

“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

Shocking Report: ‘Persecution of Christians Worldwide Close to Genocide’

August 26, 2019 -- *PJMedia.com* reports: “According to a shocking new report, Christians are ‘by far the most widely persecuted’ members of a religion in the world. It also warns that this persecution is now nearing ‘genocide’ levels.

The American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) shared the report compiled by the Bishop of Truro the Right Reverend Philip Mounstephen. It states that violence and oppression against Christians is worsening as time goes by.

‘Evidence shows not only the geographic spread of anti-Christian persecution, but also its increasing severity,’ the report states. ‘In some regions, the level and nature of persecution is arguably coming close to meeting the international definition of genocide, according to that adopted by the UN.’

The evidence shows that Christianity is ‘by far the most widely persecuted religion.’ This is extremely noteworthy because as many as one-third of the world’s population are suffering persecution because of their religious beliefs. Of those, an estimated 80

percent are Christians...” *(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.)*

Iraqi Archbishop: ‘Extinction Is Coming’ for Christians in Middle East

August 8, 2019 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Chaldean Archbishop Bashar Warda of Erbil offered a grim prediction for the future of Christianity in the Middle East, saying recurring Islamic purges will inevitably lead to the extinction of Christians.

Although the Islamic State invasion of Iraq in 2014 led to the displacement of more than 125,000 Christians from historical homelands and despoiled the Christian community of homes, employment, and churches, this event was far from unique, Archbishop Warda told the Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need this week.

‘This was an exceptional situation, but it’s not an isolated one. It was part of the recurring cycle of violence in the Middle East over more than 1,400 years,’ he said, which is leading to the gradual eradication of Christians from the area.

‘With each successive cycle the number of Christians drops, till today we are at the point of extinction,’ Warda said. ‘Argue as you will, but extinction is coming, and then what will anyone say? That we were made extinct by

natural disaster, or gentle migration? That the ISIS attacks were unexpected, and that we were taken by surprise? That is what the media will say.’

‘Or will the truth emerge after our disappearance: that we were persistently and steadily eliminated over the course of 1,400 years by a belief system which allowed for recurring cycles of violence against Christians, like the Ottoman genocide of 1916-1922,’ he declared...” **(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. See the next report.)**

Militants cut off the ears of women in horrific attack on Christian village

August 8, 2019 -- ChristianToday.com reports: “The barbarism of Boko Haram, an Islamist militant group, has reached new heights after reports of women having their ears chopped off during an attack on a Christian village.

Local media reports that Boko Haram fighters stormed the Christian village of Kalagari in northern Cameroon on July 29, taking eight women hostage and cutting off their ears before releasing them.

The women are being treated for their injuries but Open Doors UK said it was not clear whether all of the abducted women had been released.

The militant group has terrorised

Christian communities in Nigeria for the last decade and has now splintered and spread its violent ideology into Cameroon, Niger and Chad.

It is notorious for abducting women and girls, most famously 276 largely Christian schoolgirls from Chibok in 2014, but there have been others...”

Aid Worker: Boko Haram Killed Schoolgirl for Refusing to Renounce Christ

July 26, 2019 -- Breitbart.com reports: “Jihadis from the Islamic State (ISIS/ISIL)-linked Boko Haram killed a 16-year-old Christian schoolgirl in captivity for refusing to renounce her Christian faith and convert to Islam, a kidnapped aid worker claimed in a video released this week.

Grace Taku, an aid worker from the non-governmental organization (NGO) Action Against Hunger (ACF), blamed the death of the schoolgirl — Leah Sharibu — and another captive identified only as ‘Alice’ on the Nigerian government’s failure to fight for her release. Taku herself was kidnapped along with five other ACF workers on July 18.

She also held the Nigerian government responsible for the deaths of two Red Cross workers — identified only as Hauwa and Kabura — and a different aid worker, Alice.

Taku’s comments were captured on a nearly three-minute video, which reportedly disseminated online Wednesday by the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP), a breakaway Boko Haram faction...” **(When this story was first published, Open**

Doors USA’s president and CEO David Curry said: “Tragic reports are circulating that 16-year-old Leah Sharibu, the Nigerian schoolgirl we’ve been praying for since March 22, 2018, has been killed in captivity. However, there has been no confirmation of the validity of these reports from the Nigerian government. Our field is approaching these reports with caution, as well.” As of the printing of this Van Impe Intelligence Briefing there still is no confirmation.

In May 2018, Leah’s parents Nathan and Rebecca Sharibu told USA Today: “My daughter is alive, but they wouldn’t release her because she is a Christian. They told her they would release her if she converted, but she said she will never become a Muslim. I am very sad, but I am also overjoyed because my daughter did not denounce Christ,”

This brave young girl is echoing the words of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, when they told King Nebuchadnezzar: “If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. BUT IF NOT, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.” [Emphasis mine]. Revelation 2:10 states: “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.”)

TEMPLE MOUNT TROUBLES

Islamic Jihad, Hamas threaten Israel after Jews ascend Temple Mount

August 11, 2019 -- The Jerusalem Post reports: “Islamic Jihad and Hamas threatened increased violence after 1,729 Jewish worshippers ascended the

Temple Mount Sunday, according to police numbers cited by the Internal Security Ministry. Earlier in the day, Israel Police had closed the mount and short but violent protests erupted.

Four officers were injured, as well several Muslim and Jewish worshippers

in the event.

Palestinians said 40 Muslim worshippers were injured, including PLO Executive Committee member Adnan Husseini, who previously served as Palestinian Authority minister for Jerusalem affairs, and Abdel Azim Salhab, chairman of

the Wakf Council in east Jerusalem.

‘Israel is trying to impose a new reality in the al-Aqsa mosque and there will be repercussions for it,’ Islamic Jihad official Fuad a-Razm said.

‘We are tracking Israel’s steps,’ said Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh. ‘This is a violation of the rights of millions of Muslims.’

Police early morning announced that the Temple Mount would be closed to Jews, despite Sunday being the Jewish fast day of Tisha Be’av, which commemorates the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem. Police first blamed the prime minister, who denied he was involved...” (In Genesis 22:1-14 God commanded Abraham to bring his son Isaac to the land of Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice there. As he was about to complete the sacrifice, God stopped him and provided a ram as a substitutionary sacrifice. In I Chronicles 21:18 – 26, King David purchased this mount so he could build an altar to offer a sacrifice when he confessed his sin. This was the location where the angel of the Lord was commanded to stop the destruction of Jerusalem [I Chronicles 21:15]. In II Chronicles 3:1, King Solomon built the First Temple on Mount Moriah, this was started in 966 BC. This Temple stood until 586 BC when it was destroyed by the Babylonians. The Second Temple was built in 516 BC and enlarged by Herod the Great in 12 BC. It stood until it was destroyed by the Romans in AD 70. The Dome of the Rock was built in AD 692, and the Al Aqsa Mosque was not built until AD 705. It is obvious who has the rightful claim to the Temple Mount. See the next 6 reports.)

Jordan: Israel violating ‘sanctity of Al-Aqsa’

August 12, 2019 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi on Sunday condemned Israel following the violent clashes on the Temple Mount between Muslim worshipers and police officers.

‘We condemn Israel’s violations of sanctity of Al Aqsa, especially on this holy day. Its attempts to change the status quo in occupied Jerusalem & its holy sites will only lead to more violence, threatening security of all. Int’l community cannot remain silent on these violations,’ he tweeted.

The comments came hours after hundreds of Muslim worshipers rioted on the Temple Mount in an attempt to prevent Jews from visiting the holy site on Tisha B’Av, the anniversary of the destruction of the first and second Holy Temple.

The rioters chanted nationalist slogans and clashed with police. Several rioters were injured, Arab media reported...”

Hamas spokesman: Al-Aqsa is under attack

August 21, 2019 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Hamas spokesman Abdel Latif al-Qanoa said on Tuesday that ‘the Al-Aqsa Mosque is a red line and it cannot be attacked or changed.’

In an interview with the *Felesteen Al-Yawm* website, which is affiliated with the Islamic Jihad, Qanoa said on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the arson attack on the Al-Aqsa Mosque that the city of Al-Quds and the Al-Aqsa Mosque are under attack meant to change their characteristics since, he claimed, Israel knows that the holy city is the heart of the conflict with the ‘Palestinian people’.

Qanoa added that Hamas has announced a general mobilization for this Friday in order to convey a message about the importance of the Al-Aqsa Mosque...”

Jordan urges pressure on Israel over Al-Aqsa

August 19, 2019 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Jordan’s Foreign Minister, Ayman Safadi, on Sunday urged the international community to pressure Israel to stop its ‘violations’ against the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem, *Xinhua* reported.

The appeal by Safadi was made during a meeting he held with EU ambassadors to Jordan to discuss Israel’s actions in

Jerusalem.

Safadi warned against the grave consequences of Israeli unilateral steps intended to change the historical and legal status of Jerusalem, according to a Foreign Ministry statement obtained by *Xinhua*.

‘Israel must respect the historical and legal status quo in Jerusalem with its Muslim and Christian holy sites, and stop breaching its obligations as an occupying power,’ he was quoted as having said...”

Iranian FM calls for Muslim unity following Temple Mount riots

August 12, 2019 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif on Sunday commented on the riots which broke out on the Temple Mount when Muslim worshipers clashed with police officers in an attempt to prevent Jews from visiting the holy site on Tisha B’Av, the anniversary of the destruction of the first and second Holy Temple.

Zarif posted a photo from the riots on Twitter and wrote, ‘The crime shown in this photo was but one perpetrated on Al-AQSA this morning—on our holy day.’

‘The same terrorists are hoping to impose #HumiliationoftheCentury on Palestinians. We Muslims have power to end this tyranny, but only if we unite,’ he added, in what appeared to be a reference to the US administration’s peace plan for Israel and the Palestinian Authority, which has come to be known as the ‘Deal of the Century’...”

Palestinian leaders express outrage at Jewish calls to visit Temple Mount

August 9, 2019 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “The London-based Saudi daily *Asharq Al-Awsat* reported that the ‘extremist Jewish ‘Union of Temple Organizations’ called for Jews to storm the Aqsa Mosque on the occasion of Tisha Be’Av, which runs into the Islamic

holiday of Eid al-Adha this year.

The report, published Wednesday, said that Jews were being called to ‘storm the mosque.’ There were no Israeli sources confirming such a report.

The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem Sheikh Muhammad Hussein demanded that the site be protected and said that he would hold the Israeli government responsible for any escalation.

A member of the Fatah Central Committee, Jamal Muheisen, considered the calls a ‘challenge to the people’s will and to Jordan,’ according to the daily.

Muheisen also claimed that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu approved the calls to storm the mosque, in an effort to promote himself as more extremist in order to gain votes from the religious sector...”

Waqf calls on Muslims to pray in Al Aqsa on Tisha Be’Av

August 9, 2019 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “The Waqf called up to Muslims to pray in the Mosques on the Temple Mount during the Jewish holiday of Tisha Be’ Av on Sunday, to prevent Jews from going up there to pray, the *Army Radio* reported on Friday.

The Jerusalem Islamic Waqf, a branch of the Jordanian Ministry of Sacred Properties, is the Muslim authority managing the Islamic holy sites on the Temple Mount, including the Al Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock.

According to the *Army Radio*, a Waqf document circulating in Arab media invited all Muslims living in the Jerusalem area to go pray in the Al Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock instead of in their local mosque,

to prevent Jews from going up during the holiday.

The site, referred to in Hebrew as Har Habayt and in Arabic as Haram esh-Sharif, is considered holy by both religions. However, an agreement was reached after Israel conquered the Old City in 1967, allowing Jordan to maintain civil administration over the area and restricting Jewish access to it: Jews and non-Muslims are allowed to visit the Temple Mount in limited hours and days, but they are not allowed to pray.

In the past years, a movement calling for the right of Jews to pray on the Temple Mount has become more vocal and attempts to pray there in spite of the prohibition have been more frequent...”

WHO IS ON THE LORD’S SIDE?

Erdogan: Whoever is on Israel’s side, we are against them

July 29, 2019 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Saturday that his country will oppose anyone who supports Israel.

Erdogan made the comments while addressing senior provincial officials from his ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP) in Ankara. He was quoted by *Iran’s Press TV*.

‘Whoever is on the side of Israel, let everyone know that we are against them,’ stated Erdogan.

Erdogan added that Turkey will continue to promote the Palestinian cause regardless of efforts to undermine it mainly by supporters of the Israeli regime.

‘We do not approve of silence on the state terror that Israel blatantly carries out in Palestine,’ said the Turkish president, according to *Press TV*...” **(President Erdogan, to quote from *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*;**

you ‘choose poorly.’ “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.)

IRGC commander: Hezbollah can destroy Israel alone

August 15, 2019 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Iranian Revolutionary Guards Commander Hossein Salami declared on Wednesday that the Hezbollah terrorist organization ‘has acquired capabilities in Syria that allow it to destroy Israel alone’, *i24News* reports.

Salami also addressed the escalating tensions with the United States following the back-and-forth seizures of tankers in the Strait of Hormuz and Iran’s breaches of the terms of the 2015 nuclear deal with world powers.

‘The Iranian people forgot about talking to the United States and removed it from his thought,’ he was quoted as having said in reference to suggestions in recent weeks of possible talks between the nations following international calls to reduce tensions.

Salami went so far as to say that ‘negotiating with the US is not the way to resolve [matters],’ arguing that simply having talks with the US will only increase the pressure and demands on the Ayatollah regime ‘to make us surrender.’

The comments follow a warning earlier this week by a Lebanese parliamentarian from Hezbollah who claimed that Israel is preparing to start a war against Lebanon...” (This will never happen. 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. See the next report.)

Head of Iran’s Quds Force threatens Israel

August 26, 2019 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Qassem Soleimani, head of the Quds Force of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard, threatened Israel on Sunday after the Jewish state thwarted a planned Iranian drone attack.

‘These insane operations will surely be

the last steps of the Zionist regime,’ he wrote on Twitter.

Israeli aircraft struck Iranian military targets in the village of Aqraba, southeast of Damascus, where the drone operation was centered.

At least five people were killed, including Hezbollah terrorists and at least one Iranian official, the London-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitor group...” (Queen Victoria asked her Jewish prime minister, Benjamin Disraeli, “Can you give me one verse in the Bible that will prove its truth?”

He replied, “Your Majesty, I will give you one word -- Jew! If there was nothing else to prove the truth of the Bible, the history of the Jews is sufficient.”

The survival of the Jews is a miracle. Scattered among the nations, despised by kings and generals who tried to destroy them, they have endured as a people. Why?

The reason for the preservation of the Jewish race is found in the Bible. While their trials were foretold by the ancient prophets, so was their ultimate triumph. The same Book that announced their coming dispersion guaranteed their return to the land God had promised them: “Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock” (Jeremiah 31:10).

So the future of the Jews has always been sure. Efforts to destroy them as a race have been futile because they are destined to play an important role in end-time events. Actually, the Jews have been and still remain the most secure race on earth. The Hamans and Hitlers of history have come and gone, but the Jews remain. That is consistent with the message of the Bible: “*Though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished*” (Jeremiah

30:11).

This tiny scattered people, moving through the nations of the world, has had such a definite date with destiny that no power on earth could destroy them.

Further, the future of Israel was pronounced by Jeremiah to be as certain as the laws of the universe:

“Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever. Thus saith the Lord; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the Lord”(Jeremiah 31:35-37). See the next report.)

‘We will rain hundreds of rockets on Israel in a single barrage’

August 14, 2019 -- *Israel National News* reports: “ Hamas leader in Gaza, Yahya Sinwar, met Tuesday night with residents of Gaza’s Khan Yunis to talk about Blue and White leader MK Benny Gantz’s statements, *Israel Hayom* reported.

‘I call on Benny Gantz to remember how the IDF failed in its conflict with residents of eastern Gaza during Operation Protective Edge, when he was Chief of Staff,’ Sinwar said. ‘During the next conflict with Israel, we will rain hundreds of rockets in a single barrage.’ Sinwar also said that his terror organization is not interested in war or in another round of military conflict, *Israel Hayom* noted. However, he also emphasized that ‘our fighters and heroic activists in the military arm are gathering strength, digging tunnels, and protecting our ability to fire hundreds of rockets at Israel.’...”

Abbas: 'We'll enter Jerusalem as millions of fighters'

August 22, 2019 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas said in an address at the Jalazun Refugee Camp near Ramallah that the 'Palestinians' cannot be removed from their homeland and that every building built by the Zionist occupation will be destroyed and thrown in the garbage bin of history, reports the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI).

In the video, uploaded to Abbas' Facebook page on August 10, he claimed that the 'Palestinians' are the Canaanites who have lived in Palestine for 5,000 years, and he rejected the conferences in Warsaw and Manama as unacceptable to the 'Palestinian people'.

He said that Jerusalem belongs to the 'Palestinians', and the audience began to chant: 'To Jerusalem we march,

martyrs by the millions!...' (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.)

WORLDWIDE TERRORIST THREAT

Sydney: Man yells, 'Allahu akhbar!', kills one, wounds another

August 13, 2019 -- *Israel National News* reports: "The central business district of Sydney was put on lockdown, Tuesday afternoon, after a man allegedly stabbed pedestrians there.

7News reports civilians captured the alleged assailant.

The stabber shouted 'Allahu akhbar' and that statement will be taken into consideration during the investigation.

The stabber also shouted that he 'wants to die' and asked to be shot.

Footage shows that the stabber was attacked by passersby, one of whom grabbed a chair in an attempt to fight. When he understood that he was under attack by those he had attempted to attack, the attacker escaped the scene, only to be apprehended by the police.

One victim, a young woman stabbed in

a hotel, is in stable condition. Another individual whose body was found in a nearby unit, has been declared a victim of the stabbing attack..." **(Killing is rewarded in Islam. Not only do they receive 72 virgins as righteous and martyred godly men, but what even more shocking is they get to choose 70 relatives and friends to go to heaven. Their plan of winning the lost is a sick one and against God's plan which is: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" – John 3:16. See the next report.)**

Austria concerned by radical Islamic terrorism

August 16, 2019 -- *Israel National News* reports: "An Austrian intelligence report found that radical Islamic terrorism is still the number one security issue in the country, with returning Islamic State (ISIS) fighters

a chief concern, *Breitbart* reports, citing the Austrian newspaper *Kronen Zeitung*.

The report, which comes from the Austrian Office for the Protection of the Constitution (BVT), states that returnees from the Middle East are difficult to predict in their actions and pose a danger due to possibly having combat experience acquired overseas.

By the end of last year, the BVT estimates that at least 320 individuals from Austria travelled to fight for radical Islamic terror groups in Syria or Iraq, with 107 likely to have been killed and 93 having returned.

The agency is said to be deploying new methods to tackle the threats posed by radical extremism and laid out a new plan in October of last year based on the prevention of terror attacks and deradicalization of current extremists..."

RUSSIA AND THE KINGS OF THE EAST

Russia and China blast U.S. missile test

August 22, 2019 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: "Russia and China warned Tuesday that a new U.S. missile test had heightened military tensions and risked sparking an arms race, weeks after Washington ripped up a Cold War-era weapons pact with Moscow.

The U.S. and Russia ditched the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty this month after accusing each other of violating the accord.

Washington said the agreement also tied its hands in dealing with other powers such as China.

The U.S. Department of Defense announced on Monday it had tested a type of ground-launched missile that was banned under the 1987 INF agreement, which limited the use of nuclear and conventional medium-range weapons.

'The U.S. has obviously taken a course towards escalation of military tensions. We won't react to provocations,' Russia's deputy foreign minister Sergei Ryabkov told state news agency TASS.

'We will not allow ourselves to get drawn into a costly arms race...'

(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. See the next two reports.)

Putin vows 'symmetric response' to U.S. missile test

August 26, 2019 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: "Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Friday he has ordered the military to prepare a 'symmetric response' after Washington tested a formerly banned missile.

Putin said he had ordered an analysis of 'the level of threat for our country created by the actions of the U.S. and to take comprehensive measures to prepare a symmetric response'.

The U.S. Department of Defense said Monday it had tested a type of ground-launched missile that was banned under the 1987 INF agreement, which limited the use of nuclear and conventional medium-range weapons.

Moscow and Washington ripped up the pact early this month after several months of accusing one another of breaching its conditions.

Russia and China have both warned that Sunday's launch of the nuclear-capable Tomahawk cruise missile with a MK-41 launcher had heightened military tensions and risked sparking a new arms race...'

Pentagon working on 9 separate hypersonic missile projects to take on Russia, China

August 1, 2019 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: "Earlier this year, the U.S. Air Force announced that it was in a 'race' with Russia and China to develop new hypersonic missile systems, with the Pentagon saying it would use President Trump's new 'Space Force' to try to counter Russian and Chinese advances in this area. The U.S. expects to test at least two hypersonic missiles by the end of 2019.

In addition to the seven Pentagon hypersonic missile-related projects

which have already been publically acknowledged, the U.S. is also working on 'at least two more' similar programmes, and they are shrouded in mystery, anonymous officials have told *Aviation Week* magazine.

The precise nature of the new weapons is unknown, although the outlet discovered that they are represented by the acronyms 'HACM' and 'HCCW.' These clues were found on the LinkedIn profile of one Mr. Greg Sullivan, an engineer with knowledge of every one of the Defence Department's other publically revealed hypersonic programmes..."

North Korea's Kim oversaw test of 'multiple rocket launcher'

August 26, 2019 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: "North Korean leader Kim Jong Un supervised the test-firing of a 'super-large multiple rocket launcher', state media reported Sunday — further muddying the waters for any resumption of denuclearisation talks.

Pyongyang fired what appeared to be two short-range ballistic missiles on Saturday, Seoul's military said, the latest in a series of launches in recent weeks in protest at U.S.-South Korean joint military exercises, which wrapped up nearly a week ago.

Kim said the 'newly developed' system was a 'great weapon,' and expressed 'high appreciation' for the scientists who had designed and built it, the country's official *Korean Central News Agency* said.

Kim added the country needed to keep stepping up weapons development 'for resolutely frustrating the ever-mounting military threats and pressure offensive of the hostile forces,' *KCNA* noted...'
(A huge nuclear war is prophesied multiplied times in God's Word. Revelation 9:14 – 18 depicts Armageddon: "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.” And Revelation 16:16 tells of the longest and final battle of the ages. See the next two reports.)

North Korea dismisses nuclear talks if U.S. ‘hostile military moves’ continue

August 23, 2019 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “North Korea said Thursday it has ‘no interest’ in dialogue unless Washington stops ‘escalating hostile military moves’, as a senior U.S. envoy visited Seoul with an eye on reviving nuclear talks with Pyongyang.

Talks between Pyongyang and Washington have stalled since a second summit between U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Hanoi in February collapsed without an agreement.

The pair met again in June in the Demilitarised Zone and agreed to restart working-level dialogue, but those talks have yet to begin.

Meanwhile, North Korea has carried out several short-range missile tests in recent weeks in protest against annual U.S.-South Korea joint military drills that it sees as a rehearsal for invasion.

Stephen Biegun, the U.S. special envoy for North Korea who leads the working-level talks, arrived in Seoul late Tuesday for a three-day trip, and said Washington was ‘prepared to engage’ as soon as it hears from Pyongyang.

But a spokesman for the North’s foreign ministry dashed hopes for renewed dialogue on Thursday, attacking a

recent mid-range cruise missile test by the U.S. and plans to deploy F-35 fighter jets in the region as ‘dangerous’ moves that can ‘trigger a new cold war’...”

North Korea fires missiles, rejects further talks with South

August 16, 2019 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “North Korea fired what appeared to be two short-range missiles into the sea on Friday and launched a scathing attack on ‘foolish’ calls for dialogue from South Korean President Moon Jae-in, rejecting further peace talks with Seoul.

It was the sixth round of launches in recent weeks in protest at ongoing joint military drills between Seoul and the U.S. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has described the tests as a ‘solemn warning’ to the South.

Pyongyang has routinely expressed anger at the war games, which it considers rehearsals for invasion, but in the past has avoided carrying out tests while the manoeuvres are taking place.

The South Korean military said the projectiles were fired from near the city of Tongchon, and flew some 230 kilometres (140 miles) before falling into the Sea of Japan, which is also known as the East Sea.

They were ‘presumed to be short-range ballistic missiles’, an official of the Joint Chiefs of Staff told *AFP*, while further analysis was required to confirm that...”

Tokyo: North Korea aims to ‘break through’ Japan’s missile defense zone

August 28, 2019 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “Japan released more information on the North Korean missile that was launched on Saturday, when Pyongyang tested what it has described as a ‘super large multiple rocket launcher.’

Japanese Defense Minister Takeshi Iwaya said Tuesday the missile that flew in an easterly direction from North Korea’s coast, facing Japan, was a ‘new model,’ *Yomiuri Shimbun* reported.

‘There is a possibility [North Korea]

is trying to improve the accuracy of missile attacks,’ Iwaya said, adding the North Koreans could be aiming to ‘break through’ Japan’s missile defense zone.

North Korea launched two missiles on Saturday. One projectile flew a distance of about 220 miles, the second launch reached 250 miles. Each missile flew at a ‘lower than normal’ altitude of 62 miles, according to the *Yomiuri*.

On Tuesday, Iwaya said there is increasing risk North Korea could be improving upon long-range missile technology, applying what the regime has learned from past launches, *Kyodo News* reported...” **(China and North Korea are prophesied to be top contenders and bloody warriors during the battle of Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Revelation 16:12 pictures Kings coming to the Middle East, primarily China and North Korea to slay a third-part of mankind in atomic warfare. Revelation 9:14 – 18 the Oriental nations from the East join with Russia – the leader from the North – Daniel 11:44 – for the most horrendous war in history. See the next report.)**

Report: North Korea preparing ballistic missile submarine

August 28, 2019 -- *Israel National News* reports: “North Korea appears to be preparing to test a new ballistic missile submarine capable of launching nuclear missiles, significantly bolstering the regime’s ability to conduct long-distance attacks.

Satellite photographs taken Monday of the Sinpo South Shipyard in North Korea show the new submarine with nearby cranes and support craft, suggesting the submarine may be in preparation for a launch test.

Last month, North Korea claimed that Kim Jong Un had inspected a ‘newly built submarine’ at the shipyard.

The new photographs appear to confirm the claim, say Joseph Bermudez and Victor Cha of Beyond Parallel, a research project backed by the Center for Strategic and International Studies...”