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“Hallow the Fiftieth Year”: Sanhedrin Declares Year of the Jubilee

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“And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a Jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.” Leviticus 25:10 (The Israel Bible™)



image:

<http://www.breakingisraelnews.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/sanhedrin-rabbis.jpg> (Photo: Nati Shohat/Flash90)

The Sanhedrin was an assembly of twenty-three judges appointed in every city in the Land of Israel. Since the dissolution of the Sanhedrin in 358, there has been no universally recognized authority within Jewish law but in recent years another attempt of rebuilding this authority has been made.

After a full year of deliberation, the Nascent Sanhedrin has announced that this year is the first year in the counting of the 50-year Jubilee cycle. This not only reinstates a Biblical commandment, but it has implications for Israel’s status as a Biblically mandated nation, returning the land to the Jews and ensuring each Jew an inheritance in the land.

The Jubilee (Hayovel in Hebrew) is a Biblical commandment that is observed exclusively in the land of Israel. It is the fiftieth year that comes after a period seven sabbaticals. The year triggers a number of Biblical commandments concerning property rights and returning the land to its original inheritors, the Jews who were allocated the land by lottery. Debts were forgiven and slaves who sold themselves due to debt were set free.

The Jubilee is dependant upon certain conditions pertaining to Jews being in the land, though there are many differing opinions about the specific requirements. As a result, the Jubilee has not been observed since the Second Temple when the Jews returned from the Babylonian Exile.

For the time being, there is no practical implication and in truth, very few Jews have acknowledged the Sanhedrin’s Jubilee decision. Nonetheless, this was a groundbreaking decision that will have tremendous consequences in the future.

Rabbi Hillel Weiss, secretary of the Nascent Sanhedrin, explained their controversial decision to reinstate the Jubilee to Breaking Israel News.

“First we had to decide if the conditions exist to do so. This is done by a bet din (Jewish court) when it has been established that Jews have returned to inherit the land as a nation, and not just as individuals,” the rabbi explained. Rabbi Weiss explained that unlike most Torah commandments which are based on the personal observance of each Jew, the Jubilee has to do with Israel’s national identity.

“The Jubilee is a national mitzvah (commandment) that requires an independent Jewish nation to be in the Land of Israel. The Sanhedrin has ruled that we are now clearly in the prophesied third inheritance of the land, the first being by Joshua, the second after the Babylonian exile.”

Rabbi Weiss stated, “It is time to begin observing the positive commandment of counting the Jubilee.”

“Most of the Jews who do not deny their Jewish identity are living in Israel today. There is no Jewish nation outside of the Land of Israel,” he said. “There must be at least 600,000 Jews, like the number that returned to Israel from Egypt under Joshua.”

“When those conditions have been met, as they clearly have, then the conditions for counting the Jubilee has been met,” Rabbi Weiss concluded.

The practical implications will begin only for the next Jubilee in 50 years, when seven shmittah cycles are complete, and the Jews in Israel are required to observe the other Jubilee commandments.

“There are 5 mitzvot connected to the Jubilee: counting the Jubilee, letting free slaves, returning land, blowing the shofar, and forgiving debts,” Rabbi Weiss explained. “Our declaration only affects the counting of the Jubilee, for now, and not the other aspects.”

The declaration has theological implications for Israel as the Jewish nation, he continued. “Israel was established by political, military, and social processes,” Rabbi Weiss said. “If, in 49 years, Israel accepts our decision, every Jew will receive his Biblically mandated inheritance in the Land of Israel. Until now, the default assumption has been that the land belongs to the Arabs. The Jubilee returns the land to the rightful owners, which is the Jews.”

A rabbi who was part of the Sanhedrin’s decision spoke to Breaking Israel News anonymously for reasons of personal modesty. “It was really a foregone conclusion. Once we established that the conditions for counting the Jubilee had been met, we were required by the Torah to begin,” he said.

“The only obstacle is that there many Jews do not recognize the authority of the Sanhedrin,” the anonymous rabbi explained. “There is a Torah commandment to establish a Sanhedrin, and despite the requirement and our ability to do so, many people are ignoring this obligation.”

“The same is true for Jubilee,” the rabbi went on. “We have the conditions that require us to begin counting the Jubilee, but what is lacking is for the Jews to recognize their Torah requirement and to act on it.”

The rabbi noted the outcome, should the Jewish people ignore the Sanhedrin’s declaration. “Now, the land belongs to the government. If they do not distribute the land to the Jews as commanded by the Torah, there will be no meaning to the Jubilee and no Biblical connection to the Jews returning from exile.” He explained, “It will remain a secular state, which has positive aspects for the Jewish people, but it will lose most of its Biblical significance.”

Helping shape world order': New military roadmap seeks greater German defense role

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Germany is set to assume a greater defense role in NATO and the EU in a report set to be released by the country's Defense Ministry on Wednesday, which adds that Germany has "a responsibility to help shape the world order."

For decades Germany has refrained from being a major global player in regards to defense, instead preferring to remain on the periphery in part due to its guilt about its Nazi past and role in the Second World War.

However, that role has been changing and a report which is set to be published on Wednesday by Germany's Defense Ministry will outline the country's more assertive intention to have a greater role in the defense of NATO and the EU.

"Germany is increasingly seen as a key player in Europe," says a draft of the document seen by AFP.

"Germany, a globally highly connected country... has a responsibility to actively help shape the world order," it says, vowing that the country is ready to "assume responsibility" and "help meet current and future security and humanitarian challenges."

Germany has already showed it is willing to deploy troops in conflict zones, such as helping in peacekeeping missions in Afghanistan. It is also providing assistance in the fight against Islamic State (IS, formerly ISIS/ISIL) in Iraq, with around 250 troops and six tornado jets stationed at the Incirlik Airbase in southern Turkey.

However, German forces are not involved in any offensive capacity and are merely present in a supporting role to provide assistance.

At this month's NATO summit in Warsaw, Berlin said it would commit troops to rotating battalions that the alliance will station in the Baltic States and Poland to counter what it believes to be 'Russian aggression'.

Former German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder has hit out at Germany's plan to lead NATO's Eastern European buildup, saying that Berlin is making "a serious mistake." On the contrary, he believes Germany should be doing its utmost to improve relations with Moscow.

He added that it was a "serious mistake" that Germany assumed leadership over NATO troops near Russia's borders "right on the [75th] anniversary of the German attack on the Soviet Union in June 1941."

The date of the Nazi invasion of Soviet Union, June 22, is marked in Russia annually to pay tribute to war victims and Red Army soldiers killed or missing in action.

The former chancellor also ridiculed the idea that Russia "may be nurturing a plan to invade NATO-countries," stressing that the notion is completely out of touch with the real state of affairs.

As part of the Eastern European deployment, the US will control a battalion of 1,000 troops in Poland,

while the UK is sending 500 soldiers for a battalion based in Estonia, and Canada and Germany will lead two more in Lithuania and Latvia.

The German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier has also slammed NATO's policies of confrontation with Russia, such as holding military drills near its borders, saying they are counterproductive.

Rather than inflaming the situation further "through saber-rattling and warmongering," there ought to be more space for dialogue and cooperation with Moscow, Steinmeier said.

It would be "fatal to now narrow the focus to the military, and seek a remedy solely through a policy of deterrence," the German FM said, calling to turn to diplomacy instead of military posturing.

UN weighs in on Dallas shooting with despicable statement

by Michael Cantrell

Posted by Allen West

Tragedy struck Dallas last week after at least one angry sniper took to the streets during an anti-police brutality protest and shot 12 police officers, killing five of them, in a truly horrific incident that won't soon be forgotten.

To make matters worse, one suspect responsible for the murder spree stated he was angry over recent law enforcement shootings involving black victims and "wanted to kill white people."

With this obvious indicator that things are not well in our country right now, you'd think an organization whose mission is centered on peace and security would want to be sensitive to both law enforcement and the black community, working to help foster a sense of unity to begin healing the separation folks are feeling.

Unfortunately, that's not at all what's happened. In fact, the U.N. released a statement more or less slamming U.S. police as "racists."

via the United Nations Human Rights:

"The Working Group is outraged and strongly condemns the new police killings of two African-American men. These killings which were captured on video cannot be ignored. We call for prompt independent investigations to ensure the perpetrators are prosecuted and punished.

We also condemn the attacks on police officers in Dallas and call for the perpetrators to be held accountable.

Excessive use of force by the police against African Americans in the United States is a regular occurrence. African Americans are reportedly shot at more than twice the rate of white people.

The Working Group is monitoring the situation and has repeatedly expressed its concern to the United States Government about police killings of African Americans and called for justice. The Working Group is convinced that the root of the problem lies in the lack of accountability for perpetrators of such killings despite the evidence.

The killings also demonstrate a high level of structural and institutional racism. The United States is far from recognizing the same rights for all its citizens. Existing measures to address racist crimes motivated

by prejudice are insufficient and have failed to stop the killings.

It is time, now, for the US Government to strongly assert that Black lives matter and prevent any further killings as a matter of national priority.”

Perhaps the U.N. needs a friendly reminder that we’re a sovereign nation responsible for governing ourselves without the outside help of an organization that clearly has an axe to grind and an agenda to push.

Part of the problem with these situations is that mainstream media outlets rush to report the story without having all of the facts and immediately begin crafting a narrative that supports the progressive worldview, oblivious to the kind of negative impact it can have on viewers and readers, particularly when it comes to the power of inspiring angry folks to take violent action.

Before jumping to any conclusions, we need to have all of the facts in order to make an educated deduction. Could there be situations where cops were motivated by race? Yeah, of course it’s possible. I’m sure there are a few bad apples in law enforcement — as with any large group of people — however, to immediately assume that every incident that occurs is racially motivated is not only ridiculous, it is downright dangerous.

Careless reporting and a lack of accurate information play a far bigger role in fueling these horrific situations than cops do, yet that fact doesn’t seem to matter too much to the liberal U.N.

(So who exactly is “The Working Group”? – MD)

Report: Internet Of Things To Grow By \$6 Trillion And 34 Billion Devices In 5 Years

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Here comes the freight train of IoT barreling down the track. The IoT will connect virtually everything, everywhere into an interwoven web of command and control. This is an essential marker to the progress of Technocracy.

Unless you’ve been living under a rock for the last couple of years, you’ve likely heard the term Internet of Things, or IoT, at some point. But what does it mean?

In short, the IoT is a network of objects connected to the Internet that can collect and exchange data.

That brand new car loaded with apps? Internet of Things. The smart home devices that let you control the thermostat and lights with one voice command? Internet of Things. That fitness tracker that lets you share your exercise progress with friends? You get the idea.

The IoT is set to transform the way we live, work, and interact with one another in the coming years. It might seem complicated at first, but the Internet of Things works through a relatively simple ecosystem.

A person uses a remote (such as a smartphone or tablet) to give a command or request information through a network to an IoT device, which performs the action and then sends it back through the network. The command or information is then displayed on the remote. This data can be stored in the cloud, on a local database, on the remote, on the IoT device itself.

The potential for the IoT is enormous, and Business Insider Intelligence estimates that there will be 24 billion IoT devices installed globally by 2020, with \$6 trillion invested in IoT solutions over the next five years. This is due to several factors, including expanded Internet connectivity around the world, increasing mobile adoption, low-cost sensors, and larger IoT investments.

This IoT explosion is imminent, but the revolution is already starting to affect everyday life with the arrival of smart cars and homes. This IoT Revolution is picking up speed and when it does, it will change how we live, work, travel, entertain, and more.

300 denominations meet for ecumenical gathering in Munich

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Some 1,700 Christians from around 300 denominations have met in Munich for a 'Together in Europe' gathering of the Ecumenical Congress promoting unity between Catholics, Protestants and Evangelicals.

In a meeting supported by Pope Francis and Orthodox Patriarch Bartholomew I, leaders of the Catholic Church, the Anglican Church, several Orthodox Churches, Protestant denominations and free evangelical denominations including some Baptists and Pentecostals debated for three days about how to walk towards "encounter, reconciliation and hope in a better future."

Among the speakers were the German Catholic Cardinal Walter Kasper, Evangelical Protestant Bishop Heinrich Bedford-Strohm and German Evangelical Alliance Secretary General Hartmut Steeb. Pope Francis and Orthodox Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople sent video messages to the meeting.

"We want to contribute towards reconciliation of Christians and of Churches," the organisers said on their website. "Through our witness of unity and reconciliation we also hope to impact on society as a whole. We want to encourage all people of our time to respond with a decisive and hopeful yes for going ahead together and overcoming barriers among people, nations, social and cultural groups."

The Congress finished with an open air rally attended by around 5,000 people under the banner: "500 years of division is enough – unity is possible". German YMCA leader Gerhard Pross said: "The division amongst Christians in Europe is a wound, but it does not have to be open forever...500 years are enough."

How Hillsong and Brian Houston are Destroying Christianity

Posted on July 5, 2016 by Jeff Maples

The professing church is filled with charlatans. Men and women who care about fame, fortune, and popularity. This pervasive evil has crept its way into even the most solid of churches, leading people astray, into the darkness of a counterfeit Christianity—one that has a form of godliness, but denies its power. If you want to see true Christianity destroyed, reject Christ's warnings against fraudulent, lawless men. One such degenerate man is co-founder and CEO of Hillsong Church, Brian Houston.

Houston has single-handedly destroyed Christianity in Australia. He has been relentlessly pushing the idea through his new TBN sponsored television network, The Hillsong Channel, as well as through his books, that he is an extraordinary, God-ordained, faith-filled leader. He really wants you to believe this. So much so, that he's willing to go to any extreme to silence and destroy anyone who disagrees with

him. This is evidenced in how he has handled the investigation by the Royal Commission into his father's crimes. He has repeatedly lied to them, and they have rejected his testimony. He lied to the media, sidelined his father's victims and support persons, and maligned the media and critics to stop monitoring him, while he promoted his father as a righteous man in his book. He will publicly lie and twist the truth to deny any accusation made against his self-contained multi-billion dollar religion-industrial complex.

He publicly lied about knowing that two homosexual members of his church, one of which was leading a choir, had plans to get married. He lied about knowing that his wife and his associate pastors planned on having a nearly naked man dance and perform on stage in front of thousands of women at a women's conference. And he twists and distorts the truth to defend an indefensible, sleazy rendition of a classic Christian song, in order to save face for his company.

But his lies and cover-ups are simply a symptomatic response to the darkness of this rat pack. Perhaps the most dubious of sins perpetrated by Hillsong are its hostile takeovers of smaller, biblical churches in Australia, and around the world. Churches are left with a dilemma: to either conform to Hillsong's model or Hillsong will plant a church in your area, and take away your members. This is the official objective of Hillsong, as stated in their "vision statement," and this is exactly what has happened in Australia. As one church member in Australia said, "almost every small town has a seeker friendly church that shuts the other biblical churches down purely because the parents want better facilities and the youth cannot handle a full sermon on doctrine."

And this is absolutely the truth. Youth today have been conditioned to "experience" church, rather than accept the biblical model of church, which is, primarily, to equip the saints to make disciples. While biblically-modeled worship is and should be an integral part of a church service, Hillsong has transformed the traditional worship service into a mind-numbing session of entertainment that contains little, if any, expository preaching, Gospel proclamation, or biblical truth. As the English evangelist, Leonard Ravenhill once said, "Entertainment is the devil's substitute for joy. The more joy you have in the Lord the less entertainment you need." Hillsong and churches that follow their model have become breeding grounds for false converts, and make their congregations completely dependent on the "high" they get through the experiential worship services, while departing from the truth.

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. – 2 Tim 4:3-4

Over the last several decades, this pulpit criminal has demanded churches and the secular world regard him as a legitimate Christian minister and his movement as a valid "Christian" movement. Take a look at this video to see him talking himself up as one of God's greatest church-builders, all while raping the Word of God and teaching Word of Faith heresy.

Yet, again, this worm has been anything but faith-filled, courageous or law-abiding. Sadly, many Christians do not realise how worm-like and cowardly Brian Houston actually is. He makes a game of blocking and ignoring people who genuinely care about contending for the true faith, and standing for doctrinal truth. If you question him, he bullies you (especially if you are female). There is an audio "sermon" of him essentially teaching his congregation that they must "die to their opinions," and submit themselves to the authority of their church leaders.

However, when important Christian issues are presented to him, he has no answer, so he just lies, contorts, or changes the subject. He literally stands for nothing except his own image. He has no faith and he has no guts. To back up this strong claim, I'd like to point you to this interview with Hope 103.2 radio. In this interview, Clare Chate acknowledges to Brian Houston that he is "aiming to lead a church that influences the culture but is also culturally relevant and sensitive."

He confirms this. She continues,

And in Australia, we are now dealing with the issue of same-sex marriage, which is looking like it might be inevitable. How do you address issues like that as a leader in a church? And how should Christians deal with that?

So what did Brian Houston say? Did he say the church will stand for the truth? Did he say that he is working with ministers to make the Christian voice heard and why these issues are not good for the church and the rest of society? No, his response was,

“Well I think it’s very vexing and very challenging. The moment you get asked the question on ah-secular media in particular- ah- ‘What do you think about homosexuality?’ or ‘What do you think about gay marriage?’, you’re going to lose people. You’re either going to lose people on the one side or you are going to lose your constituency on the other side. And if you say nothing, you lose everybody. And so it’s one of those questions where there’s no great answer...”

Brian showed no concern for the Christian faith or biblical truth. Mr. Houston did not even bother to bring up the Scriptures to equip leaders or Christians to combat the invasion of the secular agenda in the Church. Essentially, he said we will lose the popularity contest (because all Brian cares about is remaining popular) and “there’s no great answer,” on the issue of homosexuality. How’s that for a faith-filled, courageous leader?

But what do you expect from a church that is not centered around Jesus Christ or his Word, but around the “vision of the senior pastor?” Their model is a church that’s so big, that the senior pastor is protected from any criticism. He can surround himself with only those who affirm him, while shielding himself from any who question him. There is no accountability. The desire is a top-down structure that makes all under the senior pastor subservient to the “vision.”

So much for Brian Houston and Hillsong “influencing” society with the truth of God’s word, yet they are influencing churches, ruthlessly taking them over and converting Christians to their ungodly model under their religious regime.