Word warns, "But if you do not obey Me, and do not observe all these commandments . . . I will even appoint TERROR over you, wasting disease and fever which shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart" (Lev.26:16).

If we do not repent of our sins and turn to God, He says, "The LORD will send on you cursing, confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have forsaken Me. The LORD will make the plague cling to you until He has consumed you from the land" (Deut.28:20-21).

On the first day of the Shemitah year, Sept. 25, the first case of Ebola was diagnosed on U.S. soil when Thomas Eric Duncan checked into a hospital in Dallas, Texas. Duncan died on October 8, the day that a blood moon appeared in the sky, the second of a rare series of four lunar eclipses that will occur during the Jewish spring and autumn holy day seasons of 2014 and 2015.

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn predicted in *The Harbinger* that America would come under judgment in the wake of the 9/11 attacks because, rather than being humbled, the nation doubled down on abortions, pornography and the removal of prayer and all things Christian from the public square." And we still have not turned to God, as if we are begging God for judgment and punishment!

Trial and Judgment

In the *Mystery of the Shemitah*, Cahn says that judgment comes to a backslidden nation in accordance with a seven-year cycle that correlates with the Hebrew calendar. Says Cahn, "In Leviticus 25, God commanded the Israelites to observe a Sabbath year once every seven years in which they would let their land lie fallow. In Deuteronomy 15 God instructed Israel to cancel all debts in line with this same seven-year timetable. The seven-year cycles can manifest as blessings as long as a nation follows the will of God. But for those that started out under God only to later stray, the Shemitah can bring a series of ever harsher judgments, usually striking in the financial realm and spilling over into the political and military arenas. Cahn explains how the Shemitah has caused financial and economic collapse throughout modern times, with the last two Shemitas that occurred in 2000-2001 and 2007 – 2008 intensifying with uncanny precision."

Declares Rabbi Cahn, "The beginning of the Shemitah's impact is often subtle, but leads to a dramatic climax." According to Cahn's research, the worst of the worst usually happens at the end of the Shemitah year, not at the beginning.

Says WorldNetDaily, "The last day of the year, Elul 29 on the Hebrew calendar, which will occur on September 13, 2015, is the most dreaded day."

The question is, Will America face an even greater calamity because of her constant refusal to repent, call on God and return to him?

Economic Judgment

Says Cahn, "What we have witnessed on Wall Street would appear to be either the beginning of a phenomenon that will reach its crescendo in the Shemitah's latter part or end, or an early phenomenon and foreshadow of what will come at the end. Before the ultimate judgment comes, God often sends a series of warnings or 'shakings' meant to get the attention of believers and nonbelievers alike. More than 260 points loss occurred in the Dow Jones Industrials on the very first day of the Shemitah year and the market lost another 449 points over a two-day period, October 9-10 coinciding with the Hebrew fall holy days of Feast of Tabernacles."

Theresa Yarosh, president of Macro Wealth Management LLC in Paramus, New Jersey, who has reviewed the patterns laid out in *The Mystery of the Shemitah*, says it is accurate based on underlying market patterns and economics traced all the way back to 1916. "Where the book is strong is in the (Shemitah's) need for a full release of the debts. The financial meltdown of 2001 and 2008 did not fully correct the debt bubbles that had built up and now a debt cycle peak is being built up similar to that of 1933. The initial market crash occurred in 1929 and then came the deleveraging of the 1930's with a secondary downturn in the market in 1938. The period we're in now is almost like the Roaring Twenties with a buildup of enormous margin debt."

Billionaires investors like Warren Buffet, Marc Faber, Donald Trump, Peter Schiff and others have all made statements recently that they see a major market correction coming and possibly worse than 2008. Faber warns of "massive wealth destruction coming to America with well-to-do people losing up to 50 percent of their wealth." The Billionaires are holding an average of 19 percent of their net worth in cash (an average of \$600 million in cash). This signals that many billionaires are keeping their money on the sidelines and waiting for the optimal moment to make further investments.

Yarosh says, "There has always been something to the 'autumn phenomenon,' referring to the long-held suspicion among investors that crashes tend to happen in September and October. For years people have wondered why. I think Jonathan has tied it to the Hebrew calendar and the Bible."

The ISIS and Muslim Threat

"Wars and rumors of wars," Christ said would be signs heralding His soon return, and the coming of Great Tribulation. Again, God's Word thunders, if we refuse to repent, and become stubborn and intransigent, "The LORD will cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them; and you shall become troublesome to all the kingdoms of the earth" (Deut.28:25).

Iraqi officials say Islamic State militants used bombs with chlorine gas (chlorine-filled cylinders) during September clashes during fighting with Iraqi security forces and Shiite militiamen last month north of Baghdad. The Associated Press was told that about 40 troops and militiamen showed symptoms consistent with chlorine poisoning such as difficulty in breathing and coughing.

America's love affair with the Arabs and Muslims goes back to the end of WW II when it was discovered that Saudi Arabia was swimming in oil. The U.S. Administration made alliances with the Saudis and the Gulf Emirates to have control of their oil and oil policy and they would ship us their oil and we would defend them in the Middle East. In order to do this, we decided to allow them to have ingress into our nation and bring their Islamic religion and mosques to America.

Islam in the United States is the third-largest faith in America, after Christianity and Judaism, representing 0.8% of the population. According to the Pew Research Center there are 2.75 million Muslims living in the U.S., a majority of whom, 63 percent, are first-generation immigrants. Yet, there is not one Christian church or minister in Saudi Arabia—it is illegal. The regimes and administration of the Bushes, Bill Clinton and now Barack Obama have embraced Saudi Arabia and the Arab Emirates calling them allies when they are not.

This spread of Islam in Western nations is gaining momentum, led by the Muslim Brotherhood and other international Islamic groups that endeavor to maximize the spread of Sharia law and Islam while minimizing detection and push-back. At first a low profile is kept upon arrival in a Western nation and few demands are made if any.

When a sufficient number gather, they request recognition of Sharia law being applied in their own community. When they reach critical mass in a city they create a mix of front organizations that lobby the government, support pro-Muslim political candidates, conduct public campaigns and file lawsuits against alleged islamophobia, pressure public schools with Muslim students to hold prayers toward Mecca, endow Islamic studies departments.

As the number of court cases that involve conflicts between civil law and Sharia law rise in America, the majority of American states have introduced bills banning courts from accommodating Sharia law.

Only six other conservative states (Louisiana, Arizona, North Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Kansas) have been able to pass Sharia law-limiting legislation, and only after watering them down to not even mention the word, "Sharia."

When the Muslim population becomes the majority and/or Islam gains control of a nation (e.g. Taliban in Afghanistan), Sharia law is imposed on the host society, which is then locked down against non-Islamic influences, including Christianity. The ideal Islamic state is Saudi Arabia where Sharia law is the only law of the land enforced without mercy.

In 2007, the Quran for the first time was used to swear into office a new US Congressman, Keith Ellison.

History Repeats Itself

Most Americans are unaware of the fact that over two hundred years ago, the U.S. had declared war on Islam, and Thomas Jefferson led the charge! At the height of the eighteenth century, Muslim pirates were the terror of the Mediterranean Sea and a large area of the North Atlantic Ocean They attacked every ship in sight, and held the crews for exorbitant ransoms. Those taken hostage were subjected to barbaric treatment and wrote heart breaking letters home, begging their government and family members to pay whatever their Mohammedan captors

demanded. These extortionists of the high seas represented the Islamic nations of Tripoli, Tunis, Morocco, and Algiers – collectively referred to as the Barbary Coast – and presented a dangerous and unprovoked threat to the new American Republic.

Before the Revolutionary War, U.S. merchant ships had been under the protection of Great Britain. When the U.S. declared its independence and entered into war, the ships of the U.S. were protected by France. However, once the war was won, America had to protect its own fleets. This resulted in the birth of the U.S. Navy.

The Barbary Pirates

Beginning in 1784, seventeen years before he would become president, Thomas Jefferson became America's Minister to France. That same year the U.S. Congress sought to appease its Muslim adversaries by following in the footsteps of European nations who paid bribes to the Barbary States (Pirates), rather than engaging them in war. In July of 1785, Algerian pirates captured American ships, and the Dey of Algiers demanded an unheard-of ransom of \$60,000. It was a plain and simple case of extortion, and Thomas Jefferson was vehemently opposed to any further payments. Instead, he proposed to Congress the formation of a coalition of allied nations who together could force the Islamic states into peace. A disinterested congress decided to pay the ransom.

In 1786, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams met with Tripoli's ambassador to Great Britain to ask by what right his nation attacked American ships and enslaved American citizens, and why Muslims held so much hostility towards America, a nation with which they had no previous contacts. The two future presidents reported that Ambassador Sidi Haji Abdul Rahman Adja answered that Islam "was founded on the Laws of their Prophet, that it was written in their Quran, that all nations who should not have acknowledged their authority were sinners, that it was their right and duty to make war upon them wherever they could be found, and to make slaves of all they could take as prisoners, and that every Muslim who should be slain in Battle was sure to go to Paradise."

The Evil Way of "Jihad"

This is what Muslims believed in 1786 and that is what they still believe today!

Despite this stunning admission of premeditated violence on non-Muslim nations, as well as the objections of many notable American leaders, including George Washington, who warned that caving in was both wrong and would only further embolden the enemy, for the following fifteen years, the American government paid the Muslims millions of dollars for the safe passage of American ships or the return of American hostages. The payments in ransom and tribute amounted to over twenty percent of the United States government annual revenues in 1800.

Jefferson was disgusted. Shortly, after his being sworn in as the third President of the United States in 1801, the Pasha of Tripoli sent him a note demanding the immediate payment of \$225,000 plus \$25,000 a year for every year forthcoming. That changed everything. Jefferson let the Pasha know, in no uncertain terms, what he could do with his demand. The Pasha responded

by cutting down the flagpole at the American consulate and declared war on the United States. Tunis, Morocco, and Algiers immediately followed suit.

Jefferson, until that point had been against America raising a naval force for anything beyond coastal defense, but having watched his nation be cowed by Islamic thuggery for long enough, decided that it was final time to meet force with force. He dispatched a squadron of frigates to the Mediterranean and taught the Muslim nations of the Barbary Coast a lesson he hoped they would never forget.

Congress authorized Jefferson to empower U.S. ships to seize all vessels and goods of the Pasha of Tripoli and to "cause to be done, all other acts of precaution or hostility as the state of war would justify." When Algiers and Tunis, who were both accustomed to American cowardice and acquiescence, saw the newly independent U.S. had both the will and might to strike back, they quickly abandoned their allegiance to Tripoli.

The war with Tripoli lasted for four more years, and raged up again in 1815. The bravery of the U.S. Marine corps in these wars led to the line "to the shores of Tripoli" in the Marine Corps Hymn. They would forever be known as "leathernecks" for the leather collars of their uniforms, designed to prevent their heads from being cut off by the Muslim scimitars when boarding enemy ships.

Islam and what its Barbary followers justified doing in the name of their prophet and their god disturbed Jefferson quite deeply. America had a tradition of religious tolerance. In fact Jefferson, himself, had co-authored the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom. But fundamentalist Islam was like no other religion the world had ever seen. It is a religion based on supremacists, whose holy book not only condoned but mandated violence against unbelievers. This was unacceptable to him. His greatest fear was that someday this brand of Islam would return and pose a greater threat to the United States of America.

The Muslim Invasion

Indeed! Islam has returned to America with a vengeance. Islam is rearing its unholy head in America. This should bother every American that the Muslims have brought about "women only" classes, swimming times at tax-funded Universities, in public pools that Christians, Jews and Hindus have been banned from serving on juries where Muslim defendants are being judged. Ice cream has been discontinued in certain Burger King Restaurants because the picture on the wrapper looked similar to the Arabic script for Allah.

Public schools are changing their menus to satisfy Muslims—it goes on and on. We are bowing and scraping to a horrendous—hideous to the core, religion of Baal which has metamorphosed into Islam and Allah, the moon god of the Muslims whose throne is in Mecca and that is antagonistic to the God of Israel. It stands for Satan the devil, Molech and the gods of Canaan. These gods are not God, but totally different. All one needs to do is compare the Quran to the Bible. The Quran says God had no son. The Bible says that God has a son and his name is Jesus the Christ, Yeshua, the Messiah and Savior.

Most Americans have no idea that this battle is being waged everyday across America but America is not fighting back— not even recognizing the enemy, by allowing groups to obfuscate what is really happening and not insisting the Islamists adapt to our own culture. The United States is in the process of cutting its own throat with a politically correct knife and helping to further the Islamic agenda and cooperating in our own suicide. Obama made a promise some time ago that America will become an Islamic nation by the year 2016. That is about a year and a half from now and he is making great strides in accomplishing this.

Michael Savage, bestselling author and top conservative talk-show host, has a lot to say about the state of the country in his new book, *Stop The Coming Civil War*. With his trademark in-your-face style, Savage describes how our leftist government is working every day to undermine the nation's founding principles by: not securing our borders, by dismissing top military leaders and by conducting an irresponsible foreign policy.

Says Savage, "I am not referring to a war of bullets and blood, but a different kind of civil war that will tear the country apart. The seeds of a second conflagration have been sown, not between the states, but between true patriots who believe in our nation's founding principles and those believed to be working every day to undermine them and change the very nature of the country. Our very way of life is at risk."

Jihad in America

Do You Understand Jihad in America?

The Grand Deception by Mujahid Kamran is a fascinating analysis of global politics with particular reference to the United States. Kamran presents compelling and discerning argument that most wars in the world today are fought for economic reasons. More often than not, these economic interests are the interests of the wealthy elites of the countries, and counter to the interests of the people of the countries. He points out that this wealthy elite the High Cabal is ceaselessly active in capturing global resources and is, by and large, highly successful in attaining its objectives. This reality is constantly concealed from the American people. The domestic and foreign policies of the United States are an astonishing and chilling illustration of this grand deception. Deeply informed, these essays were first written and published in Urdu under the title "Pas e Parda."

The best documentary on this is called *Jihad in America* by Steve Emerson which uncovers the covert infrastructure of the Muslim Brotherhood in the United States. It shows how its leaders rose to prominence and exposes how they exploit American values under the cover of religion to further their political agenda—their ulterior motives and political control of America.

The motto of the Muslim Brotherhood is:

"God is our goal, the prophet is our leader, the Quran is our constitution, and jihad is our way. Death in the service of God is the loftiest of our wishes. God is great! Allah Akbar!"

Their constitution isn't the U.S. Constitution, it's the Quran—their holy book. The Quran teaches violence and death on all nonbelievers.

Should a "religion" like this be called a religion? Or is it politics, just by another name?

The Muslim Brotherhood

Founded in Egypt as a vehicle to establish a world-wide Islamic Empire (Caliphate) under SHARIA LAW! These are the friends of President Obama—the Muslim Brotherhood! These are the "friends" of Hilary Clinton who with the Obama Administration sought to make allies of the Muslim Brotherhood. In so doing they have sold out America (our freedom, our strength) and compromised America at every level.

The Muslim Brotherhood has transformed Islam into a political agenda. This mix of religion and politics has become known as "Islamism". Since its founding in 1928, the Brotherhood has now established itself in more than 70 countries and countless organizations worldwide have adopted its strategies and its goals. Now The Muslim Brotherhood is in America big-time! They are not just crossing our border; they have been infiltrating our nation ever since the end of WW II—especially during the Reagan and Bush Administration years.

A new documentary film takes a look at a group called the Muslim Brotherhood and its influence around the world and here at home. The documentary is called, *The Grand Deception*, produced by Steve Emmerson who is also the founder of the investigative *Project on Terrorism*.

The Investigative Project on Terrorism sends in dozens of informants every month to record secretly what goes on behind closed doors of Islamic institutions, and the proof is in the pudding. All they did was to video secretly behind closed doors radical rallies of Muslim Brotherhood organizations in the United States and capture their statements in which they talk about supporting jihad, supporting taking over the United States, and supporting terrorism. They call the United States an anti-Muslim power.

"The Grand Deception" describes what the film makers call *the dual nature of the Muslim Brotherhood*. To the outside world (publically before the news cameras) it tries to present a moderate image, claim the film makers, all the while hiding more radical goals including goals for America.

The Director of the *Islamic Society of North America*, Sayyid Syeed says: "Our job is to change the Constitution of America."

Says Doug Farah: "There is a systematic plan to establish an Islamist beach head in the United States with the eventual goal of watching the United States crumble from within and establishing the Islamic rule in this country."

An online threat against Congress woman Michelle Bachmann (Rep. Minn.) emerged due to her vigorous opposition to the growing Muslim threat to America. Bachmann has been given her own security detail (24-hour protection on Capitol Hill or back in her home district). Bachmann has been publicly critical of ISIS as well as Islam calling on President Barack Obama

to declare war on the religion during a speech at the conservative *Value Voters Summit* at the end of September.

"It's because we have jihadists who subscribe to a radical ideology that believes dying in the name of Islam gets them to heaven," Bachmann said. "And what we need to do is to defeat this Islamic jihad. Sadly, President Obama has the wrong prescription. He even fails to acknowledge their motivations for bringing about jihad. Yes, Mr. President, it is about Islam," she declared.

Tangled Up Foreign Policy

Who is our real enemy? A well-known comic strip decades ago, called "Pogo," showed Pogo the possum declaring, "We have met the enemy – and he is us!"

America is its own worst enemy. Our government gives aid comfort to our enemies by its support of alleged "FRIENDS" who then turn on us and become our bitter foes!

Take ISIS for example. Shoebat.com, a website for news on Islam and America's folly in dealing with extremists, says: "If you need evidence that simply throwing money at a problem is not only unproductive but counter-productive; just take a look at Syria. Humanitarian aid designated for ISIS victims is actually going to... ISIS instead. While the report from the *Daily Beast*'s Jamie Dettmer focuses exclusively on ISIS confiscation of non-lethal aid, is it really a leap to see armaments approved by both Houses of the U.S. Congress going the same route? While U.S. warplanes strike at the militants of the so-called Islamic State in both Syria and Iraq, truckloads of U.S. and Western aid has been flowing into territory controlled by the jihadists, and assisting them to build their terror-inspiring 'Caliphate.'" ("U.S. Aiding ISIS," by Ben Barrack, Shoebat.com, 10/20/14).

Shocking? It should be – but true, nonetheless.

Are our government leaders just treacherous deceivers and traitors in bed with the enemy, planning and seeking to overthrow the current world order and bring in a NEW WORLD ORDER? Or just blind or stupid, arrogant and prideful?

God says of modern America, who is descended largely from ancient Ephraim, son of Joseph, "Ephraim has mixed himself among the peoples; Ephraim is a cake unturned, ALIENS have devoured his strength, but he does not know it; yes, gray hairs are here and there on him, yet he does not know it. . . . Ephraim is also like a SILLY DOVE without sense . . . I will bring them down like birds of the air; I will CHASTISE them *according to what their congregation has heard*" (Hosea 7:8-12).

Silly doves! Foolish foreign policies! We "help" our enemies!

There is no evidence that the militants of the Islamic State, widely known as ISIS or ISIL, feel any sense of disgrace of indignity (and certainly not gratitude) receiving charity from their foes. Says Ben Barack, "Quite the reverse, the aid convoys have to pay off ISIS emirs (leaders) for the convoys to enter the eastern Syrian extremist strongholds of Raqqa and Deir ez-Zor

providing yet another income stream for ISIS militants, who are funding themselves from oil smuggling, extortion and the sale of whatever they can loot, including rare antiquities from museums and archaeological sites. *The convoys have to be approved by ISIS and you have to pay them:* the bribes are disguised and itemized as transportation costs."

Writes Ben Barack, "Dettmer includes a quote from an interesting figure from a prominent think tank: 'I am alarmed that we are providing support for ISIS governance', says Jonathan Schanzer, a Mideast expert with the Washington D.C. based think tank *Foundation for Defense of Democracies*. 'By doing so we are indemnifying the militants by satisfying the core demands of local people, who could turn on ISIS if they got frustrated.' "

Shoebat.com adds, "Those who think that the U.S. should help the rebels in Syria oust out Bashar al-Assad, do not know anything about the Middle East. Within this region of the earth, people have been living under dictators for thousands of years. In a nation like Syria, as is most of the Near East, there are only two forms of dictatorship which can be implemented: first, Arab nationalism; second, Islamic fundamentalism. Both are brutal; but the former is so because it wants to remain in power, prevent coups and keep Islamism from taking over. The latter is also brutal, but for a different reason: Islamic fundamentalism wishes to implement massacres for the sake of a collectivist ideology which calls to unite the world under one creed, Islam; one language, Arabic; and, in the future, one leader, the Mahdi or the Islamic messiah."

The Signs of the Times

We are standing on the thresh-hold and the cusp of the Great Tribulation. The time has come. Ebola, ISIS, Islamic Jihad, Financial Woes, panic and fear worldwide! Remember the words of Christ:

"And when you hear of wars and insurrections (disturbances, disorder and confusion), do not become alarmed and panic-stricken and terrified; for all this must take place first, but the end will not [come] immediately. . . Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, There will be mighty and violent earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences (plagues: malignant and contagious or infectious epidemic diseases which are deadly and devastating, and there will be sights of terror and great signs from heaven" (Luke 21:9-11, Amplified Bible).

"For those are days of vengeance [of rendering full justice or satisfaction], that all things that are written may be fulfilled. Alas for those who are pregnant and for those who have babies which they are nursing in those days! For great misery and anguish and distress shall be upon the land and indignation and punishment and retribution upon this people" (Luke 21:22-23).

"And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; and upon the earth [there will be] distress (trouble and anguish) of nations in bewilderment and perplexity [without resources, left wanting, embarrassed, in doubt, not knowing which way to turn] at the roaring (the echo) of the tossing of the sea. Men

swooning away or expiring with fear and dread and apprehension and expectation of the things that are coming on the world; for the [very] powers of the heavens will be shaken and caused to totter. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with great (transcendent and overwhelming) power and [all His kingly] glory (majesty and splendor)" (Luke 21:25-27, Amplified Bible).

The Obama Administration is in turmoil and tragedy – like Nero fiddled while Rome burned.

When world troubles escalate, Obama just heads for the golf course.

While he plays golf, the world goes up in flames.

While he cavorts on the golfing greens, the world writhes and convulses in spasmodic violence.

While he goes on expensive, billion-dollar vacations, the world teeters and totters in continuing and growing crisis.

Jesus Christ warned:

"For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened." Matthew 24:21-22).

Great tribulation lies just ahead of us. It is darkest just before dawn.

Prepare yourselves, for what lies ahead, spiritually and physically, in every way possible during this current Shemitah year – especially in Bible study and prayer for the days that are coming.

Cry out to God for his Holy Spirit to keep our heart, mind and soul with fasting and fervent, continual prayer bringing every thought into subjection to the will of God that we may be counted worthy to escape and having done all to stand with the Son of Man when he returns. Hallelujah! Let your praise and thanksgiving ring in the name of the Lord! Amen.

Is this current Shemitah year a warning – a final curtail call? It is a final year for repentance, preparation and reckoning for the rapidly approaching "time of Jacob's trouble"? Is this Jewish Shemitah year a time of "grace" before the gavel falls, and judgment is meted out? Is it a final chance to repent as a nation *before* a final cataclysm occurs, bringing us down?

We all need to take stock of ourselves and prepare now for the coming disaster and terror coming upon us. We all need to get out of debt. We all need to begin this biblical New Year by systematically reading the complete Bible through this year—day by day.