

“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

Nigerian Christians executed in cold blood by Islamist extremists

July 27, 2020 -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: “Christians are among five Nigerian men to have been executed in Nigeria by Islamist extremists.

The deaths were recorded in a 35-second video posted to YouTube by Eons Intelligence before being removed.

It showed the men blindfolded and kneeling in front of five militants standing behind them holding AK-47 rifles.

One of the executioners then spoke to the camera before the executions were carried out to warn other Christians that they would be next if they did not stop sharing the Gospel and convert to Islam.

‘This is a message to all those being used by infidels to convert Muslims to Christianity,’ one of the executioners said, according to *Morning Star News*.

‘We want you out there to understand that those of you being used to convert Muslims to Christianity are only being used for selfish purposes...’ (In Acts 5, the high priest and the Sadducees arrested Peter and the Apostles and put them in prison. The Angel of the Lord opened the prison door to release them and told them to “Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the

words of this life” [Acts 5:20]. The captain and his officers brought them back before the council who stated: “...Did we not straitly command you that ye should not teach in his name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man’s blood upon us. Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than man” [Acts 5:28, 29]. After a long discussion, we read in verses 40 – 42: “when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.” Throughout the ages there have been those who have followed this example, obeying God rather than man, and many have paid the price for it. In Hebrews 11 we have the “Hall of Fame of Faith” and it lists many that were delivered by their faith, but is also says: “...others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they

were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.” Hebrews 11:35 – 38. God’s promise to His people – “Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.” – Revelation 2:10. See the next two reports.)

Over 1,200 Christians killed in Nigeria in first half of 2020 – human rights group

July 16, 2020 -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: “Over 1,200 Christians were slaughtered in Nigeria in the first six months of 2020, according to a human rights group based there.

The International Society for Civil Liberties and Rule of Law said the killing of Christians had reached ‘genocidal’ levels, the *Nigerian Voice* reports.

The perpetrators are Islamist militants and members of the predominantly Muslim Fulani group.

The report attributes 390 of the deaths

to radical Islamist groups like Boko Haram and the Islamic State West Africa Province, both of which are linked to ISIS.

Some 812 deaths were attributed to Fulani herdsmen who have targeted Christian farming communities...”

Nigeria: Over Fifty Boko Haram Attacks on Christians in Six Months Go Unreported

July 7, 2020 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Boko Haram Islamic terrorists carried out over ‘fifty different attacks on different communities between the end of 2019 to June 2020,’ the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria (EYN) has revealed, most of which were ‘unreported or underreported’ by the media.

As *Breitbart News* reported, EYN — the largest indigenous Christian denomination in the Northeast of Nigeria — has reported the slaughter of more than 8,370 of its members, including 8 pastors, by militants of the Boko Haram Islamic terror group.

The Reverend Joel Billi, president of the EYN, said last week that the church has been the hardest hit by jihadists of any Christian denomination in the country and along with the deaths more than half of EYN’s 586 church buildings were either burned or damaged by Boko Haram.

The extent of the attacks, amounting to what many consider an authentic Christian genocide in the country, is exacerbated by the seemingly willful silence of the global media...”

Christians told to renounce Jesus or be refused coronavirus aid – ‘Let your God take care of your family’

July 24, 2020 -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: “Christians are being told to renounce their faith in Jesus or have their coronavirus aid support for their families taken away.

Various reports are highlighting the persecution against Christians in countries across south-east Asia and Sudan. Open Doors International’s

Jan Vermeer has reported that the organisation has been ‘inundated with reports of Christians telling us their communities would only give them food if they re-converted back to their original faith.’

That has led to some families opting to ‘return to their dominant religion in their country’, however Vermeer has said others have even ‘contemplated suicide’ amid the intensifying persecution they are facing.

The reports from Vermeer have been backed up by Pastor Sam of Open Doors Southeast Asia, who described that in rural Bangladesh ‘governments are giving assistance to a lot of people, but many Christians, especially those who come from a Muslim background or a Buddhist background, are not receiving the support when it goes to the villages.’...” **(In Daniel 3 King Nebuchadnezzar made the image of gold and commanded all people to worship it. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego would not bow. We read in Daniel 3:13-18: “Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. 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]. Notice those three words in the last verse. These three young men knew that God could save them, but if not they still would not worship a false god. 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.” See the next two reports.)

Report: China Forcing Poor Citizens to Trade Faith for Welfare Checks

July 20, 2020 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is leveraging economic restraints caused by the coronavirus pandemic to coerce increasingly desperate, low-income Chinese Christians to renounce their faith or lose welfare benefits, human rights magazine *Bitter Winter* reported on Friday.

The economic downturn caused by the coronavirus pandemic has hit China’s low-income households hardest, many of which rely upon state-funded welfare benefits to survive. In recent months, the CCP has reportedly forced Christians across the country receiving state-funded welfare benefits to remove religious symbols from their households and replace them with images of Chinese President Xi Jinping and Mao Zedong; some are told to renounce their faith altogether. If Christians refuse, the state cancels their welfare payments, according to the magazine.

In April, the government of a town administered by Linfen, a city in northern Shanxi province, ordered officials from all local villages to ‘remove crosses, religious symbols, and images from the homes of people of [Christian] faith who receive social welfare payments and replace them with portraits of Chairman Mao and President Xi Jinping. The officials were instructed [by the CCP] to annul the subsidies to those who protest the order,’ *Bitter Winter* reported...”

Major power orders Christians: Renounce God or we'll cut off food and housing

June 29, 2020 -- *WND.com* reports: "China's communist government is warning elderly Christians that they will lose basic benefits if they don't stop practicing their faith.

Bitter Winter, the online magazine about religious liberty and human rights in China, reports the Communist

Party is threatening 'to take away the last means of survival from elderly believers,' the government benefits of 'housing, food, clothing, medical care, and funeral expenses.'

'A Catholic from Fuzhou city in the southeastern province of Jiangxi has been receiving monthly 250 RMB (about \$ 35) from the government since 2018, the year her husband died,' *Bitter Winter* reported.

'At the end of 2019, local government officials threatened the woman, in her 60s, that the subsidy would be withdrawn unless she removes images of Jesus from her home. 'Because the Communist Party feeds you,' they told the woman, 'you must only believe in it, not God.' Two months later, the pension was canceled because she refused to remove the symbols,' the report said...'

TEMPLE MOUNT TROUBLES

Al-Aqsa director: The site will remain Islamic

July 23, 2020 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Omar al-Kiswani, director of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, said on Wednesday that 'the Israeli occupation will fail in its efforts to bring the Arab residents of Jerusalem to despair.'

Israel, he claimed, is trying to do this through 'provocative actions, daily break ins to the Al-Aqsa Mosque, preventing the renovation and removal of security guards, officials of the endowment department (Waqf) and other activists.'

Kiswani said in an interview that the Palestinians would continue to fulfill their duty and are 'willing to pay the price for holding onto the Al-Aqsa Mosque and preserving the Islamic and Arab character of the site.'

According to Kiswani, 'The Golden Gate is an integral part of the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the mosque management does not recognize the decisions of the Israeli court that ordered the closure of the Islamic prayer house that operated there...'" **(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 two reports.)

'Al-Aqsa is not subject to Israeli law'

July 20, 2020 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Azzam Al-Khatib, Director of the Jerusalem Waqf Department, said on Sunday that his department is responsible for the Al-Aqsa Mosque and does not consider itself subordinate to the Israeli authorities or its courts, but rather to the Jordanian Ministry of Endowments.

In an interview with Hamas' *Felesteen* newspaper, Khatib said that the entire area of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, which covers 144 dunams, is not subject to Israeli laws, including the house of

prayer at the Golden Gate.

That house of prayer, he added, remains open and the very presence of the 'occupation' there is the real threat..."

Hamas: 'Attacking al-Aqsa will ignite war'

July 15, 2020 -- *Israel National News* reports: "The Hamas Islamic organization warned that any attack on the al-Aqsa Mosque would ignite a war, emphasizing that the current situation will not last forever, as 'the enemy will pay for the attack on al-Aqsa.'

In a statement Hamas said that the 'Zionist repression juggernaut' would not be able to withstand the popular protest in Jerusalem, which could block the plans of the 'occupation.'

In this regard, the Hamas movement called the decision of the Israeli court approving the closure of the Muslim prayer house at the Old City wall's Gate of Mercy 'preparation for constructing a synagogue on the site,' and a 'dangerous scheme' whose implementation Jerusalem [Arab] residents will not allow.

The Hamas organization called on their public in Jerusalem and 'the Palestinians and those in the occupied territories of 1948' to demonstrate a firm stand and hold on to the al-Aqsa Mosque so as prevent the 'occupation' from implementing its plans..."

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Hamas: We will never recognize 'the enemy'

July 9, 2020 -- *Israel National News* reports: "On the occasion of the sixth anniversary of Operation Protective Edge in the summer of 2014, the Hamas organization says it will continue the fight against the 'Israeli occupation' until it is uprooted.

The terrorist organization said in a statement released on Wednesday that the fight would not stop until the Palestinians regained all their rights to their land, the holy places and the natural resources stolen from them.

Hamas stressed the importance of the unity of the Palestinian people, the land and the national sentiments, and added that any harm to the Palestinian people or the land constitutes harm to the entire Palestinian people in Gaza, Judea and Samaria, and Jerusalem..." **(This headline is the reason for the failure of the two-state solution. The enemies of Israel do not want peace. Their goal is "...let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance" – Psalm 83:4. Benjamin Netanyahu stated: "If the Arabs put down their weapons today, there would be no more violence. If the Jews put down their weapons today, there would be no more Israel." He is wrong on one point, there will always be an Israel – "...I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off" – Isaiah 56:5. See the next report.)**

Balloons carrying rocket explosives land in southern Israel

July 28, 2020 -- *Israel National News* reports: "A bundle of balloons carrying the explosive head of an RPG rocket was found in an agricultural area of southern Israel.

A police sapper conducted a controlled detonation of the explosive, according to the Israel Police.

Arson balloons or balloons with incendiary devices attached were frequently sent aloft toward southern Israel during 2019, but their usage has waned this year. Several incendiary balloons were launched last month, however.

They are often disguised as toys to attract children..."

Netanyahu: Hezbollah should know IDF prepared for any scenario

July 28, 2020 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Hezbollah should realize Israel will do what it takes to defend itself, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned on a visit to the IDF Northern Command in Safed on Tuesday.

'I don't suggest that anyone try the IDF or Israel. We are determined to defend ourselves,' Netanyahu said following a meeting with IDF Chief of Staff Aviv Kochavi, OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amir Baram, National Security Adviser Meir Ben-Shabbat and others.

Netanyahu's remarks came the day after the IDF stopped a Hezbollah attack on Israel's northern borders. He called the clash 'important,' in that it prevented a Hezbollah incursion into Israel.

'All that is happening at this moment is a result of an attempt by Iran and its outgrowths in Lebanon,' he stated.

Hezbollah chief Hasan Nasrallah is 'serving the Iranian interest at Lebanon's expense,' Netanyahu said..." **(Israel is here forever under the eternal rule of Christ in the New Jerusalem. All Christians join with Israel for this joyous 1,000 years – "...I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all**

tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" – Revelation 21:2 – 4.)

CENTCOM chief: A war with Israel would not end well for Hezbollah

July 15, 2020 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "CENTCOM head Gen. Kenneth McKenzie said it would be a great mistake for Hezbollah to try to carry out operations against Israel. 'I can't see that having a good ending,' he said at a briefing during a major trip to the Middle East this week. McKenzie has visited Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Bahrain, Jordan, Qatar and Kuwait. The U.S. general also acknowledged continuing tensions in Syria and with Iran across the region.

This is McKenzie's first trip to the region since February. He visited Israel in November last year during the rising tensions between the U.S. and Iran. Since February, U.S. forces in Iraq have faced repeated rocket attacks by Iranian-backed groups, and the U.S. retaliated with airstrikes in March. McKenzie has helped bring air defense to protect those troops in Iraq and has called the situation with Iran 'contested deterrence,' meaning that the Islamic Republic is deterred from further major attacks, but harassment by Iranian-backed groups continues..." **(According to *GlobalFirepower.com*, the United States has the highest Military Strength Rating, Israel is number 15, and Iran is number 21. Even if Iran were more powerful than Israel, history has shown us that when Israel is attacked by superior forces, the result is that Israel gets a new national holiday. Yahweh God has promised: "...I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off" – Isaiah 56:5.)**

Iran brags that new 'missile cities' are nightmare for enemies

July 6, 2020 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "In the Iranian rhetoric playbook, every failure must be met with an equal and opposite claim to some form of success. The failure of Iran to protect critical infrastructure, as well as a series of explosions at a missile factory and nuclear site over the last week and a half, led Tehran to point to new 'missile cities' as part of its arsenal that makes it a 'nightmare' for enemies. What is a 'missile city' and why is Iran talking about this now?"

The comments were made Sunday by Brig.-Gen. Alireza Tangsiri, who said that Iran has 'underground cities which house vessels and missiles.' The entire shoreline of southern Iran has these weapons, he asserted. Most of these weapons systems are in the hands of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, not the regular Iranian Navy. They consist of various marine forces, including units of the Basij, the reports in Iranian state media claim. They include 428 flotillas along 2,200 km. of coastline. The systems are concentrated at key areas along the Persian Gulf and facing the Gulf of Oman...

The bragging about the 'missile cities' comes in the wake of a mid-June test of an Iranian cruise missile that was fired out to sea, which supposedly has a range of 280 km. Iran also said in April it had increased the range of its naval missiles to 700 km..." (***God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah. There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that***

right early" – Psalm 46:1 – 5. See the next report.)

Multiple attacks on Iran by unseen adversary send clear warning to regime

July 9, 2020 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Three weeks ago a paper written by the staff at Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya's Institute for Policy and Strategy argued that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's focus on extending Israeli sovereignty to parts of the West Bank was deflecting his attention and that of the world from Israel's main threat: Iran..."

According to the paper, not only did the incessant chatter about the possibility of annexation mean that the world was focusing on Israel rather than Iran, but the annexation issue led Netanyahu to take his eye off the Iranian ball, and this at a particularly inopportune moment: as Iran continues to test how far the world will let it go beyond the limits of the 2015 nuclear agreement known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), and as the UN is scheduled to consider lifting an arms embargo on the Islamic Republic in October.

All that was written three weeks ago. Less than two weeks ago, however, something dramatic changed: on June 26 an explosion rocked a facility that produces liquid fuel for ballistic missiles near Tehran, and another massive fire erupted in Shiraz. These were the first of a series of six fires, explosions and chemical mishaps since then, including at a medical clinic in Tehran, the Natanz nuclear site, a power plant in Ahvaz, and at a petrochemical plant in Mahshahr...

These actions inside Iran send a strong message to the Islamic Republic – already reeling from the coronavirus, crippling U.S. sanctions, a deep economic crisis and domestic foment – that it is vulnerable, that its most sensitive facilities can be reached and penetrated, and that facilities suspected of being used to further its nuclear and ballistic missile program can be severely damaged..."

Jordan could support Israeli-Palestinian binational state, its PM says

July 21, 2020 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: "Jordanian Prime Minister Omar Razzaz said his country could possibly back a single Israeli-Palestinian state, if it offered equal rights to all citizens."

Speaking to the UK *Guardian* newspaper in an interview published Tuesday, Razzaz said a binational state could, under those circumstances, be an alternative to the two-state solution that currently forms the basis of international expectations to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The proposed one-state format comes as Israel plans to extend sovereignty to areas of the West Bank, as allowed under U.S. President Donald Trump's peace proposal, which envisions Palestinian rule and eventually a state on the remaining territory. Critics say Israeli intentions to unilaterally annex settlements in the West Bank and the strategic Jordan Valley, some 30 percent of the territory, would end the possibility of a viable two-state solution..." (***Caroline B. Glick, senior contributing editor to The Jerusalem Post wrote a book in 2014 entitled "The Israeli Solution" where she stated in the preface: "Establishing a Palestinian state, so the thinking goes, would be a panacea for all the region's ills. It would end the Arab world's conflict with Israel, because the reason the Arab world is anti-Israel is that there is no Palestinian state. It would also nearly erase the Arab world's anti-Americanism, because the reason the Arabs – and the larger Muslim world – are anti-American is that the United States supports Israel even though there is no Palestinian state... For the past ninety years, the two-state solution has been tried more than a dozen times, and every time it has failed, abysmally. Between 1970 and 2013, the United States presented nine different peace plans for Israel and the Palestinians, all***

based on the two-state solution – and for the past twenty years, the two-state solution has been the centerpiece of the U.S. Middle East policy. But despite this laser focus, American efforts to implement the two-state solution have all been dismal failures.” See the next two reports.)

Egypt, France, Germany, Jordan warn Israel on annexation

July 7, 2020 --YnetNews.com reports: “Egypt, France, Germany and Jordan on Tuesday warned Israel against annexing parts of the West Bank, saying that doing so could have consequences for bilateral relations.

In a statement distributed by the German Foreign Ministry, the countries, including Israel’s two leading partners in the Middle East, said their foreign ministers had discussed how to restart

talks between Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

They, along with most other European countries, oppose Israeli plans that envisage annexing parts of the West Bank as part of a peace deal that is promoted by the U.S. administration of President Donald Trump.

The Palestinian Authority, which wants the West Bank for a future Palestinian state, opposes the move. The United States has yet to give its approval to the annexation plans...”

Anti-Israel protesters in U.S. declare ‘day of rage’ against Israel’s sovereignty plan

July 3, 2020 -- Israel National News reports: “Thousands of anti-Israel protesters rallied in demonstrations across the U.S., Wednesday, in what

organizers dubbed a ‘day of rage’.

The demonstrations were held in support of similar rallies in the Palestinian Authority on Wednesday, denouncing Israeli plans to apply sovereignty over parts of Judea and Samaria.

Smaller protests were held in Brooklyn, Washington DC, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and in New Mexico, drawing thousands of demonstrators.

Approximately 2,000 demonstrators joined the Day of Rage protest in Brooklyn, during which speakers denounced not only Israel’s sovereignty plan, but the very existence of the State of Israel, calling the Jewish state a ‘genocidal’ and calling for the establishment of a Palestinian Arab state ‘from the river to the sea’, with additional calls for ‘intifada’ – or violent attacks on Israeli Jews...”

PRESIDENT PUTIN FOR LIFE

Putin scores victory, will hold power until 2036

July 2, 2020 -- Israel National News reports: “Russian voters on Wednesday approved changes to the constitution that will allow President Vladimir Putin to potentially hold power until 2036, but the weeklong plebiscite was tarnished by widespread reports of pressure on voters and other irregularities, *The Associated Press* reported.

With three-fourths of all precincts counted, 77.6% voted for the constitutional amendments, according to election officials.

For the first time in Russia, polls were

kept open for a week to bolster turnout without increasing crowds casting ballots amid the coronavirus pandemic. The move was denounced by Kremlin critics as an extra tool to manipulate the outcome.

The amendments that would allow Putin to run for two more six-year terms, in 2024 and 2030, are part of a package of constitutional changes that also outlaw same-sex marriage, mention ‘a belief in God as a core value’ and emphasize the primacy of Russian law over international norms.

Voters could not cast ballots on the individual amendments, only on the

entire group, noted *AP*.

Nationwide turnout was reported at 65% of the electorate...” **(Vladimir Putin has been in power as either the Prime Minister or President of Russia since 1999. With this change in their constitution he has in essence, set 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.)**

THE KINGS OF THE EAST

Pompeo urges ‘entire world’ to stand up to China

July 22, 2020 -- SpaceWar.com reports: “U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo urged ‘the entire world’ Tuesday to stand up to China but denied forcing Britain’s hand in its decision to ban

the communist superpower’s private telecoms giant Huawei.

Pompeo met Prime Minister Boris Johnson in the heat of an emerging crisis in relations between London and Beijing over everything from China’s treatment of Hong Kong to its persecution of more

than one million ethnic Uighurs and other mostly Muslim minorities.

The top U.S. diplomat used a press conference with his UK opposite number Dominic Raab to air a host of grievances President Donald Trump’s administration had built up against Beijing.

He accused China of engaging in ‘a cover-up and co-opting’ the World Health Organization by allegedly suppressing early details of the ‘preventable’ coronavirus pandemic that has killed more than 610,000 people globally.

The Chinese Communist Party’s ‘exploitation of this disaster to further its own interest has been disgraceful’, he said.

Pompeo also castigated China for claiming disputed areas of the South China Sea ‘you have no lawful claim to’ and trying to ‘threaten and bully’ its neighbours.

‘We think that the entire world needs to work together to ensure that every country, including China, behaves in the international system in ways that are appropriate and consistent with the international order,’ he said...” **(China will become a basic partner with Russia for the rapidly approaching battle of Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Russia will lead invasion number one – Ezekiel 38 & 39. China will lead invasion number two – Revelation 16:12; Revelation 9:14 – 16. Then all nations will come against Jerusalem for the final invasion at which point Jesus will return to stop the bloodshed and set up his eternal kingdom upon earth – “[He gathers] all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken... Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet**

shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south” – Zechariah 14:2 – 4. Then Psalm 2:6 occurs as God the Father says: “...I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion [Jerusalem].”)

Kim: Our nuclear weapons guarantee our safety

July 28, 2020 -- Israel National News reports: “North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said on Monday there will be no more war as the country’s nuclear weapons guarantee its safety and future despite unabated outside pressure and military threats, *Reuters* reported, citing state media.

Kim made the remarks as he celebrated the 67th anniversary of the end of the 1950-53 Korean War, which fell on July 27, with a reception for veterans, the official *KCNA* news agency said.

The country developed nuclear weapons to win ‘absolute strength’ to stave off another armed conflict, Kim said in a speech carried by the news agency, emphasizing the defensive nature of the programs.

‘Now we are capable of defending ourselves in the face of any form of high intensity pressure and military threats from imperialist and hostile forces,’ he said.

‘Thanks to our reliable and effective self-defensive nuclear deterrent, there will no longer be war, and our country’s safety and future will be firmly guaranteed forever.’

The speech came amid stalled talks aimed at dismantling North Korea’s nuclear and missile programs in exchange for sanctions relief from the U.S....” **(Ezekiel 38:5 predicts that Russia, the Orient, and Persia [which changed its name to Iran in 1932] will see millions destroyed through atomic warfare in the Latter Years and Latter Days – Ezekiel 38:8, 16. Prepare to meet thy God Israel – Amos 4:12. This battle is described in Revelation 9:14 – 18: “Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.”)**

THE RELIGION OF PEACE?

Mawla the ‘Destroyer’, brutal new head of Islamic State group

July 21, 2020 -- SpaceWar.com reports: “With monikers as divergent as the ‘Professor’ and the ‘Destroyer’, the Islamic State group’s new head has a reputation for brutality, but otherwise remains largely an enigma.

Amir Mohammed Said Abd al-Rahman

al-Mawla replaced Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi after his death in a raid by U.S. special forces last October.

Mawla was initially presented to the world by the Islamic State (IS) as Abu Ibrahim al-Hashimi al-Qurashi — a man about whom America and Iraq had little intelligence.

U.S. officials later came to believe that

al-Qurashi was Mawla’s nom de guerre, recognising him in March as the new head of IS.

The State Department immediately placed him on its ‘Specially Designated Global Terrorist’ list, sparking a quest to learn more about a most-wanted man who now has a \$10 million bounty on his head.

One thing everyone seems to agree on is Mawla's brutal nature..." (Islam is a religion of hate. Sharia Law demands death penalties for (1) Daughters who have premarital sex, (2) Homosexuals – these murderers are told to drop them from the highest mountain to be sure to hear their fearful screams, (3) Apostates – these are Islamic religionists who mock Allah, Muhammad, of the Koran, (4) All infidels – non Muslim religionists. Genuine Christianity is the only religion of peace – “Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we

ought to lay down our lives for the brethren” – I John 3:16. See the next report.)

French Senate Report Describes ‘Alarming’ Spread of Islamism

July 13, 2020 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “A report compiled by members of the French Senate has detailed the spread of political Islam across France and listed 44 proposals to combat radical Islamist ideology.

The report, which was written by the Commission of Inquiry on Islamist Radicalisation and the Means to Combat It, claims that radical Islamism ‘is polymorphous, penetrating into

all aspects of social life and tends to impose a new social standard by taking advantage of individual freedom’.

Senator Jacqueline Eustache-Brinio, a member of the centre-right Republicans, said that nearly all of France is affected by radical Islam, adding: ‘We cannot accept it. Now or never is the time to react.’

Obtained and reported on by French newspaper *Le Figaro*, the report states that in certain districts of the country an ‘Islamist ecosystem’ has emerged that questions secular principles such as equality of men and women and the rights of homosexuals...”

SIGNS IN THE SUN MOON AND STARS

Russia conducts space-based anti-satellite weapons test

July 27, 2020 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “U.S. Space Command has evidence that Russia conducted a non-destructive test of a space-based anti-satellite weapon. On July 15, Russia injected a new object into orbit from Cosmos 2543, currently Satellite Catalog Number 45915 in *Space-Track.org*.

Russia released this object in proximity to another Russian satellite, which is similar to on-orbit activity conducted by Russia in 2017, and inconsistent with the system’s stated mission as an inspector satellite. Tracking information can be found on *Space-Track.org*.

‘The Russian satellite system used to conduct this on-orbit weapons test is the same satellite system that we raised concerns about earlier this year, when Russia maneuvered near a U.S. government satellite,’ said Gen. John W. ‘Jay’ Raymond, Commander of U.S. Space Command and U.S. Space Force Chief of Space Operations. ‘This is

further evidence of Russia’s continuing efforts to develop and test space-based systems, and consistent with the Kremlin’s published military doctrine to employ weapons that hold U.S. and allied space assets at risk.’

The U.S. State Department raised concerns in 2018, and again this year, that Russian satellite behaviors were inconsistent with their stated mission and that these satellites displayed characteristics of a space-based weapon. According to the Department of State, this behavior is hypocritical and concerning...” (“*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 report.)*

France steps up space spending to gird for ‘unfriendly’ moves

July 27, 2020 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “France will increase spending on its new Space Force programme by several hundreds of millions of euros as it prepares for potential ‘unfriendly manoeuvres’ among world powers, Defence Minister Florence Parly said Friday.

‘We’re gone from a concept of space as a ‘common good’ in the service of science, to a space where countries are struggling for global supremacy,’ Parly told the *Provence* newspaper of Marseille.

The new Air and Space Force, which Parly will officialise during a visit to France’s military flight training school at Salon-en-Provence, will have a staff of 500 by 2025, she said.

Investments in the programme will reach 4.3 billion euros (\$5 billion) over the 2019-2025 budget period, up from the 3.6 billion euros originally planned. ‘In no way are we engaging in an arms race,’ Parly said, reiterating a stance announced when President Emmanuel Macron unveiled the new space initiative last year...”