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

WITHOUT NATURAL AFFECTION

Woman lit gasoline-soaked baby on fire, then started her IHOP shift, Louisiana records say

September 9, 2018 -- *The Miami Herald* reports: “On the night of her child’s disappearance, the Louisiana mother said it was a kidnapping.

But according to newly-released court records, the mother and another woman are responsible for burning the child alive — and after lighting the fire, the other woman went straight to her shift at IHOP, *Alexandria Town Talk* reports.

...The 23-year-old mother, called 911 around 9 p.m. on July 17 to report that two kidnappers had taken her child from her home in Natchitoches, Louisiana...” (“*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?*” – Jeremiah 17:9. Desperately wicked – or gravely ill certainly describes the natural condition of mankind. “*This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more*

than lovers of God;” – II Timothy 3:1-4; “*And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful.*” – Romans 1:28-31. The phrase “without natural affection” is the translation of one Greek word *astergeo* - one of four Greek words for love. It refers to the natural love that family members have for each other. It is such a common characteristic of people that it is not referenced unless it is lacking – when people lose their instinctive love for their own parents and children as in this article and the one that follows. The Bible tells us that this will continue to increase in these latter days until the Lord returns. Revelation 22:20 says: “*He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly*” to which all believers say: “*Amen, Even so, come, Lord Jesus.*” See the next report.)

Tennessee father accused of starting house fire, setting daughter’s wheelchair ablaze ‘while she was in it,’ officials say

September 23, 2018 -- *FoxNews.com* reports: “Tennessee authorities on Friday announced charges against a father accused of lighting ‘his daughter’s wheelchair on fire while she was in it’ several months ago.

Timothy Shane Medley was indicted by a Giles County grand jury following an investigation into a house fire that occurred in Pulaski, Tennessee, in May, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation said in a news release.

The agency said they were asked to investigate the blaze alongside the Tennessee Fire Investigative Services and the Pulaski Police Department.

A female who lived at the home was injured in the fire and was taken to the Vanderbilt Burn Center, officials said.

Amid the probe, authorities found that Medley allegedly was ‘responsible for starting the fire,’ officials said.

‘Further investigation revealed that Medley used an accelerant to set his daughter’s wheelchair on fire while she was in it,’ the news release said...”

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Christian Transhumanism: 'Ye shall be as gods'

September 17, 2018 -- *WND.com* reports: "Humankind has been trying to appeal its death sentence ever since the serpent in the Garden of Eden whispered those enticing words that persuaded Adam and Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit: 'Ye shall not surely die' and 'Ye shall be as gods.'"

Today, it's not just secular scientists trying to achieve longer, or even eternal, life through better chemistry and technology. Meet the Christian Transhumanist Association, whose members say they are 'called by Christ to participate in that mission.'

'We believe that God's mission involves the transformation and renewal of creation including humanity. ...' the group states in its first of five affirmations.

While the biblical prophets Isaiah and Ezekiel both affirm a future Kingdom of God on earth in which people live a natural life of up to a thousand years again, the question for Christians is whether man's chemistry and technology is the answer or whether it's Jesus' prescription of a spiritual rebirth.

In any case, the CTA is plunging headlong into a marriage with science that has many believers appalled..."

(Revelation 21:5 states: "And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new..." notice, it is not man that will make all things new. Joseph Farah, in this article on *WND.com* states: "Two things that seems to be entirely lacking in all the literature of the Christian Transhumanist Association are repentance of sin and an acknowledgement and awareness of God's sovereignty... Man's efforts at reaching up to God have always failed, as in the Tower of Babel.

Jesus calls on man always to humble himself, obey God and repent of the sin for which He atoned on the cross

and through His resurrection. He offers us eternal life through our own resurrection if we follow Him. He doesn't call on us to meet Him halfway through our own works." In Isaiah 65:17 God states: "*For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come to mind.*" In Isaiah 51:3 we read: "*For the Lord shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.*" Cheryl Chumley in the *Washington Times* <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/sep/7/christians-beware-cult-transhumanism/> sums it up well: "Here's the thing — and it's something all Bible believers should consider before joining this A.I.-driven transhumanism drive. It's one thing to be both Christian and scientist, and to make technological gains that better all of humanity. It's another thing entirely to elevate science to such a level as to supercede and supplant biblical teachings and godly guidance — to such a point that the Bible becomes a secondary tool or worse, a subordinate consideration to the minds and musings of man. The first shows an exploration of God's domain, while still recognizing His omniscience and omnipresence. The second? The second leads to cult-like worship of human-made technology. And Christians need to beware the difference. Transhumanism, in its runaway form, is simply a modern version of the false Golden Calf god of biblical days.")

China Mulls Major Restrictions on Online Ministries

September 16, 2018 -- *Christianity Today* reports: "Chinese Christians have one month to tell their government

what they think of proposed new rules that ban the sharing of prayer, Bible reading, baptism, communion, and other forms of religious activity online. China's State Administration for Religious Affairs (SARA) posted a draft yesterday of new regulations on online religious activities that would 'forbid the streaming of religious ceremonies (live on the internet), including prayer, preaching and even burning incense,' reports *AsiaNews*, which broke the story.

The new measures, contained in 35 articles, are 'much more restrictive and analytical' than regulations on religious activities in real life that went into effect in February, according to *AsiaNews*..."

Chinese Officials Burn Bibles, Close Churches in Crackdown on Christianity

September 11, 2018 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "The Chinese government's campaign to 'Sinicize' organized religion — to make religion completely subordinate to the Communist Party — grew more aggressive this year and featured the destruction of Bibles, crosses, and entire churches.

Religious freedom activists call it the worst crackdown on Christianity since religious freedom was nominally granted by the 1982 Chinese constitution.

A *Fox News* report on Monday linked the crackdown with Communist Party leader Xi Jinping's ascension to dictatorial power and the fulfillment of worst-case fears expressed by underground Christian leaders when Beijing began using government-controlled churches to co-opt the religion..." **(In 2017 China elevated the stature of President Xi Jinping putting him on par with Chairman Mao Zedong who founded the People's Republic of China in 1949, making him in essence emperor for life, he can stay in power as long**

as his health allows. In November of 2017 China told Christians to replace images of Jesus with images of President Jinping in an effort to transform believers in religion into believers of the Communist Party of China. See the next report.)

China outlaws large underground Protestant church in Beijing

September 10, 2018 -- *Reuters* reports: "Beijing city authorities have banned one of the largest unofficial Protestant churches in the city and confiscated 'illegal promotional materials', amid a deepening crackdown on China's 'underground' churches.

The Zion church had for years operated with relative freedoms, hosting hundreds of worshippers every weekend in an expansive specially renovated hall in north Beijing...

On Sunday, the Beijing Chaoyang district civil affairs bureau said that by organizing events without registering, the church was breaking rules forbidding mass gatherings and were now 'legally banned' and its 'illegal promotional material' had been confiscated, according to images of the notice sent to *Reuters* late on Sunday and confirmed by churchgoers..."

Pastors in China Prepare to Lose Their Lives for Preaching the Gospel, Defying Communist Crackdown

September 24, 2018 -- *ChristianExaminer.com* reports: "In the face of an ongoing Communist crackdown, pastors in China have vowed to continue preaching the Gospel, even if it costs them their lives. Aaron Ma, a representative of Open Doors' Ministry in China, told *The Christian Post* in an email on Thursday that the watchdog group has so far heard of one case of Bible burning in the country.

'In this case, the authority confiscated belongings of the churches (including Bibles) and burnt them all,' Ma said.

The incident, where Communist Party

officials burned Bibles and crosses in Henan, was captured on video and shared online earlier this month by activists, including ChinaAid President Bob Fu, whose group monitors the persecution of believers in China.

Concern has also risen over instances where state officials have been forcing some Christians to sign papers rejecting their faith..." (May God bless and protect these faithful pastors. In Acts chapter 5, when Peter and the Apostles were imprisoned for preaching, the angel of the Lord opened the prison doors at night and said: "Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life" – Acts 5:20. The next morning they were brought before the council where the high priest said: "... Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men" 5:28 & 29.

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 two reports.)

Muslim Extremists Attack Coptic Christian Homes in Egypt

September 3, 2018 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Coptic Christian homes in the southern province of Minya were attacked by Muslims protesting their use as places of worship and refuge, the region's archdiocese said Saturday.

'Four Coptic homes were attacked Friday by residents from the village and other nearby areas,' said Bishop Makarios of Minya, about 250 kilometres (155 miles) south of Cairo.

The archdiocese of Minya published a post on Facebook saying 'extremists' had attacked the village of Demshaw Hashem because of the 'existence of a church', *AFP* reports.

It said Christian residents of the village use homes and halls for prayer in the province with the highest Coptic Christian population in the country.

'Extremists attacked Copts, stole quantities of jewelry and money, destroyed household appliances and set fire to property,' it said, outlining three people including a firefighter were injured..."

Pastor: Muslim Prisoners Storm Christian Prayer, Praise Terrorists

September 18, 2018 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “A Christian chaplain at a south London prison had his gatherings stormed by pro-terrorist Muslims and was hounded out his job by an Islamic imam accusing him of extremism.

Pastor Paul Song has now been reinstated at Brixton prison after a review into the allegations, which led to the prison ordering him to leave the voluntary job, the *Mail on Sunday* reports.

He also said he was racially abused because of his Korean origins and prisoners were often forced to convert to

Islam. The Muslim chaplain, appointed in 2015, was ‘physically intimidating’ and complained about his resources: ‘Imam Mohamed’s discriminatory agenda was clear from the outset. He began scrutinising the material for each of our courses, commenting that the material was ‘too radical’, and that the Christian views expressed were ‘extreme’...”

CREEPING SHARIAH

Linda Sarsour: Muslims should not ‘humanize’ Israelis

September 9, 2018 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Left-wing activist Linda Sarsour said that American Muslims should not humanize Israelis during an Islamic conference, the *Algemeiner* reported.

Addressing the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) convention in Houston, Texas, Sarsour accused American Muslims who were not sufficiently active in supporting the Palestinian Arab cause of being ‘complicit in the occupation, of Palestinians, in the murder of Palestinian protesters.’

Sarsour warned against normalization or friendly relations with Israelis. ‘If you’re on the side of the oppressor, or you’re defending the oppressor, or you’re actually trying to humanize the oppressor, then that’s a problem sisters and brothers, and we got to be able to say: that is not the position of the Muslim American community.’...” (The Koran calls Jews “apes” and “pigs” I quote: “...those who incurred the curse of Allah and his wrath...those of whom some he transformed into apes and swines...those who worshipped evil... these are many times worse in rank, and far more astray then the even path” Surah 5:60. See also Surah 7:166.

The American Thinker web page gives the Top ten reasons why sharia is bad for all societies:

1. Islam commands offensive, aggressive and unjust jihad which is a holy war
2. Islam orders apostates to be killed
3. Islam orders death for Muslims and death for non-Muslim critics of Muhammad and the Quran, and even Sharia itself
4. Islam orders unmarried fornicators to be whipped, put to death, and adulterers to be stoned
5. Islam commands all homosexuals to be executed
6. Islam commands that highway robbers should be crucified or mutilated
7. Islam commands that a male and female thief must have a hand cut off
8. Islam allows an injured plaintiff to exact legal revenge, physical eye for physical eye
9. Islam allows husbands to beat their wives
10. Islam commands that drinkers and gamblers be beaten.

See the next two reports.)

Muslims ‘proselytizing’ at U.S. school assemblies

September 10, 2018 -- *WND.com* reports: “Two Muslim organizations are suspected of proselytizing California public school students at assemblies.

The Freedom of Conscience Defense Fund dispatched a records request to the Gilroy Unified School District because of a possible constitutional violation for letting the Muslim groups indoctrinate students.

‘Last year, a Muslim high school student complained to school officials she was bullied after Donald Trump got elected and that she was offended by a class assignment that included a *Fox News* op-ed,’ the legal team explained.

‘After school board members met with the student’s family, the district engaged in ‘great partnerships’ with the Islamic Networks Group (ING) and the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) to conduct ‘Islamophobia’ presentations and lecture students at school assemblies about Islam,’ the group said...”

Honor killing – coming to a neighborhood near you

September 2, 2018 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Ali Mahwood-Awad Irsan, a 60-year-old Jordanian immigrant, was convicted this summer by a Harris County, Texas jury for the ‘honor killings’ of his daughter’s husband, 28-year-old Coty Beavers, and her close friend, Gelareh Bagherzadeh, 30, in two separate shootings in 2012.

Irsan had planned to commit another three murders, intending to kill everyone who helped his daughter leave home to live with the man of her own choice – that is, not someone her father alone decided she was to marry. From the victim’s name, it doesn’t seem he was Muslim, another strike against his continuing to remain alive after taking a female Muslim partner...

Over 17,000 homicides were committed

in the U.S. in 2017 according to statistics released by the FBI last September. So what difference does it make if another murderer is tried and sentenced to death?

There is a vast difference. Murders can occur for many reasons, and a murder victim is just as dead no matter what the reason, but this was a case of honor killing, meaning that the murderer

was continuing a tradition prevalent throughout the Islamic world – where it does not raise eyebrows and is often considered to be justified homicide...”

RUSSIA AND THE KINGS OF THE EAST

Russia to launch biggest war games in its history

September 11, 2018 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “Hundreds of thousands of Russian troops will take part in the country’s largest ever military drills Tuesday, in a massive show of force featuring Chinese soldiers that has rattled the West.

The week-long deployment dubbed ‘Vostok-2018’ (East-2018), which will kick off in eastern Siberia and includes the Chinese and Mongolian armies, has been condemned by NATO as a rehearsal for ‘large-scale conflict’.

President Vladimir Putin is expected to attend Vostok-2018 after hosting an economic forum in Russia’s far eastern city Vladivostok where his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping is one of the prominent guests.

The military exercises come at a time of escalating tensions between Moscow and the West over accusations of Russian interference in western affairs and ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and Syria...” (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 Joins Russia for Massive Wargame as Xi Meets with Putin

September 13, 2018 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Russia’s biggest military exercise since the end of the Cold War is now underway, with a sizable contingent of elite Chinese and Mongolian troops participating.

Chinese President Xi Jinping met with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Vladivostok on Tuesday for a bilateral summit on the sidelines of the Eastern Economic Forum.

The five-day military exercise, held near Russia’s border with China, is scheduled to conclude on September 17. The event marks the first-time foreign troops from beyond the Soviet military alliance have been invited to participate in a major Russian drill. Xi’s attendance in Vladivostok was the first time a Chinese leader has participated in the Eastern Economic Forum.

Not only is the wargame intended to demonstrate the close relationship between China and Russia, but analysts told the *Wall Street Journal* it will give the rapidly modernizing Chinese military invaluable experience at operating on foreign soil...”

Russian Nuclear Bombers Intercepted Near Alaska

September 7, 2018 -- *The Washington Free Beacon* reports: “Two Russian nuclear-capable bombers were intercepted by American F-22 jets near Alaska on Saturday, the North American

Aerospace Defense Command disclosed. The bombers were detected flying near the Aleutian Islands, said Michael Kucharek, a spokesman for the Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD).

‘Two Alaskan-based NORAD F-22 fighters intercepted and visually identified two Tu-95 ‘Bear’ long-range bomber aircraft flying in the Alaskan Air Defense Identification Zone, south of the Aleutian Islands,’ he told the *Free Beacon...*” **(I began preaching on the coming war with Russia in 1958. The message brought tens of thousands to our 800 church revivals and ten million to 220 mass city-wide crusades in America’s and Canada’s major cities. Fifty-seven years later I have not had to change one detail in this Holy Spirit directed and empowered message. This war is soon to take place – Ezekiel 38:1, 2, 5, 8, 16; Ezekiel 39: 1, 2, 12, and 13. Soon World War III, Armageddon will occur. I believe the Rapture will happen before this climactic war – “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. See the next report.)**

Russian military successfully test-fires new interceptor missile

September 5, 2018 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "According to the Russian Defense Ministry's statement, the new missile interceptor has reliably confirmed its performance specifications and successfully accomplished the set task by destroying a simulated target with a required accuracy.

'An air and missile defense unit of the Russian Aerospace Forces has carried out another successful test of a new interceptor missile at the Sary Shagan anti-ballistic missile testing range in Kazakhstan,' the ministry said in a statement.

In April, Russian Defense Ministry reported that a new upgraded anti-ballistic missile system designed to protect Moscow against air and space attacks, as well as to carry out tasks in the interests of missile attack warning systems and control of outer space, has been successfully tested in Kazakhstan..."

Risk of South China Sea Strife if Beijing Attempts Defense Zone

September 14, 2018 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "An air defense zone declared by Beijing, or any effort to stop civilian ship traffic, would raise the risk of conflict in the disputed South China Sea after years of calm, because either move would inconvenience day-to-day operations, scholars who follow the region say.

Five other militarily weaker maritime claimants have watched without major protest as China tests bombers, holds naval drills and considers nuclear power stations in the 3.5 million-square-kilometer sea. Last week Chinese news media reported tests of the country's first domestically made seaplane, for possible use in the disputed waterway.

But other governments — Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam — would step up their protests if Beijing declared an air defense identification zone or began forcibly directing traffic of the numerous privately owned ships that transit the sea, said Alexander Huang, strategic studies professor at Tamkang University in Taiwan..." **China unites with Russia**

for World War III – Ezekiel 38:1, 2, 8, 16; and Daniel 11:44; Revelation 16:12 and Revelation 9:14. See the next report.)

Japan claims China 'escalating' military actions

September 3, 2018 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: "Japan's defence chief on Monday warned the country faces a tough security environment, with China and Russia stepping up military activity and North Korea posing 'imminent threats'.

Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera said China had been 'unilaterally escalating' its military activities in the past year, including carrying out new airborne operations around Japan and running a nuclear submarine near disputed East Coast isles.

'China has been rapidly improving its military strength and fast increasing its military activities,' Onodera told an annual gathering of the top brass of Japan's Self-Defense Forces.

'It is unilaterally escalating its military activities in the sea and aviation spaces around our country. This has become a significant concern for our country's defence,' he said..."

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Palestinians would destroy Israel if they could

September 7, 2018 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Israeli Jews believe that residents of the Palestinian Authority have not come to terms with Israel's existence and would destroy the Jewish state if given the opportunity to do so – yet remain strongly divided on the issue of Palestinian statehood, a new poll shows.

According to the latest Peace Index survey by the Israel Democracy Institute and Tel Aviv University, a solid majority of both Israeli Arabs and Jews

agree with the statement that 'Most of the Palestinians have not come to terms with Israel's existence and would destroy it if they could.'

Nearly two-thirds (65.6%) of Israeli Jews and well over half (57.6%) of Israeli Arabs say they agreed with the above statement..." (They can't. **Israel is the apple of God's eye – Zechariah 2:8, and His elect – Isaiah 42:1; 45:4; 65:22. Satan and Satanically controlled humans have always sought after ways to annihilate the Jews – I Chronicles 21:1. There will be a final attempt by Islamic terrorists and armies – Psalm 83:4**

– but Israel, God's Chosen People – Deuteronomy 7:7,8 – has the Lord's promise recorded in Isaiah 56:5 stating: "I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name." See the next four reports.)

Arab League urges pressure on Israel

September 17, 2018 -- *Israel National News* reports: "The Arab League on Sunday urged the international community to exert immediate pressure on Israel to halt the demolition of the illegal Bedouin outpost of Khan Al-Ahmar.

Khan al-Ahmar was built in the 1990s on land belonging to the Israeli town of Kfar Adumim, east of Jerusalem. The encampment is home to some 170 Bedouin, who have expanded the community in recent years with the aid of foreign governments.

Israeli courts approved the outpost's demolition, but in July the Supreme Court froze plans to evacuate Khan al-Ahmar, pending an appeal by residents. Israeli security forces had been preparing for the planned demolition, which was set to commence just hours before the court intervened.

Two weeks ago, however, the Supreme Court ruled against the residents, rejecting their claims and clearing the way for Khan al-Ahmar's evacuation..."

'Prevent situation where Iran surrounds Israel'

September 20, 2018 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Political Security Cabinet member Minister Naftali Bennett referred today to the tension between Russia and Israel after a Russian plane was shot down by Syrian anti-aircraft fire during an airstrike in Latakia on Monday.

'We want to prevent a situation where Iran envelops the State of Israel in its arms. Of course we express regret over the downing of the Russian plane; we have mechanisms to prevent such incidents and we'll reinforce them. In the end, the one who downed the plane was Syria,' Bennett said on *Army Radio*. 'The mechanism for preventing friction between the IDF and the Russian army is operational, and it's worked very well until now. When the Syrian army launched the missiles at the plane, our planes were no longer in the area. Russia has its interests and Israel has its own. In the end, we need to act with determination and consistency.'..."

Rouhani urges Iran's army to increase power

September 10, 2018 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Sunday

urged Iran's armed forces to increase their power to 'scare off' the enemy, *Reuters* reported.

His statement came just before Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards said it fired seven missiles in an attack on Iraq-based Iranian Kurdish dissidents that killed at least 11 people on Saturday.

'Increase your power as much as you can, because your power scares off the enemy and forces it to retreat,' Khamenei said at a graduation ceremony for cadets of Iran's regular armed forces.

'Iran and the Iranian nation have resisted America and proven that, if a nation is not afraid of threats by bullies and relies on its own capabilities, it can force the superpowers to retreat and defeat them,' Khamenei added, according to *Reuters*..."

Nasrallah: Hezbollah maintains advanced missiles despite Israeli strike

September 20, 2018 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah claimed on Thursday that the balance of power between the Lebanese Shi'ite terror group and Israel has 'changed,' and that the group has accurate missiles which would be used in the next conflict.

'All your attempts to prevent Hezbollah from possessing accurate missiles are foiled,' Nasrallah said during a speech via video to Beirut's Dahiyeh suburb to mark the Muslim holiday Ashura. 'We have accurate missiles that if used in any future war will change the entire equation.'

'No matter what you do to cut the route, the matter is over and the resistance possesses precision and non-precision rockets and weapons capabilities,' he said.

Israel has reiterated its view several times on any transfer of advanced weaponry to Hezbollah as a 'red line' and will work to prevent any such movement..."

Hezbollah commander: 'Preparing surprises for enemy'

September 16, 2018 -- *Israel National News* reports: "A Lebanon Hezbollah military camp commander expressed confidence with regard to Israel during press coverage of the camp he commands.

A pro-Hezbollah Lebanese newspaper *Al-Akhbar* correspondent visited the camp and heard the commander's words, which were translated by MEMRI Institute investigators. He stated his organization was prepared for a new war with Israel and that they had 'many surprises for the enemy'.

In the interview, the commander told the reporter about a month ago, at a meeting of Hezbollah Secretary-General Hassan Nasrallah with the organization's military commanders, it was said that Hezbollah was well aware of IDF force deployment and war preparations, stating the possibility that in the next war, the organization's operatives will succeed in infiltrating into Israel and Judea and Samaria..." *(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. – Psalm 2:1-4.)*

'Jewish prayers on Temple Mount insult Al-Aqsa'

September 20, 2018 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Muslim organizations call for general mobilization by their public to 'protect' Al-Aqsa Mosque from a 'settler invasion' into the mosque area in coming days.

Palestinian Authority Religious Endowments and Religious Affairs Minister Sheikh Yusuf Aidees said Jewish intrusion incidents into the mosque are a 'dangerous escalation'

and ‘insult the feelings of millions of Muslims not only in Palestine but in the entire world.’

He warned that these actions directed against the ‘holy sites of Islam’ could drag the region into a security escalation and intensify religious and national rage...” (As I reported in the July 2018 *Van Impe Intelligence Briefing* in Genesis 22:1-14 God commanded Abraham to bring his son Isaac to the land of Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice there. As he was about to complete the sacrifice, God stopped him and provided a ram as a substitutionary sacrifice. In I Chronicles 21:18 – 26, King David purchased this mount so he could build an altar to offer a sacrifice when he confessed his sin. This was the location where the angel of the Lord was commanded to stop the destruction of Jerusalem [I Chronicles 21:15]. In II Chronicles 3:1, King Solomon built the First Temple on Mount Moriah, this was started in 966 BC. This Temple stood until 586 BC when it was destroyed by the Babylonians. The Second Temple was built in 516 BC and enlarged by Herod the Great in 12 BC. It stood until it was destroyed by the Romans in AD 70. The Dome of the Rock was built in AD 692, and the Al Aqsa Mosque was not built until AD 705. It is obvious who has the rightful claim to the Temple Mount. See the next report.)

More incitement: ‘Al-Aqsa Mosque will come under suicide attack’

September 20, 2018 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Islamic Movement in Israel deputy head Kamal al-Khatib, whose organization was outlawed in 2015, says there is a reasonable possibility the al-Aqsa Mosque will be attacked with a missile or a bomb. In an interview with the Hamas newspaper *Felesteen* yesterday,

Khatib said an attack could be carried out against the Al-Aqsa mosque by a suicide pilot or launching missiles from ‘occupation ammunition stockpiles’. According to him, the probability of such a scenario increases because of political and religious support for extremist groups in Israel...”

Michigan Democrat: Hamas legitimate – Israel is the aggressor

September 5, 2018 -- *Israel National News* reports: “The Democratic ticket in Michigan’s gubernatorial race has come under fire again, after it was revealed that the nominee for Lieutenant Governor made statements condemning Israel and legitimizing the Hamas terrorist organization.

This after the gubernatorial candidate refused to denounce the anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement at a meeting with voters late last month.

Last month, Michigan Democrats nominated former county prosecutor and former Minority Leader of the Michigan Senate Gretchen Whitmer for this November’s gubernatorial race. Joining Whitmer on the ticket is Garlin Gilchrist, a political activist from Detroit and self-described ‘nonprofit leader’, who is running for Lieutenant Governor...” (Genesis 15:18 states: *“In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates”* and in Joshua 1:4 we read: *“From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.”* These verses encompass all of the land modern Israel currently possesses, plus all of the land of the Palestinians (the West Bank and Gaza), plus some of Egypt and Syria, plus all of Jordan, plus some of Saudi

Arabia and Iraq. Israel currently possesses only a fraction of the land God has promised.)

In tacit threat, Israel releases satellite photos of Syrian presidential palace

September 17, 2018 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “Israel on Monday released photographs taken by its newest spy satellite of sites located deep inside Syria, including Syrian dictator Bashar Assad’s palace, in an apparent threat to the regime.

The images, taken by the Ofek 11 spy satellite, were released by the Defense Ministry to mark 30 years since Israel’s first orbital launch on September 19, 1988.

The three photographs released by the ministry showed the Syrian Presidential Palace, also known as the Palace of the People; tanks on a Syrian military base; and the Damascus international airport, which was reportedly targeted by an Israeli missile strike on Saturday night.

The publication of the images could be seen as both a show of strength and a tacit threat to Syria, where Israel has routinely conducted air raids against Iranian targets — over 200 of them since 2017, according to the Israel Defense Forces...” (Isaiah 17:1 states: *“The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.”* Damascus is widely believed to be the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world, but God’s Word declares that will end.)