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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*

PSALM 122:6 – PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM

Hammas: All of Jerusalem is Islamic

June 20, 2019 -- *Israel National News* reports: “*Hammas leader Ismail Haniyeh* said on Wednesday that the so-called ‘Deal of the Century’, the American peace initiative to resolve the conflict between Israel and the Palestinian Arabs, does not have the power to deprive the Palestinians of the city of Al-Quds or the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

‘The city of al-Quds is neither eastern or western but Islamic, and not Trump, the American administration, the Zionist-American alliance, the international silence, the conspiracy, normalization or the transfer of the embassy to Al-Quds can change the facts,’ he declared.

In a message to those who seek to limit the power of Hamas, Haniyeh said that they are delusional because Hamas is deeply rooted in the land and heart of the Palestinian people and they will not succeed in harming it...” (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. See the next report.)

Outrage in PA over Israeli flag on Temple Mount

June 12, 2019 -- *Israel National News* reports: “The Palestinian Arab *Al-Quds* channel, which is based in London and has affiliates in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip, is furious at the raising of a blue and white flag, similar to the Israeli flag, on the Temple Mount.

The channel published on its Facebook page a picture of a young Jewish woman from Canada, Lauren Isaacs, in which she appears to be holding a blue and white flag opposite the Dome of the Rock.

The flag is decorated in the shape of an Israeli flag with blue stripes, a Star of David decorated in modern style and the inscription ‘Herut Canada’.

Herut Canada is a Zionist movement that works for the rights of the Jewish people in the Land of Israel, including Judea and Samaria, and also fights anti-Zionist Jewish movements.

The *Al-Quds* channel noted that the

image of Lauren Isaacs with the blue and white flag is ‘a mark of disgrace on the forehead of 1.6 billion Muslims.’

Palestinian Arabs continuously falsely claim that Israel is ‘Judaizing’ Jerusalem, which they claim is their capital, in an attempt to erase the Muslim connection to the city...”

Iran’s threat to Israel continues to grow

June 5, 2019 -- *Israel National News* reports: “For the third time in one week a confrontation between the pro-Iranian axis and Israel took place in Syria and it looks as though Iran is preparing for the opening of a new front against the Jewish state on the Golan Heights.

After Syrian air defenses tried to down an IAF warplane patrolling the skies in northern Israel at the beginning of last week, two other confrontations took place over the weekend.

On Saturday evening two rockets were fired in the direction of the Israeli Golan Heights with one of them reaching Mount Hermon where it exploded without causing damage or casualties.

The Israeli air force (IAF) responded by launching airstrikes on positions of Hezbollah and the Quds Force of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) in the vicinity of Damascus, killing three Syrian soldiers and 7 members of Hezbollah and the Quds Force.

The Quds Force and Hezbollah have bases near Al-Husseiniyah and Al-Kiswah south and south-west of Damascus which have been bombed by the IAF before this. Early Monday morning the IAF again carried out airstrikes against Iran-related targets in Syria...” **(They may threaten Israel, but Psalm 121 states: “I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The**

sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.” Notice especially verse 4 – ***“Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.”*** During his confrontation with the prophets of Baal, Elijah mocked the prophets after they were unable to get a response from Baal. **1 Kings 18:27 states: “And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.”** **God does not sleep, and He will preserve Israel. See the next report.)**

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.’...”

Netanyahu: I say to Israel’s enemies – don’t test us

June 19, 2019 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who also serves as Israel’s Defense Minister, met with IDF commanders during an army training exercise in northern Israel Wednesday morning.

During his visit, Netanyahu spoke with IDF Chief of Staff Aviv Kochavi, along with officers and troops taking part in the exercise.

At the end of his inspection of the training exercise, Netanyahu made a brief statement, warning Israel’s enemies not to ‘test’ the country’s willingness to defend itself, with veiled references to Gaza, as well as Iran and its proxies, Syria and the Hezbollah terrorist organization...

‘I hear our neighbors from the north, south and east threatening our destruction. I say to our enemies: The IDF has very great destructive power. Don’t test us.’...” **(Prime Minister Netanyahu is correct. “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. See the next report.)

PM: Israel will strike first, not wait to be attacked

June 13, 2019 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Israel will act preemptively and will not wait for its enemies to attack, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said Wednesday.

Speaking at a state memorial ceremony for former President Ephraim Katzir at the Rehovot cemetery, Netanyahu said: ‘The chain of tests that we are dealing with is unending. We respond vigorously and with force to all attacks against us; however, we do not take action only after the fact. We deny the enemy’s capabilities before the fact. We are acting methodically and consistently to prevent our enemies from establishing offensive bases against us in our vicinity.’

The prime minister’s statements followed reports from Syrian media of Israeli airstrikes in southern Syria overnight.

According to the reports, the Israeli attack targeted the town of Tell al-Hara, located in the Daraa region, a strategic point overlooking the Golan Heights...”

Bolton: Without security there can be no peace

June 23, 2019 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu took U.S. National Security Adviser John Bolton and U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman on a tour of the Jordan Valley Sunday.

‘The Jordan Valley offers Israel the minimal strategic depth and strategic height for the defense of our country,’ the prime minister told Bolton.

‘Our presence here also guarantees stability and security for the entire region,’ Netanyahu added.

‘To those who say that for peace to be established, Israel has to leave the Jordan Valley, I say: that’s not gonna bring peace. That’s going to bring war and terror – and we’ve been there. We don’t want to be there again.’

U.S. National Security Adviser Bolton said that President Trump would take Israel’s concerns into consideration.

“I’ll just say that without security there is no peace, there is no long-lasting peace. And I just think it’s too bad, Prime Minister, that more Americans can’t come to locations like this, see the geography, understand its significance, understand how it affects Israel’s critical security position, and explain why Israel has taken the view that it has,’ Bolton said...” *(“But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober” – I Thessalonians 5:1-6.)*

Report: Hezbollah planned huge, game-changing attacks on Israel targets globally

June 12, 2019 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “For three and a half years, Israel’s Mossad intelligence agency played a cat-and-mouse game with the Hezbollah terror group to stymie its efforts to establish explosives storehouses from Thailand to New York, an Israeli intelligence official confirmed this week.

The largest cache, containing some three tons of ammonium nitrate, a key ingredient for some types of explosives, was found at four locations in north London, sites raided by the Metropolitan Police in September 2015. Other caches planted by Hezbollah cells were discovered in Cyprus, Thailand and as-yet unnamed European countries, according to reports.

The Hezbollah plot to establish

infrastructure in London in preparation for future attacks was revealed Sunday in the UK’s *Daily Telegraph* newspaper.

That report, based on sources in Britain, the U.S. and Cyprus, noted that a foreign intelligence agency, unnamed, had tipped off Britain’s MI5 and the Metropolitan Police about the explosives...” **(Why is Israel so persecuted? Answer — the Devil, and I Chronicles 21:1 states: “...Satan stood up against Israel...” and every anti-Semitic Jew hater is controlled by this demonic spirit. See the next report.)**

Toronto: Sign threatening massacre of Jews at Al Quds Day event

June 3, 2019 -- *Israel National News* reports: “A sign alluding to a historical massacre of Jews was carried openly at the annual al-Quds Day hatefest in downtown Toronto on Saturday afternoon, the B’nai Brith of Canada reported Sunday.

The sign depicts the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem and warns that, ‘The last Khayber is ready,’ an allusion to an ancient battle in which a Muslim army defeated and slaughtered Jews in the Arabian Peninsula. It also predicts the coming of ‘the last Hayder,’ a nickname for Ali, the leading figure in Shi’a [Shi’ite] Islam.

Shi’a [Shi’ite] clerics are among the speakers and organizers of the Toronto al-Quds rally, and many attendees are brought by buses from Shi’a mosques across the Greater Toronto Area.

In 2017, the use of a related slogan at a Mississauga, Ont., protest sparked an online furor and a temporary ban on anti-Israel rallies at the city’s Celebration Square...”

RUSSIA AND THE KINGS OF THE EAST

Russia and China show united front at economic forum

June 10, 2019 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “Chinese President Xi Jinping appears Friday as guest of honour at Russia’s showcase economic forum, as the two neighbours present a united front in the face of shared troubles with the U.S.

Xi arrived in Moscow on Wednesday for a three-day visit with Vladimir Putin and described the Russian leader as his ‘best friend’ during a cosy meeting at the Kremlin. To end the trip, Xi and his host will appear at a plenary session of the annual Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum, which Moscow hopes will woo foreign investors despite an uncertain business climate.

Xi is set to present China’s ideas on sustainable development and multilateral cooperation, Beijing said ahead of his appearance.

The 2019 forum ‘will illustrate very clearly just how bi-polar the world has become,’ said Chris Weafer, a senior partner at the Macro Advisory consulting firm.

‘In the same week that President Trump will be having tea with the Queen in London, President Putin will be hosting President Xi in Saint Petersburg.’...” **(Russia in Bible prophecy is the main instigator of death and suffering during Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Ezekiel chapters 38 & 39, which I have proclaimed for sixty years, aided by Oriental and Islamic nations, bring total chaos and atomic devastation upon the world. Worse yes, it’s just ahead of us. Every nation I included in World War III is forming exactly as taught this global blood bath six decades ago. The only good news is that the Rapture precedes Armageddon – “Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth” – Revelation**

3:10. Then our deliverance as believers – Revelation 4:1 and our joy because of missing Armageddon.)

Xi Jinping in Russia to usher ‘new era’ of friendship

June 5, 2019 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “Chinese President Xi Jinping headed for Russia Wednesday to mark a new era of friendship and reinforce economic ties that had benefitted from Moscow’s isolation from the West.

Due to arrive in the early afternoon, Xi will be received with full honours.

He will have talks in the Kremlin with President Vladimir Putin before attending a formal reception and in the evening he will attend a night out at the Bolshoi theatre.

The visit comes five years after Moscow’s annexation of Crimea in 2014 led to a serious rift with its Western partners and subsequent turn toward its neighbour to the east.

From Moscow, Xi will travel to Russia’s former imperial capital Saint Petersburg to attend the Economic Forum hosted by Putin on Thursday and Friday.

China and Russia ‘have strong political mutual trust and support each other firmly on issues concerning each other’s core interests and major concerns,’ Xi said during an interview with Russian media ahead of the visit, according to a transcript released by Beijing’s official *Xinhua* news agency...” **(Vladimir Putin has been in power as either the Prime Minister or President of Russia since 1999. Constitutionally, he will be required to step down from power in 2024, however, he could do what he did in 2008 and groom a successor like Dmitri Medvedev, whom he controlled, and seek to become president again in 2030. In essence, setting himself up as ruler for life in Russia, much as Xi Jinping is set to be ruler for life in China. 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 five reports.)

Russia, China, block U.S. effort to halt N. Korea fuel deliveries

June 20, 2019 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “Russia and China on Tuesday blocked an American initiative that aimed to halt fuel deliveries to North Korea, which Washington accuses of exceeding its annual ceiling for 2019, diplomatic sources said.

Moscow and Beijing said more time was needed to study the U.S. request, which was backed by 25 UN members including Japan, France and Germany, according to the sources.

A week ago, the United States, in a report, accused North Korea of breaching the United Nations-imposed ceiling on fuel imports by carrying out dozens of ship-to-ship transfers this year.

The cap on fuel imports is among a series of tough sanctions adopted by the UN Security Council in response to North Korea’s ballistic missile and nuclear tests.

The United States insists that ‘maximum pressure’ from the sanctions must remain on North Korea until it agrees to dismantle its weapons program...”

Russia warns U.S. over extra troop deployment to Mideast

June 20, 2019 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “Russia on Tuesday called for restraint to avoid escalation in the Middle East after the U.S. said it was deploying additional troops due to heightened tensions with Iran.

‘We are urging all the sides to show restraint,’ President Vladimir Putin’s spokesman Dmitry Peskov told journalists in response to a question on the deployment.

‘We would prefer not to see any steps that could introduce additional tensions in the already unstable region.’

The United States said Monday it has approved the deployment of 1,000 additional troops to the Middle East...”

China warns U.S. against opening Mideast ‘Pandora’s box’

June 18, 2019 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “China on Tuesday warned against opening a ‘Pandora’s box’ in the Middle East after the United States announced the deployment of 1,000 additional troops to the region amid escalating tensions with Iran.

Foreign Minister Wang Yi also urged Tehran to not abandon the nuclear agreement ‘so easily’ after Iran said it would exceed its uranium stockpile limit if world powers fail to fulfil their commitments under the agreement in 10 days.

The United States ratcheted up pressure on Iran Monday, announcing the deployment of additional troops to the Middle East and producing new photographs it said showed Tehran was behind an attack on a tanker ship in the Gulf of Oman last week.

‘We call on all parties to remain rational and restrained, not to take any actions to provoke the escalation of tension in the region, and not to open a Pandora’s box,’ Wang told reporters in Beijing during a joint press conference with visiting Syrian Foreign Minister Walid Muallem.

‘In particular, the United States should change its practice of extreme pressure,’ Wang said...”

China calls for ‘calm’ as U.S.-Iran tensions rise

June 26, 2019 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “China on Tuesday urged ‘calm and restraint’ as tensions between the U.S. and Iran escalate following U.S. President Donald Trump’s new sanctions on Iran.

‘We believe that blindly applying maximum pressure will not help solve the problem,’ said Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang at a press briefing in Beijing.

‘Facts have proved that these measures have had the opposite effect and aggravated regional unrest,’ he added.

Relations between Washington and Tehran have rapidly deteriorated over the past few weeks, after the U.S. accused Iran of being behind a series of attacks on ships in sensitive Gulf waters — claims hotly denied by Tehran.

On Monday, Trump further raised the stakes in an escalating regional standoff by imposing sanctions against Iran’s supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and top military chiefs...”

Japan scrambles jets to counter Russian bombers in its airspace

June 25, 2019 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “Russian bombers violated Japanese airspace, prompting a scramble of fighter planes to escort them away, Japan’s defense ministry said.

Two Tu-95 bombers entered Japanese airspace near Minamidaito Island in Okinawa Prefecture on Thursday morning for about three minutes, and one later re-entered the airspace for about two minutes near Hachijo Island in the Izu island chain, the ministry said. It added no dangerous maneuvers were observed.

The planes were later seen flying southward from the Sea of Japan through the Tsushima Strait between Japan and South Korea in the morning.

A ‘stern protest’ against Russia was lodged over the incident, the Japanese Foreign Ministry later said. Russia insisted that the planes did not violate Japan’s airspace but flew over international waters during a 14-hour flight...

China will double its nuclear warheads in next 10 years, DIA chief says

June 2, 2019 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “China will double its stockpile of nuclear weapons in the next decade, the chief of the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency said.

Speaking to the Hudson Institute in Washington, D.C., Lt. Gen. Robert

Ashley added that assessments indicate Russia violated a 1996 treaty banning nuclear detonation tests that could cause a self-sustaining chain reaction.

‘Over the next decade, China is likely to at least double the size of its nuclear stockpile in the course of implementing the most rapid expansion and diversification of its nuclear arsenal in China’s history,’ Ashley said on Wednesday. ‘Last year, China launched more ballistic missiles for testing and training than the rest of the world combined.’

‘We expect this modernization to continue and this trajectory is consistent with Chinese President Xi’s vision for China’s military, which he laid out at the 19th Party Congress and stated that China’s military will be ‘fully transformed into a first tier force’ by 2050,’ Ashley said.

He added that the estimate of China’s available nuclear weapons is in the ‘low, couple of hundred’ of warheads...” **(Ezekiel 38:5 predicts that Russia, the Orient, and Persia [which changed its name to Iran in 1932] will see millions destroyed through atomic warfare in the Latter Years and Latter Days – Ezekiel 38:8, 16. Prepare to meet thy God Israel – Amos 4:12. This battle is described in Revelation 9:14 – 18: “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.”)**

SIGNS IN THE SUN, MOON AND STARS

U.S. General Claims Russia Poses Threat to America's Space Capabilities

June 6, 2019 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: "This follows the Russian Foreign Ministry underscoring in April that Moscow is ready and willing to hold a full-fledged dialogue with any country in order to prevent militarisation of outer space.

Air Force General John Raymond, who has been nominated to lead the U.S. Space Command, has claimed that the armed forces of Russia and China are rapidly developing their space capabilities, while the U.S. military's operational advantages in this sector are shrinking.

'We no longer have the luxury of operating in a peaceful, benign domain. And we no longer have the luxury of treating space superiority as a given,' Raymond noted in his written questions posed by lawmakers during a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing to consider his nomination.

He claimed that Russia and China have managed to strengthen their space capabilities over the past few years mainly by 'watching how the

United States has integrated its [space] capacities into its military operations'.

'The U.S. military relies on space operations in some capacity for nearly everything it does, from GPS navigation to communications to guiding weapons to specific targets,' Raymond added...' (Luke 21:25 – 28; 31, and 32: *"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...So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled."* See the next report.)

U.S. Official: U.S., China Plan to Meet on Civil Space in Autumn

June 27, 2019 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "U.S. and Chinese officials will meet in the United States this fall for bilateral talks about civil space, a senior U.S. official said on Wednesday, amid growing concerns about China's behavior in the rapidly expanding commercial space market.

The meeting, which will likely happen in Washington, is not pegged to progress in this week's meeting of U.S. President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of a G20 meeting in Osaka, Japan, the official said.

'It's completely separate. We have reason to talk to China about being a responsible actor in outer space, regardless almost of anything that happens,' David Turner, deputy director of the State Department Office of Space and Advanced Technology, told *Reuters*.

Relations between Washington and Beijing have worsened since talks collapsed in May, when the United States accused China of renegeing on pledges to reform its economy..."

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Report: Christian Persecution 2019 a Scourge of 'Mammoth Proportions'

June 24, 2019 -- "June 2019 is an 'especially menacing time' for Christians both on the domestic and international fronts, writes Christian persecution expert John L. Allen in a report Sunday.

The U.S. Catholic Church is facing 'one of the most serious potential violations of religious freedom in its history in the form of SB 360 in California,' writes Allen, author of the 2013 bestseller *The Global War on Christians: Dispatches from the Front Lines of Anti-Christian Persecution*, since the bill would compel priests to reveal information learned

while hearing confessions as evidence against possible sex offenders.

'The bill passed the California senate in late May by a 30-2 vote and is expected to be considered by the State Assembly in September,' Allen notes.

On the international scene, 'the scope of anti-Christian hostility is staggering,' Allen continues, with the number of Christians facing 'harassment, physical assault, arrest and imprisonment, torture, and even death' on a daily basis estimated at around 200 million.

Christians in North Korea, China, India, Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, Nigeria and a host of other countries live under a constant threat of active persecution, as documented by Open Doors, a Christian

persecution watchdog group.

Even in Latin America, the world's largest 'Catholic' region, the number of Catholic clergy and personnel killed each year frequently tops the list of continents..." (*"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. 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. But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause. But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning” – John 15:18-27.)

Christian arrested for 'insulting Islam' on Facebook

June 19, 2019 -- WND.com reports: “A young Egyptian Christian was arrested for allegedly insulting Islam on Facebook after a mob of angry Muslims chased his parents from their home and ransacked the house.

Morning Star News reported Fady Yousef, 25, was arrested June 11 in Giza, southwest of Cairo, despite having posted a video claiming hackers had placed the offending material on his Facebook page.

Citing the Coptic Bishopric of Maghgha and El Edwa in Minya, *Morning Star News* said Muslims angered by the material attacked his parents' home in Eshneen el Nasara village, near Maghgha in Minya Governorate...” **(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; “...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 report.)

China's end game: Elimination of home churches

May 28, 2019 -- WND.com reports: “China claims the existence of the state-controlled Three Self churches demonstrates its tolerance of Christianity, but the communist government wants all other Christian congregations to disappear, warns International Christian Concern, which assists persecuted Christians around the world.

Gina Goh of ICC writes that like Thanos in Marvel's 'Avengers' movies, the Communist Party would like to snap its fingers and make a huge portion of the population disappear.

The Chinese Communist Party reported in 2018 that China has 40 million Christians. But Goh says that because of 'the discrete nature of underground churches, some experts believe that the actual number of Christians falls between 80 million and 100 million.'

That concerns Beijing, she said.

For one thing, the CCP has only about 89 million members...”

Christianity is dying in Germany while Islam rises

May 22, 2019 -- Israel National News reports: “In 2001, then Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger told Peter Sewald: ‘The church will be reduced numerically. In

a city like Magdeburg the percentage of Christians is only 8 percent of the total population, including – mind you – all Christian denominations. The statistical data show irrefutable tendencies’.

Since 2000, the Catholic church in Germany has desecrated, demolished and sold 540 churches and chapels. Of these, 80 were in Magdeburg. In the diocese of Essen, Bishop Franz Hengsbach saw the number of Catholics halved, so 57 churches were abandoned. In the diocese of Hildesheim, as many as 51 churches have been deconsecrated since 2008.

17 years have passed since that Ratzinger interview and the data has almost collapsed everywhere. From ‘irrefutable’, the numbers seem to have become irredeemable.

In a study commissioned by the Bishops' Conference, researchers at the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität in Freiburg are even more pessimistic than Ratzinger: the total of Christian denominations – adding up the Catholic and Protestant ones – will fall from the current 45 million to 34 million in 2035 and will halve to 22 million within 40 years. The number of Protestants in the next generation will fall from the current 21.5 million to 10.5 million, while that of Catholics from 23 million to 12.3 million...” **(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.” See the next report.)

Christianity in Iraq is ‘perilously close to extinction’, says Archbishop

May 24, 2019 -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: “An Iraqi Archbishop has pleaded with Britain’s Church and political leaders to do more to save the Christian community in Iraq from being wiped out. At an address in London, the Archbishop of Irbil, the Rt Rev Bashar Warda warned that Christians in Iraq face extinction after seeing a dramatic fall in numbers from around 1.5 million at the end of Saddam Hussein’s reign in 2003, to just 250,000 today. The Archbishop said that the prospects for those who have remained in the country were not good. ‘Christianity in Iraq, one of the oldest Churches, if not the oldest Church in the world, is perilously close to extinction.

Those of us who remain must be ready to face martyrdom,’ he said. Christians have had a presence in Iraq for at least 1,400 years but after the Islamic State began its onslaught in 2014, they and other minority communities came under intense persecution. The Archbishop said that their ‘tormentors’ had sought ‘to wipe out our history and destroy our future’...”

Iranian court upholds prison sentences of two Christian converts

May 22, 2019 -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: “A court in Iran has upheld the prison sentences of two Christian converts involved in house churches. Saheb Fadaie was sentenced to 18 months in prison and Fatemeh Bakhteri to 12 months last September after being found guilty of ‘spreading propaganda against the regime’. In delivering the sentence, the court equated discussions of Christian doctrine in house churches to an attack on Islam, according to Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW). In addition to a prison sentence, Mr Fadaie was also given two years in internal exile in Nehbandan, a remote area close to the border with Afghanistan. The pair, who were both active in house churches, lodged an appeal against the decision and at a hearing in January

were asked to renounce their faith. Both refused, CSW reports. CSW’s Chief Executive Mervyn Thomas said the decision to uphold their sentences was a ‘grave violation’ of Iran’s constitutional and international legal obligations, and ‘illustrative of the heightened campaign of repression that has seen Christians receiving excessive charges and sentences merely for manifesting their religion in private and in community with others’...” (“*Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death*” – Revelation 2:10, 11. **Christians who suffer and die for Christ will receive the “Crown of Life” to place at the feet of Jesus – James 1:12; Revelation 2:10. The 24 elders represent 12 Old Testament Tribes and 12 New Testament Apostles – saved Jews and redeemed Christians. In Revelation 4: 10 & 11 they cast their earned crowns before the Lord Jesus Christ. Question – Will you be among them?**)

SANCTITY OF LIFE

Dutch Girl Euthanized in Netherlands After Suffering Childhood Rape

June 5, 2019 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “A 17-year-old Dutch girl was euthanized at her home after saying the trauma of being raped as a child made her feel she couldn’t keep living. Taking advantage of the Netherlands’ permissive euthanasia laws, Noa Pothoven of Arnhem asked to be put to death because the suffering of having been molested and raped as a child was ‘unbearable,’ a decision that does not require parental consent.

She died last Sunday. Noa had battled for years with post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, and anorexia after being molested and raped as a young girl, a topic she dealt with at length in a memoir titled *Winning or Learning*. She was sexually assaulted three times as a youngster, the first two times she was molested when she attended children’s parties at the ages of 11 and 12, and the third times when she was raped by two men when she was 14. ‘Out of fear and shame, I relive the fear, that pain every day. Always

scared, always on my guard. And to this day my body still feels dirty,’ she said. ‘My house has been broken into, my body, that can never be undone.’...” (**Job 7:1 asks: “Is there not an appointed time to men on the earth?” God’s Ten Commandments are eternal. The term in Exodus 20:7 stating “Thou shalt not kill” is murder. Our Lord Jesus translated the commandment correctly in Matthew 19:18. All who kill and murder others will be eternally separated from God – that includes abortionists and euthanasia’s)**)