

“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

‘I Will Not Leave Jesus’: Indian Family Forced from Village after Refusing to Renounce Christ

February 24, 2021— *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: “A family that recently converted to Christianity was banished from their Indian village this year after they stood firm in their faith and refused to recant.

Jaga Padiami and his wife accepted Christ in December after hearing the gospel when a group of Christians visited their home village in Kambawada, India. But in January, they were called to a village meeting and told by the village chief, Koya Samaj, to renounce their Christian faith. Both refused, according to a report by International Christian Concern.

Residents then began to harass the couple, and Samaj gave them an additional five days to recant their faith or face banishment from the village.

After five days, the couple was called to a village meeting, where Padiami told Samaj and the other villagers, ‘Even though you will drive me out of the village, I will not leave Jesus Christ.’

‘This response enraged local villagers who ransacked Padiami’s home,’ ICC reported.

Their belongings were tossed into the street, and their house locked. They were then forced from the village.

The couple was told they would be killed if they returned – unless they recant Christianity. They did not...” (Even better, Jesus will never leave Jaga and his wife. Jesus said: *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. Steven Green released a song in 1991 entitled I Will Serve The Lord and one of the verses and chorus states:

*The honor and the privilege ours
 With wounds we suffer by His side
 And to the glory of the Lord
 Those sacred scars
 We bear with pride
 I will serve the Lord
 I will serve the Lord my God
 And if God should choose, and my life
 I lose
 Though my foe may slay me, I will
 serve the Lord*

Christians who suffer and die for Christ will receive the “Crown of Life” to place at the feet of Jesus – James 1:12; Revelation 2:10. The 24 elders represent 12 Old Testament Tribes and 12 New Testament Apostles – saved Jews and redeemed Christians. In Revelation 4: 10 & 11 they cast their earned crowns before the Lord Jesus Christ. Question – Will you be among them?)

‘The Bible Isn’t the Word of God’: Nashville Church Comes under Fire for Denying the Bible Is God’s Word

February 22, 2021 – *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: “A progressive church in Nashville, Tennessee has been largely criticized as of late after the church openly denied that the Bible is God’s Word in a recent social media post.

In a post on Facebook, GracePointe Church posted a recap of a message titled ‘The Bible | What Is Progressive Christianity?’ from lead pastor Joshua Scott’s Feb. 7 sermon.

‘As Progressive Christians, we’re open to the tensions and inconsistencies in the Bible’, the church wrote in the caption. ‘We know that it can’t live up to impossible, modern standards. We strive to more clearly articulate what Scripture is and isn’t,’ the church noted

before further expanding on what the church believes the Bible is and is not.

GracePointe Church added that the Bible ‘isn’t: the Word of God, self-interpreting, a science book, an answer/rule book, inerrant or infallible.’ Instead, the church argued, the Bible is ‘a product of community, a library of texts, multi-vocal, a human response to God, living and dynamic.’...” *(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 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 – II Timothy 3:1-9; 13-17 [emphasis mine].)*

Lifetime Cancels D. James Kennedy Ministries Programs Due to ‘Controversial’ Biblical Programming

February 23, 2021--*ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: “The president and CEO of D. James Kennedy Ministries says the Lifetime channel rejected programming on abortion and other controversial subjects in recent weeks, leading the ministry to pull all its shows off the channel rather than produce ‘milquetoast’ content.

Frank Wright, president and chief executive of D. James Kennedy Ministries, said Wednesday that the ministry is now searching for a new cable television platform that will give it the national exposure it needs to reach a broad audience.

Lifetime had carried the ministry’s *Truth that Transforms* program the last three years, Wright said. He accused Lifetime of taking part in the ‘cancel culture’ of conservative ideas...” *(I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry – II Timothy 4:1-5. See the next report.)*

Denmark May Force Churches to Submit Sermons to Gov’t: ‘There Is Much Concern,’ Pastor Says

February 4, 2021--*ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: “A proposed Danish law that would require sermons be translated and submitted to the government has sparked concern among Christians throughout the region.

The proposed legislation would require that all sermons not delivered in the country’s native language be translated into Danish and submitted to the government, although it is not clear yet if the sermons must be submitted before or after they are delivered. The bill has the backing of Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen.

Although the legislation is intended to control radical Muslim groups in the country – more than 250,000 Muslims live in Denmark – it has drawn pushback from many Christians.

Anglican Bishop Robert Innes of the European diocese wrote a letter to Frederiksen Jan. 27, expressing concern over the proposal’s impact on religious liberty...”

Islamist Militants Fuel Christian Persecution in Kenya, Faith Leaders Say

February 10, 2021--*ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: “The majority of this East African country’s population is Christian, and churches are free to proliferate. It’s also not unusual to find preachers setting up loudspeakers to call people to Jesus. Christian literature is sold on the open street, and phrases like ‘Praise God’ and ‘Amen’ are part of the common greetings.

But recently, Kenya was listed by the U.S.-based anti-persecution watchdog Open Doors as one of the countries where it is difficult to be Christian. According to the group, persecution of Christians has been spreading, especially in the predominantly Muslim northeastern and coastal regions.

‘The threats are there,’ the Rt. Rev. David Mutisya, Anglican bishop of the Diocese of Garissa, in eastern Kenya, told *Religion News Service*. Mutisya said the challenge for both Muslims and Christians is to be creative about finding ways to co-exist without tension.

Christians who have converted from Islam live under constant threat of attack, even from close relatives, according to the organization. Many have fled their homes to live close to

other Christians where they can feel safe...” *(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 – John 15:18-24. See the next report.)

Mob of Radical Hindu Nationalists Storms Christian Church Service in India

February 5, 2021 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “A mob of some 30 Hindu nationalists stormed a Christian church

service in southern India this week, beating the pastor and leaving 27 others injured, International Christian Concern (ICC) reported Thursday.

Witnesses said the enraged attackers picked up Bibles and used them to beat the faithful, six of whom required hospitalization, and went on to inflict damage to the church.

Shouting slogans such as ‘Jai Sri Ram’ (Glory to Lord Rama) as they raided the meeting, members of the mob violently beat Pastor Subash, who was presiding over the service, leaving him unable to walk...”

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

U.S. Senate approves amendment to keep embassy in Jerusalem

February 5, 2021 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “The United States Senate voted 97-3 late Thursday to support an amendment to the COVID-19 budget resolution that affirmed the country’s intention to keep its embassy in Jerusalem.

It was put forward by Republican Senators Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma and Bill Hagerty of Tennessee.

Inhofe tweeted that the amendment ‘would make the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem permanent, effectively preventing it from being downgraded or moved. It’s an important message that we acknowledge Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.’...” **(930 times God promises Jerusalem forever to the Jews. Ours was the first nation to recognize the sovereign state of Israel in 1948, but we have moved further and further away. God promised to Abraham: ...I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed – Genesis 12:2, 3. 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.)

Nasrallah: ‘Israel will see things it hasn’t seen since its inception’

February 17, 2021 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Hezbollah Secretary-General Hassan Nasrallah responded to the Israeli show of military threat, saying, ‘After all the recent threats from Israel, no one can guarantee that it won’t lead to war. Israel will see things it hasn’t seen since its inception,’ Israeli media reported on Tuesday.

The comment came in response to the IDF’s training exercise in preparation for the possibility of war in the North. The drill, conducted by the IAF, is called Vered Hagalil.

‘We are not interested in conflict or war, but if you force it upon us, we will fight,’ Nasrallah said...” *(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.)

Iran could deploy 200 missiles in Iraq to attack Israel

February 16, 2021 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “With tensions rising with Iran, Israel is concerned that the Islamic Republic could deploy up to 200 long-range missiles in Iraq that could be used to attack the Jewish state. Iran is already believed to have hundreds of missiles that can reach Israel.

While the chances of a direct confrontation between Israel and Iran

are deemed low, heightened tensions in the North amid the possibility of a confrontation in Syria or Lebanon, could also draw Iran to retaliate.

The rationale for Iran to deploy missiles in Iraq and launch them from there against Israel would be to try and prevent a direct IDF retaliation against targets within Iranian territory...” (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.*)

Khamenei says Iran could boost uranium enrichment to 60%

February 23, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “Iran’s supreme leader said Monday the Islamic republic could boost uranium enrichment to 60 percent if needed, hours before new limits on inspections by the UN nuclear watchdog went into force.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei’s remarks came ahead of a deadline fixed by Iran’s parliament to limit some inspections by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) unless U.S. sanctions were lifted by Sunday.

Later, Iran’s ambassador to the UN agency, Kazem Gharibabadi, said the new limitations would take effect as of midnight (2030 GMT).

“The necessary instructions have been issued to the nuclear facilities,” he said...” (Ezekiel 38:5 predicts that Russia, the Orient, and Persia [which changed its name to Iran in 1932] will see millions destroyed through atomic warfare in the Latter Years and Latter Days – Ezekiel 38:8, 16.

Prepare to meet thy God Israel – Amos 4:12. This battle is described in Revelation 9:14 – 18: *Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. See the next three reports.*

Iran may pursue nuclear weapons, its intelligence minister warns

February 9, 2021 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “Iran’s intelligence minister has warned the West that his country could push for nuclear weapons if crippling international sanctions on Tehran remain in place, state television reported Tuesday.

The remarks by Mahmoud Alavi mark a rare occasion that a government official said Iran could move toward nuclear weapons. Tehran has long insisted that the program is for peaceful purposes only.

“Our nuclear program is peaceful and the fatwa by the supreme leader has forbidden nuclear weapons, but if they push Iran in that direction, then it wouldn’t be Iran’s fault but those who pushed it,” Alavi was quoted as saying...”

Iran to install new centrifuges at nuclear facilities

March 1, 2021 -- *Israel National News* reports: “The Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) plans to install new generations of IR2M and

IR6 centrifuges at the Fordow and Natanz nuclear facilities, the *Xinhua* news agency reported on Sunday.

The installation of these centrifuges will be completed and gas will be injected within the time limit specified in the law passed by the Iranian parliament, said Abolfazl Amoui, the spokesman of the National Security and Foreign Policy Committee of the Iranian parliament.

Amoui said that, based on the law, the AEOI should also produce 120 kg of 20 percent enriched uranium within a year...”

Ex-IAEA official: Israeli strike on Iran’s nuclear plants won’t stop threat

February 11, 2021 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “While an Israeli strike on Iranian nuclear facilities may buy some time, it won’t eliminate the problem, warned Dr. Olli Heinonen, former deputy director-general at the International Atomic Energy Agency and a senior research fellow at the Stimson Center think tank, in an interview with *Israel Hayom* on Wednesday.

“Technically, such an attack is feasible, even though several of the [nuclear] sites would be more difficult to attack than others,” explained Heinonen to *Israel Hayom*. “But the entire matter starts with one thing: You need to know what you are bombing because if you don’t know, you have a serious problem on your hands. It’s easy to say, ‘We need to bomb Natanz, Fordo.’ Maybe there are other [uranium] enrichment sites. You need to know the status of these facilities. Are they still there? Are we familiar with them?”

“An airstrike can help buy time, but it doesn’t eliminate the problem,” stressed the former IAEA deputy director-general...”

Khamenei: We will demand actions from the U.S.

February 18, 2021 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Iran’s Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, on Wednesday demanded action and not just words

from the U.S. as a condition for reviving the 2015 nuclear deal.

‘The Islamic Republic will not be satisfied this time with words and promises,’ said Khamenei in a televised speech.

‘This time, only action, action. If we see action from the opposite side, we will act too,’ he stressed...’ **(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.)

Western powers warn Iran against ‘dangerous’ inspections limit

February 19, 2021 -- SpaceWar.com reports: “European powers and the United States on Thursday warned Iran it would be ‘dangerous’ to carry out a threatened limit to UN nuclear agency inspections, warning such a move risked wrecking an opportunity to revive a landmark 2015 deal on its atomic drive.

French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian hosted his German and British counterparts in Paris, with America’s new Secretary of State Antony Blinken

joining via videoconference, to discuss how to bring revive a deal left moribund by former president Donald Trump’s pullout in 2018.

Analysts say only a small window of opportunity remains to save the deal as Tehran ramps up its nuclear work in retaliation against the reimposition of sanctions that followed the U.S. walkout...”

Iran’s Revolutionary Guard begins drill near Iraq border

February 12, 2021 -- Israel National News reports: “Iran’s paramilitary Revolutionary Guard on Thursday began a ground forces drill near the Iraqi border, *The Associated Press* reported, citing state TV.

The report said the annual exercise, dubbed the ‘great prophet,’ is ongoing in the southwest of the country and has aimed at readiness and assessment of forces. Drones and helicopters will be used in the drill as well.

The drill comes amid ongoing tensions between the U.S. and Iran and is the latest Iran has held as it tries to pressure President Joe Biden over the 2015 nuclear deal...”

THE RELIGION OF PEACE?

Muslim Nations Order Migrants to Hate Their Western Benefactors

February 18, 2021 -- PJMedia.com reports: “Imagine if a U.S. governmental agency told all Americans who live abroad that they are obligated to hate the nations that are hosting them.

That’s precisely what the Muslim nation of Qatar (a ‘U.S. friend and ally’) is doing. According to the world-famous website, *Islamweb.net*—which is directed and financed by the state of

Qatar—any Muslim who lives in a non-Muslim nation is obligated to hate his adopted nation and its ‘infidel’ citizens (even while receiving benefits from them).

This comes in the form of a fatwa (an Islamic sanctioned decree) titled ‘Conditions that Legitimize Residing in Infidel Nations’ (all translations in this article my own). Along with ‘preserving and upholding his Islam,’ the ‘first condition’ for any Muslim who lives among non-Muslims is that he/she has

‘enmity and hatred for the infidels.’...” **(Islam is a religion of hate. Sharia Law demands death penalties for (1) Daughters who have premarital sex, (2) Homosexuals – these murderers are told to drop them from the highest mountain to be sure to hear their fearful screams, (3) Apostates – these are Islamic religionists who mock Allah, Muhammad, of the Koran, (4) All infidels – non Muslim religionists. Genuine Christianity is the only religion of peace – Hereby perceive**

we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren – I John 3:16. See the next report.)

Islamic State brutality returning to Syrian towns

February 9, 2021 -- *BBC.com* reports: “The Islamic State (IS) group has launched more than 100 attacks in north-eastern Syria over the last month alone and is terrorising many towns and villages at night.

The violence is concentrated in the largely desert province of Deir al-Zour. Syrian researcher Ali (his real name, along with the name of the non-governmental organisation he works for withheld for his own protection) has been compiling statistics on the attacks. He says the violence is taking many forms.

‘Beheadings, bombings, motorcycle suicide, assassination and kidnappings – and we’re just talking about a small area east of Deir al-Zour city.’

In one of these recent attacks, 40 people were killed when an IS sleeper cell ambushed a bus...”

Taliban Confident It Will Replace Afghanistan Leaders with ‘Islamic Government’

February 3, 2021 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Representatives of the Taliban meeting with Iranian officials in Tehran declared Tuesday that peace talks between the group and the United States would lead to the end of the current Afghan government and the imposition of a more ‘Islamic’ regime, a condition Washington has rejected since the talks began.

Afghanistan is already an Islamic

republic, run partially through *sharia*, or Islamic law. The Taliban considers itself the only legitimate government of Afghanistan and formally refers to itself as the ‘Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan,’ rejecting the existence of Afghanistan’s entire government infrastructure. After nearly two decades of war since the United States invaded in the early 2000s, Taliban representatives agreed to negotiations in Doha, Qatar, where it has established a political office...”

(The American Thinker web page gives the Top ten reasons why sharia is bad for all societies:

- 1. Islam commands offensive, aggressive and unjust jihad which is a holy war**
- 2. Islam orders apostates to be killed**
- 3. Islam orders death for Muslims and death for non-Muslim critics of Muhammad and the Quran, and even Sharia itself**
- 4. Islam orders unmarried fornicators to be whipped, put to death, and adulterers to be stoned**
- 5. Islam commands all homosexuals to be executed**
- 6. Islam commands that highway robbers should be crucified or mutilated**
- 7. Islam commands that a male and female thief must have a hand cut off**
- 8. Islam allows an injured plaintiff to exact legal revenge, physical eye for physical eye**
- 9. Islam allows husbands to beat their wives**
- 10. Islam commands that drinkers and gamblers be beaten.**

See the next two reports.)

Hamas court rules: Women must travel with male guardian

February 16, 2021 -- *Israel National News* reports: “A Hamas-run Islamic

court in the Gaza Strip has ruled that women require the permission of a male guardian to travel, *The Associated Press* reported on Monday.

The decision by the Sharia Judicial Council, issued Sunday, says an unmarried woman may not travel without the permission of her ‘guardian,’ which would usually refer to her father or another older male relative.

Permission would need to be registered at the court, but the man would not be required to accompany the woman on the trip, according to *AP*...”

Iran’s Khamenei decrees that female cartoon characters must wear hijab

February 22, 2021 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei issued a fatwa stating that women in cartoons and animated features must be depicted wearing a hijab, according to *al-Arabiya* citing Iran’s *Tasnim* news agency.

A fatwa is a declaration or ruling on a point of Islamic law given by a recognized higher authority. The ruling is not legally binding, however.

The report states that Khamenei was answering a question posed by a Telegram user, asking if observing compulsory hijab is necessary for characters in animated features. It was not made clear through which forum the question was presented to the ayatollah. ‘Although wearing hijab in such a hypothetical situation is not required per se, observing hijab in animation is required due to the consequences of not wearing hijab,’ *IranWire* quoted him as saying, according to the report...”

THE KINGS OF THE EAST

Nuclear war with China or Russia a ‘real possibility,’ STRATCOM commander warns

February 3, 2021 -- *FoxNews.com* reports: “The head of U.S. Strategic

Command is calling for military and federal leaders to reimagine methods of deterring aggressive action from rivals such as China and Russia, including the ‘real possibility’ of

nuclear war.

In a stark assessment of the current geopolitical landscape, STRATCOM Commander Adm. Charles Richard warned that China and Russia have

‘begun to aggressively challenge international norms’ in ‘ways not seen since the height of the Cold War.’ Richard cited a rise in cyberattacks and ‘threats in space,’ as well as their investment in advanced arms such as nuclear weapons.

STRATCOM is responsible for the U.S. nuclear deterrent.

‘There is a real possibility that a regional crisis with Russia or China could escalate quickly to a conflict involving nuclear weapons, if they perceived a conventional loss would threaten the regime or state,’ Richard wrote in the February issue of ‘*Proceedings*,’ the U.S. Naval Institute’s monthly magazine...’ (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.)*

U.S. headed for war with China, warns top Beijing academic

February 8, 2021 -- *WND.com* reports: “A prominent Beijing scholar on international relations is warning that without a ‘new stability’ in China’s relationship with the United States, ‘there will be war.’

‘It cannot be taken for granted and

fantasized that conflict will never erupt between the two,’ said Shi Yinong, a professor at the Institute of International Relations at Renmin University...

He said the stability that the U.S. and China have had in the past is gone...” (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)

China Boasts of Military Buildup While Pushing ‘Dialogue’ with U.S.

February 23, 2021 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Chinese state media boasted of China’s massive military buildup over the weekend while simultaneously claiming Beijing wants nothing more than to renew friendly dialogue with the United States under the Biden administration.

China’s state-run *Global Times* reported Sunday that the People’s Liberation Army (PLA) has developed ‘a new type of training system that would improve military training in all respects,

strengthen the capability to win wars and build the Chinese military into a world-class one.’

The *Global Times* did not discuss the system, approved by dictator Xi Jinping — whose many titles also include Chairman of the Central Military Commission — in detail, but the article hinted it would include some combination of real-world combat drills and high-tech simulations...”

U.S., China lead world as military spending increases globally

February 26, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “Global defense spending reached a new high point in 2020, with the United States spending more than any other country and China pulling in second, according to data released by The International Institute for Strategic Studies this week.

The IISS analyzed numbers from the Military Balance Plus database and found that global defense spending increased in 2020 to reach \$1.83 trillion — a 3.9% increase over 2019 figures.

The United States, which spent \$738 billion on defense in 2020, accounted for 40.3% of total global defense spending, the IISS said.

China’s defense spending did not increase as sharply in 2020 as it did in 2019, but the country still spent \$193.3 billion on defense in 2020 — \$12 billion more than the year before...”

China tests its missile interception equipment

February 8, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “China conducted a land-based, midcourse missile interception test on Thursday—the fifth land-based, anti-ballistic missile test the country has publicly announced.

The Defense Ministry said in a brief statement late on Thursday that the test had achieved its goals, and the operation was defensive in nature, not targeting any other country.

Before the latest operation, China had successfully completed four such tests

in 2010, 2013, 2014 and 2018, according to official releases.

The statement did not give details about Thursday’s test, such as when and where it took place and by which means the interception took place...”

China’s Naval Strength Gives It Crucial Clout in Negotiations around Asia

February 25, 2021 -- Voice of America News reports: “China’s increasing naval power, the country having surpassed the United States as the world’s largest

maritime force, is giving Beijing crucial sway in negotiations with Asian governments that dispute its claims at sea, experts say.

The U.S. Defense Department, in its September annual report to Congress on military and security developments involving China, said China’s navy ranks as the world’s biggest in numerical terms. The report calls the People’s Liberation Army Navy an ‘increasingly modern and flexible force’ armed with ‘modern multi-role combatants.’

China’s navy has avoided war, a

potential battlefield disadvantage, but its size means Chinese leaders can get their way in talks with other Asian countries, analysts in the Asia Pacific region say.

‘It certainly doesn’t hurt to have a powerful navy when you go into diplomatic negotiations and say, ‘Give us what we want and then we’ll think about what else we want,’ said Malcolm Davis, senior analyst in defense strategy and capability at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute in Canberra...”

MARK OF THE BEAST

Denmark to Introduce World’s First Corona Vaccine Passport

February 5, 2021 -- Breitbart.com reports: “Denmark is preparing to introduce coronavirus vaccine passports to open up overseas travel by the end of the month, in what is claimed to be the first governmental immunity certification in the world.

The Danish Acting Minister of Finance Morten Bødskov announced on Wednesday that by the end of February, vaccinated Danes will be able to print a certificate from the government website.

A digital version, likely a mobile phone app which could be scanned at airports, will be available in the next three to four months, the minister said.

The passports would initially be used to facilitate international travel for business, according to Danish newspaper *Kristeligt Dagblad*, but the minister said it could be used further along in the year as ‘extra security’ when reopening society...” *(And he 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 – Revelation 13:16 & 17. Will the promise of relief from the oppressive restrictions placed upon people as a result of COVID-19 lead to the implementation of the Mark of the Beast? As was reported in the January 2021 Van Impe Intelligence Briefing, Pastor John MacArthur believes so. He stated: This is the kind of world that appears to be perfectly suited for the Antichrist to come, bring a certain amount of peace, [and] the world falls at his feet.)

SANCTITY OF LIFE

South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem Signs Bill Protecting Babies Who Survive Abortions

March 1, 2021 -- ChristianHeadlines.com reports: “On Wednesday, South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem signed a new bill that protects any baby that survives an abortion in the state.

The measure titled, ‘An Act to maintain the life of any child born alive’, also known as House Bill 1051, passed both houses of the state Legislature with overwhelming support.

According to the bill, the ‘same means and medical skills and treatment

provided’ to a newborn child born during the course of a delivery ‘must be employed and provided to every child born alive immediately following an abortion or an attempted abortion.’

‘This obligation applies to every physician who performs or attempts to perform an abortion that results in a child being born alive,’ the legislation stated...” **(Well done Governor Noem. “These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in**

running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren“– Proverbs 6:16-19 [emphasis mine].

Abortionists break God’s sixth commandment ‘Thou shalt not kill’ – Exodus 20:13. Those who take lives are regarded as murderers and miss an eternal existence with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. If repentance occurs, and the sins of abortion are confessed and repented of, one is pardoned and sins are forgiven and forgotten – I John 1:9; Hebrews 8:12.)