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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

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Government helicopter discovers 'unauthorized' church service, pastor put in handcuffs

June 21, 2021 -- WND.com reports: "The moment that local governments in the Western world began to issue guidance or full-on mandates for religious gatherings in the early days of the pandemic, many were concerned that society had stepped onto a slippery slope.

Fast-forward 15 months later, and we're seeing pastors arrested in front of their children after their 'underground' church services were discovered by a police helicopter.

This is the stuff of tyranny and totalitarianism, not Western-style democracy. Yet here we are.

This week, Pastor Tim Stephens of Fairview Baptist Church was arrested outside his home as his distressed children cried, all for holding a church service discovered the day before by a police helicopter.

The conservative Canadian website *Rebel News* reported that it is unclear if the helicopters were searching for unauthorized church services or just happened to notice the gathering..." (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; ... 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 report.)

China Floods Churches with Communist Propaganda Ahead of Party's 100th Anniversary

June 11, 2021 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Chinese Communist Party (CCP) authorities have ordered the few legal churches in the country to study and celebrate the Communist Party ahead of the 100th anniversary of its founding on July 1, Hong Kong's *Apple Daily* reported Thursday.

'The official Catholic church in China is among the most active, with some parishes holding Thanksgiving Mass to sing praise of the CCP [sic],' according to the newspaper.

'In a statement published last month, Liu Yuanlong, the vice president of the Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association [CPCA] as well as a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference's National Committee, wrote that 'God has chosen the Chinese Communist Party,'' *Apple Daily* revealed...''

Project Pearl: how 20 brave Christians smuggled a million Bibles into China in one night

June 18, 2021 -- ChristianToday.com reports: "The beach was shrouded in darkness. The eerie silence was occasionally broken by the sound of waves gently lapping the seashore. Hundreds of Christians were silently clustered on the coast of Southern China.

They were waiting to take part in what is now considered a pivotal moment

in the history of Chinese Christianity. This was Project Pearl, an extraordinary operation to smuggle a million contraband Bibles into the country in a single night.

Forty years ago, late in the evening of 18 June 1981, a barge called Gabriella emerged from the darkness with a crew of 20 and its cargo of a million Bibles. Waiting on the shore were Chinese Christians ready to receive the Bibles and distribute them to fellow believers throughout the country.

'I remember a giant ship with no flags slowly approaching the harbour,' remembers Xiao Chen*, then a teenager who was in the waiting crowd..." (Brother Andrew [God's Smuggler], founder of Open Doors USA organized Project Pearl – named after Matthew 13:45 where Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a pearl of great price. I could not find the actual quote so I will try and paraphrase something Brother Andrew said – Tell me what closed country you want to get into to share the Gospel, and I can get you in there. I cannot guarantee that I will be able to get you out.

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 ve shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. – Revelation 2:10.)

THE KINGS OF THE EAST

China has created a dystopian hellscape in Xinjiang, Amnesty report says

June 11, 2021 -- *BBC.com* reports: "The human rights organisation Amnesty International has said China is committing crimes against humanity in Xinjiang, the north-western region that is home to the Uyghurs and other Muslim minorities.

In a report published on Thursday, Amnesty called on the UN to investigate, saying China had subjected Uyghurs, Kazakhs, and other Muslims to mass detention, surveillance, and torture.

Agnès Callamard, the secretary general of Amnesty International, accused Chinese authorities of creating 'a dystopian hellscape on a staggering scale'.

'It should shock the conscience of humanity that massive numbers of people have been subjected to brainwashing, torture and other degrading treatment in internment camps, while millions more live in fear amid a vast surveillance Ms Callamard said ... " apparatus,' (These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and <u>hands</u> 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]. 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 1:29-32. These barbarians will soon ...be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched – Mark 9:43, 44.)

China officially joins Russia as a danger to NATO

June 15, 2021 -- *euobserver.com* reports: "China has joined Russia as an explicit danger to Western allies after a NATO summit in Brussels on Monday (14 June).

'China's stated ambitions and assertive behaviour present systemic challenges

to the rules-based international order and to areas relevant to alliance security,' the 30 NATO leaders said in a joint communiqué.

'China is rapidly expanding its nuclear arsenal with more warheads and a larger number of sophisticated delivery systems,' the statement added.

'It is also cooperating militarily with Russia, including through participation in Russian exercises in the Euro-Atlantic area,' it said..." (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.)

NATO chief warns of 'new dangers' from Russia-China ties

June 9, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Growing political and military cooperation between Russia and China poses 'new dangers' for NATO and threatens multilateralism, the head of the military alliance said in an interview published Tuesday.

'The rules-based order, the basis of multilateralism, is under threat,' NATO

Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg told Italy's *La Repubblica* newspaper.

'Russia and China have been cooperating more and more recently, both at a political and a military level. This is a new dimension and a serious challenge for NATO. New dangers are arising.

"Moscow and Beijing are increasingly coordinating their respective positions in decisions taken in multilateral organisations like the UN..."

China Refutes NATO Statement that it Poses 'Systemic Challenges' to International Community

June 16, 2021 -- Voice of America News reports: "Beijing says NATO's description that China poses 'systemic challenges' to the international is exaggeration. community an China's mission to the European Union issued a statement Tuesday in response to a communique issued by the leaders of the trans-Atlantic alliance the day before. In that statement, NATO leaders pledged to join forces against China's increasingly aggressive military posture, which it said threatened 'the rules-based international order.' The mission said NATO's accusations were 'a slander on China's peaceful development, а misjudgment of the international situation and its own role, and a continuation of the Cold War mentality and organizational political psychology.' Tuesday's statement is the second time in as many days that China has countered criticism from Westernbased international alliances. The Chinese embassy in London issued a statement Monday accusing the leaders of the G-7 of interfering in its internal affairs..."

U.S. defense chief tells Pentagon to sharpen focus on China

June 10, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin directed the Pentagon on Wednesday to sharpen its focus on China, which the United States has tagged as its top strategic rival.

'Now, it is up to the Department to get to work,' Austin said after issuing an internal directive to the giant Pentagon bureaucracy.

The directive, details of which are classified, comes after an assessment by a task force established by the new Biden administration in February to study the Defense Department's strategy towards China.

'The initiatives I am putting forward today are nested inside the larger U.S. government approach to China and will help inform the development of the National Defense Strategy we are working on,' Austin said..."

More Than Two Dozen Chinese Warplanes Enter Taiwan's Airspace

June 16, 2021 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "Taiwan's defense ministry said China flew 28 warplanes within its airspace Tuesday.

The formation of several fighter jets and bombers entered the southwestern part of Taiwan's air defense identification zone, the ministry added. Taiwan's air force deployed several planes and initiated its air defense systems in response.

China has repeatedly deployed warplanes and naval vessels near Taiwan over the last few years as part of a pressure campaign on the self-ruled island. Beijing sent 25 warplanes into Taiwan's air defense identification zone back in April.

A Chinese government spokesman said it carried out the mission in response to a statement issued at the end of the G-7 summit Sunday calling for a peaceful resolution to cross-Taiwan Strait tensions. The spokesman accused the G-7 leaders of interfering in China's internal affairs..."

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

Russia threatens to cut Ukraine gas over Donbas war

June 7, 2021 -- *euobserver.com* reports: "Russia has threatened to cut off Ukraine gas for political reasons, immediately after announcing the completion of a new pipeline to Germany.

Russian president Vladimir Putin did it at the St Petersburg International Economic Forum on Friday (4 June), which was attended by Austrian chancellor Sebastian Kurz and former German chancellor Gerhard Schröder.

Putin said the first link in the Germany pipeline, called Nord Stream 2, was finished and that Russian state firm Gazprom was ready to fill it with gas.

'Gazprom's ready for deliveries, but everything will depend on the German regulator,' he said.

When the St. Petersburg forum's moderator mentioned that Russian gas currently 'feeds' Ukraine's transit pipelines to the EU, Putin interjected, saying: 'Do you think we should feed everyone? Do we have such a duty to feed everyone, or what?'..." (Russia in Bible prophecy is the main instigator of death and suffering during Armageddon -**Revelation 16:16.** Ezekiel chapters 38 & 39, which Dr. Van Impe proclaimed for sixty years, aided by Oriental and Islamic nations, bring total chaos and atomic devastation upon the world. Worse yet, it's just ahead of us. Every nation he included in World War III is forming exactly as taught in this global blood bath six decades ago. The only good news is that the Rapture precedes Armageddon - Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth – Revelation 3:10. Then our deliverance as believers - Revelation 4:1 and our joy because of missing Armageddon. See the next report.)

Putin denies Russia preparing to give Iran advanced satellite system

June 14, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "President Vladimir Putin on Friday denied a U.S. media report that Russia is set to deliver an advanced satellite system to Iran that will vastly improve its spying capabilities.

The Washington Post reported Thursday that Moscow is preparing to give Iran a Kanopus-V satellite with a highresolution camera, allowing Islamic republic to monitor facilities of its adversaries across the Middle East.

Putin, who is expected to hear a range of complaints from U.S. President Joe Biden when they meet Wednesday in Geneva, dismissed the report as 'garbage.'

'We have cooperation plans with Iran, including the military and technical cooperation,' he told *NBC News* in an interview ahead of the summit..."

Russia says it fired warning shots at UK ship

June 24, 2021 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "Russia on Wednesday said it fired warning shots at a British navy destroyer in the Black Sea after it violated the country's territorial waters, but the UK denied the incident had occurred.

Incidents involving Western aircraft and ships are not uncommon at Russia's borders, especially during heightened tensions with Washington, Brussels and London, but rarely result in open fire.

The HMS Defender 'was given a preliminary warning that weapons would be used if the state borders of the Russian Federation were violated. It did not react to the warning,' the Russian defence ministry said, according to *Interfax* news agency.

The ministry added that 'a border patrol ship fired warning shots' and a Su-24 aircraft dropped four bombs along the destroyer's path. It said that the ship then left Russian waters.

But the UK's defence ministry swiftly denied that the incident had happened ... " (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 Davs -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 two reports.)

Massive exercise in Black Sea with U.S. comes after Russia warning

June 26, 2021 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "On June 21 the U.S. Sixth Fleet announced it would participate in the Sea Breeze exercise that will take place from June 28 to July 10. The U.S. says that 'this year's iteration has the largest number of participating nations in the exercise's history with 32 countries from six continents providing 5,000 troops, 32 ships, 40 aircraft, and 18 special operations and dive teams scheduled to participate.'

This is important because it comes days after a UK warship and Russia appeared to clash off the coast of Crimea. Ukraine claims Crimea, but Russia annexed the area in 2014. There have been other tensions between Russia and Ukraine and Russia and the U.S., increasingly at sea in recent years. Ukraine is fighting a war against Russian-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine. Russia has warned the UK against what it sees as provocations..."

U.S., French, British navies sign agreement for increased cooperation

June 4, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Leaders of the U.S., French and British navies on Thursday signed a trilateral agreement to continue enhancing their collaboration.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Gilday, French Navy Adm. Pierre Vandier and Tony Radakin, First Sea Lord of Britain's Royal Navy met in Toulon, France, Thursday to sign the agreement, the U.S. Navy said in press release.

The navies, which acknowledged that their partnership has lasted more than a century, already currently working together as part of Britain's recently-deployed U.K. Carrier Strike Group and participate in a continuous series of military exercises together.

'Today, we reaffirm our commitment to uphold and advance a rules-based international system together that has underpinned our mutual security and prosperity,' Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Gilday said in the release.

Vandier said the current common challenges of the three nations are likely to increase in both scale and complexity..."

THE RELIGION OF PEACE?

Former Miss Iraq: A Quarter of Muslims Want to Eradicate the U.S. and Israel

June 3, 2021 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "A former Miss Iraq who was forced to flee her native country after posting a selfie with Miss Israel said at a pro-Israel rally 25 percent of the global Muslim population are radical Islamists who want to eradicate the U.S. and Israel.

In a video uploaded to YouTube this week, Sarah Idan said Muslims in her home country of Iraq and the rest of the Arab world were taught that 'Jews hate Muslims and that Jews seek to destroy the world.'

'Radical Islamist ideologies that teach them that Jews are not even human beings. They are Satanic creatures in human form,' Idan said. She went on to draw a parallel with radical Islam and Nazism, saying: 'The amount of antisemitism that exists in radical Islam, it's crazy. It's exactly like the Nazi movement and this is why a lot of Islamists have joined their movement with the neo-Nazis - in order to defeat Jews all over the world.'..." (The following verses describe these jihadists: Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and miserv are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: - Romans 3:13 - 17. See the next report.)

'The terrorist shouted 'Allahu Akbar' and started shooting'

June 2, 2021 -- Israel National News reports: "A month has passed since the

shooting attack at the Tapuah junction in Samaria, in which Yehuda Guetta, a student at the yeshiva in Itamar, was murdered and two of his friends were wounded.

Benaya Peretz, who was seriously wounded in the attack after being shot in the back, recalled the attack from his hospital bed on Tuesday.

In an interview with *Channel 12 News*, Peretz recalled the moment he realized that an attack was taking place where he was standing. 'I was standing at the junction and suddenly I saw a threatening vehicle approaching.'

'The terrorist stopped in front of me – he was so big. He shouted 'Allahu Akbar' and just started firing,' Peretz said of the horrific moments..."

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Anti-Israel Activists in NYC Call for Violent 'Intifada, Revolution,' Israel's Demise

June 21, 2021 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Shocking footage from a recent anti-Israel demonstration in New York City shows over a thousand demonstrators rallying behind calls for Israel's demise while advocating a violent uprising and revolution against the Jewish state.

Footage from the Tuesday event showed

a crowd of pro-Palestinian supporters, some wearing Palestinian symbols such as Keffiyeh scarves and waving Palestinian flags, gathered in front of the Israeli consulate in Manhattan.

While some are seen carrying signs attacking 'U.S. imperialism' and calling for boycotts and a halt to U.S. aid to Israel, other signs called for full-blown violence.

One sign read, 'Support Palestinian

resistance,' featuring a picture of young man who appeared to be lobbing a stone, while another read, 'There is only one solution: Intifada, revolution.' Both signs bore the logo of 'Within Our Lifetime' (WOL), a New York-based Palestinian pro-terror group responsible for the demonstration..." (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 three reports.)

Terrorist organizations: Ignite the ground beneath the feet of the Zionists

June 23, 2021 -- Israel National News reports: "The Palestinian Arab 'resistance' organizations sent a threat to Israel following a meeting held in Gaza on Tuesday, stating they would not stand idly by for a long time if their demands were not met by Israel.

According to a statement published by the organizations, these demands include, among other things, the lifting of the 'siege' on the Gaza Strip, the restoration of the Strip from the damage of the last war and the cessation of Israeli 'provocations' in Jerusalem...

They called on the Palestinian Arab public in Judea and Samaria, Jerusalem and Israel to escalate the resistance in all its aspects 'and to ignite Palestinian land under the feet of the occupying Zionists.'..."

Hamas calls for 'Day of Rage' to confront Jerusalem Flag March

June 14, 2021 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "The Hamas terrorist

movement called on Sunday for a Day of Rage to confront the long-awaited and controversial Flag March on Tuesday, encouraging Palestinians to 'mobilize' at al-Aqsa and the Old City of Jerusalem.

'Let next Tuesday be a day of mobilization and a bond towards al-Aqsa Mosque, and a day of anger and defiance of the occupier,' said Hamas in a statement on Sunday. 'Show God and your people what you have done in it, and be the best sword for Jerusalem and Al-Aqsa.'

Palestinian Islamic Jihad also warned against carrying out the flag march, calling it a 'provocative act and a dangerous escalation that affects our most sacred sanctities, and an aggression targeting all Arabs and Muslims.' The movement called for a 'general mobilization' by all Palestinians to 'confront any aggression.'

The PIJ called on Palestinians to go to al-Aqsa, the Damascus Gate, Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan as well on Tuesday..."

PA "foreign ministry" calls Judea and Samaria communities a "war crime" and a "crime against humanity."

June 3, 2021 -- Israel National News reports: "The Palestinian Authority 'foreign ministry' on Wednesday called on the UN Security Council and the International Criminal Court in The Hague 'to assume their legal and moral responsibility for the ongoing settlement crime and to implement the relevant UN resolutions, in particular UN Security Council Resolution 2334.'

In a statement, the 'ministry' condemned Israel's decision to lay the foundation for the construction of 350 new housing units in Beit El as part of what it called 'a policy that seeks to annex the territories and thwart the possibility of an independent and sustainable Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital.'

It accused the Israeli government of 'settlement crimes, house demolitions and forced displacement of Palestinian civilians', citing 'war crimes' and 'crimes against humanity.'

The PA 'foreign ministry' also stressed that 'settlement in all its forms is illegal in accordance with international law and conventions, and that this issue has been referred to the International Criminal Court.'...

Arabs riot on Temple Mount, hurl stones at police

June 18, 2021 -- Israel National News reports: "Arab rioters clashed with Israeli police on the Temple Mount Friday, nearly a month after a wave of rioting in the capital and across other mixed cities.

Rioters hurled rocks at police following a demonstration on the Temple Mount, which organizers said was held in protest of slogans chanted against Islam's Prophet Muhammed by some participants at the Flag March in the Old City of Jerusalem earlier this week.

Following the demonstration, which was held at the end of Friday prayers and featured Palestine Liberation Organization flags, a number of demonstrators began hurling stones at Israeli police officers.

Security officers responded by firing rubber bullets at the rioters..." (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.)

PA livid after Honduras opens embassy in Jerusalem

June 25, 2021 -- Israel National News reports: "The Palestinian Authority (PA) 'foreign affairs ministry' on Thursday strongly condemned the relocation of the Honduran embassy to Jerusalem, calling it a 'blatant violation of international law and clear UN decisions regarding the holy city and its legal and political status.'

'It is unfortunate that the President of Honduras has decided to be on the wrong side of history and take this hostile step against the Palestinian people, while the occupying force is working to escalate violations of rights against the Palestinian people and implement its racist plan in Jerusalem to establish the occupation and destroy any real opportunity for just and comprehensive peace,' said the bureau in a statement.

The 'ministry of foreign affairs' stated that this decision completely contradicts the decision made by Honduras on August 26, 2011 recognizing the state of 'Palestine' with eastern Jerusalem as its capital..." (...when thy days be fulfilled. and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever...And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever - II Samuel 7:12, 16. I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations - Psalms 89:3-4. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end— Luke 1:32, 33. Jerusalem is the Eternal Capital of Israel, and the Lord Jesus

Christ will reign from David's Throne in Jerusalem for ever and ever. See the next report.)

Jordan blasts Honduras over Jerusalem embassy opening

June 25, 2021 -- Israel National News reports: "The Jordanian government excoriated Honduras over its decision to relocate its embassy in Israel to Jerusalem.

On Thursday, Honduras announced that it plans to open an embassy in Jerusalem in three weeks. Honduras will become the fourth country to open an embassy in Jerusalem, following the United States, Kosovo and Guatemala.

Hours later, Jordan's foreign ministry condemned the move, calling it a violation of international law..."

Is Egypt planning to retake control of the Gaza Strip?

June 7, 2021 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Scenes of dozens of Egyptian bulldozers, cranes and trucks entering the Gaza Strip last Friday have left some Palestinians wondering whether Egypt was planning to return to the coastal enclave it ruled between 1948 and 1967. The Egyptian decision to send building equipment and engineers to the Gaza Strip came in the context of Cairo's pledge to contribute to reconstruction efforts there after the recent fighting between Israel and Hamas.

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Sisi has pledged \$500 million to help rebuild the houses and buildings that were destroyed during the fighting.

The presence of the Egyptian construction teams in the Gaza Strip means that Hamas and other Palestinian factions will not be able to resume the rocket attacks on Israel, Palestinian sources told The Jerusalem Post..." (Genesis 15:18 states: In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saving, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates and in Joshua 1:4 we read: From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. These verses encompass all of the land modern Israel currently possesses, plus all of the land of the Palestinians (the West Bank and Gaza), plus some of Egypt and Syria, plus all of Jordan, plus some of Saudi Arabia and Iraq. Israel currently possesses only a fraction of the land God has promised.)

IRGC commander: Iran has drones with a range of 7,000 km

June 28, 2021 -- *Israel National News* reports: "The Commander of Iran's Revolutionary Guard, Hossein Salami, claimed on Sunday that Iran has drones with a range of 7,000 km (4,375 miles), *Reuters* reports.

'We have unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) with long range of 7,000 kilometers. They can fly, return home, and make landing wherever they are planned to,' Salami was quoted as saying.

Iran often boasts of its military accomplishments, though it is not always possible to say with certainty that it is telling the truth about those accomplishments..." (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 ve kings: be instructed, ve 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 Uses Punitive Law to Keep Population in Line, UN Says

June 24, 2021 -- Voice of America News reports: "A new report by the U.N. secretary-general on the human rights situation in Iran condemns the widespread use of punitive measures and state-sponsored violence to keep the population in line. Michelle Bachelet, the world body's high commissioner for human rights, presented the report to the U.N. Human Rights Council. The report finds Iran's slumping deteriorating economy, living standards, and increased social and political strains arising from the COVID-19 pandemic are fueling and protests. discontent public Despite these problems, the report says authorities show no willingness to adopt meaningful reforms or react compassionately to situations arising from this crisis. The secretaryreport indicates general's the government is remaining firm and applying harsher punitive controls..."

(The World Christian Encyclopedia documents the slaughter of 145 million Christians in the past 100 years. There are 47 major Islamic terrorist groups, not just ISIS, all are dangerous organizations. Christ in His day predicted such killers would arise in Matthew 23:15 & 16: Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. Woe unto you, ye blind guides...)

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Defense Dept.: U.S. accelerating hypersonic missile development

June 10, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Development of hypersonic missiles is accelerating, but the Department of Defense said on Wednesday it is staying within its \$6.6 billion budget for the weapons program.

Mike White, hypersonics director in the Undersecretary of Defense for Research and Engineering office, told the non-profit Center for Strategic and International Studies last week that the U.S. military's program to develop hypersonic missiles is a key element of the Defense Department's modernization efforts, according to a Pentagon press release.

The weapons, capable of traveling at speeds beyond five times the speed of sound — and potentially with nuclear warhead capability — are being advanced as a family of weapons capable of launch from land, sea or air, White said.

Each military branch, the Missile Defense Agency and U.S. allies are involved in initiatives, he added, although the Government Accountability Office said in March that the push to achieve hypersonic weapons should better define the roles and duties of those in leadership..." (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.)

Israel says used 'airborne laser' to down drones

June 22, 2021 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "Israel has used an airborne laser to shoot down drones in a series of tests, officials said Monday, calling it a 'milestone' to update its already powerful defence systems.

During the tests, which took place 'over the last week,' a prototype of the highpower laser system carried on a small civilian plane 'successfully intercepted several UAVs', said Yaniv Rotem, head of the defence ministry's research and development unit, using the acronym for unmanned aerial vehicles.

The system could down any flying object, including 'drones, mortars,

rockets, ballistic missiles,' Rotem said, adding they hoped to have a working prototype in 'three to four years'...'

India Looks to Enhance Military Capabilities in Space

June 28, 2021 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "Driven by national security concerns and the emergence of China as a significant threat, India is looking to expand its military capabilities in space, according to analysts.

'Geopolitics is the primary driver for India to focus on the military aspects of its space program,' said Rajeswari Pillai Rajagopalan, director of the Center for Security, Strategy and Technology at the Observer Research Institute in New Delhi.

'It has to respond to the growing capabilities in space of China, with which time and again border disputes have flared. India has recognized that if it does not step up, it will lose out on using space assets for military purposes,' he told *VOA*.

An Indian anti-satellite weapon test conducted two years ago to demonstrate that it could shoot down satellites in space was the country's first significant step to give a military profile to its space program. With that test, India became the fourth country, after China, Russia, and the United States, to demonstrate anti-satellite capability..."