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RUSSIA AND THE KINGS OF THE EAST

Russia, China Want U.N. Security Council Meeting to Contain America

March 24, 2021 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Russia and China issued a joint statement Tuesday calling for a summit of the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council. The statement implied – and the foreign ministers of the two authoritarian regimes clearly stated afterward – the meeting would be a forum for Russia and China to air their grievances against U.S foreign policy.

‘At a time of increasing global political turbulence, a summit of the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council is particularly necessary to establish direct dialogue about ways to resolve humankind’s common problems in the interests of maintaining global stability,’ the joint statement from the Russian and Chinese foreign ministries asserted.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said in a press conference Tuesday that Moscow and Beijing want the U.N. Security Council to rein in the United States, as quoted by *Reuters...*” **(Vladimir Putin has been in power as either the Prime Minister or President of Russia since 1999. Constitutionally, he will be**

required to step down from power in 2024, however, he appears to be doing what he did in 2008 and groom a successor like Dmitri Medvedev, whom he controlled, and seek to become president again in 2030. In essence, setting himself up as ruler for life in Russia, much as Xi Jinping is set to be ruler for life in China. Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 predict the union of Russia and China [Revelation 16:12; Daniel 11:44] as leaders in the battle for the greatest war in history called Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Revelation 9:14 – 18 pictures its upcoming disastrous results. See the next report.)

China, Russia to jointly build lunar post

March 10, 2021 -- *MoonDaily.com* reports: “China and Russia have agreed to join hands in building and running a robotic scientific outpost on the moon or in lunar orbit, according to the China National Space Administration.

The administration said in a statement on Tuesday evening that its head, Zhang Kejian, and his Russian counterpart, Dmitry Rogozin, director-general of State Space Corporation Roscosmos, signed a memorandum of understanding on joint efforts to build an ‘international lunar research station’

during a teleconference earlier that day after receiving approval from both governments.

The CNSA and Roscosmos will negotiate on matters about the station’s planning, design, construction and operations, and will work together to build and run it. Both nations want to open the station to international cooperation so it can serve as a platform to boost scientific exchanges and foster peaceful exploration and development of outer space, according to the statement...”

RAF reportedly braced for ‘Space War’ over claims Russia tested ‘anti-satellite weapons’

March 23, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “The head of the UK Space Directorate, Air Vice-Marshal Harvey Smyth, expressed concern in December 2020 over Russia having allegedly conducted a new space test of anti-satellite weapons, without providing any evidence, claiming the ‘consequences of miscalculations and accidents have the potential to be catastrophic’.

Britain’s Royal Air Force is facing an immediate need to ‘catch up with its adversaries’, and prepare itself for a potential ‘space war’, RAF senior officer Sir Mike Wigstone is cited as

saying by the *Daily Mail*.

Falling behind in new defence technologies could result in the UK's 'complete reliance' on space being exploited by 'hostile states', warns Wigstone, underscoring that military communications are satellite dependent, with troops, military vehicles, and aircraft relying on GPS..." (Luke 21:25 – 28; 31, and 32: *And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh...So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.*)

Iran, China sign huge 25-year strategic deal; could reduce U.S. regional influence

March 29, 2021 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: "Iran and China on Saturday signed a 25-year strategic cooperation agreement addressing economic issues amid crippling U.S. sanctions on Tehran, according to Iranian state media.

The agreement, dubbed the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, covers a variety of economic activity from oil and mining to promoting industrial activity in Iran, as well as transportation and agricultural collaborations, according to the report. No additional details of the agreement were revealed as Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and Chinese counterpart Wang Yi took part in a ceremony marking the event.

The New York Times reported that China will invest some \$400 billion in Iran in exchange for oil as part of

the deal. The two countries will also step up military cooperation with joint training, research and intelligence sharing, the report said..." (A **March 19, 2021** article in *The New York Times* – [Tense Talks With China Left U.S. 'Cleareyed' About Beijing's Intentions, Officials Say](https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/19/world/asia/china-us-alaska.html) <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/19/world/asia/china-us-alaska.html> states: "Just as Washington's views on China have shifted after years of encouraging the country's economic integration, so have Beijing's perceptions of the United States and the privileged place in the world that it has long held. The Americans, in their view, no longer have an overwhelming reservoir of global influence, nor the power to wield it against China.

That has made China more confident in pursuing its aims openly and unabashedly — from human rights issues in Hong Kong and Xinjiang to territorial disputes with India and Japan and others in the South China Sea to, most contentiously of all, the fate of Taiwan, the self-governing democracy that China claims as its own.

While China still faces enormous challenges at home and around the world, its leaders now act as if history is on their side."

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 five reports.)

U.S. Seen Falling Short Countering China's Rising Geopolitical Clout

March 24, 2021 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "Despite initiatives by previous and current administrations, there are fresh concerns the United States is falling short to counter China's rising geopolitical influence.

Beijing's evolving Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), for the past eight years, has financed projects globally, including roads, railways, power plants and telecommunications infrastructure.

'U.S. inaction, as much as Chinese assertiveness, is responsible for the economic and strategic predicament in which the United States finds itself. U.S. withdrawal helped create the vacuum that China filled with BRI,' according to a report of an independent task force released Tuesday by the Council on Foreign Relations.

'Although the United States long ago identified an interest in promoting infrastructure, trade and connectivity throughout Asia and repeatedly invoked the imagery of the Silk Road, it has not met the inherent needs of the region. Its own lending to and investment in many BRI countries was limited and is now declining,' according to the council's assessment..."

U.S. Adding Air Power to Naval Operations in Disputed South China Sea

March 26, 2021 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "Regional experts say U.S. officials are using a range of

aircraft to make speedy yet thorough checks on China's expansion in a disputed Asian sea.

The flights, added to the more obvious passages of navy ships through the South China Sea, will further inflame China, analysts say, adding that planes see more than ships and complete their missions faster.

Aircraft can handily survey the sea and due to their altitude see 'a lot of things a vessel cannot' from a 'bird's eye' view, said Alexander Vuving, a professor at the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in Hawaii. Planes come and go faster than ships, he added. U.S. warship passages into the South China Sea doubled in 2019..."

China Quickly Closing Gap with U.S. Military, Lawmakers Told

March 24, 2021 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "The admiral tapped to command U.S. forces in the Indo-Pacific told lawmakers Tuesday the future of the world could come down to how the United States and its allies respond to an increasingly militarized and aggressive China.

'Global peace and prosperity depend on our presence in the Indo-Pacific,' Navy Adm. John Aquilino told members of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

'The United States Navy is the most powerful, greatest navy on the planet, still,' said Aquilino, who currently commands the Navy's Pacific Fleet.

But he cautioned the U.S. advantage is slipping..."

UK Aims to Counter China 'Threat' in Major Defense Review

March 19, 2021 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "British Prime Minister Boris Johnson pledged to counter what he called the 'systemic challenge' posed by China as he set out the government's 10-year defense strategy Tuesday.

Some ruling Conservative Party lawmakers, however, have accused

Johnson of 'going soft' on Beijing.

Britain is seeking to carve out a new role on the world stage outside the European Union. The government's 'Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy' says Russia remains the most acute threat facing the country but warns that China poses a 'systemic challenge to our security, prosperity and values'..."

China bristles at West over sanctions for Uyghur crackdown

March 23, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "China bristled Tuesday after western nations lined up to impose sanctions over its crackdown on Uyghur Muslims in Xinjiang, the first concerted international action against Beijing since Joe Biden took office.

Rights groups believe at least one million Uyghurs and other mostly Muslim minorities have been incarcerated in camps in the northwestern region, where China is also accused of forcibly sterilising women and imposing forced labour.

China has strongly denied the allegations and says training programmes, work schemes and better education have helped stamp out extremism in the region.

On Monday, the EU, Britain and Canada blacklisted four former and current officials in the Xinjiang region, while Washington, which had already sanctioned two of those officials in July 2020, added the other pair to the list..."

Satellite images show North Korea hiding nuclear weapon site

March 2, 2021 -- *Israel National News* reports: "North Korea has recently taken steps to conceal a site likely being used to store nuclear weapons, *CNN* reported Tuesday.

CNN announced that it has obtained satellite images captured on February 11th which show recent work done at the Yongdoktong site, where Western

intelligence agencies believe Pyongyang is storing nuclear weapons.

Experts who analyzed the images say the work done to the site appears to be aimed at obscuring from view a pair of underground tunnel entrances which lead to the nuclear weapons facility..."

(Even if North Korea gives up its nuclear weapons, there are enough remaining in the world to create havoc. Nuclear war is part of the battle of the ages – see Revelation 9:18. Other prophesied texts are predicted in Psalm 97:3; Isaiah 66:15; Ezekiel 20:47: ...Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched... Study also Zephaniah 1:8; Malachi 4:1; and Revelation 8:7. See the next report.)

North Korea claims 'new tactical guided' missiles launched

March 26, 2021 -- *BBC.com* reports: "North Korea has claimed the missiles it launched Thursday were a 'new-type tactical guided projectile', in its first statement since the test.

It was the country's first ballistic launch in almost a year and the first since Joe Biden became U.S. President.

Mr. Biden has said the U.S. will 'respond accordingly'. The U.S., Japan and South Korea have condemned the tests.

Under UN Security Council resolutions, North Korea is banned from testing ballistic missiles.

The country's Friday statement, issued through state media outlet *KCNA*, says the two weapons struck a test target 600km (373 miles) off North Korea's east coast, disputing Japanese assessments that they flew just over 400km..."

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

'Israel will be hit by 2,000 missiles a day in future war' – IDF general

March 15, 2021 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Israel will come under an onslaught of 2,000 rockets and missiles every day during a future war with Hezbollah in Lebanon, OC Home Front Command Maj.-Gen. Uri Gordin warned on Monday.

Speaking at the B'Sheva Conference in Jerusalem, Gordin said that some 2,000 rockets and missiles will be fired at Israel every day and will challenge Israel's military and civil defense capabilities.

'Our enemies on the different fronts need to know that if needed, we will activate a powerful military that has never been seen before,' Gordin said.

He added that Israel's enemies should know that the Israeli home front is resilient and has proven itself in the past..." *(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. – Psalm 121.*

We believe that the second half of verse 1 should actually be a part of verse 2. *I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills* – possibly the Psalmist is looking up and seeing himself surrounded by enemies. *From whence cometh my help? My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth* – Israel's help always has been and always will be from the Lord. It has

been said that every time Israel has been attacked by a militarily superior enemy – Israel gets a new national holiday. Isaiah 56:1 states: *"I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name that will not be cut off. See the next two reports.)*

Israel says Iron Dome can now intercept drones, missiles at same time

March 17, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Israel unveiled a new version of its 'Iron Dome' defence shield on Tuesday that it says is now capable of intercepting drones, missiles and rockets simultaneously.

In service for nearly a decade to protect Israel from rocket fire from the Gaza Strip and Lebanon, Iron Dome is credited with helping Israel to maintain military supremacy over its neighbours.

'The Iron Dome was tested in a range of complex scenarios and successfully intercepted and destroyed targets simulating existing and emerging threats,' said Defence Minister Benny Gantz.

The threats included 'the simultaneous interception of multiple UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles) as well as a salvo of rockets and missiles,' he said in a statement..."

Israel is updating attack plans against Iran's nuclear sites – Gantz

March 5, 2021 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "The IDF is updating its attack plans against Iran's nuclear facilities, Defense Minister Benny Gantz revealed on Thursday in an interview with *Fox News*.

'We have them [the attack plans] in our hands, but we will continue [to] constantly improve them,' Gantz said.

'The Iranian nuclear aspiration must be stopped. If the world stops them before, it's very much good. But if not, we must stand independently and we must defend ourselves by ourselves,'

Gantz said.

Gantz spoke as U.S. President Joe Biden is working to renew negotiations with the Iranians as part of an effort to return to the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran – known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan Of Action [JCPOA].

Israel is opposed to a return to the deal and has laid out a series of demands it would like to see addressed in a future deal..."

Iranian Defense Minister threatens to raze Tel Aviv and Haifa

March 8, 2021 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Iran's Defense Minister Amir Hatami on Sunday threatened on Sunday to 'raze' the cities of Tel Aviv and Haifa 'to the ground' if Israel launches a preemptive attack against the Islamic Republic, *i24NEWS* reports.

At the same time, Hatami also played down the chances of direct hostilities breaking out between the two countries, saying Israel is well aware of the potential consequences of such actions.

'Sometimes, the Zionist regime [Israel] out of desperation makes big claims against the Islamic Republic of Iran to allegedly threaten it,' said the Iranian Defense Minister..." *(Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, 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.)

Israel in talks with Saudi, UAE, Bahrain for defense alliance against Iran

March 2, 2021 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Israel, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain have discussed expanding cooperation in facing common enemies, an Israeli official familiar with the matter said Monday.

The matter is being ‘informally discussed,’ the source said, adding that the countries are U.S. allies. All four believe a nuclear Iran would be a major threat and have been eyeing the Biden administration’s plan to rejoin the 2015 nuclear deal with concern.

‘There is much to be gained by expanding cooperation,’ the source said...”

Latest Houthi attack shows reach of Iran’s power

March 8, 2021 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “The Houthi rebel attack on Saudi Arabia is rocking the Middle East. They carried through on threats to launch a major attack on Saudi Arabia. In early March, the Houthis threatened to target energy infrastructure in Saudi Arabia. In late February, the Houthis also targeted Riyadh. Saudi Arabia says it has intercepted 526 drones and 346 ballistic missiles over the last several years.

The kingdom said the drone attack on Ras Tanura Port on Sunday and attempted missile strike on an Aramco residential area ‘had targeted global energy supplies. Ras Tanura is one of the world’s largest oil shipping ports and

the Aramco complex in Dhahran houses workers and their families from all over the world,’ *Arab News* reports...”

Khamenei: The U.S. promises have no credibility

March 22, 2021 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Iran does not trust U.S. promises on lifting sanctions and will only return to its commitments under the 2015 nuclear deal once Washington fully removes the measures, Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Sunday, according to *Reuters*.

‘We trusted America at the time of (former U.S. President Barack) Obama and fulfilled our commitments. But they didn’t. The Americans said on paper that sanctions will be lifted, but they didn’t lift sanctions in practice. Their promises have no credibility for us,’ he said.

‘On paper they said the sanctions were lifted but they told any company that wanted to sign a contract with us that this was dangerous and risky. They scared away investors,’ added the Supreme Leader...” **(Iran will be blotted out when Russia, China, and Islamic nations fight Israel and her allies during Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. The battle is described in Ezekiel 39:1 – 5: ...thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel: And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand. Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured...**

Soon the war of wars will arrive from the North and East [Russia and China] – Daniel 11:44. The battle is

described in Ezekiel 38:1 – 5: ...the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief [Russian] prince of Meshech and Tubal: [Moscow and Tubal, or Tubalsk – Southwest of the Russian capital]: And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: See the next two reports.)

Iran caught discussing plan to attack U.S. military base using boat as a bomb

March 22, 2021 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps recently discussed the possibility of attacking an American military base using a boat carrying explosive charges, according to a report in the *Associated Press*.

The base in question, the Fort McNair Army base, is located in Washington DC and a mere 10 minutes from the White House.

In January, the National Security Agency (NSA) became aware of the conversation. The plan involves filling a boat with explosives, similar to the 2000 USS Cole bombing in Yemen. In that attack, Al Qaeda used a small-sized fiberglass boat containing C4 explosives and two suicide bombers to blow up the U.S. Navy destroyer, killing 17 sailors and injuring 37. It was one of the deadliest attacks against an American naval ship in recent history...”

Iran General Salami Claims Invincibility: ‘Enemies Cannot even Dream of Victory’

March 31, 2021 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Iran has such military strength and experience in dynamic modern

warfare no enemy can even dream of beating it, Major General Hossein Salami, commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, declared Tuesday.

According to the official *Tasnim News* agency, Salami added 'the enemy has realized that it could by no means win

a victory over Iran through a military war, which is why military action against the Islamic Republic has been taken off the table.'

Salami's comments came at a conference held in commemoration of Iranian martyrs. *Tasnim* reports the military leader claimed experience of war on

Iran in the 1980s has led 'the enemies to the conclusion that it is impossible to defeat Iran through military action even in dreams.'

His boasts are a continuation of a theme that has long dominated Iranian geopolitics, as *Breitbart News* reported..."

A BRAVE NEW WORLD

Father Jailed after Calling Transgender Child His 'Daughter' and Using Wrong Pronouns

March 23, 2021 -- *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: "A Canadian father was jailed this month after he disobeyed a court order and refused to call his 14-year-old biological daughter – who identifies as male – his 'son'.

The controversial case has drawn worldwide attention, mostly because it includes a father and mother who disagree over the child's best interests. The couple is separated.

The father, Robert Hoogland, is under a court order not to discuss the case in public. The court also has ordered him to call the child his 'son' and to use only the child's preferred pronouns, 'he' and 'him.' Hoogland, though, has refused to obey the court. He even set up a fundraising website detailing information about the case in defiance of the court order.

Hoogland opposes giving the child puberty blockers, believing the child might grow up to regret the decision. The mother, the medical system and the courts have endorsed puberty blockers for the child..." (*Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!* – Isaiah 5:20. In 2016 New York City released a list of 31 genders – in 2014 Facebook listed 58 gender options – in 2018, Tumblr has a list of 112 genders. A recent poll

of British adults believe that people should not only be able to choose their gender, but their age, race, and even species. Will this madness ever end? II Timothy 3 states: *This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as their's also was. But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But*

continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. See the next report.)

If USA Today Is 'Coming for Oral Roberts,' It's Coming for all Christians, Mohler Warns

March 26, 2021 -- *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: "Seminary president Albert Mohler says a new *USA Today* column labeling Oral Roberts University as 'bigoted' should serve as a warning to Christians and faith-based institutions everywhere of the direction society is heading.

The column by *USA Today* writer Hemal Jhaveri criticized Oral Roberts' Bible-based policies, including its handbook that says students should avoid 'sexual promiscuity,' such as 'adultery, any homosexual behavior [and] premarital sex.' Jhaveri said the 'university's deeply bigoted anti-LGBTQ+ policies can't and shouldn't be ignored' even if its men's basketball team has advanced to the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16.

Oral Roberts and schools like it, she argued, should not be allowed in the NCAA Tournament and should be

booted from the NCAA itself. ‘Any and all anti-LGBTQ+ language in any school’s policies should ban them from NCAA competition,’ she wrote.

Mohler, speaking Thursday on his *The Briefing* podcast, said the column represents a ‘huge development’ in framing the issue.

‘Just imagine the language that was used in this article ... and recognize if it’s said about Oral Roberts University today, it will be said about you, your school, your church, your organization, your Christian congregation, tomorrow. Count on it,’ Mohler said...’

Palm Sunday Suicide Bombers Attack Christian Church in Indonesia

March 29, 2021 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “A suicide bombing outside a cathedral after Palm Sunday Mass on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi has injured more than a dozen churchgoers, some seriously.

The blast took place Sunday morning outside the Sacred Heart of Jesus Cathedral in Makassar, capital of South Sulawesi province, as worshipers were leaving the church at the start of Holy Week. Palm Sunday, the first day of Holy Week, commemorates Jesus’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem days before his passion and crucifixion.

Two perpetrators are said to be responsible for the explosion, both of whom died. Inspector General Argo Yuwono, spokesman for the national police, said the injured suffered from wounds around their necks, chests, and legs, adding that some had blisters on their hands and feet...” *(If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours*

also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name’s sake, because they know not him that sent me. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin. He that hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause. But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning” – John 15:18-27.)

UN: 34 Million People ‘Knocking at Famine’s Door’ Worldwide

March 12, 2021 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “The U.N. secretary-general said Thursday that more than 88 million people were suffering from acute hunger in countries affected by conflict and instability at the end of 2020, and at least 34 million of them face possible famine this year.

‘Today, I have one simple message: If you don’t feed people, you feed conflict,’ Antonio Guterres told a meeting of the U.N. Security Council on the links between war and hunger. ‘Conflict drives hunger and famine. And hunger and famine drive conflict.’ He said 34 million people in over three dozen countries were just a step away from famine. Famine is already present in pockets of some countries...” *(Revelation 6:5,6: And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and wine.”*

Famine and inflation usually follow war. The rider on the black horse produces these tragic twin sorrows upon earth. Ezekiel prophesied this hour: *And thy meat which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day: from time to time thou shalt eat it. Thou shalt drink also water by measure... behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with care (Ezekiel 4:10, 11, 16). Leviticus 26:26 states: Ye shall eat, and not be satisfied. This is pictured by the pair of balances in our text. The angel in Revelation 6:6 also cries, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny. In Bible times laborers received a denarius, or one penny, as an entire day’s wages (see Matthew 20:2). A measure would be sixteen of our American ounces. Think of it! An entire day’s wages for a loaf of bread! No wonder Moses said, Ye shall eat, and not be satisfied. A man will have to spend everything he has just for the necessities of life.)*

Mozambique insurgency: Militants beheading children, aid agency reports

March 16, 2021 -- *BBC.com* reports: “Aid agency Save the Children says Islamist militants are beheading children as young as 11 in Mozambique’s northern province of Cabo Delgado.

One mother told the agency she had had to watch as her 12-year-old son was killed in this way close to where she was hiding with her other children.

More than 2,500 people have been killed and 700,000 have fled their homes since an Islamist insurgency began in 2017.

The militants are linked to the Islamic State (IS) group...” *(Romans 3:13 – 18 describes the barbaric acts of the murderous Islamic terrorists found in 47 different groups: Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:*

Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes. See the next report.)

Islamic State Celebrates Mozambique Gas Hub Massacre

April 2, 2021 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “The Islamic State (ISIS) claimed responsibility for last week’s attack on the Mozambican town of Palma, a local

news site reported on Tuesday. Hundreds of terrorists believed to be tied to ISIS stormed Palma on March 24. The resort town lies north of a natural gas processing plant that employs large numbers of foreign workers throughout the area. The jihadis laid siege to Palma, infiltrating military barracks, banks, shops, and homes.

The Islamic State formally claimed

responsibility for Palma’s seizure through its online propaganda outlet, the *Amaq News Agency*, on March 29, saying the attack had ‘resulted in the deaths of 55 Mozambican forces and Christians including contractors from outside the country.’

A Mozambican affiliate of ISIS known locally as Shabaab, or ‘the youth’ in Arabic, carried out the assault on Palma, according to the *Associated Press*...”

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U.S. military must accelerate use of artificial intelligence, JAIC chief says

March 29, 2021 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “The U.S. military must scale up its artificial intelligence use or be left behind by adversaries, Lt. Gen. Michael Groen told an industry conference this week.

Data must be standardized, cloud services must be adopted and AI must be integrated into military operations, Groen, chief of the Pentagon’s Joint Artificial Intelligence Center, told the National Defense Industrial Association conference on Tuesday.

While current military use of AI ‘is a step in the right direction, we need to start building on it,’ he said.

Groen noted that China has said it intends ‘to be dominant in AI by 2030,’ while the Pentagon has focused on five-year program objective memorandums looking toward 2027...” **(The prediction in Revelation 13: 16 – 18 will soon occur. The rise in artificial intelligence and cyberwarfare. Here’s what happens at that hour in history after the Rapture mentioned in Revelation 4:1. Then the following Big Brother event occurs: ...he [the False Prophet] causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or**

in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six – Revelation 13:16 – 18. See the next two reports.)

U.S. not prepared to defend against AI-based attacks, report says

March 3, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “The federal government is not prepared to address threats posed by the increased adoption of artificial intelligence, according to a new report from The National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence.

The report recommends that the United States invest \$40 billion in AI research to keep up with adversaries including China and Russia in the AI field, and set a goal of becoming ‘AI-ready’ by 2025.

‘This is not a time for abstract criticism of industrial policy or fears of deficit spending to stand in the way of progress. In 1956, President Dwight Eisenhower, a fiscally conservative Republican, worked with a Democratic Congress to commit \$10 billion to build the Interstate Highway System. That is

\$96 billion in today’s world,’ the report says. ‘Surely we can make a similar investment in the nation’s future.’

The report argues that the United States is currently ahead, falling behind in guarding against the increased use of foreign powers to spread disinformation online and launch cyberattacks...”

Chinese cyber-espionage unit on U.S. hacking spree

March 8, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “At least 30,000 U.S. organizations including local governments have been hacked in recent days by an ‘unusually aggressive’ Chinese cyber-espionage campaign, according to a computer security specialist.

The campaign has exploited recently discovered flaws in Microsoft Exchange software, stealing email and infecting computer servers with tools that let attackers take control remotely, Brian Krebs said in a post at his cyber security news website.

‘This is an active threat,’ White House spokeswoman Jennifer Psaki said when asked about the situation during a press briefing...”