

Images of the Week...



Sept. 11, 2016. Syrian men carrying babies make their way through the rubble of destroyed buildings following a reported air strike on the rebel-held Salihin neighborhood of the northern city of Aleppo.



Sept. 14, 2016. The rising sun passes behind the Washington Monument on what was another hot day in the Nation's Capitol.



Sept. 15, 2016. Riot police and unions clash in Paris, France in protest against labor law.



Sept. 16, 2016. Migrants are evacuated from a makeshift migrant camp set up between the metro stations of Jaures and Stalingrad, in Paris, France.

DAY OF DECISION

My friend, today is your day of decision. Are you saved? God loves you. The Bible tells us that because we're all born with a sinful fallen nature that separates us from God, Jesus Christ (God the Son) was sent into this world to die on the cross and shed His precious blood for your sins. Those who truly receive Christ into their heart by faith will be transformed spiritually and accepted by God into His heavenly kingdom. Those who reject Christ will be separated from God forever and tormented in Hell and the Lake of Fire. What will your decision be?

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

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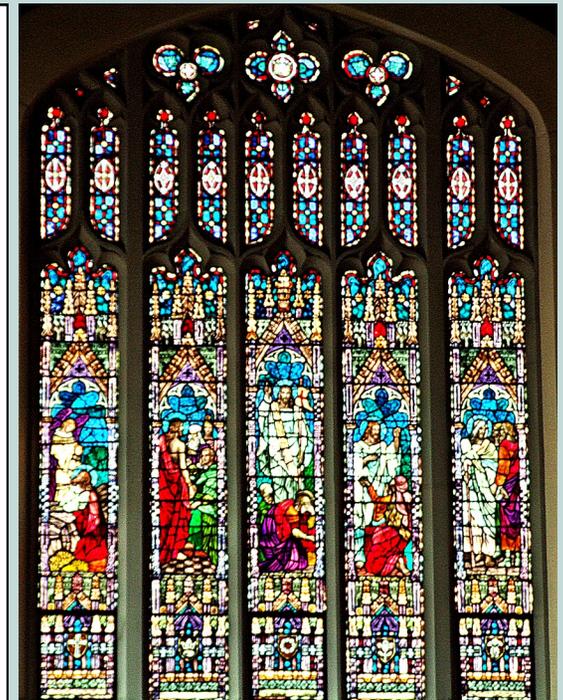
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"Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature; old things are passed away, behold all things are become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17

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Bible Study Lesson: **EMPTY NEST**

Key Bible Verse: **Proverbs 27:8** – *“As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place.”*

Other Scriptures: **Matthew 6:26** – *“Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?”*

Matthew 8:20 – *“Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”*

Isaiah 16:2 – *“Like fluttering birds pushed from the nest, so are the women of Moab at the fords of the Arnon.”*

On a window sill underneath the air conditioner in my upstairs bedroom, sat a large abandoned birds nest. As I recently began removing the nest several things struck me about it. First was its size. The nest was several feet long and covered the length of the window sill. Second, the nest was constructed in great detail and made to be very strong, even though it was comprised of mostly twigs. Third, the nest was completely empty. It had served its purpose and its occupants had moved on, perhaps to a tree or other popular location for birds. As I pondered the empty nest I was reminded of several scriptures in the Bible about birds and their nests. God makes provision for the birds and feeds them each day. It’s also possible for birds to leave their nest too early and wander away from its protection. Finally, the empty nest is a symbol of departure and is no longer occupied, either willingly or by force. The term “empty nest” often speaks of families whose children have grown up and moved out of their parent’s home. What does an “empty nest” mean to you today?

Sincerely,
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It is my sincere hope and prayer that you will find a new life in Christ and experience the joy of walking with Him each day.



Israel in the News

Fourth attack on Israelis in 24 hours: A Palestinian stabbed an Israeli soldier Saturday in the flashpoint West Bank city of Hebron before being shot dead, the army said, in the fourth such attack in under 24 hours.

Israel's Iron Dome shoots down two 'projectiles' fired from Syria: Israel's Iron Dome rocket defense system on Saturday shot down two stray "projectiles" fired during fighting in Syria's civil war, Israel's military said. There has been frequent spillover of fighting between the factions in Syria into the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights, but this was the first time Iron Dome was activated to intercept the errant fire.

Israel PM defends US aid package in face of criticism: Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday defended a new \$38 billion US defence aid package against criticism Israel could have negotiated a larger sum had he not angered the White House. Speaking at the start of a cabinet meeting, Netanyahu said the deal was the "largest assistance agreement that the United States has ever provided to any country in its history". He said it "proves the depth of the relationship, and the strength of relations, between Israel and the United States."



National Headlines

NYC terrorist bombing: An explosion from a terrorist bomb injured at least 29 people in New York City late Saturday night. The blast, which happened at around 8:30 p.m. on West 23rd Street, appeared to originate from a construction toolbox in front of a building, a law enforcement official told The Associated Press. A garbage can was found mangled nearby. Less than three hours after the explosion, investigators located a pressure cooker inside a plastic bag at West 27th Street that was attached to wiring and a cellphone.

NJ terrorist bomb detonates in trash can: A pipe bomb exploded in a New Jersey beach town on Saturday along the route of a charity race to benefit military veterans, but no injuries were reported in what investigators were treating as a possible act of terrorism. The explosive device went off in a trash can about 30 minutes after the scheduled start of the race, which coincidentally was delayed, in Seaside Park, a resort about 80 miles south of New York City.

Islamic terrorist stabbing attack at Minnesota mall: A man wearing a private security company uniform stabbed eight people at a Minnesota mall before an off-duty police officer shot him dead. Seven of the wounded were treated and released, while one victim remains hospitalized. None of their injuries are life-threatening. Witnesses said the man entered Crossroads Mall on Saturday night, made a reference to Allah and asked at least one person if they were Muslims before he attacked.



Global Headlines and Prophetic World Events

Russia accuses U.S. of intentionally targeting Syrian Regime forces: The U.S. military says it has halted airstrikes over Syria after the Russian defense ministry accused the U.S.-led coalition of carrying out an airstrike that hit Syrian government soldiers, killing 62 and injuring 100. U.S. Tensions continued to further rise between Russian and American officials as the Russians called for an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council to express their outrage over the incident.

India blames Pakistan militants for Kashmir attack which killed 17: Gunmen hurling grenades killed 17 soldiers in a raid on an army base in Indian Kashmir Sunday, with India blaming Pakistan-based militants for the worst such attack in the disputed region for over a decade. The militants broke into the base near the de facto border with Pakistan before dawn and lobbed grenades at tents and barracks housing soldiers, before opening fire with automatic weapons, the army said.