

*“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

### **Faculty at Historic Christian University Revolt after Board Affirms Biblical Sexuality**

April 26, 2021 -- *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: “The faculty of a 130-year-old Christian university in Washington state cast a vote of ‘no confidence’ this week in its board of trustees after the latter stood by the school’s hiring practice and affirmed the biblical teaching on sexuality.

Nearly three-quarters (72 percent) of faculty at Seattle Pacific University (SPU) voted in favor of the ‘no confidence’ proposal, while 22 percent voted against it, according to *The Seattle Times*. About 90 percent of faculty took part in the vote.

The employee handbook says faculty are ‘expected to refrain from ... sexually immoral behavior that is inconsistent with Biblical standards, including cohabitation and extramarital sexual activity,’ according to the newspaper. A university ‘Statement on Human Sexuality’ says, ‘We affirm that sexual experience is intended between a man and a woman.’...” (“*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]. See the next two reports.)*

### **Christian Pastor Arrested in London for Quoting ‘Homophobic’ Bible Verses**

April 30, 2021 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Police in London arrested a Christian street preacher for allegedly causing ‘alarm and distress’ to pedestrians for citing allegedly ‘homophobic’ verses from Genesis.

On Friday, Pastor John Sherwood was preaching alongside Pastor Peter Simpson of the Penn Free Methodist Church outside the Uxbridge Underground Station — in Prime Minister Boris Johnson’s own constituency.

Writing in the *Conservative Woman* on Tuesday, Pastor Simpson said that Sherwood preached on the final verses of Genesis 1, saying: ‘God’s design in creating mankind was to set human beings in families, headed by a father and a mother, not by two fathers or by two mothers. The distinction within mankind of just two genders, male and female, made in the image of God, constitutes the essence of God’s created order.’

Simpson said that the police informed them that three complaints were made

in response to the street sermon...”

### **Christian Finnish MP Could Spend 6 Years in Prison for Supporting Biblical Marriage, Sexuality**

**May 4, 2021** -- *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: “Päivi Räsänen, a Christian member of the Finnish Parliament, is facing six years imprisonment for allegedly committing three crimes regarding her opinion on marriage and sexuality.

Räsänen, a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland and former chair of the Christian Democrats, has been under investigation by police since June 2019 after questioning the leadership at the Finnish Lutheran church she attended.

At the time, the church had sponsored the LGBT event ‘Pride 2019’ by using an image with a Bible text. In response, Räsänen questioned the church’s leadership in a tweet, which later got her in trouble for committing hate speech. She subsequently underwent several interviews by police regarding her views and waited more than a year for the General Prosecutor to determine whether the prosecution should continue.

According to *The Christian Post*, Räsänen also faces crimes for comments she made on a 2018 TV show and a 2004 pamphlet where she outlined the official teaching of her own church on human sexuality...”

### **Is Christian Cohabitation the New Norm?**

**May 4, 2021** -- *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: “Recently, researchers at State University of New York determined that descendants of immigrants to the United States typically lost the ability to speak their mother tongue by the third generation. Something similar, but far more serious, seems to be happening with Christians in an increasingly post-Christian culture. Each successive generation is losing the understanding of, not to mention the will to live by,

Christian sexual morality.

Two years ago, a Pew Research survey found that half of American Christians think casual sex is ‘sometimes or always’ morally acceptable. The slight silver-lining in that survey was that evangelical Protestants were by far the least likely group to express acceptance of casual sex.

Unfortunately, a new analysis calls into question just how committed the children of evangelicals are to Christian teaching in this area. These numbers reflect a larger trend among evangelicals: with each generation, American evangelicals increasingly adopt the attitudes of the wider culture toward sex and marriage. This time, the behavior in question wasn’t casual sex, but cohabitation.

In 2019, Pew Research reported that a majority – 58 percent – of white evangelicals said cohabitation is acceptable if a couple plans to marry. Views on cohabitation become noticeably *less* Christian among younger respondents. As early as 2012, the General Social Survey found that over 40 percent of evangelicals in their 20s agreed that cohabitation is acceptable *even if* a couple has no express plans to marry. And, earlier this month, David Ayers at the Institute for Family Studies found that nearly half of evangelical Protestants aged 15-22 who were not currently cohabiting or married, said that they would probably or definitely cohabit in the future...” *(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. There is a famine of the Word of God in America, a famine caused by pastors who as Dr. Van Impe often stated “Preach little sermonettes that create Christianettes. There*

*is no substance to their messages. Hadden Robinson, author of Biblical Preaching: The Development and Delivery of Expository Messages was lecturing his students on preparation for preaching and said “If it’s a mist in the pulpit, it’ll be a fog in the pews.” Paul wrote to Timothy: *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. Pastors, teach your people! See the next report.)**

### **‘Woke’ faith includes ‘no Gospel good news’**

**April 19, 2021** -- *WND.com* reports: “At the recent Idols, Identity Politics, and Lies of Our Age conference sponsored by Patrick Henry College, the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, and *The American Conservative*, professors Daniel J. Mahoney and Joshua Mitchell and author/blogger Rod Dreher explored how identity politics is displacing Christianity.

Summarizing the themes of his recent book *The Idol of Our Age*, Mahoney argued that social-justice ideology represents an ‘ersatz secular religion’ that casts aside traditional Christian concepts of forgiveness, repentance, and conversion. This ideology is blind to the idea that good and evil run through every human heart and contains ‘all the impetus of religious fanaticism’ with ‘none of the dignity or grandeur of revealed religion.’...

This new religion, according to

Mahoney, is characterized by a toxic brew of ‘doctrinaire egalitarianism’ and ‘aggressive secularism’ that is ‘committed to making religion obsolete.’ It rejects Christian and classical-philosophical teachings on ‘moral and personal self-limitation.’ Instead, it favors a ‘liberationist and emancipatory cultural project’ that, in the words of French political theorist Pierre Manent, embodies ‘liberty without law.’...”

**Report: 5.2 Billion People Face ‘Very Severe Violations of Religious Freedom’**

April 21, 2021 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Nearly one third of the world’s countries, where two thirds of the world’s population live, violate religious freedom, the pontifical charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) reported Tuesday.

Christians are the most persecuted group in the world, according to ACN’s *Religious Freedom in the World Report 2021*, an 818-word compendium of the state of religious freedom and persecution in the world today.

Persecution on the grounds of religious belief is a growing global phenomenon, the biennial report declares, and religious freedom violations have accelerated and expanded to the point where ‘systematic and egregious attacks are coming from governments, lynching mobs, as well as international terror groups,’ such as Boko Haram or the Islamic State...” *(If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name’s sake, because they know not him that sent me. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they*

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

**Report: Religion in China Suffers ‘Most Serious Crackdown Since the Cultural Revolution’**

April 23, 2021 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Chinese authorities have significantly intensified their crackdown on all religious minorities over the past two years, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) revealed Tuesday in a comprehensive report.

Policy-making in China ‘is more centralised, repression is more intense and wide-spread, and technology is being refined for the creation of a surveillance state,’ declared ACN’s *Religious Freedom in the World Report 2021*, an 818-page compilation of the state of religious freedom and persecution in the world today.

‘Under the current leadership of Xi Jinping, the prospects for religious freedom — and human rights more broadly — are becoming ever-more bleak,’ the report stated. ‘With no meaningful political liberalisation in sight, repression and persecution will continue and, with the tools of modern technology, become even more intrusive and pervasive.’

‘Freedom of religion in China is currently subjected to the most serious crackdown since the Cultural Revolution,’ it noted, while also

providing numerous specific examples of why this is the case...”

**Report: China Intensifies Crackdown on Christian House Churches**

April 13, 2021 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has initiated a new spate of persecution against house churches and underground Christian communities, *True North* reported Saturday.

This month, the Chinese Ministry of Civil Affairs (MCA) introduced its latest crusade to clamp down on independent groups that act outside of government-approved structures.

In the province of Sichuan, the CCP has published a list of 84 ‘illegal social organizations’ including the Early Rain Covenant Church, an independent Christian association in Chengdu that has been the target of CCP raids and arrests for several years...”

**Islamic State Executes Another Coptic Christian in New Video**

April 21, 2021 -- *PJMedia.com* reports: “In a video released last Saturday, April 17, Muslims connected to the Islamic State executed a Coptic Christian man in Sinai, Egypt.

The slain was identified as 62-year-old Nabil Habashi Salama. In the video, Salama appears on his knees, with three masked men holding rifles stand behind him. The one in the middle launches into a typical jihadi diatribe: ‘All praise to Allah, who ordered his slaves [Muslims] to fight and who assigned humiliation onto the infidels’ — this latter part is said while the terrorist contemptuously points at the bound and kneeling man before him — ‘until they pay the jizya while feeling utterly subdued.’

The middle speaker continues by threatening ‘all the crusaders of the world’ — a reference to Christians in the West — while singling out the countrymen of the one about to be slain: ‘as for you Christians of Egypt, this is the price of your support for the Egyptian army.’



### **New Chinese Decree Tells Religious Leaders to 'Support the Communist Party'**

**April 26, 2021** – *Voice of America News* reports: “The Chinese government is implementing a new decree on May 1 that will require all religious leaders to ‘follow the lead of and support the Communist Party.’

The decree, ‘Measures on the Management of Religious Professionals,’ states that the preaching and teaching by religious professionals must in no way endanger China’s national security, promote extremism or divide the country.

It also requires religious professionals to resist the infiltration of foreign forces through religion. Religious leaders who violate the new decree will be subject to administrative sanctions and criminal charges...” (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.)

**China ‘brainwashing’ Christians to renounce faith, report finds**

**April 6, 2021** -- *FoxNews.com* reports: “China is attempting to brainwash Christians by holding them in mobile ‘transformation facilities,’ according to a new report.

*Radio Free Asia* relayed stories last week from a man given the pseudonym Li Yuese, who said he was beaten in a windowless room for nearly 10 months. Li said he was detained after authorities raided his house church in 2018. ‘There were no windows, no ventilation and no time allowed outside,’ said Li. ‘I was given just two meals a day, which were brought to the room by a designated person.’

He said authorities ‘threaten, insult and intimidate you. These were United Front officials, men, women, sometimes unidentified, usually in plain clothes. The police turn a blind eye to this.’

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# RUSSIA AND THE KINGS OF THE EAST

## **Putin Signs Law Allowing Him to Stay in Power Until 2036**

April 7, 2021 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a law on Monday adjusting his term limits which would allow him to potentially remain in the nation’s highest office until 2036, the *Associated Press (AP)* reported.

A July 1, 2020, referendum saw the Russian electorate overwhelmingly back a constitutional amendment package which included a provision allowing Putin to seek an additional two terms as president once his current term in office expires in 2024. The Putin regime claimed 78 percent of voters backed the changes while 21 percent opposed them. State media reported turnout as exceeding 65 percent...” (Vladimir Putin has been in power as either the Prime Minister or President of Russia since 1999. Now, with this Constitutional change, he is in essence, setting himself up as ruler for life in Russia, much as Xi Jinping is set to be ruler for life in China. Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 predict the union of Russia and China [Revelation 16:12; Daniel 11:44] as leaders in the battle for the greatest war in history called Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Revelation 9:14 – 18 pictures its upcoming disastrous results.)

## **Vladimir Putin’s warning to western nations that threaten Russia’s security**

April 22, 2021 -- *News.com.au* reports: “As protests erupt across Russia in support of jailed opposition leader Alexei Navalny, President Vladimir Putin issued a stark warning to any nations that threaten his own’s security, saying they ‘will regret their deeds’.

In his annual nationwide address, the 68-year-old told the West not to cross Russia’s ‘red lines’, saying Moscow’s response — if forced to defend its interests — would be ‘asymmetric, fast

and tough’.

Some countries, Mr. Putin said during the 78-minute speech, ‘have developed a highly unseemly habit of picking on Russia for any reason, and most often for no reason at all — a kind of sport’.

‘The organisers of any provocations threatening the fundamental interests of our security will regret their deeds more than they have regretted anything in a long time,’ Mr. Putin told a hall of governors and members of parliament in the widely anticipated speech...”

**(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 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.)**

## **Putin Threatens Full-Scale War in Ukraine as U.S. Sends Two Warships to the Black Sea**

April 12, 2021 -- *PJMedia.com* reports: “Russia now has more troops along its border with Ukraine than at any time since 2014, and Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky has little hope that war can be avoided. Moscow’s demands are impossible to meet.

‘A diplomatic solution...requires a radical change in the position of the Kyiv authorities,’ said Konstantin

Sivkov, a Moscow-based military analyst. ‘If the Kyiv authorities agree to the recognition of the federal structure of Ukraine, if the authorities agree to the equal status of the Russian language in Ukraine along with the Ukrainian language, then the whole problem in [Donbas] will be removed,’ he said.

The Ukrainians fear that giving Russia further opportunity to undermine the government in Kyiv will only result in the slow erosion of their independence...”

## **China Hints Its Military Activity near Taiwan a ‘Rehearsal’ for Invasion**

April 15, 2021 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “China’s latest military exercise near Taiwan on Monday ‘could be a rehearsal of a reunification-by-force operation,’ China’s state-run *Global Times* suggested Tuesday.

‘The Chinese People’s Liberation Army (PLA) conducted an exercise near the island of Taiwan on Monday with the largest number of warplanes ever recorded, which could be a rehearsal of a reunification-by-force operation,’ the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) mouthpiece wrote on April 13.

China’s PLA deployed 25 aircraft to fly over Taiwan, breaching its air defense identification zone (ADIZ), on April 12, Taiwan’s Ministry of National Defense (MND) said in a statement...”

**(China is prophesied to be a top contender and bloody warrior during the battle of Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Revelation 16:12 pictures Kings coming to the Middle East, primarily China, to slay a third-part of mankind in atomic warfare. Revelation 9:14 – 18 the Oriental nations from the East join with Russia – the leader from the North – Daniel 11:44 – for the most horrendous war in history. See the next two reports.)**

**'We will defend ourselves to the very end': Taiwan minister's vow as China 'prepares final assault'**

April 30, 2021 -- *Sky News* reports: "China is 'preparing for its final military assault' on Taiwan, the island's foreign minister has told *Sky News*, as he vowed to 'defend ourselves to the very end'.

In an exclusive interview, Joseph Wu said that China had 'been conducting misinformation campaigns, hybrid warfare, and recently they have increased their grey zone activities against Taiwan'.

'And all these seem to be preparing for their final military assault against Taiwan,' he added.

'This is our country, this is our people and this is our way of life. We will defend ourselves to the very end...'

**Philippines says Chinese ships 'swarming' area around disputed Spratly Islands**

April 1, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "A fleet of Chinese ships that sparked a diplomatic row after parking at a reef off the Philippines for weeks are now scattered across the contested Spratly Islands, a government agency said Wednesday, condemning Beijing's 'unlawful presence' in the area.

Over two hundred ships were first spotted on March 7 at Whitsun Reef, around 320 kilometres (175 nautical miles) west of Palawan Island in the South China Sea.

Manila ordered Beijing to withdraw the ships, calling their presence an incursion into its sovereign territory.

China — which claims almost the entirety of the resource-rich sea — has claimed the vessels are fishing ships sheltering from bad weather.

But Manila insists they are from Beijing's Maritime Militia, frequently accused of conducting covert military operations in the area..."

**War involving China in the Indo-Pacific region highly likely, warns Christopher Pyne**

April 13, 2021 -- *News.com.au* reports: "A video shows a crew of pilots board a Chinese Air Force H-6k bomber and take off into a sparkling dawn sky, directed by senior military strategists on the ground.

When in position, a red button is pressed, deploying a nuclear-capable missile that plummets towards its target — the United States of America's Anderson Air Force Base on the island of Guam.

Aerial footage shows a fireball engulfing everything in its path, as the victorious Chinese bomber crew turn towards home.

Back on the ground, the airmen grin widely and chat happily, now thousands of miles from the death and destruction they've unleashed...

There are fears that fantasies like these are a dark insight into what Beijing has planned in our backyard, the strategically crucial Indo-Pacific region.

War. And a former Australian defence minister now believes deadly conflict is increasingly inevitable ... and within five to 10 years' time..." **(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 report.)*

**U.S. warns China over Philippines, Taiwan moves; Holds bilateral exercises with Malaysia**

April 8, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "The United States on Wednesday warned China against what the Philippines and Taiwan see as increasingly aggressive moves, reminding Beijing of Washington's obligations to its partners.

'An armed attack against the Philippines' armed forces, public vessels or aircraft in the Pacific, including in the South China Sea, will trigger our obligations under the U.S.-Philippines Mutual Defense Treaty,' State Department spokesman Ned Price told reporters.

'We share the concerns of our Philippine allies regarding the continued reported massing of PRC maritime militia near the Whitsun Reef,' Price said, referring to the People's Republic of China.

More than 200 Chinese boats were first spotted on March 7 at Whitsun Reef, around 320 kilometers (200 miles) west of Palawan Island in the contested South China Sea, although many have since scattered across the Spratly Islands..."

**NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST**

**'Laugh now, Zionists – soon you'll be wiped out'**

April 19, 2021 -- *Israel National News*

reports: "The commander-in-chief of the Iranian military said Israel would soon 'disappear', while touting Iran's efforts to bolster the Hezbollah terrorist

organization's 'plan to defeat the Zionist regime'.

Major General Hossein Salami, the commander of Iran's Islamic



Revolutionary Guard Corps, addressed mourners at the funeral of Mohammed Hejazi, deputy commander of the Quds Force, Monday morning.

Brigadier General Hejazi died Sunday of a 'heart condition' the Iranian military said, without providing additional details. Hejazi was appointed deputy commander of the Quds Force in January 2020, following the assassination of Quds Force chief Qassem Soleimani.

According to a report by Iran's *Fars* agency, Salami eulogized Hejazi Monday, dubbing him a 'martyr', amid speculation Hejazi's death may have been the result of a targeted assassination..." (God will be the one that laughs: Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me. Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men. For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O Lord. They run and prepare themselves without my fault: awake to help me, and behold. Thou therefore, O Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah. They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city. Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords are in their lips: for who, say they, doth hear? But thou, O Lord, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision. Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defence. The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies. Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield. For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying which they speak. Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they may not be: and let them know that God

*ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Selah. And at evening let them return; and let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city. Let them wander up and down for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied. But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble. Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy. – Psalm 59:1-17; Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming. The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation. Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken. A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the Lord upholdeth the righteous. The Lord knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever. – Psalm 37:7-18; 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. – Psalm 2:1-5. See the next report.)*

### **Netanyahu on Gaza rockets: Our enemies should not test us**

April 27, 2021 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Israel is ready to react to any developments, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Tuesday, after terrorists launched over 40 rockets at Israel in the past four days.

'After the Security Cabinet meeting, we decided to prepare for every scenario,' Netanyahu said. 'That is the instruction that I and the defense minister gave.'

'I don't suggest that our enemies test us,' he added.

Still, Netanyahu expressed hope that Monday night's quiet from Gaza will continue..."

### **PA official: Jerusalem is an essential part of our faith**

April 29, 2021 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Mahmoud Al-Aloul, deputy leader of the Fatah movement, said on Wednesday that holding the elections to the Palestinian parliament without eastern Jerusalem would be a 'betrayal and crime'.

In a radio interview, Aloul claimed that Israel, which is the 'occupying authority', has thus far refused to provide any answer regarding the holding of elections in eastern Jerusalem as demanded by the Palestinian Authority.

He stressed that holding elections in the 'occupied capital' of the Palestinian people is a 'political and sovereign issue not a technical or procedural issue' and also involves the 'religious and spiritual dimension.'

'As far as we are concerned, Jerusalem is not just a geographical location, but an essential part of our faith,' said Aloul..." (The Gatestone Institute, in an article entitled: **The Quran Says Jerusalem Belongs to the Jews** – <https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/11680/quran-jerusalem-jews> states: "...Although ordinary

Muslims who might not actually have read their holy book could be excused for their ignorance about the Jewish roots of and rights to Israel and Jerusalem, the same cannot be said for the leaders of Muslim countries, imams and the heads of illustrious Islamic institutions. Dignitaries and scholars of that caliber should know better. Yet many of them repeat false

assertions that contradict the Quran and scholarly interpretations of its verses.

The fact is that the Quran does not mention Jerusalem or Palestine. It does refer to the sanctity of other holy places, such as Mecca — which is called the “Mother of Cities” — where the Prophet Muhammad was

born and where the house of God was built by Abraham, the “father of the prophets.”

The Quran also mentions the city of Yathrib [Medina], where the Prophet Mohammed emigrated after he was persecuted in Mecca, and the location of his grave and the Prophet’s Mosque...”) )

# SIGNS IN THE SUN, MOON AND STARS

## **China, Russia welcome int’l partners in moon station cooperation**

April 28, 2021 -- *MoonDaily.com* reports: “China and Russia’s aerospace authorities have invited all interested countries, international organizations and partners to cooperate in a moon station project.

The announcement was made by the China National Space Administration (CNSA) and its Russian counterpart Roscosmos at a conference for the international moon station in Nanjing, East China’s Jiangsu province on Friday.

CNSA deputy director Wu Yanhua said China and Russia will build the moon station with other international partners. The station will be another important contribution by China and Russia to promote the long-term and sustainable development of United Nations (UN) outer space activities.

The CNSA and Roscosmos will promote extensive cooperation in the station for the development of human space science and technology and socio-economic progress, Wu added...”

*(And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for*

*the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.” – Luke 21:25 – 27. See the next two reports.)*

## **U.S., Israel expand cooperation to the space domain**

April 27, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “The U.S. Space Force hosted its first Space Engagement Talks (SET) with the Israeli Air Force during separate virtual sessions April 19-20.

The talks brought together two nations with a shared interest in ensuring access to and peaceful use of outer space.

‘Dating back to 1948, America was the first country in the world to recognize modern Israel as a nation,’ said Lt. Gen. William Liquori, deputy chief of space operations, Strategy, Plans, Programs, Requirements and Analysis. ‘Since then, our two countries have shared a mutual commitment to peace and security. As we have done for more than 70 years, we will continue to work together to meet the emerging challenges in the space domain.’

As one of only nine countries in the world to have indigenous launch capabilities, Israel is poised to collaborate with the U.S. on various projects. Possessing its own space program since 1981, Israel maintains close ties to the U.S. across all domains. The U.S. and Israeli space partnership further reinforces the

already strong security relationship both nations share...”

## **Lavrov calls for talks on binding treaty to prohibit weapons in space**

April 13, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “Russia has called for talks to create a legally binding international instrument that would ban the deployment of any type of weapons in space, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on the 60th anniversary of Yuri Gagarin’s historic space flight.

The anniversary of the first Soviet cosmonaut’s flight, marking the beginning of humanity’s space era, is celebrated every year in Russia as Cosmonautics Day on April 12. On the same day, the world marks the International Day of Human Space Flight.

‘We consistently believe that only a guaranteed prevention of an arms race in space will make it possible to use it for creative purposes, for the benefit of the entire mankind. We call for negotiations on the development of an international legally binding instrument that would prohibit the deployment of any types of weapons there, as well as the use of force or the threat of force,’ Lavrov said in a video message on the anniversary of the first manned space flight...”