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and lift your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh” - Luke 21:28*

PSALM 121

Islamic Jihad threatens Israel

July 10, 2018 -- *Israel National News* reports: “The Islamic Jihad terrorist organization, Hamas’ main ally in Gaza, on Monday blasted the Israeli government’s decision to close the Kerem Shalom crossing between Israel and Gaza, saying it was tantamount to ‘a declaration of war against the Palestinians.’

An official statement by the Islamic Jihad said that ‘in view of the aggressive policy, we see the declaration of the Israeli terror government and its army as a declaration of war against the Palestinians. We will not remain helpless and respond...’ (They may threaten Israel, but Psalm 121 states: *“I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.”* Notice especially verse 4

– *“Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.”* During his confrontation with the prophets of Baal, Elijah mocked the prophets after they were unable to get a response from Baal. **I Kings 18:27** states: *“And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.”* God does not sleep, and He will preserve Israel.)

Top Iranian general: Forces in Syria ‘awaiting orders’ to destroy Israel

July 9, 2018 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “In a recent speech, the deputy commander of Iran’s Revolutionary Guards (IRGC) boasted that the ‘Islamic army in Syria’ in the Golan Heights was awaiting orders to eradicate the ‘evil regime’ of Israel.

He also said the Tehran-backed Hezbollah terror group had 100,000 missiles aimed at Israel.

‘We are creating might in Lebanon because we want to fight our enemy from there with all our strength,’ he stated. ‘Hezbollah today has tremendous might on the ground that can on its own break the Zionist regime. The Zionist regime has no strategic-defensive depth.’ In the

speech for the anti-Israel al-Quds Day in June, translated by the *Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI)*, Hossein Salami said that the dangers Israel faces today are greater than at any time in history...” (*Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him”* – Psalm 2:1-12.)

Report: Israel hits Iranian forces in Syria

July 9, 2018 -- *Israel National News* reports: “A Syrian airbase used by Iran’s Revolutionary Guard was targeted in a series of airstrikes Sunday night, Arab media outlets have claimed.

According to a report by Syria’s state-controlled *SANA* news agency, the T-4 airbase in Syria was attacked by fighter planes which approached from the south. The *SANA* report claimed that Syrian anti-air defense systems in the Homs area were activated in response to the attack, and that the defense network had successfully thwarted the act of ‘aggression’. The report did not name the country responsible for the attack.

A Syrian military official was quoted by Al-Masdar as saying that Israeli fighter jets were responsible for the attack...” (“*The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap*” – Isaiah 17:1. *Damascus is widely believed to be the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world, but God’s Word declares that will end.*)

Report: Israel world’s eighth most powerful nation

July 8, 2018 -- *Israel National News* reports: “A prestigious U.S.-based magazine said that Israel is the eighth most powerful nation in the world, ahead of international heavyweights such as the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Canada, and Singapore.

‘Israel, the only Jewish nation in the world, is a small country on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea. For its relatively small size, the country has played a large role in global affairs. The country has a strong economy, landmarks of significance to several religions and strained relationships with many of its Arab neighbors,’ wrote the *U.S. News and World Report’s* annual ranking of ‘Best Countries’...

Following Israel was Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and South Korea. Topping the list was the United States, Russia, and China...” (“*For thou art an holy people*

unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: But because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations” – Deuteronomy 7:6-9. It is amazing that Israel, a nation whose land mass fits inside Lake Michigan, is considered the 8th most powerful nation in the world. See the next two reports.)

Rabbinical Congress to Israeli government: ‘Show no restraint’

July 6, 2018 -- *Israel National News* reports: “The Rabbinical Congress for Peace (RCP), comprised of over 400 rabbis, has issued a statement slamming the government for its complacency in dealing with the incendiary kites attacks launched from Gaza.

‘It’s appalling to see how the government repeats the same fatal mistake that’s led to so many casualties and victims in the past. Every time we show restraint in dealing with terrorists it doesn’t take long before we discover it becomes a stimulant for far worse and increased terror attacks.’...”

‘If Israel decides, it will crush Hamas’

July 22, 2018 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Construction and Housing Minister Yoav Galant discussed this morning in an interview with *Reshet Bet* the escalation in the south last weekend.

‘We’re reacting harshly to aggression. We have to make sure the situation in the Gaza Strip is more economically

stable, but the problem is that a terrorist organization has taken two million citizens hostage, and everything that enters Gaza is not disbursed in the right direction, but goes directly to Hamas. I know that billions of shekels went in Gaza’s favor and not a single factory was built. Instead tunnels were built and missiles were bought,’ Galant said. He added ‘if Israel decides, it will crush Hamas ... There’s an Iranian attempt to push Hamas into a war of attrition against Israel while the Iranians strengthen their economy and try to create a nuclear capability. Hamas is only an arm that comes out of the head that is in Iran.’...”

Abbas: Al-Quds is occupied

July 2, 2018 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Palestinian Authority (PA) chairman Mahmoud Abbas on Sunday accused Israel of implementing a racist discrimination regime similar to the apartheid regime in South Africa.

In a speech on behalf of Abbas, delivered by the PA official in charge of foreign affairs Riad al-Maliki at the African Union summit, the PA chairman said that the United States had taken an ‘aggressive and unilateral’ step when it recognized ‘occupied Jerusalem’ as the capital of the ‘Israeli occupation state’ and transferred its embassy from Tel Aviv to occupied ‘Al-Quds’ in defiance of the international position...” (“... *when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever...And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever” – II Samuel 7:12, 16. “I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations” – Psalms 89:3-4. “He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the*

Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end”— Luke 1:32, 33. Jerusalem is the Eternal Capital of Israel, and the Lord Jesus Christ will reign from David’s Throne in Jerusalem for ever and ever. See the next report.)

Jordan’s Abdullah stresses sanctity of east Jerusalem in Trump meeting

June 26, 2018 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “East Jerusalem must be the capital of a future independent Palestinian state, King Abdullah II of Jordan told U.S. President Donald Trump on Monday in a meeting at the White House.

Speaking with the president days after hosting his top aides in Amman for talks on the administration’s upcoming Middle East peace plan, Abdullah told Trump that a traditional framework for a two-state solution remains a ‘foremost’ priority for Jordanians, according to a description of the meeting provided by their embassy in Washington...”

WITHOUT NATURAL AFFECTIONS

Unborn babies facing abortion equated with zombies

June 25, 2018 -- *WND.com* reports: “A former evangelical psychologist claims in a piece for the leftist AlterNet site that unborn babies facing abortion are like ‘zombies.’

Valerie Tarico says they are no more human than the undead in science fiction shows and movies.

‘Religious opposition to abortion is based on a kind of magical thinking much like that in zombie stories,’ she wrote in a piece headlined ‘What the Unborn and the Undead Have in Common.’ She writes that babies and zombies ‘look like people even though they aren’t...’ (Unborn babies in the womb are not people? The Bible is very clear that they are people. Samson told Delilah “...I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother’s womb...” – Judges 16:17. David stated: “For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them” – Psalm 139:13-17. God told Jeremiah “Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee,

and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations” – Jeremiah 1:5. Luke 1:41 – 45 states: “And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.”)

Chinese Man Murders Two Children in Shanghai as ‘Revenge on Society’

June 29, 2018 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Chinese police arrested a man who murdered two schoolchildren in Shanghai as his revenge on society, state media reported on Thursday.

The incident took place outside the Shanghai World Foreign Language Primary School at around 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, the state propaganda outlet *Global Times* said. Video footage circulated on Chinese social media platform Weibo of people restraining the man with a rope on a roadside pavement. Onlookers can be heard shouting ‘Beat him to death,’ and ‘He’s a psycho,’ while some adults can be seen crouched over a child’s body.

According to the *Global Times*, the 29-year-old man identified only as

Huang confessed to committing the crime because he was unemployed and wanted to take his ‘revenge on society’...” (“...whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him [or her] that a millstone were hanged about his [or her] neck, and that he [or she] were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man [or woman] by whom the offence cometh! Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire” – Matthew 18:6 – 8. See the next two reports.)

UN: 10,000 Children Killed, Maimed in Conflicts Worldwide in 2017

June 29, 2018 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “More than 10,000 children were killed or maimed last year in armed conflicts around the world, a U.N. report said this week.

More than 21,000 ‘grave violations’ of children’s rights were reported in 2017, a sharp increase from the year before, according to the annual Children and Armed Conflict report that was released Wednesday.

‘Despite some progress, the level of violations remains unacceptable,’ said Stephane Dujarric, spokesman for U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. The report covers 20 countries,

including hot spots such as Yemen, Syria and Afghanistan...”

PA TV to Pregnant Palestinians: Your Baby Is a ‘Martyr for Palestine’

July 8, 2018 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “The Palestinian Authority has managed

to turn congratulating pregnant women into an issue of supporting terrorism. The PA’s official television and radio stations have broadcast a song numerous times expressing the wish to expectant mothers that their child will grow up to be ‘a proud martyr for Palestine.’

The song, which was translated by Israeli monitoring group *Palestinian Media Watch*, also lauds being sentenced to prison and wielding weapons in the name of ‘Palestine,’ as well as promising the return of Jerusalem, which has been ‘stolen’...”

NEWS FROM IRAN

Iranian general: Israel stealing Iran’s clouds

July 3, 2018 -- *Israel National News* reports: “An Iranian general on Monday accused Israel of manipulating weather to prevent rain over the Islamic republic, alleging his country was facing cloud ‘theft’, before being contradicted by the nation’s weather chief.

‘The changing climate in Iran is suspect,’ Brigadier General Gholam Reza Jalali, head of Iran’s Civil Defense Organisation told a press conference, semi-official *ISNA* news agency reported.

‘Foreign interference is suspected to have played a role in climate change,’ Jalali was quoted as saying, insisting results from an Iranian scientific study ‘confirm’ the claim.

‘Israel and another country in the region have joint teams which work to ensure clouds entering Iranian skies are unable to release rain,’ he said...” **(Wow, where do I start on this article? God controls the rain. “Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God: Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains –“Psalm 147:7, 8; “God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof. For he looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven; To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure. When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder-“ Job 28:23-26; “He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom,**

and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding. When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens; and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth: he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures” –Jeremiah 51:15, 16; “And also I have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered” – Amos 4:7.)

Iranian woman sent to prison for removing headscarf

July 10, 2018 -- *Israel National News* reports: “An Iranian woman who removed her obligatory Islamic headscarf out of protest in December said Monday she has been sentenced to 20 years in prison, *The Associated Press* reported.

The woman, Shapark Shajarizadeh, posted on her personal website that she had been jailed for ‘opposing the compulsory hijab’ and ‘waving a white flag of peace in the street.’

There was no immediate comment from Iranian officials...” (As I reported in the March 2018 Intelligence Briefing - Why do women wear a hijab? The answer is simple. If they do not, they face assault, rape, and even death. Dawn Perlmutter wrote an article entitled: “Hijab Shame: Rape, Murder, and Loss of Face” - <https://www.frontpagemag.com/fpm/269304/hijab-shame-rape-murder-and-loss-face-dawn-perlmutter> I encourage you to go back and read her article.)

Iran: Protesters Chant ‘Death to Palestine’ in Tehran’s Grand Bazaar

June 26, 2018 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Thousands of Iranians reportedly took to Tehran’s historic Grand Bazaar on Monday, forcing its shutdown in protest over the Islamic Republic’s decision to spend money on Iran’s adventurism abroad instead of helping fuel its troubled economy at home, where over 40 percent of its population is unemployed...”

In what appears to be a stunning turn away from Iran’s generally anti-Semitic stance, which is replete with chants of ‘Death to Israel’ and ‘Death to America’ – both long considered the ‘little Satan’ and ‘great Satan’ by the regime – Iranian protesters were chanting ‘Death to Palestine!’...” **(Iran has been in the midst of protests that began in December 2017, and have continued into 2018. With the Iranian nuclear deal in 2015, many Iranians hoped that the relief from sanctions would result in prosperity for the average Iranian, instead the majority of the funds went to state firms that are controlled by Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Now that President Trump has withdrawn the U.S. from that deal, the unrest in Iran is increasing. See the next report.)**

Pompeo to urge Iranians abroad to ‘support’ anti-regime protests

July 23, 2018 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo plans on Sunday to urge members of the Iranian diaspora to ‘support’ protesters in Iran, as the Trump administration hints at a desire for regime change in

Tehran after turning its back on the Iranian nuclear accord.

President Donald Trump — who has made the Islamic republic a favorite target since his unexpected rapprochement with North Korea — decided on May 8 to restore all the sanctions that had been lifted as part of the multi-nation agreement aimed at preventing Iran from developing nuclear weapons...”

‘Iran seeks to take control of Mecca and Medina

July 9, 2018 -- Israel National News reports: “The chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, MK Avi Dichter (Likud), spoke at a conference of the International Institute for Strategic Leadership Talks on Sunday afternoon and gave an overview of

strategic and security issues in the Middle East and around the world...

‘Why is a superpower as powerful as Iran sacrificing so much against the whole world, against Sunni states, and other Arab countries? When you look at their corridor strategy understand the purpose. The Gulf States do not really have strong military forces (Kuwait and Qatar).

‘The Iranians know that although Saudi Arabia is a huge country, if they recruit more Arab states over time, one day they will succeed in fighting against Saudi Arabia not only in a military war but also in a religious one,’ Dichter said...” **(Iran’s Supreme Leader Khamenei has been very critical of Saudi Arabia for what he calls its mismanagement of the haj pilgrimage. In September 2015, a crush, or stampede took place just east**

of Mecca. Saudi Arabia claims that only 800 pilgrims were killed, while others put the death toll at over 2,000 – including at least 400 Iranians. Since Mecca and Medina are the holiest sites in Islam, there is great prestige in controlling them. Saudi Arabia is primarily Sunni Muslim, while Iran is Shiite so there is an element of religious war in this. Jesus said in Matthew 24:4-7: “Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.”)

RUSSIA AND THE KINGS OF THE EAST

Pentagon Intelligence Chief: Russia And China Will Have Weapons in Space ‘In the Near Future’

June 28, 2018 -- DefenseOne.com reports: “Russia and China are developing new space-based weapons and they’ll be ready ‘in the near future,’ Lt. Gen. Robert Ashley, the head of the Defense Intelligence Agency, said Tuesday at the Defense One Technology Summit in Washington, D.C.

The countries, which Ashley called ‘competitors,’ are developing ‘the ability to interdict satellites both from a ground standpoint and from a space standpoint,’ he said. ‘The technology is being developed right now. It is coming in the near future.’

It was the most overt admission yet from an intelligence leader that Russia and China were rapidly seeking to weaponize space...” **(And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things**

which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh” – Luke 21:25-28. See the next two reports.)

Russia warns against Trump’s ‘alarming’ plans for U.S. space domination

June 21, 2018 -- SpaceDaily.com reports: “Russia on Wednesday expressed alarm over U.S. President Donald Trump’s call for the United States to dominate space exploration and his plan to create a separate branch of the military called a Space Force.

Russian foreign ministry Maria Zakharova said at a briefing that Russia ‘noted the U.S. president’s instructions... to separate space forces from the air force,’ saying ‘the most alarming thing about this news is the aim of his instructions, namely to ensure (U.S.) domination in space.’...”

Russia Tests ‘Invincible’ Hypersonic Cruise Missile

July 20, 2018 -- Breitbart.com reports: “The Russian Defense Ministry claimed on Thursday to have successfully tested the Kinzhal hypersonic cruise missile, the weapon described as ‘invincible’ by Russian President Vladimir Putin.

According to the Defense Ministry, the drill ‘worked out the planning, preparation and joint use of Kinzhal air-launched missile systems with the Tu-22M3 missile-carrying bombers.’ Launched from a Tu-22M Backfire bomber, the weapon would theoretically have a range in excess of 3,000 kilometers.

The Defense Ministry posted a video of the test, but the video shows a missile being launched by what appears to be a MiG-31 fighter jet while the Backfire bomber cruises nearby. The launch depicted in the video does not look much different from any other cruise missile firing...”

North Korea Expands Key Missile-Manufacturing Plant

July 2, 2018 -- The Wall Street Journal reports: “North Korea is completing

a major expansion of a key missile-manufacturing plant, said researchers who have examined new satellite imagery of the site, the latest sign Pyongyang is pushing ahead with weapons programs even as the U.S. pressures it to abandon them.

The facility makes solid-fuel ballistic missiles—which would be able to strike U.S. military installations in Asia with a nuclear weapon with little warning—as well as re-entry vehicles for warheads that Pyongyang might use on longer-range missiles able to hit the continental U.S....” (North Korea as usual is sending mixed signals lately. They have expanded this plant, yet have dismantled a satellite launch site called the Sohae Satellite Launching Station. In May, they also destroyed the above-ground facilities and tunnel entrances at the test site in Punggye-ri. Even if they give up all nuclear weapons, nuclear war is still prophesied in the Bible – see Revelation 9:18. Other prophesied texts are predicted in Psalm 97:3; Isaiah 66:15; Ezekiel 20:47: “...Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched...” Study also Zephaniah 1:8; Malachi 4:1; and Revelation 8:7. The Oriental nations along with Iran will be involved in World War III, Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Iran and the Islamic nations will join Russia – Ezekiel 38 & 39. Then China, North Korea, and Oriental nations will join Russia in the second invasion of Israel – Revelation 16:12 and for the third and final invasion all nations will come against Israel – Isaiah 14:2. See the next report.)

North Korea still upgrading nuclear site at ‘rapid pace,’ satellite images show

June 27, 2018 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “Satellite images show that North Korea is carrying out rapid improvements to its nuclear research facility, a monitor said on Wednesday, despite the country declaring a commitment to denuclearization of the

peninsula at the Singapore summit.

The nuclear-armed North’s leader Kim Jong Un promised to ‘work toward’ the goal at a landmark summit in the city-state earlier this month with U.S. President Donald Trump.

But the Singapore meeting failed to clearly define denuclearization or produce a specific timeline towards dismantling the North’s atomic weapons arsenal...”

North Korea’s Kim hails ‘unity’ with China in new visit

June 21, 2018 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “Kim Jong Un concluded a two-day whirlwind visit to China Wednesday, where he declared North Korea’s unstinting ‘friendship’ with Beijing in a show of loyalty to his main ally following a landmark summit with U.S. President Donald Trump.

It was Kim’s third official visit to China, designed to reassure Beijing that Pyongyang will not neglect its interests as Trump and the young autocrat move into uncharted diplomatic terrain...” (North Korea marches with Russia and China for the war of the latter years and latter days – Ezekiel 38:8, 16. Atomic bombs will produce global incineration – Psalm 97:3; Isaiah 66:15; Joel 2:3, 30; Zephaniah 1:18; Malachi 4:1; Revelation 8:7 and 9:18.)

China resets the tone of U.S.-North Korea talks

July 10, 2018 -- *Asia Times Online* reports: “Nobody expected a rapprochement between the United States and North Korea would be easy. And few likely expected China to take advantage of the diplomatic opening to further advance its geo-strategic interests in region.

But U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo’s recent setback in Pyongyang, where North Korean state media effectively referred to America’s top diplomat’s overtures as ‘gangsterism’, showed that’s the case on both fronts.

The U.S. and North Korea, of course, are still technically at war and it was only a few months ago that U.S. President Donald Trump branded

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un a madman. Kim retorted by referring to Trump as ‘incurably mentally deranged.’...” (China and North Korea are prophesied to be top contenders and bloody warriors during the battle of Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Revelation 16:12 pictures Kings coming to the Middle East, primarily China and North Korea to slay a third-part of mankind in atomic warfare. Revelation 9:14 – 18 the Oriental nations from the East join with Russia – the leader from the North – Daniel 11:44 – for the most horrendous war in history. See the next two reports.)

Iranian and Chinese Military Boost Defense Ties, Call U.S. ‘Biggest Threat to Humanity’

July 5, 2018 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “The Iranian Army’s Ground Force Brigadier General Kiomars Heidari met with a delegation from China’s Ministry of National Defense Tuesday to discuss ways to boost defense ties between Tehran and Beijing. Both parties appeared to agree that the United States poses ‘the biggest threat to humanity.’

According to Iran’s state-run *Tasnim News* agency, Gen. Heidari ‘praised the bilateral relations between Iran and China as age-old and said the two countries are major and influential powers in the region and the world.’ Heidari reportedly then ‘further emphasized that Tehran and Beijing face common threats at the regional and international levels, including the U.S. government’s hegemonic system which is ‘the biggest threat to humanity.’...”

Xi Jinping to Mattis: China ‘Cannot Lose Even One Inch of Territory’

June 28, 2018 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis met with Chinese President Xi Jinping at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Wednesday. ‘We cannot lose even one inch of the territory left behind by our ancestors. What is other people’s, we do not want at all,’ Xi informed his American guest.

This is the latest restatement of China's policy that some sort of ancient birthright gives it rightful control of

almost the entire South China Sea, as defined by an imaginary boundary called the 'Nine-Dash Line.' The line

extends much further out to sea than any 'exclusive economic zone' recognized by international arbitrators..."

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Muslim Herdsmen Slaughter 120 Nigerian Christians Returning from Church Funeral

June 27, 2018 -- Breitbart.com reports: "Muslim Fulani herdsmen massacred some 120 Christians in central Nigeria over the weekend, the majority of whom were returning from the funeral of the father of a local Christian clergyman.

In an attack that lasted several hours, heavily armed gunmen identified as Fulani herdsmen open-fired on citizens in a number of villages in Plateau State, killing about 120 and injuring over 200 more as they returned from the funeral of a local Christian minister. The herdsmen reportedly also burned some 50 homes to the ground.

The pastor in charge of Church of Christ in Nations (COCIN), Pam Chollom, said that majority of those killed in the attack were Christian mourners..."

(Great persecution will soon overtake most Christians in a majority of the world. "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." – Matthew 5:10 – 12; "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me." – John 15:18 – 21;

"...When he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held." — Revelation 6:9; "...I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." – Revelation 20:4; and "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." – Revelation 2:10. See the next three reports.)

Christian Death Toll Rises to 200 in 4-Day Muslim 'Killing Spree' in Nigeria

July 2, 2018 -- Breitbart.com reports: "The death toll of last weekend's massacre of Nigerian Christians by militant Muslim Fulani herdsmen has risen to at least 200, according to a report released Friday by Open Doors, an organization that monitors Christian persecution.

As *Breitbart News* reported earlier this week, heavily armed gunmen recognized as Fulani herdsmen opened fire on Christians in a number of villages in Plateau State of central Nigeria last weekend, killing scores and injuring hundreds more, as well as burning some 50 homes to the ground. Most of the victims were returning home from the funeral of the father of a local Christian minister..."

Nigeria's Fulani Jihadis Grow Deadlier than Boko Haram, Killing Hundreds of Christians in Days

July 8, 2018 -- Breitbart.com reports: "Muslim terrorists from the Fulani

herdsmen group in Nigeria used machetes and firearms to massacre more than 200 people in a predominantly Christian region over a two day period in June, a testament to the group's growing lethality that has far surpassed Boko Haram's.

Various news outlets identify the Fulani as 'herdsmen' competing over resources ravaged by global warming with Christians who have instigated their demise by stealing the Muslim group's cattle.

Breitbart News spoke to various analysts and experts who believe the Fulani are deserving of a sinister label beyond just 'herdsmen.' The group carried out massacres across nearly a dozen villages in Nigeria's Christian-majority Plateau state over the weekend of June 23-24, killing over 200..."

Pew: Religious Practice Faces Increasing Legal Restrictions Worldwide, Christians Hardest Hit

June 24, 2018 -- Breitbart.com reports: "In a study released this week, the Pew Research Center revealed that restrictions on religious belief and practice increased around the world for the second year in a row in 2016, the latest year for which comprehensive data were available.

As the United States gears up for an unprecedented global summit on religious liberty to be held in late July, Pew found that 28 percent of all countries have 'high' or 'very high' levels of government restrictions on religion, up from 25 percent the prior year and up from 20 percent in 2007, when the Washington-based think tank began following the trend.

Between 2015 and 2016, more than twice as many countries had increases in their level of government restrictions on religion as had decreases..."

GLOBAL JIHAD

Europe Faced 200 Terror Attacks in 2017, as Europol Warns More Radical Islamic Attacks 'Very Likely'

June 27, 2018 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Terrorism continues to pose a big threat in EU nations, Europol has warned in an official report which revealed the continent faced more than 200 terror attacks last year as the number of Islamist plots more than doubled.

'In 2017, 68 innocent victims lost their lives as a result of terrorist attacks in the European Union (EU),' the agency said in a press release, noting: 'Even though the number of casualties decreased last year, the number of attacks on European soil did not...' **(Islam presently prepares for global control. Khamenei of Iran and Kabbani of the USA all promote holy jihad [holy war]. When they win Sharia Law replaces the laws of the nations overtaken by them. Sharia Law puts to death all daughters who have had premarital sex, all homosexuals, all apostate Muslims who defect from the faith and all infidels [other religious rejecters] who will not renounce their current beliefs for Islam. More on this brutal barbaric religion of fear which warns 'convert or die'. How different Christ and Christianity are – "...Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you." – Luke 6:27 & 28; and "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." – I John 3:16. See the next five reports.)**

NYC Truck Jihadi Says ISIS Is 'Leading a War' to 'Impose Sharia'

June 29, 2018 -- *PJMedia.com* reports: "Sayfullo Saipov murdered eight people in New York City last October by driving a truck along a bike path; at a pre-trial hearing Friday, he showed that he was

not in the least repentant. As far as he is concerned, he has no reason to be — he sees himself as a soldier in a war that only one side admits is being waged.

Saipov said in court: 'The judgments that are made here are not important for me. They are not Allah's judgments.' He added: 'The Islamic State [ISIS], in order to impose sharia on Earth, is leading a war...'"

Dearborn man charged with supporting ISIS

July 25, 2018 -- *The Detroit Free Press* reports: "A Dearborn man who was recently captured in Syria has been charged with supporting the Islamic State.

Federal authorities say Ibraheem Izzy Musaibli, 28, served and provided material support to the terrorist organization from April 2015 through June 2018, according to an indictment unsealed Tuesday.

Musaibli will be arraigned at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the federal courthouse in downtown Detroit.

He is believed to be one of only two American men to be captured on an Islamic State battlefield and charged in the U.S. with supporting the group..."

ISIS takes responsibility for terror attack in Toronto

July 25, 2018 -- *Israel National News* reports: "The ISIS terrorist organization assumed responsibility to a terror attack in Toronto earlier this week that killed an 18-year-old woman and a 10-year-old girl and injured 13.

In a statement quoted by *Al Arabiya*, ISIS said claimed that the terrorist, 29-year-old Faisal Hussain, 'was a soldier of the ISIS and carried out the attack in response to calls to target the citizens of the coalition countries.'

However, ISIS did not bring any evidence to back its claim..."

'Sisters in hate' join to raise money for 'Muslim Mafia'

July 24, 2018 -- *WND.com* reports: "Two prominent American Muslim activists known for their hatred of Israel and support for terrorism have teamed up to raise money for a MoveOn.org-style Muslim activist group and the San Francisco chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, a D.C.-headquartered group designated as a terrorist organization by an Arab Gulf state.

Linda Sarsour, known as an organizer of the anti-Trump Women's March, and Zahra Billoo, the director of CAIR's San Francisco chapter, are co-sponsors of the '#StandWithMuslims to Declare #NoMuslimBanEver' fundraiser that launched the day the U.S. Supreme Court upheld President Trump's ban on travel from seven terror-fomenting countries, including five Muslim-majority nations, reports the Investigative Project on Terrorism..."

Berkeley High grad pleads guilty to helping ISIS, spoke of plan to kill 10,000 in Bay Area

July 20, 2018 -- *FoxNews.com* reports: "A graduate of Berkeley High School in California, who reportedly told authorities he wanted to help ISIS kill 10,000 people in the San Francisco Bay Area, pleaded guilty to federal charges Wednesday, while his attorney claimed he was a victim of the 'system.'

Amer Sinan Alhaggagi, 23, of Oakland, pleaded guilty to trying to provide material support or resources to a foreign terrorist organization, possession of device-making equipment and identity theft, said officials of the state's Department of Justice.

Authorities arrested Alhaggagi in November 2016 after he bought clothes online with a phony credit card, but he was held so federal authorities could continue to investigate him, the *San Francisco Chronicle* reported..."