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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

PLAGUES & PESTILENCES

“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” – Luke 21:25-26 (Emphasis mine.) Distress of nations and men’s hearts failing – certainly sounds like today.

Does God want us to be fearful? Let’s look at what Jesus said: *“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” – John 14:27.* Paul said: *“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things” – Philippians 4:6-8.*

What does this mean for us in this

current situation? We must remember that God is Sovereign, there is nothing that catches Him by surprise. He is the God of Job who tells Satan – this far can you go, and not one step further – and Satan obeys (Job 1:12 & 2:6). He is the God that Paul speaks of when he said: *“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose... Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” – Romans 8:28, 35-39.* What things work together for good? All things. What can separate us from God? Nothing.

So what should we do? On a physical level we should follow the directions we have been given. Practice good

hygiene, wash your hands frequently, make sure that you practice Social Distancing when you leave your house, and only leave when necessary. But the most important thing we need to do is **TRUST GOD**: *“He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday” – Psalm 91:1-6 (Emphasis mine).*

Most Coronavirus Deaths in U.S. Projected to Occur in Next Few Weeks

April 1, 2020 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “The United States should be prepared to endure 100,000 to 240,000 deaths from the #COVID-19 coronavirus over the next two months even if Americans continue to keep their distance from each other.

The peak number of deaths will

come over the next two to three weeks, according to the White House coronavirus task force.

‘Our country is in the midst of a great national trial unlike any we have faced before,’ said U.S. President Donald Trump as the White House on Tuesday formally introduced its extended 30-day social-distancing guidelines based on statistical models.

‘This is going to be one of the roughest two or three weeks we’ve ever had in our country,’ Trump predicted.

For the most part, the two physicians on the podium with the president and Vice President Mike Pence administered the bitter medicine to the American public.

‘This is a number we need to anticipate, but we don’t necessarily have to accept it as inevitable,’ said Dr. Anthony Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, of the anticipated 100,000-plus fatalities.

‘There’s no magic bullet,’ said Dr. Deborah Birx, an immunologist who is the response coordinator on the White House’s coronavirus task force. ‘There’s no magic vaccine or therapy,’ just behaviors that can change the course of this viral pandemic...” **(The struggle with Covid-19 has been described as a war, and at the beginning of World War II, C. S. Lewis preached a sermon in the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Oxford, and he spoke of enemies one faced in a war – including fear, the fear of death. He stated: “What does war do to death? It certainly does not make it more frequent; 100 per cent of us die, and the percentage cannot be increased. It puts several deaths earlier; but I hardly suppose that that is what we fear...Yet war does do something to death. It forces us to remember it... War makes death real to us; and that would have been regarded as one of its blessings by most of the great Christians of the past. They thought it good for us to be always aware of our mortality. I am inclined to think they were wise.”**

Should the Lord tarry, death is certain for all of us. But with the focus on the lethality of this disease what should our response be? “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear” – I Peter 3:15. As people are coming face to face with their mortality we need to be sharing the Gospel with them and give them peace and hope.)

Dr. Deborah Birx: Incomplete Chinese Data Misled Experts on Seriousness of Coronavirus

April 1, 2020 -- Breitbart.com reports: “Dr. Deborah Birx on Tuesday said that medical experts failed to understand the seriousness of the coronavirus because of incomplete data coming out of China.

‘I think the medical community interpreted the Chinese data as that this was serious but smaller than anyone expected,’ she said. ‘Because I think probably we were missing a significant amount of the data.’

Birx spoke about the experts’ relationship with the data during a White House press briefing on Tuesday evening.

She acknowledged frankly that when she saw early data from China reporting only 50,000 cases of the virus among the 20 million people in Wuhan, China, and the 80 million in Hubei province, she felt that the threat was similar to that of SARS, which had 8,098 cases globally and 774 deaths.

The devastation hitting countries like Italy and Spain and South Korea gave the experts much more complete data, helping them draw models that were far more alarming...” **(The true death toll in China may never be known. The Washington Post reported that Wuhan (where the disease first appeared) officially reported 2,500 deaths, but 5,000 urns were delivered to one mortuary over a two day period, and Wuhan has seven other mortuaries. Radio Free Asia gives an estimate based on the cremation capacity of the funeral homes in**

Wuhan with a total of 84 furnaces with a capacity of 1,560 cremations in a 24 hour period – which would total 46,800 deaths in that one province. See the next three reports.)

China censored virus news for weeks, say researchers

March 4, 2020 -- TerraDaily.com reports: “China began censoring online discussions on the new coronavirus weeks before officially acknowledging the scope of the disease, according to a report published Tuesday.

Although Chinese authorities did not publicly acknowledge the severity of the virus until January 20, censorship began as early as December 31, said researchers at the University of Toronto’s Citizen Lab.

Even general terms such as ‘unknown Wuhan pneumonia’ and ‘Wuhan Health Commission’ were deemed taboo in the early weeks of the epidemic, said the report.

More than 3,100 people have died and over 90,000 have been infected worldwide by the virus.

Citizen Lab said its research showed at least one social media platform in China was blocking some virus content three weeks before the government confirmed it was spreading between people.

That ‘strongly suggests that social media companies came under government pressure to censor information at early stages of the outbreak,’ the report said...”

Residents: ‘Nobody in Wuhan Believes the Official Numbers’ of Coronavirus Deaths

April 3, 2020 -- Breitbart.com reports: “Multiple reports published on Wednesday quoting residents of Wuhan, China, the city where the coronavirus pandemic originated, found extreme skepticism among locals that the Communist Party’s official coronavirus death toll truly reflects the disease’s impact on the community. Dictator Xi Jinping declared Wuhan

on the road to recovery in mid-March, visiting the central Chinese city for the first time despite evidence that the pandemic began there as early as November 2019.

This weekend, the government opened Wuhan's subway system to customers for the first time since the lockdown there began in January and began allowing the families of the dead to pick up urns holding the remains of their loved ones. The number of urns handed out at Wuhan's seven funeral homes, multiple reports found, is somewhere between 30,000 and 40,000, suggesting that the real death toll of the coronavirus in Wuhan is at least ten times what the Chinese regime claimed it was.

Speaking to the Spanish newswire service *EFE*, Wuhan residents who declined to give their names out of fear of reprisals from the government said they knew of no one in the city who believed the Communist Party's estimates..."

China county in lockdown as fears grow over second wave of virus

April 3, 2020 -- *TerraDaily.com* reports: "A Chinese county of around 600,000 residents has gone into lockdown after a woman who visited the area tested positive for the coronavirus, underscoring concerns over a second wave of domestic infections.

The tightening comes as China reported 35 new confirmed cases on Thursday, drastically down from the peak of the crisis.

But they were all imported, bringing the tally of such cases to 841 and adding to fears about infections brought in from overseas.

Jia county in central Henan province said in a social media post Wednesday that it was tightening restrictions on villages and residential compounds, and was not allowing people to enter or leave their homes without the relevant authorisation.

Employees will also need permits issued by their companies in order to go

to work, and vehicles can only be used on alternate days depending on their number plates..."

Islamic State Asks Allah to 'Increase Coronavirus Torment' of Infidels

March 25, 2020 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Proving that nothing is so awful that the Islamic State cannot make it even worse, ISIS on Sunday reportedly published an article in one of its newsletters asking Allah to 'increase the torment' of infidels from the coronavirus while sparing faithful Muslims.

The *Al-Naba* newsletter, as translated by the typically pro-Bashar al-Assad *Al Masdar* news service, celebrated the coronavirus as an act of divine judgment for idolatry. According to ISIS, Allah has 'imposed something of His painful torment on the nations of His creation' by conjuring the epidemic.

'We ask Allah to increase their torment and save the believers from all that. Indeed He is harsh of punishment against the one who rebels against Him, and merciful to the one who obeys Him and stands with Him,' the jihadists wrote.

The terrorists also praised what they saw as a military retreat by 'crusader nations' because their soldiers were supposedly needed to maintain order within their own nations during the coronavirus epidemic. ISIS looked forward to 'a great economic catastrophe' befalling the West due to the virus..." **(Allah is incapable of judging or rewarding – "For all of the gods of the nations are idols; but the LORD made the heavens" – Psalm 96:5. See the next three reports.)**

Taliban: Coronavirus 'a Decree of Allah ... Because of the Sins of Mankind'

March 20, 2020 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "The Taliban, which considers itself the legitimate government of Afghanistan, released a statement on Wednesday urging Afghans to 'recite effective prayers' against the Chinese

coronavirus, calling it a 'decree of Allah.'

The Taliban has also repeatedly lobbied the Afghan government to release its Taliban member inmates, citing the possibility that they are a high risk of contracting the virus in the closed quarters of a prison.

Voice of America, noting the impact that the coronavirus pandemic has had on ongoing negotiations between the Taliban and the U.S. government, which mediates on behalf of Kabul, relayed part of a Taliban statement. The Taliban urged followers to pray for an end to the pandemic and lamented the virus as a 'decree of Allah ... because of the disobedience and sins of mankind or other reasons.'

Pakistan's *Daily Times* translated a longer portion of the statement that showed the group appeared to posit the theory that the virus was a punishment as merely one potential explanation.

'Our Muslim nation must consider this disease a decree of Allah (SwT) and deal with it in accordance with the teachings of the Holy Prophet (PBUH),' the *Daily Times* translation read. 'As per the directives of scholars – people should recite effective prayers and astaghfar (seeking forgiveness) frequently, increase the reading of the Holy Quran, give in alms and charity and turn to Allah (SwT) in repentance for their past sins...'"

Coronavirus 'is one of Almighty Allah's soldiers'

March 12, 2020 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Before the coronavirus disease had reached the Palestinian Authority, a preacher on official *Palestinian Authority TV* taught that the virus is 'one of Almighty Allah's soldiers' and that Allah is punishing the sinners – 'those who attack His believers'.

In his sermon that was broadcast on official *PA TV* and discovered by *Palestinian Media Watch (PMW)*, the preacher further explained that epidemics are 'a trial for the believers and a punishment for the sinners.' To

underscore this religious view – that epidemics are a punishment – the preacher quoted Islam’s ‘prophet’ Muhammad and his uncle Ibn Abbas who both explained that plagues are the punishment for people in places where ‘abomination’ and ‘corruption’ occur.

However, since Muslim believers are also dying from coronavirus, the preacher added that believers who die from the epidemic are being tested and ‘if they have stood firm and place their trust in Allah, then they will receive an

enormous reward, and whoever dies in the epidemic merits the reward of Martyrdom.’...”

Allah may inflict coronavirus on Muslims who live with infidels, says N.Y. imam

March 29, 2020 -- WND.com reports: “A prominent imam in Syracuse, New York, is warning that Allah could punish Muslims who live in the lands of infidels with the coronavirus.

Khadar bin Muhammad, the imam of

the Bilal Ibn Rabah mosque, said that ‘when Allah decides to punish the infidels on their land, he may destroy anybody who is on that land,’ according to the Middle East Media Research Institute.

MEMRI said the imam warned that Allah may punish them by such means as COVID-19 for ‘just chilling’ while they are surrounded by sins such as fornication, homosexuality and alcohol consumption...”

RUSSIA AND THE KINGS OF THE EAST

Putin Agrees With Proposed Constitutional Change Allowing Him to Run For Reelection

March 10, 2020 -- Voice of America News reports: “Russian President Vladimir Putin says he agrees with a proposed constitutional amendment allowing him to seek another term in office, but only if it is approved by the Constitutional Court.

‘In principle, this option would be possible, but on one condition — if the constitutional court gives an official ruling that such an amendment would not contradict the principles and main provisions of the constitution,’ Putin said on Tuesday while speaking to parliament’s lower house, the State Duma.

Currently, the constitution allows for a president to serve two consecutive six-year terms.

Putin’s current presidential term, his second consecutive one, ends in 2024...” **(Vladimir Putin has been in power as either the Prime Minister or President of Russia since 1999. Now, with this Constitutional change, he is 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 two reports.)

Coronavirus Fears Aside, Putin Pushes to Expand Power

March 19, 2020 -- Voice of America News reports: “Russian President Vladimir Putin indicated a nationwide vote on constitutional amendments that would open the door to extending his power might face delays because of concerns about the coronavirus pandemic, which has affected Russia little but ravaged other parts of the globe.

‘I really am counting on people to show up on April 22 and support the changes,’ Putin said in a Wednesday speech that was meant to mark the sixth anniversary of Russia’s annexation of the Crimean Peninsula but touched on the vote set for next month.

‘Although, if there will be problems connected to this well-known coronavirus, then the law allows us to calmly ... move it to a later period,’ he said. ‘If the epidemiological situation allows, we’ll hold the national vote. If not, then we’ll postpone a bit.’

At the heart of the issue: a controversial referendum over reforms that, among other measures, would allow the Russian leader to retain his post and compete in future presidential elections when his current term ends in 2024...”

Russia’s Putin wants traditional marriage and God in constitution

March 3, 2020 -- BBC.com reports: “Russian President Vladimir Putin wants marriage to be defined as the union of a man and woman in a revised constitution, ruling out gay marriage.

It is among several constitutional amendments proposed by Mr. Putin, which are set to be put to a public vote.

Critics see the proposals as a move by Mr. Putin to keep a hold on power after his presidential term ends in 2024.

The package includes a proclamation of Russians’ faith in God and a ban on giving away any Russian territory.

The territorial amendment would strengthen Russia’s hold on Crimea – a Ukrainian region it annexed in 2014 – and the Kuril Islands, disputed with Japan since World War Two, according to Vladimir Mashkov, a renowned actor-director involved in drafting the new constitution.

Mr. Putin also proposed an amendment on ‘historical truth’, to protect ‘the great achievement of the people in their defence of the Fatherland’...

Royal Navy shadows Russian warships after ‘unusually high levels of activity’ in Channel and North Sea

March 26, 2020 -- News.Sky.Com reports: “Nine Royal Navy vessels have shadowed seven Russian warships

after detecting ‘unusually high levels of activity’ in the Channel and North Sea. It comes as the Royal Navy has been preparing to help the NHS and other government departments deal with the coronavirus crisis.

Royal Navy sailors and aircrew have been monitoring every movement of the Russian ships using state-of-the-art radar, surveillance cameras and sensors, allowing them to track their course and speed as they passed the British Isles...”

(Russia in Bible prophecy is the main instigator of death and suffering during Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Ezekiel chapters 38 & 39, which Dr. Van Impe proclaimed for sixty years, aided by Oriental and Islamic nations, bring total chaos and atomic devastation upon the world. Worse yet, it’s just ahead of us. Every nation he included in World War III is forming exactly as taught in 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 three reports.)

U.S., Canadian jets intercept Russian reconnaissance aircraft

March 11, 2020 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “Two Russian military reconnaissance aircraft were intercepted and escorted for hours near Alaska by U.S. and Canadian air force jets, the North American Aerospace Defense Command said.

The two Tu-142 maritime reconnaissance aircraft on Monday entered the Alaskan Air Defense Identification Zone, sparking the deployment of several NORAD aircraft including fighter jets, the command said.

The Russian aircraft entered and remained in the air defense identification zone, a security perimeter in international

airspace, for about four hours.

They came as close as 50 nautical miles to the Alaskan coast, a NORAD statement said Tuesday...”

U.S. accuses Russia of breaking ‘Open Skies’ treaty

March 5, 2020 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “U.S. Defense Secretary Mark Esper accused Russia Wednesday of violating the Open Skies Treaty designed to improve transparency and confidence between the militaries of the two superpowers.

Esper told a congressional hearing Russia had been blocking the United States from conducting flights over the Baltic Sea city of Kaliningrad and near Georgia that are permitted by the 18-year-old agreement.

‘We’ve also been denied access to military exercise overflights,’ he said. ‘I have a lot of concerns about the treaty as it stands now.’

The deal, which has 32 other signatories, permits one country’s military to conduct a certain number of surveillance flights over another each year on short notice.

The aircraft can survey the territory below, collecting information and pictures of military installations and activities.

The idea is that the more rival militaries know about each other, the lower the chances of conflict...”

Canada intelligence committee warns of ‘brazen’ interference by China, Russia

March 13, 2020 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “A parliamentary committee on Thursday warned that China and Russia are threatening Canada’s national security and democracy by stepping up ‘clandestine and coercive’ efforts to influence politicians, students and the media.

‘The threat is real, if often hidden,’ the national security and intelligence committee of Canadian parliamentarians warned in its annual report.

‘The threat to Canada from foreign interference is increasing. The perpetrators have become more brazen and their activities more entrenched,’ it said, singling out China and Russia as the main culprits.

Their activities, said the report, ‘threaten the fundamental building blocks of Canada’s democracy.’

The committee also criticized this government’s response to the foreign meddling, saying ‘Canada has been slow to react to the threat of foreign interference’ and ‘must do better.’

The interference has targeted elected officials and their staff, student associations and hundreds of media outlets in Canada that publish or broadcast in languages other than English or French...”

China Threatens EMP Attack in South China Sea

March 18, 2020 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Chinese state media on Tuesday rather unobtrusively decided this would be a good time to chat with a panel of ‘experts’ about the possibility of using an electromagnetic pulse weapon (EMP) against American ships that enter portions of the South China Sea illegally claimed by Beijing.

The timing suggests it was a bit of saber-rattling by a Communist Party nervous about its power and prestige after the Wuhan virus disaster, but some degree of escalation in the South China Sea has long been a concern for the U.S. Navy and ships from across the free world.

To put it bluntly, an EMP strike on U.S. warships would involve detonating a small nuclear warhead above them, but China’s state-run *Global Times* threw in some speculation about ‘low-energy laser devices’ to keep their saber from rattling too loudly...” **(II Timothy 3:1 – “This know also, that in the last days perilous [dangerous] times shall come.” Soon the kings of the East [Orient] will move into the Middle East – the second invasion of Israel after Russia’s defeat. America will be involved against North Korea as part of “Tarshish” – Ezekiel 38:16.)**

China Uses Coronavirus Crisis to Bulldoze Churches and Temples

March 26, 2020 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Religious freedom watchdog groups are accusing the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) of using the Wuhan coronavirus epidemic as an opportunity to intensify their crackdown on religion, bulldozing some churches and placing others under heavy surveillance.

‘China is now holding itself up as a model for fighting the coronavirus. But fighting the pandemic hasn’t stopped communist officials from persecuting Christians,’ Todd Nettleton, a spokesman for the nonprofit group Voice of the Martyrs (VOM), told *Fox News* on Tuesday. . .

Other churches have reportedly been vandalized by Chinese officials and orders have been given that effectively ban ‘unregistered’ religious services on the grounds of public health. On the bright side, VOM saw the prevalence of medical masks due to the coronavirus as an opportunity to evade China’s pervasive facial-recognition systems and proselytize with less fear of being identified and persecuted.

Buddhists and Taoists also reported the suppression and demolition of their temples, a process that appeared to be intensifying just as the coronavirus exploded out of Wuhan. Worshipers bitterly noted that local officials have a habit of abruptly deciding that temples built with their approval failed to meet some obscure building code and must be demolished immediately. Not even hoisting Communist flags and papering temples with posters of China’s authoritarian ruler Xi Jinping was enough to save the targeted temples.

‘Unconditional cooperation with the government means that no photos of the demolition can be taken, no negotiations initiated, and no compensation demanded. This is typical behavior of the CCP government,’ one Buddhist complained to the Bitter Winter human rights website.

‘The Communist Party is as evil as

a mafia. Under the tyranny of those modern bandits, even sacred Buddhist temples cannot enjoy peace,’ said another. . .” **(Great persecution will soon overtake most Christians in a majority of the world. USA Today reported that Christianity is the most hated religion in 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. However: 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.)**

Experts: North Korea’s Recent Launches Tested Missiles to Target South Korea

March 13, 2020 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “In recent tests, North Korea has been improving the firepower of its missiles that can target South Korea, making them ready to deploy on a battlefield, experts said.

‘North Korea has been enhancing its firepower, war-fighting capabilities over the past two years, flight-testing a number of new systems,’ including the KN-25 missile and variants such as the KN-23 and KN-24, said Michael Elleman, director of the Non-Proliferation and Nuclear Policy Program at the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

Both systems ‘are capable of threatening targets in South Korea and are likely more accurate and lethal than the systems previously seen in North Korea,’ he said.

Compared with artillery positioned across the North Korean side of the

demilitarized zone, Elleman said, the KN-25 missiles give Pyongyang the ability ‘to attack the South relentlessly in the opening hours or days of conflict.’. . .” **(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.)**

Europeans at UN condemn North Korea’s latest weapons test

March 9, 2020 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “European members of the UN Security Council, joined by Britain for the first time since Brexit, on Thursday denounced North Korea’s latest ballistic missile tests.

Belgium, Britain, Estonia, France and Germany said in a joint statement they were ‘deeply concerned’ by Monday’s firings, Pyongyang’s first weapons test for months.

‘We condemn such provocative actions. They undermine regional security and stability, as well as international peace and security, and are in clear violation of unanimously adopted UN Security Council resolutions,’ they said.

South Korea said the North launched two short-range ballistic missiles — which the nuclear-armed North is banned from testing under the UN measures. . .”

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Russia's Zircon hypersonic missile to be test-launched from underwater

March 12, 2020 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "The Zircon, a scramjet-powered maneuverable anti-ship cruise missile capable of accelerating to speeds of up to 11,100 km an hour, is one of half-a-dozen or so strategic systems being developed by Russia's military to help ensure global strategic stability.

The 3M22 Zircon hypersonic cruise missile will undergo testing from aboard the K-560 Severodvinsk submarine, a source in the military industry has told Russian media.

The source did not mention a date when testing is expected to begin, but said it would take place once three-to-four more test launches from the Admiral Gorshkov frigate are completed. The test launch is expected to take place from an underwater firing position. The Russian military has not yet commented on the veracity of the reports.

The Zircon was test-launched from the Admiral Gorshkov in January in the Barents Sea, home to Russia's Northern Fleet.

In December, Russian President Vladimir Putin revealed that a ground-based version of the Zircon was in development..." **(Jesus said discussing events to occur just preceding His return to earth to set up His Kingdom of peace that: "there shall be great tribulation such as never was since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor never shall be again" – Matthew 24:21. "Come quickly Lord Jesus" – Revelation 22:20. See the next two reports.)**

U.S. trying to catch up with Russia, China in hypersonics

March 3, 2020 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: "The United States finds itself behind both Russia and China

after the two countries transitioned from hypersonic technologies to working weapon systems, something the Pentagon has yet to accomplish, two officials in charge of the U.S. Department of Defence program told reporters.

'In past decades we have been world leaders in hypersonic technology, but we have consistently made the decision to not transition that to weapon applications and build weapons systems out of hypersonic technologies', Mike White, assistant director for hypersonics, said at a briefing on Monday. 'The Russians and the Chinese quite frankly have both done that. And they have done that quite a number of years ago.' 'It's that transition to the application that got their efforts jumpstarted and that's what we are accelerating now.'

Mark Lewis attributed Russia's success to its Soviet-era legacy, while China, according to him, made 'huge investments' and used American studies published since the 1940s..."

Department of Defense Tests Hypersonic Glide Body

March 25, 2020 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "The Department of Defense successfully tested a hypersonic glide body in a flight experiment conducted from the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Kauai, Hawaii, March 19 at approximately 10:30 p.m. local time (HST).

The U.S. Navy and U.S. Army jointly executed the launch of a common hypersonic glide body (C-HGB), which flew at hypersonic speed to a designated impact point.

Concurrently, the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) monitored and gathered tracking data from the flight experiment that will inform its ongoing development of systems designed to defend against adversary hypersonic weapons.

Information gathered from this and

future experiments will further inform DOD's hypersonic technology development, and this event is a major milestone towards the department's goal of fielding hypersonic warfighting capabilities in the early- to mid-2020s..."

United Launch Alliance set to launch the first mission for the U.S. Space Force

March 26, 2020 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "A United Launch Alliance (ULA) Atlas V rocket is in final preparations to launch the sixth Advanced Extremely High Frequency (AEHF) communications satellite for the U.S. Space Force's Space and Missile Systems Center. The launch is on track for March 26 at Space Launch Complex-41 from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. Launch is planned for 2:57 p.m. EDT at the opening of a two-hour launch window. The live launch broadcast begins at 2:37 p.m. EDT on www.ulalaunch.com. The launch of AEHF-6 will mark the 138th launch for ULA and first National Security Space mission for the U.S. Space Force.

'In the current dynamic environment, national security is of utmost importance,' said Gary Wentz, ULA vice president of Government and Commercial Programs. 'We are proud to launch the first National Security Space mission for the U.S. Space Force and look forward to delivering the final AEHF asset to support our nation's national defense and the warfighter community.'

Producing more than two and a half million pounds of thrust at liftoff, the Atlas V 551 configuration rocket is the most powerful in the Atlas V fleet. The 551 rocket has launched groundbreaking missions for our nation-from the critically important MUOS constellation to historic science missions including New Horizons, the first mission to Pluto and the Juno mission to Jupiter. The Atlas V 551 configuration first launched on January 19, 2006 and has launched 10 times to date.

The AEHF system, developed by Lockheed Martin, provides vastly improved global, survivable, protected communications capabilities for strategic command and tactical warfighters...” (Jesus said: *“And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the Earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh”* – Luke 21:25 – 28. See the next two reports.)

U.S. Space Force debuts first offensive weapons system

March 16, 2020 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “The first offensive weapon system in the United States Space Force, the Counter Communications System

Block 10.2, achieved Initial Operating Capability on March 9, providing quick reaction capability with direct operational support to the warfighter.

The Space and Missile Systems Center’s Special Programs directorate and the 4th Space Control Squadron held a ceremony on March 12 to commemorate this historic event handing over a key to symbolize the transfer of responsibility from the space program office to the space operations unit at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

The Counter Communications System, first introduced in 2004, is a transportable space electronic warfare system that reversibly denies adversary satellite communications developed in partnership with L3Harris.Col. Stephen Purdy, SMC Special Programs director, said the benefits of CCS to deployed forces and warfighters cannot be overstated...”

‘Space Fence’ radar operational, tracks objects as small as 10 cms

April 1, 2020 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “A radar system known as

Space Fence, which can track material in space as small as 10 centimeters, is fully operational, the U.S. Space Force announced.

Using enhanced S-band radar, the Space Fence improves on previous capabilities of the Space Surveillance Network in tracking objects such as commercial and military satellites, depleted rocket boosters and space debris in low, medium, and geosynchronous Earth orbit regimes, Space Force officials said on Friday.

The SSN has tracked 26,000 objects already accounted for in space, and the new system is expected to vastly increase that figure, essentially offering a catalog and location of every object in space.

‘Space Fence is revolutionizing the way we view space by providing timely, precise orbital data on objects that threaten both manned and unmanned military and commercial space assets,’ said Gen. Jay Raymond, Commander of the U.S. Space Command in the statement...”

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Heba Yazbak: ‘We’ll divest Israel of its Jewishness and Zionism’

March 18, 2020 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Video clips of two Arabic interviews given by MK Heba Yazbak (Joint Arab List) reveal her battle against Zionism and ambition to eliminate Zionism and the State of Israel’s Jewish and Zionist character.

In one of the videos, Yazbak can be heard saying, ‘We want to fight – with all our strength – racism, apartheid and Zionism. We will work with all our strength on our project of ‘a state of all its citizens.’”

In the second interview, Yazbak says, ‘At the same time as we are joining the Knesset in order to achieve civil rights that we can use. We in Balad (Yazbak’s

faction in the Joint Arab List – ed.) are holding our compass strong – this is a state of all its citizens.’

‘This plan opposes and fights the country’s Zionism and prides itself of divesting the country of its Jewish and Zionist existence, and at the same time preserves our national identity, without sacrificing full citizenship and without sacrificing citizenship.’...” (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. I 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.)