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# A WORLDWIDE CALIPHATE

**Islamic State on Caliphate Fall: 'What Is Our Crime? We Just Wanted to Apply Sharia'**

March 17, 2019 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “The Islamic State (ISIS/ISIL), even as its so-called caliphate continues to crumble, disseminated a new propaganda film this week urging the jihadi remnants in the group’s last sliver of land in Syria not to worry about their possible demise because they will end up in ‘paradise’ while their enemies will go to ‘hell.’

‘Tomorrow, God willing, we will be in paradise and they will be burning in hell,’ an ISIS militant identified as Abu Abd al-Azeem in the video said, *Reuters* reported Wednesday as the fighting continued.

Al-Azeem later argued that all ISIS wanted to do is apply God’s law in the form of sharia, a strict set of Islamic rules accused of undermining women’s rights...

In the video, the jihadi group also urges its followers in ISIS’s ever-shrinking pocket of land in the Syrian village of Baghouz to ‘keep reciting your prayers and ask for forgiveness.’

‘Repent and ask God for forgiveness, oh servants of God, for perhaps the Almighty will find a way out for us,’ the video notes...” **(I have mentioned this numerous times, but it is worth**

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

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

See the next report.)

**Chicago imam: Islamic caliphate our ultimate aim**

March 3, 2019 -- *WND.com* reports: “While Muslim clerics in the United

States typically insist they submit to the U.S. Constitution, an Illinois cleric chastised Islamic relief organizations for not stating that an Islamic caliphate is the ultimate objective for Muslims.

Omar Baloch said many Islamic organizations are afraid of losing funding if they are too vocal about the establishment of a caliphate.

‘We all have a higher goal ... that is bigger than us, and that is the establishment of the caliphate,’ he said in a video uploaded to his YouTube channel Jan. 29 titled ‘Constructive Criticism of Islamic Relief Organizations,’ according to the Middle East Media Research Institute. Jihad Watch Director Robert Spencer commented that in Sunni Islamic theology, the caliphate is ‘the sole legitimate government to which Muslims owe loyalty.’...”

**Crumbling Islamic State Tells Jihadists: Attack 'Europe, the World' to Avenge Losses**

March 14, 2019 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Besieged Islamic State terrorists in eastern Syria on Wednesday called on jihadists around the world in general – and Europe in particular – to carry out attacks to avenge their devastating losses.

The once mighty group tried to define

itself for the future ahead of the end of its once vaunted ‘caliphate’, depicting its crumbling domain as the one place ruled by ‘God’s law’ and promising it would one day be victorious.

The exhortation came in an audio recording and video released online by militants said to be inside the village of Baghouz, where they have been besieged for weeks and, in the past few days, under stepped up assault and bombardment by the U.S.-backed

Syrian Democratic Forces.

In one minute and a half long message, an unidentified Islamic State militant calls on Muslim ‘brothers, in Europe and in the whole world’ to ‘rise against the Crusaders and ... take revenge for your religion.’ As the man speaks, cracks of gunfire can be heard in the background, apparently meant to suggest that he is in Baghouz. He said men, women and children in Baghouz are being subjected to a ‘holocaust by the Crusaders,’ which

is militant jargon for the U.S.-led coalition against IS...” **(Romans 3:13 – 18 describes the barbaric acts of the murderous Islamic terrorists found in 47 different groups: “Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes.”)**

## RUSSIA AND THE KINGS OF THE EAST

### **U.S. Commander: Russian Modernization Efforts ‘Threaten to Erode’ U.S. Military Advantage in Europe**

**March 6, 2019** -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “The top U.S. commander in Europe on Tuesday declared that American and NATO troops could not yet mount a credible deterrence against Russian aggression, noting that the Kremlin’s efforts to modernize its armed forces are eroding the United States’ military advantage in Europe.

Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, the U.S. European Command (EUCOM) head and NATO’s supreme allied commander, identified a lack of manpower, naval capability shortfalls, and inadequate intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) capacity as reasons why American and NATO troops are unable to handle the credible deterrence against Russian aggression.

The general’s comments came as he testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee about American military activities in Europe, telling lawmakers the United States needs to follow in the footsteps of American rival Russia and modernize its force...” **(Russia is warming up for Armageddon. Soon a peace program will be contracted for the Middle East nations – Daniel 11: 21, 24. It will be a peace contract for seven years but broken after 42 months – Daniel 9:27. Russia is the nation that then says: “...I will go up to the land of unwallled villages; I will go to them that**

*are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations...” – Ezekiel 38:11, 12.)*

### **Russia Is Turning Up Its Nuclear Rhetoric. That’s a Problem**

**March 20, 2019** -- *DefenseOne.com* reports: “In the past 20 years, American presidents have devoted precisely 38 words — combined — in their State of the Union addresses to supporting the country’s nuclear deterrent. President Trump’s 2018 contribution — ‘As part of our defense, we must modernize and rebuild our nuclear arsenal, hopefully never having to use it, but making it so strong and powerful that it will deter any acts of aggression’ — was just the deterrent’s second SOTU mention since the Cold War.

In stark contrast, Russian President Vladimir Putin recently blew past this mark in one paragraph. His latest speech to the Federal Assembly, roughly the Russian equivalent to the State of the Union, ultimately delivered more than a half-dozen paragraphs on Russian nuclear capabilities, and another half-dozen hypocritically accusing the United States of violating the Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

And that is no aberration. In last year’s speech, Putin spent even more time on the subject, extolling, and playing

animated videos of five new Russian strategic weapons. If anything, his speech this year, which introduced just one hypersonic missile, displayed a Russian version of restraint.

Such bluster is nothing new for Russian leaders, but its increasingly ‘nuclear’ nature and the range of actions it threatens is a new and worrying development. For example, a Russian defense official reportedly threatened to add Norway to their list for nuclear attack if it participated in a joint military exercise involving only 300...” **(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.)**

## North Korea 'missile launch' plans under scrutiny as concern mounts

**March 12, 2019** -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: "South Korea's military said Monday it was closely monitoring North Korean facilities after a series of satellite images triggered international alarm that Pyongyang might be preparing a long-range missile or space launch.

Any launch would send the stuttering talks on denuclearisation into disarray, after a high-stakes second summit between Donald Trump and Kim Jong Un collapsed last month without a deal. But some analysts suggest the North might be stage-managing activity at certain key sites, to stoke concern and secure 'better terms' when the two sides next meet.

Washington wants what administration officials have called a 'big deal', with the complete elimination of weapons of mass destruction in return for the dropping of sanctions that have strangled the isolated North's economy. North Korea favours a more step-by-step approach, with Kim proposing dismantling its Yongbyon nuclear complex in exchange for lifting the main sanctions — a notion Trump refused in Hanoi despite the vaunted 'chemistry' between the pair..." (**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 – Psalms 97:3; Isaiah 66:15; Joel 2:3, 30; Zephaniah 1:18; Malachi 4:1; Revelation 8:7 and 9:18.**)

## China is overtaking U.S. in artificial intelligence

**March 15, 2019** -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: "China is poised to overtake the United States in artificial intelligence with a surge in academic research on the key technology, an analysis published Wednesday showed.

The analysis by the Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence showed China has already surpassed the U.S. in published papers on AI — although many of these were considered 'medium-quality' or 'low-quality.'

But the researchers said China is likely to top the U.S. in the most-cited 50 percent of papers this year, the most-cited 10 percent of papers next year, and in the top one percent by 2025.

The findings highlight concerns in Washington and Silicon Valley that China is racing ahead of the U.S. in key areas of technology such as autonomous vehicles, virtual reality and fifth-generation wireless networks..." (**China will become a basic partner with Russia for the rapidly approaching battle of Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Russia will lead invasion number one – Ezekiel 38 & 39. China will lead invasion number two – Revelation 16:12; Revelation 9:14 – 16. Then all nations will come against Jerusalem for the final invasion at which point Jesus will return to stop the bloodshed and set up his eternal kingdom upon earth – "[He gathers] all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken... Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south" – Zechariah 14:2 – 4. Then Psalm 2:6 occurs as God the Father says: "...I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion [Jerusalem]"**)

## U.S. should verify Chinese lunar activity not military related says U.S. official

**March 13, 2019** -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: "The United States should monitor China's activity on the far side of the Moon to ensure there is no military activity, U.S. Space Integrated Planning Element chief Joseph Guzman said during a panel discussion on space support to air and missile defence on 12 March.

'If the Chinese are in fact putting a military base on the moon, I'm sure they wouldn't admit it... They certainly have the technological prowess to do this and the will', Guzman said. 'I think

we should actually establish some kind of way to verify what exactly is going on in the far side of the Moon and it's probably not good enough to just believe what the Chinese tell us'.

Guzman said establishing a military capability on a celestial object would be in violation of the Outer Space Treaty of 1967.

In early January, the Chinese lunar mission Chang'e-4 successfully landed on the far side of the Moon for the first time in history..." (**Jesus said: "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.**)

## U.S. accuses Russia, China of undermining space peace push

**March 20, 2019** -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: "The U.S. on Tuesday accused Russia and China of raising the risk of conflict in space, notably by developing anti-satellite weapons, as diplomats held talks on a treaty to keep space peaceful.

The closed-door negotiations in Geneva involving experts from 25 governments — including the U.S., China and Russia — are aimed at laying the groundwork for a legally-binding text to prevent an arms race in outer space.

Beijing and Moscow pushed for the discussions that run through March 28, which experts have said may show results despite the grim climate for disarmament diplomacy.

But addressing the United Nations Conference on Disarmament, U.S. assistant secretary of state Yleem Poblete questioned whether China and Russia were sincerely committed to the talks.

'How can we believe (Russia is) serious about preventing an arms race in outer space when they are the ones that are

developing ground-launched anti-satellite weapons?’ Poblete asked...”

**U.S. space to counter alleged hypersonic weapons threat says Shanahan**

**March 21, 2019** -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “The United States will use its new space force military branch to counter the alleged threat of hypersonic weapons systems that are being

developed by China and Russia, Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan said on Wednesday.

‘We put together a roadmap, and the roadmap was about how do we leverage space to reduce threats to the United States,’ Shanahan said during an event at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. ‘The first element on the roadmap is how do we counter hypersonics that are

a risk to our men and women and to our homeland.’

Earlier in the day, speaking about the U.S. decision to create a new separate Space Force, citing alleged threats from China and Russia, Chinese Foreign Ministry’s spokesman Geng Shuang accused Washington of ‘aspirations to establish unilateral military supremacy and to carry out research and develop advanced weapons.’...”

# TEMPLE MOUNT TROUBLES

**PA Mufti: Al-Aqsa belongs only to Muslims**

**March 13, 2019** -- *Israel National News* reports: “Sheikh Muhammad Hussein, the Grand Mufti of Al-Quds and ‘Palestine’ and a preacher at the Al-Aqsa Mosque, said Tuesday that the Al-Aqsa Mosque is a Muslim right since it is an Islamic mosque, adding that Muslims have the right to practice in it without the intervention of any party.

‘We will act against any Israeli move against the Al-Aqsa Mosque because the Al-Aqsa Mosque belongs to Muslims only,’ Sheikh Hussein said in an official statement to the *Filastin al-Yawm* website.

Sheikh Hussein regularly threatens Israel, having last year warned about the repeated ‘break-ins’ of ‘settlers’ to the area of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, accompanied by Israeli security.

Hussein declared at the time that attempts to break into the Al-Aqsa Mosque would not change the Arab and Islamic character of Jerusalem.

In a message to Israel, Hussein warned that continued attempts to break into Al-Aqsa may lead the region to a religious war because they undermine the faith of Muslims around the world...” (The **Gatestone Institute**, in an article entitled: **The Quran Says Jerusalem Belongs to the Jews** – <https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/11680/quran-jerusalem-jews> states: “...Although ordinary Muslims who might not actually have read their holy book could be excused for their ignorance about the Jewish roots of and rights to

Israel and Jerusalem, the same cannot be said for the leaders of Muslim countries, imams and the heads of illustrious Islamic institutions. Dignitaries and scholars of that caliber should know better. Yet many of them repeat false assertions that contradict the Quran and scholarly interpretations of its verses.

**The fact is that the Quran does not mention Jerusalem or Palestine. It does refer to the sanctity of other holy places, such as Mecca — which is called the “Mother of Cities” — where the Prophet Muhammad was born and where the house of God was built by Abraham, the “father of the prophets.”**

**The Quran also mentions the city of Yathrib [Medina], where the Prophet Mohammed emigrated after he was persecuted in Mecca, and the location of his grave and the Prophet’s Mosque...”**

**930 times God promises Jerusalem forever to the Jews. God promised to Abraham: “...I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed” – Genesis 12:2, 3. Soon all Hell will break loose in the Middle East. Joel 3:2 warns today’s politicians that World War III occurs because of parting God’s land. It won’t succeed. Christ will return, stop the horrendous war and reign over the world from the Throne of David in Jerusalem forever – Revelation 11:18; Luke 1:32, 33. See the next two reports.)**

**PA: Israel has no authority on Temple Mount**

**March 18, 2019** -- *Israel National News* reports: “Adnan al-Husayni, the Palestinian Authority (PA) official in charge of Jerusalem affairs, on Sunday described the Israeli court’s decision ordering the closure of the Golden Gate on the Temple Mount ‘void, invalid and worthless.’

In a statement, Husayni said in response to the court’s decision that non-Muslims have no authority to make decisions regarding the Temple Mount, and that only the Waqf has this authority.

‘The decision was made as part of the election campaign in Israel and within the framework of the aspirations of extremist Israeli elements in the Al-Aqsa Mosque, and therefore it carries many dangers,’ he wrote. ‘The Al-Aqsa Mosque and its area of 144 dunams belongs exclusively to Muslims, and an Israeli law or court have no authority over it.’

Husayni added that the Israeli court’s decision was ‘a recipe for a religious war that the right-wing Israeli elements are pushing towards, because no Muslim will agree to an aggressive and dangerous decision that has been made as part of a long series of Israeli attacks against the mosque.’...”

**Jerusalem court orders closure of disputed building on Temple Mount**

**March 17, 2019** -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “A Jerusalem court on Sunday ordered the temporary closure of a

building at the center of rising tensions on the city's Temple Mount in recent weeks. The Jerusalem Magistrate's Court said the building known as the Gate of Mercy or Golden Gate on the Temple Mount should be closed while legal proceedings continue.

The site's administrator, the Waqf religious organization, was given 60 days to respond.

The Jordanian Foreign Ministry rapped the decision, arguing that the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court did not even have the authority to rule on matters pertaining

to the Temple Mount because it is 'occupied territory.'

'East Jerusalem, which includes the Al-Aqsa Mosqua, is part of the Palestinian lands occupied since 1967. The area is not subject to Israeli law,' Amman said in a statement...'

# PSALM 83:4

## **'If someone drops nuclear bomb on Israel, I wouldn't care'**

**March 5, 2019** -- *Israel National News* reports: "Palestinian Arab journalist Dr. Nasser Al-Laham recently said that Israel has become so arrogant that one day someone angry will drop a nuclear bomb on it.

Nasser added that on that day, he will write an article titled 'Lo Ichpat Li,' which means 'I don't care' in Hebrew.

The comments were made in a video that was uploaded to the *Maan* news agency's YouTube channel on January 16, 2019. They were translated by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI)... (Almighty God has stated: "...I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off" – Isaiah 56:5. Everlasting means everlasting. God promised to Abraham in Genesis 22:17: "...in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore..." "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.)

## **Philadelphia Imam: 'The Jews are the vilest people'**

**March 8, 2019** -- *Israel National News* reports: "Imam Abdelmohsen Abouhatab, who is of Egyptian origin, delivered several anti-Semitic sermons at the Al-Aqsa Islamic Society in Philadelphia, PA, reports the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI).

He said the Jews are the vilest people in terms of their nature and moral values and that the 'nefarious' Jewish media causes people to see Muslims as 'oppressive and predatory lions.' He said that the 'enemies of Allah' are ordering heads of state to come to the Knesset, where they sit and 'plot against their people, according to what the others want.'

Abouhatab then told his audience that in one of Israel's wars, former Israeli PM Menachem Begin had once made bets on whether a pregnant woman was carrying a boy or a girl before slitting her belly open to find out.

Abouhatab added: 'If faith had taken root in our hearts... we would have imposed the word of Islam upon the world...' (This is nothing new, all throughout history the Jewish people have long been blamed for all of the world's ills. 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 report.)

## **'The PA celebrates attacks on Jews'**

**March 18, 2019** -- *The Times of Israel* reports: "U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman excoriated the Palestinian Authority and the Hamas terrorist organization Monday, denouncing their support for terror attacks on Israeli Jews.

In a tweet Monday, Friedman said that while Israel aggressively prosecutes its citizens who engage in nationalistically-motivated attacks, the Palestinian Authority celebrates Arab terrorists, and even provides them with funding after they've been captured.

'Israelis attacking Palestinians are condemned, prosecuted and incarcerated by the Israeli government,' Friedman tweeted.

'Palestinians attacking Israelis are celebrated, compensated and venerated by the PA leadership and/or Hamas. And there lies the problem.'...'

## **Iranian Commander: All of Israel within reach of Hezbollah's missiles**

**March 19, 2019** -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "All of Israel is within range of Hezbollah's missiles, Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Maj.-Gen. Mohammad Ali

Jafari said in an interview with Iranian media on Sunday.

‘The current status quo and the current capabilities of the Resistance Front of the Islamic Revolution are all the unique accomplishments of the Islamic Revolution which cannot be verbally described and they rather should be sensed,’ he said in an interview with the Persian-language *Soroush Magazine*.

‘While they once dreamed of their territorial expansion from the Nile River to the Euphrates River, and they were after realizing this wish in the past 50 years, today you can see that they have been unable to expand their land even for an inch; they even have lost some of the territories they had already occupied and are under full siege from

all around their borders,’ he continued.

Israel and Hezbollah last fought a war – the Second Lebanon War – in 2006, and has since then morphed from a guerrilla group to an army with a set hierarchy and procedures. With the help of Iran, it has rebuilt its arsenal since 2006 and has hundreds of thousands of short-range rockets and several thousand more missiles that can reach deeper into Israel...” (*“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.)

# THE IRANIAN THREAT

## **U.S. says Iran missile program destabilizing Middle East**

**March 20, 2019** -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “A senior U.S. arms control official said on Tuesday that Iran’s missile program is destabilizing the Middle East and raising the risk of a ‘regional arms race’ through the provision of such weapons to armed groups in Lebanon and Yemen.

U.S. President Donald Trump said when he quit a landmark 2015 deal that lifted international sanctions against Iran in exchange for limits on its nuclear activities that it failed to rein in Iran’s missile program or curb its regional meddling.

The United States has accused Iran of defying a U.N. Security Council resolution by carrying out a ballistic missile test and two satellite launches since December.

‘Iran’s missile program is a key contributor to increased tensions and destabilization in the region, increasing the risk of a regional arms race,’ Yleem Poblete, Assistant Secretary of State for Arms Control, Verification and Compliance, said in a speech to the U.N.-sponsored Conference on Disarmament.

‘Iran must immediately cease activities related to ballistic missiles designed to be capable of delivering nuclear weapons, and halt the proliferation of missiles and missile technology to terror groups and other non-state actors,’ she said, denouncing Iran’s support to the Houthi movement in Yemen and to Hezbollah in Lebanon...” (**Iran’s goal is found in Psalm 83:4: “Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.”** As I have emphatically stated before – it won’t happen. **God has promised: “...I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off”** – Isaiah 56:5.)

## **Iran Building Two New Nuclear Plants**

**March 19, 2019** -- *The Washington Free Beacon* reports: “Iranian leaders announced on Monday the construction of two new nuclear plants, and it remains unclear if the Trump administration views this as crossing a red line since its abandonment of the landmark nuclear deal, which included provisions permitting Iran to work on heavy water nuclear reactors that could provide a plutonium-based pathway to a bomb. On the same day it announced these

new nuclear reactors, which are being built in conjunction with Russia, Iran announced it would be filing papers accusing the United States of ‘crimes against humanity.’

The new nuclear moves are rattling congressional Iran hawks, who have been critical of a series of waivers issued by the Trump administration permitting Iran to continue engaging in nuclear research, including at an underground site that once housed the regime’s nuclear weapons program.

It remains unclear if the Trump administration will move to block this activity and sanction any international company that aids Iran in the construction of the new nuclear reactors...” (**Nuclear war is part of the battle of the ages – 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 two reports.)**

### **Growing suspicion: Iran to manufacture missiles in Syria**

**March 14, 2019** -- *Israel National News* reports: “Suspensions that Iran is building a plant to manufacture precision missiles in Syria continue to grow.

ImageSat International has published satellite images showing the factory building in Syria, where a missile manufacturing plant is apparently being built.

This is a factory located in the city of Safita, located in north-eastern Syria. The activity that took place around it, according to the analysis of the pictures, increases the fear that this is an Iranian operation. The pictures also showed the movement of vehicles loaded with rocket launchers.

The pictures show three hangars in the factory around which there has been vigorous activity throughout the last few months...”

### **50 Iranian drones conduct massive ‘way to Jerusalem’ exercise**

**March 14, 2019** -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Iran’s Defense Ministry announced on Thursday that it had launched a massive exercise involving 50 drones that are based on a U.S. Sentinel drone the Iranians captured in 2011. The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps said it was the strongest exercise of its kind to date.

Named ‘Beit al-Maqdis,’ a reference to Jerusalem, the operation was attended by the commander of the IRGC, Hossein Salami, and IRGC Aerospace Force commander Amir Ali Hajizadeh. *Fars News* and *Tasnim News* both reported details of the operation, noting that, ‘for the first time, 50 Iranian drones on the RQ-170 [U.S. Sentinel] model operated with a number of assault and combat drones.’

It was the first time, Iran says, that so many drones operated simultaneously in an ‘offensive operation’ at distances of more than 1,000 km away from each other. They trained to strike predetermined targets with ‘high precision.’ IRGC Ground Force commander Maj.-Gen. Golam Ali Rashid boasted that while the U.S. has said Iran is failing 40 years after the Islamic Revolution, in fact ‘today we are witnessing the strongest maneuvers of the IRGC’s Aerospace Forces.’ Enemies would be ‘humiliated and feel shame,’ according to the statement...”

### **Top Iranian Gen.: U.S. Is ‘Defeated,’ Israel ‘Struggling to Survive,’ Saudis Awaiting Death**

**March 1, 2019** -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “A deputy commander of Iran’s terror-linked Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) in a recent speech boasted about waging jihad against its enemies, claiming that the United States ‘has been defeated,’ Israel is ‘struggling to survive,’ and the Sunni Saudi Arabia regime will not last, a non-profit group that monitors Middle East media reported this week.

‘America, too, is distressed today, It does not have the appearance of a world power at all – America, too, has been defeated,’ Gen. Hossein Salami, a deputy commander of the IRGC, declared after saying the Saudi regime is awaiting death.

‘The Zionist regime is struggling to survive by using psychological warfare. Our enemies have despaired. They are helpless,’ he added, referring to Shiite Iran’s mortal enemy Israel.

The Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) learned from the state-run *Islamic Republic of Iran News Network (IRINN) TV* that the deputy commander of the IRGC made those comments during a speech aired on February 19.

‘We are planning to break America, Israel, and their partners and allies. Our ground forces should cleanse the planet from the filth of their existence,’ the IRGC deputy commander vowed...”

(As I mentioned earlier in this briefing, Revelation 9: 14 – 18 is the prophecy describing Armageddon: “...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.” The good news is that I dogmatically believe that this battle is fought after the Rapture: “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; “...I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter” – Revelation 4:1; “...the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord” – I Thessalonians 4:16 – 18. Rest upon God’s Word: “Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ” – Titus 2:13. See the next report.)

### **Rouhani urges Iranians to ‘put all your curses on Zionists, U.S.’**

**March 18, 2019** -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “Iran’s president urged Iranians Monday to put a curse on the United States, Israel and Saudi Arabia — blaming the U.S. and its allies for his

country's ailing economy.

Monday's televised remarks by Hassan Rouhani were meant to deflect criticism of his administration's performance amid a spiraling economy after the Trump

administration pulled out of the nuclear deal and re-imposed sanctions on Tehran last year, targeting Iran's vital oil sector.

Rouhani urged Iranians to 'put all your curses on those who created

the current situation' and added that 'the United States, the Zionists' and Saudi Arabia were to blame.

He didn't say what kind of curses the Iranians should invoke..."

# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

## **Report: Christian Persecution in India Jumps by 57% in 2019**

**March 21, 2019** -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Hate crimes and targeted violence against Christians in India during the first two months of 2019 showed a jump of 57 percent over the same period in 2018, a new report revealed.

During January and February, 77 incidents of 'hate and targeted violence against Christians' were documented in India as compared with the 49 cases recorded during the same period last year, according to the Religious Liberty Commission of the Evangelical Fellowship of India (EFI).

The EFI report said that the official figures are invariably low, because most cases of persecution go unreported, either because the victim and witnesses are too frightened to speak out, or because the police ignore the harassment and fail to file mandatory First Information Reports.

The sharp rise in Christian persecution for 2019 had already been forecast by Release International, a U.K.-based charity that helps persecuted Christians around the world, which warned in early January that persecution against Christians would rise this year, particularly in a few key nations, including India.

'These are countries that have long been on the list but we're seeing an upwards curve, an alarming rise in persecution,' said Andrew Boyd, spokesman for Release International, underscoring India's 'militant Hinduism.'...'' **(In Acts 5, the high priest and the Sadducees arrested Peter and the Apostles and put them in prison. The Angel of the Lord**

opened the prison door to release them and told them to "Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life" [Acts 5:20]. The captain and his officers brought them back before the council who stated: "...Did we not straitly command you that ye should not teach in his 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 man" [Acts 5:28, 29]. After a long discussion, we read in verses 40 – 42: "when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Throughout the ages there have been those who have followed this example, obeying God rather than man, and many have paid the price for it. In Hebrews 11 we have the "Hall of Fame of Faith" and it lists many that were delivered by their faith, but is also says: "...others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth." Hebrews 11:35 – 38. God's

promise to His people – "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 report.)

## **Nigerian Muslim Militants Kill 120 Christians in Three Weeks**

**March 17, 2019** -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "The recent death toll of Christians in Nigeria has reached 120 with this week's slaughter of more than 50 by Fulani Muslim militants in the Kaduna state of Nigeria, the *Christian Post* reported.

The Fulani jihadists, who have become a greater threat to Nigerian Christians than the Islamist terror group Boko Haram, stormed the villages of Inkirimi, Dogonnoma, and Ungwan Gora in the Kajuru Local Government Area last Monday, destroying 143 homes, killing 52 people, and wounding dozens more.

The assailants reportedly split into three groups, the first of which fired upon the people, the second set fire to buildings, and the third chased down people fleeing from the scene. Victims of the assault included women and children.

Monday's incident followed an attack the day before in the Ungwan Barde village in Kajuru, where 17 Christians were killed and dozens of homes were burned.

In the first week of March, Muslim extremists massacred more than 30 Christians in Karamar village, setting fire to several houses and a church. The terrorists reportedly shot at families trying to escape the fire, killing 32..."