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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*

## ISRAEL UNDER FIRE

### **Over 22,570 rockets fired at Israel since Gaza Disengagement**

**May 20, 2021** -- *Israel National News* reports: “Since the 2005 Disengagement from Gush Katif and the subsequent takeover of the area by the Hamas terror group, over 22,570 rockets and mortars have been fired at Israel, data from Shabak (Israel Security Agency) shows.

The YESHA Council compiled the Shabak data on the rocket attacks. The data shows that the Disengagement led to a significant rise in the number of rocket attacks: In the five years prior to the Disengagement, less than 2,000 rockets were fired at Israel, but in the five years following it, approximately 10,000 rockets were fired.

During the years in which larger numbers of rockets were fired from Gaza, these led Israel to open war, which in turn caused a rise in the number of barrages.

The data also showed that not a single year passed in which Gaza terror groups did not fire rockets at Israeli civilians...” (Benjamin Netanyahu has stated: “If the Arabs put down their weapons today, there would be no more violence. If the Jews put down their weapons today, there would be no more Israel.” See the next report.)

### **Over 100 rockets fired at Tel Aviv and Eilat, Hamas launches suicide drones**

**May 13, 2021** -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Hamas launched suicide drones laden with explosives into Israel on Thursday. At least two exploded in the air somewhere in central Israel.

The drone attack came as over 100 long-range rockets were fired in the direction of Tel Aviv, central Israel and as far South as Eilat. Four people were injured.

The rocket attack came as the IDF prepares for a possible ground invasion of the Gaza Strip. Plans for a ground offensive are scheduled to be presented to IDF Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Aviv Kohavi for approval later on Thursday...”

### **IDF pilot suspects children in vicinity, calls off airstrike**

**May 17, 2021** -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “The IDF repeatedly claims to do everything in its power in order to avoid civilian casualties in Gaza while operating in a complicated reality where Hamas seemingly uses civilians as human shields.

Faced by international criticism and allegations of indiscriminately striking targets in the Gaza Strip without distinguishing between Hamas officials and civilians, the IDF has decided to publish operational documentation

that shows that the truth of the matter is that avoiding hurting civilians is in fact an active and daily aspect of IDF operational reality.

Video and audio recordings of Israeli Air Force (IAF) pilots released by the IDF Spokesperson’s Unit Sunday show pilots calling off an airstrike after noticing civilians, including children, in the area...” (Israel does all that it can to protect civilians – Hamas uses civilians to protect their missiles; placing them next to schools and in residential neighborhoods. Golda Meir has been quoted as saying: “We can forgive the Arabs for killing our children. We cannot forgive them for forcing us to kill their children. We will only have peace with the Arabs when they love their children more than they hate us.”

Jesus says: ...whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea – Mark 9:42; and Suffer [allow] little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven – Matthew 19:14. See the next report.)

### **Palestinians Bombard Own People; 20% of Hamas Rockets Land in Gaza**

**May 19, 2021** -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Palestinian terrorists are bombarding

their own people, as 700 of the rockets fired from Gaza by Hamas and other terror groups — some 20% of the total — land in Gaza, often killing innocent Palestinian civilians whose deaths are wrongly blamed on Israel.

The Israeli Defense Force (IDF) concluded Wednesday that an airstrike on the first day of fighting that killed a family of eight in the Beit Hanoun area was not an Israeli operation, but a Palestinian rocket gone awry, a frequent occurrence in the ongoing war...

**Netanyahu: We will inflict blows Hamas has not dreamt of**

May 12, 2021 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu arrived at Wolfson Hospital in Holon to visit Israeli citizens who were wounded by strikes from Hamas rockets.

‘I came here to Wolfson Hospital to visit Orin, a little girl who suffered an injury that could have been fatal, and with the wonderful work of people in the place and of the doctors here she survived. Next to her is a child who is being treated from Gaza – and that shows you all the difference between the people of our culture and the people of darkness,’ Netanyahu declared.

He wanted to send a message to Hamas in Gaza. ‘I said yesterday that these sons of darkness, the terrorists of Hamas and Islamic Jihad – who have blood on their heads.’

‘A little while ago, we eliminated senior commanders in the Hamas General Staff, including the Gaza Brigadier General and other commanders. This is just the beginning, we will inflict blows on them that they have not dreamt of,’ Netanyahu said.” **(Prime Minister Netanyahu is correct. 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 celebrates truce ‘victory,’ warns of future resistance against Israel**

May 21, 2021 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “The fragile Israel-Hamas ceasefire that went into effect in the Gaza Strip at 2 a.m. on Friday seemed to hold throughout the morning as Palestinians shared footage of clashes and mass celebrations in Jerusalem, Gaza and the West Bank.

Clashes near the Damascus Gate erupted just hours after the Egyptian-mediated truce went into effect...

Khalil al-Hayya, Hamas’s deputy leader in Gaza, declared, ‘Today the resistance declares victory over our enemies. Praise be to God who postponed our meal so that we can rejoice in two joys, the joy of Eid [al-Fitr] and the joy of victory.’

Al-Hayya’s house was demolished by IDF in the last week during Operation Guardian of the Walls.

*Reuters* confirmed that a Hamas official said Israel must end its violations in Jerusalem and address damages from the bombardment of Gaza following the ceasefire.

‘It is true the battle ends today but Netanyahu and the whole world should

know that our hands are on the trigger and we will continue to grow the capabilities of this resistance,’ said Ezzat El-Reshiq, a member of the Hamas political bureau...

**Senior Hamas leader: Israel doesn’t have the right to exist**

May 25, 2021 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Senior Hamas leader Mahmoud Al-Zahar told *Sky News* in an interview that Israel does not have a right to exist since it is located on ‘occupied territory’.

In a wide-ranging interview which aired on Sunday, the first he has given to any broadcaster since the ceasefire in Gaza was announced, Zahar also flat out denied that Hamas had fired rockets from civilian areas, despite evidence to the contrary provided by Israel.

‘No. No single rockets were sent from a civilian area. Most of the rockets were from the border... no single civilian area. You give me an example of how we are going to bring rockets and to put them on the roof (of buildings)?’ he said...” **(Almighty God has stated: ...I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off – Isaiah 56:5. Everlasting means everlasting. God promised to Abraham in Genesis 22:17: ...in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore... And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt; To drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou art, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as it is this day. Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else. Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou**

*mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the Lord thy God giveth thee, for ever – Deuteronomy 4:37 – 40. See the next report.)*

### **Iran IRGC head: Israel can be destroyed in one operation**

May 6, 2021 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps commander Maj.-Gen. Hossein Salami said that Israel ‘security’ has been eroded, and its safety ‘bubble’ burst in the last few months in a wide-ranging television interview.

He bragged at length about how the ‘Zionist regime’ is supposedly in the midst of security, political and social disintegration. He then claimed that Israel has suffered strikes against its maritime interests, cybersecurity vulnerabilities and other security setbacks, including mysterious explosions and a rocket that flew over Dimona.

Salami pointed to a string of incidents over the last several months, appearing to take credit for them. He said that a mysterious explosion in Israel, allegedly at a rocket factory on April 20, was a huge explosion that he said ‘resembled that of a nuclear explosion.’

This is part of a domino effect, which has included cyberattacks on Israel, ‘the killing of Mossad operatives in northern Iraq’ and threats to a chemical factory in Haifa and Ben-Gurion Airport. His interview was headlined in most major Iranian media on Thursday, receiving front-page coverage...”

### **Abbas: We’ll strengthen our grip on eastern Jerusalem**

May 5, 2021 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Palestinian Authority (PA) chairman Mahmoud Abbas on Tuesday headed a PA cabinet meeting in Ramallah.

Speaking at the meeting, Abbas said that Jerusalem and the protection of the holy sites of Islam and Christianity are the most prominent issues of the Palestinian national enterprise.

He added that the ‘bare arms and

chest’ of the Palestinian people in Jerusalem proved to everyone that the Palestinians are capable of dealing with the ‘occupation’ and forcing their will on it...” (930 times God promises Jerusalem forever to the Jews. Soon all Hell will break loose in the Middle East. Joel 3:2 warns today’s politicians that World War III occurs because of parting God’s land. It won’t succeed. Christ will return, stop the horrendous war and reign over the world from the Throne of David in Jerusalem forever – Revelation 11:18; Luke 1:32, 33. Psalm 122:6 – *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.*)

### **Jordan: The Temple Mount belongs to Muslims only**

May 4, 2021 -- *Israel National News* reports: “The Jordanian Foreign Ministry on Monday sent an official protest memorandum to Israel demanding that it stop what it defined as ‘the provocations in the Al-Aqsa Mosque’ and respect the historical and legal status quo and authority of the Waqf.

The ministry condemned Israel for permitting ‘extremists to enter the mosque under Israeli security for the last ten days of Ramadan.’

Dhaifallah Al-Fayez, spokesman for the Jordanian Foreign Ministry, called Israel’s actions in Jerusalem ‘a blatant violation of the historical and legal status quo, international law and the obligations of Israel, the occupying power, in East Jerusalem and the sanctity of the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the sanctity of Ramadan.’

Al-Fayez emphasized that the Al-Aqsa Mosque and its entire area of 144 dunams is a place of worship for Muslims only, and that the Jordanian Waqf has the sole authority to manage all the affairs of the mosque and regulate entry in accordance with international law and the historical and legal situation...” (In Genesis 22:1-14 God commanded Abraham to bring his son Isaac to the land of

Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice there. As he was about to complete the sacrifice, God stopped him and provided a ram as a substitutionary sacrifice. In I Chronicles 21:18 – 26, King David purchased this mount so he could build an altar to offer a sacrifice when he confessed his sin. This was the location where the angel of the Lord was commanded to stop the destruction of Jerusalem [I Chronicles 21:15]. In II Chronicles 3:1, King Solomon built the First Temple on Mount Moriah, this was started in 966 BC. This Temple stood until 586 BC when it was destroyed by the Babylonians. The Second Temple was built in 516 BC and enlarged by Herod the Great in 12 BC. It stood until it was destroyed by the Romans in AD 70. The Dome of the Rock was built in AD 692, and the Al Aqsa Mosque was not built until AD 705. It is obvious who has the rightful claim to the Temple Mount.)

### **Iran’s Khamenei Backs Palestinians: Urges Violent ‘Confrontation’ with ‘Criminal’ Israelis**

May 12, 2021 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Iran’s supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Tuesday took to social media and urged Palestinians to attack Israel through their armed Hamas wing, calling for them to ‘stand strong’ and ‘confront the enemy’ as terror rockets rained down on Tel Aviv.

‘Palestinians are awake and determined. They must continue this path. One can only talk with the language of power with these criminals,’ Khamenei wrote on Twitter.

‘They must increase their strength, stand strong, confront the enemy, and force them to stop their crimes,’ he added...”

(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.)*

**Palestinian Terror Leader Thanks Iran for Funds, Rockets Used to ‘Pound Tel Aviv’**

May 14, 2021 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Last week, Palestinian Islamic Jihad terrorist leader Ramez Al-Halabi expressed gratitude to the Islamic regime of Iran, attributing the source

of the Gaza terror group’s arsenal and funding to the oppressive Islamic Republic of Iran.

In an interview that aired Friday on *Al-Ahd TV* (Iraq), Al-Halabi bragged of the assistance his terrorist group receives from Iran.

‘The *mujahideen* [holy warriors or ‘jihadis’] in Gaza and in Lebanon use Iranian weapons to strike the Zionists,’ he said.

In addition, he added, Gaza terrorists are trained by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and Iranian funds are used to purchase weapons to be used in Gaza and Lebanon...”

# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

**Church Celebrates Drag Queen Sunday: They’re in ‘Open Revolt’ against God, Mohler Says**

May 6, 2021 -- *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: “An Illinois church’s recent promotion of drag queen shows during its Sunday morning service was an example of ‘open revolt’ against God’s intent for humanity, says a prominent author and theologian.

Albert Mohler, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., says the church – Hope United Methodist Church in Bloomington, Ill. – is promoting a ‘different’ religion than Christianity.

The church was featured in an April 15 story in *Religion News Service*, which spotlighted 23-year-old Isaac Simmons, the church’s director of operations who goes by the name of ‘Ms. Penny Cost’ as a drag queen. The church held a ‘Drag Sunday’ on April 11 in which drag artists sang, prayed and performed. A drag speaker during the service said the goal was ‘celebrating and uplifting the voices of drag artistry within the church.’ Drag itself, the speaker said, is ‘divine.’

The Illinois Great Rivers Conference’s Vermillion River District Committee

on Ordained Ministry recently certified Simmons as a candidate for ministry, *RNS* reported. He likely is the ‘first drag queen certified’ in the United Methodist Church, the news outlet said...” *(For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the*

*Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; 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 1:18 – 32. See the next report.)*

### **Evangelical Lutherans abandon Bible, elect first transgender bishop**

May 12, 2021 -- *WND.com* reports: “One of the largest Christian denominations in the United States has just elected its first transgender bishop as the abandonment of biblical authority within organized Christendom grows more pervasive.

The Rev. Megan Rohrer of Grace Lutheran Church in San Francisco initially broke barriers in 2006 when she became the first transgender person to be ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, *Religion News Service* reported. In 2014, she became the first to serve as a pastor when she was placed at Grace Lutheran.

The ECLA is one of the nation’s largest churches, boasting almost 3.3 million members and 8,900 congregations across the country. Rohrer will become the first transgender person to serve as bishop in any major American Christian denomination...”

### **Judge rules Christian college must follow Biden rule opening dorms, showers to opposite sex**

May 24, 2021 -- *The Washington Times* reports: “A federal judge on Wednesday rejected a Christian college’s request to halt the Biden administration’s directive on gender identity in dwellings.

The College of the Ozarks, a Christian college in Missouri, had argued the government order, which claims to fight discrimination against transgender people, impinges on the rights of Christians and violates Biblical beliefs.

The dispute sets up a new legal battle over religious liberty and gender identity...” (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 report.)*

### **Christian Chaplain Reported to Anti-Terrorism Programme for Sermon on LGBT Ideology**

May 11, 2021 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “A Christian chaplain at Trent College was fired and reported to the British government’s anti-terrorism programme for delivering a sermon in which he told pupils that it is acceptable to question and disagree with far-left LGBT ideology being taught at the school.

Trent College, which claims to have a ‘Christian ethos’, invited the educational charity Educate and Celebrate to their campus in 2018, in order to make their school more LGBT-friendly.

Educate and Celebrate declared that their mission was to ‘embed gender, gender identity and sexual orientation into the fabric of your school’.

The head of the charity, Dr Elly Barnes, has openly stated that the purpose of Educate and Celebrate is to ‘completely smash heteronormativity, that’s what we want to do.’...”

### **Major church looks to kill saying ‘husband and wife’ at weddings**

May 17, 2021 -- *WND.com* reports: “The general assembly of the Church of Scotland soon will be reviewing a plan to drop the terms ‘husband and wife’ from its marriage ceremonies.

It’s that sometimes, well, these days there’s no husband, or wife, because the church is planning to dive headlong into affirming same-sex duos.

The Christian Institute described the plan as ‘radical,’ and noted later this month the leaders of the religious organization will consider a specific plan to kill references to ‘husband and wife.’

Three years ago, the church’s leaders approved a plan 345-170 to have the Legal Questions Committee suggest new language...” (...he [Jesus] answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and

*female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder – Matthew 19:4-6.)*

### **43 Percent of Millennials Say They Either Don't Know, Care or Believe God Exists**

May 19, 2021 -- *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: "A new study from Arizona Christian University showed that the four generations of Americans share very different views on spiritual beliefs and practices.

ACU's Cultural Research Center's American Worldview Inventory 2021 studied how Millennials (born 1984-2002), Gen X (1965-1983), Baby Boomers (1946-1964) and Builders (1927-1945) each believe.

In one example, 90 percent of Builders believe that you should treat others as you want them to treat you. In comparison, less than half of Millennials agreed with that statement.

Also, 66 percent of Millennials said they are willing to try anything at least once, while just 28 percent of Builders said the same.

In comparison with Boomers, 43 percent of Millennials said they either don't know, don't care or don't believe God exists as compared to just 28 percent of Boomers..." (*...when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? – Luke 18:8. The article, and the one following it [both taken from the same survey], makes one wonder what the answer to that question would be. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it. – Amos 8:11-12.*

Thankfully, God always has a faithful remnant. In I Kings 19 following the victory over the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel, Elijah fled to the wilderness after hearing a threat from Jezebel. We read: *...he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers. And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. And the angel of the Lord came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee. And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God. And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said,*

*What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. And the Lord said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria: And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him. – I Kings 19:4-18 [Emphasis mine]. Thank God for His faithful remnant. See the next report.)*

### **Millennials More Likely to Believe in Horoscopes Than an 'All-Knowing' God, Survey Shows**

May 26, 2021 -- *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: "The United States is undergoing a 'seismic worldview shift' driven by younger Americans, according to a new study by Arizona Christian University's Cultural Research Center, which found that Millennials are more likely to believe in horoscopes than in an 'all-knowing' God.

The report, released this month, is part of the center's 2021 American Worldview Inventory, an annual report that examines the spiritual beliefs of Americans.

The report says Millennials (those born between 1984-2002) are leading much of the change. At the time of the survey, the age range of Millennials was 18 to 36.

The survey found that 35 percent of Millennials and 32 percent of Gen-Xers

say they ‘personally receive guidance from’ horoscopes,’ compared to 10 percent of Boomers and 3 percent of Builders.

By comparison, only 31 percent of Millennials say they believe ‘God is the all-knowing, all-powerful, just creator of the universe’ and ‘still rules it today.’ That’s less than Gen-Xers (47 percent), Boomers (57 percent) and Builders (64 percent)..”

### **Brainwashing camps for Christians as persecution in China intensifies**

May 14, 2021 -- *WND.com* reports: “The Chinese Communist Party’s persecution of Christians has taken a disturbing new turn. According to a recent *Radio Free Asia* report, Chinese Christians are being detained at secretive ‘brainwashing camps.’

Writing under the pseudonym of Li Yue-se, a Chinese Christian detailed the conditions of his detention in a ‘transformation facility’ where he was held for 10 months after the CCP raided his house church in Sichuan province in 2018...

Imprisoned in a windowless room without ventilation, Li was subjected to verbal and physical abuse. United Front officials use intimidation, threats, and beatings to force detainees to renounce their faith...” **(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, 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.)**

### **Report: 78 Priests Allegedly ‘Massacred’ in Ethiopia Conflict**

May 12, 2021 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Ethiopian army soldiers and allied Eritrean troops allegedly ‘massacred’ at least 78 priests of the Christian Ethiopian Orthodox Church in Ethiopia’s separatist Tigray region in recent months, Britain’s *Telegraph* newspaper reported on Monday.

An official Ethiopian Orthodox Church letter dated April 15 and recently leaked to the newspaper detailed the alleged attack on Tigray priests.

‘The letter, which was addressed to the Synod [council] of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, says that ‘priests, deacons, choristers, and monks’ have been ‘massacred’ over the last five months,’ the *Telegraph* wrote on Monday...”

### **ISIS-Linked Jihadists Massacre Christian Farmers in Indonesia**

May 17, 2021 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “The remote Indonesian village of Kalemago held a mass funeral Wednesday for four coffee farmers murdered by jihadists the previous day.

The primarily Christian residents of the village demanded ‘firm action’ against the killers and seemed skeptical they would get it.

‘Our hope for the government, the president, is to resolve this. If not, we will no longer be able to go out to earn a living. Frankly, we feel that no one is paying attention to us,’ village secretary Otniel Papunde told *Voice of America News (VOA)*...”

# THE KINGS OF THE EAST

### **Washington weighs risk of defending Taiwan against China**

May 6, 2021 -- *SinoDaily.com* reports: “U.S. President Joe Biden is expected

to announce his strategy toward China soon, and calls are growing for him to make a clear public commitment to defend Taiwan militarily in the event of Chinese aggression.

China considers Taiwan, which has a population of 23 million, to be a rebel province that will one day return to the mainland’s fold, by force if necessary.

The United States, which has

diplomatically recognized Beijing since 1979, has maintained relations with Taipei and remains its most important military ally.

A U.S. law requires Washington to help the island defend itself in the event of a conflict, but the United States has pursued a policy of ‘strategic ambiguity’ for decades, refraining from clearly stating what circumstances would lead it to intervene militarily on Taiwan’s behalf.

The aim is two-fold: to avoid provoking Beijing, which might see this as a pretext for adopting a more aggressive policy towards Taiwan, but also to curb any desire on the part of the Taiwanese government to formally declare independence, which would set off a powder keg...” **(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 three reports.)*

**China says U.S. ‘creating risks’ with South China Sea warship sail-bys**

**May 21, 2021** -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “China on Thursday branded the United States an ‘out-and-out security risk creator’ in the South China Sea, after an American warship sailed through waters near the disputed Spratly Islands. Tensions in maritime waters claimed by both China and many of its neighbours have ratcheted up recently, with Beijing staging live-fire drills and sending hundreds of fishing vessels to a reef claimed by the Philippines.

China’s military said the USS Curtis Wilbur, a guided missile destroyer, was warned and driven away from the contested waters near the islands, which are claimed by China.

U.S. actions ‘increase regional security risks, which easily causes misunderstandings, misjudgements and unforeseen maritime incidents’, People’s Liberation Army Southern Theatre Command spokesman Colonel Tian Junli said in a notice posted on social media...”

**U.S. Warship Again Sails Through Sensitive Taiwan Strait**

**May 19, 2021** -- *Voice of America News* reports: “A U.S. warship has again sailed through the sensitive waterway that separates Taiwan from its giant neighbor China, at a time of increased tensions between Taipei and Beijing.

The U.S. Navy’s 7th Fleet said the Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Curtis Wilbur conducted a ‘routine Taiwan Strait

transit’ on Tuesday in accordance with international law.

‘The ship’s transit through the Taiwan Strait demonstrates the U.S. commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific. The United States military will continue to fly, sail, and operate anywhere international law allows,’ it said.

Taiwan’s Defense Ministry said the ship had sailed in a southerly direction through the strait and the ‘situation was as normal.’

The U.S. Navy has been conducting such operations every month or so, to the anger of China which always denounces them...”

**China slams EU’s ‘confrontational approach’ after trade deal blocked**

**May 21, 2021** -- *EnergyDaily.com* reports: “China on Friday slammed the European Union’s ‘confrontational approach’ after MEPs voted to block a landmark investment deal over Beijing’s tit-for-tat sanctions against EU lawmakers.

Foreign ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said Beijing’s sanctions were a ‘necessary and justified response’ to previous EU measures against Chinese officials over human rights concerns in Xinjiang.

To the surprise of many, the European Union and China in late December approved a major investment pact, wrapping up seven years of painstaking negotiations thanks to a final push by Germany.

But the European Parliament voted overwhelmingly Thursday to refuse any consideration of the EU-China investment deal as long as Chinese sanctions against MEPs and scholars were in place...”