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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*

## CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

### **Survey: More Than 1/3 of Senior Pastors Believe Being a ‘Good Person’ Can Earn You Salvation**

Sep. 7, 2022 – *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: “According to a new survey by the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University, at least one-third of senior pastors across the United States believe that people can go to Heaven based on good works.

According to *The Christian Post*, the nationwide study found that at least one-third of senior pastors say that being a ‘good person’ can get you into Heaven.

Additionally, one-third or more of senior pastors surveyed believe that the Holy Spirit is ‘a symbol of God’s power’ rather than a ‘living entity,’ moral truth is subjective, and ‘sexual relations between two unmarried people who believe they love each other is morally acceptable.’

They also believe that socialism is preferable to capitalism, the Bible is ‘ambiguous’ when it comes to abortion and reincarnation is ‘a real possibility.’...” (Saved by our works? Let’s see what the Bible has to say: *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast – Ephesians 2:8,9 [emphasis mine]. For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the*

*eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him. Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved. But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand – Isaiah 64:4-8 [emphasis mine]. Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which*

*is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus – Philippians 3:4-14. For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin – Romans 4:2-8. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me*

*his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began – II Timothy 1:8,9 [emphasis mine]. If God has called us before the world began, how can our works have anything to do with it?)*

### **Christian Photographer Beats City in Court: Won't Be Forced to Work Same-Sex Weddings**

Sep. 1, 2022 -- *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: "The city of Louisville, Ky., cannot force a photographer to work at a same-sex wedding under a federal court ruling Tuesday that sided with a Christian businesswoman in her lawsuit opposing the application of a new ordinance.

Chelsey Nelson sued Louisville in 2019 and claimed its Fairness Ordinance – which bans discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity – would require her to photograph same-sex weddings, violating her First Amendment rights.

On Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Benjamin Beaton sided with Nelson, who owns a studio, Chelsey Nelson Photography.

'Although Louisville may require restaurants and hotels and stores to provide services regardless of the proprietors' views or their customers' legal status, the government may not force singers or writers or photographers to articulate messages they don't support,' Beaton wrote. 'Because speech is categorically different under the federal Constitution, local laws must treat it differently, too. ... However worthy and widely supported the government's commitment to equal access and respectful speech, these are concerns the First Amendment resolves in favor of the dissenting speaker.'

Beaton's decision does not overturn the Fairness Ordinance but prevents the city from enforcing it against Nelson's business. The decision also allows Nelson to state on her website that her faith prohibits her from working at same-sex weddings. The text of the Fairness Ordinance bans such statements..." **(In Acts 5, the high priest and the Sadducees**

arrested Peter and the Apostles and put them in prison. The Angel of the Lord opened the prison door to release them and told them to *Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life* [Acts 5:20]. The captain and his officers brought them back before the council who stated: ... *Did we not straitly command you that ye should not teach in his name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than man* [Acts 5:28, 29]. After a long discussion, we read in verses 40 – 42: *when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ. Throughout the ages there have been those who have followed this example, obeying God rather than man, and many have paid the price for it. In Hebrews 11 we have the "Hall of Fame of Faith" and it lists many that were delivered by their faith, but is also says: ...others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. Hebrews 11:35 – 38. God's promise to His people – Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. – Revelation 2:10.)*

### **Franklin Graham Preaches the Gospel to over 17,000 in First-Ever Evangelistic Event in Mongolia**

Sep. 15, 2022 -- *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: "Hundreds of people surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ

after evangelist Franklin Graham preached the Gospel to them during a special evangelistic event in Mongolia last weekend.

'Are you broken in your spirit? Are you spiritually empty? Have you wasted your life? Will you come to Him?' Graham, the president of Samaritan's Purse and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, told the crowd. 'You need Jesus Christ— He is the only way to God.

According to *CBN News*, the free two-night event, 'Festival of Joy,' was held in the capital city of Ulaanbaatar, where more than 17,300 people attended. The event also highlighted Mongolian culture through music and the arts.

The idea for the evangelistic event goes back about 20 years when Mongolian leaders began praying that BGEA would hold an outreach in their country.

Over 250 Mongolian local churches worked together to bring about the 'Festival of Joy,' which was the first time that the local church in Mongolia had held an event of this magnitude..."

*(But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth – Acts 1:8. That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! – Romans 10:9-14. God bless Franklin Graham for proclaiming the Gospel.)*

# NEVER AGAIN?

## **Did the Holocaust happen? Iran's Raisi says research needed**

September 19, 2022 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi could not confirm that he thinks the Holocaust happened in a 60 Minutes interview on Monday. The interview itself was conducted last Tuesday with journalist Leslie Stahl.

When asked if he believes it happened, that six million Jews were killed, he responded, per translation: 'Historical events should be investigated by researchers and historians. There are some signs that it happened. If so, they should allow it to be investigated and researched.'

Prime Minister Yair Lapid tweeted examples of 'some signs' in response to the comments, with pictures of Jews in concentration and death camps. Lapid's late father was a Holocaust survivor..." (When Hitler came to power in Germany, the fate of the Jews in Europe was sealed. Like many before and after him, Hitler blamed the Jews for all the ills of society. He saw the Treaty of Versailles that ended the First World War as a Jewish document. Weaknesses in the German economy were attributed to the Jews. He faulted the Jews for the birth and presence of communism in the world. He accused the Jews of being revolutionary and instigating internationalism, a supposed plot of the Jews to destroy Germany and seize control of the world. They became his favorite scapegoat, and their suffering at his hands rivals the most gruesome of human crimes.

**(Hitler's persecution of the Jews began in 1933; shortly after he took office. On April 7 of that year he stripped all Jews of offices in the German civil service. Government officials, doctors, lawyers, and workers in educational and cultural fields were all required to sign the following statement:**

**I declare officially herewith I do not know of any circumstance — despite careful scrutiny — that may justify the presumption that I am not of Aryan descent; in particular, none of**

**my paternal or maternal parents or grandparents was at any time of the Jewish faith. I am fully aware of the fact that I expose myself to prosecution and dismissal if this declaration proves untrue.**

**Within three months, thirty thousand heads of Jewish families had been deprived of income.**

**The future sufferings of the Jews were also announced in two lines of a song called "The Horst Wessel Song," which became the theme of every major parade in Germany. Translated, two lines of the song were: "When Jewish blood flows from the knife, Things will go much better."**

**Under Hitler's direction there was a steady rise in outrageous demands and unlawful acts against all Jews. By 1938 every synagogue in the nation had been burned, the windows of every Jewish establishment had been shattered, and twenty-five thousand innocent Jews were in concentration camps.**

**In the infamous Buchenwald camp Jews were shipped and tortured during the day, while throughout the night a voice shouted over the loudspeakers, "Any Jew who wishes to hang himself is asked first to put a piece of paper in his mouth with his number on it so that we may know who he is."**

**At the end of World War II, General Eisenhower made a decision to personally visit as many Nazi concentration camps as he could. His reason? He wanted to document the camps and their appalling conditions.**

**In his book *Crusade in Europe* he stated: "The same day [April 12, 1945] I saw my first horror camp. It was near the town of Gotha. I have never felt able to describe my emotional reactions when I first came face to face with indisputable evidence of Nazi brutality and ruthless disregard of every shred of decency. Up to that time I had known about it only generally or through secondary sources. I am certain, however that I have never at any other time experienced an equal sense of shock.**

**"I visited every nook and cranny of the camp because I felt it my duty to be in a position from then on to testify at first**

**hand about these things in case there ever grew up at home the belief or assumption that 'the stories of Nazi brutality were just propaganda.' Some members of the visiting party were unable to through the ordeal. I not only did so but as soon as I returned to Patton's headquarters that evening I sent communications to both Washington and London, urging the two governments to send instantly to Germany a random group of newspaper editors and representative groups from the national legislatures. I felt that the evidence should be immediately placed before the American and British publics in a fashion that would leave no room for cynical doubt."**

**Anticipating a time when Nazi atrocities might be denied, General Eisenhower also ordered the filming and photographing of camps as they were liberated. Members of the U.S. Army Signal Corps recorded approximately 80,000 feet of moving film, together with still photographs.**

**Within months after the war in Europe, about 6,000 feet of that film footage was excerpted to create a one-hour documentary called "Nazi Concentration Camp". Prosecutors used the film, which is graphically gruesome, to prove that Nazi leaders, on trial at Nuremberg, had perpetrated unbelievably heinous crimes against humanity.**

**Thomas Dodd, one of the U.S. prosecutors, introduced the film into evidence on the 29th of November, 1945. When the lights came up, after the trial film was screened, people had a new understanding of what the words "concentration camp" really meant.**

**Eisenhower wanted to be in as many pictures as possible to prove the death camps really existed. He was sometimes accompanied by Generals Bradley and Patton [such as their visit to the Ohrdruf concentration camp on April 12, 1945].)**

# NUCLEAR ARMAGEDDON

## **'This is not a bluff': Putin threatens to use nuclear weapons in a dark new speech**

September 21, 2022 -- *News.com.au* reports: "Vladimir Putin has declared a mobilisation of his nation's military in a dark new speech in which he also warned he was 'not bluffing' when it came to using Russia's nuclear weapons arsenal.

The Russian President warned that his nation would use 'all means available to us' to achieve its goals in Ukraine, accusing NATO of an unfairly pursuing Russia as it commits atrocities. 'In its aggressive anti-Russian policy the west has crossed all lines,' Putin said, further accusing the West of plotting to dismantle the Russian Federation and use nuclear blackmail.

Putin said he supports a 'partial mobilisation' of the military, signing a decree this week that will see all reserve soldiers conscripted.

Putin also warned he 'is not bluffing' when it comes to Russia's nuclear weapons arsenal to respond to external 'aggression'.

'When the territorial integrity of our country is threatened, we will certainly use all the means at our disposal to protect Russia and our people. This is not a bluff,' he said.

'Those who are trying to blackmail us with nuclear weapons should know that the wind can also turn in their direction.'..." (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. See the next two reports.)*

## **Medvedev: Strategic nuclear weapons can be used to defend annexed Ukrainian territory**

September 22, 2022 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Former Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said on Thursday that any weapons in Moscow's arsenal, including strategic nuclear weapons, could be used to defend territories annexed to Russia from Ukraine.

Medvedev, who also serves as deputy chairman of Russia's Security Council, said that referendums planned by

Russian-installed and separatist authorities in large swathes of Ukrainian territory will take place, and 'there is no going back'.

'Therefore, various retired idiots with generals' stripes do not need to scare us with talk about a NATO strike on Crimea,' Medvedev wrote on Telegram. 'Hypersonic [missiles] are guaranteed to be able to reach targets in Europe and the United States much faster.'

'The Western establishment and all citizens of NATO countries in general need to understand that Russia has chosen its own path,' he added..."

## **North Korea enshrines nuclear weapons policies into law**

September 9, 2022 -- *Israel National News* reports: "North Korea on Thursday passed a law officially enshrining its nuclear weapons policies, *Reuters* reported, citing state media.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said the new legislation makes the country's nuclear status 'irreversible' and bars any negotiation on denuclearization.

The North's rubber-stamp parliament, the Supreme People's Assembly, passed the law, according to state news agency *KCNA*. The law outlines when nuclear weapons can be used, including to protect the country's strategic assets and if it is attacked.

It also bans any sharing of nuclear arms or technology with other countries, *KCNA* reported..."

# THE NEW WORLD ORDER

## **China and Russia building 'more just' world order: Beijing**

September 14, 2022 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "China is willing to shape the international order together with Russia in a 'more just and rational direction', a senior Chinese diplomat said as the two countries' leaders prepare to meet this week.

Former Cold War allies with a tempestuous relationship, China and Russia have drawn closer in recent years as part of what they call a 'no limits'

relationship acting as a counterweight to the global dominance of the United States.

'Under the strategic guidance of President Xi Jinping and President (Vladimir) Putin, the relationship between the two countries has always moved forward on the right track,' the Communist Party's foreign affairs chief Yang Jiechi told Russia's ambassador to China Andrey Denisov on Monday, according to a foreign ministry readout. Yang said China was 'willing to work

with Russia to continuously implement the spirit of high-level strategic cooperation between the two countries, safeguard the common interests of both sides, and promote the development of the international order in a more just and rational direction', according to the ministry..." (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 for 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 three reports.)**

**China's Xi, Russia's Putin challenge world order at regional summit**

September 16, 2022 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese leader Xi Jinping called for a shake-up of the world order as they met with Asian leaders Friday for a summit challenging Western influence.

The meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in ex-Soviet Uzbekistan brought Putin and Xi together with the leaders of SCO members India, Pakistan, and four Central Asian nations, as well as the presidents of Iran and Turkey.

Putin and Xi met on Thursday for their first face-to-face talks since the start of the conflict in Ukraine, and on the Chinese leader's first trip abroad since the early days of the coronavirus pandemic.

The summit has been put forward as an alternative to 'Western-centric organisations', at a time of increasing pressure on Moscow over Ukraine and growing anger in Beijing over U.S. support for Taiwan.

Xi told leaders at the summit that it was time to reshape the international system and 'abandon zero-sum games and bloc politics'.

Leaders should 'work together to promote the development of the international order in a more just and rational direction,' Xi said..."

**Putin, Xi hail 'great power' ties at talks defying West**

September 16, 2022 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese leader Xi Jinping met for their first face-to-face talks since the start of the conflict in Ukraine on Thursday, hailing their strategic ties in defiance of the West.

Sitting across from each other at two long rounded tables and flanked by aides, the two leaders met on the sidelines of a summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in ex-Soviet Uzbekistan.

The meeting was part of Xi's first trip abroad since the early days of the pandemic. For Putin, it was a chance to show Russia has not been fully isolated despite Western efforts.

'China is willing to make efforts with Russia to assume the role of great powers, and play a guiding role to inject stability and positive energy into a world rocked by social turmoil,' Xi told Putin at the talks.

Chinese state broadcaster *CCTV* also quoted Xi as saying China was willing to work with Russia to support 'each other's core interests'.

Putin took a clear broadside at the United States, which has been leading efforts to support Ukraine and impose sanctions on Russia.

'Attempts to create a unipolar world have recently acquired an absolutely ugly form and are completely unacceptable,' Putin said..."

**Iran says will pursue membership of Russia, China-led bloc**

September 15, 2022 -- *EnergyDaily.com* reports: "Iran intends to pursue membership of a Chinese and Russian-led bloc that is meeting in Uzbekistan this week, President Ebrahim Raisi said Wednesday as he prepared to head to the summit.

The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) — made up of China, Russia, India, Pakistan and four ex-Soviet Central Asian countries — was set up in 2001 as a political, economic and security organisation to rival Western institutions.

The summit set for Thursday and Friday in the Uzbek city of Samarkand is the first entirely face-to-face leaders' meeting since the start of the coronavirus pandemic.

'One of the important acts of this summit will be the finalisation of SCO (membership) documents and the legal process they will need to take in order to be signed by the foreign ministers of the member countries,' Raisi said..."

# THE KINGS OF THE EAST

**Xi: China's most powerful leader since Mao**

August 31, 2022 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Xi Jinping, who is soon expected to be anointed for an unprecedented third term in office as China's ruling Communist Party (CCP) holds its 20th Congress, has become his country's most powerful leader since Mao Zedong.

He joined the pantheon of Chinese leadership in 2012, two decades after bursting onto the scene as a

graft-fighting governor.

The country's rubber-stamp parliament boosted Xi's considerable power in 2018 when it approved a constitutional amendment abolishing presidential term limits.

The move allowed Xi, now aged 69, to remain in power for as long as he wishes, and is the latest feather in the cap of a Communist 'princeling' who is remaking China in his own image.

Xi has amassed seemingly unchecked power and a level of officially-stoked

adulation unseen since Communist China's founder Mao..." (In 2017 China elevated the stature of President Xi Jinping putting him on par with Chairman Mao Zedong who founded the People's Republic of China in 1949, making him in essence emperor for life, he can stay in power as long as his health allows. In November of 2017 China told Christians to replace images of Jesus with images of President Jinping in an effort to transform believers in religion into believers of the Communist Party

of China. President Jinping should read the book of Daniel to see what happened to a king who elevated himself: *The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty? While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws. And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? – Daniel 4:30-35. See the next report.)*

### **China's Communist Party to hold Congress set to cement Xi's rule**

**September 1, 2022** -- *SinoDaily.com* reports: "China's ruling Communist Party will begin its 20th Party Congress on October 16, state media reported Tuesday, a landmark meeting at which President Xi Jinping is expected to be anointed as the country's most powerful leader in decades.

The congress in the capital Beijing comes as Xi faces significant political headwinds, including an ailing economy, deteriorating relations with the United States and a strict zero-Covid policy

that has accelerated China's inward turn from the world.

It is widely expected to see Xi reinstated as president for a third term — unprecedented in the contemporary era.

It will also see the unveiling of a new top leadership line-up, as Xi consolidates his grip on the party and his position as the most powerful Chinese leader since the country's founder Mao Zedong..."

### **India unveils first homemade aircraft carrier, with eye on China**

**September 2, 2022** -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "India debuted its first locally made aircraft carrier on Friday, a milestone in government efforts to reduce its dependence on foreign arms and counter China's growing military assertiveness in the region.

The INS Vikrant, one of the world's biggest naval vessels at a length of 262 metres (860 feet), will formally enter service after 17 years of construction and tests.

It inherits the name of a retired carrier famed for enforcing a blockade against Pakistan's naval forces during the 1971 Bangladeshi independence war.

"Today, INS Vikrant has filled the country with a new confidence, and has created a new confidence in the country," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said at the ship's commissioning ceremony in southern Kerala state.

"We've joined the league of those select nations who can construct such large aircraft carriers at home," he added..." **(China is prophesied to be a top contender and bloody warrior during the battle of Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Revelation 16:12 pictures Kings coming to the Middle East, primarily China, to slay a third-part of mankind in atomic warfare. Revelation 9:14 – 18 the Oriental nations from the East join with Russia – the leader from the North – Daniel 11:44 – for the most horrendous war in history. See the next two reports.)**

### **Chinese moves on Taiwan rattle remote Japanese island**

**September 15, 2022** -- *SinoDaily.com* reports: "Life may seem tranquil on Japan's remote Yonaguni island, where

wild horses graze and tourists dive to spot hammerhead sharks, but China's recent huge military exercises have rattled residents.

The western island is just 110 kilometres (70 miles) from Taiwan, and a Chinese missile fired during the drills last month landed not far from Yonaguni's shores.

"Everyone is on edge," Shigenori Takenishi, head of the island's fishing association, told *AFP*.

"Even if we don't talk about it, we still have the memory of the fear we felt, of the shock."

He told fishing boats to stay in port during the drills that followed U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan in defiance of Beijing's warnings.

The incident was the latest reminder of how growing Chinese assertiveness has affected Yonaguni, shifting debate about a contentious military presence on the island..."

### **Biden says 'yes,' U.S. forces would help defend Taiwan; China cries foul**

**September 19, 2022** -- *SinoDaily.com* reports: "President Joe Biden said Sunday that U.S. forces would defend Taiwan against a Chinese invasion, while the White House said Washington's policy was unchanged.

Asked by the *CBS '60 Minutes'* program whether U.S. troops would defend Taiwan, Biden said 'yes,' if it were 'an unprecedented attack.'

This was not the first time that Biden has declared U.S. forces would take part in a war between China and Taiwan, with the White House appearing to walk back his comments afterward. The previous time was in May during a visit to Japan.

That time, Biden was also asked whether he'd commit U.S. troops to such a situation and again he said 'yes.'

"That's the commitment we made," he said..."

# NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

## **Arab sources: 'This is a third intifada'**

September 5, 2022 -- *Israel National News* reports: "The current and increasing wave of terror attacks and the escalation on the ground point to a clear trend, a Palestinian Authority (PA) Arab source told *Israel Hayom*.

'This is a third intifada,' the source said. 'This is not the end. This is the beginning of the new stage in the ongoing battle in the West Bank.'

'You think that we can solve this issue with economic gestures? No. There are a lot of problems. That there is no diplomatic [solution] on the horizon is just one issue. Even a person who has a job and earns money, comes home at the end of the day and asks himself what future we have'..." (*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.*)

## **Hamas official: Terror attacks will lead Israel to retreat from Judea and Samaria**

September 13, 2022 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Hussam Badra'an, a member of Hamas' political wing, has said that terror attacks in Gaza, Judea, Samaria, Jerusalem, and the,

occupied since 1948,' had the greatest influence on Israel's decision to leave Gaza seventeen years ago.

Israel pulled out of Gaza during the summer of 2005, in what was officially called the 'Disengagement.' In a bloody coup in 2007, Hamas wrested control of Gaza from Fatah, and has ruled the enclave ever since.

In an interview with Hamas' *Al-Aqsa* television channel, Badra'an said that the younger generation in the 'West Bank' takes part in the fight against Israel and sent a message to the world that he aims to leave a mark similar to that of the generation which preceded his..." (930 times God promises Jerusalem forever to the Jews. Ours was the first nation to recognize the sovereign state of Israel in 1948, but we have moved further and further away. God promised to Abraham: "...I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" – Genesis 12:2, 3. Soon all Hell will break loose in the Middle East. Joel 3:2 warns today's politicians that World War III occurs because of parting God's land. It won't succeed. Christ will return, stop the horrendous war and reign over the world from the Throne of David in Jerusalem forever – Revelation 11:18; Luke 1:32, 33.)

## **Iran's Guards commander says any country involved in Israel's aggression will 'pay its price'**

September 8, 2022 -- *YnetNews.com* reports: "A senior commander of Iran's Revolutionary Guards warned on Wednesday any country involved in any Israeli aggression against Islamic Republic will 'pay its price', Iranian *Tasnim* news agency reported, amid an impasse between Tehran and Washington to revive a 2015 nuclear deal.

'The Zionist regime (Israel) is considered a major threat to Iran's security and all governments that cooperate with this regime's aggression against Iran's security will pay its price,' *Tasnim* quoted senior commander

Gholamali Rashid as saying.

Israel, which sees Iran's nuclear program as a threat to its existence, has warned of military action against the country's nuclear sites if the diplomacy fails to curb Tehran's nuclear work.

On Tuesday, Prime Minister Yair Lapid issued a stern warning to Iran standing next to the IDF air force F-35 stealth fighter jet.

'If Iran continues to try us, it will discover Israel's long arms and capabilities,' Lapid said. 'It's still too early to know whether we succeeded in thwarting the nuclear deal, but Israel is prepared for any threat and any situation,' he said..." (Almighty God has stated: ...I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off – Isaiah 56:5. Everlasting means everlasting. God promised to Abraham in Genesis 22:17: ...in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore... And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt; To drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou art, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as it is this day. Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else. Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the Lord thy God giveth thee, for ever – Deuteronomy 4:37 – 40.)

## **Iran unveils missile it says can strike all of Middle East and parts of Europe**

September 23, 2022 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Iran held a military parade on Thursday and unveiled what it claimed to be a new ballistic missile.

The missile is a medium-range ballistic rocket capable of traveling around 1,400km, according to Iranian media. Images of the missile were also shown in Iranian media. Called 'Rezvan', the

missile was shown during a parade that marks Iran's victory over Iraq in the 1980-1988 war.

With a range of 1,400 km, the missile would be capable of striking anywhere in the Middle East as well as in parts of Europe.

'It's a precision ballistic missile,' the head of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, Major General Hossein Salami, said, according to Iran's *IRNA*... **(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.* See the next two reports.)**

**Nasrallah warns Hezbollah missiles are 'locked on' offshore Israeli gas field**

September 19, 2022 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: "Hezbollah terror chief Hassan Nasrallah on Friday issued a fresh threat over the offshore Karish gas field partly claimed by Lebanon, warning Israel against beginning extraction amid maritime border talks between Jerusalem and Beirut.

In a televised speech for the Shiite commemoration of Arbbaeen, Nasrallah noted upcoming tests at Karish, with the platform slated to be connected to Israel's national gas grid in the coming days. According to Nasrallah, Hezbollah 'sent a very strong message' concerning the tests but Israel clarified they would not involve extracting gas from Karish. 'The red line to us is that there should not be extraction from Karish,' he said, according to the *Naharnet* news site..."

**Iran announces suicide drones it says can hit Tel Aviv and Haifa**

September 12, 2022 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Iran announced Monday that it has designed a new model of long-range drone aircraft capable of

striking Israeli cities.

According to a report by Iran's *Mehr News* which cited a senior Iranian military official, the new Arash-2 suicide drones – upgrades of the older Arash-1 drones – have extended range enabling them to reach targets in Israel.

Brigadier General Kiomars Heidari was quoted in the piece as saying the new drones are 'designed to hit Israel's Tel Aviv, Haifa.'

'We have specially designed this drone for Haifa and Tel Aviv. This is a unique drone that was developed for this task,' Heidari said, vowing Iran 'will unveil this drone's capabilities in future exercises.'

The announcement comes amid reports that nuclear talks in Vienna have reached an impasse..."

**Iran Declares Itself 'Invincible' While Demanding 'Stronger Guarantees' for Nuclear Deal**

September 2, 2022 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Radical Islamist President of Iran Ebrahim Raisi declared his country 'invincible' in a threatening military rant on Thursday preceded by his top diplomat claiming the rogue regime was still 'closely studying' a proposal to revive the doomed 2015 nuclear energy deal with Europe and the United States.

Raisi proclaimed that America had suffered a 'humiliating defeated [sic],' according to the Iranian state-run *Fars News Agency*, in withdrawing from the Iran Nuclear Deal and that it was negotiating now because it was aware that Iran was 'invincible and powerful.'

Raisi made the remarks during an event *Fars* identified as the 'AhlulBayt World Assembly' in the nation's capital..."

**(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.)*

**Mossad head: Israel will defend itself, deal or no deal, Iran not immune**

September 12, 2022 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "The Mossad thwarted dozens of terror attacks against Israelis and Jews worldwide, Mossad chief David Barnea revealed on Monday in the first public speech he gave since taking office last June.

Speaking at the ICTHerzliya conference, he said, 'We thwarted dozens of Iranian terror attacks [against Israelis/Jews.] We stopped attacks in Cyprus against a businessman; in Turkey, we stopped attacks against businessmen and diplomats' and ordinary visitors and 'in Colombia we saved a businessman,' as well as in many other places.

'This is state terror ordered by leader [Ayatollah Ali Khamenei] perpetrated by the IRGC' and other Iranian security organizations,' are not spontaneous, but planned systematic and strategic terrorism acts', he said..."