

*“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

750 reportedly dead after attack on Ethiopia church

January 20, 2021 -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: “A Belgium-based peacebuilding non-profit is reporting 750 people killed in an attack on Ethiopia church.

The attack was detailed in the January 9 ‘Situation Report’ of the Europe External Programme with Africa (EEPA).

The non-profit said people who were hiding in the church were brought out and shot in the square in front of the building.

The attack happened at the Maryam Tsiyon Church in Aksum, also known as the Church of Our Lady Mary of Zion.

The church is located in Tigray, a region in the north that is home to many churches and monasteries but also beset by conflict.

The church is part of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church, which has around 36 million members...”
(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 two reports.)

Five Christians executed by Islamists over Christmas

January 5, 2021 -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: “Islamist militants executed five Christians in Nigeria over the Christmas period, Release International reports.

Terrorist group Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP), a faction of Boko Haram, has claimed responsibility for the killings.

They released a video saying the deaths were a ‘warning to Christians in all parts of the world and those in Nigeria’. The five executed Christians are understood to have been among 11 people kidnapped on Christmas Day from Garkida town, Adamawa State, in north-east Nigeria.

Their deaths were filmed, with footage showing them kneeling with their hands tied behind them before they were shot dead.

The victims were all men and were asked to state their names before they were killed.

The men gave their names as Uka Joseph, Sunday, Wilson, Joshua Maidugu and Garba Yusuf, but also said as their last words ‘I am a Christian’, *Morning Star News* reports...”

Muslim Supervisors Kill Two Christian Women in Pakistan, Sources Say

January 12, 2021 -- *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: “Police in Lahore, Pakistan on Jan. 4 recovered the bodies of two Christian sisters whose Muslim supervisors pressured them to convert to Islam before killing them, sources said.

Mushtaq Masih said that police informed him on Jan. 4 that officers had found the decomposed bodies of his 28-year-old wife, Sajida Mushtaq, and her sister, Abida Qaiser, bound and bundled into sacks in an area drainage ditch. Sajida Mushtaq, a mother of four, and Qaiser had been missing since Nov. 26.

‘My wife often complained of harassment by her supervisors, but she used to tell me that she was handling the situation well,’ Masih told *Morning Star News*. ‘After she went missing, one of my relatives shared with us that Sajida had confided in her that her supervisors, Muhammad Mumtaz and Naeem Butt, used to pressure her and Abida to convert to Islam and marry them.’...”

40 Chinese Communist Party Agents Raid House Church, Arrest Pastor, Worshipers

January 5, 2021 -- *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: “Forty officials in China’s Taiyuan city raided a house church and detained the worshippers and the pastor, *The Christian Post* reports.

The man and pastor whose home was raided, An Yankui, told International Christian Concern that this is the second time his home was raided in the last one and a half months.

Five women were detained in addition to the pastor. Further, the officials confiscated the church robes and other

books. However, the officials did not detain the pastor’s wife, as they had five children.

The five women were released around midnight but An Yankui is still being detained for an additional 15 days...”

(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.)

Christian Population in China Could Reach 300 Million by 2030, Despite Persecution

January 28, 2021 -- *ChristianHeadline.com* reports: “Dr. Ron Boyd-MacMillan, director of Strategic Research of Open Doors recently predicted a surge in Christianity in China as the population of believers may increase to 300 million by the year 2030, *The Christian Post* reports.

Boyd-MacMillan told the *Express UK* that the reason the Chinese Communist Party, under President Xi Jinping’s leadership, persecutes Christians is because they fear that the church will grow stronger in numbers.

‘We think the evidence as to why the Chinese Church is so targeted, is that the leaders are scared of the size of the Church, and the growth of the Church,’ he noted.

‘And if it grows at the rate that it has done since 1980, and that’s about between 7 [percent] and 8 percent a year, then you’re looking at a group of people that will be 300 million strong, nearly by 2030,’ Boyd-MacMillan continued...”

London Mayor Sadiq Khan Demands Shuttering of Churches and Other Places of Worship

January 11, 2021 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “London mayor Sadiq Khan has written to Boris Johnson requesting the immediate closure of all places of worship to curb the spread of coronavirus cases.

Churches and other places of worship have been allowed to stay open during the current lockdown, but Mr. Khan has asked that they be forced to close

in a letter to Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

The mayor has declared a ‘major incident’ as the coronavirus infection rate has surpassed one per cent in the Greater London area. Khan said that such a state of emergency is justified

because London’s hospitals risk being ‘overwhelmed.’

‘Our heroic doctors, nurses and NHS staff are doing an amazing job, but with cases rising so rapidly, our hospitals are at risk of being overwhelmed,’ Khan said Friday. ‘The stark reality is that we

will run out of beds for patients in the next couple of weeks unless the spread of the virus slows down drastically.’

‘We are declaring a major incident because the threat this virus poses to our city is at crisis point,’ Khan said...’

NEWS FROM ISRAEL

Jordanian academic denies the Holocaust

January 11, 2021 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Kuwaiti-born Jordanian academic Dr. Ibrahim Alloush said in a recent interview on *Palestine Today TV* that the Westerners are fed up of hearing Jewish claims of victimhood.

Alloush openly denied the Holocaust and claimed that Jews hold the whole world responsible for anti-Semitic persecution and massacres, which culminated in the ‘so-called Holocaust.’

He further stated that no Jew or non-Jew died in the gas chambers, because there were no gas chambers...” (When Hitler came to power in Germany, the fate of the Jews in Europe was sealed. Like many before and after him, Hitler blamed the Jews for all the ills of society. He saw the Treaty of Versailles that ended the First World War as a Jewish document. Weaknesses in the German economy were attributed to the Jews. He faulted the Jews for the birth and presence of communism in the world. He accused the Jews of being revolutionary and instigating internationalism, a supposed plot of the Jews to destroy Germany and seize control of the world. They became his favorite scapegoat, and their suffering at his hands rivals the most gruesome of human crimes.

Hitler’s persecution of the Jews began in 1933; shortly after he took office. On April 7 of that year he stripped all Jews of offices in the German civil service. Government officials, doctors, lawyers, and workers in educational and cultural fields were all required to

sign the following statement:

I declare officially herewith I do not know of any circumstance — despite careful scrutiny — that may justify the presumption that I am not of Aryan descent; in particular, none of my paternal or maternal parents or grandparents was at any time of the Jewish faith. I am fully aware of the fact that I expose myself to prosecution and dismissal if this declaration proves untrue.

Within three months, thirty thousand heads of Jewish families had been deprived of income.

The future sufferings of the Jews were also announced in two lines of a song called “The Horst Wessel Song,” which became the theme of every major parade in Germany. Translated, two lines of the song were: “When Jewish blood flows from the knife, Things will go much better.”

Under Hitler’s direction there was a steady rise in outrageous demands and unlawful acts against all Jews. By 1938 every synagogue in the nation had been burned, the windows of every Jewish establishment had been shattered, and twenty-five thousand innocent Jews were in concentration camps.

In the infamous Buchenwald camp Jews were shipped and tortured during the day, while throughout the night a voice shouted over the loudspeakers, “Any Jew who wishes to hang himself is asked first to put a piece of paper in his mouth with his number on it so that we may know who he is.”

At the end of World War II, General Eisenhower made a decision to

personally visit as many Nazi concentration camps as he could. His reason? He wanted to document the camps and their appalling conditions.

In his book *Crusade in Europe* he stated: “*The same day [April 12, 1945] I saw my first horror camp. It was near the town of Gotha. I have never felt able to describe my emotional reactions when I first came face to face with indisputable evidence of Nazi brutality and ruthless disregard of every shred of decency. Up to that time I had known about it only generally or through secondary sources. I am certain, however that I have never at any other time experienced an equal sense of shock.*

“I visited every nook and cranny of the camp because I felt it my duty to be in a position from then on to testify at first hand about these things in case there ever grew up at home the belief or assumption that ‘the stories of Nazi brutality were just propaganda.’ Some members of the visiting party were unable to through the ordeal. I not only did so but as soon as I returned to Patton’s headquarters that evening I sent communications to both Washington and London, urging the two governments to send instantly to Germany a random group of newspaper editors and representative groups from the national legislatures. I felt that the evidence should be immediately placed before the American and British publics in a fashion that would leave no room for cynical doubt.”

Anticipating a time when Nazi atrocities might be denied, General Eisenhower also ordered the filming and photographing of camps as they were liberated. Members of the

U.S. Army Signal Corps recorded approximately 80,000 feet of moving film, together with still photographs.

Within months after the war in Europe, about 6,000 feet of that film footage was excerpted to create a one-hour documentary called “Nazi Concentration Camp”. Prosecutors used the film, which is graphically gruesome, to prove that Nazi leaders, on trial at Nuremberg, had perpetrated unbelievably heinous crimes against humanity.

Thomas Dodd, one of the U.S. prosecutors, introduced the film into evidence on the 29th of November, 1945. When the lights came up, after the trial film was screened, people had a new understanding of what the words “concentration camp” really meant.

Eisenhower wanted to be in as many pictures as possible to prove the death camps really existed. He was sometimes accompanied by Generals Bradley and Patton (such as their visit to the Ohrdruf concentration camp on April 12, 1945).)

Qatar: No peace deal with Israel until 'occupation' ends

January 11, 2021 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Qatar will not recognize Israel or normalize relations with the Jewish state, Qatar’s Foreign Minister announced last week.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani

said that Doha will not join other Gulf Arab states in normalizing ties with Israel, even after a breakthrough was reached last week towards ending the so-called ‘GCC Crisis’ between Qatar and the other members of the Gulf Cooperation Council, including Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates.

Al-Thani said that Qatar will not recognize Israel unless a Palestinian state is established with Jerusalem as its capital...” (...when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever...And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever – II Samuel 7:12, 16. I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations – Psalms 89:3-4. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end— Luke 1:32, 33. Jerusalem is the Eternal Capital of Israel, and the Lord Jesus Christ will reign from David’s Throne in Jerusalem for ever and ever. See the next report.)

Germany, France call for 2-states at 67-line, prior to Biden presidency

January 12, 2021 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “The United States has an important role to play in relaunching an Israeli-Palestinian peace process that would create a two-state resolution to the conflict at the pre-1967 lines, the Munich Group said in advance of U.S. President-elect Joe Biden’s inauguration on January 20.

The Munich Group — composed of the foreign ministers of Egypt, Jordan, Germany and France — met Monday in Cairo.

In a statement put out after the meeting the group ‘emphasized their commitment to a negotiated two-state solution, ensuring an independent and viable Palestinian state based on June 4, 1967, lines and UN Security Council resolutions, living side by side a secure and recognized Israel.’

It also ‘emphasized the role of the United States in this context’ and ‘expressed willingness to work with the United States towards facilitating negotiations leading to a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the region, based on the internationally-recognized parameters, and re-launching a credible peace process between the Palestinians and Israelis.’...”

THE IRANIAN THREAT

Report: Biden seeking direct contacts with Iran

January 26, 2021 -- *Israel National News* reports: “U.S. President Joe Biden’s administration is working on a direct dialogue with Iran through European mediators, an official said on Monday, according to *Yediot Aharonot*.

‘There will be a new approach focusing on American retaliatory strategy in the region and finding a solution to

the conflict with Iran,’ the official was quoted as having told *Sky News* in Arabic.

‘Contacts [with Iran] will happen in parallel with U.S. allies in the region, mainly the Gulf states and Israel,’ the official added...” (Iran’s goal is found in Psalm 83:4: *Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. As we have emphatically stated before – it won’t happen. God has promised:*

...I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off – Isaiah 56:5. See the next report.)

Experts: Iran Eyes Reuniting Its ‘Axis of Resistance’

January 28, 2021 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “Ongoing talks about restoring ties between the Syrian government and the Palestinian militant group Hamas are part of a new attempt by Iran to revitalize a

regional alliance, some experts say. Iran and its proxy militia groups in the Middle East refer to their alliance as the ‘Axis of Resistance.’

In a recent interview with the pro-Iranian television channel *al-Mayadeen*, Hassan Nasrallah, leader of the Iran-backed Lebanese Hezbollah, praised Tehran’s ongoing efforts to maintain relations with all its allies.

Nasrallah said in the interview he met the Hamas politburo chief, Ismail Haniyeh, several times during the latter’s visit to Lebanon last September. Haniyeh traveled to Lebanon to attend the Palestinian faction’s secretaries-general meeting.

Hamas is an Islamic militant group that controls the Gaza Strip. Despite its Sunni ideology, it has maintained a close relationship with Iran, a regional Shiite power...’

Israel army chief orders plans to counter Iran

January 27, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “Israel’s army chief said Tuesday he had ordered that plans be drawn up to counter Iran’s nuclear capabilities, in the event of a political decision to target the Islamic republic. Chief of Staff General Aviv Kochavi said he had instructed the military ‘to

prepare several operational plans in addition to existing ones... throughout the coming year’.

‘The power to initiate them lies with the political echelon,’ he noted, referring to Israel’s government.

‘However, the offensive options need to be prepared, ready and on the table,’ he added.

Iran, Israel’s arch foe, agreed in 2015 a deal on its nuclear programme with Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia and the United States...’ (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.)*

Report: IDF drawing up plans to strike Iran’s nuclear program

January 15, 2021 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “The Israel Defense Forces is drawing up plans for an attack on Iran’s nuclear program, the *Israel Hayom* daily reported Thursday in a front-page article.

The newspaper said that IDF Chief of Staff Aviv Kohavi has asked for three alternate proposals to derail Tehran’s program, without elaborating on them. It only indicated one of the proposals is a military strike, noting that such a plan would require a significant budgetary boost for the Israeli military.

Iran resumed enriching uranium to 20 percent last week, well in excess of the threshold set out in its landmark 2015 nuclear deal with world powers and a short technical jump from the 90% level of enrichment needed to produce weapons...’

THE NUCLEAR THREAT

Pakistan Announces Successful Test of Nuclear-Capable Ballistic Missile

January 21, 2021 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “Pakistan said Wednesday that it had successfully test-fired a medium-range ballistic missile into the Arabian Sea, aimed at ‘revalidating’ the weapon’s operational and technical parameters.

The Shaheen III surface-to-surface missile, which the country first fired in 2015, can carry nuclear and conventional warheads up to 2,750 kilometers.

The range, analysts said, enables the solid-fueled, multistage rocket to reach targets anywhere in neighboring India, Pakistan’s archrival, and in parts of the Middle East.

The military said its top commanders, including the head of the Strategic Plans Division (SPD) that oversees Pakistan’s nuclear weapons program, witnessed Wednesday’s ‘successful flight test, with its impact point in the Arabian Sea.’ It shared no further details...’ **A huge nuclear war is prophesied multiplied times in God’s Word. Revelation 9:14 – 18 depicts Armageddon: 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. And Revelation 16:16 tells of the longest and final battle of the ages. See the next three reports.)

North Korea displays new ballistic missile

January 15, 2021 -- *Israel National News* reports: “North Korea displayed what appeared to be a new submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) at a parade on Thursday, *Reuters* reported, citing state media.

The country’s leader, Kim Jong Un, smiled and waved as he oversaw the parade in Pyongyang’s Kim Il Sung Square, photos by state media showed.

The parade featured rows of marching soldiers, as well as a range of military hardware including tanks and rocket launchers, according to *Reuters*.

At the end, a number of what analysts said appeared to be new variants of short-range ballistic missiles and SLBMs rolled into the square on trucks.

‘The world’s most powerful weapon, submarine-launch ballistic missiles, entered the square one after another, powerfully demonstrating the might of the revolutionary armed forces,’ the country’s news agency *KCNA* reported...”

North Korea’s Kim pledges to strengthen nuclear arsenal

January 13, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “North Korean leader Kim Jong Un pledged to strengthen his country’s nuclear arsenal as he delivered his closing address to a top ruling party meeting, state television showed Wednesday, days before Joe Biden takes office as U.S. president.

Kim is looking to grab the attention of the incoming Biden administration, analysts say, with his country more isolated than ever after closing its borders to protect itself against the coronavirus pandemic.

A nuclear summit between Kim and outgoing U.S. President Donald Trump in Hanoi in February 2019 broke down over sanctions relief and what

Pyongyang would be willing to give up in return...”

European powers warn Iran over uranium metal plans

January 18, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “European powers on Saturday voiced deep concern over Iran’s plans to produce uranium metal, warning that Tehran has ‘no credible civilian use’ for the element.

‘The production of uranium metal has potentially grave military implications,’ said the foreign ministers of Britain, France and Germany in a joint statement.

Iran had signed up to a 15-year ban on ‘producing or acquiring plutonium or uranium metals or their alloys’ under the so-called Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) signed in 2015 with world powers.

‘We strongly urge Iran to halt this activity, and return to compliance with its JCPOA commitments without further delay if it is serious about preserving the deal,’ said the ministers...”

THE KINGS OF THE EAST

China flexes muscles to U.S. in South China Sea after promising to ‘open fire’

January 27, 2021 -- *News.com.au* reports: “Two formations of missile-carrying bombers and fighters surged into Taiwan’s airspace at the weekend. Their ‘target’, the USS Theodore Roosevelt and her escort, were captured by satellite as they faced off against the dummy attack run.

Just days after President Joe Biden took up office in the White House, Beijing is ramping up the pressure.

On Friday, it announced its coast guard and warships were authorised to ‘open fire’ on ‘intruders’ within the East and South China Seas.

On Saturday, it sent a ‘strike package’ of powerful bombers within launch

range of an approaching U.S. carrier battle group.

On Sunday, a flight of strike fighters followed up with another ‘dress rehearsal’ assault...” **(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 four reports.)

Containing China is ‘mission impossible’, Beijing warns Biden

January 29, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “Any attempt to contain China is ‘mission impossible’, the country’s defence ministry warned the U.S. on Thursday, as the Biden administration

works to shore up its Asian alliances against Beijing.

Military tensions between the two superpowers worsened under former U.S. President Donald Trump, who adopted an aggressive stance on regional flashpoints such as Taiwan and the South China Sea.

China at the same time poured billions into revamping its military, in line with President Xi Jinping's ambitions to transform the People's Liberation Army into a fully modernised, 'world-class' fighting force by 2050.

'The facts show that to contain China is mission impossible, and will only end up in shooting yourself in the foot,' warned defence ministry spokesman Wu Qian on Thursday...''

Xi Jinping Orders Chinese Army to Prepare for War 'at Any Second'

January 6, 2021 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Chinese dictator Xi Jinping on Monday issued orders to the People's Liberation Army (PLA) to prepare to 'act at any second' and maintain 'full-time combat readiness,' the *South China Morning Post (SCMP)* reported Tuesday.

Xi previously tightened his personal control of the PLA, using his position as chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC) to appoint loyal officers and clean out suspect personnel under the guise of an anti-corruption campaign.

State news agency *Xinhua* described the orders as part of an effort to tighten Chinese Communist Party (CCP) control of the nation's military and to prepare it for future conflicts...''

China's Xi warns Davos World Economic Forum against 'new Cold War'

January 26, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Chinese President Xi Jinping warned global leaders at an all-virtual Davos forum Monday against starting a 'new Cold War', and urged global unity in the face of the coronavirus pandemic.

Having largely curbed the spread of the pandemic within its borders, Xi wants to position China as a key player in a new multilateral world order as the U.S. remains crippled by the pandemic.

'To build small cliques or start a new Cold War, to reject, threaten or intimidate others... will only push the world into division,' said Xi in a likely veiled attack on U.S. President Joe Biden's plans to revitalise global alliances to counter China's growing influence.

In a swipe at moves targeting China launched by the previous U.S. administration under President Donald Trump, Xi said confrontation 'will always end up harming every nation's interests and sacrificing people's welfare...''

Undeterred by U.S. Sanctions, China Expected to Continue Development in Disputed Asian Sea

January 19, 2021 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "U.S. curbs against Chinese officials and companies suspected of helping Beijing extend its reach in a disputed, resource-rich Asian sea will do little to reduce China's maritime influence and could indirectly increase it, analysts believe.

The government of outgoing U.S. President Donald Trump on Thursday announced a ban on travel to the United States by officials in the military, the ruling Communist Party and major state-owned enterprises. Washington believes they have used coercion on countries with claims to the 3.5 million-square-kilometer South China Sea...''

Chinese Communist Party Bans Members from Opinions 'Inconsistent' with the Party

January 8, 2021 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "The Communist Party of China (CPC) revised restrictions on what its members are allowed to say in public in a set of regulations published on Monday, the *South China Morning Post (SCMP)* reported.

'A member of the party must not publicly express opinions that are inconsistent with decisions made by the central leadership,' reads Article 16 of the revised regulations, which concerns safeguarding the rights of the CPC's 92 million members.

The regulation's wording was altered from a similar clause banning the public expression of opinions that are the 'opposite of' the party leadership's decisions.

'Article 11 of the new rules stipulates that while party members are entitled to report misconduct by other members, including those who hold a higher rank, they must not disseminate such information at will and must not do so on the internet,' according to the Hong Kong-based newspaper...'' **(In 2017**

China elevated the stature of President Xi Jinping putting him on par with Chairman Mao Zedong who founded the People's Republic of China in 1949, making him in essence emperor for life, he can stay in power as long as his health allows. In November of 2017 China told Christians to replace images of Jesus with images of President Jinping in an effort to transform believers in religion into believers of the Communist Party of China. President Jinping should read the book of Daniel to see what happened to a king who elevated himself: *The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty? While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat*

grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws. And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine

understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: And all the inhabitants of

the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? – Daniel 4:30-35.)

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

Russia says leaving Open Skies military treaty

January 18, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Russia on Friday said it was withdrawing from the Open Skies treaty, undermining a post-Cold War defence accord that allows its signatories to carry out unarmed surveillance flights over each other's territories.

Citing 'lack of progress' on maintaining the functioning of the treaty after the United States withdrew from it last year, the Russian foreign ministry said in a statement it was beginning 'domestic procedures for the Russian Federation's withdrawal from the Open Skies treaty.' The agreement was signed soon after the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1992 and came into force in 2002.

It allowed its nearly three dozen signatories to carry out short-notice flights over one another's territory to monitor potential military operations.

Members include countries across Europe, the former Soviet Union and Canada..." **(Russia in Bible prophecy is the main instigator of death and suffering during Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Ezekiel chapters 38 & 39, which Dr. Van Impe proclaimed for sixty years, aided by Oriental and Islamic nations, bring total chaos and atomic devastation upon the world. Worse yet, it's just ahead of us. Every nation he included in World War III is forming exactly as taught in this global blood bath six decades ago. The only good news is that the Rapture precedes Armageddon – Because thou hast kept**

the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth – Revelation 3:10. Then our deliverance as believers – Revelation 4:1 and our joy because of missing Armageddon. See the next report.)

Kremlin welcomes U.S. offer to extend nuclear pact, seeks 'details'

January 25, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Russia and the United States drew closer Friday to extending a nuclear pact ahead of the fast approaching expiry date of the last arms control accord between the former Cold War rivals.

The New START treaty, which is due to expire on February 5, is seen as a rare opportunity for compromise between Moscow and Washington, whose ties have further deteriorated over recent cyber hacking and election meddling allegations.

The accord restricts Washington and Moscow to a maximum of 1,550 deployed nuclear warheads each, a cut of about 30 percent from a limit set in 2002, and 800 launchers and bombers — enough to blow up the world many times over.

The Kremlin on Friday welcomed a U.S. proposal to prolong the pact by five years, but cautioned that any extension would depend on the specifics of the offer..."

Russia backs PA proposal for international peace conference

January 27, 2021 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Tuesday backed a Palestinian Authority proposal for a Middle East peace conference.

'We propose holding an international, ministerial-level meeting in spring-summer 2021,' Lavrov told a videoconference UN Security Council meeting about the Middle East, according to *AFP*.

Participants in such a conference would include Israel, Palestinian Arabs, the four members of the so-called Middle East diplomatic quartet (Russia, the United Nations, the United States and the European Union), along with four Arab states — Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates, Lavrov said.

'It would also be important to invite Saudi Arabia, which is behind the Arab peace initiative,' he added..." **(Russia is warming up for Armageddon. Soon a peace program will be contracted for the Middle East nations – Daniel 11: 21, 24. It will be a peace contract for seven years but broken after 42 months – Daniel 9:27. Russia is the nation that then says: ...I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations... – Ezekiel 38:11, 12.)**