

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

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

‘Preaching the Gospel May One Day Become Hate Speech,’ Legal Expert Warns

May 6, 2022 – *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: “Noting that certain tenets of the Christian faith are growing more unpopular each year, two prominent attorneys on Thursday called on believers to pray for the Supreme Court and the rest of the judicial system, saying it’s essential that judges follow the Constitution and not the whims of the culture.

David Nammo, CEO of the Christian Legal Society, and Gregory S. Baylor, senior counsel for Alliance Defending Freedom, made the comments on the National Day of Prayer, emphasizing that Justices need prayer just as politicians do. They spoke during a virtual event sponsored by *MyFaithVotes.org*.

‘I think one of the specific ways we can pray for judges is that they don’t get kind of sucked into the deep polarization and tribalism that’s plaguing our culture right now,’ Baylor said. ‘We don’t want judges to become part of that – to think of themselves in one tribe or the other.’

...It’s especially critical to pray for judges as the culture becomes more hostile to the gospel, Nammo said.

‘I think it’s important that [pastors]

understand that preaching the gospel may one day become hate speech in this country,’ Nammo said, noting that in many countries, ‘that’s already the case.’

‘We’re blessed to be in this country,’ he said. ‘... We should proclaim [the gospel] without fear, without worry. God is not worried, and He’s not surprised. And yes, we should do all we can to fight for the rights and the freedoms that are guaranteed to us in the Constitution, and to push back on a government that is by the people’...

(If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name’s sake, because they know not him that sent me. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin. He that hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. But this cometh to pass, that the

word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause. But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning” – John 15:18-27.)

‘Shocking’ New Poll: Only 37 Percent of U.S. Pastors Hold a Biblical Worldview

May 16, 2022 – *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: “A majority of Christian pastors in the United States do not hold a biblical worldview, according to surprising new research from pollster George Barna, who says the data shows a spiritual awakening is ‘needed just as desperately in our pulpits as in the pews.’

The survey, released Thursday by the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University, shows that only 37 percent of pastors in the U.S. hold a biblical worldview.

Among senior/lead pastors, 41 percent possess a biblical worldview – the highest percentage within the sub-groups of pastors. Less than one-third of associate/assistant pastors (28 percent), teaching pastors (13 percent) and children’s/youth pastors (12 percent) hold a biblical worldview, the data found.

An accompanying report labeled the findings ‘shocking.’

‘This is another strong piece of evidence that the culture is influencing the American church more than Christian churches are influencing the culture,’ said Barna, director of research at the university’s Cultural Research Center...” (*Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it. – Amos 8:11-12. There is a famine of the Word of God in America, a famine caused by pastors who as Dr. Van Impe often stated “Preach little sermonettes that create Christianettes. There is no substance to their messages. Hadden Robinson, author of Biblical Preaching: The Development and Delivery of Expository Messages was lecturing his students on preparation for preaching and said “If it’s a mist in the pulpit, it’ll be a fog in the pews.” Paul wrote to Timothy: *I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in**

all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry – II Timothy 4:1-5. Pastors, teach your people! See the next report.)

40 Percent of Generation Z Believes Jesus Sinned: State of the Bible Survey

May 16, 2022 -- *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: “The State of the Bible 2022 released its findings recently, revealing that about 40 percent of Generation Z believe that Jesus was a human and sinned like other humans when he lived on earth.

About 37 percent of Generation X said the same, and 35 percent of both millennials and boomers agreed. The elderly polled in the study had the lowest numbers, with 26 percent believing Jesus sinned, *Kentucky Today* reports.

In its 12th year of the report, the American Bible Study asks Americans about their opinions and practices relating to the Bible...”

North Korea Authorities Murder Christians for Secretly Worshipping Jesus

May 17, 2022 -- *CBN.com* reports: “The scope of persecution against Christians in North Korea has now reached the point where it is illegal to worship Jesus or even own a Bible. And the penalty is usually death.

According to reports, many believers are still gathering in secret to pray and share God’s Word with one another.

Open Doors USA recently reported that government security guards discovered one such location where dozens of

Christians had assembled together. The guards detained all of them. Then one by one, they killed every Christians in the room.

It is suspected that the information about the meeting time and place was leaked to local authorities.

Sadly, the Christians were not the only ones punished for worshipping God. Their innocent family members also suffered harsh penalties as well...” (*Great persecution will soon overtake most Christians in a majority of the world. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. – Matthew 5:10 – 12; ... When he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held. — Revelation 6:9; ...I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. – Revelation 20:4; and Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. – Revelation 2:10.)*

INIQUITY SHALL ABOUND

19 Children, 2 Adults Killed in Texas School Shooting

May 25, 2022 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “A gunman killed at least 19 children and two adults Tuesday in an attack at an elementary school in the southwestern U.S. state of Texas, one of the deadliest mass shootings at a school in the country’s history.

The attack happened in the city of

Uvalde, where authorities said the 18-year-old gunman first shot his grandmother, then crashed a car and entered the school, carrying out the shootings before being killed by law enforcement.

Texas Department of Public Safety Sergeant Erick Estrada told *CNN* that officers saw the gunman, who was wearing body armor, leave the crashed

car carrying a rifle, and that officers “engaged” the suspect, but that he was still able to go into the school...” (*These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he*

that soweth discord among brethren— Proverbs 6:16-19 [emphasis mine]. Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them – Romans 1:29-32.)

'Assisted suicide' program now taking those who are in financial straits

May 16, 2022 -- *WND.com* reports: "Police have begun an investigation into the 'assisted suicide' of a 61-year-old Canadian woman after her daughters charged that she was not capable of providing her consent due to her mental health.

The Christian Institute in the United Kingdom said the woman, Donna Duncan, had sustained a concussion in a car accident in February 2020, and her physical and mental health declined.

'Her doctor had refused her assisted suicide application, saying her 'mental health really needs to be treated,' but it was subsequently granted by other practitioners,' the report explained.

Her daughter, Alicia Duncan, said, 'I don't want this to ever happen to another family ever again. And ultimately I want stronger laws and legislation.'

The case is just one of many that together are raising questions about the protections that should be built into such programs..." (Job 7:1 asks: *Is there not an appointed time to men on the earth?* God's Ten Commandments are eternal. The term in Exodus 20:7 stating *Thou shalt not kill* is murder. Our Lord Jesus translated the commandment

correctly in Matthew 19:18. All who kill and murder others will be eternally separated from God – that includes abortionists and euthanasia's.)

French City To Replace Mother and Father with 'Parent 1' 'Parent 2' On Civil Documents

May 18, 2022 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "In an effort to become more inclusive and welcoming to LGBT people, the French city of Marseille is moving to scrap mother and father from civil documents and replace the terms with 'parent 1' and 'parent 2'.

The city of Marseille is moving to update its civil status forms, such as administrative documents and marriage certificates, to become 'more inclusive, in coherence with the law' according to deputy mayor Jean-Marc Bonnaffous.

So far the forms have been updated in select boroughs in the city but Marseille is hoping to implement the new changes across the entire city as part of the initiative, the newspaper *La Marseillaise* reports.

Along with the changes to the forms, around 300 civil registrars are also being trained in LGBT issues, according to deputy mayor Sophie Roques, indicating the registrars will be trained on sexual lifestyles as well as gender identity issues..." (*Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! – Isaiah 5:20. In 2016 New York City released a list of 31 genders – in 2014 Facebook listed 58 gender options – in 2018, Tumblr had a list of 112 genders. A recent poll of British adults believe that people should not only be able to choose their gender, but their age, race, and even species. Will this madness ever end? II Timothy 3 states: This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents,*

unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as their's also was. But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.)

THE RELIGION OF PEACE?

Executions spiked in Iran in Saudi Arabia in 2021

May 24, 2022 -- *BBC.com* reports: "There was a worrying rise in executions in 2021 as Covid-19 restrictions were eased, Amnesty International says, with spikes seen in Iran and Saudi Arabia.

A report by the human rights group says at least 579 executions were known to have been carried out in 18 countries – a 20% increase on the previous year.

Iran accounted for the biggest portion of this rise. It put to death at least 314 people, compared with 246 in 2020.

Saudi Arabia more than doubled its number of executions to 65.

The global total is the second-lowest figure, after 2020, that Amnesty has recorded since at least 2010.

However, as in previous years it does not include China. Although it is believed to execute thousands of people each year, the data on its use of the death penalty is a state secret.

Amnesty says secrecy also made it impossible to verify reports from North Korea and Vietnam, where an extensive number of executions is thought to have taken place..." **(Killing is rewarded in Islam. Not only do they receive 72 virgins as righteous and martyred godly men, but what 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.)

Islamic State executes 20 Christians as warning to believers

May 23, 2022 -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: "The so-called Islamic State has released a video showing the execution of 20 men said to be Christians.

The video was released to the terrorist group's *Amaq* news channel.

The *BBC* Monitoring service said the executioners were from the Islamic State in West Africa Province (ISWAP) and that the captives came from Borno state in north-eastern Nigeria.

IS called the executions a warning to 'Christians around the world' and said that 'jihadists will be at war with them ... till the end of times'.

The video shows the men divided into three groups and shot dead by four masked militants.

After the second group is executed, one militant says, 'We shall not rest until we take revenge for our brothers against the

Christians all over the world.'..."

'Loyalty to Allah' Prompts a Muslim to Murder a Christian

May 19, 2022 -- *PJMedia.com* reports: "The Muslim murderer of a Coptic man in Egypt said he was moved to the act, not because he personally knew the Christian, but because he was inflamed with zeal, especially after reading the Koran, and because he is 'loyal to Allah.'

In late April—a few days after another Muslim man slaughtered a Coptic Christian priest—three masked men pulled up in their vehicle near the workshop of Rani Ra'fat, a 28-year-old engineer, in the town of al-Daba in Egypt's north-western coastal Marsa Matrouh area (near Libyan borders). Once the Copt appeared, a hail of fire was opened on him; he died on the spot, and 22 bullets were found in his body. His killers then fled the scene.

On May 13, a man claiming to be the murderer made a brief video, in which he beams a great smile and congratulates himself for his deed. He identified himself as Faisal Abdul Nasser and said that he did not know his victim but that he had heard that the Christian man, a 'polytheist,' was 'involved' with a Muslim woman, which is forbidden in Islam..."

SHARIAH LAW

'Inclusive' Taliban: Women Must Cover Faces, Should Leave Home as Little as Possible

May 10, 2022 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "The Taliban terrorist group's 'Ministry of Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice' issued an edict this weekend declaring that women and girls should leave their homes as little as possible and that women should wear 'hijab,' which it defined as including face coverings, at all times.

The decree, issued directly from Supreme Leader Mullah

Haibutullah Akhundzada, also declared that the *burqa* — an all-body covering that covers even a woman's eyes — was the ideal garment for women, though it stopped short of mandating that women cover their eyes. During the Taliban's first term in power in the 1990s, the Sunni jihadists forced all women to wear *burqa* in public.

The decree prompted international outrage from groups such as the United Nations, which had expressed hope when the Taliban returned to power in August that it would not reinstate the

repressive rules it once had. Taliban spokesmen had enthusiastically promoted this optimistic view by repeatedly promising it would create an 'inclusive' government that adhered to international human rights standards..." **(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 Order Afghan Female TV Presenters to Cover Faces

May 20, 2022 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “The ruling Taliban ordered local television channels in Afghanistan Thursday to ensure that female program presenters cover their faces while on screen, increasing curbs on

women’s rights despite a global outcry. Afghan media outlets confirmed that they had received the edict from the Ministry of Vice and Virtue, charged with interpreting and enforcing the Taliban’s version of Islamic Shariah law. The country’s *Tolo News* television said in a statement that ministry officials had called the new order ‘a final verdict and not up for discussion.’ The media outlet wrote on Twitter the ‘new order demanded all female presenters working in all TV channels to cover their faces while presenting programs.’

Ministry spokesperson Akif Sadiq confirmed to *VOA* that it had directed all domestic media outlets in the Afghan capital, Kabul, to bar female staff from broadcasting unless their faces are covered.

Critics slammed the continued Taliban crackdown on women’s rights...”

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Iran’s Guards Commander Says Israel Creating Conditions for Own Destruction

May 3, 2022 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “Israel’s actions are creating conditions for its own destruction, Iran’s Revolutionary Guards commander on Friday told a Jerusalem Day rally at which the country’s new domestically-made Kheibar Buster missile was displayed.

State television said millions of Iranians joined rallies marking Quds Day, the Arabic name for Jerusalem, in state-organized marches across the country.

It showed the Israeli flag being set on fire and groups of people around the country shouting choreographed ‘Death to America, Death to Israel’ slogans.

Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said in a televised speech that anti-Israeli protests and attacks showed that Palestinians rejected compromises by Arab authorities with Israel.

Opposition to Israel is a touchstone of belief for Iran, which backs Palestinian

and Lebanese Islamist militant groups opposed to peace with Israel, which Tehran does not recognize...” (*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. See the next report.)

Hamas in message to Israel: The rocket launchers are ready for action

May 5, 2022 -- *Israel National News* reports: “The *Al-Araby Al-Jadeed* newspaper reported on Wednesday that the Hamas terrorist organization has sent a firm message to Egypt regarding the Temple Mount and demanded that it be passed on to Prime Minister Naftali Bennett and Defense Minister Benny Gantz.

According to the report, the military wing of Hamas has deployed launchers and prepared them for rocket attacks while raising its awareness ahead of receiving new instructions to take action if Jewish visits were made to the Temple Mount on Independence Day.

The Temple Mount directorate has

announced that Jewish visits to the Temple Mount would resume on Thursday morning and afternoon.

Following this, Hamas and other Palestinian Arab organizations threatened to launch rockets at Israel and called on Muslims in Israel and Judea and Samaria to arrive at the Al-Aqsa Mosque and work to prevent Jews from visiting...” **(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.*)**

Israel is an ‘evil state that must be destroyed’ – South Africa’s EFF

May 20, 2022 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Israel is an ‘evil state which must be destroyed as a matter of urgency,’ South Africa’s radical left-wing communist party Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) said in a statement released after the violent clashes during the funeral of Palestinian journalist Shireen Abu Akleh last week. The EFF, the third-largest party in the South African parliament, is a pan-Africanist faction that ‘draws inspiration from the broad Marxist–Leninist tradition,’ according to its constitution. The party and its leader, Julius Malema, have been criticized for encouraging racist sentiments against whites and

Indians and Malema himself was twice convicted of hate speech.

In the statement, the EFF said it condemns the ‘sadistic, cruel and genocidal Israeli apartheid state’ for Israel Police’s actions taken against Palestinian rioters at the funeral of the *Al Jazeera* reporter.

According to the radical left-wing faction, Israel is a ‘sick, fascist and inhumane regime whose actions eclipse those of an apartheid state.’...” **(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. See the next report.)

Iraqi bill: Death penalty for normalization with Israel

May 13, 2022 -- *Israel National News* reports: “The Iraqi parliament is discussing a bill banning the normalization of ties with Israel, with the punishment being the death penalty or life imprisonment, *The Arab News* reports.

According to the report, the Iraqi Council of Representatives on Wednesday held the first reading of the draft law, which aims to stamp out future efforts for Iraq and the Iraqi Kurdistan region to formalize ties with Israel.

According to the bill, which was published by Iraq’s state media in Arabic, all Iraqi officials, including those in the northern Kurdistan region, government institutions, private sector companies and the media are banned from establishing relations with Israel or promoting normalization.

The bill was introduced by the Sadrist bloc, which won the most seats in the country’s October parliamentary elections, after prominent Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr called for his members to introduce the bill in a tweet on April 23.

‘The bill needs to pass several stages in order to become a law, currently it has been addressed to the parliament’s legal committee, where many changes would be made and then the parliament’s other committees would have their say on the bill,’ Aryan Tawagozi, an Iraqi lawmaker from the New Generation faction and member in the parliament’s foreign relations committee, told *The New Arab*...”

TEMPLE MOUNT TROUBLES

Jordan’s Foreign Minister: There is no Israeli sovereignty over the Temple Mount

May 11, 2022 -- *Israel National News*

reports: “Ayman Safadi, Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of Jordan, on Tuesday downplayed Prime Minister Naftali Bennett’s statement

that all decisions regarding the Temple Mount will be made by Israel’s leadership.

‘Israel has no sovereignty over the holy

places in Jerusalem, this is occupied Palestinian land. Israel is an occupying force that is blocking moves taken by the Jordanian Ministry of Endowments in order to maintain security and peace in Al-Aqsa,' Safadi claimed in interviews with Jordanian media.

He accused Israel of preventing Waqf members from fulfilling their task. 'Our message is one: Jerusalem is the capital of Palestine, a sovereign state that must be established within the 1967 borders. This is the only way to achieve lasting peace.'

On Tuesday, Prime Minister Naftali Bennett pushed back on reports that Israel has agreed to a Jordanian request expanding Muslim control over the Temple Mount..." **(Genesis 15:18 states: In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates and in Joshua 1:4 we read: From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. These verses encompass all of the land modern Israel currently possesses, plus all of the land of the Palestinians (the West Bank and Gaza), plus some of Egypt and Syria, plus all of Jordan, plus some of Saudi Arabia and Iraq. Israel**

currently possesses only a fraction of the land God has promised. See the next report.)

Clashes break out as nearly 1,000 Jews visit Temple Mount on Independence Day

May 5, 2022 -- The Jerusalem Post reports: "Clashes broke out between Arab visitors and Israeli security forces at the Temple Mount on Thursday, as 950 Jews visited the site on Independence Day after a nearly two-week closure.

Arab rioters threw stones and other objects at police, lightly injuring two officers, as security forces secured the Jewish visitors. Arab visitors at the site shouted and cursed at the Jewish visitors.

The Jerusalem Post joined the Jewish visits on Thursday morning, as hundreds of Jewish visitors entered the site. Police rushed the groups of visitors through the complex quickly, not allowing them to stop at points where they are usually allowed to stop to give short sermons and sometimes pray silently.

According to the Temple Mount Administration, the number of Jewish visitors was nearly four times larger than the number recorded on the Independence Day before the coronavirus outbreak..."

Satellite images show Syria site 'completely destroyed' in raid attributed to Israel

May 16, 2022 -- The Times of Israel reports: "An Israeli satellite company and intelligence firm published images Sunday it said showed the damage at an underground facility in Syria from airstrikes days earlier that were attributed to Israel.

On Friday night at least five people were killed and seven others were hurt in the alleged Israeli airstrike in the northwestern Masyaf region of Syria, the country's state news agency said. Other media in the country said six were killed, all crew members of a Pantsir air defense system who attempted to take down the purported Israeli missiles.

ImageSat International (ISI) said the airstrikes targeted an apparent underground facility. 'The structures were used as an entrance to underground tunnels. ISI has detected that the structures have been completely destroyed,' the firm said..." **(President al-Assad had better beware – there is a prophecy in Isaiah that has yet to be fulfilled: "The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap" – Isaiah 17:1. Damascus is widely believed to be the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world, but God's Word declares that will end.)**

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

Putin allies eye prolonged conflict in Ukraine

May 25, 2022 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "Top allies of President Vladimir Putin said Tuesday that Moscow was ready for a prolonged conflict in Ukraine in order to achieve the Kremlin's goals in the pro-Western country.

The hostilities, which entered their fourth month Tuesday, have killed thousands of people, displaced more than eight million and forced more than six million refugees to flee across the borders.

'We will continue the special military

operation until all the objectives have been achieved, regardless of the massive Western aid to the Kyiv regime and the sanctions against Russia,' Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu told regional counterparts from the Russia-led Collective Security Treaty Organization. He added that Moscow's efforts to avoid civilian casualties 'are of course slowing down the pace of the offensive, but this is deliberate'.

Separately, the secretary of Russia's Security Council, Nikolai Patrushev, said that Moscow's offensive would last as long as necessary..." **(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 two reports.)

Ukraine conflict: Russian soldiers seen shooting dead unarmed civilians

May 13, 2022 -- *BBC.com* reports: “When Leonid Pliats and his boss were shot in the back by Russian soldiers, the killing was captured on CCTV cameras in clear and terrible detail. The footage, which was obtained by the *BBC*, is now being investigated by Ukrainian prosecutors as a suspected war crime.

It was the height of the fighting around Kyiv and the main roads into the capital

were a battlefield, including around the bicycle shop where Leonid worked as a security guard.

But this was no firefight: the video clearly shows heavily armed Russian soldiers shooting the two unarmed Ukrainians and then looting the business...”

Kremlin: Finland joining NATO ‘definitely’ threat to Russia

May 12, 2022 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “The Kremlin said Thursday that neighbouring Finland joining NATO would ‘definitely’ represent a threat to Russia, after the Finnish leadership backed entering the U.S.-led alliance.

‘The expansion of NATO and the approach of the alliance to our borders

does not make the world and our continent more stable and secure,’ Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

When asked whether Finland’s membership would be a threat, Peskov answered: ‘definitely’.

‘Everything will depend on how this process takes place, how far the military infrastructure will move towards our borders,’ he said.

Earlier on Thursday, Finland’s president and prime minister said they were in favour of joining NATO and a formal decision would be taken this weekend...”

THE KINGS OF THE EAST

North Korea leader warns of ‘preemptive’ use of nuclear force

May 2, 2022 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has repeated his warning that Pyongyang could ‘preemptively’ use its nuclear weaponry to counter hostile forces, state media reported Saturday.

Kim told top military officers that to ‘maintain the absolute superiority’ of North Korea’s armed forces, the country should be able to ‘preemptively and thoroughly contain and frustrate all dangerous attempts and threatening moves... if necessary,’ the official *KCNA* news agency reported.

Pyongyang should continue to build up its arsenal so that it can have the ‘overwhelming military muscle that no force in the world can provoke,’ Kim said, calling it the ‘lifeline guaranteeing the security of our country’.

The leader’s comments followed similar remarks at a military parade on Monday, when he said he could use his atomic arsenal if North Korea’s ‘fundamental interests’ were threatened...” (**Nuclear war is coming – 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. This conflict called Armageddon is described in Revelation 9:14 – 18. See the next report.)

North Korea testing ‘nuclear detonation device’

May 25, 2022 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “North Korea has trialled a ‘nuclear detonation device’, a senior South Korean presidential official said

Wednesday, adding that a nuclear test could be imminent.

U.S. and South Korean officials have warned for weeks that Pyongyang may conduct a seventh nuclear test, and on Wednesday it test-fired three missiles, including possibly its largest intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), the Hwasong-17.

The latest launch comes just days after U.S. President Joe Biden left South Korea Sunday.

Despite struggling with a recent Covid-19 outbreak, the isolated country has resumed construction at a long-dormant nuclear reactor, new satellite imagery has indicated.

‘Operational tests of a nuclear detonation device in preparation for a seventh nuclear test are now being detected,’ said Kim Tae-hyo, first deputy director of the National Security Office...”