

An explosion in a Beirut suburb Tuesday (Jan 2nd) killed Saleh Arouri, a senior Hamas leader. Arouri, the second-in-command of Hamas's political office, was killed in Dahieh, a densely populated stronghold of Hezbollah

At least 89 people were killed in twin blasts in Kerman, Iran, Wednesday Jan 3rd, and more than 280 were injured attending a memorial for top IRGC (Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps) General Qassem Soleimani (killed in Syria in 2020 by US drone)

ISIL (ISIS) claimed responsibility for the bombings

As people paid respects to the victims in front of caskets draped in Iranian flags, they shouted: "Death to America!" and "Death to Israel!"

IRGC commander Salami – ISIS is an agent of Israel & US

In a 30-minute recording titled, "And kill them wherever you find them," Islamic State (ISIS) spokesman Abu Huthaifa al-Ansari instructed terrorist cells to strike Israeli and Jewish targets across the United States and Europe, including synagogues, Jewish gatherings and Israeli diplomatic missions.

"The fight with Jews is a religious war, not a social or national battle," Al-Ansari said, stressing: "It is not a [war] centered around lands or borders." "Barge into their homes and kill them using different methods, including gunfire, bombs, grenades and knives," he stated. "Don't differentiate between a civilian or a soldier, as they both should be targeted."

"two suicide bombers, Omar al-Muwahid and Saifallah al-Mujahid, "set off to a large gathering of polytheist Shiites near the grave of their dead leader Qassem Soleimani in the city of Kerman ... where they detonated their explosive belts."

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly – for Some

II PETER

If you possess these qualities in increasing measure...

II PETER 1:10-11

THEREFORE –

- make your calling & election sure – to whom?

(not to God, but to ourselves –
taking hold of what God has already promised)

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Is my calling & election un-sure?

II PETER 1:10-11

Do not grieve the Spirit – Ephesians 4:30

Do not quench the Spirit – I Thessalonians 5:19

Can I sweep my house clean – even of the Holy Spirit?

Leaving it open for evil to come in?

Luke 11:24-26

Peter's warnings – not “shape up or else!” (fear)

But – nourish your relationship with Christ (joy, peace)

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Make your calling & election sure

II PETER 1:10-11

Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery?

Not at all!

Romans 11:11

How much more through the blood of Christ...

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I will always remind you of these things, even though...

II PETER 1:12-15

**"People need
to be reminded
more often than they need
to be instructed."**

Samuel Johnson

vs 12 – remind

vs 13 – refresh

vs 15 - remember

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I will always remind you of these things,

II PETER

even though you know them **II PETER 1:12-15**

Not revealed by man, but by My Father in heaven

MATTHEW 16:17

Nor are you to be called 'teacher'

MATTHEW 23:5-12

you do not need anyone to teach you.

But as his anointing teaches you about all things

I JOHN 2:26-27

The holy Spirit will remind you of everything I have said to you

JOHN 14:26

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II PETER

I will always remind you of these things,
even though you know them
and are firmly established in the truth

II PETER 1:12-15

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