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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*

## A NUCLEAR MADMAN

### **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. See the next report.***)

### **U.S. government report: N. Korea has 60 nuclear bombs, 5000 tons of chemical weapons**

**August 19, 2020** -- *Israel National News* reports: “A new assessment made by the United States Department of the Army estimates that the North Korean regime is in possession of massive amounts of conventional and non-conventional weapons that they are ‘highly likely’ to use in specific circumstances, according to the *Yonhap News Agency*.

The assessment was published in a report entitled ‘North Korean Tactics,’ and attributes North Korea’s huge armaments program to a desire to ‘prevent other countries from contemplating regime change.’ Apparently, Kim Jong-un, the North Korean dictator, took note of what happened to his Libyan counterpart Muammar Gaddafi and ‘does not want something similar to happen’ to him. (Gaddafi was killed by rebel Libyan forces, after a multi-national force including NATO countries attacked Libya with the stated goal of imposing an arms embargo, sanctions, and an assets freeze against regime leaders.)

According to the report, North Korea already has between 20 and 60 nuclear bombs and ‘the capacity to produce six

new devices each year.’ It also boasts the world’s third-largest stockpile of chemical weapons – between 2,500 and

5,000 tons of various substances – and is engaged in research into biological warfare as well. ‘Only one kilogram of

anthrax could kill up to 50,000 people in Seoul,’ the capital of South Korea, the report’s authors note...’’

# THE KINGS OF THE EAST

## **U.S. Allies Tighten Alliance to Contain China’s Maritime Expansion**

**August 6, 2020** -- *Voice of America News* reports: “Australia’s recent shift to a more combative stance against China will tighten political and military coordination among U.S.-allied nations that want to check Beijing’s maritime expansion, analysts said this week.

Canberra broke its neutral stance toward China with harsh pledges and comments in May, June and July due to a series of problems with the communist government, despite brisk trade ties. In particular, Australia openly backed the United States last month by sending the United Nations a letter that described Beijing’s sovereignty claims in the contested South China Sea as illegal.

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison suggested in a speech Wednesday that his country would work more closely with India, Japan and the United States – an ally already so close that a Chinese newspaper in May quoted a netizen calling Canberra a ‘dog’ of Washington.

Those four countries belong to a group dubbed the Quad, which formed in 2007 to discuss security issues in Asia, including China’s activities. Specialists predict more from the Quad, this time galvanized by Australia, even though the United States normally leads...” **(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]. See the next two reports.)**

## **Modi warns China over border tensions**

**August 17, 2020** -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi issued a new warning to China over deadly border tensions on Saturday, using his most important speech of the year to promise to build a stronger military.

With talks on easing a military build-up in their Himalayan border region at a stalemate, Modi told an Independence Day ceremony that India’s sovereignty was ‘supreme’ and that relations with neighbours depended on security and trust.

Attendance at the historic Red Fort in New Delhi for the speech was cut by more than half to 4,000 people, all of

whom sat two metres (six feet) apart because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Hindu nationalist prime minister mentioned confrontations with Pakistan and China on their disputed borders, but without naming either country...’’

## **India uses arrival of new fighter jets to warn China**

**July 31, 2020** -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “The first five Rafale fighter jets bought from France in a multi-billion-dollar deal landed in India on Wednesday, and the defence minister used their arrival to launch a veiled warning to neighbouring China over territorial tensions.

A water-cannon guard of honour greeted the five jets when they landed at the Ambala air base in Haryana state. India has bought 36 Rafale fighters from France in a deal estimated to be worth \$9.4 billion. All are scheduled to be delivered by the end of 2021.

An intense nationwide spotlight on the combat jets has been sharpened by a deadly border standoff with China.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcomed the jets with a tweet in Sanskrit: ‘There is no sacrifice like the national defence; there is no good deed like the national defence; there is no practice like national defence.’

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said the arrival of the fighter jets marked ‘the beginning of a new era in our military history’.

The jets will make the Indian Air Force ‘much stronger to deter any threat that may be posed on our country’, he added in a series of tweets...’’

# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

## **Government demands \$20,000 fine against church that held worship**

**August 21, 2020** -- *WND.com* reports: “Los Angeles County is moving to hold John MacArthur’s Grace Community Church in contempt of court and be fined a total of \$20,000 for holding a worship service Sunday in defiance of a court order.

The church, like many across the nation, argues government officials are violating the First Amendment by restricting religious meetings while allowing similar gatherings, such as protests of the death of George Floyd.

*Fox News* reported L.A. County officials contend the church’s actions last Sunday constitute four separate violations of a temporary restraining order and a Court of Appeal order. The court, therefore, they say, should issue \$1,000 fines for each of eight acts of alleged contempt and an additional \$1,500 fine for each of eight alleged violations of court orders.

Lawyers for the church contend the county is violating the Constitution...” **(In Acts chapter 5, when Peter and the Apostles were imprisoned for preaching, the angel of the Lord opened the prison doors at night and said: Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life – Acts 5:20. The next morning they were brought before the council where the high priest said: ...Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this 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 men 5:28 & 29.**

Great persecution will soon overtake most Christians in a majority of the world. *Blessed are they which are*

*persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. – Matthew 5:10 – 12; If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name’s sake, because they know not him that sent me. – John 15:18 – 21; ...When he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held. — Revelation 6:9: ...I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. – Revelation 20:4; and Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. – Revelation 2:10. See the next report.)*

## **Faith Leaders: China’s Persecution of Uyghurs One of Most Egregious ‘Since Holocaust’**

**August 24, 2020** -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Dozens of prominent faith leaders have denounced China’s persecution of Uyghur Muslims as ‘one of the most egregious human tragedies since the Holocaust.’

In their strongly worded declaration, the faith leaders — who include Catholic bishops and cardinals, Protestant bishops and pastors, Buddhist leaders, Muslim Imams, and ten Jewish rabbis — underscore the evil of ‘the potential genocide of the Uyghurs and other Muslims in China’ under the auspices of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). While many persecutions and mass atrocities are occurring around the world, the plight of the Uyghurs is unique, the leaders insist, and if allowed to continue with impunity, it ‘calls into question most seriously the willingness of the international community to defend universal human rights for everyone.’

‘At least one million Uyghur and other Muslims in China are incarcerated in prison camps facing starvation, torture, murder, sexual violence, slave labour and forced organ extraction,’ the statement reads. ‘Outside the camps, basic religious freedom is denied. Mosques are destroyed, children are separated from their families, and acts as simple as owning a Holy Quran, praying or fasting can result in arrest.’

The faith leaders also note how China has set up the ‘world’s most intrusive surveillance state’ and has used it to carry out ‘a campaign of forced sterilization and birth prevention targeting at least 80% of Uyghur women of childbearing age,’ an action that could constitute genocide, according to the 1948 Genocide Convention...”

# THE RELIGION OF PEACE?

## **'Holy warrior' selfies: Pakistan teen feted for killing U.S. blasphemy suspect**

**August 10, 2020** -- *Reuters* reports: "Faisal Khan, a 15-year-old Pakistani, beams for selfies with lawyers and police. Thousands hail him in the streets as a 'holy warrior.'

His claim to adulation? Allegedly gunning down in open court an American accused of blasphemy, a capital crime in this Islamic republic.

Khan is charged with murder, which also carries a death sentence. But while lawyers line up to defend him, the attorney for Tahir Naseem, the U.S. citizen, has gone into hiding.

The teen, according to officials and witnesses, got through three security checkpoints on his way into a courtroom in the northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar on July 29, pulled out a pistol and fired multiple shots into Naseem, 57, at a bail hearing.

Naseem died on the spot, onlookers spattered with his blood..." (According to a 2017 report by the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, there are 71 countries that criminalize views deemed to be blasphemous. The punishment for blasphemy range from fines to the death penalty. In the Middle East and North Africa, 18 of the 20 nations treat insults to Islam as a criminal offence, and 14 of those also criminalize apostasy. While Iran and Pakistan are the only two nations that enshrine the death penalty in law, Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia carry it out. See the next report.)

## **Nigeria: Singer Sentenced to Death for 'Blasphemy'**

**August 11, 2020** -- *Voice of America News* reports: "An Islamic court in northern Nigeria on Monday sentenced a singer to death for blasphemy against the Prophet Mohammed, judicial officials said.

An Upper Islamic Sharia court in the city of Kano ordered 22-year-old Yahaya Aminu Sharif to die by hanging for derogatory expressions against the Prophet in one of his songs, spokesman for the Kano region justice ministry, Baba-Jibo Ibrahim, told *AFP*.

Sharia courts in majority Muslim northern Nigeria have handed down death sentences for adultery, murder and homosexuality before but to date no executions have been carried out.

'The court handed down the death sentence as enshrined in Islamic laws based on irrefutable evidence and the convict's admission of guilt,' Ibrahim said.

Sharif was accused of blaspheming the Prophet in a song he shared on social media in March, which caused riots in the city.

Mobs burnt the singer's family home and took to the streets demanding his prosecution, leading to his arrest..."

# SANCTITY OF LIFE

## **Survey: 89% of neonatal medics accept abortion AFTER birth**

**August 21, 2020** -- *WND.com* reports: "Nearly 90% of neonatal care medics in northern Belgium are willing to commit infanticide, according to a study.

Kim Beernaert of Research Foundation Flanders surveyed doctors and paramedics in the Flanders region of Belgium and found 89.1% thought it 'acceptable' to end the life of a baby born with a 'serious' disability, even if the condition was not life-threatening.

The researchers found little change in attitude to 'after-birth abortion' when there was 'an unclear diagnosis and unpredictable prognosis,' noted the U.K.'s Christian Institute.

The health care professionals had 'a high degree of tolerance' toward late

abortions, with 95.6% of respondents open to the practice if an unborn baby's disability was deemed 'serious but not lethal.'

Belgium has the world's most liberal law on physician-assisted suicide, allowing it for psychiatric conditions and children as well as for the terminally ill..." (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 448 million induced abortions worldwide since 2010. The population of the United States in 2018 was 327.16 million. Last year, the New York

State legislature put into place one of the most radical abortion laws in the United States – allowing abortions through the third trimester, including up to birth. It also prevents pregnant women whose babies are killed in an attack on the mother from seeking justice. God said in Exodus 21:22-25: *If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life, Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe. In other words, if a woman gives birth prematurely – but the*

baby survives – then the attacker would be punished as the husband and judge determines. However, if mischief follows, or the baby dies, then it would be life for life.)

### **Uyghur Doctor Accuses Chinese Hospitals of Forced Abortions in Xinjiang**

August 19, 2020 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “A Uyghur obstetrician named Hasiyet Abdulla told *Radio Free Asia* (RFA) on Monday that hospitals in China’s Xinjiang province were ‘forced to abort and kill babies born in excess of family planning limits or who were in utero less than three years after the mother’s previous birth.’

RFA quoted Abdulla, a 15-year veteran of Xinjiang’s hospitals who now lives in Turkey, explaining that hospital maternity wards in the home of the Uyghur Muslims followed strict

instructions to limit rural families to three children at most, and urban families to just two:

‘The regulations were so strict: there had to be three or four years between children. There were babies born at nine months who we killed after inducing labor. They did that in the maternity wards, because those were the orders.’ Abdulla told *RFA* that hospital family-planning units carried out the operations, including for women who were ‘eight and nine months pregnant,’ adding that in some cases, medical staff would ‘even kill the babies after they’d been born.’...” *(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, despiteful, 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. *These barbarians will soon ...be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched –* Mark 9:43, 44.)

## **NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST**

### **Report: Hamas launched war against Israel – on Turkey’s orders**

August 24, 2020 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Hamas launched a war against Israel on Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s orders, the *Bulgarian Military* reported, quoting Greece’s *Pentapostagma*.

According to the report, the launch came while Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh met with Erdogan in Istanbul. Haniyeh’s deputy, Saleh al-Aruri, and Turkey’s Deputy Secretary of Intelligence, Kan Fidan, also attended the meeting, as did Erdogan’s chief aide Sefer Turan.

The report also claimed that the AKP is launching another proxy war for Erdogan, who wants to take over control of the Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem.

According to the *Bulgarian Military*, Hamas terrorists are planning attacks both in Israel and abroad.

The site also noted that a Turkish journalist accessed secret documents confirming espionage activities in Greece and an illegal intelligence

gathering by Turkey’s National Intelligence Agency, as well as by Turkish consulates. The first of the documents dates from March 2019, the site noted...” *(The Middle East nations have a long history of calling for the destruction of Israel. It 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.)

### **U.S. Vows to Ensure Israel’s ‘Military Edge’**

August 25, 2020 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Monday the United States will ensure Israel’s military advantage in the Middle East under any potential U.S. arms deals with the United Arab Emirates.

‘The United States has a legal requirement with respect to qualitative military edge. We will continue to honor that,’ said Pompeo after his meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem.

‘But we have a 20-plus year security relationship with the United Arab Emirates as well, where we have

provided them with technical assistance and military assistance,' he added.

The top U.S. diplomat's trip to the Middle East comes after Washington helped broker the Israel-UAE deal earlier this month, a pact that Netanyahu said heralds a new era for the region.

But Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas said the deal is a 'betrayal' of Palestinians. The Israel-UAE deal is seen as breaking a tradition among most Arab countries not to make peace with Israel until Israel and the Palestinians make peace..." (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, Hamas and Islamic Jihad call for 'uprising' after UAE-Israel deal**

**August 24, 2020** -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "The Middle East needs an uprising similar to the Islamic Revolution in Iran that will unite the 'resistance' of the Islamic community against a 'culture of defeat' that has affected Arab regimes, Palestinian Islamic Jihad's representative to Iran recently said.

*Mehr News* in Iran reported the discussion with Naser Abu Sharif of Islamic Jihad, which is backed by Tehran. A Hamas representative named Khalid al-Qaddumi was also present, the report said.

The *Mehr News* discussion attacked the 'betrayal of the UAE in the signing of the agreement to normalize relations with the Zionist enemy.' Qaddumi said that the agreement has crossed a redline and that Israel is now more secure than in the past.

The extremists asserted that Israel was

like a criminal running free without anyone to put it on trial. He pointed out that when Egypt had signed a peace deal with Israel, the Arab League had suspended Egypt and moved its headquarters temporarily from Cairo. Egypt was readmitted to the Arab league in 1989..." (**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.)***

### **PA: Israel is 'the main enemy'**

**August 18, 2020** -- *Israel National News* reports: "Palestinian Authority (PA) cabinet leader Mohammad Shtayyeh on Tuesday blasted the normalization of ties between Israel and the United Arab Emirates, a move he called a blatant deviation from the Arab consensus as expressed in the Arab peace initiative. Speaking at the start of the cabinet meeting, Shtayyeh said that the heart of the conflict with Israel focuses on land and peace must be based on the

principle of withdrawal from the land 'occupied' in 1967.

The discourse on peace for peace, he argued, is an illusion and the principle of peace from a place of power will not lead to the establishment of peace, since peace must be built on justice, right and international legitimacy.

The Palestinians are 'the landowners and we will remain loyal to our land,' said Shtayyeh, who described Israel as a state founded by force on a colonialist basis..."

### **Former Hamas leader: Zionism is a foreigner in the region**

**August 25, 2020** -- *Israel National News* reports: "Former Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal is claiming that the steadfastness of the Palestinian people, the success of the 'resistance' enterprise and the Palestinian consensus regarding opposition to the U.S. 'Deal of the Century' and to the annexation and normalization plan are factors that will lead the Palestinians to liberation.

In a speech over the weekend, Mashaal said that the Islamic nation would succeed in the campaign against normalization with Israel, emphasizing that Hamas opposes any connection with the 'occupation.'

The latest political moves, he claimed, are intended to eliminate the Palestinian issue through the Deal of the Century and present the 'occupation' as if it were part of the solution and not the enemy and the problem.

Mashaal argued that the 'enemies' of the Muslims do not want them to be a leading force or a partner and so they planted the Zionist enemy in the Middle East to serve the colonialist enterprise..." (**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.)*

**Nasrallah threatened to blow up Israel with same chemicals as Beirut blast**

**August 6, 2020** -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah threatened in the past to destroy Israel by causing a massive explosion in the port of Haifa using ammonia tanks that he said would be like a ‘nuclear’ explosion. In addition Hezbollah allegedly sought to acquire ammonium nitrate via Syria since 2009 and tried to infiltrate the agriculture ministry in Lebanon to do so, according to leaked diplomatic cables.

The archival footage has been circulating in the wake of the massive explosion in Lebanon that killed more than 100 and injured 4,000 and has left hundreds missing. It illustrates Hezbollah’s terrorist strategy of targeting civilians for mass murder, despite the organization’s claim that it is

‘resisting’ Israel by defending Lebanon. A source quoted in a cache of leaked diplomatic cables and other reports noted that Hezbollah’s supply of some explosive material had been cut off over the last decade. Hezbollah also allegedly sought to get the ammonium nitrate via Syria, bringing in thousands of tons of it from Homs. Hezbollah sought to dominate the agriculture ministry in Lebanon since 2009 to get a hold of the material...” *(Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed,*

*ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him – Psalm 2:1-12. See the next report.)*

**Hamas fires rockets into sea in ‘message’ to Israel**

**August 10, 2020** -- *Israel National News* reports: “ Hamas terrorists in the Gaza Strip fired rockets into the sea on Monday after repeated exchanges of fire with Israel in recent days, Gaza security sources and eyewitnesses said.

At least eight rockets were seen in the sky, heading toward the Mediterranean Sea, said *AFP* journalists in the coastal strip.

The Gaza Strip’s interior ministry called the rocket launches ‘an act of resistance’.

The rockets were a ‘message’ to Israel to let it know that terrorist groups in Gaza will not ‘remain silent’ in the face of an Israeli blockade and ‘aggression’, a source close to Hamas told *AFP*.

The source noted that Monday’s rocket fire coincided with the recent launch of incendiary balloons into Israel.

In the past week, such balloons have flown three times from Gaza into Israel, each time triggering retaliatory strikes against Hamas positions...”

# TEMPLE MOUNT TROUBLES

**PA Mufti prohibits visits to Al-Aqsa**

**August 18, 2020** -- *Israel National News* reports: “Sheikh Muhammad Hussein, the Mufti of the Palestinian Authority, issued an Islamic fatwa (ruling) which bans prayer at the Al-Aqsa Mosque or visiting the site if it was the result of the agreement which normalizes ties between Israel and the United Arab Emirates.

Hussein noted that prayer in the Al-Aqsa Mosque is possible for anyone

who comes to the site on the basis of Palestinian legitimacy, and not for those who maintain normalization with Israel and make use of the Palestinian issue to please the United States and Israel.

He warned that Muslim clerics in Jerusalem have already ruled against cooperating with the U.S. ‘Deal of the Century’, to which the establishment of relations between Israel and the United Arab Emirates was related.

Sheikh Hussein warned Muslims not to visit Jerusalem based on the

agreement between Israel and the United Arab Emirates or the ‘Deal of the Century’ which is considered illegal and prohibited by Islamic law...” **(At the return of Christ our Lord, after the Rapture [Revelation 3:10] Christ returns seven years later proving you Palestinians will be wrong. There will be a Jewish Temple. Proof? – Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no**

*more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. Revelation 3:11 – 13. God adds in Isaiah 56:5: I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name. See the next two reports.)*

### **Radical cleric: Al-Aqsa will return to Muslims**

**August 5, 2020** -- *Israel National News* reports: “Sheikh Raed Salah, the leader of the Islamic Movement in Israel, said on Tuesday that despite the painful situation of the Islamic nation, he is convinced that it will soon rise, stand on its feet and shout: ‘We respond to the call of the Al-Aqsa Mosque.’”

In a videotaped message on the occasion of the Muslim Eid al-Adha holiday, Sheikh Salah said that the Al-Aqsa Mosque sends calls for help to the Islamic Nation. ‘When will the shouts of praise to Allah for patience (in the fight) become the shouts of praise to Allah for the victory that heralds the departure of the occupation?’ Salah asked.

Sheikh Salah added that, despite the difficult situation, there are also positive signs, chief among them the return of sovereignty over the Hagia Sophia mosque in Turkey, which means that Muslim sovereignty over the Al-Aqsa Mosque will also return.

Salah has been arrested by Israel several times in the past on charges of incitement. The radical cleric served a nine-month jail sentence after being convicted of encouraging violent attacks and inciting racism in a 2007 sermon...

### **Jordan reiterates to Israel, Al-Aqsa is a place for Muslim worship only**

**August 3, 2020** -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “The Kingdom of Jordan has requested that Israel ‘respect the sanctity’ of the Al-Aqsa Mosque in

Jerusalem and the status quo, after it recently reopened to Muslim worshipers following a two-month hiatus amid coronavirus lockdowns.

According to Jordan’s official news agency *Petra*, ‘the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates has sent Israel, via diplomatic channels, a memo calling on Tel Aviv as an occupying power to respect the sanctity of Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al Haram Al Sharif, and end all provocations and violations there.’

The ministry’s spokesperson Deifallah al-Fayez condemned the ‘continued Israeli violations,’ the most recent example given being the ‘Israeli occupation forces allowing hundreds of Jewish extremists to storm the mosque’ on Tisha B’Av...”

### **Israeli archaeology destroys Palestinian myths**

**July 30, 2020** -- *Israel National News* reports: “On July 22, 2020, a stunning announcement was reported by the *Jerusalem Post* about a new archaeological discovery by the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) in Arnona near the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem.

It was the uncovering of a vast administrative center in Judea built during the reign of King Hezekiah with seals attesting to the ancient Jewish presence during the First Temple period between the eighth and the middle of the seventh century B.C.E. IAA archaeologist Benyamin Storchan noted:

‘We found about 120 stamped seal impressions on jar handles written in ancient Hebrew script, which translate as ‘belonging to the king.’ These stamped jars were usually related to tax collection. Up to this day, 1,000 similar items have been found in over a century of excavations in Israel, which gives us an idea of the importance of this area’.

In 2019, the City of David Foundation announced discovery of seals of legendary King David’s son. Lawrence Franklin noted in a *Gatestone Institute* article:

‘On September 9, 2019, the foundation’s

leading archaeologist, Eli Shukron, announced the discovery of a 2,600-year-old royal seal, found near the Western Wall in the Old City of Jerusalem, which bears the name (in Hebrew) of Adenyahu, a son of King David mentioned in the biblical book of Kings’...” (Although its history is one of war and destruction, Jerusalem means “city of peace” or “foundation of peace.”)

**From the siege of David in 1000 B.C. to the Six Day War of 1967, the sounds of battle have been heard as this city has experienced 46 sieges and 32 partial destructions. It has been burned to the ground five times, always rising from the ashes. It is the site of the most volatile political, religious, and military problems in the entire world.**

The Jewish cry for peace in Jerusalem is sincere, finding its roots in the promise given through Moses (Leviticus 26:6). Jerusalem will finally become the city of peace and capital of the world when Christ, who is our peace, returns (Isaiah 9:6).

Having a history of 4,000 years, Jerusalem was first mentioned in Scripture in Genesis 14:18 when Melchizedek was king over the city of Salem. Later, it was called Jebus, named for the third son of Canaan, as it was the dwelling place of the Jebusites (Judges 19:10, 11; 1 Chronicles 11:4, 5).

**When David took the city, the fortress was on a hill called Zion, another name given Jerusalem. Somehow, later, Jeru was added to Salem ... perhaps a combination of Jebus, changed to Jeru, and Salem.**

**Since B.C. 400, Jerusalem has passed from one Gentile power to another. From 70 A.D. alone, the transition of power went from the Roman conquerors to the Persians in 614; to Caliph Omar in 637; to the Crusaders in 1099; to Saladin in 1187; to the Egyptian Mamelukes in 1250; the Turks in 1517; the British in 1917, and finally, in 1967, the Jews captured Jerusalem.)**