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A biblical, prophetic look at current events for those who have a heart to pray for our nation.

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9/11 COMMISSION: SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS INCOMPLETE

The U.S. is safer from terrorism than it was before September 11, 2001, but gaps remain, particularly in aviation security, intelligence reform and congressional oversight, according to the 9/11 Commission. "There were major problems" in establishing a new director of national intelligence to lead U.S. spy agencies, and problems with congressional oversight are now worse than they were in 2001, commission member John F. [Lehman told The Washington Times](#). As for aviation security, the "current system is not efficient, there is no cost-benefit analysis and the screening technology can be defeated" to get explosives and firearms onto planes, said Mr. Lehman, who served as Navy secretary under President Ronald Reagan. The 10-member commission, set up by President George W. Bush 15 months after the 9/11 attacks, was charged with finding out how al Qaeda's plot to crash hijacked airliners into the centers of U.S. economic, military and political power succeeded - and what changes were needed to protect the country against future attacks.

The director of national intelligence "has no authority ... he's just a cheerleader," Mr. Hamilton said, noting that there have been four people in the post in six years. Other areas where commissioners said their recommendations remained unfulfilled include the establishment of a biometric border for the United States, secure identity documents for U.S. citizens and a strong executive branch oversight committee to protect privacy and civil liberties. (Contributor: [The Washington Times](#))

We know from past events that Muslim terrorists tend to observe and celebrate the darkness of their achievements while the suffering victims and families pay tribute to their loved ones on this terrifying day of remembrance. Ask our Lord to grant all in authority -- especially our law enforcement officials -- sharp skills in vigilance this week, as they work to protect our nation from any further Muslim terrorist attacks on the anniversary of 9/11.

"For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light." (Mark 4:22)

BIN LADEN PLOTTED NEW ATTACK ON 9/11 - Osama bin Laden was working to assemble a team of militants to attack the U.S. on the 10th anniversary of 9/11, according to communications Navy SEALs seized from his Pakistani hideout when they killed the al Qaeda leader this spring. Bin Laden and his operations chief, Attiyah Abd al-Rahman, swapped views about the composition of the attack team, with bin Laden repeatedly rejecting names that Mr. Rahman suggested, according to U.S. officials familiar with the intelligence taken from the bin Laden compound.

The plans were only in the discussion phase, U.S. officials said. They haven't seen any signs the nascent plot ever went beyond the early planning, the officials said. Still, earlier this month in his first meeting with senior staff at the Central Intelligence Agency, acting Director Michael Morell told his staff that one of their top priorities would be to make sure that neither that plan nor any others were carried out. (Contributor: Wall Street Journal)

"Deliver me, O Lord, from the evil man; preserve me from the violent man; Which imagine mischiefs in their heart; continually are they gathered together for war." (Psalms 140: 1-2)

WHITE HOUSE ISSUES 9/11 OBSERVANCE GUIDELINES - The White House has issued [guidelines to government officials at home and abroad](#) detailing how to commemorate the upcoming 10th anniversary of the September 11 attacks and suggesting that truthful references to the murderous Al Qaeda plot be minimized, The New York Times reported Tuesday.

The internal documents - provided to the paper by officials in various federal agencies - set up instructions on how to honor the memory of those who died on September 11 and warn Americans of the possibility of another Muslim terrorist attack.

The document states that Osama bin Laden's death is a reason for officials to "minimize references to Al Qaeda." The guidelines tell officials to emphasize that "Al Qaeda and its adherents have become increasingly irrelevant," and to reference the lack of any major role Al Qaeda played in the Arab Spring. The Muslim Al Qaeda "represents the past," the guidelines state, while peaceful protests in Arab countries "represent the future." (Contributor: [Politico](#))

While it may be commendable to hold Tenth Anniversary Remembrance Ceremonies that will help Americans look to the future, we cannot forget the past nor change the facts. Nineteen Moslem, al Qaeda terrorists perpetrated the atrocities of 9/11, and al Qaeda is still a very active force today, and is still our sworn enemy. Let us never forget, lest we be overwhelmed by their incessant agenda -- to force America to submit to their authority under Sharia law, and to become a slave nation to the resurrected caliphate they hope to establish.

Lift up all who are sponsoring these events next Sunday, September 11, 2011. May each one have the courage to do the right thing, and to call good . . . good, and evil . . . evil.

"Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:6)

NEW YORK MAYOR BLOOMBERG BANS RELIGION AT 9/11 CEREMONY - [Christian groups were outraged Wednesday](#) to learn that New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg is excluding religion from the 10th anniversary ceremony commemorating the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center. "This is America, and to have a memorial service where there's no prayer, this appears to be insanity to me," former Deputy Mayor Rudy Washington told a reporter. "I feel like America has lost its way." (Contributors: Capitol Hill Prayer Partners [NewsMax](#))

"My bones are pierced in me in the night season; and my sinews take no rest." (Job 30:17)

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE NEXT SUNDAY - Find and attend a CRY OUT AMERICA Observance in your county or your state. For information, go [here](#).

Join Dai Sup Han and the **PrayerSurgeNow** conference call, all day long on 9/11, offering prayers of repentance for our national sins, and asking the Lord's hand of protection over our land.

Date: Sunday, September 11, 2011
Time: 8:00 am - 8:00 pm Eastern
Conference Number: 712-432-0075
Access Code: 6149782#

For more information, go [here](#).

HOUSE GOP REVS UP AGENDA FOR THE FALL: REPEAL, REDUCE, REIN IN . . .

House Republicans are planning votes for almost every week this fall in an effort to repeal environmental and labor requirements on business that they say have hampered job growth.

With everyone from Obama to his Republican challengers in the 2012 campaign focusing on ways to spur economic growth, House Republicans will roll out plans Monday to fight regulations from the National Labor Relations Board, pollution rules handed down by the Environmental Protection Agency and regulations that affect health plans for small businesses. In addition, the lawmakers plan to urge a 20 percent tax deduction for small businesses.

"It is essential that the House continue our focus on the jobs crisis," House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (Va.) wrote in a memo to be sent to GOP lawmakers Monday. (Contributors: Capitol Hill Prayer Partners, [Washington Post](#))

Lift up both Republicans and Democrats in Congress this year as they grapple with the difficult issues related to our national economy and jobs growth. Pray for wisdom.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you." (Psalm 32:8)

CHINA PLANS SECRET DETENTION POWERS

[China wants to cement in law police powers](#) to hold dissidents and other suspects of state security crimes in secret locations without telling their families, under draft legislation released on Tuesday that has been decried by rights advocates.

The critics say that the proposed amendments to China's Criminal Procedure Code could embolden authorities to go further with the kind of shadowy detentions that swept up human rights lawyers, veteran protesters and the prominent artist-dissident, Ai Weiwei, earlier this year.

"If this was already law, then people like me, Ai Weiwei and many others could have been detained with even fewer problems and obstacles and with a firmer legal basis," said Jiang Tianyong, a lawyer in Beijing.

Jiang was detained for two months without any contact with his family earlier this year, when the government cracked down on dissent over fears that unrest in the Arab world could spill into China.

"This would be a big step backwards, but I wouldn't discount the strong possibility of it becoming law," added Jiang. "More people would face the risk of being disappeared."

["This is in complete contravention of international standards.](#) One of the key principles of international human rights law is deprivation of freedom can only take place if it has been decided by the court," said Mr. Nicholas Bequelin, a researcher on China for Human Rights Watch, an advocacy group based in New York.

[In February 2011, the Chinese government began a quick and widespread crackdown on Chinese rights-defending \("weiquan"\) lawyers and activists,](#) abducting many for days to months on end, some subject to torture while in government custody. The general narrative that has emerged to explain this recent crackdown is the Chinese government's fear that an Egypt-like democratic revolution could occur in China, overturning the Chinese Communist Party's one-party rule.

Make no mistake these extrajudicial abductions are not permissible under Chinese criminal law and like other countries; there are laws in China that restrict the government. Under Chinese Criminal Procedure

Law ("CPL"), a detention warrant issued by a public security organ must be presented when an individual is taken into custody (CPL Art. 64); either the family members or the employer of the detained individual must be informed of the reasons for the detention within 24 hours (CPL Art. 64); the first interrogation of the detained person must be conducted within the first 24 hours (CPL Art. 65); after the first interrogation, the detained person has the right to retain a lawyer and the lawyer has a right to meet with his or her client (CPL Art. 96 – note that this provision makes it legal for the first interrogation to be conducted without a lawyer present); and after 37 days in custody, [the detained individual must either be arrested or released](#) (CPL Art. 69). Additionally, Article 238 of the Chinese Criminal Law criminalizes any unlawful detention or deprivation of personal liberty, imposing a harsher criminal sanction on state functionaries.

China's Parliament said [citizens were welcome to comment until the end of September](#) on the proposed amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code before lawmakers take them up.

"This is going to be controversial, because it marks an excessive expansion of police powers," said Mr Li Fangping, a Beijing lawyer who has defended dissidents and protesters. (Contributors: [Reuters](#), [TODAYonline.com](#), [China Law and Policy](#))

Pray that God would strike down this heinous plan to boost secret detention powers in China. This is a shockingly evil and abominable announcement born out of hearts who are given over to the archenemy. We travail in prayer for the souls of the Chinese whose lives are controlled by this government's mindset. Ask the Lord to draw out as many as possible to find Jesus Christ as Savior of their souls.

"But they know not the thoughts of the Lord, neither understand they His counsel: for He shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor." (Micah 4:12)

GAO AUDIT OF FEDERAL RESERVE MADE PUBLIC

The first ever GAO audit of the Federal Reserve was carried out in the past few months due to the Ron Paul, Alan Grayson Amendment to the Dodd-Frank bill, which passed last year. Jim DeMint, a Republican Senator, and Bernie Sanders, an independent Senator, led the charge for a Federal Reserve audit in the Senate, but watered down the original language of the house bill (HR1207), so that a complete audit would not be carried out. Ben Bernanke, Alan Greenspan, and various other bankers vehemently opposed the audit and lied to Congress about the effects an audit would have on markets. Nevertheless, the results of the first audit in the Federal Reserve's nearly 100 year history were posted on Senator Sander's webpage earlier last month.

[Read the GAO Federal Investigation Report in PDF format.](#)

What does it mean? [Analysis offered by Hebrew Nation Alerts] The Federal Reserve likes to refer to these secret bailouts as an all-inclusive loan program, but virtually none of the money has been returned and it was loaned out at 0% interest. Why the Federal Reserve had never been public about this or even informed the United States Congress about the \$16 trillion dollar bailout is obvious the American public would have been outraged to find out that the Federal Reserve bailed out foreign banks while Americans were struggling to find jobs. To place \$16 trillion into perspective, remember that GDP of the United States is only \$14.12 trillion. The entire national debt of the United States government spanning its 200+ year history is only \$14.5 trillion. (Contributor: Sanders.Senate.gov)

Offer praise that this audit has finally been completed -- indeed, the FIRST audit of the Fed since it came into existence in 1913! Pray that Congress will impose appropriate measures to see that violations come under control, even though the Federal Reserve is an independent entity, operating outside of congressional authority. Pray for good stewardship of our nation's assets!

"The wicked borrows and does not pay back, But the righteous is gracious and gives." (Psalm 37:21)

IRAN DEPLOYS SUBMARINE AND WARSHIP

Iran is planning to send its 15th fleet, comprised of a submarine and a warship, to the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea, semi-official news agency Press TV quoted Iranian naval commander Admiral Habibollah Sayyari as saying on Tuesday.

[The announcement came after the IDF modified the operational doctrine of the Navy Command Center in Eilat](#) which is responsible for protecting southern Israel from threats originating in the Red Sea. On Monday, two large Navy corvettes were seen docked in Eilat, likely for anti-terror and smuggling operations in the Red Sea.

The Jerusalem Post report, "The presence of Iran's Army in the high seas will convey the message of peace and friendship to all countries," Admiral Sayyari said.

In February, after the downfall of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, two Iranian warships passed through the Suez canal for the first time since the 1979 Islamic Revolution en route to Syria, a maneuver Israel described as "provocative".

Of course, the Iranians don't consider Israel (the 'Zionist entity') a country, but one has to wonder how the Saudis' feel about this. [They're probably not too thrilled](#). (Contributors: Capitol Hill Prayer Partners, [Jerusalem Post](#), [Israel Matzav](#))

Ask the Lord to disarm this 15th fleet and its fruitless effort to destroy Israel. Ask Him to bring their efforts to naught. Since they are striving against the God of Israel, and have never considered this as a self-destructive effort, ask the Lord to open their eyes before they are destroyed in the process. Ask God to protect the Iranians who believe in the Lord God of Israel.

"The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spoke to me, He that rules over men must be just ruling in the fear of God." (2 Samuel 23:3)

GAFFNEY WARNING ON MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD

Former Undersecretary of Defense, Frank Gaffney said, "In recent weeks, we have been put on notice repeatedly: Absent a fundamental course correction, America will go the way of Europe and others before it, succumbing to an insidious totalitarian doctrine known as Shariah whose purpose, in the words of its prime practitioners - the [Muslim Brotherhood - is to "destroy Western civilization from within."](#)

Hurricanes, earthquakes and fiscal crises are preoccupations of the moment. Unless we heed the warnings being issued by three of our most brilliant strategic thinkers, Mark Steyn, Bat Ye'or and Andrew C. McCarthy, however, we risk an irreversible national calamity. Each of these authors has published in the past month powerful alarums about the steady erosion of the West's societies, governing institutions and freedoms at the hands of Shariah's adherents and their enablers on the left. (Contributor: [The Washington Times](#))

Ask our Lord to bind the plans of the evil one for the U.S. to come under bondage to a pagan religion. Ask Him to open the eyes of His people to see the real goal of the Muslim Brotherhood agenda for the West.

"As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more: but the righteous is a everlasting foundation." (Proverbs 10:25)

DAY OF RAGE NEW YORK CITY SEPTEMBER 17

The protest aims to take root nationwide In the wake of Britain's riots, a group of American radicals are planning a "Day of Rage" targeting Wall Street and U.S. capitalism. The upcoming protests, replete with a planned tent city in downtown Manhattan, is closely tied to the founders of ACORN and leaders of major U.S. unions, including the Service Employees International Union, or SEIU. There are indications the protesters are training to incite violence, resist arrest and disrupt the legal system.

Activists are advertising on social network sites such as Facebook and Twitter for a "Day of Rage" on Sept. 17 to begin with the "occupation" of Wall Street and continue with protests across the nation. [Click here](#) to learn more about this planned protest.

A new study released shows within a few months the [spiritual lives of the nation's population were back to pre-attack levels, which means their faith did not last long.](#)

[The Barna Group has done a study on Faith in New York City since the 9-11 terrorist attack.](#) Residents of the New York City media market are more spiritually active today than they were in the late 1990s – and more so than they were in 2001. Reported weekly church attendance, for instance, was lowest in 1999 and 2000 (31%), but has since grown to represent 46% of the market's residents. (Note: Although the vast majority of church attendance stems from Protestant churches and Catholic parishes, Barna Group's religious attendance measure does not exclude those of other faith groups who participate in other weekly religious events.) (Contributors: [Day of Rage](#), [Barna.org](#), [Christian Post](#), FRC)

The following info links below were provided by FRC:

A brief overview of the history and plans for Days of Rage in Manhattan, NYC and other U.S. Cities September 17th. <http://www.examiner.com/conservative-in-national/beware-the-u-s-day-of-rage-september-17>.

Muslim Brotherhood May Have Learned 'Day of Rage' Egypt Protest Tactics From Bill Ayers and Code Pink <http://biggovernment.com/taylor/2011/01/29/did-muslim-brotherhood-learn-day-of-rage-egypt-protest-tactics-from-obama-allies-bill-ayers-and-code-pink/>

Please ask our Lord to diffuse the hype being spent in organizing these rallies, so they will come to nothing. Freedom of speech is a constitutional right, but there are righteous ways to voice one's opinion.

"The LORD is righteous; He has cut in two the cords of the wicked." (Psalm 129:4)

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION FOR PRAYER

H.R. 2583: Bringing Major Changes to the United Nations - [House Republicans introduced legislation that will force major changes at the United Nations](#), an organization that the bill's author has called a "stew of corruption, mismanagement and negligence."

The bill by Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, the Republican chairwoman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, would require the UN to adopt a voluntary budget model in which countries selectively fund UN agencies rather than according to a set formula. It would end funding for Palestinian refugees, limit use of U.S. funds to only purposes outlined by Congress and stop contributions to peacekeeping operations until management changes are made.

The legislation represents the leading edge of Republican moves against the world body at a time when

the Obama administration is increasingly building its foreign policy around multilateral institutions, making the alliance-based approach central to its stance on Libya. The bill may advance in the Republican-controlled House, but is likely to hit opposition in the Senate and from Obama.

Also within this House appropriations bill is a provision of "\$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2012 for resettlement of refugees in Israel." (Contributor: [Bloomberg](#))

H.R. 2829: To promote transparency, accountability, and reform within the United Nations - (WASHINGTON) - U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, today (August 30) introduced the United Nations Transparency, Accountability, and Reform Act (H.R. 2829), which places conditions on U.S. funding to the UN in order to achieve long awaited reform at that body.

"We need a UN which will advance the noble goals for which it was founded," Ros-Lehtinen said. "Unfortunately, the current UN continues to be plagued by scandal, mismanagement, and inaction, and its agenda is frequently hijacked by rogue regimes which protect each other while targeting free democracies like the U.S. and Israel. This bill is about making the UN work again."

The legislation also prohibits U.S. contributions to the United Nations Human Rights Council, the Goldstone Report, and the Durban process, and would cut off contributions to any UN entity which upgrades the status of the Palestinian mission to the UN. (House Foreign Affairs Committee)

To learn more about this bill and its [Table of Contents](#), visit the website [of Americans for a Safe Israel](#) (AFSI).

Although both H.R. 2583 and H.R. 2829 are sponsored by Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen, they each address different issues within the U.N. system, and they each deserve our prayerful support.

HR 1683: State Flexibility Act (House Version) - [Repeal ObamaCare's Medicaid Maintenance of Effort \(MOE\)](#)

ObamaCare's Medicaid MOE requirements limit states' ability to investigate Medicaid fraud and abuse, and does not allow states to manage their enrollment to meet the needs of their residents and keep their budgets balanced. Conservative Action Alerts supports Phil Gingrey (R-GA) and Cathy McMorris Rodgers' (R-WA) efforts to limit ObamaCare by introducing HR 1683 to repeal Medicaid Maintenance of Effort regulations. This bill is a companion to S. 868 in the Senate. (See Below)

S.868: State Flexibility Act (Senate Version) - Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT), the ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee, has unveiled the 2011 State Flexibility Act, S.868 that will repeal ObamaCare's oppressive Medicaid Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirements that force states to increase taxes on their residents or make drastic cuts to state services in order to cover the more than 20 million patients that will be added to Medicaid under ObamaCare.

ObamaCare's Medicaid MOE requirements limit states' ability to investigate Medicaid fraud and abuse, and does not allow states to manage their enrollment to meet the needs of their residents and keep their budgets balanced.

Please Support the State Flexibility Act of 2011, in both the House and in the Senate, in prayer and in action!

H.R. 973: Keeping Foreign Law Out of U.S. Courts - (A Bill to Prevent Sharia Law from Being Honored in American Courts)

What is H.R. 973? This is a simple, short bill designed to protect Americans from being forced under laws which we did not enact, but were enacted by foreign powers or foreign peoples.

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Conservative Action Alerts has been supportive of Rep. Sandy Adams' efforts to pass legislation to keep foreign law out of U.S. Courts.

The full title of this bill is: HR 973: To amend title 28, United States Code, to prevent the misuse of foreign law in Federal courts, and for other purposes. Read the full text of this law by going [here](#).

Stop Sharia in America: Ask Congressional Leaders to Co-Sponsor H.R. 973 - We want to expand this intensive NATIONAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN to put the other House Members and U.S. Senators "ON NOTICE" that they should support this Bill, before more cities include foreign law and Shariah Law in their judicial system! You can [CLICK HERE](#) to send a FREE message directly to YOUR U.S. Representative and Senators! (Contributor: Capitol Hill Prayer Partners)