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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*

## NUCLEAR ARMAGEDDON

### **Russian FM warns World War 3 will be ‘devastating nuclear war’**

**March 2, 2022** -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov warned that ‘World War III will be a devastating nuclear war,’ during an interview with *Al-Jazeera* on Wednesday, as Russia’s invasion of Ukraine entered its seventh day.

Lavrov additionally stressed that U.S. President Joe Biden had stated that the alternative to the sanctions imposed by the West on Russia would be a third world war.

The foreign minister had warned on Tuesday that Russia finds it ‘unacceptable’ that American nuclear weapons are located in Europe, saying it is ‘high time to return them to the U.S.,’ according to *TASS*. Lavrov repeated claims that Ukraine is planning to acquire nuclear weapons on Wednesday, saying Russia would act to prevent this...” **(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.)*

### **Russia would only use nuclear weapons faced with ‘existential threat’: Kremlin**

**March 23, 2022** -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “Russia would only use nuclear weapons in the context of the Ukraine conflict if it were facing an ‘existential threat,’ Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told *CNN International* Tuesday. ‘We have a concept of domestic security, and it’s public. You can read all the reasons for nuclear arms to be used,’ Peskov said. ‘So if it is an existential threat for our country, then it can be used in accordance with our concept.’

Peskov’s comment came as interviewer Christiane Amanpour pushed him on whether he was ‘convinced or confident’ that President Vladimir Putin would not use the nuclear option

in the Ukrainian context.

Days after Russian troops invaded Ukraine, Putin announced on February 28 that he had put the country’s strategic nuclear forces on high alert in a move that sparked global alarm.

Asked about Peskov’s statement, and Russia’s nuclear stance more broadly, Pentagon spokesman John Kirby called Moscow’s rhetoric on potential use of nuclear weapons ‘dangerous.’

‘It’s not the way a responsible nuclear power should act,’ he told reporters...” **(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 yes, it’s just ahead of us. Every nation he included in World War III is forming exactly as taught this global blood bath six decades ago. The only good news is that the Rapture precedes Armageddon – *Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth* – Revelation 3:10. Then our deliverance as believers – Revelation 4:1 and our joy because of missing Armageddon. See the next report.)**

### **Russia's Lavrov accuses West of fixating on 'nuclear war,' compares U.S. to Hitler**

**March 4, 2022** -- *The Times of Israel* reports: "Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on Thursday accused Western politicians of fixating on nuclear war and compared the U.S. to former Nazi leader Adolf Hitler.

'It's clear that World War Three can only be a nuclear war,' Lavrov said in an online interview with Russian and foreign media.

'I would like to point out that it's in the heads of Western politicians that the idea of a nuclear war is spinning constantly, and not in the heads of Russians,' he said.

'Therefore I assure you that we will not

allow any provocations to throw us off balance,' Lavrov added.

'In their time, both Napoleon and Hitler set themselves the task of subjugating Europe. Now the Americans have subdued it,' Lavrov said.

'We see that there's a picture like in Hollywood of absolute evil and absolute good, and this is unfortunate,' he added...'

# WAR IN UKRAINE

### **Russia accused of using vacuum bomb against Ukraine**

**March 1, 2022** -- *The Times of Israel* reports: "Human rights groups and Ukraine's ambassador to the United States on Monday accused Russia of attacking Ukrainians with cluster bombs and vacuum bombs, *Reuters* reported.

Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch both said that Russian forces appeared to have used widely banned cluster munitions against Ukraine.

Oksana Markarova, Ukraine's ambassador to the United States, told reporters after meeting with members of the U.S. Congress that Russia had used a thermobaric weapon, known as a vacuum bomb, in its invasion of her country.

'They used the vacuum bomb today,' Markarova said after a meeting with lawmakers. '...The devastation that Russia is trying to inflict on Ukraine is large.'

While there has been no official confirmation that thermobaric weapons have been used in the conflict in Ukraine, *CNN* reported that one of its teams had spotted a Russian thermobaric multiple rocket launcher near the Ukrainian border early on Saturday afternoon...'' **(On March 23, 2022 U.S. Secretary of State, Antony J. Blinken released a press statement saying in part: *Since launching his unprovoked and unjust war of choice, Russian President Vladimir Putin has unleashed unrelenting violence that has caused death and destruction across Ukraine. We've seen numerous credible reports of indiscriminate attacks and attacks deliberately targeting civilians, as well as other atrocities. Russia's forces***

*have destroyed apartment buildings, schools, hospitals, critical infrastructure, civilian vehicles, shopping centers, and ambulances, leaving thousands of innocent civilians killed or wounded. Many of the sites Russia's forces have hit have been clearly identifiable as in-use by civilians. This includes the Mariupol maternity hospital, as the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights expressly noted in a March 11 report. It also includes a strike that hit a Mariupol theater, clearly marked with the word "demu" — Russian for "children" — in huge letters visible from the sky. Putin's forces used these same tactics in Grozny, Chechnya, and Aleppo, Syria, where they intensified their bombardment of cities to break the will of the people. Their attempt to do so in Ukraine has again shocked the world and, as President Zelenskyy has soberly attested, "bathed the people of Ukraine in blood and tears."... Today, I can announce that, based on information currently available, the U.S. government assesses that members of Russia's forces have committed war crimes in Ukraine.)*

### **Russia Arrests Over 5,000 in Single Day for Protesting Ukraine War**

**March 7, 2022** -- *Voice of America News* reports: "Russia detained more than 5,000 people protesting President Vladimir Putin's attack on Ukraine in dozens of cities Sunday — an unprecedented number as Moscow clamps down on anyone opposing the Kremlin's military assault on the country.

OVD-info, which monitors arrests during protests, said police had detained at least 5,016 people in 60 cities during the anti-war protests.

That is an unprecedented number for a single day and far higher than arrests made during a wave of protests that broke out in the country last year when opposition leader Alexei Navalny was imprisoned.

Navalny has called on Russians to protest the war in an appeal from his prison cell.

Protesters risk possible prison sentences by taking to the streets..." **(A protest movement against the invasion of Ukraine is growing in Russia. Demonstrations were held in 60 cities on March 6 and in 37 on March 13, spurred in part by calls to turn out from imprisoned opposition leader Alexei Navalny. More than 14,900 people have been detained by security forces and police for protesting, according to OVD-Info, a Russian human rights organization.**

To quell dissent, Russia has intensified a crackdown on independent Russian news outlets, cut off access to social media platforms like Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram, and declared spreading "false information" about the war a criminal offense punishable by up to 15 years in jail. See the next report.)

### **Russia publishes an official list of states it deems 'unfriendly' to it**

**March 8, 2022** -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "A list of foreign states that Russia considers as having committed 'unfriendly actions' against 'Russia, Russian companies and citizens' was published on the Russian government's website on Monday.

The countries, international organizations and territories considered 'unfriendly' include: 'Australia, Albania, Andorra,

United Kingdom, including Jersey, Anguilla, British Virgin Islands, Gibraltar, the member states of the European Union, Iceland, Canada, Liechtenstein, Micronesia, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, Republic of Korea, San Marino, North Macedonia, Singapore, USA, Taiwan, Ukraine, Montenegro, Switzerland, Japan.’

Russia lists Taiwan as being part of China.

A complementary item of legislation from Sunday states that Russian citizens and companies must apply for a special permit to deal with ‘unfriendly’ foreign entities...

**Former Ukrainian PM: I do not think any negotiation can stop this tragedy now**

**March 10, 2022 -- Israel National News** reports: “Ukraine’s former Prime Minister, Yulia Tymoshenko, spoke to *i24NEWS* on Wednesday to discuss the ongoing war in her country.

‘Ukraine is in the heart of the fire,’ said Tymoshenko, who served as prime minister from February to September 2005 and from December 2007 to March 2010.

‘It is impossible to describe in words, as of today 52 children have been killed here, who had done no wrong to anyone. The whole country is in a state of emergency,’ she added.

Tymoshenko thanked the countries that support Ukraine, particularly Prime Minister Naftali Bennett for his continued dialogue with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

‘You know that Ukraine and Israel have many historical moments in common,’ she added, noting that former Prime Minister Golda Meir was born in Kyiv.

‘You can now understand Ukraine as no one else can,’ she added, mentioning how Israel is in ‘a constant state of war.’

When asked what can stop Putin, as she has met him several times and has known him many years, Tymoshenko stated, ‘Just power.’

‘I do not think any negotiation can stop this tragedy now. Now it is power against power,’ she continued...”

**(Russia is the head warmonger who draws the enemies of the European Union and Americas into World War III – Ezekiel 38:1-5, 8, and 16; Daniel 11:44; Revelation 16:16.)**

**\$1 million bounty on Putin offered by Russian businessman**

**March 4, 2022 -- The Jerusalem Post** reports: “A \$1,000,000 bounty for the arrest of Russian President Vladimir Putin was offered to military officers by Russian entrepreneur Alex Konanykhin in a post he published on social media this week, as Russia continued its invasion of Ukraine.

‘I promise to pay \$1,000,000 to the officer(s) who, complying with their constitutional duty, arrest(s) Putin as a war criminal under Russian and international laws,’ wrote Konanykhin on LinkedIn. ‘Putin is not the Russian president as he came to power as the result of a special operation of blowing up apartment buildings in Russia, then violated the Constitution by eliminating free elections and murdering his opponents.’

‘As an ethnic Russian and a Russian citizen, I see it as my moral duty to facilitate the denazification of Russia. I will continue my assistance to Ukraine in its heroic efforts to withstand the onslaught of Putin’s Orda,’ added the businessman. Orda is the Russian word for ‘horde,’ a predatory, plundering gang...” **(Vladimir Putin has been in power as either the Prime Minister or President of Russia since 1999, and with the Constitutional amendment, voted in on July 1, 2020, and signed by Putin on April 5, 2021, he is in essence, setting himself up as ruler for life in Russia, much as Xi Jinping is set to be ruler for life in China. Will his Ukrainian invasion put an end to his leadership? Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 predict the union of Russia and China [Revelation 16:12; Daniel 11:44] as leaders in the battle for the greatest war in history called Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Revelation 9:14 – 18 pictures its upcoming disastrous results.)**

**Zelensky warns Putin: No bunker can protect you from God**

**March 3, 2022 -- The Jerusalem Post** reports: “Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky warned Russian President Vladimir Putin that ‘No bunker can protect you from God’ on Thursday after Russian forces targeted the Cathedral of the Assumption [Uspensky Sobor] in its assault on Kharkiv, according to *Ukrayinska Pravda*.

‘It is a holy place. Now, wrecked by the war. Even this does not deter them! They count on the fact that God’s retribution isn’t instant. But He sees. And answers. You cannot hide from His answers. No bunker can protect you from God’s answers,’ said Zelensky.

Zelensky additionally announced that the first of 16,000 foreign volunteers had arrived to fight in Ukraine’s foreign legion.

The Ukrainian president pointed to how Ukraine had experienced two world wars, three Holodomors, the Holocaust, Chernobyl, the Russian takeover of Crimea and the war in eastern Ukraine, saying ‘if someone thinks that, having overcome all of this, Ukrainians — any of us — will be scared, broken or willing to surrender — he knows nothing about Ukraine, and he has nothing to do in Ukraine,’ according to *Ukrayinska Pravda...*” **(O lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassed my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it. Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be**

light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee. For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect;

and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee. Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men. For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain. Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee?

and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies. Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. – Psalm 139:1-24. This Psalm focuses on four attributes of God – His knowledge of all things – His presence everywhere – His power – and His holiness. President Zelensky is correct – there is no hiding from God.)

# THE KINGS OF THE EAST

## China Claims America Is 'Real Threat to the World' Amid Russian Invasion of Ukraine

March 1, 2022 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Despite much being made of China's apparent lack of support for Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the communist state's true colours have been shown by one of its chief diplomats declaring that the world should remember that the 'real threat' is the United States of America.

Questions are currently swirling in the Western press as to the current state of Moscow's relationship with Beijing (Peking).

Observers were surprised over the weekend, for example, that China refused to vote against a resolution condemning Russia's 'aggression' against Ukraine, opting instead to abstain from the vote. Yet the move was merely symbolic, as the vote was doomed regardless due to Russia having a permanent seat of the council and therefore has the ability to veto any such motion.

The Ukraine invasion has put the Chinese Communist Party in a tough position, however, as it would be difficult for Beijing to back Russia's support of the 'separatist' movements in the Donbas region without undermining their regime's longstanding policy of violently cracking down on so-called 'separatist' movements in Xinjiang, Hong Kong, and Tibet..." **(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 three reports.)*

## U.S. expresses 'deep concerns' on Russia-China 'alignment'

March 15, 2022 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "The United States expressed concern Monday about 'alignment' between Russia and China, after high-ranking U.S. and Chinese officials met for seven hours on the Ukraine war and other security issues.

'We do have deep concerns about China's alignment with Russia,' a senior U.S. official told reporters, speaking on condition of anonymity, adding: 'It was a very candid conversation.'

U.S. National Security Advisor Jake

Sullivan and Yang Jiechi, the Chinese Communist Party's chief diplomat, met in a Rome hotel for what a White House readout described as a 'substantial' session.

The White House said the two officials also 'underscored the importance of maintaining open lines of communication between the United States and China.'

Moscow and Beijing have drawn closer in what Washington sees as an increasingly hostile alliance of the authoritarian nuclear powers..."

## Pressure builds on China to drop its Russian ally

March 16, 2022 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "China is under intense diplomatic pressure from the U.S. and its European allies to pull its lifeline from an isolated Russia but, three weeks after the invasion of Ukraine, Beijing has shown few signs of abandoning its friends in the Kremlin.

Washington has driven Russia to the cusp of default since Vladimir Putin's invasion of neighbouring Ukraine, strangling its economy with sanctions and pulling the country from the global payments system.

Isolated, bleeding money and with its currency in freefall, Russia has grasped for the friendship of its giant southwestern ally — China.

And China appears to have reciprocated, despite the risks to its both reputation and its economic interests as the U.S.-led sanctions unwind.

A senior U.S. official on Monday

voiced ‘deep concerns about China’s alignment with Russia’ following talks in Rome between U.S. National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan and Yang Jiechi, the Chinese Communist Party’s chief diplomat...”

### **U.S. Admiral: Beijing Armed South China Sea Islands in ‘Largest Military Buildup Since WWII’**

**March 22, 2022** -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “U.S. Indo-Pacific commander Adm. John C. Aquilino told the *Associated Press* in an interview published on Sunday that China had fully militarized three artificial islands built in the territory of the Philippines as part of ‘the largest military buildup since World War II.’

The three artificial islands were built on Mischief Reef, Subi Reef, and Fiery Cross Reef, territories belonging to the Spratly Islands, an archipelago legally under the territory of the Philippines.

China’s presence on the islands is illegal regardless of the nature of its construction there. China claims nearly the entirety of the South China Sea, including territory belonging to the Philippines, Vietnam, Taiwan, Malaysia, and Brunei, as well as waters off the coast of Indonesia. In 2016, the Philippines won a lawsuit against China at the Permanent Court of Arbitration at the Hague in which the court ruled that China had no legal right to be present in the disputed territories, including the three reefs Aquilino discussed this weekend...”

### **South Korea Fires Warning Shots at North Korean Vessel That Crossed Border**

**March 8, 2022** -- *Voice of America News* reports: “South Korea’s military fired warning shots at a North Korean patrol boat that crossed the de facto inter-Korean sea border off the peninsula’s west coast, South Korea’s military reported Tuesday.

The skirmish occurred as South Korean authorities detained another North Korean vessel that had also crossed the so-called Northern Limit Line (NLL), according to a statement from South Korea’s Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The North Korean patrol boat, which was pursuing the first vessel, retreated after South Korea’s military fired warning shots, the statement added.

South Korea’s military detained the other vessel and brought it to nearby Baekryeong Island. South Korea’s *Yonhap* news agency reported that six of the seven crew members were wearing military uniforms...” (North Korea marches with Russia and China for the war of the latter years and latter days – Ezekiel 38:8, 16. Atomic bombs will produce global incineration – Psalm 97:3; Isaiah 66:15; Joel 2:3, 30; Zephaniah 1:18; Malachi 4:1; Revelation 8:7 and 9:18.)

## **NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST**

### **Top U.S. general: Iran has 3,000 ballistic missiles that can hit Tel Aviv**

**March 16, 2022** -- *Israel National News* reports: “U.S. Central Command’s General Kenneth McKenzie warned on Tuesday that Iran’s ballistic missiles pose a great threat to the Middle East.

Speaking to U.S. lawmakers, McKenzie said that Iran now has about 3,000 ballistic missiles, some of which are capable of hitting Tel Aviv.

‘None of them can reach Europe yet, but over the last five to seven years ... they have invested heavily in their ballistic missile program,’ he said, according to *Voice of America*.

‘Their missiles have significantly greater range and significantly enhanced accuracy,’ added McKenzie, describing the advancement of Iran’s missile program as ‘remarkable.’

He further warned that Tehran has made major progress in developing increasingly capable long-range drones, and with its efforts to develop land-attack cruise missiles, designed to hit

predetermined fixed or mobile ground-based targets.

The warning comes just days after dozens of Iranian ballistic missiles hit the northern Iraqi city of Erbil near the U.S. consulate complex, destroying some residential structures...” (Though Satan has always stood against Israel — I Chronicles 21:1 – Yahweh God will ... send a fire against Magog [Russia] and her Arabic allies – Daniel 11:40; Isaiah 17:1; Ezekiel 38:5-7 and Psalm 83:5-7. In the heat of the battle to destroy Israel – Psalm 83:4 – the enemies of God will be crushed as Jesus, the Son of God sets up His kingdom. Isaiah 59:20 states: ...the Redeemer shall come to Zion [Jerusalem], sent by His Father – Psalm 2:6 – to reign over the world from Jerusalem forever – Luke 1:32 – 33. See the next report.)

### **‘Iran’s missiles are an existential threat to the whole region,’ U.S. official says**

**March 17, 2022** -- *YnetNews.com* reports: “A U.S. general said on Tuesday that Iran possesses advanced missiles,

and poses the biggest threat to the region.

During a Senate hearing, General Kenneth McKenzie explained that the Iranian missiles are still unable to reach Europe, but noted that in the past five to seven years Iran has invested many resources in its rocket program to increase its range and improve its accuracy.

‘We have seen their capabilities in the attack on the American base in Ein al-Asad in Iraq back in January 2020, when the Iranian missiles hit with a great precision,’ he said.

McKenzie claimed that Iran continues to be the biggest threat to the American interests and the security of the Middle East. ‘Iranian ballistics is an existential threat to the security of every country in the region, including our closest partners.’...”

### **Netanyahu: Iran deal endangers not just Israel, but also the U.S.**

**March 14, 2022** -- *Israel National News* reports: “Opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday urged world

powers to end nuclear negotiations with Iran following an Iranian missile attack on the U.S. consulate in the Iraqi city of Erbil.

In a video posted to his social media accounts and directed at U.S. citizens, Netanyahu said, ‘The desperate rush to sign this flawed nuclear agreement with Iran is not only absurd, it’s downright dangerous.’

‘Yesterday, Iran fired missiles in the vicinity of the American consulate in Iraq, and the U.S. continues to charge ahead with the other powers to sign a nuclear agreement that will give the Ayatollahs a nuclear arsenal.’

The agreement, Netanyahu continued, ‘would also relieve sanctions and give them hundreds of billions of dollars in order to continue the terror that they waged yesterday and wage every day throughout the Middle East and the world.’

He warned, ‘This agreement is even worse than its predecessor, because in three years’ time, under this agreement, Iran will be a threshold nuclear state. It will have enough enriched uranium to create dozens and dozens of nuclear bombs, and it will have the ICBMs to deliver them to any place in the United States. That is unbelievable.’

This agreement ‘endangers not only my country Israel, but your country, the United States and the entire world,’ Netanyahu stated...” *(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.)*

### **Netanyahu warns a nuclear Iran ‘can take the entire world hostage’**

**March 23, 2022** -- *YnetNews.com* reports: “Iran ‘can take the entire world hostage’ if it attains nuclear weapons, former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned as the Biden administration appears to be at the tail end of negotiations to revive the defunct nuclear deal with Tehran.

Speaking to *Fox News* host Mark Levin on Sunday evening, Netanyahu explained that ‘once you have a predatory, and especially in a rogue theocratic regime like this, have nuclear weapons, they can use them in two ways: One, they can threaten you directly with atomic bombs. Secondly, they have a nuclear umbrella, which is ... to threaten you with conventional weapons like regular missiles or terrorists or anything else.’

A nuclear Iran ‘changes history. And that’s why I took the unusual step of coming to the Congress, speaking there — something that was not easy to do,’ he said.

Netanyahu addressed the U.S. Congress in 2015 about the threat posed by a nuclear Iran, against the wishes of the Obama administration...” **(Even if Iran does not develop nuclear weapons, there are enough remaining in the world to create havoc. 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. See the next report.)**

### **Report: Israel will try to thwart proposed Iran Nuclear Deal**

**March 21, 2022** -- *Israel National News* reports: “Israel is expected to continue exerting pressure on members of Congress to turn down the Biden administration’s attempts to remove Iran’s Revolutionary Guards (IRGC) from the national list of terrorist organizations, according to a report in *Israel Hayom*.

The report states that Israel will continue to publicly oppose the nuclear deal in hopes of bringing about its failure in Congress.

Unlike the Netanyahu regime, however, Bennett and Lapid are not expected to campaign against the renewed deal directly with members of Congress. Whenever asked for their input, however, Israel’s political and military experts will disclose their opposition, stressing the high price that the Biden administration is willing to pay for a return to the deal.

Last Friday, the Israeli government released a scathing response to reports that the U.S. was preparing to remove Iran’s Revolutionary Guards from the U.S. terror blacklist following an article in *Axios* citing a source familiar with Biden administrations’ plans regarding Iran who claimed that the U.S. was considering dropping the Revolutionary Guards from the list.

In a joint statement Friday morning, Prime Minister Naftali Bennett and Foreign Minister Yair Lapid said they ‘refused to believe’ the U.S. would take such a step...”

### **Defense Minister: ‘World must mobilize to stop Iranian aggression’**

**March 7, 2022** -- *Israel National News* reports: “Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz (Blue and White) on Monday reiterated his call to the international community to put an end to Iranian aggression.

‘Iranian aggression is currently conducted without a ‘nuclear canopy,’” Gantz said. ‘The world must mobilize to stop Iranian aggression.’

In a post on his social media platforms, Gantz detailed a series of Iranian activities that he exposed over the past year and said, ‘Today, we must reiterate the warning that Iranian aggression, whether it emanates from Iranian territory or through Iranian proxies – is a threat to global peace and to regional stability, as well as a threat to the State of Israel.’

‘Over the past year, I have revealed the names of those behind the ‘Mercer Street’ attack – Commander of the IRGC’s Air Force, General Amir Ali Hajzadeh and Head of the IRGC’s UAV Command, Saeed Ara Jani. At a later date, I also revealed the base where Iran trains its proxies in ‘Kashan’. I also exposed the fact that missiles are launched from bases located in the Chabahar and Qeshem regions of Iran...’ *(Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah. Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison: Which perished at Endor: they became as dung for the earth. Make their nobles*

*like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna: Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession. O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind. As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire; So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm. Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O Lord. Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish: That men may know that thou, whose name alone is Jehovah, art the most high over all the earth Psalm 83:1-18. See the next two reports.)*

**Khamenei hints he supports nuclear negotiations**

**March 22, 2022** -- *Israel National News* reports: “Iran’s Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, on Monday signaled support for Tehran’s nuclear negotiations to secure sanctions relief, *The Associated Press* reported.

Khamenei stressed the importance of Iranian economic self-sufficiency during a lengthy televised speech on the occasion of Nowruz, the Persian New Year.

At the same time, he added, ‘I do not say that you should not seek to lift the sanctions. Those who are trying and working in that field, there is no problem.’

Khamenei has remained largely silent on the negotiations to restore Tehran’s nuclear deal with world powers. His vague but supportive comments on Monday signaled that Iranian negotiators retained political space and flexibility, noted *AP*.

Iran has gradually scaled back its compliance with the 2015 deal it signed with world powers, in response to former U.S. President Donald Trump’s withdrawal from the agreement in May of 2018, but has held several rounds of indirect talks with the U.S. on a return to the agreement...”

**PM, Lapid urge U.S. not to delist IRGC as terror group: ‘Don’t abandon closest allies’**

**March 18, 2022** -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “Prime Minister Naftali Bennett and Foreign Minister Yair Lapid urged the United States not to delist Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terror organization in a joint statement on Friday, as Washington moves closer to reviving the nuclear agreement with Tehran.

‘The Revolutionary Guards are a terrorist organization that has murdered thousands of people, including Americans. We have a hard time believing that the United States will remove it from the definition of a terrorist organization,’ Bennett and Lapid said.

The two ministers said that the fight against terror was a global mission: ‘We believe that the United States will not abandon its closest allies in exchange for empty promises from terrorists.’

‘The Iranian Revolutionary Guards are Hezbollah in Lebanon, they are Islamic Jihad in Gaza, they are the Houthis in Yemen, they are the militias in Iraq,’ the statement read. ‘The Revolutionary Guards are behind the attacks on American civilians and soldiers throughout the Middle East, including in the past year. They are the ones behind the plans to assassinate senior American government officials.’...”

# PLAGUES AND PESTILENCES

**‘Harrowing Figures’: Yemen Report Says 161,000 to Face Famine**

**March 15, 2022** -- *Voice of America News* reports: “More than a dozen U.N. agencies and international aid groups said Monday that 161,000 people in war-torn Yemen are likely to experience

famine over the second half of 2022 — a fivefold increase from the current figure.

The stark warning came in a report by the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification, or IPC, ahead of an annual fund-raising conference that the United Nations is hosting on Wednesday. The IPC is a global partnership of 15 U.N.

agencies and humanitarian organizations working in Yemen and funded by the European Union, USAID and UKAID. It tracks and measures food insecurity in conflict-stricken regions.

The report underscores the dire situation in the poorest Arab nation that plunged into civil war in 2014, when Yemen’s

Iran-backed Houthi rebels took control of the capital, Sanaa, and much of the country's north, forcing the government to flee to the south, then to Saudi Arabia. A Saudi-led coalition entered the war in March 2015, backed at the time by the U.S., in an effort to restore the internationally recognized government to power. The war has deteriorated largely into a stalemate and caused one of the world's worst humanitarian crises...” (Jesus predicted ‘pestilences’ would inundate the globe just preceding His return to set up His Kingdom. – *For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places – Matthew 24:7; And great earthquakes*

*shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven – Luke 21:11; And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth – Revelation 6:7, 8. See the next report.)*

**Australia Facing ‘Unprecedented’ Japanese Encephalitis Outbreak**

March 16, 2022 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “The deadly

mosquito-borne virus, Japanese encephalitis, is sweeping across Australia, where the youngest patient is four months old. Eighteen people have been infected, so far. Two men have died. Japanese encephalitis is a disease of the brain. Severe cases are rare and experts have said that fewer than 1% of people who contract the mosquito-borne virus will experience symptoms. But they can be serious and include life-long side-effects including speech and movement disorders. Most people, however, don't know they are infected, while others might suffer a mild flu-like illness. Japanese encephalitis is endemic in much of Asia and parts of the Pacific, but authorities do not know how it arrived in Australia...”

# THE RELIGION OF PEACE?

**Taliban orders girl high schools remain closed**

March 23, 2022 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “The Taliban on Wednesday backtracked on their announcement that high schools would open for girls, saying they would remain closed until a plan was drawn up in accordance with Islamic law for them to reopen.

Teachers and students from three high schools around the capital Kabul said girls had returned in excitement to campuses on Wednesday morning but were ordered to go home. They said many students left in tears.

‘We all got disappointed and we all became totally hopeless when the principal told us, she was also crying,’ said a student, not being named for security reasons.

The last time the Taliban ruled Afghanistan, from 1996 to 2001, they banned female education and most employment...” (Sharia Law is a complete way of life with Islamic nations – social, cultural, military, religious, and political – governed from cradle to grave by Islamic law. It poses a great threat and there is a considerable awareness about its aggressive design on humanity wherever it is law with

Muslim nations. Dangerous days are ahead – II Timothy 3:1.)

**‘Horrific’: 30 worshippers killed in Pakistan suicide attack**

March 4, 2022 -- *news.com.au* reports: “At least 30 worshippers have been killed in a blast at a Shiite mosque in northwest Pakistan, with a further 56 wounded.

On Friday evening AEDT, local reports emerged of the blast that occurred moments before Friday prayers in the Kocha Risaldar area of Peshawar, around 190 kilometres west of Pakistan capital Islamabad.

Peshawar is a two-and-a-half hour drive from Rawalpindi, where Australia's cricket team was playing the first day of a historic Test match against Pakistan.

According to reports, children and the elderly are among the injured...” (Under Sharia Law jihad [holy war] is permitted and even commanded. Children are indoctrinated with the law at mosques and madrassas which include lessons about abhorrent behavior including child abuse, wife abuse, female genital mutilation, polygamy, underage and forced marriages, and honor killing if the unmarried daughter has had sex. Death is also administered to apostates,

infidels and homosexuals. See Daniel 12:1; Matthew 24:21, 22. See the next report.)

**SPA: Saudi Arabia Executes 81 Men for Terrorism, Other Charges**

March 14, 2022 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “Saudi Arabia executed 81 men over the past 24 hours, including seven Yemenis and one Syrian national, on charges including terrorism and holding ‘deviant beliefs,’ state news agency SPA said Saturday.

The number dwarfed the 67 executions reported in the kingdom in all of 2021 and the 27 in 2020.

‘These individuals ... were convicted of various crimes including murdering innocent men, women and children,’ SPA said, citing a statement from the interior ministry.

‘Crimes committed by these individuals also include pledging allegiance to foreign terrorist organizations, such as ISIS [Islamic State], al-Qaida and the Houthis,’ it added.

Some traveled to conflict zones to join ‘terrorist organizations,’ SPA said...”