

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

## SANCTITY OF LIFE

### **People with Down's syndrome plead with Prime Minister not to change abortion law**

February 27, 2020 -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: “A letter urging Boris Johnson not to allow abortions up to birth for Down's syndrome babies has been signed by over 2,000 people with the condition and their families.

The open letter has been organised by the campaign group Don't Screen Us Out after a freedom of information request revealed that 710 late-term abortions for Down's syndrome – from 20 weeks onwards – took place in England and Wales between 2009 and 2018.

The Government has released a consultation on proposed abortion regulations for Northern Ireland, outlining that the procedure will be available up to either 12 or 14 weeks on request for any reason, including Down's syndrome.

Abortion on mental health grounds, though, will be available up to either 22 or 24 weeks, and abortions for ‘fetal abnormality’ are to be permitted up to birth provided that ‘the fetus if born would suffer a severe impairment, including a mental or physical disability which is likely to significantly limit either the length or quality of the child's life’...” (In March

of 2016, there was a program aired in the Netherlands entitled “*The Last Downer*” which was produced by a Christian group who wanted to promote debate about the value of people with Down Syndrome. In this program there was a clip that showed a spokesman from The Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment telling a man with Down Syndrome that it takes the nation approximately 48,000 Euros per year to care for a person with Down Syndrome compared to 5,000 Euros for a “normal person.” The web page of *Life Site News* <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/watch-dutch-research-institute-chillingly-tells-man-with-down-syndrome-how> stated: “*Putting a price tag on people with genetic abnormalities so that they feel like burdens that society is better without is not new. Civilized people around the world were confounded as to how the average German could have tolerated or ignored the Nazi Holocaust decades ago. But the “Ultimate Solution” started with the idea that there is such a thing as a human “life not worthy to be lived.”* This program prompted a tweet by Princeton professor Robert P. George – “*People! People!!! Do you not see where this*

*goes??? Do the Dutch, who suffered under—and in many cases heroically resisted—Hitler's domination, forget that the “final solution” began with the dehumanization and eugenic killing of the handicapped?”* In January 2017, the Dutch Health Minister stated: “Society should accept screening out of children with Down's syndrome.” In August 2017, *CBSN: On Assignment* aired a program that stated: “*With the rise of prenatal screening tests across Europe and the United States, the number of babies born with Down syndrome has significantly decreased, but few countries have come as close to eradicating Down syndrome births as Iceland.*” How are they eradicating it? “*Since prenatal screening tests were introduced in Iceland in the early 2000s, the vast majority of women — close to 100 percent — who received a positive test for Down syndrome terminated their pregnancy.*” This prompted a tweet from actress Patricia Heaton: “*Iceland isn't actually eliminating Down Syndrome. They're just killing everybody that has it. Big difference.*” Twelve to fourteen million Jews, Soviets, Poles, Yugoslavians, gypsies, and men, women and children with

mental and physical handicaps were killed in Hitler's holocaust. According to the Guttmacher Institute: *"During 2010–2014, an estimated 56 million induced abortions occurred each year worldwide. This number represents an increase from 50 million annually during 1990–1994, mainly because of population growth."* Keeping it at that estimate, there have been over 392 million induced abortions worldwide since 2010. The population of the United States in 2017 was 325.7 million.

What does the Bible say about the unborn? Samson told Delilah *"...I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb..."* – Judges 16:17. David stated: *"For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them"* – Psalm 139:13-17. God told Jeremiah *"Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations"* – Jeremiah 1:5. Luke 1:41 – 45 states: *"And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed is she that believed: for*

*there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord."*

Does this mean that abortion is the unpardonable sin? No. II Corinthians 5:21 states: *"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."* Romans 3:22-26 states: *"Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."* And we have the wonderful promise of I John 1:9: *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* See the next report.)

### **Cleft lip abortions increase 150%**

February 27, 2020 -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: "The number of abortions performed on unborn babies with cleft lip and palate has increased 150% since 2011, in England & Wales.

The new figures, released in response to a parliamentary question by pro-life MP Fiona Bruce, revealed that there were 10 terminations for those with the condition in 2011 with the figure rising to 25 in 2018 – representing a 150% increase.

The data also found that there had been a total of 223 abortions on unborn babies with cleft lip over the last 10 years.

However, the figures are likely to be even higher as abortions for cleft lip are routinely under-reported.

In 2013, findings from a European register revealed that abortions for cleft

lip and palate can be over ten times more common than what is being reported.

Eurocat, which was set up to register congenital abnormalities across 23 countries, found that 157 unborn babies, with the condition, were aborted in England and Wales between 2006 and 2010.

The Department of Health only recorded 14 such abortions, during that time, but admitted in a 2014 report that some disability abortions had been wrongly recorded.

Joan Morris, national coordinator for Eurocat and professor of medical statistics at Queen Mary, University of London, said the group also found the number of babies aborted in 2010 for Down's Syndrome was double that recorded officially – 886 compared to 482.

She told *The Sunday Times*: 'Babies are aborted for Down's and they still don't put that on the abortion form, so if they can't do it for Down's, why would they put cleft lip?...'"

### **Viral Video of Girl Cheerfully Getting Abortion at Planned Parenthood Draws Horror**

February 27, 2020 – *Breitbart.com* reports: "A widely viewed TikTok video that has drawn horrified responses shows a girl laughing and apparently having fun as she reveals her pregnancy and heads to Planned Parenthood for what appears to be her second abortion attempt.

The video shows the girl exposing her somewhat swollen abdomen and laughing in the car, apparently on her way to Planned Parenthood to have an abortion. It continues with footage of her smiling as she actually undergoes the abortion, and a close-up of the ultrasound image as her baby is aborted.

According to previous TikTok posts, the girl had taken the Plan B "emergency contraceptive" pill in an attempt to terminate the pregnancy. (*"These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A*

*proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren“– Proverbs 6:16-19 [emphasis mine]. “Being filled with all unrighteousness,*

*fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable,*

*unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them” – Romans 1:29-32.)*

# PLAGUES AND PESTILENCES

## Coronavirus: Risk of spread upgraded to highest level

February 28, 2020 – *BBC.com* reports: “The World Health Organization (WHO) has upgraded the global risk of the coronavirus outbreak to “very high” - its top level of risk assessment.

But the UN body said there was still a chance of containing the virus if its chain of transmission were broken.

WHO head Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus also stressed that fear and misinformation were the biggest challenges to overcome.

More than 50 countries have now reported cases of coronavirus...” **(Jesus predicted ‘pestilences’ would inundate the globe just preceding His return to set up His Kingdom. – “For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places” – Matthew 24:7; “And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven” – Luke 21:11; “And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard**

*the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth” – Revelation 6:7, 8. See the next two reports.)*

## Xi says China facing ‘big test’ with virus, global impact spreads

February 26, 2020 -- *SinoDaily.com* reports: “China’s leader said Sunday the new coronavirus epidemic is the communist country’s largest-ever public health emergency, but other nations were also increasingly under pressure from the deadly outbreak’s relentless global march.

Italy and Iran began introducing the sort of containment measures previously seen only in China, which has put tens of millions of people under lockdown in Hubei province, the outbreak’s epicentre.

Italy reported a third death while cases spiked and the country’s Venice

carnival closed early.

Iran’s confirmed death toll rose to eight, prompting travel bans from neighbouring countries.

The virus has so far killed more than 2,400 people, with about 80,000 infected globally, though China remains by far the worst hit...”

## Coronavirus: Saudi Arabia suspends entry for pilgrims visiting holy sites

February 27, 2020 -- *BBC.com* reports: “Saudi Arabia has temporarily halted the entry of pilgrims entering the country to visit holy sites, in an attempt to slow the spread of coronavirus.

The Saudi government said it would suspend visas for Muslims seeking to visit Mecca and Medina.

Millions of Muslims make the journey each year, especially during the month of Ramadan, which starts in April.

Saudi Arabia has also suspended visas for tourists from countries with confirmed cases of the virus.

It is not clear when the visa restrictions will be lifted or how Ramadan and the major Hajj pilgrimage – which begins in July – will be affected...”

# NEWS FROM ISRAEL

## Iranian youths praise Khamenei, singing about Israel’s end

February 4, 2020 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Last month, on January 23, Iranian youths were filmed singing to Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei during his speech,

Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) reported.

The youths began by praising Iran, saying that the country ‘has men that are second to none. Its honor and enthusiasm are unwavering. [Iran] has students who follow this path. It has the scream of ‘Death to America!’”

‘Even if this country sinks in sanctions for 100 years, we will continue to be at war with the enemy. There will be no compromise and no surrender.’

‘America is waning,’ The youths also slammed the United States and Israel, adding that ‘Israel is facing its end. Well done, Gaza and Lebanon. A generation

of heroes is joining the fray?...” (**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.)**

### **Iranian Armed Forces spokesman: Zionist state will disappear from earth**

**February 11, 2020 --** *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Israel will soon disappear from the Middle East, a brigadier general in the public relations sector of Iran’s army said on Tuesday. He was speaking to armed forces veterans in Zarandieh in Iran.

Commemorating fighters from various units and the Basij on the anniversary of the Islamic Revolution he spoke with passion about how Iran’s ‘resistance’ was confronting the U.S. and Israel.

He discussed the missile attack by Iran on Ayn al-Assad base in Iraq, where up to 100 U.S. soldiers have now suffered from traumatic brain injuries. He said it represented that abilities of Iran to defeat enemies.

He reminded those present of the ‘resistance forces, including Hezbollah, Kataib Hezbollah in Iraq, Hamas and others.’ In his estimation the ‘Zionist regime’ will soon ‘disappear.’

Other spokesmen for the armed forces said that ‘today we are in a state of war with the enemy, and we must have smart choices for those running the parliament and send people to parliament who are willing to be martyrs.’ Elections are on February 21...’

### **Top Iranian official: We’re looking for a pretext to raze Tel Aviv to the ground**

**February 11, 2020 --** *The Times of Israel* reports: “A former leader of Iran’s Revolutionary Guards has warned that Iran is just looking for an excuse to attack Israel and ‘raze Tel Aviv to the ground,’ blaming Israel for allegedly helping the U.S. kill top commander Qassem Soleimani.

Speaking to Lebanon’s Hezbollah-affiliated *al-Mayadeen TV* station on Saturday, Mohsen Rezaei was asked if Iran would carry out its previous threats to attack Israel in the event of a war with the U.S..

‘You should have no doubt about this. We would raze Tel Aviv to the ground for sure. We have been looking for such a pretext,’ Rezaei said in remarks translated by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) and released Monday.

Rezaei, the secretary of Iran’s powerful Expediency Council, is considered a top politician and an adviser to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

‘If they (the U.S.) do something, we can use it as a pretext to attack Israel, because Israel played a role in the martyrdom of General Soleimani,’ he said, blaming Israel for tipping off the Americans to Soleimani’s location.

‘We were waiting for the Americans to give us a pretext to strike Tel Aviv, just like we attacked Ayn Al-Assad,’ he said referring to the U.S. military base in Iraq, which Iran hit with several

missiles in response to Soleimani’s killing...” (“*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 two reports.)

### **Hamas official calls for ‘intifada’ against Israel**

**February 20, 2020 --** *Israel National News* reports: “Khalil al-Hayya, a member of the Hamas political bureau and one of the organization’s senior leaders in the Gaza Strip, is calling for a national action plan to combat the so-called ‘Deal of the Century’.

Speaking at a conference in Gaza, al-Hayya said that the plan to fight the proposal should be based primarily on stopping the security coordination with Israel and canceling the Oslo Accords.

He stressed the importance of convening the PLO leadership to discuss the fight against the ‘Deal of the Century’.

‘If there is no dialogue, there will be no escape from the establishment of a new representative body with wide national participation, with the participation

of Hamas, which will pave the way to ‘solving the Palestinian issue,’ he said...”

**Bennett: ‘The nation of Israel is here to stay, we’ll be here when Hezbollah is gone’**

**February 19, 2020** -- *Israel National News* reports: “Israel’s Defense Minister Naftali Bennett (Yamina) on Sunday visited Jerusalem’s Midreshet Lindenbaum, part of the Ohr Torah Stone network.

Speaking at the seminary, Bennett highlighted the importance of Diaspora Jewry saying, ‘I very much hope that the foreign students here will choose to make aliyah in the years ahead together with their families. There are 14 million Jews in the world and we have to do everything possible to ensure they aren’t forgotten.’

In his remarks to the several hundred young women studying at the seminary coming amidst a recent uptick in rocket fire from the Gaza Strip, Bennett said that 70 percent of the of the security challenges facing Israel are linked to Iran but stressed that Israel was prepared for all types of threats.

‘They are striving to destroy our way of life and tire us out. But what they fail to understand is our spirit of survival and that the nation of Israel is here to stay. We were here thousands of years before [Hezbollah leader Hassan] Nasrallah and we’ll be here for thousands of years after him.’...”

**‘If rockets do not stop we will launch major campaign’**

**February 25, 2020** -- *Israel National News* reports: “Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu held a security consultation Monday afternoon with the heads of the Shin Bet and the National Security Council at a secure facility in central Israel in response to the continuing rocket fire from Gaza.

Defense Minister Naftali Bennett and IDF Chief of Staff Aviv Kochavi also participated in the meeting through a conference call from the Kirya in Tel Aviv.

During the meeting, the prime minister directed that the military response to the rocket fire in Gaza continue.

Several red alert sirens have been activated in southern Israel over the last hour, including near Ashkelon. No casualties have been reported so far.

Earlier, Netanyahu toured the city of Ariel, saying: ‘We attacked both Gaza and Syria last night. I do not intend to let go of this. If they do not stop the fire completely, and I do not mean a day, two days, but at all, if there is no complete break – we will have to initiate the broad and powerful campaign we have prepared.’

‘These are not mere words. There are new, surprising things about them that were neither in Cast Lead, nor in the Pillar of Defense nor in Protective Edge, and everyone in the Cabinet knows exactly what we are talking about. The campaign, which could become a war, is a last resort...’ **(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. See the next report.)**

**‘Israeli missile is only guarantee of survival from potential Iran nukes’**

**February 19, 2020** -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “In the face of a potential Iranian nuclear weapon, ‘only the Arrow missile-defense system guarantees Israeli survival,’ Dov Raviv, former head of the Arrow project at Israel Aircraft Industries, said Tuesday.

‘We cannot dismiss a leader of a country who says it will destroy Israel... Iran has said this explicitly,’ he said at a conference of the Association for Israeli Military History on the occasion of the publication of a new book by another stalwart of Israel missile defense, Uzi Rubin.

While Israel has many military and diplomatic tools to try to stop Iran’s drive to obtain a nuclear weapon, if it does not succeed, missile defense will be its last line of defense, Raviv said.

Earlier at the conference, former IDF missile-defense commander Brig.-Gen. (ret.) Eitan Yariv said: ‘Some of the authority judging whether we can use our offense [capabilities against adversaries] is sitting in Washington, DC, and some in Moscow.’

He was referring to the fact that Israel often restrains itself from using military force in Syria, Iraq or other countries based on the wishes of the U.S. and Russia...’

**PA cabinet leader: Europe should recognize ‘Palestine’**

**February 20, 2020** -- *Israel National News* reports: “Palestinian Authority (PA) cabinet leader Mohammad Shtayyeh met on Wednesday with the new European Union representative to the Palestinian territories, Sven Kuhn von Burgsdorff, and again called on Europe to recognize ‘Palestine’.

Shtayyeh also called on the European Union to fill the void resulting from the failure of the so-called ‘Deal of the

Century’, which sided completely with Israel, reported the official PA news agency *Wafa*.

Shtayyeh congratulated Burgsdorff on his new position, and wished him success in his duties in developing relations between Europe and the PA, stressing that Europe has always been important to ‘Palestine’ at the political and developmental levels.

Earlier this week, Shtayyeh called on Spain to recognize the ‘State of Palestine’ and to lead a political move in Europe that will bring about support for Palestinian independence and sovereignty and the two-state solution...” **(Genesis 15:18 states: “In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates” and in Joshua 1:4 we read: “From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great**

***river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.” These verses encompass all of the land modern Israel currently possesses, plus all of the land of the Palestinians (the West Bank and Gaza), plus some of Egypt and Syria, plus all of Jordan, plus some of Saudi Arabia and Iraq. Israel currently possesses only a fraction of the land God has promised. See the next report.)***

**European Union won’t recognize Israeli sovereignty over ‘territories occupied since 1967’**

February 5, 2020 -- *Israel National News* reports: “The European Union (EU) will not support implementation of U.S. President Donald Trump’s ‘deal of the century’ peace plan, EU High Representative and Vice-President Josep Borrell said in a Tuesday statement.

In the statement, Borrell said: ‘The European Union is fully committed to the transatlantic partnership and values all efforts to help find a peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The EU recalls its commitment to a negotiated two-State solution, based on 1967 lines, with equivalent land swaps, as may be agreed between the parties, with the State of Israel and an independent, democratic, contiguous, sovereign and viable State of Palestine, living side by side in peace, security and mutual recognition – as set out in the Council Conclusions of July 2014.’

‘The U.S. initiative, as presented on 28 January, departs from these internationally agreed parameters.’

In his statement Borrell also criticized the deal’s suggestions on the issues of borders, Jerusalem, and its management of the ‘refugee question.’...”

# KNOWLEDGE INCREASED

**U.S. plans to deploy space weapons would destroy security balance warns Moscow**

February 18, 2020 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “Washington is trying to use allegations that a Russian inspector satellite was ‘chasing’ a U.S. reconnaissance satellite as an excuse to fuel an arms race in space, which could lead to the destruction of the existing security balance in space, the Russian Foreign Ministry said Monday.

‘We would like to point out that the movement of our spacecraft did not pose a threat to the U.S. satellite and, most importantly, did not violate any norms and principles of international law,’ the ministry said in a comment to Sputnik.

‘This provocative step is another attempt by the United States to justify the U.S. plans to deploy weapons in space, shifting to others the responsibility for destabilizing the situation in space

security,’ the ministry said.

The ministry stressed that the implementation of U.S. military plans in space would cause irreparable damage to the existing space security system...” ***“And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.” – Luke 21:25 – 27. See the next four reports.)***

**Space Wing squadron poised to receive first Space Force weapon system**

February 11, 2020 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “Imagine a secure communications room, like what has

been shown in big-screen blockbuster movies...dozens of space and communications professionals behind computer terminals working together to deny an adversary the ability to attack the United States.

Now imagine being able to pick-up and throw that entire room into a plane and drop it into a deployed location, enabling allied forces to counter attacks in the midst of a crisis.

That is the capability that the 21st Space Wing will soon bring online with impending operational acceptance of the new Counter Communications System upgrade.

‘The Counter Communications System is a transportable satellite communications system that provides a ground-based capability to reversibly deny adversary satellite communications,’ said Maj. Seth Horner, United States Space Force Space and Missile Systems Center

CCS B10.2 program manager. ‘CCS has had incremental upgrades since the early 2000’s, which have incorporated new techniques, frequency bands, technology refreshes, and lessons learned from previous block upgrades. This specific upgrade includes new software capabilities to counter new adversary targets and threats.’

Total force Airmen worked with L3Harris during the last year to put together a comprehensive training program for this new software upgrade for the technicians who would be using it, as well as sending the software through rigorous testing...”

**Russian satellites tracking U.S. spy satellite, Space Force chief says**

**February 11, 2020 -- SpaceDaily.com** reports: ‘The U.S. Space Force is watching two Russian satellites which appear to be observing a U.S. satellite at close range, Gen. John ‘Jay’ Raymond said on Monday.

Kosmos 2542, which was launched in November and split into two separate satellites when it reached earth orbit, is in the same plane as USA 245, a secretive satellite launched in 2013 by the National Reconnaissance Office. Both the Russian and U.S. spacecraft travel in a plane between 250 and 550 miles above the earth’s surface, where many of about 2,200 orbiting craft reside. The Russian and U.S. satellites pass each other, approximately every 10 days, but on Jan. 20 the Russian spacecraft came within 100 miles of the U.S. craft.

‘We view this behavior as unusual and disturbing,’ Raymond, commander of the U.S. Air Force Space Command told *Time*. ‘It has the potential to create a dangerous situation in space.’

Kosmos is a small ‘inspection satellite,’ capable of using thrusters to maneuver close to other spacecraft for observation. USA 245 is one of four NRO spy satellites used to photograph various parts of Earth, notably U.S. enemies...”

**Russia successfully test fires Tsirkon hypersonic cruise missile**

**February 28, 2020 -- SpaceWar.com** reports: “Russia has successfully test-launched its Tsirkon hypersonic cruise missile from a ship for the first time and is planning more tests from nuclear submarines.

The missile was fired from the frigate Admiral Gorshkov in early January while it was cruising in the Barents Sea, state news agency *TASS* reported Thursday. It landed at a military testing range in the Northern Ural mountain range more than 300 miles away.

More Tsirkon cruise missile tests from nuclear-powered submarines are expected this year.

Russia first began work on the hypersonic weapon in 2015 and Moscow says it can reach speeds of Mach 9 – nine times the speed of sound – which enables it to evade enemy air defenses. Officials say the missile has a range of more than 600 miles...”

**‘Over in under a minute’: commander divulges how quickly Moscow’s defences can thwart missile attack**

**February 18, 2020 -- SpaceWar.com** reports: “The Russian capital’s air and missile defence system is one of the most sophisticated in the world, and includes a dense layer of anti-aircraft missile launchers, interceptor systems, and a unique tetrahedral truncated pyramid radio-radar station so powerful it can detect space debris.

In the event of an enemy attack, Moscow’s air defences would intercept and destroy enemy missile targets in the space of less than a minute, missile defence forces commander Maj. Gen. Sergei Grabchuk has revealed.

In an interview with *Krasnaya Zvezda*, the officer explained that, in the first place, Russia’s global missile launch detection network would calculate enemy missiles’ projected targets, taking account of warheads and potential dummy warheads. ‘Such a complex ballistic target moves toward the defended object at speeds of up to seven kilometers per second,’ he noted.

‘The fact of the missile launch is recorded by the space-based echelon of our missile attack warning system, with further tracking of the complex ballistic target is carried out by radar stations, which comprise the second, ground-based echelon of the missile attack warning system, located along the borders of our country,’ Grabchuk continued...”

# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

**Court in Pakistan Validates Forced Conversion, Marriage of Christian Girl to Muslim**

**February 17, 2020--MorningStarNews.org** reports: “A high court ruling in Pakistan validating the marriage and forced conversion to Islam of a 14-year-old Christian girl has heightened fears

that it will encourage others to commit such crimes, sources said.

The High Court in Sindh Province on Feb. 3 dismissed a petition to have the marriage and forced conversion of a Catholic girl overturned, ruling that both were valid since a girl under sharia (Islamic law) can marry after her first

menstrual cycle.

Huma Younus was taken from her home in Karachi’s Zia Colony on Oct. 10 while her parents were away and was forced to marry the man who abducted her, identified as Abdul Jabbar of Dera Ghazi Khan, Punjab Province, her attorney said.

‘The hearing on Feb. 3 lasted only five minutes,’ the family’s attorney, Tabassum Yousaf, told *Morning Star News*. ‘The court, in just a few words citing the sharia, has justified the violation of the girl’s body since she has already had her first period.’

Yousaf added that the family was prohibited from seeing Huma because police said her life would be at risk if she was brought to the courtroom...” **(Sharia Law is a complete way of life with Islamic nations – social, cultural, military, religious, and political – governed from cradle to grave by Islamic law. It poses a great threat and there is a considerable awareness about its aggressive design on humanity wherever it is law with Muslim nations. Children are indoctrinated with the law at mosques and madrassas which include lessons about abhorrent behavior including child abuse, wife abuse, female genital mutilation, polygamy, underage and forced marriages, and honor killing if the unmarried daughter has had sex. Death is also administered to apostates, infidels and homosexuals. Dangerous days are ahead – II Timothy 3:1.)**

**Dozens killed in church attack in Burkina Faso**

**February 18, 2020 -- ChristianToday.com** reports: “A pastor is among the dozens to have been killed during an attack on a church in northern Burkina Faso on Sunday.

Gunmen killed 24 people and wounded 18 when they stormed a Protestant church in the village of Pansi, in Yagha province, during the weekly Sunday service.

Regional governor Col Salfó Kaboré told the *AFP* news agency that ‘armed terrorists attacked the peaceful local population after having identified them and separated them from non-residents’. ‘The provisional toll is 24 killed, including the pastor ... 18 wounded and individuals who were kidnapped,’ Kaboré added...” **(“If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it**

***hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I have said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep your also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name’s sake, because they know not him that sent me. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin. He that hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me” – John 15:18 – 24; 16:1 – 3. See the report.)***

**Islamist terror groups are set on ‘destroying Christianity’, says Nigerian bishop**

**February 14, 2020 -- ChristianToday.com** reports: “Islamist terrorist groups causing havoc in northern Nigeria are set on ‘killing Christians’ and ‘destroying Christianity’, a bishop has warned.

Bishop Matthew Kukah, of Sokoto, said that Christians in the north of the country are ‘marked men and women’, according to Aid to the Church in Need. He gave the ominous warning while delivering the homily at the funeral of 18-year-old Catholic seminarian, Michael Nnadi, who was murdered after being abducted from the Good Shepherd Seminary in Kaduna last month.

‘For us Christians, this death is a metaphor for the fate of all Christians in Nigeria, but especially northern Nigeria,’ he said...”

**Asia Bibi credits faith in Jesus with getting her through prison ordeal**

**March 3, 2020 --ChristianToday.com** reports: “Asia Bibi, who spent nearly a decade on death row in Pakistan, has said it was because of Jesus that she was able to get through the ordeal.

The Christian mother of three, who is now living with her family in Canada after being granted asylum there, told Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) that she had ‘held the hand of Christ’ throughout her imprisonment, much of which was spent in solitary confinement.

‘During my detention, I held the hand of Christ. It is thanks to him that I have stayed standing. Do not be afraid.’

She was accused of blaspheming against the Prophet Muhammad in 2009 and sentenced to death. After a long and difficult legal battle, she was eventually acquitted in 2018.

She moved to Canada because of the continued threats to her life after being released from prison.

She told ACN that she now wants to speak up for other victims of injustice in her native Pakistan, where many Christians and even moderate Muslims have fallen victim to its controversial blasphemy laws...” **(“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?)**