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ISRAEL REMOVES TEMPLE MOUNT METAL DETECTORS THAT ENRAGED THE MUSLIM WORLD

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It is rumored that the decision to remove metal detectors from the Temple Mount was linked to the safe return of an Israeli embassy guard who was trapped in Jordan.



Israeli security forces remove metal detectors which were recently installed at an entrance to the Temple Mount. (photo credit: AMMAR AWAD / REUTERS)

Israeli authorities began Tuesday morning to dismantle metal detectors it had placed at the entrance to Jerusalem's Temple Mount, the placing of which earlier this month led to widespread outrage in the Muslim world, which claimed Israel violated the status quo in the holy site.

The move came following a series of security cabinet meetings on Monday in which it was decided to remove the detectors and replace them with smart, less obtrusive surveillance methods. In the meantime, Israel is also removing some of the security cameras it installed overlooking the entrance to the complex.

Joint List MK Jamal Zahalka called the installation of cameras "a further provocation by the Netanyahu government."

Israel installed metal detectors at entry points to Al-Aksa mosque compound after two police officers were fatally shot on July 14, triggering the bloodiest clashes between Israelis and Palestinians in years.

A statement issued after the forum of senior ministers concluded their meeting said they had decided to act on the recommendation of the security bodies and replace the metal detectors with "smart checking" means.

Reuters witnesses in the Old City saw municipal workers installing metal beams above some of the narrow stone paved streets for closed circuit TV cameras. Israeli media said there were plans to invest in advanced camera systems. The cabinet statement added that it had allocated 100 million shekels (about \$28 million) for the equipment and for additional police officers.

Until the new measures are put in place, police presence at the site will be enhanced in order to ensure security

for the worshipers and visitors to the site.

The decision to remove the metal detector gates was an about-turn after the rightist government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, wary of being seen to capitulate to Palestinian pressure, said on Sunday the devices would stay put.

But on top of the outbreak of violence, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas moved to suspend official contacts and there was increased international criticism which put pressure on Israel.

Netanyahu was further hampered following a fatal shooting incident at the Israeli embassy in Jordan on Sunday when an Israeli security guard was attacked and shot dead two Jordanians.

Following the cabinet meeting on Monday, Netanyahu took the time to thank US President Donald Trump for helping solve the crisis over the Temple Mount. Though it was not said so outright by any of the parties, the removal of the detectors appeared to be linked to Jordan agreeing to send home the security officer.

"I want to thank President Trump for instructing his adviser Jared Kushner and dispatching his envoy Jason Greenblatt to the region in order to aid our efforts to bring back the embassy team quickly," said Netanyahu. "I also thank King Abdullah of Jordan for the close cooperation."

The removal of the metal detectors was received with mixed emotions in the Israeli political arena. Culture Minister Miri Regev, a member of Netanyahu's Likud party, said she was saddened by the decision. "The Cabinet's decision from yesterday is upsetting. You don't have to be a security expert to understand that the metal detectors have a security and deterrence effect," Regev said.

Deputy Foreign Minister Tzipi Hotovely also spoke out against the decision, saying she didn't understand it and that it was misguided. In an interview with Israel Public Radio, the Likud MK said "placing the metal detectors was a legitimate action. When what you want to do ignite the region, any excuse works."

Zionist Union chairman Avi Gabbay, meanwhile, said he supported the move, claiming that it was impossible for Israel to change its policies because of three terrorists. Gabbay was referring to the three Arab Israelis who started the saga by opening fire and killing two police officers on the Temple Mount 10 days ago.

Pope Francis: World Government Must Rule U.S. 'For Their Own Good'

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Pope Francis told the Italian newspaper La Repubblica that the United States of America has "a distorted vision of the world" and Americans must be ruled by a world government, as soon as possible, "for their own good."

The Pope made the observation in an interview with La Repubblica reporter Eugenio Scalfari.

"Last Thursday, I got a call from Pope Francis," Scalfari reported. "It was about noon, and I was at the newspaper when my phone rang."

He said Pope Francis had been watching Putin and Trump at the G20 and had become agitated. The Pope demanded to see him at four that afternoon, according to a Google translation of the Italian report.

"Pope Francis told me to be very concerned about the meeting of the G20," Scalfari wrote.

As translated into English by Agence France Presse, which picked up the story, the Pope said "I am afraid there are very dangerous alliances between powers who have a distorted view of the world:

America and Russia, China and North Korea, Russia and Assad in the war in Syria.”

“The danger concerns immigration,” the Pope continued to La Repubblica. “Our main and unfortunately growing problem in the world today is that of the poor, the weak, the excluded, which includes migrants.”

“This is why the G20 worries me: It mainly hits immigrants,” Pope Francis said, according to AFP.

Pope Francis’s idea that Americans would be better off under a world government doesn’t stop there. The radical leftist pontiff also went on record stating that Europe should become one country under one government.

In the same interview, according to La Repubblica, Pope Francis said that Europe must take on a “federal structure,” resembling feudal times when the peasants were ruled by unimpeachable monarchs.

“I also thought many times to this problem and came to the conclusion that, not only but also for this reason, Europe must take as soon as possible a federal structure,” the Pope said, according to the Google translation of the La Repubblica article.

Macron to Present New Peace Plan for Israel and the PA

By Geri Ungurean July 20, 2017

It seems that the new president of France who promises to rule as a “Roman god” will be visited by PM Netanyahu. Is this meeting for diplomatic reasons? No, Emmanuel Macron wants to offer Israel “Safety and Security” (Peace and Security?) as he attempts to do what no one to date has been able to do: To bring peace between Israel and the PA.

The Rothschild’s hand picked protégé seemed to come out of nowhere and win France’s presidential race against Marine LePen. He is the youngest ruler of France since Napoleon Bonaparte.

I wrote an article about Macron not long ago: [Macron Declares He Will Govern Like A Roman God](#) (From [israelnationalnews.com](#)) (*see previous Newzbytes —mare*)

France to propose new peace plan

France is expected to propose a new plan for a peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinian Authority (PA), an official in Paris said Saturday night.

The comments came ahead of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu’s trip to France, where he will mark the 75th anniversary of the Vel d’Hiv roundup, where more than 13,000 Jews were arrested and sent to extermination camps.

Netanyahu is also expected to meet one-on-one with French President Emmanuel Macron.

A French official said on Saturday night that Macron is interested in being a significant factor in the attempts to renew talks between Israel and the PA, and that the French are working on their own peace plan.

Macron’s predecessor, Francois Hollande, initiated an international peace conference in which representatives of dozens of countries urged the two sides to commit to a two-state solution.

It is unclear whether Macron’s initiative is a continuation of Hollande’s initiative, which Israel rejected.

“Macron will explain to Netanyahu that France is interested in ensuring the safety and security of Israel, but will express dissatisfaction with settlement construction,” the French official said on Saturday night.

The official added that the Iranian issue will also be a central point of the talks between Netanyahu and the French president, and added that Macron will declare that his country does not tolerate Iranian extremism whatsoever.

Just in.....

From Haaretz.com:

“Macron Tells Netanyahu: France Ready to Address Hezbollah Threat to Israel”

After Paris meeting, Macron wants to lead diplomatic effort to ‘reduce the severity’ of Hezbollah threat in southern Lebanon. ‘I share Israel’s concerns’

PARIS – French President Emmanuel Macron said after his meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday that France is ready to lead a diplomatic move to address the threat posed by Hezbollah’s weapons in south Lebanon.

Netanyahu and Macron met at the Élysée Palace for an hour and a half, when part of the meeting took place in private. The two leaders reached the Élysée Palace straight from a ceremony marking the 75th anniversary of the expulsion of the Jews of Paris. During the ceremony, Macron said that anti-Zionism is the new anti-Semitism, and must be fought.

One of the issues discussed by Netanyahu and Macron was Hezbollah’s activity in southern Lebanon, in violation of UN Security Council Resolution 1701 that ended the 2006 Second Lebanon War. France is one of the main countries that make up the United Nations Interim Force in southern Lebanon and has played a central role in formulating Resolution 1701 in August 2006.

“I share Israel’s concerns about Hezbollah’s activity in south Lebanon and about the arms the group has,” Macron said during joint statements with Netanyahu following their meeting. “I want to try and promote a diplomatic move to reduce the severity of this threat,” he added.

Macron noted that he and Netanyahu also discussed the situation in Syria, the joint struggle against terror and the nuclear agreement with Iran. The French president stressed that France will remain vigilant in monitoring the full implementation of Iran’s nuclear deal, adding that Israel and France will hold talks to discuss policy coordination on the day after the nuclear agreement.

Who is this man, Emmanuel Macron? Maybe he is just another globalist leader, throwing his hat into the ring of those who went before him. Since the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, no one has been successful in bringing peace between Israel and the so-called Palestinians. But perhaps he is more than just another leader.

Only God knows.....Maranatha!

We’ve been warning about this guy for many months...stay tuned! – Mare)

The Soaring Apostasy Points to the Rapture (Part I)

Kit Olsen

“But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron.” (1 Timothy 4:1-2).

All throughout the world we see an intense increase in apostasy—the falling away from the faith. This condition is often insidious and cunning, camouflaged with seductive words and deeds, attracting unsuspecting professing Christians and others—who do not understand Scripture and the perilous times in which we live.

This alarming state of apostasy is becoming more acute within many Christian churches and ministries. The

apostasy is a very serious prophetic fulfillment of Scripture leading up to the coming seven-year Tribulation—when the prophesied one-world apostate religion will be fully implemented.

The soaring apostasy is a specific sign, a forerunner of the approaching Rapture/Tribulation.

The Greek definition of the word “apostasy” means “a defection; a renunciation.”

Webster’s Dictionary, the 1928 Edition provides a solid definition, “An abandonment of what one has professed; a total desertion or departure from one’s faith or religion.”

The Greek word “apostasia” stems from “aphistemi” which means to stand away from a body of truth. When Paul used the word apostasy (apostasia) in 2 Thessalonians 2:3 it was in reference to a falling away from, a departure from the faith. It is also important point to be aware of exactly how Paul uses the word departure in relation to the apostasy.

In 2 Timothy 4:6 Paul uses the word departure in this way:

“For I am already being offered, and the time of my departure is come.”

The Greek word for departure is *analisis*. Paul is speaking about the end of his life in that passage; that he had fought the good fight, that he was about to leave (depart) from this earth, and go to be with the Lord, that his time had come. He did not use the words “falling away” apostasy (apostasia) to make that point. He used the word departure (analisis).

In 2 Timothy 4:10 Paul uses the word departed:

“For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.”

Once again we see a form of the word departure used as a voluntary act, as in packing ones bags for a vacation, or a decision to depart from a belief, not an involuntary abrupt exit. Therefore we conclude that apostasia means a forsaking of a body of truth.

We must also keep in mind that 2 Thessalonians was written before 2 Timothy. Why would Paul then later use the word departure (analisis) to make the point of his anticipated leaving (death) instead of apostasy (apostasia) “the falling away” which he used earlier in 2 Thessalonians 2:3?

Clearly Paul’s intention, his word usage in each context have two different meanings.

Apostasy in the Greek means to stand away from a body of truth; but when using the word departure in reference to apostasy (apostasia), it means to depart from a previous standing or belief, not a physical departure. The Greek word *analisis* means departure, as in physically leaving.

The apostasy Paul warned about is rampant today. Pointing out the various aspects of the growing apostasy should not be seen as harsh or unkind; it is intended to sound a warning bell to those who are asleep or think they can glide their way into eternity with one foot in the world and one foot involved in some quasi-Christian teachings. It is a serious offense to God when He is denigrated and misrepresented by false teachers who claim to teach in His name; it also weakens the Body of Christ. “For there are many unruly men, vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision, whose mouths must be stopped; men who overthrow whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre’s sake” (Titus 1:10-11).

When we respond to biblical transgressions by ignoring them, we come close to making the same mistake as false teachers—camouflaging error as truth. We should love the truth of God’s Word enough to be aware of the deceptive times in which we live, and address them just as Jesus did with the scribes and Pharisees:

“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which outwardly

appear beautiful, but inwardly are full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but inwardly ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity" (Matthew 23:27-28).

Many people no longer desire to be taught the Scriptures or read and study the Bible. Instead they seek out pastors or Bible teachers who preach the "feel-good" sermons, and offer various social programs. The apostle Paul's forewarning rings true today:

"For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but, having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside unto fables" (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

Clearly, as we have just read, the apostle Paul wrote, there is such a thing as "sound doctrine." The pastors who lead lukewarm apostate congregations have lost their way; they are harming the people who count on them to teach sound doctrine. Many Christians in the Western world are fed lukewarm, sour milk and remain spiritual babies until death, as Paul wrote in his epistle to the Hebrews:

"Of whom we have many things to say, and hard of interpretation, seeing ye are become dull of hearing. For when by reason of the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need again that someone teach you the rudiments of the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of solid food. For every one that partaketh of milk is without experience of the word of righteousness; for he is a babe. But solid food is for fullgrown men, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern good and evil" (Hebrews 5:11-14).

The abandonment of the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith has led many Christians to accept some of the unscriptural practices of the world such as fornication, alcohol intoxication, use of illegal drugs, watching illicit television shows and movies, listening to inappropriate music, incessant gossip and lifestyles that glorify themselves and not God. The lifestyles of many professing Christians are similar to that of the unbelieving world. Paul prophesied that in the last days that evil would abound; that people would become so corrupt that they would become contemptuous and hate-filled—stepping all over one another for selfish gain.

"But know this, that in the last days grievous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, haughty, railers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, no lovers of good, traitors, headstrong, puffed up, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; holding a form of godliness, but having denied the power therefore. From these also turn away" (2 Timothy 3:1-5).

It is expected that those in the secular world will live godless lives, but far too many Christians, even those who profess Christ often—spread hatred against other good Christians, which includes outright lying and slander. Hypocrisy is a prevalent problem in the Church. Control and pride issues are prevalent. How such people will reconcile their dishonesty and underhanded behavior when they face the Lord one day is an issue that may not even cross their minds.

"If any man thinketh himself to be religious, while he bridleth not his tongue but deceiveth his heart, this man's religion is vain" (James 1:26).

Today many Christians do not understand that we are already living in the time of the apostasy. It will continue to get much worse the closer we move toward the Tribulation years, when the apostasy will be at an all-time high.

Here are some characteristics of an apostate church:

Indifference to doctrine, truth and scriptural preaching.

Feel-good talks rather than Scripture-laden sermons.

Acceptance of all religions as different ways to God.

Emphasis on the social gospel not the true gospel.

No talk of sin, hell, literal fire and brimstone and eternal never-ending judgment.

Double-mindedness: Worship of God and mammon.

Taking a look at the popular “Feel Good” (It’s All About Me) movement can be very revealing. Pride, control issues, self-importance, laziness and greed are the main components of the watered down ear-tickling “sermons” that drive these Laodicean-styled churches.

The apostasy began to significantly increase as an explosion of ministries within Christianity sprang up in the 20th century. Pastors and Bible teachers started preaching and teaching lukewarm “feel-good” sermons relegating the true teachings of Christ to second class status.

The late Robert Schuller shocked the world when he said that believing you are a sinner is bad for self-esteem. He used “possibility thinking” to help people solve their problems. Robert Schuller abandoned the gospel that leads to salvation in favor of human reasoning, which leads only to death and hell. He taught humanism—the belief that fallen mankind can become good enough to get into heaven by doing good works.

Bruce Wilkinson, author of several books is a key figure in this movement. In his book, *Dream Giver*, he uses the word “dream” hundreds of times, but not once does he use the name “Jesus.”

Even the very controversial emerging church advocate, Rick Warren, pastor of the Saddleback mega-church in Southern California and author of *The Purpose Driven Church* and *The Purpose Driven Life* recognizes the problems of “seeking for purpose” through a self-help approach, (without the Lord being the primary catalyst for a changed life). This is what he has to say about self-help books:

The search for the purpose of life has puzzled people for thousands of years. That’s because we typically begin at the wrong starting point—ourselves. We ask self-centered questions like, “What do I want to be?”

Or “What shall I do with my life?” and “What are my goals, my ambitions and my dreams for my future?” Focusing on ourselves will never relieve life’s purpose. Many people try to use God for their own self-actualization. That is a reversal of nature and is doomed to failure.

I have read many books that suggest ways to discover the purpose of my life. All of them can be classified as “self-help” books because they approach the subject from a self-centered viewpoint.

Self-help books, even Christian ones, usually offer the same predictable steps to finding your life’s purpose. Consider your dreams, clarify your values, set some goals, figure out what you are good at, aim high, go for it.

Rick Warren makes some excellent points but sadly, because of his very strong pro-Catholic ecumenical leanings, he too, has become part of the apostasy. This is how many apostate preachers work. They offer some good sound teachings but then throw in some blasphemous curves with extra-biblical doctrines and ideas.

Scripture unequivocally teaches that believers are not to get instruction (counsel) from the unsaved and those who compromise their faith; and that includes reading self-help books that water down God’s holy Word.

“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the wicked, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of scoffers” (Psalm 1:1).

The confusing teachings by questionable preachers/teachers is a cornerstone of the growing apostasy leading up to the prophesied one world religion—which will spread like a plague during the seven-year Tribulation (under the leadership of the False Prophet, the second beast of Revelation 13).

As believers it is important to support, encourage and earnestly pray for our beloved pastors who have not compromised their faith. Many good pastors work tirelessly for the Lord and are faithful to their calling. They

bless us with their true to the Bible sermons and Bible studies. These good men have many responsibilities and should never be taken for granted. They are on the front lines of this spiritual battlefield and they deserve our attention and heartfelt prayers.

When God's Holy Bible is our life's Guide Book, we will not become spiritual casualties. Praying throughout each day as Scripture teaches keeps us focused on the Lord and sin is kept in check (Ephesians 6:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:17).

"Thy word have I laid up in my heart, that I might not sin against the" (Psalm 119:11).

Faithfully reading and studying the Word of God will help keep us on the straight and narrow path (Deuteronomy 17:19; Acts 17:11). Memorizing Scripture and meditating on God's Word strengthens each believer's walk with the Lord, and witnessing skills are sharpened when opportunities arise to share the gospel.

We are better equipped to witness to others when the gospel is hidden in our hearts (Colossians 3:16; Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:2). Spending time with other faithful believers is a blessing and brings unity to the Body of Christ (Hebrews 3:13; 10:24-25).

"...but sanctify in your hearts Christ as Lord: being ready always to give answer to every man that asketh you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, yet with meekness and fear" (1 Peter 3:15).

John 7:17 is an important Scripture every serious Bible student should grasp and apply to his or her life daily. Spiritual discernment is key to knowing the will of God in order to live for Him:

"If any man willeth to do his will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or whether I speak from myself."

We should always pray for wisdom, patience and guidance to discern God's will—so we can stay very true to His teachings, and become more effective ambassadors for Christ. What an incredible honor and blessing it is to belong to the Lord. Although this entire world is swirling in a menagerie of chaos, our calling is to live for the Lord and to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14).

"Yea, if thou cry after discernment, and lift up thy voice for understanding; if thou seek her as silver, and search for her as for hid treasures: Then shalt thou understand the fear of Jehovah, and find the knowledge of God" (Proverbs 2:3-5).