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Dear Friends,

When I look at the news, I am reminded of this verse from the Bible, Mat 24:6-8 KJV “And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. (7) For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. (8) All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.”

When I see all of the headlines concerning ISIS, I think of this part of the passage “And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars:” ISIS is at war with America, but America is not sure she is at war with them, or at least President Barak Obama seems to be confused about it.

ISIS is at war with the West, especially America. They have declared it. They have beheaded two American journalists right before our eyes. What do they have to do to convince the American president that there is a war going on between radical Islamic ISIS and America, walk into the Oval Office and throw their severed heads on the president’s desk? The headlines are convincing Americans that they have had a war declared upon it.

Headline - **Inhofe: ISIS strategizing to 'blow up' U.S. city** By Bob Unruh 08/21/2014

<http://www.wnd.com/2014/08/inhofe-isis-strategizing-to-blow-up-u-s-city/print/>

“The ranking Republican on the Armed Services Committee in the U.S. Senate is warning that ISIS terrorists, those who this week beheaded an American journalist, are trying to develop the capability of blowing up an entire American city. The comments from Sen. Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., came in an interview with the Fox affiliate in Oklahoma City.”

“He said the U.S. now is in “the most dangerous position we’ve ever been in.” He told the station the threat is significant, and **he blamed it on the cuts in defense spending made by President Obama**. “He’s going to have to come up with something we’re going to do because they’re holding another hostage ... and the problem is the president, he says all these things and he never does them.”

“According to a report in The Hill, ISIS, also known as Islamic State, “has long threatened to carry out a catastrophic attack on American soil, with a spokesman recently boasting that the militant group would fly its flag over the White House.” WND reported just a day earlier that ISIS is training jihadists to attack targets in the U.S. and Europe.” End of quote

Headline - **Joint Chiefs Chair: ‘Open Borders and Immigration Issues’ Make ISIL ‘Immediate Threat’** August 22, 2014

<http://cnsnews.com/news/article/terence-p-jeffrey/joint-chiefs-chair-open-borders-and-immigration-issue-s-make-isil>

“(CNSNews.com) - Gen. Martin Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said at a Pentagon press briefing yesterday that “because of open borders and immigration issues,” the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) is an “immediate threat.” End of Quote

Headline - **NewsmaxWorld - Hagel: ISIS Threat 'Beyond Anything We've Seen'** August 21, 2014  
<http://www.newsmaxworld.com/GlobalTalk/chuck-hagel-isis-Islamic-State-James-Foley/2014/08/21>

“Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel warned Thursday that the well-funded, heavily militarized Islamic State (ISIS) is “beyond anything we've seen.” Speaking to reporters at a Pentagon press briefing Thursday afternoon, Hagel called the group an **“imminent threat” to “every interest we have.”** End of quote

Headline - **Former CIA Operative’s Chilling Warning About the Islamic State: ‘ISIS Is Here’** Sep. 2, 2014 Jason Howerton  
<http://www.theblaze.com/stories/2014/09/02/former-cia-operatives-chilling-warning-about-the-islamic-state-isis-is-here/>

“While many Americans are concerned about Islamic State militants eventually infiltrating the United States, a former CIA operative claims that it’s already happened. CNN national security analyst and former CIA operative Bob Baer said on “The Lead” Tuesday that the “people who collect tactical intelligence on the ground, day-to-day – and this isn’t Washington – but people collecting this stuff say they’re here, ISIS is here, they’re capable of striking.” End of quote

ISIS and every other radical Islamic state have declared war on the West. It is advancing and getting stronger. Time seems to be on their side. Now consider the rumor of war. A rumor is a maybe, maybe not type treatment. While the rest of the world knows there is a war, the Obama White House seemingly has only heard that there might be a war, just a rumor of a war! Looking at more headlines, it is easy to see the Mr. Obama’s rumor treatment of ISIS’s war on the West, **especially** its war on America.

Headline - **Sept 2, 2014 - ISIS Beheads 2nd American, Obama does nothing - What will it take for Obama to make a stand?**

<http://libertyunyielding.com/2014/09/02/breaking-isis-releases-video-showing-another-beheading-sotloff/>

Headline - **Dealing With The Real And Present Danger** By Patrick O'Brien Sept 2, 2014  
<http://patriotupdate.com/articles/dealing-real-present-danger/>

“To counter most of the things that President Obama has said about ISIS, The Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, they do pose a real and present danger. Just a few weeks ago the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Martin Dempsey came out along with Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel to state that ISIS did pose a threat to the United States and the international community and they needed to be handled. **Then a few days later, they both retracted their statements, claiming ISIS did not pose a threat to Americans.** President Obama didn’t even have to deliberately say he believed that, he proved after the beheading and execution of American journalist James Foley. President Obama showed up to the press conference, without a tie, and gave a short speech. Afterwards, the President was spotted on the golf course yet again.”

“However, the President has stated that he does not believe ISIS poses a new significant threat to the

United States. Apparently still sticking with his belief that ISIS is a “JV” team, President Obama announced the other day that the world is safer than it has been in the past “20, 25 and 30 years.” End of Quote

Headline - **President Obama’s unnerving happy talk** - By Dana Milbank Opinion writer Sept 2, 2014  
[http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/dana-milbank-president-obamas-unnerving-happy-talk/2014/09/02/21223770-32c5-11e4-8f02-03c644b2d7d0\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/dana-milbank-president-obamas-unnerving-happy-talk/2014/09/02/21223770-32c5-11e4-8f02-03c644b2d7d0_story.html)

“President Obama is not worried. And that is unnerving.”

“British Prime Minister David Cameron presented to Parliament on Monday the alarming conclusions of European leaders who had met in Brussels over the weekend: “The European Council believes the creation of an Islamic caliphate in Iraq and Syria and the Islamist extremism and export of terrorism on which it is based is a direct threat to every European country.”

“Cameron added: “To confront the threat of Islamist extremism, we need a tough, intelligent, patient and comprehensive approach to defeat the terrorist threat at its source. We must use all the resources at our disposal, our aid, our diplomacy and our military.”

“But three days earlier — the day Britain raised its terrorism threat level to “severe” — Obama delivered a very different message when he spoke to donors at a fundraiser in New York’s Westchester County. “Yes, the Middle East is challenging, but the truth is it’s been challenging for quite a while,” he said. “I promise you things are much less dangerous now than they were 20 years ago, 25 years ago or 30 years ago.”

“Speaking to another group of contributors that same day in Newport, R.I., the president said that the post-9/11 security apparatus “makes us in the here and now pretty safe” and that the threat from ISIS “doesn’t immediately threaten the homeland.” End of Quote

President Obama made big headlines when talking about how he was going to respond to ISIS and it’s beheading of American citizens, “We don’t have a strategy yet.” That became the lead story, the President doesn’t have a strategy! How could this be? Did the rise of ISIS come as a surprise out of no where? It was not a surprise to the Obama administration as the next headline will reveal.

Headline - **Report: Obama Had Detailed Intelligence on ISIS Emerging Threat** By Melanie Batley  
02 Sep 2014  
<http://www.Newsmax.com/Newsfront/ISIS-Iraq-Obama-briefing/2014/09/02/id/592127/#ixzz3CDgDL6qK>

“President Barack Obama received a sophisticated daily intelligence briefing about the rise of the Islamic State (ISIS) for at least a year before the extremist group began its violent advance through Iraq this summer, Fox News reported.”

“A former Pentagon official, who has not been named, said the information was strong and “granular” and was supplied as part of the President’s Daily Brief, which constitutes the most authoritative, classified intelligence report given to the president on international events.”

“The source said, “[We] were ready to fire, on a moment’s notice, on a couple hundred targets,” but no order was given. In some cases, targets were tracked for a “long period of time” but then slipped away.

The Fox News report raises questions about previous suggestions by the administration that intelligence in the region was poor prior to the group's advance.” End of quote

So it appears, the Obama Administration did have a strategy all along. It is the same one the Obama Administration has had from its beginning, to weaken America and allow radical Islam to grow stronger and advance. No where that the Obama foreign policy has influenced has the result been to strengthen America and to weaken radical Islam. Radical Islam has a state now. They are armed largely with American weapons. The American military is being reduced in size therefore weakened. America's southern boarder is open. Anyone can enter our country. ISIS has promised to attack us, unlike our president, their words mean something. If they promise it, they will at least try to do it.

I suspect the only reason we are seeing as much activity from this administration as we are is because of the November midterm election are just down the road. He is in a tough spot. If he does all that he is capable against radical Islam, it will help his cause in the election. If he stays on the same course not only will radical Islam continue to grow in strength, but his party will lose power in the midterm election. It seems to me that even now the president is dragging his feet trying to do little as possible while appearing to do something. He could go to Congress and declare war on ISIS. It would be approved by an overwhelming majority. Then we would no longer have a “Rumor of War.” It might be that the world is waiting on the Antichrist to rise and fill the vacuum left by a leader of the Free World who seems reluctant to protect those freedoms. Rev 6:2 KJV **“And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.”**

Billy Graham was quoted as saying “As I Read the News, I Can't Help But Wonder if We're in Last Hours” September 4, 2014. I personally believe that Reverend Graham is right. The world is running out of time. The rest of our lead text gives us a list of signs hailing the approaching Tribulation. Mat 24:7-8 KJV “For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. (8) All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.” As Russia is squaring off with America and NATO, we are seeing nation against nation. In the Ebola virus that is hitting West Africa, we see famines and pestilences. As Ebola is destroying whole sectors of the countries they are affecting, a famine is developing. The northern California magnitude 6.0 earthquake this past August reminds us of the plague of earthquakes hitting all over the world, “earthquakes, in divers places.” This is just the beginning of sorrows, the Tribulation like a snare it is about to close in on the world.

**The Message of the Month** - The title of this month's message is **“Remember Lot's wife”** Luk 17:32 KJV. God who is rich in mercy has made a way of escape. It is called the Rapture of the Church. The term Rapture simply means to be lifted up off of the earth to meet Jesus in the air. In Luke 21: Jesus will outline the end times. He will warn that there is coming a time of judgement on the earth but there is a way of escape. In verse Luke 21:34 KJV He warns us to, “take heed to yourselves, . . . so that day come upon you unawares.” Don't let yourself be distracted by life in such a manner that the coming of Jesus Christ and the following Tribulation come upon you as a surprise. You can escape. The world will not!

Luk 21:35-36 KJV “For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. (36) Watch ye therefore, and pray always, **that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass,** and to stand before the Son of man.”

God works in patterns. In chapter 17 of Luke Jesus uses two examples of how his coming would work and be like. He wanted us to have a perfect understanding so he gives us two witnesses, Noah and Lot.

“Luk 17:26-30 KJV And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. (27) They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. (28) Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; (29) But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed *them* all. (30) **Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.**”

Here is the pattern in each of the witnesses. There is a coming tribulation, one by water and one by fire. Each life seemed to have some kind of normalcy to it right up to the time the judgement began. Both had people who heeded the warning and were lifted past and above a tribulation. They are gone from the place of Tribulation before it begins. Then he says that will be the way it will be in the “day” I come back.

Then he gives a special warning, **“Remember Lot's wife!”** This seems to be a very important warning, yet we hear very little about it. Here is a woman who by the grace of God had been removed from Sodom, a type of the world that is about to experience a fire judgement. She is told with her husband to head to the mountain, get away from and above the judgement. She is given a direct command don't look back! That reminds us of what he has said to all that read the Scripture, “Take heed to yourself!” The angel tells Lot, “I cannot do anything until you're gone. The judgement cannot begin until you are gone.” According to the pattern, until Jesus removes the church in the Rapture, the Tribulation cannot begin.



As they were leaving for safety, something terrible happened. Lot's wife turned and looked back. She stopped moving away from judgement. She was turned to a pillar of salt. Why did she turn back? It appears from what Jesus goes on to say, she loved the world of Sodom, or at least she loved the things she had in Sodom's world. She showed herself not worthy of escaping. She is a warning to each of us. Are we leaning toward's Sodom? Are we leaning toward the world? The final church of the Revelation, Laodicea was more concerned with the things of the world than they were Jesus. They were at best lukewarm. There will be a lot of people who consider themselves Christians, who will in the end suffer the fate of Lot's wife. This is a powerful, overlooked and needed message. I would like for you to have a copy of it. It is yours, just for the asking. **“Remember Lot's wife!”**

**Moments in Bible Prophecy** - I am requesting that you remember two facets of our ministry in your prayers. I am sure you are aware of the Ebola virus hitting West Africa. Two of the countries that are being hit the hardest are home to two of our outreaches. The first is Jonathon's Kids Club, with Pastor Lewisham in Sierra Leone. This is a ministry to children that we aided Pastor Lewisham to begin and are supporting them on a monthly basis. You can learn more about it on our website. The second is one of our radio stations is in Liberia. The station is managed by Patrick Kollie. This station covers about a third of the country. Mr. Kollie has been sharing with me concerning the devastation Ebola has visited to every sector of his country. Our monthly support for Radio Joy Africa is vital for keeping this station on the air. Please pray for West Africa, the JKC and Joy Africa Radio!

**Support for Moments in Bible Prophecy** - Financially this summer was one of the most difficult times that Moments in Bible Prophecy has faced. Summers are always difficult times but this one seemed extra hard. Our practice has been to never operate in debt, to do only as much as God provides for. I was

beginning to think I was going to have to start cutting stations. That is something you just don't want to do to a radio ministry. I wrote you a letter last month and shared with you the need of this ministry. I want to thank those of you that responded to the need. Not only did you help me to cover all of the bills, but you allowed me to catch up for June and July. I did not have to cut a single station. Now I am facing September's bills. I believe God will with His still small voice speak to and direct people to send support for September.

Thank you in advance for helping me to punch holes in the darkness. You can give online at <http://www.momentin.us/> or at the mobile site <http://www.m.momentin.us/>. Please make the checks payable to the Key west Church of God.

Your Friend in Christ,

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