

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

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

‘At least 100’ Christians incinerated in ‘well-targeted attack’

July 9, 2019 -- *WND.com* reports: “At least 100 men, women and children have been incinerated in a ‘well-targeted attack’ on Christians by jihadists in central Mali, according to reports.

The exact number of victims who died in Sobame Da, a mainly Christian village, isn’t known because many of the bodies were burned beyond recognition.

The Barnabas Fund, a global ministry to the persecuted Christian church, said the heavily armed Muslim attackers struck at night.

A source said it was the ‘worst massacre in Mali since 1946 and happened when jihadists encircled a village that was home to ethnic Dogon people.’

The Muslims then set fire to ‘everything that moved’ in their ‘well-targeted attack.’

The death toll is estimated to be between 100 and 135...” (*“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 have 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 your also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name’s sake, because they know not him that sent me. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin. He that hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me” – John 15:18 – 24; 16:1 – 3. See the next two reports.)

4 Christians executed for wearing crosses

July 21, 2019 -- *WND.com* reports: “Four Christians singled out for wearing crosses were executed in their village in the African nation of Burkina Faso.

The murders bring the death toll of Christians killed in attacks since February to 27, reported *Faith Wire*.

In several attacks, including the latest, the armed terrorists challenged Christians to convert or die.

‘Unidentified armed men’ entered the village June 27, according to Open Doors USA field workers, and ‘told everyone to lie down,’

The attackers then ‘proceeded to look for Christians by asking for first names or looking for anyone wearing Christian insignia,’ the field workers said...”

Radicals Burn Three Christian Churches in Ethiopia

July 24, 2019 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Radical ethno-nationalist youth from the Sidama Liberation Movement (SLM) have torched three Christian churches in southern Ethiopia, bringing their death toll in the last five days to 60 victims.

The rebel youth, known as Ejeto, burned Ethiopian churches in the dioceses of Sidama, Amaro, and Burji, according to local church authorities. The names of the churches are Doya Michael, Gesaba-Gebrekrastos, and Chiro Amanuel, all of which were in the Sidama region of the country.

The SLM is a separatist group that is fighting for the establishment of an independent state of Sidama. Militants from the group have clashed recently with government security forces trying to maintain order in the area.

Those belonging to the Sidama ethnicity in Ethiopia are believed to number some 3.5 million, which represents about three percent of Ethiopia's population of 105 million. Recent violence by those demanding ethnic statehood for the Sidama people has targeted non-Sidama ethnic communities, such as the Ethiopian Orthodox Church..."

Jihadists rape, stone Christian woman to death in Syria

July 18, 2019 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Islamic terrorists from the Jihadist organization Jabhat al-Nusra stoned to death an Armenian Christian woman living in the Syrian province of Idlib.

Christian and human rights groups reported over the last week that the 60-year-old Suzan Der Kirkour was found dead outside of her village, al-Yaqoubiyeh.

According to the website of International Christian Concern (ICC), 'An autopsy revealed that Suzan was tortured and repeatedly raped over an estimated period of nine hours. She was then stoned to death.'

The French Christian humanitarian organization SOS Chrétien's d'Orient, wrote that 'cruel was her ordeal. The reality is just as much... (a) virgin at sixty, she died under the repeated assaults of the jihadists of al-Nusra.'

'The autopsy reveals that Suzan had been subjected to repeated rape since the afternoon of Monday (the 8th) until early Tuesday morning, only hours before her discovery. As a martyr, she is joined in heaven by thousands of Christian brothers, who died in the arena of barbarism,' SOS Chrétien's d'Orient added..." (***"Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied. Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common***

salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him" – Jude 1:2, 3, 4, 10, 14, and 15.)

Persecution of Christians intensifying across the Sahel

July 19, 2019 -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: "Christians across the Sahel in northern Africa have been left 'shocked' by the speed with which violent extremism has spread across the region.

Homes and livelihoods are being wiped out at the hands of Islamic extremists operating in the region, a 'faultline' between the largely Muslim north of the continent and the more Christian south, says Open Doors.

The charity, which supports persecuted Christians, said that poverty, unemployment, corruption and a 'lack of governance' are creating a 'toxic mix' that is combining with rising Islamic extremism to cause havoc for Christians. Close to 30 violent Islamist groups are active in the area, with some of the extremists having links to international terrorist networks like the so-called Islamic State and al-Qaeda.

Salafi and Wahhabi Islam are also gaining in prominence with the help of missionaries and NGOs funded

by countries like Saudi Arabia, the organisation reports.

Members of the Islamic State pushed out of the Middle East are finding a new home in the Sahel region and are infiltrating splinter groups with their ideology..."(Jesus, as was noted in the Scriptures following the first report stated the reason for the persecution of Christians worldwide. It is because the world hates Him. Why? ***"If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin... If I had not done among them the works that none other man did, they had not had sin..."*** – John 15:22, 24. Before Jesus came to the earth, mankind could look at each other and say "I'm not as bad as that person is, I've never murdered, I've never stolen, much like the Pharisee did in Luke 18:10 – 14 – ***"I thank thee that I am not as other men..."*** Once Jesus came to the earth, those rationalizations were no longer valid. As a result, the world strikes out against God, and against Christians. Jesus also stated in Matthew 5:10 – 12: ***"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 so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."***)

Number of Christians in Britain in 'dramatic decline'

July 15, 2019 -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: "The number of people in Britain identifying as Christian is in 'dramatic decline', according to the latest figures from the British Social Attitudes Survey.

The proportion identifying as Christian stands at 38%, down from half in 2008 and nearly two-thirds in 1983. It is the first time that the figure has fallen below 40%.

At the same time, there has been a

continued rise in the percentage of Brits identifying as Muslim, from 1% in 1983 to 3% in 2008 and 6% in 2018.

There has also been a substantial increase in those who do not identify with any religion, up from 31% in 1983 to over half of those polled in 2018 (52%).

The survey of 3,879 people revealed that people were more likely to 'feel positive' towards Christians (51%) than towards Muslims (30%).

Only 4% said they had negative perceptions of Christians, compared with 17% for Muslims.

But nearly two thirds of those surveyed (63%) agreed that religions brought

more conflict than peace..." (I John 2:19: "They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us." This Holy text describes the sad situation of 21st Century Christianity just before Christ's return. Our days on earth are now limited. Get ready for the Rapture as described in I Thessalonians 4:13 – 18: "...I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that

Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent [precede] them which are asleep. For 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. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.")

ANTISEMITISM RISING

Hamis MP: Holocaust is a lie – but Hitler was right to hate Jews

July 8, 2019 -- Israel National News reports: "A Gaza lawmaker and senior member of the Hamas terror organization denied the Holocaust in a recent appearance on Gaza television, adding that anti-Semitism and persecutions of Jews throughout history were the result of 'their deeds and crimes'.

Hamis MP Marwan Abu Ras called the Holocaust a 'lie', during an appearance on *Al Aqsa TV*, a Hamas mouthpiece, last month.

According to a recent report by the Middle East Research Institute (MEMRI) watchdog group which monitors incitement on Middle Eastern media outlets, on June 23rd, the Gaza lawmaker blamed anti-Semitism throughout history on the Jews themselves, accusing Jews of 'crimes'.

'If we look back at history, we see that [the Jews] were abhorred in the time of Nebuchadnezzar. This is also true of the times of the Assyrians, the Romans, and the Prophet Muhammad. They betrayed him. They were treacherous against him, and he expelled them from the Arabian Peninsula. Even Hitler hated

them, loathed them, and got rid of them. However, everything people say about massacres and Holocaust – these are all lies. Hitler may have hated them, but it was because of their deeds and crimes. Hitler was no less of a criminal than them.'..." (I originally shared the following information in the March 2019 *Van Impe Intelligence Briefing*, but I feel the need to share it again this month.

When Hitler came to power in Germany, the fate of the Jews in Europe was sealed. Like many before and after him, Hitler blamed the Jews for all the ills of society. He saw the Treaty of Versailles that ended the First World War as a Jewish document. Weaknesses in the German economy were attributed to the Jews. He faulted the Jews for the birth and presence of communism in the world. He accused the Jews of being revolutionary and instigating internationalism, a supposed plot of the Jews to destroy Germany and seize control of the world. They became his favorite scapegoat, and their suffering at his hands rivals the most gruesome of human crimes. Hitler's persecution of the Jews began in 1933; shortly after he took

office. On April 7 of that year he stripped all Jews of offices in the German civil service. Government officials, doctors, lawyers, and workers in educational and cultural fields were all required to sign the following statement:

I declare officially herewith I do not know of any circumstance -- despite careful scrutiny -- that may justify the presumption that I am not of Aryan descent; in particular, none of my paternal or maternal parents or grandparents was at any time of the Jewish faith. I am fully aware of the fact that I expose myself to prosecution and dismissal if this declaration proves untrue.

Within three months, thirty thousand heads of Jewish families had been deprived of income.

The future sufferings of the Jews were also announced in two lines of a song called "The Horst Wessel Song," which became the theme of every major parade in Germany. Translated, two lines of the song were: "When Jewish blood flows from the knife, Things will go much better."

Under Hitler's direction there was a steady rise in outrageous

demands and unlawful acts against all Jews. By 1938 every synagogue in the nation had been burned, the windows of every Jewish establishment had been shattered, and twenty-five thousand innocent Jews were in concentration camps.

In the infamous Buchenwald camp Jews were shipped and tortured during the day, while throughout the night a voice shouted over the loudspeakers, "Any Jew who wishes to hang himself is asked first to put a piece of paper in his mouth with his number on it so that we may know who he is."

At the end of World War II, General Eisenhower made a decision to personally visit as many Nazi concentration camps as he could. His reason? He wanted to document the camps and their appalling conditions.

In his book Crusade in Europe he stated: *"The same day [April 12, 1945] I saw my first horror camp. It was near the town of Gotha. I have never felt able to describe my emotional reactions when I first came face to face with indisputable evidence of Nazi brutality and ruthless disregard of every shred of decency. Up to that time I had known about it only generally or through secondary sources. I am certain, however that I have never at any other time experienced an equal sense of shock.*

"I visited every nook and cranny of the camp because I felt it my duty to be in a position from then on to testify at first hand about these things in case there ever grew up at home the belief or assumption that 'the stories of Nazi brutality were just propaganda.' Some members of the visiting party were unable to through the ordeal. I not only did so but as soon as I returned to Patton's headquarters that evening I sent communications to both

Washington and London, urging the two governments to send instantly to Germany a random group of newspaper editors and representative groups from the national legislatures. I felt that the evidence should be immediately placed before the American and British publics in a fashion that would leave no room for cynical doubt."

Anticipating a time when Nazi atrocities might be denied, General Eisenhower also ordered the filming and photographing of camps as they were liberated. Members of the U.S. Army Signal Corps recorded approximately 80,000 feet of moving film, together with still photographs.

Within months after the war in Europe, about 6,000 feet of that film footage was excerpted to create a one-hour documentary called "Nazi Concentration Camp". Prosecutors used the film, which is graphically gruesome, to prove that Nazi leaders, on trial at Nuremberg, had perpetrated unbelievably heinous crimes against humanity.

Thomas Dodd, one of the U.S. prosecutors, introduced the film into evidence on the 29th of November, 1945. When the lights came up, after the trial film was screened, people had a new understanding of what the words "concentration camp" really meant.

Eisenhower wanted to be in as many pictures as possible to prove the death camps really existed. He was sometimes accompanied by Generals Bradley and Patton (such as their visit to the Ohrdruf concentration camp on April 12, 1945). See the next two reports.)

'Slaughter the Jews' painted on section of Western Wall

July 21, 2019 -- Israel National News reports: "'Slaughter the Jews' was spray painted on the Kotel HaKatan, or 'little Western Wall,' a section of the Western

Wall located in the Muslim Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem.

The vandalism took place on Saturday. At least one Arab girl was arrested on Saturday night in connection with the incident. The graffiti, written in Arabic, was covered with more red paint to hide its message.

The Kotel HaKatan is located about 200 yards south of the Western Wall Plaza next to the Iron Gate in a narrow alleyway, and only a few rows of its stones are exposed. It is considered the second closest place to the Holy of Holies outside of the Temple Mount, with the closest being inside the Western Wall tunnels..."

Armed assailant threatens to behead Jewish man in London

July 3, 2019 -- Israel National News reports: "An Orthodox Jewish man was threatened with beheading after he was confronted by a knife-wielding man in London Monday.

The incident occurred in the Whitechapel section of London Monday morning, when a 34-year-old man accosted an Orthodox Jewish man in his 40s who was walking down the street to his place of work...

When the suspect drew a knife, the Jewish man began to run, with the suspect chasing behind him, shouting "I'm going to kill you, I'm going to chop your head off."

The Jewish man "saw that he took out a knife and he started running away, he was just running for his life," Barnet Councillor Nizza Fluss told the *Evening Standard*.

Fluss added that the target of the assault was "absolutely traumatized" and hasn't been able to return to work following the harrowing encounter..."

THE KINGS OF THE EAST

China eyes high-tech army, says U.S. undermines global stability

July 24, 2019 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “China outlined plans to build a modern, high-tech army in a national defence plan published Wednesday, as it accused Washington of undermining global strategic stability and warned against Taiwanese independence.

The first comprehensive white paper since 2012 offers insight into the world’s largest army as it scrambles to catch up to America’s formidable firepower as tensions deepen between the two powers. ‘International strategic competition is on the rise,’ the document says, adding that the United States has adjusted its national security and defence strategies and adopted ‘unilateral policies’.

The U.S. ‘has provoked and intensified competition among major countries, significantly increased its defence expenditure, pushed for additional capacity in nuclear, outer space, cyber and missile defence, and undermined global strategic stability’...” **(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].” See the next two reports.)**

China tested new anti-ballistic missile in South China Sea

July 21, 2019 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “China demonstrated a new anti-ship ballistic missiles, with nuclear capabilities, last month, the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command chief said.

Adm. Philip Davidson told the Aspen Security Forum on Thursday that six missiles fired into the South China Sea included a new, submarine-launched anti-ship ballistic missile called the JL-3. The tests came after Wei Fenghe, China’s defense minister, offered threatening remarks in June regarding

China’s claim of sovereignty over disputed islands in the South China Sea at a Singapore security conference.

Wei’s intimidations, Davidson said, were ‘quite chilling. Not only did [Wei] make it clear that he didn’t think Asia and the Western Pacific was any place for America, he said Asia wasn’t even for Asians. It was for the Chinese.’...”

China defends air patrol with Russia after South Korea, Japan fury

July 24, 2019 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “China on Wednesday defended a joint air force exercise with Russia that triggered a furious response from regional U.S. allies South Korea and Japan over a perceived airspace violation.

The incident erupted on Tuesday when a Russian A-50 early warning and control plane violated airspace over the Dokdo islands, Seoul said. The islands are also claimed by Tokyo.

South Korea scrambled fighter jets, which fired nearly 400 warning shots at the alleged intruder.

The Chinese and Russian warplanes ‘strictly abided by the relevant regulations of international law and did not enter the airspace of other countries’, defence ministry spokesman Wu Qian told a news conference in Beijing.

He did not mention an A-50, the Russian plane Seoul said violated its airspace...”

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

‘If U.S. attacks, Israel will be destroyed in half an hour’

July 2, 2019 -- *Israel National News* reports: “A senior Iranian parliamentarian threatened on Monday that Israel will be destroyed in half an hour if the United States attacks Iran, the semi-official Iranian *Mehr* news agency reported.

Mojtaba Zonnour, Chairman of Iranian

Parliament’s National Security and Foreign Policy Commission, made the remarks in an interview with the *Al-Alam* TV network.

‘If the U.S. attacks us, only half an hour will remain of Israel’s lifespan,’ he declared.

Zonnour said that U.S. President Donald Trump’s claim that he stopped a retaliatory military strike on Iran 10

minutes before it was set to start was a ‘political bluff’.

‘If they (the Americans) had predicted their attack would be successful, they would not have cancelled it and it would definitely have happened,’ said the Iranian lawmaker, who added that the U.S. president’s advisors could see the failure of the attack.

Zonnour further claimed that Iran’s

power has created deterrence, adding that all 36 U.S. military bases in the region are under Iran's surveillance..." (Israel will never be destroyed. God has declared His love for Israel from its very beginning: "And as for thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to supple thee; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all. None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, to the lothing of thy person, in the day that thou wast born. And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live... Then washed I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil" – Ezekiel 16:4 – 6; 9. Deuteronomy 7:6-8 states: "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." Despite the rantings and ravings of the world: "...let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance" – Psalm 83:4, God has promised: "...I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off" – Isaiah 56:5. See the next two reports.)

Top Iran military adviser threatens to 'erase' Israel if war breaks out

June 27, 2019 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: "A top Iranian defense official said the Americans are fully aware that their assets in the Middle East can be destroyed by Iran's missiles and know that should war break out in the region, it would not be a 'walk in the park.'

In a June 20 interview on Iraq's *Alnujaba TV*, translated by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) monitoring group and posted to social media Sunday, former Iranian defense minister Gen. Hossein Dehghan said Iran's military could destroy U.S. military bases in the region and annihilate Israel.

'Our missiles can totally obliterate those bases,' Dehghan said. 'Israel knows that

Iran will erase its entity and uproot it from existence in case of a war.'

Dehghan said U.S. President Donald Trump and his country fear the outbreak of war because they are unable to get global legal legitimacy for an attack or assemble an international coalition against Iran. He warned that if war broke out, America would find itself in the 'garbage bin of history.'..."

Hezbollah warns Iran able to bombard Israel if war started

July 14, 2019 -- *Israel National News* reports: "The head of Lebanon's Tehran-backed Hezbollah said Friday that U.S. ally Israel would not be 'neutral' if a war broke out between the United States and Iran.

And 'Iran is able to bombard Israel with ferocity and force,' Hassan Nasrallah said in an interview broadcast on Hezbollah's *Al-Manar* television.

His remarks came after weeks of increasing tensions between the United States and Iran, and as U.S. President Donald Trump steps up his war of words with the Islamic Republic.

'When the Americans understand that this war could wipe out Israel, they will reconsider,' Nasrallah said.

'Our collective responsibility in the region is to work towards preventing an American war on Iran,' he said..."

THE STATE OF PALESTINE?

Iranian official stresses importance of liberating 'Palestine'

July 22, 2019 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Kamal Kharrazi, the chairman of Iran's Strategic Council on Foreign Relations, met on Sunday with a Hamas delegation headed by the terrorist organization's deputy leader Salah Al-Aruri.

During the meeting, Kharrazi said that liberation of 'Palestine', especially Al-Quds, is among the greatest causes of Iran, according to *The Tehran Times*.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Kharrazi said relations between Iran and Hamas are growing..." (Caroline B. Glick, senior contributing editor to *The Jerusalem Post* wrote a book in 2014 entitled "[The Israeli Solution](#)" where she stated in the preface: "Establishing a Palestinian state, so the thinking goes, would be a panacea for all the region's ills. It would end the Arab world's conflict with Israel, because the reason the Arab world is anti-Israel is that there is no Palestinian state. It would also nearly erase the Arab

world's anti-Americanism, because the reason the Arabs – and the larger Muslim world – are anti-American is that the United States supports Israel even though there is no Palestinian state... For the past ninety years, the two-state solution has been tried more than a dozen times, and every time it has failed, abysmally. Between 1970 and 2013, the United States presented nine different peace plans for Israel and the Palestinians, all based on the two-state solution – and for the past twenty years, the two-state solution has been the centerpiece of the U.S.

Middle East policy. But despite this laser focus, American efforts to implement the two-state solution have all been dismal failures.” See the next report.)

**PA ‘foreign minister’:
A new country will
recognize ‘Palestine’**

July 22, 2019 -- Israel National News reports: “Riyad al-Malki, the Palestinian Authority (PA) ‘foreign minister’, said on Sunday that a new country will be recognizing the State of ‘Palestine’ by the end of the month, reported the PA *Wafa* news agency.

Al-Malki told *Palestine TV* that the move is an indication of the strenuous efforts by the PA leadership at the political and diplomatic levels on the way forward to statehood and independence.

While he did not identify the country that will recognize ‘Palestine’, Al-Malki added that he is scheduled to start visits to Latin American countries, including Ecuador and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, for talks on bilateral relations.

He noted that following his visits to Latin America, he would come back home with a new recognition of ‘Palestine’ as an independent state...”

**Abbas: Eastern Jerusalem is
the capital of ‘Palestine’**

June 28, 2019 -- Israel National News reports: “Palestinian Authority (PA) chairman Mahmoud Abbas said on Thursday, in the wake of the economic conference in Bahrain aimed at promoting economic peace, that national rights are not real estate assets that can be bought and sold with money. Speaking at a press conference in his Ramallah headquarters with the President of Chile, Sebastian Pinera, Abbas said that before achieving a political solution that would guarantee freedom, dignity, independence and justice, ‘the Palestinian people’ need to implement economic projects that can create stability and security for all, and that is why ‘Palestine’ did not

participate in the economic conference in Bahrain.

Abbas attacked the U.S. administration over its decisions on Jerusalem, the ‘settlements’, the ‘refugees’ and security, which, he claimed, proved that the U.S. is incapable of sponsoring the peace process. These decisions, said the PA chairman, encouraged Israel to declare its intention to annex parts of Area C in Judea and Samaria...” **(Although its history is one of war and destruction, Jerusalem means “city of peace” or “foundation of peace.”**

From the siege of David in 1000 B.C. to the Six Day War of 1967, the sounds of battle have been heard as this city has experienced 46 sieges and 32 partial destructions. It has been burned to the ground five times, always rising from the ashes. It is the site of the most volatile political, religious, and military problems in the entire world.

The Jewish cry for peace in Jerusalem is sincere, finding its roots in the promise given through Moses (Leviticus 26:6). Jerusalem will finally become the city of peace and capital of the world when Christ, who is our peace, returns (Isaiah 9:6).

Having a history of 4,000 years, Jerusalem was first mentioned in Scripture in Genesis 14:18 when Melchizedek was king over the city of Salem. Later, it was called Jebus, named for the third son of Canaan, as it was the dwelling place of the Jebusites (Judges 19:10, 11; 1 Chronicles 11:4, 5). When David took the city, the fortress was on a hill called Zion, another name given Jerusalem. Somehow, later, Jeru was added to Salem ... perhaps a combination of Jebus, changed to Jeru, and Salem.

Since B.C. 400, Jerusalem has passed from one Gentile power to another. From 70 A.D. alone, the transition of power went from the Roman conquerors to the Persians in 614; to Caliph Omar in 637; to the Crusaders in 1099; to Saladin in 1187; to the Egyptian Mamelukes in 1250; the

Turks in 1517; the British in 1917, and finally, in 1967, the Jews captured Jerusalem.)

**UK-based ‘Muslim Scholars’
Demand ‘Fascist’ Israel
Returned to Arabs, Want
Jerusalem as Caliphate Capital**

July 2, 2019 -- Breitbart.com reports: “Twenty-six ‘Muslim scholars’ based in Britain have called for ‘fascist’ Israel to be returned to the Arabs, and expressed their hope that ‘Jerusalem will be the capital of the Islamic Caliphate when it returns, Allah willing.’

5Pillars, which describes itself as ‘The largest *regulated* Muslim news site in Europe & the Americas’ — but has been described by Lead Commissioner for the Commission for Countering Extremism Sara Khan as ‘Islamist’ — published the open letter on its website, and invited ‘Any Muslim scholar who would like to sign this open statement’ to get in touch.

The statement, which *5Pillars* say was ‘spearheaded by Shaykh Asrar Rashid from Birmingham’, asserts that the signatories ‘do not recognise ‘Israel’ as a legitimate state.’

“‘Israel’ must return the entirety of Palestinian land,’ they demand.

‘Palestinians have no link to the holocaust and the crimes of the Second World War against the Jewish people.

‘We condemn the continued fascist Zionist oppression which has cost the Palestinian people their freedom, homeland and lives for over seventy years.’...” (“...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.)

SIGNS IN THE SUN, MOON, AND STARS

Pentagon seeks ideas for small military space station

July 7, 2019 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “The Defense Innovation Unit of the Pentagon announced a call for ideas for a small, autonomous military space station this week.

The ‘solicitation brief,’ known in civilian circles as a request for proposal, seeks ‘solutions for a self-contained and free flying orbital outpost. The solution must be capable of supporting space assembly, microgravity experimentation, logistics and storage, manufacturing, training, test and evaluation, hosting payloads, and other functions.’

It specifies no more than 35 cubic feet of available experimentation space, indicating it is inappropriate for human habitation. The craft must be able to move in its own orbit, be made of material conducive to low Earth orbit, and be ready for flight two years after a contractor is chosen, the brief stipulates. The space station would be scalable, or expandable, with the capability of carrying attachments, such as an exterior robotic arm, and eventually, human passengers. The brief does not specifically address the craft’s purpose, but appears to be a space station exclusively for military purposes.

A 186-pound payload is also specified, as well as ‘zero to one atmosphere pressurization,’ indication the craft would operate in near-vacuum conditions and further suggesting that it will not be designed for human space travel...” (“*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.” – Luke 21:25 – 27. See the next three reports.)

France’s Macron announces creation of a new space force command

July 15, 2019 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “French President Emmanuel Macron on Saturday announced the creation of a new national military space force command that will eventually be part of his country’s air force.

The declaration — made on the eve of France’s Bastille Day national celebrations that feature a military parade down Paris’s Champs-Elysees — mirrors an initiative in the U.S. championed by President Donald Trump.

‘To assure the development and the reinforcement of our capacities in space, a high command for space will be created in September,’ Macron told military brass gathered for a traditional pre-Bastille Day reception.

He called the renewed military focus on space a ‘true national security issue’.

Last year Macron had spoken of the need for a strategy for space defence and this was the result, he said.

‘The new spatial and military doctrine that has been proposed to me by the (defence) ministry, which I have approved, will allow us to ensure our defence of space...,’ added...”

Brand-New S-500 Missile Systems Can Tackle Attack From Space

July 10, 2019 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “In late June, Sergei Chemezov, chief executive of the country’s defence

industry giant Rostec, said that Russia had recently started manufacturing the sophisticated S-500 missile systems.

The new S-500 air defence system will specifically be aimed at countering an attack from outer space, Yuri Muravkin, the deputy chief of the Russian Aerospace Forces’ anti-aircraft missile troops, told the Russian daily *Krasnaya Zvezda*.

‘Realising the fact that nowadays and in the foreseeable future, the boundaries between air and space are being and will be erased as the aerial enemy gradually becomes an aerospace one, it is safe to say that the S-500 Prometey missile systems entering service is [already] in the pipeline’, Muravkin pointed out.

The remarks come after Sergei Chemezov, CEO of the state-run corporation Rostec, said in an interview with the Russian broadcaster Rossiya 1 in late June that they are ‘already starting to produce the S-500’...”

India Launches Historic Bid to Put Spacecraft on Moon

July 22, 2019 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “India successfully launched an ambitious mission to land a rover on an unexplored area of the moon as a rocket hurtled into space from Sriharikota in eastern India.

In a feat attempted by only three countries so far — the United States, Russia and China — the project aims to make a soft landing on the moon and seal India’s reputation as a leading space power.

The launch on Monday afternoon came a week after the high profile lunar mission was abruptly aborted less than an hour before takeoff due to a ‘technical snag.’...”