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## RUSSIA AND THE KINGS OF THE EAST

### **The China-Russia entente could be the next big alliance**

**November 24, 2021** -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “China and Russia signed Tuesday a ‘roadmap’ for closer military ties, reports indicated. *The Associated Press* reported that ‘Russia’s defense chief on Tuesday signed a roadmap for closer military ties with China, pointing to increasingly frequent U.S. strategic bomber flights near both countries’ borders.’

This is an important new development and could have major ramifications for the rest of this century. The report says that during a video call, Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu and his Chinese counterpart Wei Fenghe ‘expressed a shared interest in stepping up strategic military exercises and joint patrols by Russia and China.’

‘China and Russia have been strategic partners for many years,’ Shoigu said. ‘Today, in conditions of increasing geopolitical turbulence and growing conflict potential in various parts of the world, the development of our interaction is especially relevant.’ Russia has been expressing more concern over U.S. military flights near Russian airspace. Russia says there have been ‘30 such missions over the past month alone,’ the report says. ‘This

month, during the U.S. Global Thunder strategic force exercise, 10 strategic bombers practiced the scenario of using nuclear weapons against Russia practically simultaneously from the western and eastern directions,’ Shoigu 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 report.)*

### **Pentagon plans stronger U.S. posture toward China, Russia**

**November 30, 2021** -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “The U.S. military will reinforce deployments and bases directed at China and Russia, while maintaining forces in the Middle East adequate to deter Iran and jihadist groups, the Pentagon said Monday, referencing results of a review.

The U.S. Defense Department will be upgrading and expanding military facilities in Guam and Australia, underscoring its focus on China as the country’s leading defense rival, officials said.

The details of the ‘global posture review,’ commissioned by President Joe Biden’s administration early this year, would remain classified, the officials added, so as not to reveal plans to rivals.

The move comes in the wake of the formation of a new defense alliance, dubbed AUKUS, between the United States, Britain and Australia to counter a rising China, which has been building up its own navy and testing decades of U.S. military dominance across Asia...”

### **China's Xi warns of 'Cold War-era' tensions in Asia-Pacific**

**November 11, 2021** -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Chinese President Xi Jinping warned against a return to Cold War-era divisions in the Asia-Pacific Thursday as tensions mounted over the security of Taiwan.

In the run-up to an anticipated virtual summit with U.S. President Joe Biden as early as next week, Xi said countries in the region must work together on common challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic to trade.

'Attempts to draw ideological lines or form small circles on geo-political grounds are bound to fail,' he told a virtual business conference on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit hosted by New Zealand.

'The Asia-Pacific region cannot and should not relapse into the confrontation and division of the Cold War era.'

Xi's call came hours after China and the United States announced a surprise pact to accelerate climate action at a summit in Glasgow where countries are trying to agree on measures to curb the warming of the Earth..." **(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 three reports.)**

### **U.S., China trade Taiwan warnings ahead of Biden-Xi summit**

**November 15, 2021** -- *SinoDaily.com* reports: "The top diplomats from China and the United States have exchanged stern warnings over the flashpoint issue of Taiwan, ahead of Monday's hotly awaited summit between their leaders.

The virtual meeting of presidents Joe Biden and Xi Jinping comes against a backdrop of rising tensions — in part over Taiwan, a self-ruling democracy claimed by Beijing, but also over trade, human rights and other issues.

In a phone call Friday with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi to discuss preparations for the summit, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken raised concerns over Beijing's 'military, diplomatic, and economic pressure' on Taiwan.

Wang warned of the dangers of U.S. actions that might seem supportive of 'Taiwan independence.'

Washington switched diplomatic recognition from Taipei to Beijing in 1979, but an act of Congress passed that year requires the United States to provide weapons to Taiwan for self-defense..."

### **U.S. warns China on action against Philippines**

**November 22, 2021** -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "The United States on Friday accused China of an escalation against the Philippines and warned that an armed attack would invite a U.S. response after an incident in disputed waters.

'The United States stands with our ally, the Philippines, in the face of this escalation that directly threatens regional peace and stability,' State Department spokesman Ned Price said in Abuja, where Secretary of State Antony Blinken was travelling.

The action 'escalates regional tensions, infringes upon freedom of navigation in the South China Sea as guaranteed under international law and undermines the rules-based international order.'

He warned that any 'armed attack on Philippine public vessels' would invoke the 1951 U.S.-Philippines treaty in which Washington is obliged to defend its ally..."

### **Philippines accuses China of 'harassment' in disputed sea**

**November 24, 2021** -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Manila's defence minister on Tuesday accused the Chinese coastguard of 'intimidation and harassment' after Philippine navy personnel were filmed and photographed unloading goods in the disputed South China Sea.

Tensions over the resource-rich waters have spiked in the past week after Chinese coastguard ships fired water cannon at Philippine boats delivering supplies to marines at Second Thomas Shoal in the contested Spratly Islands.

Manila expressed outrage over the attack which forced the Philippine boats to abort their mission. But Beijing said the vessels had entered its waters without permission.

China claims almost all of the waterway, through which trillions of dollars in trade passes annually, with competing claims from Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam..."

### **Pentagon: China expanding its nuclear arsenal faster than anticipated**

**November 4, 2021** -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "China is expanding its nuclear arsenal much more quickly than anticipated, narrowing the gap with the United States, the Pentagon said in a report published Wednesday.

China could have 700 deliverable nuclear warheads by 2027, and could top 1,000 by 2030 — an arsenal two-and-a-half times the size of what the Pentagon predicted only a year ago, according to the report.

The People's Republic of China (PRC) 'is investing in, and expanding, the number of its land-, sea-, and air-based nuclear delivery platforms and building the infrastructure necessary to support this major expansion of its nuclear forces.

The assessment came in the U.S. Department of Defense's annual report to Congress on Chinese military developments..." **(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 Military on Target to Surpass U.S., Russia**

October 29, 2021 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "It is only a matter of time before China's plan to replace the United States as the world's preeminent military becomes reality, a top U.S. general warned, calling on the Washington and its allies to speed efforts to counter Beijing's bid for dominance.

General John Hyten, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Washington's second-most-senior military officer, called the rapid rise of the Chinese military 'stunning.'

'The pace they're moving and the trajectory that they're on will surpass Russia and the United States if we don't do something to change it,' he told the Defense Writers Group on Thursday, responding to a question from *VOA*...' *(And the number of the army of the horsemen [was] two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. – Revelation 9:16*

**Think of it! Two hundred million soldiers! No wonder the ancient**

prophet said, *And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land (Ezekiel 38:16). This army advances in the latest and best of equipment: For the chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of his preparation ...The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall justle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings (Nahum 2:3, 4).*

Many Bible scholars associate the army of two hundred million with Red China and her oriental allies by tying this text concerning the Euphrates together with chapter 16, verse 12: *And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east [or the kings of the sunrising] might be prepared. Such an assembly of military might is quite feasible considering China's present population of nearly 1.4 billion. See the next three reports.)*

### **Chinese hypersonic test included pathbreaking 2nd missile launch**

November 23, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "China's test of a globe-circling hypersonic weapon in July included the unprecedented launch of a separate missile from the ultra-high-speed vehicle, according to the *Financial Times* and *Wall Street Journal*.

The test showed China's development of its strategic, nuclear-capable weapons as more advanced than any had thought, surprising Pentagon officials, the two newspapers said.

Neither the United States nor Russia has demonstrated the same ability, which requires launching a missile from a parent vehicle traveling five times the speed of sound.

*The Financial Times*, which first reported the test over the weekend, said U.S. military experts are trying to understand how China mastered the technology, which puts them in advance of rivals in the hypersonic arms race.

*The Wall Street Journal* confirmed the report Monday...' *(But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased – Daniel 12:4.)*

### **Russia test fires Zircon hypersonic missile**

November 19, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Russia said on Thursday it had carried out another successful test of its Zircon hypersonic cruise missile, one the latest additions to the country's arsenal of weapons called 'invincible' by President Vladimir Putin.

Moscow has in recent years touted the development of weapons that it hopes will give it the edge in any arms race with the United States at a time of growing tensions with the West.

Hypersonics can travel more than five times the speed of sound and manoeuvre in mid-flight, making them much harder to track and intercept than traditional projectiles.

The military said on Thursday it had fired the Zircon missile from the Admiral Gorshkov warship and hit a test target in Russia's Arctic waters...' "

### **U.S.-China hypersonic weapons 'arms race' is underway, Air Force chief says**

December 1, 2021 -- *FoxNews.com* reports: "The U.S. Air Force affirmed Tuesday that a hypersonic weapons 'arms race' is well underway between the United States and China.

Secretary Frank Kendall told *Reuters*, 'There is an arms race, not necessarily for increased numbers, but for increased quality.'

'It's an arms race that has been going on for quite some time,' he said. 'The Chinese have been at it very aggressively.' Kendall's comments came weeks after Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Mark Milley confirmed that China had conducted tests of its hypersonic weapons systems over the summer, likening it to the 'Sputnik moment' of the late 1950s when the Soviet Union



and the United States were competing in the space race...”

### **Russia Holds Black Sea Navy Drills With Eye on U.S. Ships**

**November 3, 2021** -- *Voice of America News* reports: “Russia’s Black Sea naval forces practiced destroying enemy targets on Tuesday as Moscow bristled at the presence of two U.S. warships in the area.

President Vladimir Putin said on Monday that Russian forces could observe the USS *Mount Whitney* navy command ship ‘through binoculars or in the crosshairs of its ... defense systems’ and complained about NATO activity near Russia’s borders.

On Tuesday, the Black Sea fleet said its ships had rehearsed destroying enemy targets and that their air defense systems had been put on alert at its bases in Novorossiysk and on annexed Crimea, the *Interfax* news agency reported.

‘They ... destroyed airborne targets of a mock enemy with anti-aircraft missile weapons and artillery,’ it said in a statement.

Russia has previously warned Western countries against sending warships to the Black Sea and approaching the coast of Crimea, the peninsula it annexed from Ukraine in 2014. Russia considers Crimea part of its territory, but the peninsula is internationally recognized

as part of Ukraine...” **(Russia is warming up for Armageddon. Soon a peace program will be contracted for the Middle East nations – Daniel 11: 21, 24. It will be a peace contract for seven years but broken after 42 months – Daniel 9:27. Russia is the nation that then says: ...I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations... – Ezekiel 38:11, 12.)**

## **SIGNS IN THE SUN, MOON AND STARS**

### **China unleashes satellite ‘crusher’ into orbit occupied by U.S. tech**

**November 2, 2021** -- *WND.com* reports: “An expert on China is warning that the Communist regime in control in Beijing has launched into an orbit – where satellites critical to America’s Nuclear Command, Communications and Control system are located – a satellite ‘crusher.’

Gordon G. Chang explains in a column at the Gatestone Institute, where he is a senior fellow and advisory board member, that the satellite, Shijian-21, was just launched on Oct. 24 and according to the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corp., will provide the ability ‘to alleviate and neutralize space debris.’

But, he noted, China perceives American satellites as ‘debris.’

‘Shijian-21 has a robotic arm that can be used to move space junk—there are more than 100 million pieces of it floating around the earth—or capture, disable, destroy, or otherwise render unusable other nations’ satellites,’ Chang wrote. ‘That arm makes Shijian-21 a ‘satellite crusher.’...” **(Jesus said: 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. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh— Luke 21:25 – 28.*

**Everyone in the world is dependent on satellites, especially for communication and navigation. You can well imagine the chaos if this system were disrupted. One post shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to shew the king of Babylon that his city is taken at one end, And that the passages are stopped, and the reeds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are affrighted – Jeremiah 51:21,32 – lines of communication were disrupted in this passage – with frightening results. See the next five reports.)**

### **Space Force general says China and Russia attacking U.S. satellites ‘every single day’**

**December 1, 2021** -- *News.com.au* reports: “China and Russia are carrying out attacks on U.S. satellites ‘every single day’, a Space Force general says.

While America’s adversaries make headlines from time to time with their space activities – such as Russia blowing up one of its own satellites or China testing a new orbital hypersonic missile – General David Thompson, Space Force’s vice chief of space operations, told *The Washington Post* that overhead, out of the public view, there was a constant battle being waged.

According to Gen Thompson, America’s adversaries are constantly conducting operations against U.S. satellites that skirt the line between intelligence gathering and acts of war, and that the pace of the conflict is intensifying.

‘The threats are really growing and expanding every single day,’ he said...”

### **Satellite attack: the mounting arms race in space**

**November 18, 2021** -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “Last year a U.S. general made an ominous revelation: two Russian

satellites in orbit were stalking a U.S. spy satellite high above the earth.

It wasn't clear if the Cosmos satellites could attack USA-245, an American surveillance spacecraft.

'It has the potential to create a dangerous situation in space,' said General Jay Raymond, head of the Pentagon's Space Command.

The incident passed, but it marked a new stage in the mounting arms race in space, where potentially bomb-armed satellites, laser-shooting spacecraft and other technologies have moved from science fiction to reality.

The stakes were made clear Monday when Russia launched a missile from Earth and blasted to pieces one of its satellites in a show of force.

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg called the act 'reckless.'

'It demonstrates that Russia is now developing new weapons systems that can shoot down satellites,' he said at a meeting Tuesday with EU defense ministers...'

**France boosts space surveillance with satellites launch**

November 17, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "France on Tuesday boosted its space surveillance capabilities with the launch of three electromagnetic-monitoring military satellites, one of only four nations known to operate this kind of technology.

A Vega rocket carrying the Ceres

satellites took off from Kourou in French Guiana, and placed them into orbit soon after.

Unlike conventional surveillance satellites, these are able to locate items emitting electromagnetic energy at all times of the day and night, in all weather including from behind clouds.

France joins the United States, China and Russia in operating such technology, part of a space defence strategy unveiled in 2019 to deal with emerging threats to its interests in orbit.

This comes as China, Russia and the United States all jostle for an increased strategic presence in space...'

**Russia ready to discuss all space security issues with U.S.**

November 19, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Russia is ready to discuss the entire spectrum of space security issues with all interested countries, including the United States, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said.

'We confirm our readiness to discuss the entire spectrum of space security issues with all interested states, including the United States. We are convinced that the launch of negotiations on an international agreement prohibiting the deployment of any types of weapons in space, the use or threat of the use of force against or with space objects – the right way to reduce tensions and relieve states' concerns in the context of

ensuring the safety of space activities,' Zakharova said in a statement.

The United States is pursuing a policy of using space for combat operations and deploying strike systems in it to achieve military superiority there, she noted...

**Pentagon wants to make its space assets 'more difficult to find'**

November 19, 2021 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Earlier this week, Russia's Defence Ministry stressed that the U.S. was well aware that fragments of the downed Russian satellite pose no threat to the International Space Station and other space assets, given the test's timing and orbital parameters.

The U.S. Space Force director of staff, Lt. Gen. Nina Armagno, has said she believes that Russia's recent anti-satellite launch further necessitates the military's drive to better defend American space assets.

She told reporters that for the Space Force, it means finding effective ways to make space assets 'more difficult to find or less juicy'.

'We're doing this mission area by mission area. We need to take our missile-warning assets, we need to add layers of orbits, hybrid capabilities, smaller satellites, and commercially provided capabilities. That will all complicate Russia targeting our prime missile-warning capabilities', Armagno argued...'

## NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

**Iranian Brig.-Gen. urges destruction of Israel prior to nuke talks**

November 29, 2021 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "The spokesman for the Islamic Republic of Iran's armed forces, Brig.-Gen. Abolfazl Shekarchi, on Saturday urged the total elimination of the Jewish state during an interview with an Iranian regime-controlled media outlet.

'We will not back off from the

annihilation of Israel, even one millimeter. We want to destroy Zionism in the world,' Shekarchi told the *Iranian Students News Agency*.

Shekarchi's genocidal antisemitic remarks come just days before the nuclear talks are set to restart in Vienna Monday on curbing the Islamic Republic of Iran's illicit nuclear program. The United States and other world powers are seeking to provide Tehran with economic sanctions relief

in exchange for temporary restrictions on its atomic program. Israel and other countries believe Iran's regime seeks to build a nuclear weapons device...'

***(Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the***

*heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him. – Psalm 2:1-12. The heathens may impotently rage against Israel, but God sits in Heaven and laughs at them.)*

**IRGC commander: If Israel starts a war, it will end with its destruction**

November 11, 2021 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Amir Ali Hajizadeh, commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps’ (IRGC) Aerospace Force, warned on Thursday that if Israel starts a conflict Iran will ‘destroy’ it, according to Iranian media. ‘The Zionist regime officials know that they can be the initiators, but the end is with us; the end of this work is the destruction of the Zionist regime, and if they give us an excuse, they will not see after this period, and their destruction will certainly be advanced historically,’ added the commander.

Hajizadeh stated that Israel is the only country in the world that talks about its own survival and continued existence. ‘A regime that speaks about its existence is doomed to destruction and such a regime cannot talk about the destruction of other countries, and the threats it issues are mostly for domestic consumption,’ said the IRGC Aerospace Force commander...” **(Almighty God**

**has stated: ...I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off – Isaiah 56:5. Everlasting means everlasting. God promised to Abraham in Genesis 22:17: ... in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore... And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt; To drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou art, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as it is this day. Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else. Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the Lord thy God giveth thee, for ever – Deuteronomy 4:37 – 40.)**

**Israel ‘doomed to termination,’ Iranian general threatens**

November 11, 2021 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “The commander of Iran’s Revolutionary Guard Aerospace Force said Thursday that Israel is ‘doomed to termination’ and that any move by Jerusalem against the Islamic Republic will expedite that demise.

Israeli security chiefs have ramped up their rhetoric against Iran, with IDF Chief of Staff Aviv Kohavi warning Tuesday that the military was boosting its preparations for a possible attack on Iranian nuclear facilities.

The same day, Defense Minister Benny Gantz said Israel would carry out operations that ‘haven’t been seen in the past’ if regional war breaks out.

Speaking at a ceremony in Tehran, Amir Ali Hajizadeh mocked Israel for being the ‘only regime in the world arguing about how to survive,’ according to

Iran’s *Tasnim* news agency.

‘The (Zionist) regime that discusses its existence is doomed to termination and cannot talk about destroying other countries,’ Hajizadeh was quoted as saying...” **(Israel will never be destroyed. God has declared His love for Israel from its very beginning: And as for thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to supple thee; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all. None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, to the lothing of thy person, in the day that thou wast born. And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live... Then washed I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil – Ezekiel 16:4 – 6; 9. Deuteronomy 7:6-8 states: For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: But because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Despite the rantings and ravings of the world: ... let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance – Psalm 83:4, God has promised: ...I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off – Isaiah 56:5.)**



**Bahrain FM: Iran getting nuclear weapons would be 'catastrophic'**

November 23, 2021 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Bahrain Foreign Minister Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Alzayani told *i24NEWS* he was 'concerned' about Iran getting nuclear weapons.

'I am concerned. Iran achieving nuclear weapons status would definitely be a catastrophic development, not just for the region, but also for the wider world, enabling Iran to hold large parts of the world as kind of ransom, through its nuclear threat.

'That is why it is so important that this cannot be allowed to happen...' (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.)

**Senior EU official: 'Iran doesn't have peaceful intentions with its nuclear program'**

November 4, 2021 -- *Israel National News* reports: "I don't believe that the Iranians only have peaceful intentions with their nuclear program,' said David Lega, a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament. Lega was responding to recent protestations of the Iranian regime that it has only 'civilian

purposes' in mind with its progress toward nuclear capability.

Speaking exclusively to *Israel Hayom* from his residence in Sweden, Lega said that, 'We haven't yet come to a decision regarding Iran; we are monitoring the situation closely, using great caution. I don't want to speak on behalf of the Committee as we haven't debated this issue yet, but I think that most of the other members hold similar views to my own.'

In the interview, Lega mentioned the letter of condemnation that he, together with his fellow committee members, sent to the European Union (EU) Foreign Minister, Josep Borrell, protesting the presence of Enrique Mora, the EU's deputy secretary-general for political affairs, at the inauguration ceremony for the new president of Iran, Ibrahim Raisi, last June...'.

**Israel needs to 'be ready' for war, IDF officer says as large-scale drill ends**

November 4, 2021 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "As the IDF's large-scale Homefront Command and National Emergency Authority (RAHEL) drill simulating a large-scale conflict with Iran and the Lebanese Hezbollah terrorist group comes to a close, officers warn that both citizens and soldiers need to be ready for any type of emergency to hit the homefront.

'The homefront needs to be ready, and so do we. Whenever something should happen we all need to be ready, the citizens and the army,' said Training Officer of the Northern Command, Lt.-Col Yaniv Friedman.

Along with the Homefront Command and RAHEL, all security and various governmental bodies as well as Israel Police and Magen David Adom participated in the drill that ended on Wednesday night.

'The drill became more complicated as days went on, just like we expect war to become,' said Friedman. 'We know that there are not only soldiers but also reservists who need to be drilled in

order to protect the state of Israel?...'" (Iran will be blotted out when Russia, China, and Islamic nations fight Israel and her allies during Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. The battle is described in Ezekiel 39:1 – 5: *...thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel: And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand. Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured...* Soon the war of wars will arrive from the North and East [Russia and China] – Daniel 11:44. The battle is described in Ezekiel 38:1 – 5: *...the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief [Russian] prince of Meshech and Tubal: [Moscow and Tubal, or Tubalsk – Southwest of the Russian capital]: And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: See the next three reports.)*

**Former Mossad chief: Attack on Iran must be on the table**

November 26, 2021 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Former Mossad chief Yossi Cohen has warned that Israel must be prepared for all scenarios, and that a

military strike on Iran must remain on the table.

Cohen’s warning comes just ahead of the resumption of talks on the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) in Vienna on Monday.

‘An independent attack on nuclear sites, if Iran goes that route, endangering our existence, needs to be and must be on the table – unequivocally,’ Cohen told *Ynet*.

Cohen explained to *Ynet* what Israel sees as the differences between a reasonable agreement and one which would be very dangerous.

‘A good agreement will be able to prevent Iranian achievements towards the bomb, and a horrible agreement, like what was signed in the past, will not be able to do that perfectly,’ Cohen stressed.

‘The bottom line is that we must take these abilities from Iran, because we cannot take their motivations from them. The Iranian vision and motivation are still there, and so they are insisting, strongly insisting, on maintaining the abilities to develop nuclear abilities – and we must take that from them,’ he emphasized...”

### **IDF spokesman: ‘We’re accelerating our plans against Iran’**

**November 30, 2021** -- *Israel National News* reports: “On Tuesday morning, to the backdrop of the Vienna nuclear talks, IDF spokesperson Brigadier-General Ran Kochav discussed the IDF’s readiness for action against Iran if necessary and stressed that Israel’s armed forces are preparing for all possible scenarios.

‘I won’t go into policy details, but as we have said in the past, we are preparing for all eventualities,’ Kochav told *Kan Bet*. ‘We have enhanced our level of readiness, and the military and operational spheres are at the forefront of both preventing Iran from establishing itself in the northern arena and preventing it from becoming a threshold state.’

He added that, ‘When I say that we are accelerating our plans against Iran – I mean precisely that.’

On Monday, talks on Iran’s nuclear program and associated sanctions began in Vienna, with the participation of representatives from Iran and other world powers. The United States is not actively participating in the talks...”

### **‘Israel could take unilateral action against Iran if sanctions lifted’**

**December 1, 2021** -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Lifting sanctions on Iran could lead to military action by Israel, officials in Jerusalem warned world powers, as negotiations to curb the Islamic Republic’s nuclear program continued on Tuesday.

If the U.S. lifts sanctions – along with international sanctions soon to be lifted under the terms of the 2015 nuclear deal – Iran could reach the nuclear threshold within six months, Israel has warned.

At that point, Israel could find it necessary to take unilateral action.

Foreign Minister Yair Lapid called for the world to ramp up the threat to Iran in order to deter it from developing a nuclear weapon.

In a meeting with French President Emmanuel Macron, Lapid emphasized that Israel views the talks as an attempt by Tehran to stall as it advances its nuclear program, and the world must have a plan B...”

# **CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH**

## **Pew Poll: 58 Percent of Americans Believe in ‘God as Described in the Bible’**

**November 25, 2021** – *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: “A majority of Americans say they believe in ‘God as described in the Bible,’ according to a new Pew Research Center survey that also showed less than one in 10 U.S. adults reject any belief in God or a ‘higher power.’

The poll, released Tuesday, found that 58 percent of American adults say they believe in ‘God as described in the Bible,’ while an additional 32 percent say they don’t believe in the God of

the Bible but ‘do believe there is some other higher power or spiritual force in the universe,’ according to the survey’s wording.

All total, 91 percent of Americans say they believe in God or a higher power – slightly above the percentage when Pew asked those same questions in 2020 (89 percent) and 2017 (90 percent).

Nine percent of Americans say they don’t believe in God or a higher power, slightly lower than the 11 percent in 2020 and the 10 percent in 2017...” **(58% is good, but it still means**

**that 42% do not believe in God as described in the Bible. ...when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? – Luke 18:8. The article, makes one wonder what the answer to that question would be. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it. – Amos 8:11-12.)**