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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*

FAITH FOR THE FINAL HOUR

Americans' Belief in God, Heaven and Angels Hits Historic Lows: Gallup

July 25, 2023 -- *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: “The percentage of Americans who believe in God, heaven and angels hit a record low in a new Gallup survey that also found belief in hell and the devil reaching a record low, too.

The new survey, released Thursday, found that 74 percent of Americans say they believe in God, a decline from 79 percent in 2016 and 90 percent in 2004 who answered that way. Similarly, 69 percent of Americans say they believe in angels and 67 percent in heaven – both significant declines from earlier polls. (In 2007, 75 percent believed in angels and 81 percent in heaven.)

‘Gallup has documented sharp declines in church attendance, confidence in organized religion and religious identification in recent years,’ Gallup’s Megan Brenan wrote. ‘Americans’ beliefs regarding God, angels, heaven, hell and the devil have also fallen by double digits since 2001. Still, U.S. adults’ belief in each entity remains at the majority level, and regular churchgoers, Protestants and Republicans, in particular, remain largely resolute in their beliefs.’

The 2023 survey is different from Gallup’s other survey that gave Americans only two options for belief in God (‘yes’ or ‘no.’) In the latest survey,

Americans were offered a third option, ‘not sure.’ A total of 74 percent say they believe in God, while 14 percent say they aren’t sure, and 12 percent say they don’t believe in God. In Gallup’s 2022 survey that gave Americans only two options, 81 percent said they believed in God, although that also was a record low for that specific wording...” (*... when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?* – Luke 18:8.

The article makes one wonder what the answer to that question would be. *Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it.* – Amos 8:11-12.

Thankfully, God always has a faithful remnant. In I Kings 19 following the victory over the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel, Elijah fled to the wilderness after hearing a threat from Jezebel. We read: *...he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers. And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an*

angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. And the angel of the Lord came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee. And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God. And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out,

and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. And the Lord said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria: And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him. – I Kings 19:4-18 [Emphasis mine]. Thank God for His faithful remnant. See the next report.)

'Prayer is wrong and something you should be ashamed of'

July 3, 2023 -- *WND.com* reports: "The Florida High School Athletic Association is being accused of making out that prayer is 'dangerous' or 'wrong' with its ban on a pre-game prayer leading up to a high-school championship game between two Christian schools.

It is First Liberty Institute that, with other legal teams, is arguing in court on behalf of Cambridge Christian School. And, it explains, 'the constitutional right to pray over the loudspeaker at the beginning of the state championship football game between two Christian schools.'

'The First Amendment protects the rights of students and teachers at a private Christian school to pray before a football game, especially when both teams are Christian and have a tradition of prayer before games,' said Jeremy Dys, senior counsel at First Liberty Institute. 'By banning the pre-game prayer over the loudspeaker, the Florida High School Athletic Association

(FHSAA) sent a message to these students that prayer is wrong and something you should be ashamed of. That is dangerous and unconstitutional.' The case is pending at a federal appeals court now..."

Allegedly 'Christian' church: God is 'non-binary whose pronouns are plural'

June 28, 2023 -- *WND.com* reports: "A Lutheran church in Minnesota recited a 'sparkle creed' about the 'nonbinary God' and Jesus' 'two dads' during its Sunday service, according to a live stream recording on YouTube.

Edina Community Lutheran Church Pastor Anna Helgen asked the congregation to stand in 'body or spirit' to 'confess our faith' in the 'sparkle creed,' according to the recording. The church went on to chant a statement of faith in the 'nonbinary God' and in Jesus Christ, 'who had two dads.'

'I believe in the nonbinary God, whose pronouns are plural. I believe in Jesus Christ, their child, who wore a fabulous tunic, and had two dads and saw everyone as a sibling child of God,' the church recited..." (*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. 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 – II Timothy 3:1-5. See the next two reports.*)

Conservative Party Suspends Christian Councillor for Calling Pride a Sin

July 20, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "The Conservative Party has been accused of engaging in cancel culture after a councillor was suspended for expressing the Christian belief that 'pride is a sin' on social media.

King Lawal, a Northamptonshire councillor, has claimed that the Conservative Campaign Headquarters (CCHQ) was behind the decision to suspend him from his role over a post on Twitter in which he criticised the radical LGBTQ+ Pride movement from a Christian perspective.

In a now-deleted post responding to images of Pride Parades, Lawal said: 'When did Pride become a thing to celebrate. Because of Pride Satan fell as an arch Angel. Pride is not a virtue but a Sin. Those who have Pride should Repent of their sins and return to Jesus Christ. He can save you. #PrideMonth #Pride23 #PrideParade.'

The post also included an image with the Biblical verse Isaiah 3 verse 9, saying: 'Whatever God calls 'Sin' is nothing to be Proud of.'..."

British Social Worker Deemed 'Unemployable' Due to Christian Beliefs

July 11, 2023 -- *PJMedia.com* reports: "Felix Ngole escaped horrific violence in Cameroon to start a new life in the UK, only to encounter persecution in his adopted home. What Ngole wanted more than anything else was to serve his community as a social worker, and he worked his way through university to be able to do so.

When Ngole received an employment offer from healthcare provider Touchstone Support Leeds, he thought of it as his 'dream job,' but the company rescinded its offer when it discovered that Ngole had won a court case involving free speech surrounding Ngole's belief in traditional marriage..."

Christians worry growing protests against 'missionaries' will soon turn bloody

July 13, 2023 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: "Last week, dozens of teen boys and men were gathered inside the Clal Center, a run-down shopping center and office building in central Jerusalem.

The group, most of them dressed in distinctive ultra-nationalist garb, were there to crash a gathering of Messianic Jews and block them from a concert being held in an event space in the building.

As dozens of mostly young activists crowded against the main entrance, police — who seemed overwhelmed at times — were called to disperse the protesters and ensure the safety of the event.

The event, which ended with one person arrested for scuffling with police, underlined the current of anti-Christian zeal running through some of Israel's more extreme nationalist movements, which have seemingly grown in ferocity and frequency recently.

Evangelical Christians and Messianic Jews in Israel fear that the protest and other recent episodes of harassment in Jerusalem could turn far more violent, as far-right Jewish anti-missionary groups step up their activities against them..." *(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 have 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 your 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. These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me – John 15:18 – 24; 16:1 – 3. See the next report.)

Christian woman abducted, killed for refusing to convert to Islam in Pakistan

July 7, 2023 -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: "A Christian family in Lahore, Pakistan is seeking justice and protection after four Muslims abducted,

gang-raped and killed a widow for refusing to convert to Islam and marry the primary suspect, sources said.

In the killing of 40-year-old Shazia Imran last month, the assailants slashed her neck and doused her with acid, her brother said, though it was not known if the acid burns came before or after her death. The primary suspect has confessed to the killing, according to police.

Shazia Imran's husband also was killed a year and a half ago, and the family has seen no justice in that case either as police cast it as an accident, said her brother, Zafar Masih.

Shazia Masih, who began working as a nanny at a daycare center at the Lahore University of Management Sciences after her husband's death, left her rented home in Lahore's Mehar Town for work on June 6 but did not return, Zafar Masih said.

He said that the primary suspect, Noman (known as Mani) Gujjar, was a notorious area criminal and had been pressuring her to convert to Islam along with her children and marry him..."

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Hezbollah chief gloats: Israel had its 'worst day,' is on 'path to disappearance'

July 25, 2023 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: "The head of the Hezbollah terror group gloated that Israel was on the 'path to disappearance' as chaotic demonstrations by opposition activists protesting the passage of the first judicial overhaul law wracked the nation on Monday.

'Israel was once thought of as a regional power that can't be beaten, and regional countries accepted its threat as a fact that can't be removed,' Hassan Nasrallah said in a televised address marking the seventh day of Muharram, the first month of the Islamic calendar, days ahead of the major Shiite festival of Ashura, according to media reports.

He added that 'its trust, awareness and self-confidence have deteriorated into the crisis it is experiencing today.'

Nasrallah, whose own country has been mired in years of devastating political bedlam and has seen its own spasms of protests, branded Monday Israel's 'worst' day since the state's creation.

'This day, in particular, is the worst day in the history of the entity, as some of its people say. This is what puts it on the path to collapse, fragmentation and disappearance, God willing,' he said..." *(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 two reports.)

Hamas leader: 'We taught Israel a lesson, they were defeated'

July 5, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh has published an announcement claiming that his terror organization 'defeated Israel.'

During Israel's 48-hour operation in Jenin, 12 terrorists were killed and a great deal of terror infrastructure destroyed. One IDF soldier was killed while the forces exited Jenin.

'Israel failed and was defeated in Jenin, and is now carrying emotions of shame and defeat,' Haniyeh claimed. 'We sent a clear message to the enemy, by means of all the sources, that the resistance in all arenas is not far from what is happening in Judea and Samaria, and the enemy must immediately stop the aggression.'..."

IRGC Quds Force commander Qaani says Jenin proves Israel can be beaten – analysis

July 6, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Iran's Quds Force commander, Esmael Qaani, said that the battle in Jenin this week shows that Palestinian young men are able to confront Israel's army, even when Israel deploys its best units. He made the comments in a statement that was posted on pro-regime *Tasnim* News online on Wednesday.

'Today, we are witnessing that the Zionist regime brought all its forces to the field in the Jenin camp, but the Palestinian youth hit him in the mouth.' He claims that Palestinians are able to carry out numerous operations against Israel.

Qaani took over the Quds Force, a part of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, in January 2020 after the U.S. killed Qasem Soleimani with a drone strike. He made the comments during the opening of a project in Iran and initially he slammed the U.S. and praised the late commander Soleimani..."

Islamic Jihad: We must use crisis in Israel for war against it

July 24, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Nasser Abu Sharif, a member of the Islamic Jihad terror group's political wing, has called on the Palestinian Arab groups to unite in a war against Israel.

Abu Sharif stressed, 'The Zionist entity is also facing real crises and suffering from significant internal disagreements. Therefore, the Palestinian nation is facing a new stage, and standing before a historic opportunity which it must

utilize for fighting and the conflict for the sake of the Palestinian problem, and to achieve victory and remove the occupation from the Palestinian land.'

Speaking to *Al-Quds Radio*, which is affiliated with the Islamic Jihad, Abu Sharif said that the Palestinian struggle is continuing and even intensifying in Judea, Samaria and Jerusalem, because the Palestinian people see the struggle as the proper way to fight the Zionist operation which executes policy of 'Judaizing' the land..." **(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. Notice especially verse 4 – Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. During his confrontation with the prophets of Baal, Elijah mocked the prophets after they were unable to get a response from Baal. I Kings 18:27 states: And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked. God does not sleep, and He will preserve Israel. See the next report.)**

Hezbollah-affiliated cleric: Israel's very existence is an act of war against Lebanon

July 21, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Sadek Al-Naboulsi, a Lebanese cleric who is affiliated with Hezbollah, said on a show that aired on Lebanon's *Al-Jadeed TV* on July 6 that the very existence of Israel is an act of war against Lebanon.

He said that war with Israel can be the 'best way' to change the equation and bring Lebanon out of its political crisis.

Al-Naboulsi also said that Hezbollah and the 'resistance' should not be ashamed to say that it wants to 'change the balance of powers in Lebanon and in the region.'

The comments were translated by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI). 'The existence of Israel is an act of war against us. It is not Hezbollah that is instigating war. You spoke earlier about the firing of rockets, and so on. The very existence of Israel is an aggression against Lebanon,' Al-Naboulsi said in the interview..."

Hamas threatens Israel after Jews ascend Temple Mount

July 19, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: "The Palestinian Authority's official *Wafa* news agency reported on Tuesday that dozens of 'settlers' had 'invaded' the Al-Aqsa Mosque under protection of the Israel Police.

According to the report, the Jewish visitors entered the Temple Mount in groups, one after the other, conducted 'provocative' tours of the site and held religious worship ceremonies.

Muhammad Hamada, spokesman for Hamas in Jerusalem, said that 'the insistence of hordes of settlers to continue desecrating the courtyards of the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque, and to perform religious ceremonies and Talmudic prayers in its courtyards, is dangerous aggression towards and a blatant violation of its sanctity.'

Hamada accused the Israeli authorities of providing protection to the 'hordes of settlers' and of securing their 'invasions' of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, noting they bear full responsibility for this 'aggression'..." **(In Genesis 22:1-14 God commanded Abraham to bring his son Isaac to the land of Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice there. As he was about to complete the sacrifice, God stopped him and provided a ram as a substitutionary sacrifice. In I Chronicles 21:18 – 26, King David purchased this mount so he could build an altar to offer a sacrifice when he confessed his sin. This was the location where the angel of the Lord was commanded to stop the destruction of Jerusalem [I Chronicles 21:15]. In II Chronicles**

3:1, King Solomon built the First Temple on Mount Moriah, this was started in 966 BC. This Temple stood until 586 BC when it was destroyed by the Babylonians. The Second

Temple was built in 516 BC and enlarged by Herod the Great in 12 BC. It stood until it was destroyed by the Romans in AD 70. The Dome of the Rock was built in AD 692,

and the Al Aqsa Mosque was not built until AD 705. It is obvious who has the rightful claim to the Temple Mount.)

THE KINGS OF THE EAST

Xi tells Chinese troops to double down on war prep as Janet Yellen touches down in Beijing

July 7, 2023 -- *WND.com* reports: “Chinese President Xi Jinping instructed the Chinese military to advance war planning and combat preparedness in a tour of the Eastern Theater Command’s headquarters Thursday as U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen touched down in Beijing, state media reported.

Xi ‘stressed efforts to break new ground for theater command development and war preparedness’ after inspecting headquarters for the Peoples’ Liberation Army (PLA) division responsible for potential operations in Taiwan and the East China Sea, according to state-run Xinhua. China’s security situation has become more uncertain as the world enters a new era of instability, he said, requiring the Chinese military to double down on training for war even as U.S. officials in recent weeks have made repeated attempts to repair ties and minimize what Beijing sees as its largest geopolitical threat...” **(China will become a basic partner with Russia for the rapidly approaching battle of Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Russia will lead invasion number one – Ezekiel 38 & 39. China will lead invasion number two – Revelation 16:12; Revelation 9:14 – 16. Then all nations will come against Jerusalem for the final invasion at which point Jesus will return to stop the bloodshed and set up his eternal kingdom upon earth – [He gathers] all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken... Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives**

shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south – Zechariah 14:2 – 4. Then Psalm 2:6 occurs as God the Father says: ...I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion [Jerusalem]. See the next two reports.)

Taiwan Says Chinese Air Force, Navy Stage Mass Drill to Island’s South

July 12, 2023 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “China’s air force and navy staged another large-scale drill involving fighters, bombers and warships to Taiwan’s south and southwest on Tuesday, the island’s defense ministry said, as Beijing keeps up its military pressure on Taipei.

China, which views democratically governed Taiwan as its own territory, has over the past three years regularly sent warplanes into Taiwan’s air defense identification zone, or ADIZ, to try and force the island to accept Chinese sovereignty.

China staged war games around Taiwan last August and again in April, and has since August also regularly flown military aircraft across the median line of the Taiwan Strait, which had previously served as an unofficial barrier between the two.

Taiwan’s defense ministry, in a statement on Wednesday, said that in the past 24 hours it had detected 32 Chinese air force planes entering the island’s ADIZ, a mixture of fighter jets, helicopters and early warning aircraft, among others...”

China sends 37 military aircraft toward Taiwan ahead of defensive drills

July 24, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “China sent 37 of military aircraft toward Taiwan on Friday and Saturday ahead of

planned defensive military exercises by Taiwan’s military, according to Taiwan’s Defense Ministry.

The Taiwanese military said 22 aircraft entered Taiwan’s self-declared air defense identification zone. The aircraft included H-6 bombers and J-16 and J-10 fighter aircraft, according to Ministry of Defense.

In addition, the Defense Ministry said seven Chinese ships participated in joint patrols with military aircraft.

Taiwan conducts yearly defensive drills that simulate an invasion from mainland China and has ramped up the civilian aspect of the drill this year...”

North Korea Warns It May Shoot Down U.S. Surveillance Planes Violating Its Airspace

July 10, 2023 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “North Korea accused the United States on Monday of violating its airspace by conducting surveillance flights and warned that, while Pyongyang was exercising restraint, such flights may be shot down.

Provocative military actions by the U.S. were bringing the Korean peninsula closer to a nuclear conflict, said an unnamed spokesperson of North Korea’s Ministry of National Defense in a statement carried by the official *KCNA* news agency...

‘There is no guarantee that such a shocking accident as the downing of the U.S. Air Force strategic reconnaissance plane will not happen’ in waters east of Korea, the spokesperson said...” **(North Korea marches with Russia and China for the war of the latter years and latter days – Ezekiel 38:8, 16. Atomic bombs will produce global incineration – Psalms 97:3; Isaiah 66:15; Joel 2:3, 30; Zephaniah 1:18; Malachi 4:1; Revelation 8:7 and 9:18. See the next two reports.)**

North Korea fires 'several cruise missiles' into sea

July 24, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "North Korea fired 'several cruise missiles' into the Yellow Sea between China and the Korean peninsula on Saturday, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said.

Pyongyang's latest provocation comes as concern grows over the whereabouts and wellbeing of a U.S. soldier who made an unauthorised dash into North Korean territory earlier this week, with the reclusive regime so far remaining tight-lipped about the incident.

Saturday's launches are just the latest in a series by Pyongyang, and come as Seoul and Washington ramp up defence cooperation, with relations between the two Koreas nearing an all-time low.

The cruise missile launches took place

around 4 am (1900 GMT) on Saturday, Seoul's military said.

'South Korean and U.S. intelligence authorities were analysing the launches while monitoring signs of additional activities,' the JCS said.

North Korea had fired two ballistic missiles into the sea off its opposite coast toward Japan just three days earlier..."

U.S. Sends Another Sub to South Korea, Adding to Show of Force Against North Korea

July 24, 2023 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "A nuclear-propelled U.S. submarine has arrived in South Korea in the second deployment of a major U.S. naval asset to the Korean Peninsula this month, South Korea's military said Monday, adding to the allies' show of force to counter North Korean nuclear threats.

The USS Annapolis arrived at a port on Jeju Island about a week after the USS Kentucky docked at the mainland port of Busan.

The Kentucky was the first U.S. nuclear-armed submarine to come to South Korea since the 1980s. North Korea reacted to its arrival by test-firing ballistic and cruise missiles in apparent demonstrations that it could make nuclear strikes against South Korea and deployed U.S. naval vessels.

In between those launches, North Korea's defense minister issued a veiled threat insisting the Kentucky's docking in South Korea could be grounds for the North to use a nuclear weapon against it. North Korea has used similar rhetoric before, but the statement underscored how much relations are strained now..."

DIARY OF A NUCLEAR MADMAN

No surprise if North Korea conducts new nuclear test, U.S. says

July 17, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "The United States would not be surprised if North Korea conducts another nuclear test, following the regime's launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile this past week, a senior White House official said Sunday.

'I have been concerned for some time that North Korea would conduct what would be its seventh nuclear test going back multiple administrations. And I remain concerned about that,' National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan told CBS talk show 'Face the Nation' in an interview.

'I don't see any immediate indications that that's going to happen,' he added.

'But it would not come as a surprise if North Korea moved forward with another nuclear test with respect to its intercontinental ballistic missile capability.'..." **(Kim Jong-un, his sister, and recently his daughter, Ju-ae, who appeared with him twice recently raising speculation about possible succession, are following in the footsteps of Kim Jong-il and Kim il-sung in seeking nuclear weapons. In**

1993, President Bill Clinton spoke in South Korea and stated that if North Korea gained and used a nuclear weapon, the U.S. would quickly and overwhelming retaliate, and it would mean the end of their country as they know it. President George W. Bush named North Korea as one of the three-part 'axis of evil' along with Iran and Iraq in 2002. In 2014, President Barack Obama warned North Korea that the U.S. would not hesitate to use military might to defend our allies against this 'pariah state'. And in August 2017, President Donald Trump stated: "North Korea best not make any more threats to the United States. They will be met with fire and fury like the world has never seen." It is believed that North Korea developed nuclear weapons in 2004. See the next three reports.)

North Korea threatens nuclear response after U.S. sub deployment

July 21, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "North Korea's defence minister said Thursday the current port visit of a U.S. nuclear-capable submarine to South Korea could meet the legal conditions under which Pyongyang would use its

nuclear weapons.

Relations between the two Koreas are at one of their lowest points ever, with diplomacy stalled and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un calling for increased weapons development, including tactical nuclear weapons.

The United States and South Korea have stepped up displays of military muscle in response, and a U.S. nuclear-capable submarine made a port call to South Korea this week for the first time since 1981.

Pyongyang's defence minister Kang Sun Nam said the arrival in Busan port of a U.S. Ohio-class submarine 'may fall under the conditions of the use of nuclear weapons specified in the DPRK law on the nuclear force policy', referring to North Korea by its official name.

North Korea last year adopted a sweeping nuclear law, setting out an array of scenarios in which it could use its nukes, including pre-emptive nuclear strikes if threatened.

Kang said the presence of the sub was an 'undisguised and direct nuclear threat to the DPRK', and meant that 'strategic nuclear weapons have been deployed on the Korean peninsula for the first time

after 40 odd years’.

‘The U.S. military side should realise that its nuclear assets have entered extremely dangerous waters,’ he said in a statement carried by the official *Korean Central News Agency*...”

North Korea leader’s sister warns of ‘overwhelming nuclear deterrence’

July 17, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “The powerful sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un warned on Friday of ‘overwhelming nuclear deterrence’ unless the United States drops what she called its ‘hostile policy’ against Pyongyang, state media reported.

Kim Yo Jong also defended North Korea’s latest intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) launch as an act of self-defence.

The nuclear-armed state on Wednesday test-fired a solid-fuel missile that flew 1,001 kilometres (622 miles) at a maximum altitude of 6,648 km, before splashing into the East Sea, also known as the Sea of Japan.

Its trajectory suggested it was capable of reaching the mainland United States, analysts said.

‘Now that the U.S. does not respond to the abandonment of its hostile policy... the DPRK will further put spurs to building up the most overwhelming nuclear deterrence,’ Kim Yo Jong said in a statement carried by the *Korean Central News Agency*...”

North Korean leader’s sister dismisses talks with U.S. as ‘a daydream’

July 20, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “North Korean leader Kim Jong Un’s powerful sister dismissed the idea of talks with the United States as ‘a

daydream’ on Monday, the eve of the first U.S.-South Korean meeting on nuclear deterrence.

North Korea fired its most powerful ballistic missile yet last week, the solid-fuel Hwasong 18 intercontinental ballistic missile, the latest of a string of launches this year.

Seoul and Washington have ramped up defence cooperation in response to the North’s weapons tests, staging joint military exercises with advanced stealth jets and U.S. strategic assets.

They will hold their inaugural meeting of the Nuclear Consultative Group (NCG) in Seoul on Tuesday, which, according to the presidential office in Seoul, is aimed at ‘bolstering nuclear deterrence against North Korea’.

Kim Yo Jong warned that a strengthened extended deterrence system and military alliance will only further alienate the North from dialogue.

‘It is a daydream for the U.S. to think that it can stop the advance of the DPRK and, furthermore, achieve irreversible disarmament through the interim suspension of joint military exercises, halt to the deployment of strategic assets and the reversible sanction relief,’ she said in a statement carried by the *Korean Central News Agency*...”

South Korea’s President Threatens to ‘End’ North Korean Regime Aboard U.S. Nuclear Sub

July 20, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol vowed that any North Korean nuclear attack would be ‘the end of that regime’ on Wednesday while touring the USS *Kentucky*, an Ohio-class nuclear ballistic missile submarine currently stationed in

the southern port city of Busan.

Yoon, a hardline conservative, has used his term at the helm of his country to bring South Korea’s foreign policy more in line with America and undo concessions made to the communist North Korean regime under his predecessor, leftist Moon Jae-in. Yoon negotiated the return of American nuclear submarines to the Korean peninsula during a visit to Washington, DC, in April, resulting in the first such vehicles docked in the country since 1981.

Prior to the *Kentucky*’s arrival, the *USS Michigan*, a nuclear-powered submarine arrived in Busan in June. ‘Unlike *Kentucky*, *Michigan* has been converted from carrying nuclear ballistic missiles to fielding 154 Tomahawk Land Attack Missiles,’ the U.S. Naval Institute’s news portal (USNI) explained on Tuesday...”

(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.)

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

Xi says Russia and China should ‘lead global governance reform’

July 11, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “China and Russia need to ‘lead the correct direction of global governance reform’, according to Chinese President Xi Jinping, who hailed the two

countries’ partnership at a meeting with a top Russian politician in Beijing on Monday, state media reported.

Beijing and Moscow have ramped up economic cooperation and diplomatic contacts in recent years, with exchanges only growing closer since Russia’s invasion of Ukraine last year.

On Monday, Xi met Valentina Matviyenko, the speaker of the Federation Council — the Russian parliament’s upper house — at the Great Hall of the People, state broadcaster *CCTV* reported.

Xi said the development of relations between the two countries was ‘a

strategic choice made by both countries based on the fundamental interests of their respective countries and peoples’, according to *CCTV*.

‘Both sides also need to strengthen communication and collaboration within multilateral mechanisms such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation and the BRICS countries, lead the correct direction of global governance reform, and safeguard the common interests of emerging market countries and developing countries,’ the statement continued...” (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.)

China’s top diplomat says Beijing, Moscow to deepen ties

July 14, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “China’s top diplomat said Thursday Beijing would strengthen ties with Russia in areas of strategic communication and coordination, as the allies’ contacts grow closer after Moscow’s invasion of Ukraine last year. Beijing says it is a neutral party in the war but its refusal to condemn the invasion has led many of Kyiv’s allies to accuse it of favouring Russia after emerging as Moscow’s most important ally in its current bout of international isolation.

Wang Yi met Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on the sidelines of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) meeting in Jakarta, where both will take part in an 18-nation

East Asia Summit ministerial meeting Friday.

‘The two sides should... strengthen strategic communication and coordination,’ Wang was quoted as saying by the Chinese foreign ministry in a statement.

‘China and Russia firmly support each other in safeguarding legitimate interests, adhere to the path of harmonious coexistence and win-win development.’...” (As was mentioned earlier China will become a basic partner with Russia for the rapidly approaching battle of Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Russia will lead invasion number one – Ezekiel 38 & 39. China will lead invasion number two – Revelation 16:12; Revelation 9:14 – 16. Then all nations will come against Jerusalem for the final invasion at which point Jesus will return to stop the bloodshed and set up his eternal kingdom upon earth – [He gathers] *all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken... Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south* – Zechariah 14:2 – 4. Then Psalm 2:6 occurs as God the Father says: *...I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion [Jerusalem]*. See the next report.)

Russia, China kick off joint naval drills

July 20, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “Russia said Thursday it had started joint naval drills with China in the Sea of Japan as the two allies seek to deepen their military cooperation.

Ties between Moscow and Beijing have grown closer since Russia launched its Ukraine offensive last year, a move China has not condemned.

The Russian defence ministry said the main goal of the exercises that will run until Sunday is to ‘strengthen naval cooperation’ between the two countries

and ‘maintain stability and peace in the Asia-Pacific region’.

The drills will include ‘anti-submarine missions and naval combat’ and the sea and air escort of ships, the ministry said, adding there are also plans ‘to carry out joint artillery fire’.

The Russian navy is represented by two anti-submarine ships, two corvettes as well as auxiliary ships, the ministry said.

Beijing said on Sunday it was sending five warships, including a guided-missile destroyer...”

Putin: We have a sufficient stockpile of cluster bombs

July 17, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Russian President Vladimir Putin said an interview on Sunday that Moscow has a ‘sufficient stockpile’ of cluster munitions, and warned that Russia ‘reserves the right to take reciprocal action’ if Ukraine uses the controversial weapons, *The Associated Press* reported.

The comments mark the first time that Putin has responded to the U.S. announcement that it will send cluster munitions to Ukraine as part of a new military aid package.

Putin said that Russia hasn’t used cluster bombs in the war with Ukraine so far, claiming, ‘Until now, we have not done this, we have not used it, and we have not had such a need.’

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