

*“And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up,
and lift your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh” - Luke 21:28*

THE RELIGION OF PEACE?

Taliban going door-to-door executing Christians

August 25, 2021 -- *WND.com* reports: “A Christian ministry that has worked for years in Afghanistan has confirmed that the Taliban, in power because of Joe Biden’s abrupt withdrawal of American troops without a plan to evacuate endangered citizens ahead of the power change, is going door to door in a hunt for Christians to be executed. The Frontier Alliance International ministry revealed in a statement that the atrocities are confirmed by first-hand ground reports...”

“The Taliban has a hit list of known Christians they are targeting to pursue and kill. The U.S. Embassy is defunct and there is no longer a safe place for believers to take refuge. All borders to neighboring countries are closed and all flights to and from have been halted, with the exception of private planes...”

The statement continued, “The Taliban are going door-to-door taking women and children. The people must mark their house with an ‘X’ if they have a girl over 12 years old, so that the Taliban can take them. If they find a young girl and the house was not marked they will execute the entire family. If a married woman 25 years or older has been found, the Taliban

promptly kill her husband, do whatever they want to her, and then sell her as a sex slave,” the ministry said...” **(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.**

Mass sexual assault of women in public has been documented in Islam for years. On February 11, 2011, former CBS News correspondent Lara Logan was reporting in Egypt about the celebrations following the resignation of Hosni Mubarak when she was attacked by a group of 200 – 300 men, several of whom gang raped her for nearly one half hour. Her only offense – not having her head covered. In an article Dr. Van Impe has cited before, Dawn Perlmutter said: “From a Western perspective this was a crazed mob out of control. For a shame culture

this was an acceptable punishment for a woman who was not properly covered. They pulled her blonde hair out and more than likely kept it as souvenirs.”

Here is what our God states: **Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God — I Corinthians 6:9, 10.** See the next report.)

Taliban Tells Women: Stay Home Until We Train Jihadis ‘How to Deal’ with You

August 25, 2021 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid told reporters in a press conference Tuesday that the terrorist organization is urging all women in Afghanistan to stay home for their safety, as the group has not yet taught its own terrorists ‘how to deal with women.’”

Mujahid emphasized safety dangers for women under Taliban rule while repeating the jihadists’ promise that they would allow women to work in full-time jobs and leave the house without a *burqa*, or full-body covering – rights that the Taliban denied on a

national level when it last controlled Afghanistan between 1996 and 2001.

The Taliban became the de facto government of Afghanistan on August 15 after surrounding the nation's capital, Kabul, prompting former President Ashraf Ghani to flee. It currently has no formal recognition as a legitimate government but has endeavored to place its spokesmen in front of as many cameras as possible, promising the creation of an 'inclusive' government that respects women's rights..."

Taliban kill folk singer days after banning music in Afghanistan, family says

August 31, 2021 -- FoxNews.com reports: "An Afghan folk singer has been executed by the Taliban just days after the Islamic fundamentalist group declared that 'music is forbidden in Islam,' according to his family.

Fawad Andarabi's family told the Associated Press that he was shot dead Friday when enforcers returned to his home after earlier searching it and even drinking tea with him.

'They shot him in the head on the farm,' his son, Jawad, said of the killing in the Andarabi Valley for which he was named.

'He was innocent, a singer who only was entertaining people,' the grieving son said of his dad, who played a bowed lute called a ghichak and sang traditional songs about his country..." (in 1996 the Taliban seized power in Afghanistan and imposed a version of Islamic law across the country. Their goal was to erase all pre-Islamic past in Afghanistan including the destruction of ancient statues. In 2001 they destroyed the Buddhas of Bamiyan because they considered them to be idols. Now that they are back in power they are picking up right where they stopped.

Killing is rewarded in Islam. Not only do they receive 72 virgins as righteous and martyred godly men, but what is even more shocking is they get to choose 70 relatives and friends to go to heaven. Their plan of winning the lost is a sick one and against God's plan which is:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life – John 3:16. See the next two reports.)

'Stone Adulterers': Islamist Hate Preacher Anjem Choudary Calls on Taliban to Enforce Strict Sharia

August 23, 2021 -- Breitbart.com reports: "Radical Islamist hate preacher Anjem Choudary has called for the Taliban to go full throttle in imposing Sharia law in Afghanistan by imposing an 'infidel tax' on foreigners and stoning adulterers, among other extreme forms of 'justice'.

The UK's most infamous hate cleric had his ban on public speaking lifted earlier this year, which was imposed on Choudary upon his release from prison. The notorious preachers had served less than half of his five-and-a-half-year sentence for supporting the so-called Islamic State.

While Choudary has been banned for hate speech by Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp he has reportedly been using the encrypted Russian messaging app Telegram to spread his Islamist propaganda.

In a 3,500-word treatise entitled Sincere Advice To The Leadership Of The Taliban, Anjem Choudary called for thieves to have their hands chopped off, lashings for drinking alcohol, and the banning of music and mixing between the sexes..."

Report: Taliban Killing People Found with Bibles on Their Phones

August 19, 2021 -- Breitbart.com reports: "The Taliban is killing people in Afghanistan they find with copies of the Bible on their mobile phones, a Christian non-profit denounced on Tuesday.

The Taliban, a radical Islamist terrorist organization, seized leadership of the country on Sunday after surrounding the nation's capital, Kabul, prompting former President Ashraf Ghani to

flee. The Taliban ruled Afghanistan until 2001, when the United States invaded the country, and established a brutal regime that regularly persecuted political dissidents, religious minorities, women, and anyone considered to be violating Islamic law, or sharia.

According to SAT-7, an organization that broadcasts Christian programs to churches and Christians in the Middle East and North Africa, the Taliban is using 'spies and informants' to persecute the Christian minority in the country..."

Canadian Imam Urges Support for Taliban, Calls Jews, Christians 'Our Enemies'

August 26, 2021 -- Breitbart.com reports: "Canadian Imam Younus Kathrada in a recent sermon attacked Jews and Christians as 'our enemies,' accusing them of funding a failed war against Islam while calling on fellow Canadians to support the Taliban and its efforts to impose Islamic sharia law — which includes death by stoning for adultery and homosexuality — in Afghanistan.

In his speech, which was delivered at the Muslim Youth of Victoria Islamic Center on Friday, the Islamic scholar accused Jews and Christians of attempting to spend 'mountains of gold in order to take us away from Islam,' though such attempts will ultimately fail.

'So they will spend it but don't fear, at the end of the day they are not going to win,' he said. 'Allah tells us that they will spend it, and that it will be for them a source of regret.'

Kathrada then claims that the recent U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan was a sign of the supposed prophesied failure of such attempts..." (Great persecution will soon overtake most Christians in a majority of the world. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad:

for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. – Matthew 5:10 – 12; If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name’s sake, because they know not him that sent me. – John 15:18 – 21; ...When he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held. — Revelation 6:9; ...I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. – Revelation 20:4; and Fear none

of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. – Revelation 2:10. See the next two reports.)

Pro-interfaith Norwegian imam said Jews should be killed

August 11, 2021 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “A Muslim imam in Norway who has led interfaith dialogue projects has made antisemitic statements on Facebook, including on how Jews are dangerous and ‘should be killed,’ for years.

The Norway branch of Minhaj-ul-Quran, an international Muslim organization that is considered moderate and geared toward outreach, suspended Noor Ahmad Noor indefinitely on Monday following an expose published last week by the *Vartland* newspaper on his antisemitic statements. Noor had served for years as the branch’s director.

Police have launched an investigation into his remarks.

In one post from 2019, Noor wrote that

Jews ‘put the world in danger’ and it is ‘necessary to kill them.’...”

Afghan Christian: ‘The whole world has abandoned us’

August 20, 2021 -- *WND.com* reports: “In an emotional appeal videoed on ‘the first day of Taliban rule,’ an Afghan Christian pleaded with Christians around the world not to abandon the church in Afghanistan as the nation faces the sudden loss of all of its gains over the past two decades.

‘I don’t know that the future of this country will be,’ he said, according to a translation. ‘We are not able to control our emotions, because we’ve worked so hard for 20 years. All of our work over the past 20 years has been lost overnight.’

The Christian man, whose voice cracked at times though his message, said the video was produced as a ‘testimony.’

‘We want it to be remembered by our friends and loved ones that today we have been left in the field by ourselves,’ he said as ‘our beautiful country ... has now been destroyed by this savage and extremist group...’

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

60% of adults under 40 say Jesus isn’t only way to salvation; equal to Buddha, Muhammad

August 24, 2021 -- *The Christian Post* reports: “More than 60% of born again Christians in America between the ages of 18 and 39 believe that Buddha, Muhammad and Jesus are all valid paths to salvation and over 30% say they either believe that Jesus sinned just like other people when He lived on Earth or aren’t sure, according to a new study.

There’s a ‘striking decline’ in evangelical religious beliefs and practices over the last 10 years, as the number of self-proclaimed believers to hold these beliefs has increased by nearly 25%, says Probe Ministries in a statement announcing the results of its

Religious Views & Practices Survey.

The study, which interviewed 3,100 Americans ages 18 to 55 in 2020 and looked at various other previous studies, saw a drop in ‘basic biblical worldview’ — God’s attributes, the accuracy of the Bible, salvation and Jesus being sinless — from 47% in 2010 to 25% in 2020 among born again Christians...” (Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we

know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. – John 14:1-10 [emphasis mine]. Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the

people, and elders of Israel, If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. – Acts 4:8-12 [emphasis mine]. See the next report.)

Harvard names atheist as chief chaplain

August 27, 2021 -- *WND.com* reports: “Harvard University, the elite institution founded by Puritans to train ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, has selected a devout atheist to serve as its chief chaplain.

Greg Epstein was named president of the chaplains for the religious community at the school after serving as Harvard’s ‘humanist chaplain’ since 2005, the *New York Times* reported.

The university, with the motto ‘Truth for Christ and the Church,’ was founded by in 1636 and named for pastor John Harvard. Epstein, 44, was ordained as a Humanist Rabbi by the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism...”

‘Be Prepared for Persecution,’ American Evangelist Warns Following Arrest for Preaching Against Homosexuality in London

August 12, 2021 -- *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: “An American evangelist who was recently arrested in London for preaching against homosexuality is warning the church of growing religious persecution, including the suppression of free speech.

Ryan Schiavo, who leads Last Days Pulpit Ministry, was arrested in London on July 22 for preaching that homosexuality is a sin.

Schiavo is an American pastor who often travels to London to minister to the British youth in the public square. At the time of the arrest, Schiavo was preaching the Gospel while also addressing additional topics such as homosexuality and transgenderism...” (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.)

SPACE: THE FINAL FRONTIER

Pentagon preparing to unveil and demonstrate highly classified space weapon

August 24, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “A new arms race has boosted the dispute over space weapons, with talks periodically raised about a need to extend control over weapons in orbit. Despite numerous calls to demilitarize

space, leading countries continue to accuse each other of developing potentially offensive technology.

The U.S. department of Defense is, in the near future, expected to announce and demonstrate secret space weapons to show Russia and China new anti-satellite developments, *Breaking Defense* reported, citing unnamed officials.

The presentation of the weapon was said to be first planned at the National Space Symposium scheduled for August. The declassification had been prepared over the past months, but the situation around the withdrawal of the American military from Afghanistan has reportedly resulted in adjustments to the original plan as ‘all arms of the national security apparatus pointed

towards Kabul.’...” *(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 three reports.)*

Congressional Report details deployment of Russian, Chinese laser and microwave weapons in space

August 24, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “Russia and China have fervently opposed U.S. plans for the deployment of offensive weapons systems in space for over a decade, jointly proposing a treaty to prevent such arms from being deployed by any nation. Earlier this year, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said that there was ‘still a chance’ to reach an agreement on the issue.

The Congressional Research Service (CRS), an agency responsible for briefing U.S. lawmakers on military matters and other affairs, has accused Russia and China of engaging in

‘threatening’ activities in outer space which may harm the U.S. and its allies’ national security, and of working to create a whole range of space weapons with offensive capabilities.

In a document titled ‘Space as a Warfighting Domain: Issues for Congress,’ the CRS indicates that ‘many states and international entities, including the Department of Defence and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), now declare space as a warfighting domain,’ even as ‘various treaties and agreements’ formally continue to promote the heavens as a ‘peaceful domain.’...”

Rocket Lab launches U.S. Space Force mission

July 30, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “Rocket Lab, the leading launch provider and space systems company, has successfully launched a research and development satellite to orbit for the United States Space Force (USSF). The mission was Rocket Lab’s fourth launch for the year and its 21st Electron mission overall.

The mission, named ‘It’s a Little Chile Up Here’, launched from Rocket Lab Launch Complex 1 on New Zealand’s Mahia Peninsula at 06:00 UTC /

18:00 NZT on July 29th. A single Air Force Research Laboratory-sponsored demonstration satellite called Monolith was deployed to low Earth orbit by the Electron launch vehicle in Rocket Lab’s second mission for the USSF...”

Army successfully tests high-energy laser weapon

August 17, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “The U.S. Army says it’s developed a combat-capable prototype of a high-energy laser weapon.

The laser, which has been 24 months in the making, can be mounted on a Stryker military vehicle and used to defend troops against drones as well as rockets, artillery and mortars, according to an Army press release this week.

Over the summer, the new weapon was successfully tested in Fort Sill, Okla., in a ‘combat shoot-off’ against a series of possible combat scenarios.

The Army Rapid Capabilities and Critical Technologies Office said it expects to deliver a platoon of four laser-equipped Strykers in fiscal year 2022.

‘This is the first combat application of lasers for a maneuver element in the Army,’ said Lieutenant General L. Neil Thurgood said in the release...”

THE KINGS OF THE EAST

China’s kids get schooled in ‘Xi Jinping thought’

September 1, 2021 -- *SinoDaily.com* reports: “Chinese pupils returned to school Wednesday with new textbooks peppered with ‘Xi Jinping thought’, as the Communist Party aims to extend his personality cult to children as young as seven and rear a new generation of patriots.

The education ministry has said it will incorporate Xi’s vaguely defined political ideology into the national curriculum, from primary schools to graduate programmes, at the start of the new school year on Wednesday.

Primary school teachers must ‘plant the seeds of loving the party, the country and socialism in young hearts’, according to a government notice on the new curriculum.

The new school books are decorated with the president’s pithy quotes and images of his smiling face, with elementary school students served up chapters on the achievements of Chinese civilisation and the Communist Party’s role in poverty alleviation and fighting the Covid-19 pandemic...” **(In 2017 China elevated the stature of President Xi Jinping putting him on par with Chairman Mao Zedong who founded the People’s Republic of China in 1949,**

making him in essence emperor for life, he can stay in power as long as his health allows. In November of 2017 China told Christians to replace images of Jesus with images of President Jinping in an effort to transform believers in religion into believers of the Communist Party of China. President Jinping should read the book of Daniel to see what happened to a king who elevated himself: *The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty? While the word was in the king’s mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar,*

to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws. And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? – Daniel 4:30-35.)

U.S. Strategic Command Chief says China's nuclear modernisation 'breathhtaking'

August 16, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "U.S. Strategic Command chief Adm. Charles Richard said on Thursday that China's nuclear and conventional forces modernisation efforts are 'breathhtaking' and warned that Beijing will soon become a nation 'capable of coercion.'

'China's explosive growth and modernization of its nuclear and conventional forces can only be what I describe as breathtaking. And the word, breathtaking, may not be enough,' Richard said at the 24th Annual Space and Missile Defence Symposium. 'What matters is that they are building the capability to execute any plausible nuclear employment strategy, the last brick in the wall of a military capable of coercion.'

According to Richard's estimates, China will soon, if not already, become a

pace threat in most categories in space, cyber, nuclear and missile defence, and is posing an even larger threat when paired up with Russia..." (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.)*

Chinese eyes Russia's S-500 for possible purchase for PLA

August 5, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Russia's Ministry of Defence released the first-ever video footage of the S-500 surface-to-air missile system last month. The first S-500s will be introduced into Moscow region's air defence troops once combat trials are wrapped up.

Despite the recent impressive gains made by China's domestic military industry in the production of advanced air defences, the country has nothing like the S-500 and its integrated air-space defence capabilities in its arsenal, *thepaper.cn* contributor Lin Sen has suggested.

Commenting on the recent first public appearance of the S-500 at the Kapustin Yar proving grounds in the Astrakhan region in southern Russia, the analyst wrote that media reporting on the system has rightfully earned it its place

as the 'air defence missile system most concerned about' by Russia's potential adversaries..." (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 two reports.)*

Reports: British carrier followed by Chinese subs, possibly for target practice

August 13, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Chinese submarines may have stalked a British aircraft carrier in a display of military strength in the contested South China Sea, though China claims the ships may have revealed themselves purposely, according to reports.

The Royal Navy aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth was followed by two Chinese Shang class submarines armed with cruise missiles, the *British Daily Express* reported this week.

The submarines were detected by sonar operators on the HMS Kent and HMS Richmond as the carrier group moved into the Pacific Ocean from the South China Sea, the paper reported.

A third Chinese submarine was detected by a Royal Navy Astute class submarine. China has claimed sovereignty over the body of water, which has been disputed by western powers, where it has built several artificial islands...”

Singapore PM warns U.S. against hard line toward China

August 4, 2021 -- *SinoDaily.com* reports: “Singapore Prime Minister

Lee Hsien Loong on Tuesday warned the United States against aggressively challenging China, saying Washington’s increasingly hard-line views could be ‘very dangerous.’

He said the United States had moved from an approach of healthy competition with China to the view that America ‘must win, one way or another.’

‘There is (U.S.) bipartisan consensus

today on one thing, which is relations with China,’ he told the Aspen Security Forum.

‘But their stance is to take a hard line. And I’m not sure that is the right consensus,’ the Singaporean leader said.

‘I don’t know whether Americans realise what a formidable adversary they would be taking on if they decide that China is an enemy...’

NEWS FROM ISRAEL

Iron Dome intercepts missile aimed at Israeli city

August 16, 2021 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Sirens sounded early Monday afternoon in Gaza-area towns in southern Israel, sending residents of Sderot, Nir Am, Ibim, and Kibbutz Erez running to bomb shelters.

Israel’s Iron Dome missile defense system intercepted rockets aimed at Sderot.

The IDF confirmed the report, stating that shortly after 1:30p.m. Monday afternoon sirens sounded in Sderot and the general Gaza border area, and that one launch was identified, and intercepted.

According to *Israel Hayom*, local residents heard explosions and saw at least one intercept.

Magen David Adom added that so far, there have been no reports of injuries...”

(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 two reports.)

PM says Israel will respond to Gaza rocket fire ‘at a time of our choosing’

August 18, 2021 -- *YnetNews.com* reports: “A day after rocket fire from the Gaza Strip resumed, Prime Minister Naftali Bennett warned on Tuesday that Israel will respond at a time of its choosing.

‘We will operate at a time, place and conditions that suit us — and nobody else,’ he said while visiting IDF Gaza Division soldiers alongside Defense Minister Benny Gantz and IDF Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Aviv Kochavi.

On Monday, rockets were launched from the Palestinian enclave into southern Israel, setting off air raid sirens in the city of Sderot as well as the border communities of Avivim, Nir Am and Erez. The attack ended three months of relative calm along the Gaza border following an 11-day conflict between Hamas and Israel in May.

The military confirmed that one rocket that was launched from Gaza was

intercepted by the Iron Dome aerial defense system. Israel did not retaliate for the attack...”

Hamas escalates fight along the border

August 16, 2021 -- *Israel National News* reports: “The *Palestine Al Yawm* news website, which is affiliated with the Islamic Jihad, reported on Sunday that Palestinian terrorist groups have informed the mediators and Israel that they have an additional day to lift the siege on the Gaza Strip.

Senior officials told the website that the Palestinian ‘resistance organizations’ are preparing to hold a ‘mass march’ along the border with Israel next week to send a message of protest about the continued ‘Judaization’ of Jerusalem and the prevention of the reconstruction of the Strip.

Since March 2018, the mass ‘return marches’ along the border have been characterized by violent riots, attacks on IDF soldiers, acts of sabotage of the security fence and attempts to break into Israeli territory...”

Hezbollah could escalate its response to Israel, Nasrallah warns

August 10, 2021 -- *YnetNews.com* reports: “A day after Hezbollah fired a barrage of rockets from Lebanon at open areas in northern Israel, the head of the Iranian-backed terror group warned Saturday that it could escalate its cross-border actions against Israel in the future.

Hassan Nasrallah said the group had chosen to respond Friday to IAF strikes in southern Lebanon by firing at unpopulated areas. The Israeli airstrikes in the early hours of Thursday came a day after Palestinian groups in southern Lebanon launched a salvo of rockets across the border.

Two of the rockets fired Wednesday landed close to the city of Kiryat Shmona, igniting brush fires but causing no injuries.

Israel said Friday after Hezbollah fired some 20 rockets – many of which were intercepted by the Iron Dome missile defense system – that it had no desire for a further escalation on the border...” (There has been long history of calling for the destruction of Israel It will never happen. Almighty God has stated: ...I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off – Isaiah 56:5. Everlasting means everlasting. God promised to Abraham in Genesis 22:17: ...in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as

the starts of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore... And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt; To drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou art, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as it is this day. Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else. Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the Lord thy God giveth thee, for ever – Deuteronomy 4:37 – 40. See the next report.)

‘Don’t test us’: Iran warns Israel against military action

August 6, 2021 -- *YnetNews.com* reports: “Iran’s foreign ministry on

Thursday warned arch-foe Israel not to take military action against the Islamic republic after it threatened Tehran over a deadly tanker attack.

‘In another brazen violation of Int’l law, Israeli regime now blatantly threatens Iran with military action,’ ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh said on Twitter.

The MT Mercer Street, managed by prominent Israeli billionaire Eyal Ofer, was attacked off Oman last week.

A British security guard and a Romanian crew member were killed in what the United States, Britain and the vessel’s operator Zodiac Maritime said appeared to be a drone strike.

Khatibzadeh’s comments came after Defense Minister Benny Gantz earlier on Thursday called Iran a threat to the country, the Middle East and the entire world and warned that Israel was prepared to take action to counter it...”

THE GROWING IRANIAN THREAT

Gantz: Iran is two months away from nuclear bomb

August 25, 2021 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Tehran is two months away from nuclear weapons capacity, warned Defense Minister Benny Gantz as he called for the international community to create a new prevention plan that did not involve reviving the 2015 Iran deal. ‘Iran is only two months away from acquiring the materials necessary for a nuclear weapon,’ Gantz told a gathering of 60 ambassadors in Tel Aviv.

He spoke just one day before Prime Minister Naftali Bennett is scheduled to present such an alternative plan to U.S. President Joe Biden at the White House on Thursday...” (Nuclear war is part of the battle of the ages – see Revelation 9:18. Other prophesied texts are predicted in Psalm 97:3; Isaiah 66:15; Ezekiel 20:47: ...Thus

saith the Lord God; Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched... Study also Zephaniah 1:8; Malachi 4:1; and Revelation 8:7. The Oriental nations along with Iran will be involved in World War III, Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Iran and the Islamic nations will join Russia – Ezekiel 38 & 39. Then China, North Korea, and Oriental nations will join Russia in the second invasion of Israel – Revelation 16:12 and for the third and final invasion all nations will come against Israel – Isaiah 14:2. See the next report.)

Iran says it is expanding defense beyond borders, will continue missile program

August 23, 2021 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “The Iranian Defense Ministry

said on Saturday that it was expanding its defense efforts beyond the borders of the country, in an apparent message of deterrence to Israel and the West, as hopes for a return to the 2015 nuclear deal continue to fade.

‘Our country has an important role to play in strengthening the resistance front and expanding the radius of defense of national security beyond the borders of the country,’ the ministry said in a message for Defense Industries Day, the *Moj News Agency* reported.

The ministry stated that Iran’s military plan includes ‘strengthening the defensive force and constantly updating the ability to deal with the threats of our enemies.’

‘We will not hesitate to strengthen our military capabilities, including the missile program designed solely for defense purposes,’ it added...”