

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

## RUSSIA INVADES UKRAINE

### **Putin Announces ‘Special Military Operation for De-Militarization and De-Nazification of Ukraine’**

February 24, 2022 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Russian President Vladimir Putin declared war on Ukraine in a surprise television announcement at roughly 6:00 a.m. Moscow time, 10:00 p.m. Eastern. The Russian dictator described the unprovoked attack as a ‘special military operation for the de-Militarization and de-Nazification of Ukraine.’

‘I’ve made the decision to conduct a special military operation,’ Putin said. ‘Our analysis has concluded that our confrontation with these forces [in Ukraine] was inevitable.’

‘This is the red line that I have spoken of many times. They have crossed it,’ he said, accusing the Ukrainians of ‘genocide’ for attacking the two new ‘independent republics’ he unilaterally conjured into existence on Monday...

‘A couple of words for those who would be tempted to intervene. Russia will respond immediately and you will have consequences that you never have had before in your history,’ he warned.

‘As for the military sphere, modern Russia, even after the collapse of the USSR and the loss of a significant part of its nuclear potential, is today one of

the most powerful nuclear powers. And moreover, it has certain advantages in a number of the latest types of weapons. In this regard, no one should have any doubt that a direct attack on Russia will lead to defeat and dire consequences for a potential aggressor,’ he said, making it clear that he was threatening nuclear retaliation against the U.S. and NATO if they interfere with his attack on Ukraine...” **(Ezekiel 38:5 predicts that Russia, the Orient, and Persia [which changed its name to Iran in 1932] will see millions destroyed through atomic warfare in the Latter Years and Latter Days – Ezekiel 38:8, 16. Prepare to meet thy God Israel – Amos 4:12. This battle is described in Revelation 9:14 – 18: Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men**

*killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.)*

### **Biden Warns American Citizens To Leave Ukraine**

February 11, 2022 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “U.S. President Joe Biden cautioned American citizens about staying in Ukraine on Thursday, urging them to leave the country immediately and warning of a potential major conflict with Russia should a clash erupts between U.S. and Russian troops.

Speaking in a televised interview on the U.S.-based television network *NBC News*, Biden said ‘American citizens should leave, should leave now.’

‘We’re dealing with one of the largest armies in the world. This is a very different situation, and things could go crazy quickly,’ Biden said.

The U.S. president said he would not send troops to Ukraine, even to rescue Americans in case of a Russian invasion.

‘That’s a world war. When Americans and Russians start shooting one another, we’re in a very different world,’ he said...” **(In 2014, during the Obama – Biden administration, Russia invaded and then annexed the Crimean Peninsula from Ukraine. Now in 2022, during the Biden**

– Harris administration, Putin is again making his move.

**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 has 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.)**

### **EU countries urge nationals out of Ukraine**

February 14, 2022 -- *euobserver.com* reports: “Citing a growing risk of a Russian attack, several EU countries and Britain have followed the U.S. in urging their nationals to leave Ukraine.

Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Latvia, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, and Sweden, as well as the UK, joined a growing list of countries over the weekend calling on expats to fly out on commercial services. ‘If you are currently in Ukraine, make sure that your presence is absolutely necessary. If it is not, leave the country shortly,’ the German foreign ministry advised.

Irish citizens were urged to leave ‘immediately.’

The UK and the U.S. have flown back home military trainers who had been embedding with the Ukrainian army...

### **NATO says Russia's military build-up continuing around Ukraine**

February 17, 2022 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg

on Wednesday said Russia's military build-up seemed to be continuing around Ukraine despite Moscow announcing the pullback of more forces.

‘We have heard the signs from Moscow about readiness to continue diplomatic efforts, but so far, we have not seen any de-escalation on the ground,’ Stoltenberg said ahead of a meeting of NATO defence ministers.

‘On the contrary, it appears that Russia continues their military build-up,’ he said.

Stoltenberg said ‘it remains to be seen whether there is a Russian withdrawal...’ (Vladimir Putin has been in power as either the Prime Minister or President of Russia since 1999. On August 16, 1999, in front of Duma, or parliament, he declared: ‘Russia has been a great power for centuries, and remains so.’ ‘It has always had and still has legitimate zones of interest abroad in both the former Soviet lands and elsewhere.’ In 2019, *Asia Times Online* reported of the lavish welcome Putin received in Serbia. They stated: “Serbia – despite its new pro-Western leadership and EU ambitions – has deep historical ties with the Slavic ‘big brother’ that has supported Belgrade over the centuries, most recently during the 1999 NATO bombing campaign. It is the only European nation that is truly close to Russia, with common Orthodox and Slavic roots, a daily Moscow-Belgrade train and a bilateral visa-free entry agreement. Putin pledged to invest U.S. \$1.4 billion in gas pipeline infrastructure for Serbia, which already buys all its natural gas from Russia. But ties extend far beyond cultural and ethnic similarities, to Moscow's wider geopolitical strategies. The Belgrade love fest is just another brick in the giant international structure Russian officials label *Russkiy Mir*, or Russian World. Moscow media cover ‘*Russkiy Mir*’ and conferences of ‘Russian compatriots’ on a daily basis. Though the USSR has dissolved, step by step, Putin's Kremlin is bringing the vast lands of its former empire back into the fold.” See the next two reports.)

### **As world looks to Ukraine, did Russia just take Belarus?**

February 3, 2022 -- *euobserver.com* reports: “Russia has de facto ‘occupied’ its neighbour Belarus, MEPs have warned, even as the world's attention focuses on Ukraine.

‘The recent deployment of Russian troops in Belarus poses a threat to Ukraine, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, and the whole of Europe. It may also be a part of the ultimate plan to subjugate and occupy Belarus,’ the MEPs said in an open letter to the heads of other EU institutions on Tuesday (1 February).

‘The continued presence of Russian military forces at the request of the illegitimate [Belarus president Alexander] Lukashenko regime should be treated as an occupation of Belarus. This must be made absolutely clear during the ongoing U.S. and EU talks with Russia,’ they added.

‘Any diplomatic decision to deter possible Russian aggression against Ukraine must envisage an independent and democratic future for Belarus, not at its expense,’ they said...”

### **Ukraine Attack Leaves Baltics Wondering: Are We Next?**

February 24, 2022 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “Viewed from Paris, London and Washington, the events unfolding in Ukraine may seem like a new Cold War taking shape in Europe.

From the Baltic countries, it looks much worse.

To Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians — particularly those old enough to have lived under Soviet control — Russia's belligerence toward Ukraine has some worried that they could be the next target. The tensions have brought back memories of mass deportations and oppression.

‘My grandparents were sent away to Siberia. My father was persecuted by the KGB. Now I live in a free democratic country, but it seems that nothing can be taken for granted,’ said Jaunius Kazlauskas, a 50-year-old teacher in Vilnius, Lithuania's capital.

Russia's attack on Ukraine sent

shockwaves through the Baltic countries on Thursday. Lithuania's president declared a state of emergency and Latvia suspended the broadcast licenses of several Russian TV stations accused of spreading disinformation and propaganda.

All three Baltic countries were seized and annexed by Stalin during World War II before gaining independence again with the breakup of the Soviet Union in 1991. They joined NATO in 2004, putting themselves under the military protection of the U.S. and its Western allies. Ukraine is not part of NATO..."

**Russian forces around Ukraine now 'north of 100,000': Pentagon**

February 10, 2022 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Russia continues to build up its forces along the border with Ukraine and has now deployed 'north of 100,000' troops, the Pentagon said Wednesday.

'We have continued to see even over the last 24 hours additional capabilities flow from elsewhere in Russia to that border with Ukraine and Belarus,' Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said.

'We're not going to get into providing specific numbers but the numbers continue to grow,' he said.

Referring to Russian leader Vladimir Putin, Kirby said 'we maintain that he's north of 100,000 for sure.'

'And he continues to add to that capability,' he said. 'We also see indications that additional battalion tactical groups are on their way...' (According to a February 20, 2022

**Sky News report, Russia outmatches Ukraine in regular military manpower by almost 5 to 1. It has 900,000 active military personnel across its forces, compared with Ukraine's 196,600. The imbalance is greatest at sea, with Russia having 10 times the number of navy personnel. The Russian navy operates 74 warships and 51 submarines, compared with Ukraine's two warships. They have more than three times the amount of artillery, six times the number of tanks, and almost seven times more armoured vehicles than the Ukrainians. In the air, it is a similar story: Russia has 10 times the number of attack aircraft and helicopters. See the next two reports.)**

**U.S. warns Russian invasion could see Kyiv fall in days, leave 50,000 civilians dead**

February 7, 2022 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: "Russia has assembled at least 70 percent of the military firepower it likely intends to have in place by mid-month to give President Vladimir Putin the option of launching a full-scale invasion of Ukraine, U.S. officials say.

The officials, who discussed internal assessments of the Russian buildup on condition they not be identified, sketched out a series of indicators suggesting Putin intends an invasion in coming weeks, although the size and scale are unclear. They stressed that a diplomatic solution appears to remain possible...

U.S. officials have said in recent weeks that a Russian invasion could overwhelm

Ukraine's military relatively quickly, although Moscow might find it difficult to sustain an occupation and cope with a potential insurgency...

If Russia does opt for a full-scale attack, the invading force could take the capital Kyiv and topple President Volodymyr Zelensky in a matter of 48 hours, U.S. officials said.

Such an attack would leave 25,000 to 50,000 civilians dead, along with 5,000 to 25,000 Ukrainian soldiers and 3,000 to 10,000 Russian ones. It could also trigger a refugee flood of one to five million people, mainly into Poland, the officials said..."

**Its navy lost, Ukraine girds for Russian warship drills**

February 14, 2022 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Ukrainian captain Oleksandr Surkov looks askance at his patrol boat's machine guns and laments how futile they would be fending off an attack from Russian warships now steaming across the Black Sea.

'Our weapons are mostly designed to protect our state borders, not to wage war,' the 32-year-old says as his boat bobs through grey mist enveloping the coast of Ukraine's industrial port of Mariupol.

'But if they attack, we will defend ourselves with every weapon we have.'

Surkov's worries reflect that of Ukraine as a whole as it girds for a feared invasion from more than 100,000 Russian troops who have encircled the ex-Soviet state from nearly every side..."

# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

**Chinese Government Is Rewriting the Bible with Communist Principles, Watchdog Group Warns**

February 21, 2022 -- *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: "A spokesperson for the Christian persecution watchdog group The Voice of the Martyrs (VOM) warned that the Chinese government is currently attempting to rewrite the Word of God in accordance with communist values.

'This is a project that the Chinese Communist Party announced in 2019. At the time, they said it would be about a 10-year process ... to release a new translation of the Bible,' VOM spokesman Todd Nettleton told *Faithwire* in a recent interview.

He noted that the reimagined Scriptures would include a variety of principles, including Confucianism and Buddhism. 'This new translation ... would really support the Communist Party,'

Nettleton added. In a recent post on Facebook, VOM pointed out that the CPP's revisions of the Bible will include "'core socialist values' and the removal of passages that 'do not reflect communist beliefs.'

One example of the changes was revealed in a high school textbook released in September 2020. In the textbook, the CCP changed several verses in John 8, VOM said in a social media post. As the biblical story goes,

Jesus forgives an adulterous woman despite the Pharisees' calls to stone her to death under Mosaic law.

The CCP's translation, however, alters the story where Christ ends up stoning the woman, as He admitted, "I am also a sinner."... (In the chapter mentioned, Jesus stated: *Which of you convinceth [convicts] me of sin?* – John 8:47. Apparently, the CCP believes they can. The Bible clearly states that Jesus never sinned: *For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin* – Hebrews 4:15; *But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?* – Hebrews 9:11-14; *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: - I Peter 1:18,19; And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin – I John 3:5; All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth:*

*he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities – Isaiah 53:6-11; And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him – I Corinthians 5:18-21.)*

**Now cemetery crosses are condemned for upsetting those of 'other religions'**

January 31, 2022 -- *WND.com* reports: "A fight has erupted in Switzerland after complaints surfaced from those of 'other religious' that they were offended by Christian cross and other symbols of faith at a historic cemetery.

The issue was ridiculed by Robert Spencer of *JihadWatch*, who pointed out, 'People of 'other religions' have been in Switzerland since time immemorial, with no problem. There has, however, recently been an influx of people who believe that the cross is an insult to the power of Allah (cf. Quran 4:171). Many of these people are intransigent to the point of violence. Are Swiss authorities trying to appease them?'

He explained the report of the conflict arrived via the *Die Weltwoche* publication..." (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.)

# A NUCLEAR IRAN?

**Analysis: Why is no one talking about Iran digging a new unbombable nuke facility?**

February 17, 2022 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Iran is developing a new

nuclear threat that could be a game-changer – and which will continue to proceed regardless of whether there is a nuclear deal or not.

It is a problem that almost no one is

talking about, in an area called Natanz where the Mossad allegedly blew up two different nuclear facilities in July 2020 and April 2021 respectively.

The new enormous nuclear threat is a

new underground facility Iran is digging and building in the Natanz area which goes so deep under a mountain so large that it will leave the Fordow facility in the dust in terms of how difficult it would be for the IDF to strike it.

In a report, Institute for Science and International Security president David Albright wrote, ‘Fordow is already viewed as so deeply buried that it would be difficult to destroy via aerial attack. The new Natanz site may be even harder to destroy.’

Why no one is talking about it – other than Albright – is probably a mix of it being an issue that may not fully mature until 2023 and that there are few good options for addressing...” **(Iran’s goal is found in Psalm 83:4: Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. As Dr. Van Impe has emphatically stated before – it won’t happen. God has promised: ...I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off – Isaiah 56:5.)**

### **‘We’ll do whatever necessary to prevent Iran from getting nukes’**

**February 21, 2022 -- Israel National News** reports: “Israeli Foreign Minister Yair Lapid vowed Monday that Israel will do whatever it believes necessary to prevent Iran from approaching nuclear weapons capabilities, saying that the Jewish state will not consider itself bound by any new nuclear deal reached in talks at Vienna.

Speaking at the 40th Jerusalem conference of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Lapid slammed former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s approach towards the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, arguing that he had been too confrontational with the Obama administration, isolating Democrats.

‘Restoring...the bipartisan stature of Israel in Washington. We are working very good with this administration on many issues: the Abraham Accords, the economy, Syria, a lot of security issues.’ ‘On the JCPOA, we disagree, but we disagree in a manner that helps us

work with them on the results of the disagreement, and on other issues.’

‘The return to the JCPOA is a return to a weaker agreement, just because of the time,’ Lapid continued, referencing the ‘sunset’ clause of the 2015 nuclear deal, by which certain restrictions on Iran’s nuclear program are set to expire 10 years after the deal’s signing...” **(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 report.)**

### **Lapid: Israel not bound by nuclear deal with Iran**

**February 21, 2022 -- Israel National News** reports: “Foreign Minister Yair Lapid addressed the reports that the Western powers are close to a new nuclear deal with Iran at the start of the weekly Yesh Atid faction meeting Monday.

‘A bad nuclear agreement is going to be signed in Vienna. It’s the same deal that was signed in 2015 which restricted Iranian uranium enrichment for ten years. But they didn’t do one straightforward thing: they didn’t update the timeline’, Lapid said. ‘They left the same expiration date in 2025 on a large portion of the restrictions on Iran. In two and a half years, many of the restrictions on Iran will disappear. Iran will be able to put advanced centrifuges back into action, and enrich uranium for a bomb. ‘And if that’s not enough, Iran is asking the world powers for a bonus: to cancel the designation of the Revolutionary Guard as a terrorist organization. Iran wants the umbrella organization of Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad, and the Houthis not to be designated as a terrorist organization... ‘Israel will continue to conduct a serious and honest dialogue with the American government, as friends do, in order to make sure an agreement isn’t the end of the matter. Even if it is signed, we’ll continue our fight against the Iranian nuclear program and against Iranian terror. ‘Let me be clear: we aren’t subject to this agreement. Israel will defend itself, by itself. We have a strong Army, we have the Mossad, we have a determined government, and we won’t hesitate to act in order to prevent Iran from achieving its goal,’ Lapid concluded...”

### **Khamenei rejects ‘absurd’ claims Iran wants an atomic bomb**

**February 17, 2022 -- The Times of Israel** reports: “Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei dismisses as ‘absurd’ claims his country wants to acquire atomic weapons, in remarks amid signs of a breakthrough in

nuclear talks.

The Islamic Republic is locked in negotiations with world powers to revive a 2015 deal that offered it sanctions relief in return for curbs on its nuclear program.

In comments on state television, Khamenei says Iran ‘has to think about tomorrow’ and that ‘sooner or later we will urgently need peaceful nuclear energy.’

‘You can notice how the enemy alliance is pressing cruelly our nuclear issue,’ the supreme leader says. ‘They have imposed sanctions on our nuclear energy, when they know very well that it is peaceful.’

‘They claim Iran will produce the bomb in some time, absurd words that make no sense and they know it very well themselves,’ says Khamenei...” (The goal of Islam is a worldwide caliphate

under Sharia Law. In 1979 the Grand Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini stated: “The governments of the world should know that...Islam will be victorious in all the countries of the world, and Islam and the teaching of the Quran will prevail over all the world.” He then stated in 1981: “I say let Iran go up in smoke, provided Islam emerges triumphant in the rest of the world.” That certainly sounds like a desire for an atomic bomb.)

# PLAGUES AND PESTILENCES

## First bird flu infection in U.S. commercial flock detected in Indiana

**February 10, 2022** -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “The first confirmed case of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in a U.S. commercial flock since 2020 was detected in a turkey flock in Indiana on Wednesday, according to the United States Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

The flock was tested after about 100 birds died. The farm is under quarantine and birds on the property were euthanized.

The flock was infected with the H5N1 subtype, the same strain detected in mid-January in wild birds in North Carolina when the first cases of HPAI this season were detected in the States.

The first case of H5N1 in North America this season was detected in Newfoundland and Labrador in late December. Since then, the virus has spread to other locations in Canada and the U.S...” (Pestilences are predicted as final day signs just preceding Christ’s return to earth to set up His eternal kingdom. Matthew 24:7: ...there shall be famines, and pestilences... and Revelation 6:7, 8:

...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. [Emphasis mine] See the next two reports.)

## Bird flu detected in more commercial flocks in U.S.

**February 16, 2022** -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Cases of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) were detected in domestic flocks in Virginia and Kentucky in the past week, as the bird flu continues to spread in North America and around the world, according to the United States Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

A backyard mixed-species flock in Fauquier County, Virginia confirmed an outbreak of the virus, while one flock in Kentucky was confirmed as having an outbreak and another flock was pending confirmation.

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture reported that a ‘non-negative’ bird flu

test result was obtained from a turkey flock in Webster County and that confirmation was pending. The affected premises have been quarantined and a 10-kilometer surveillance zone has been set up around them. Kentucky officials are working with their Tennessee counterparts, as the affected flock is located near the border between the two states...”

## Two more human cases of H5N6 bird flu detected in China

**January 31, 2022** -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Two more human cases of avian influenza A(H5N6) have been detected in China, the Center for Health Protection (CHP) of the Hong Kong Department of Health announced on Thursday.

The first case is a 68-year-old man living in Langzhong who is in critical condition. The report did not state how he was infected with the virus.

The second case is a 55-year-old woman living in Hangzhou who had been exposed to slaughtered poultry. She is also in critical condition.

A spike in the number of human infections caused by the H5N6 subvariant of the bird flu has been recorded in the past year in China...”

# NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

## Analysis: How war in Ukraine increases Iran’s threat to Israel

**February 24, 2022** -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Reports on Thursday

morning showed Russian attacks across Ukraine, including against key airports and military sites. Air raid sirens were heard in western Ukraine and in Lviv

where some countries – including Israel – have relocated their embassies. The message that Russia’s unprovoked attack has for the world is clear: Other

countries can do the same.

In the Middle East, Iran understands that the Russian operation gives it a blank check to continue attacking countries throughout the region. This has repercussions potentially for Israel. Israel has always behaved as if it will have to face Iran alone, but the conflict in Ukraine is yet another message for the Middle East.

While Israel-Iran tensions have gone on for decades, the question is whether the Russian war in Ukraine will open a Pandora's Box of similar invasions and wars.

There is a chance that the war in Ukraine and the U.S. focus on Ukraine could lead Iran to believe it can exploit this chaotic time to encourage its proxies to attack Israel. Hezbollah has been threatening Israel and increasingly stockpiling missiles and drones. Iran could benefit from the Ukraine crisis through either getting a reduction in nuclear sanctions or empowering its proxies..." *(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.)*

### **Iran unveils new missile named for Jewish oasis overrun by Muslims**

February 9, 2022 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Iran unveiled a new domestically-made missile with a range of 1,450 kilometers on Wednesday, state TV reported, a day after Tehran and Washington resumed indirect talks to salvage a 2015 nuclear deal.

Iran, which has one of the biggest missile programs in the Middle East, says its ballistic missiles have a range of up to 2,000 km (1,200 miles) and are capable of reaching its arch-foe Israel and U.S. bases in the region.

*State TV* displayed the new surface-to-surface 'Khaybar Shekan' (Khaybar buster) missile, which refers to an ancient Jewish oasis called Khaybar in the Arabian Peninsula's Hijaz region that was overrun by Muslim warriors in the 7th century.

'This long-range missile is domestically manufactured by the Revolutionary Guards (IRGC)... It has high accuracy and is propelled by solid fuel and is capable of penetrating missile shields,' Iranian state media reported.

Tehran regards its missile program as an important deterrent against the United States, Israel and other adversaries. It has rejected Western demands to halt its ballistic missile work..." **(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.)**

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

### **U.S. lightning bolt leaps into record books at 768 km long**

February 1, 2022 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "A single lightning bolt that leaped across three U.S. states has been identified as the longest ever, the UN weather agency said on Tuesday.

Dubbed a megaflash, the rare low-rate horizontal discharge covered 768 kilometers (477 miles) between clouds in Texas and Mississippi in April 2020. It was detected by scientists using satellite technology and its distance – beating the previous record by 60km – confirmed by a World Meteorological Organization committee.

'That trip by air(plane) would take a couple of hours and in this case, the distance was covered in a matter of seconds,' WMO spokesperson Clare Nullis said..." *(Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together. Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven,*

*and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other – Matthew 24:26-31.)*

### **Israel gets new earthquake warning system, sends alert within seconds of 1st tremor**

February 8, 2022 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: "Earthquake experts at the Geological Survey of Israel on Monday

unveiled cutting-edge technology capable of sensing the first sign of an earthquake and having the Home Front Command send out an alert within ten seconds.

Called TRUAA, and based on a system developed at Berkley University in California, which went live in 2019, the new NIS 45 million (\$14 million) national earthquake early warning system puts Israel on a par with a small number of other nations such as the U.S., Taiwan, and Japan.

Israel is located on the seismically active Syrian-African Rift Valley and being so small, most of its residents are exposed to the risk of earthquake damage.

Historically, the country has experienced severe earthquakes once a century, on average. The last one occurred in 1927...” (Israel will soon become the epicenter for the greatest earthquake in history. *And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in my face. For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the*

*earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground – Ezekiel 38:18-20*

*And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great – Revelation 16:16-18.)*

# INIQUITY SHALL ABOUND

## **Michigan mom says SpongeBob SquarePants told her to kill 3-year-old daughter**

February 8, 2022 -- *Foxnews.com* reports: “The mother of a 3-year-old Michigan girl found stabbed inside a garbage bag says SpongeBob told her to kill her in a hallucination. The information was revealed by a Child Protective Services investigator at a preliminary investigation hearing on Feb. 4. Justine Johnson, 22, is charged with first degree child abuse and felony murder related to the Sept. 16 death of Sutton Mosser.

‘She told me that she didn’t remember the specifics of what happened at the time of what happened to Sutton, that she was experiencing hallucinations due to heroin withdrawal and not sleeping for approximately two weeks. She was getting hallucinations from the TV that had instructed her to take her daughter’s life, or they would kill her. It was SpongeBob who was saying these things on the TV. If she didn’t do what she did to her daughter, they would kill her. She said she was afraid for her life and she had lost her mind,’ CPS investigator Ryan Eberline said in court. He conducted a jailhouse interview with Johnson on Oct. 1, 2021, according to *WNEM...*” (The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? – Jeremiah 17:9. Desperately wicked

– or gravely ill certainly describes the natural condition of mankind. *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; – II Timothy 3:1-4; And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; 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: – Romans 1:28-31. The phrase without natural affection is the translation of one Greek word *astergeo* – one of four Greek words for love. It refers to the natural love that family members have for each other. It is such a common characteristic of people that it is not referenced unless it is lacking – when people lose their instinctive love for their own parents and children as in this article and the one that follows.*

The Bible tells us that this will continue to increase in these latter days until the Lord returns. Revelation 22:20 says: *He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly to which all believers say: Amen, Even so, come, Lord Jesus. See the next report.)*

## **Appalling video shows Iranian man carrying wife’s head after ‘honor killing’**

February 9, 2022 -- *The New York Post* reports: “A shocking video captured an Iranian man grinning as he walked through the streets clutching the severed head of his 17-year-old wife — whom he decapitated in an ‘honor killing,’ according to a report.

The gruesome footage shows Sajjad Heydari strolling through a neighborhood in Ahvaz, a city in the southwestern province of Khuzestan, on Saturday with Mona Heydari’s head in one hand and a blade in the other, *East2West News* reported.

Mona, who also was Sajjad’s cousin, had been forced to marry him when she was just 12 years old, according to the Women’s Committee of the National Council of Resistance of Iran.

She reportedly suffered domestic abuse but was pressured to stay put for the sake of their 3-year-old son, even though she had expressed her wish to divorce the brute...”