

FROM OUR PASTOR

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Sabbath Greetings to everyone! This week Four people were killed and dozens injured when a suspected terrorist drove through pedestrians in Westminster before launching a knife attack.

PC Keith Palmer, 48, and unarmed policemen, was stabbed to death before his attacker was stopped. One American tourist celebrating his 25th wedding anniversary was among those killed. The murderer, a Muslim named Khalid Masood, ploughed into pedestrians on the pavement of Westminster Bridge in front of the Parliament building. ISIS soon claimed responsibility for the attack through its news agency Amaq. We seem to grow accustomed to news of innocent people being killed in almost weekly terrorist attacks. What is shocking is the stubborn resistance of political leaders to honestly identify these killers and what to do to protect populations in the Western nations. True to form, politicians are now blaming "social media." Seriously?

Reuters News reported: LONDON (Reuters) -" British Prime Minister Theresa May wants social media firms to do more to prevent the spread of extremist material online, her spokesman said on Friday, two days after a British-born Muslim convert killed at least four people in London.

"The fight against terrorism and hate speech has to be a joint one," the spokesman said. "The government and the security services are doing everything that they can, and it's clear that social companies can and must do more."

Earlier this week, Google vowed to better police its website after several companies deserted the internet giant for failing to keep their adverts off hate-filled videos. Facebook and others have also been criticized for not doing enough to moderate content on their platforms. Watch for more calls for censorship in the future.

As long as our leaders refuse to acknowledge the truth about those who are killing our people and trying to destroy Christian civilization the carnage will continue. The "peace at any price" and willful ignorance attitudes of the 1930's are on stage again for all to see. The result will likely be the same years on.

We cannot convince politicians to quit pretending, but on a personal level we need to understand our very real spiritual enemy who is dominating society during these last days before the return of Jesus Christ. We are warned: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. " 1 Peter 5:8 We know that..." the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one." (1 John 5:9)

One of his most often used tactics is promoting lies. In fact, he is the father of lies. " You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. " (John 8:44)

This week marks the beginning of a new year on God's calendar. Passover is just 14 days away. Let us be determined that this year we will follow the directive that Peter gave on the Day of Pentecost in 31 AD: "... he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." (Acts 2:41) and remember one of the final warnings in the Bible: " Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. " (Revelation 18:4)

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