

*“And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up,
and lift your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh” - Luke 21:28*

ISAIAH 56:5

Hamas, PLO reach agreement: Israel has no right to exist

May 1, 2017 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Despite ongoing strife between the two largest factions in the Palestinian Authority – PA chief Mahmoud Abbas’ Fatah and the Hamas movement – recent statements by representatives of both groups suggest the two rivals may be working to resolve their differences.

The apparent beginnings of the rapprochement between Hamas and Fatah are rooted in the one area of agreement between the two factions, says the *Palestinian Media Watch*, which has monitored a spike in public overtures between senior officials of the two groups.

Unfortunately for Israel *PMW* reports, the effort to unify the two largest PA factions is based not on a joint vision for improving the lives of those under PA rule, but on the two groups’ shared hatred of the Jewish state and belief that Israel has no right to exist...” (The nations may say: “... Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance” – Psalm 83:4. It won’t work. God declares: “... I will give them [Israel]

an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off” – Isaiah 56:5.)

Jordan to Israel: Withdraw and you’ll get security

April 30, 2017 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Jordan’s Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi on Saturday said Arab countries would provide security for Israel if it withdraws from Judea and Samaria.

Safadi’s comments came during a meeting in Moscow with his counterpart, Sergey Lavrov.

“In order for Israel to live in peace with the Arabs, it is necessary for them to leave the territories occupied after 1967. So if this happens, the Arab countries will be ready to give security guarantees to Israel,” the Jordanian minister said, according to the Russian *Sputnik* news agency.

Safadi added that the Israeli-Palestinian Authority (PA) conflict was a key concern for the Middle East.

“We consider the settlement of the Palestinian problem as a core of tensions in our region. That is why we definitely plan to create additional conditions for security and stability in our region and in the whole world,” he

said, according to *Sputnik*.

The PA insists Israel withdraw from Judea and Samaria as part of a peace agreement. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has repeatedly warned that doing so would jeopardize Israel’s security and demands that the IDF maintain security control in any future Palestinian state...” (“*And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt; To drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou art, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as it is this day. Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else. Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the Lord thy God giveth thee, for ever” – Deuteronomy 4:37 – 40. In this passage, God gives Israel both a conditional, and unconditional promise. The conditional promise is that if they obeyed God’s statutes*

they would remain in the land. The Bible tells us that the Israelites often disobeyed, and faced times of temporary exile from their land. The history of Israel in the Old Testament, especially in the time of the Judges, was sin – servitude – supplication – salvation. They would fall into sin, God would use the Gentile nations to oppress them, the Israelites would cry out to God, and God would rescue them. However, the end of Deuteronomy 4:40 tells us that God has given Israel the Promised Land for all time – as was signified in the Abrahamic Covenant – Genesis 15:18 – 21. See the next report.)

Rare pre-state document claims Israel entitled to Judea, Samaria

May 2, 2017 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Nearly seven decades after the establishment of the State of Israel, American Jews are sharply divided over Israeli policy in Judea, Samaria, and Jerusalem – with conflicting views both over what choices would be best in Israel’s interest, as well as whether Israel even has a right to large swaths of the historic Jewish homeland.

But was the American Jewish establishment always so divided on the issue of Jewish rights over the Land of Israel?

A newly preserved pre-state memorandum by some of the leading figures in the American Jewish community suggests that unlike today, prior to the establishment of Israel, American Jewry embraced Israel’s claim to the historic Jewish homeland, including Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria.

The 107-page memorandum, entitled ‘The Basic Equities of the Palestine Problem’, was produced by eight prominent Jewish American jurists in September 1947, and sent to the United Nations in response to the UN’s Special Committee on Palestine’s

report which suggested a partition of the country, leaving the proposed Jewish state with a tiny portion of the land originally allotted to it by the Balfour Declaration and subsequent League of Nations Mandate for Palestine...”

Citing ‘Protocols,’ Jordanian TV tells viewers Jews are an ‘abhorred’ people

May 2, 2017 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “A program broadcast on Jordan’s *Prime TV* channel in April examined ‘The Protocols of the Elders of Zion,’ treating the notorious anti-Semitic document as an authentic Jewish text proving Judaism’s efforts to secretly control and manipulate the rest of the world.

The ‘Protocols,’ a forged text produced in Russia at the turn of the last century, purports to outline Jewish plans to take over the world. It has been used by anti-Semites throughout the 20th and 21st centuries as justification for their views.

Host Ayed Alqam opens the three-part series by calling Jews ‘an ostracized and abhorred people’ known ‘for their lying, fraud, and deception, and their sowing of strife.’

He goes on to introduce the ‘Protocols’ and to cite them as proof of Judaism’s culpability for any and all hardship experienced by Arab countries...” **(The Jewish people have long been blamed for all of the world’s ills. The Protocols of the Elders of Zion was first published in Russia in 1903. It supposedly recorded the minutes of a meeting of Jewish leaders who discussed their goal of Jewish rule by subverting the morals of Gentiles, and by controlling the press and the world’s economies. All throughout history they have been the universal scapegoat. Incredibly, even the awful plague of the Black Death that swept Europe was blamed on the Jews. They were accused of having poisoned wells with a**

powder made of spiders, frog legs, Christian entrails, and consecrated hosts (Communion bread). The public wrath that resulted from that fantastic tale brought about the slaughter of thousands of Jews and the complete extermination of two hundred Jewish communities. This can be traced back to the father of anti-Semitism – Satan who “...stood up against Israel” – I Chronicles 21:1. God loves His Chosen People – “...I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee” – Jeremiah 31:3. See the next two reports.)

Erdogan lashes ‘racist’ Israel, calls for Muslims to flood Temple Mount

May 9, 2017 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Monday urged Muslims to throng to the Temple Mount in a show of solidarity with Palestinians as he issued a string of challenges to Israel, which he called ‘racist and discriminatory.’

‘We, as Muslims, should be visiting Al-Quds more often,’ he said, referring to Jerusalem by its Arabic name.

‘Each day that Jerusalem is under occupation is an insult to us,’ he added, at the opening ceremony of the International Forum on *al-Quds Waqf* in Istanbul, Turkey’s *Hurriyet* news reported.

Erdogan said increased Muslim visits to the Jerusalem holy site ‘would be the greatest support to our brothers there.’

‘Both in terms of our religion and historical responsibility, Al-Quds and the fight of our Palestinian brothers for rights and justice is of great importance to us. We will keep making efforts for Quds to turn into a city of peace,’ Erdogan said...”

Erdogan says he is working to halt 'judaization' of Jerusalem

May 9, 2017 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: "Hours after launching a scathing attack on Israel, calling on Muslims to flood the Temple Mount in protest at the 'occupation' of Jerusalem, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan discussed ways to halt the so-called 'judaization' of Jerusalem with

Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah.

Meeting with Hamdallah in Istanbul Monday night, Erdogan 'confirmed the necessity of unifying efforts to protect Jerusalem against attempts of judaization,' according to an official statement carried by the Palestinian *Ma'an* news agency.

On Monday evening, Erdogan drew swift Israeli rebuke for a speech

in which he called Israel 'racist and discriminatory,' and said Muslims should visit Jerusalem's flashpoint Temple Mount more often to support Palestinians.

'Each day that Jerusalem is under occupation is an insult to us,' he said, at the opening ceremony of the International Forum on *al-Quds Waqf* in Istanbul, Turkey's *Hurriyet* news reported..."

GLOBAL ISLAMIC TERRORISM

ISIS calls for more truck attacks, 'killing, stabbing, slitting throats' in London

May 8, 2017 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "ISIS has singled out crowded London streets as 'ideal targets' for supporters to mow down pedestrians in the latest edition of the terror group's online magazine.

Published in ten languages, the most recent issue of ISIS' magazine *Rumiyah* published tutorials on arson, knife and vehicle attacks, naming Regent Street and Piccadilly Circus in London as locations at which jihadis should 'flatten [non-Muslims] under trucks', *The Sunday Times* reports.

A piece on 'terror tactics' tells supporters the best type of vehicle to use in a terror attack — 'double-wheeled, load-bearing' trucks with a 'slightly raised chassis and bumper', which are 'fast in speed or rate of acceleration' are identified as features which would maximize the number of casualties, would-be jihadis are told to look out for.

Methods ISIS recommends for obtaining such a vehicle include taking one 'from a kafir [non-Muslim] by force or deception', or by "borrowing' from a kafir or murtadd [apostate]..."

(Islam's murderers: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come...evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" – II Timothy 3:1 & 13; and "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it" – John 8:44.)

Islamic State leader in Egypt tells Muslims to avoid Christian gatherings

May 5, 2017 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Islamic State's leader in Egypt has warned Muslims to stay away from Christian gatherings as well as government, military and police facilities, suggesting that the militant group will keep up attacks on what he referred to as 'legitimate targets'.

In April, two Islamic State suicide bombers killed at least 45 people at churches in the cities of Alexandria and Tanta, one of the bloodiest attacks the country has experienced in years.

'We are warning you to stay away from Christian gatherings, as well as

the gatherings of the army and the police, and the areas that have political government facilities,' the leader, who was not named, said in an interview in Islamic State's *Al Naba* weekly newspaper published on Telegram.

Islamist militants are increasingly targeting religious minorities, a challenge to President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, who has promised to protect them from extremism..." (The latest issue of the ISIS magazine *Rumiyah* encourages the use of heavier, deadlier trucks to carry out attacks. It states: "The ideal vehicle," says the page, has a "slightly raised chassis and bumper," is a "double-wheeled, load-bearing truck" that "large in size, heavy in weight" and is "fast in speed or rate of acceleration." And they are encouraged to use them in: "... large outdoor festivals, conventions, celebrations, and parades..." Killing is rewarded in Islam. Not only do they receive 72 virgins as righteous and martyred godly men, but what even more shocking is they get to choose 70 relatives and friends to go to heaven. Their plan of winning the lost is a sick one and against God's plan which is: "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. See the next three reports.)

Islamic State claims Paris attack that killed policeman

April 21, 2017 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “The Islamic State terror group said it was behind the shooting attack that killed a policeman and seriously injured two others on Thursday in Paris’s Champs-Elysees shopping district. The attacker was killed at the scene.

In a statement by the jihadists’ propaganda agency *Amaq*, the group gave a pseudonym for the shooter indicating he was Belgian.

‘The perpetrator of the attack in Champs-Elysees in central Paris is Abu Yusef the Belgian and he is one of the Islamic State’s fighters,’ it said.

The claim of responsibility came unusually swiftly for the terror group, which has been losing territory in Iraq and Syria...”

U.S. terror alert warns citizens travelling to Europe can expect attacks at any time

May 3, 2017 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “The U.S. government has issued a new terror alert for citizens travelling to Europe after the continent played host to four jihadi attacks in just four weeks.

The State Department cited terror attacks in Britain, France, and Sweden as evidence of Islamic State’s ability ‘to plan and execute terrorist attacks in Europe’.

Stating the threat will heighten during the summer travel season, the U.S. warned ‘tourist locations, transportation hubs, markets/shopping malls, and local government facilities’ are particular targets for jihadis wanting to carry out attacks.

‘In addition, hotels, clubs, restaurants, places of worship, parks, high-profile events, educational institutions, airports, and other soft targets remain priority locations for possible attacks,’ the State Department noted, warning: ‘U.S. citizens should exercise additional vigilance in these and similar locations.’

According to the alert, ‘terrorist sympathizers or self-radicalized extremists’ could carry out attacks at any time, with no warning...”

‘Unprecedented spike in homegrown terrorism’

April 24, 2017 -- *WND.com* reports: “Border fences may keep the enemy out, but what do you do when the enemy is already inside your gates?

That is the situation America faces.

John Kelly, secretary of homeland security, said Tuesday the FBI has open investigations into terrorists in all 50 states. In his first wide-ranging address on the terrorist threat since taking office, Kelly also said there have been at least 37 ‘ISIS-linked plots to attack our country’ since 2013.

Terrorism has blossomed within America’s own neighborhoods. Kelly said there have been 36 homegrown terrorist cases in 18 states in the past year alone.

‘We’ve seen an unprecedented spike in homegrown terrorism,’ he divulged. ‘These are the cases we know about – homegrown terrorism is notoriously difficult to predict and control.’

Terrorists inside the U.S. are plotting attacks ‘every single day,’ according to the secretary. Those who enter the country undetected pose the biggest threat to the country...”

Muslims want ‘blasphemers’ prosecuted ... worldwide!

April 20, 2017 -- *WND.com* reports: “For years, Islamic nations

have successfully pressed the United Nations to pass non-binding resolutions condemning ‘defamation of religion.’

In nations such as Pakistan, the penalty for ‘blasphemy’ against Islam or its prophet is death. While the sentence has not been imposed in recent years, some people who have been accused of blasphemy have been murdered by Muslim vigilantes before they can get to court.

Reuters reported just days ago an estimated 65 defendants, lawyers or judges involved in blasphemy cases have been murdered since 1990.

WND reported seven years ago the defamation resolutions introduced in the U.N. by the 57-member Organization of Islamic Cooperation were losing support.

But now a worldwide Christian ministry that operates in dozens of Muslim-dominated countries warns a new effort is under way.

‘The aim is not simply to remove anything posted on the Internet deemed offensive to Islam, but to find out who posted it and prosecute them,’ says the non-profit charity Barnabas Aid, which assists persecuted Christians globally.

Pakistan’s interior minister, Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan, has already said he wants to extradite anyone overseas accused of Islamic blasphemy, the group said...” **(Muslims demand Islamic laws in America and in the nations in which they live and they will do everything abominable to get what they want even to demand and control their prayer times. Titus 1:16 states: “They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate”.)**

THE KINGS OF THE EAST

North Korean media issue threat to 'wipe out' U.S.

April 25, 2017 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: "An official North Korean website warned Monday that Pyongyang will 'wipe out' the United States if Washington starts a war on the peninsula, the latest tit-for-tat sabre-rattling that has sent tensions soaring in the region.

The U.S. supercarrier Carl Vinson will arrive in waters off the Korean peninsula 'in a matter of days', Vice President Mike Pence said Saturday, amid reports the North could be preparing a sixth nuclear test.

Pyongyang is still believed to be far from reaching its aim of building a missile capable of reaching the U.S. mainland, but the secretive nation has ramped up its rhetoric in recent weeks and has carried out two rocket tests this month alone.

In a series of editorials the *Rodong Sinmun* newspaper — the official mouthpiece of the ruling Workers' Party — said the North's forces were undeterred and called the U.S. strike group's imminent arrival 'undisguised military blackmail'.

'Such threat may startle a jellyfish, but can never work on the DPRK,' it said Monday, using the country's official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea...' (Nuclear war is coming — "Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates

of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths." This conflict called Armageddon is described in Revelation 9:14 – 18. See the next two reports.)

North Korea releases video of attack on Washington D.C.

April 28, 2017 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "A North Korean website has published a propaganda video that shows an American aircraft carrier and Washington D.C. targeted with crosshairs and then exploding in balls of fire.

"The enemy to be destroyed is in our sights... We will show you what a strong country that leads the world in nuclear and missile technology is capable of,' the video caption declares.

The video also contains footage of North Korean parades and military exercises, artillery barrages, and missile launches. The final moments of the clip are a simulated nuclear ICBM attack on Washington..."

North Korea nukes San Francisco in propaganda video

April 21, 2017 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "A series of North Korean nuclear weapons destroys San Francisco in the 'Hermit Kingdom's' latest propaganda film, which was created for the grand finale of celebrations commemorating founder Kim Il Sung's 105th birthday last weekend.

According to video of the event, which was acquired by the *San Francisco Chronicle*, music was played by a

military symphony in the background as an audience of men in dull-brown uniforms and other military attire cheered on the massive explosion and ensuing destruction of the city. Following the explosion, the American flag can be seen waving over a military cemetery.

The Chronicle reports that the concert was part of the 'Day of the Sun' festivities honoring the late Kim. San Francisco was reportedly wiped out in about 15 seconds.

On Saturday, North Korea tried unsuccessfully to test a real missile, which blew up before it launched. *Breitbart News* previously reported that the North Korean government alleged that the United States was behind the missile's failure, suggesting America had infiltrated Pyongyang's computer systems through a sophisticated cyber-attack program..."

North Korea threatens Israel after Liberman calls Kim a madman

April 30, 2017 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: "North Korea threatened to punish Israel and accused Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman on Saturday of 'rash and malicious' statements that insulted its leadership, after he criticized the Asian nation and called its leadership 'extremist and insane.'

In an official foreign ministry statement, Pyongyang said Liberman has challenged North Korea by making 'rash and malicious' comments against the nation.

'Our consistent message is to mercilessly punish those who offend the dignity of our leadership,' the statement said.

'We warn Israel to think twice about the implications of its defamation campaign against us.'

The statement further condemned Israel for its nuclear policy, and accused the Jewish state of abusing the rights of Arabs across the Middle East...” (This ungodly monster is one of the brute beasts of Jude 1:10 and is predicted to appear as Armageddon approaches in Revelation 16:16. II Timothy 3:13 warns that “evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.” Could this brute beast be the world’s terrorist and butcher? See the next report.)

North Korea turns its hostility on Beijing

May 4, 2017 -- *WND.com* reports: “Tensions on the Korean peninsula are reaching an unprecedented boiling point, as North Korea’s leader threatens war with China, its strongest and most important ally, over its ‘nuclear betrayal.’

A Beijing official told both the U.S. and North Korea, along with Japan and South Korea, to ‘stop irritating each other’ on Wednesday, prompting the *Korean Central News Agency* to fire back.

‘China had better ponder over the grave consequences to be entailed by its reckless act of chopping down the pillar of’ North Korea-China relations, a *KCNA*

statement read, according to *Reuters*. ‘A string of absurd and reckless remarks are now heard from China every day only to render the present bad situation tenser.’

The statement blasted ‘ignorant politicians and media persons’ in China for unfairly calling on Pyongyang to give up its nuclear-weapons program...”

China launches 1st domestically-made aircraft carrier

April 26, 2017 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “China has launched its first aircraft carrier built entirely on its own, in a demonstration of the growing technical sophistication of its defense industries and determination to safeguard its maritime territorial claims and crucial trade routes.

The 50,000-ton carrier was towed from its dockyard just after 9 a.m. Wednesday following a ceremony in the northern port city of Dalian, where its predecessor, the Soviet-built Liaoning, also underwent extensive refurbishing before being commissioned in 2012, the Ministry of National Defense said.

Development of the new carrier began in 2013 and construction in late 2015. It’s expected to be formally commissioned sometime before 2020,

after sea trials and the arrival of its full air complement...” (Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 predict the union of Russia and China [Revelation 16:12; Daniel 11:44] as leaders in the battle for the greatest war in history called Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Revelation 9:14 – 18 pictures its upcoming disastrous results. See the next report.)

China says it tested new missile in northeastern sea

May 10, 2017 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “China has recently tested a new type of guided missile in a northeastern sea near the Korean peninsula, the defense ministry said Tuesday, hours after South Korean elections held amid regional tensions.

The test in the Bohai Sea was conducted to ‘raise the operational capability of the armed forces and effectively respond to threats to national security,’ the ministry said in a brief statement.

The statement did not say when the launch took place, only that it happened ‘recently’.

It did not give any details about the missile nor the type of platform from which it was launched...”

THE BURDEN OF DAMASCUS

Gen. Allen: Syria gassing Israel would be ‘virtually a regime suicide’

April 21, 2017 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “The U.S. response to a scenario in which the Syrian regime was ‘gassing Israelis would result in a situation that he [Bashar Assad] could not even imagine,’ and be ‘virtually regime suicide,’ Marine Corps Gen. (ret.) John R. Allen told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Allen, one of the U.S.’s leading voices on security issues, spoke to the

Post last week and on Thursday, and discussed whether recent events made a Syrian chemical weapons strike on Israel more or less likely.

The former general was the Obama administration’s special envoy in fighting ISIS and on finding security solutions to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, U.S. commander in Afghanistan, and is currently a distinguished fellow and chairman of security and strategy at the Brookings Institution.

The circumstances Allen was

confronted with were the combination of the Assad regime’s recent use of chemical weapons against Syrian rebels and revelations that it may possess one to three tons of chemical weapons, along with the Trump administration’s military response.

He said straight out that recent events meant there ‘would be a lesser chance’ that Assad would launch such a strike against Israel. ‘Were Assad to lash out at Israel and the Israeli population with chemical weapons, it would be virtually a suicidal act for

his regime. The enormity of the U.S. response would be unprecedented.

‘People need to understand that. I don’t think Assad is stupid. I am careful to ascribe irrationality to any leader – most are rational within their own context,’ Allen said, predicting that the strength of the U.S. response to Assad would be manifested ‘in ways people can’t even begin to contemplate.’...’ **(President Assad, there is a prophecy which is yet to occur found in Isaiah’s prediction in chapter 17, verse 1: “... Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.” It looks like Israel will win over missiles and chemical warfare. See the next two reports.)**

Syria war: ‘Israeli strike’ hits military site near Damascus airport

April 27, 2017 -- BBC News reports: “An Israeli missile strike has caused a

large explosion and fire at a military site near Damascus international airport, Syrian state media report.

A fuel tank and warehouses were damaged, the Sana news agency said.

But Syrian rebel sources said an arms depot run by Lebanon’s Hezbollah movement, which is fighting in Syria as an ally of the government, was hit.

Israel said the explosion was ‘consistent’ with its policy to prevent Iran smuggling weapons to Hezbollah.

But it stopped short of confirming it was responsible...”

Syrian rebels, families begin to evacuate besieged Damascus neighborhood

May 8, 2017 -- Haaretz reports: “Hundreds of Syrian rebel fighters began a process of leaving the besieged Damascus suburb of Barzeh on Monday as part of an evacuation deal agreed

with the government, state television and a war monitor reported.

State-run *Ekhbariya* television cited its reporter there as saying the evacuation of fighters from Barzeh for the rebel-held Idlib province in northwest Syria had begun to be implemented but without giving further details.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based war monitor, reported that buses had arrived in Barzeh at dawn and a group of hundreds of fighters and their family members had started to board them.

The Observatory said more people would leave Barzeh over the coming days as part of the same deal.

Barzeh is in northeast Damascus near the rebel-held Eastern Ghouta oasis district of towns and farms and has been the site of intense fighting between insurgents and the Syrian army in recent months...”

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Archbishop of Washington: nearly one Christian killed every hour for practicing faith

April 21, 2017 -- Breitbart.com reports: “Nearly one Christian is killed every hour around the world for practicing their faith, said the Archbishop of the U.S. capital.

Cardinal Donald Wuerl made those comments on Thursday while delivering the keynote address during the one-day symposium at the National Press Club focused on Christian prosecution.

The event featured the release of a report by the University of Notre Dame’s Under Caesar’s Sword project titled, ‘[In Response to Persecution](#).’

Christian persecution is a worldwide phenomenon, noted the Washington archbishop.

‘Reports suggest that about 200 million Christians around the world are at risk of physical violence, arrest, torture, even death simply because they live and practice a faith that is not acceptable to the rulers in that part of the world,’ he pointed out.

‘The journalist John Allen recently estimated that, this is a quote, the number of Christians killed for religious reasons is ‘roughly one every hour, 365 days a year,’ added the cardinal.

That amounts to about 9,000 Christians killed per year, which is consistent with a study by the Turin-based Center for Studies on New Religions (CESNUR).

According to the study, about 9,000 Christians were killed worldwide for practicing their faith last year...” **(“Fear none of those things which thou**

shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death” – Revelation 2:10, 11. Christians who suffer and die for Christ will receive the “Crown of Life” to place at the feet of Jesus – James 1:12; Revelation 2:10. The 24 elders represent 12 Old Testament Tribes and 12 New Testament Apostles – saved Jews and redeemed Christians. In Revelation 4: 10 & 11 they cast their earned crowns before the Lord Jesus Christ. Question – Will you be among them?)

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

Russia's RS-28 Sarmat ICBM: Hypersonic disaster for U.S. missile defense shield

May 9, 2017 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "With its state-of-art heavy liquid-propelled RS-28 Sarmat ICBM the Russian military has obviously surpassed their U.S. counterparts, Russian military expert Alexei Leonkov told *Radio Sputnik*, adding that the cutting-edge weaponry is due to enter into service in 2018.

Russia is 10-15 years ahead of the U.S. with its cutting-edge heavy liquid-propelled RS-28 Sarmat intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), Alexei Leonkov, a military expert and commercial director of *Arsenal of the Fatherland* magazine, told *Radio Sputnik*.

It was previously reported that the Krasnoyarsk Machine-Building Plant – the manufacturer of the sea-based ICBMs – is ready to start mass production of super-heavy thermonuclear armed Sarmat missiles (NATO codename name: SS-X-30 Satan 2).

Sarmat missiles are due to enter into service in 2018 replacing the powerful RS-20V Voevoda ballistic systems (NATO reporting name SS-18 Mod.3 Satan) which have been the backbone of Russia's strategic nuclear forces for more than 25 years.

The new missile will be twice as light as the Voevoda and will surpass it in terms of energy efficiency. Sarmat's improved performance will equip it with additional means to overcome the U.S. missile defense system..." **(Russia in Bible prophecy is the main instigator of death and suffering during Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Ezekiel chapters 38 & 39, which I have proclaimed for sixty years, aided by Oriental and Islamic nations, bring total chaos and atomic devastation upon the world. Worse yes, it's just ahead of us. Every**

nation I included in World War III is forming exactly as I taught this global blood bath six decades ago. The only good news is that the Rapture precedes Armageddon – *"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth"* – Revelation 3:10. Then our deliverance as believers – Revelation 4:1 and our joy because of missing Armageddon. See the next two reports.)

Russia's brand-new S-500 missile system to have unprecedented damage radius

April 27, 2017 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "In an interview with *Sputnik*, Russian military expert Viktor Baranets specifically touted unprecedented the damage range of Russia's next-generation S-500 Prometey missile system, which is currently undergoing state tests.

Earlier this week, Pavel Sozinov, chief engineer of the Russian defense corporation Almaz-Antey, said that Russia's next-generation S-500 surface-to-air missile system would be able to engage targets in the upper layer of the atmosphere, 100 kilometers [62 miles] above the Earth's surface.

The S-500, designed by Almaz Antey, is said to have a range of 600 kilometers (more than 370 miles). The system can simultaneously intercept up to ten ballistic and hypersonic missiles traveling at a speed of up to 7 kilometers per second. Speaking to *Sputnik*, Viktor Baranets pointed, in particular, to the unique performance characteristics of the new Russian missile system.

"The S-500 will be capable of hitting targets at an altitude of up to 100 kilometers above the ground, which is actually the height of near

space. The system's final tests will take place at one of the largest firing ranges in Kazakhstan, given that the S-500's effective damage range stands at 600 kilometers. There is no other such surface-to-air missile system in the world that has the same damage radius," he said.

According to him, among other things the S-500 system is also designed to destroy combat blocks of hypersonic missiles..."

Pentagon: Russia flies multiple bomber missions near Alaska

April 25, 2017 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: "Russian warplanes last week flew a series of missions near Alaska, prompting the North American air defense agency to scramble U.S. and Canadian jets, officials said Monday.

The North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and the Pentagon said Tu-95 Bear bombers were spotted in international air space on three occasions — twice near the Aleutian Islands and once near mainland Alaska and Canada.

The bomber missions occurred April 17, 18 and 20, and on two occasions NORAD launched fighters to conduct 'safe and professional' intercepts.

Mid-air interceptions are routine in international air space, and Russian jets frequently scramble to fly alongside U.S. spy planes in and around the Baltic Sea and near Russia.

But Pentagon spokesman Navy Captain Jeff Davis said there had been a lengthy pause in such operations off Alaska, possibly caused by the enormous, propeller-powered Tu-95s having been grounded due to maintenance issues..."