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Greetings from Phoenix,

Yet another terrorist attack has taken place in London, and ISIS is claiming responsibility. Apparently the man involved was home-grown in Britain . He killed three and injured twenty-nine, while seven are still hospitalized and in critical condition.

In 2014 the United States spent \$610 Billion on defense and counter terrorism, and we lead the field among the developed nations of the world. The next seven countries combined defense and anti-terrorism budgets do not equal the U.S. military spending, and the new administration is pushing to increase military spending to bolster the American military strength.

Even though there has been a major outlay of financial resources, the problem of terrorism and trouble in the world at various hot spots on the globe is increasing, and there is more danger on the streets of Europe and other part of the West.

In the current spat taking place between Turkey and the Netherlands Turkish President Erdogan has warned the EU Europeans won't be able to walk their own streets safely. In a survey taken six out of ten French say they do not feel safe anywhere.

Despite all of the billions of dollars spent on counter-terrorism in the United States spurred since the catastrophic events of 911, about 42% of Americans feel unsafe from terrorism. 50% of Canadians feel less safe than two years ago. It seems our effort has to a large degree been spent in vain.

Interestingly the Bible predicted what is happening in the world to the modern day descendants of ancient Israel. God spelled out for Israel the great blessings which would come if they obeyed, but He outlined the results which would occur if they turned away from His way.

In Lev 26:16 He warned if you don't obey this is what is going to happen:

"I will even appoint terror (panic, trouble) over you...:17 And I will set my face against you, and you shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and you shall flee when none pursues you...:19 And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass: :20 And your strength (Hb-power, effort) shall be spent in vain..."

All of us were born into a world where violence and fighting in one form or another is considered normal. We had to come out of this world of conflict. King David wrote, "I have lived too long with those who hate peace."

(Ps 120:6) Holman

Jesus Christ told His disciples "Let not your hearts be troubled."

The leaders of this world are not doing the things which make for peace. Of course, since most leaders strategize for war a nation must be strong militarily to survive. However, we must come out of this secular attitude and learn the way of peace. Isaiah the prophet wrote, "The way of peace they have not known, And there is no justice in their ways; They have made themselves crooked paths; Whoever takes that way shall not know peace." Isaiah 59:8 "The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace."

Jesus came to lead in a different way, and He taught His disciples giving instruction and warning so they would not be troubled in their minds in the face of conflict and trouble. In John 16:33 it records for us, "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

During the Passover we renew our covenant with God the Father and Jesus Christ to walk in this new unleavened way of peace. Let us not be troubled by what is coming or get caught up in man's system of war and politics.

We have seen the future and it will not be the violence and conflict of man's way, but the way of peace which Jesus Christ will usher in at His return.

Attached is the Prophetic Times. Please have a wonderful Sabbath and weekend!

Best regards,
Jim Tuck