

*“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

From atheism to awakening: Gen Z turns back to God

Aug. 19, 2025 -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: “A new poll suggests that Britain may well be in the midst of a spiritual shift, with belief in God among young adults more than doubling in the past four years.

The YouGov survey found that 37 per cent of 18 to 24 year olds now say they believe in a God, compared with just 16 per cent in August 2021. The same poll showed that atheism among this group has dropped sharply, from 49 per cent in 2021 to 32 per cent today.

The figures appear to support claims of a ‘quiet revival’ among younger generations. The Bishop of Lancaster, Rt Rev Jill Duff, told *The Telegraph*:

‘I’m not surprised by this ... It is very much what we are seeing on the ground in our churches,’ she said...” (*...when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? – Luke 18:8. This article gives us hope that there will be faith.*

The Bible tells us: 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 baked 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.)

Attacks on U.S. Churches Doubled in 2024, Report Shows

Aug. 13, 2025 -- *Crosswalk.com* reports: “A new report released by the Washington-based conservative Christian advocacy organization, The Family Research Council (FRC), recorded over 400 acts of hostility against churches across the United States. FRC’s ‘Hostility against

Churches in the United States’ report, which was released Monday morning, ranged from vandalism and arson to gun-related threats, bomb hoaxes, and physical assaults.

The report found at least 415 hostile acts across 43 states, affecting 383 churches, based on open-source documents, media reports, and official records, *The Christian Post* reported.

‘Although the motivations for many of these incidents remain unknown, the rise in crimes against churches is taking place in a context in which fewer Americans are attending religious services or identifying with a specific faith,’ the report notes...” (Jesus stated the reason for the persecution of Christians worldwide. It is because the world hates Him. Why? If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin... If I had not done among them the works that none other man did, they had not had sin... – John 15:22, 24. Before Jesus came to the earth, mankind could look at each other and say “I’m not as bad as that person is, I’ve never murdered, I’ve never stolen,” much like the Pharisee did in Luke 18:10 – 14 – I thank thee that I am not as other men... Once Jesus came to the earth, those rationalizations were no longer valid. As a result, the world strikes out against God, and against Christians. Jesus also stated in Matthew 5:10 – 12: *Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.*)

Islamic State Beheads Christians, Burns Churches in Mozambique Rampage

Aug. 8, 2025 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “The Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) warned this week of a ‘silent genocide’ in Mozambique, where Islamic State jihadis are destroying churches, burning down villages, and beheading Christians – and then posting triumphant photos and videos of their atrocities online.

MEMRI has long specialized in posting and translating videos from the Middle East that have been ignored or suppressed by local and international media outlets. The Washington,

DC-based Institute’s work frequently demonstrates that what Arab leaders say to domestic audiences is very different from what they tell foreign reporters.

In this case, ISIS terrorists in Mozambique have been giddily posting evidence of their attacks on Christians, but it took MEMRI to pull the gruesome social media posts together into a narrative about ethnic and religious cleansing...” (*Great persecution will soon overtake most Christians in a majority of the world. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. – Matthew 5:10 – 12; 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. – John 15:18 – 21; ...When he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held. — Revelation 6:9; ...I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. – Revelation 20:4; and Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. – Revelation 2:10. See the next report.)*

Over 7,000 Christians killed in Nigeria so far in 2025 – watchdog

Aug. 20, 2025 -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: “Islamic extremists and radicalized herder militias have killed over 7,000 Christians within the first 220 days of 2025, a new report estimates, as human rights advocates continue

to criticize the Nigerian government’s inability to protect Christians.

The Anambra-based International Society for Civil Liberties and Rule of Law (Intersociety), headed by Christian criminologist and researcher Emeka Umeagbalasi, reported that at least 7,087 Christians ‘were massacred across Nigeria’ from Jan. 1 until Aug. 10.

During that time, ‘no fewer than 7,800 others were violently seized and abducted for being Christians,’ the report estimates. The organization relies on what it deems to be credible local and foreign media reports, government accounts, reports from international rights groups and eyewitness accounts to compile statistical data.

‘The brutal massacre of an estimated 7,087 Christians and abduction of 7,800 others also translated to an average of 30 Christian deaths per day and more than one per hour,’ Intersociety’s report reads. ‘An estimated 35 Christians are also calculated to have been abducted daily and roughly two others per hour, in the said past 220 days or seven months and ten days of 2025.’...”

Man Arrested After Suspected Mass Poisoning of Children at Christian Summer Camp

Aug. 1, 2025 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Eight children were taken to a hospital and a ‘critical incident’ declared by police after a report was made of an alleged mass poisoning at a Christian rural retreat in Leicestershire.

A 76-year-old man was arrested by Leicestershire Police on Monday and is being questioned by detectives on suspicion of ‘administering poison/a noxious thing with intent to injure/aggravate/annoy’ after children fell ill at a summer camp.

Ten ambulances and an air ambulance helicopter responded to Stathern Lodge, near the village of Plungar in Leicestershire on Monday and ultimately removed eight children to hospital. All eight children were subsequently discharged.

Assistant Chief Constable James Avery said: ‘Officers have been in contact with the parents and guardians of those children taken to hospital. I can confirm that a 76-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of administering poison or a noxious substance...” (*...whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea. And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better*

for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into

the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the

fire is not quenched” – Mark 9:42 – 44.)

RUSSIA VS. UKRAINE

Russian strategic bombers take off for possible attack on Ukraine, Ukraine’s military warns

Aug. 19, 2025 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Two Russian Tupolev Tu-95 strategic bombers took off from Russian airfields for a possible attack on Ukraine, the Ukrainian military warned in a post on Telegram early on Tuesday morning. ‘We will provide additional updates if the situation changes,’ they added. Air raid warning signals should not be ignored, the military commented. The military later claimed that ‘probable launches’ of cruise missiles from Russian strategic bombers were detected...” **(Russia will head up World War III – Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Russia is described in Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39, and China in Revelation 16:12. Also Daniel 12:4 predicts the impact of advanced knowledge, undoubtedly for the weapons for warfare near the hour for Christ’s return. See the next two reports.)**

Trump suggests air support but no troops for Ukraine’s security

Aug. 20, 2025 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “President Donald Trump said the United States would provide air support for Ukraine’s defense against Russian aggression, but not U.S. troops on the ground.

If the war in Ukraine ends soon, U.S. air support would be available to help ensure its security instead of making Ukraine a NATO member, Trump said on Monday evening.

‘When it comes to security, they are willing to put people on the ground,’ Trump said of Ukraine’s European neighbors in a *Fox News* interview, as reported by *The Hill*.

‘We’re willing to help them with things, especially ... by air because nobody has [the] stuff we have,’ Trump said.

White House press secretary Karolin Leavitt on Tuesday confirmed Trump ‘definitively’ opposes deploying U.S. troops to Ukraine, *The Hill* reported.

Instead, Ukraine’s European neighbors and others might support peace by

deploying troops there, *Axios* reported on Tuesday...”

UK considering ‘boots on the ground’ in Ukraine

Aug. 20, 2025 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “Britain is still ready ‘to consider putting boots on the ground’ to shore up any peace deal in Ukraine, the UK’s Defence Minister Jonathan Healey said Wednesday.

‘The prime minister has made clear that he’s ready to consider putting UK boots on the ground in the circumstances of a negotiated peace,’ Healey told *ITV* television channel.

His comments came as NATO military chiefs from the alliance’s 32 member countries were to hold a virtual meeting on Wednesday.

The military head of NATO’s forces in Europe, U.S. General Alexis Grynkeiwich, was to give an update ‘on the current security environment’ as ‘diplomatic efforts to secure peace in Ukraine progress’, the head of the alliance’s military committee said...”

THE KINGS OF THE EAST

Xi Jinping signaling China is preparing for major attack

Aug. 4, 2025 -- *WND.com* reports: “A Chinese state-owned ship-building company has converted a bulk carrier into a floating farm that will produce 2,800 tons of fish a year.

The 225-meter-long *Zhe Dai Yu Yang 60001* is part of a ‘marine bread basket’ project that ‘aims to boost the nation’s food security by repurposing old vessels for use in aquaculture.’ Chinese Communist Party General Secretary Xi Jinping is mobilizing state entities, including, in this case, China State Shipbuilding Corp., in his all-of-society effort to achieve food security.

Why should anyone outside China care about Xi’s obsessive drive? Because this effort is another signal that he is preparing to attack...

Xi has been urging the Chinese to leave cities and return to farming, and, in a replay of the Cultural Revolution, he is sending college graduates to work the soil.

Xi is emulating Mao Zedong, who infamously demanded that China’s peasants ‘grow grain everywhere.’ Moreover, the government is serious about storing its crops. In March, the central government increased its agriculture stockpiling budget to \$18.1 billion for grains and edible oils, a 6.1% increase over last year...” **(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.)**

Dogs of war: China touts killer robot ‘wolves’

Aug. 6, 2025 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “China’s latest gun-toting quadruped military ‘wolf’ robots are designed to

stealthily approach enemies, fire precise shots on targets and work in rough terrain, state media said on Wednesday. State broadcaster *CCTV* said the robots, an upgrade from earlier robotic dog iterations, can replace human soldiers in dangerous conditions to reduce combat casualties.

China has poured support into robotics, an area in which some experts say it might already have the upper hand over the United States.

Its military has been keen to showcase its defence innovation — including weapons incorporating advanced technology like robodogs — during drills with countries like Cambodia...”

China to showcase latest military hardware at September parade

Aug. 20, 2025 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “China will unveil a slate of new domestically produced military hardware that will showcase its ‘powerful capability to prevail in

modern war' at a parade next month, officials said Wednesday.

The event, marking 80 years since the end of World War II, will see President Xi Jinping inspect troops in Beijing's Tiananmen Square, with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin and other world leaders expected to attend.

Millions of Chinese people were killed during a prolonged war with imperial Japan in the 1930s and 40s, which became part of a global conflict following Tokyo's attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.

The ruling Communist Party has held a series of blockbuster events in recent years to commemorate its wartime resistance.

On September 3, China's military will showcase its latest equipment, 'reflecting the evolution of modern warfare', said Major General Wu Zeke, an official at China's military commission.

'All of the weapons and equipment taking part in this review were selected from domestically produced, currently active main battle systems, with a significant proportion being newly unveiled equipment,' Wu told reporters at a briefing...

Russian, Chinese navies to conduct joint patrols in Asia-Pacific, Interfax reports

Aug. 6, 2025 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Russian and Chinese naval vessels will conduct joint patrols in the Asia-Pacific following recent exercises in the Sea of Japan, Russia's Interfax reported on Wednesday.

'Crews of the Russian Navy and China's PLA Navy will form a new task group to carry out joint patrol missions in the Asia-Pacific region,' *Interfax* said, citing a statement from the Russian Pacific Fleet's press service.

The two navies held joint drills in the Sea of Japan over August 1-5 that included artillery firing, practicing anti-submarine and air defense missions, and improving joint search and rescue operations at sea..." (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.)

German minister says China's 'assertiveness' threatens European interests

Aug. 22, 2025 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "China's assertiveness in the disputed South China Sea and tensions in the Taiwan Strait threaten international security and European interests, Germany's foreign minister said on Wednesday.

'What happens here in the Indo-Pacific has a direct impact on European security and vice versa,' Johann Wadephul said in a speech in Jakarta, using an alternative description for the Asia-Pacific region.

'China's growing military assertiveness in the South China Sea not only threatens Asia's security but also undermines the international rules-based order,' Wadephul said after talks with his Indonesian counterpart.

'With essential trade routes running right through this area, it also constitutes an economic risk.'

He said the same applied to frictions in the Taiwan Strait, where China has deployed fighter jets, warships and coast guard ships near Taiwan and has held several major military exercises around the island in recent years.

Communist China has never ruled Taiwan but Beijing insists it is part of its territory and has threatened to use force to bring it under its control..."

Kim Jong Un urges expansion of North Korea nuclear capability

Aug. 19, 2025 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "North Korean leader Kim Jong Un called Tuesday for the 'rapid expansion' of the country's nuclear weapons capability, citing ongoing U.S.-South Korea military exercises that he said could 'ignite a war'.

'The US-ROK intensified military nexus and the muscle-flexing are the most obvious manifestation of their

will to ignite a war,' Kim was quoted as saying by the official *Korean Central News Agency (KCNA)*.

'The prevailing situation requires us to make a radical and swift change in the existing military theory and practice and rapid expansion of nuclearization,' he said.

The comments were made as Kim visited a naval destroyer, Choe Hyon, on Monday and received a report about the warship's weapons systems.

He expressed satisfaction that 'the major tasks for making the navy high-tech and nuclear-armed' were 'progressing as planned' ahead of an assessment target in October, *KCNA* said..." (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.)

Report: North Korea has 'undeclared' ICBM base near China border

Aug. 21, 2025 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "North Korea has built a secret military base near its border with China which may house Pyongyang's newest long-range ballistic missiles, according to new research.

The 'undeclared' Sinpung-dong Missile Operating Base lies about 27 kilometres (17 miles) from the Chinese frontier, the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) said in a report published Wednesday.

The facility in North Pyongan Province likely houses six to nine nuclear-capable intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) and their launchers, the study said.

It said the weapons 'pose a potential

nuclear threat to East Asia and the continental United States'. North Korea has ramped up its nuclear weapons programme since a failed summit with the United States in 2019, and leader Kim Jong Un recently called for the 'rapid expansion' of the diplomatically isolated nation's nuclear capability..." **(China and North Korea are prophesied to be top contenders and bloody warriors during the battle of Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Revelation 16:12 pictures Kings coming to the Middle East, primarily China and North Korea 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 report.)

North Korea test-fires two new air defence missiles: KCNA

Aug. 25, 2025 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has overseen the test-firing of two new air defence missiles, state media said Sunday, after Pyongyang accused Seoul of fomenting tensions on the border.

The test-firing, which took place Saturday, showed that the two 'improved' missile weapon systems had 'superior combat capability', the

Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported.

The *KCNA* report did not explain the new missiles in any detail, only that their 'operation and reaction mode is based on unique and special technology'. It also did not specify where the test had been conducted.

'The firing particularly proved that the technological features of two types of projectiles are very suitable for destroying various aerial targets,' *KCNA* said.

Photos released by *KCNA* showed air defence missiles soaring into the sky and the flash of the purported interception of an incoming projectile..."

ISRAEL VS. HAMAS

Defense Minister: Gates of hell will open in Gaza

Aug. 22, 2025 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Defense Minister Israel Katz on Friday morning announced that he has approved the IDF's plans to defeat Hamas in the Gaza Strip.

According to Katz, the plans will include intense firepower, evacuation of residents, and ground maneuvers.

'Yesterday, we approved the IDF's plans for the defeat of Hamas in Gaza — through intense fire, evacuation of residents, and ground maneuvers,' Gallant wrote.

Katz emphasized that if Hamas does not agree to Israel's conditions for ending the war, primarily the release of all hostages and the terror group's disarmament, 'the gates of hell will soon open above the heads of Hamas' murderers and rapists in Gaza — until they agree to Israel's terms for ending the war, foremost among them the release of all hostages and disarmament.'..." **(Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me. Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men. For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O Lord. They run and prepare themselves without my fault: awake to help me, and behold. Thou therefore, O Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah. They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city. Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords are in their lips: for who, say they, doth hear? But thou, O Lord, shalt laugh at**

them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision. Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defence. The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies. Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield. For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying which they speak. Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they may not be: and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Selah. And at evening let them return; and let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city. Let them wander up and down for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied. But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble. Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy. — Psalm 59:1-17; Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming. The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent

their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation. Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken. A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the Lord upholdeth the righteous. The Lord knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever. — Psalm 37:7-18; 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. — Psalm 2:1-5. See the next two reports.)

Chief of Staff: We will not stop until Hamas is defeated

Aug. 22, 2025 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Today (Thursday), IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir conducted a field tour in the Gaza Strip alongside Southern Command Commander Maj. Gen. Yaniv Asor, Head of Operations Directorate Maj. Gen. Itzik Cohen, 36th Division Commander Brig. Gen. Moran Omer, Commander of the Kfir Brigade, Col. A, and additional commanders.

During the tour, the Chief of Staff and the Southern Command Commander met with soldiers from the Kfir Brigade and Brigade 188. They held a debriefing at the site of the encounter with Hamas operatives in Khan Yunis, where an attack was thwarted yesterday. The Chief of Staff expressed appreciation

for the soldiers' vigilance and swift response, which led to the elimination of most of the terrorists.

The Chief of Staff instructed the commanders to deepen the debriefing of the event, extract lessons, and continue with determined and professional operations.

He stated, 'We are in a challenging and intense multi-front war. The Gaza front is our primary focus. We are progressing with efforts for operations in Gaza City. Our objectives remain the release of the hostages and the defeat of Hamas – we will not rest or stop until we complete them.'...

'Leaving Hamas in Gaza would be like leaving the SS in Germany'

Aug. 21, 2025 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu strongly rejected claims that Israel is committing genocide or deliberately starving civilians in Gaza in an interview with *Sky News Australia*, accusing the Albanese government in Australia and some media outlets of spreading what he called 'medieval blood libels.'

'It's the same lies,' he said. 'Israel is starving Palestinian children? What lies. We've brought in 2 million tons of food since the start of the war — that's a ton per person.'...

'No army has done what Israel has done,' he said, contrasting Israeli efforts with the tactics of Allied forces in World War II. 'We try to shepherd people to safe places. Hamas shoots them if they try to leave.'

... 'Our goal is not to occupy Gaza — it's to free it,' he said. 'Free Gazans from Hamas tyranny. Free Israel from Hamas terror. We can't leave them there — that would be like leaving the SS in Germany.'...

Report: Hamas planning to move hostages to combat zone to stop Israel

Aug. 18, 2025 -- *Israel National News* reports: "The Saudi newspaper *Asharq Al-Awsat* reports that terrorist

organizations in the Gaza Strip are considering a plan to transfer hostages to Gaza City, aiming to link their fate to the planned Israeli operation. Sources in Israel warn that the report is likely propaganda intended to provoke opposition to an Israeli Gaza incursion.

The report, published today (Sunday), states that terrorist groups in Gaza are debating moving hostages into Gaza City to tie their fate to Israel's planned takeover of the Strip's largest city.

Sources within the organizations told the newspaper that, while the plan is dangerous, it is being discussed at senior levels both inside and outside Gaza. 'The goal is to increase pressure on Israel and link the fate of the living hostages to Netanyahu's decisions,' the report noted...' (Islamic murderers will be tormented in the flames of Hell fire forever – ...the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death – Revelation 21:8; and For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie – Revelation 22:15. Jesus described what it meant to be lost because of a life of sin: ...it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abrahams bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame Luke 16:22 – 24.)

Musab Hassan Yousuf to Arutz Sheva: Hamas' goal is to divide Israel, collapse government

Aug. 22, 2025 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Musab Hassan Yousuf, once known as the 'Green Prince,' is the son of Hamas co-founder Sheikh Hassan Yousuf. After years inside the

movement, he broke away, worked with the Shin Bet as an informant, and ultimately defected to the West. Today, he speaks openly about the ideology of Hamas, the danger of Palestinian propaganda, and his conviction that Israel's survival is essential to humanity.

In a wide-ranging conversation at the Jerusalem Center for Foreign Affairs, where he is a visiting fellow, Yousuf spoke with *Arutz Sheva – Israel National News* about the war in Gaza, the fate of hostages, Hamas' strategies, and his personal journey away from extremism.

On the possibility of a ceasefire or agreement with Hamas, Yousuf was unequivocal.

'First of all, there is no deal with the devil, because how can you find common ground with people who want to kill, kidnap, and do savage things? This is Hamas and, in general, the Palestinian mindset—the death cult that justifies suicide bombing, kidnapping toddlers, raping,' he said...' (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.)*

NEWS FROM IRAN

Iran can strike U.S. cities from the sea, claims all of Europe already within range, Iranian MP says

Aug. 18, 2025 -- *The Jerusalem Post*

reports: "An Iranian lawmaker on the parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Commission said on Sunday that Tehran can target U.S. cities from offshore positions and that every European country is already within

range of Iranian missiles, remarks made as Britain, France and Germany signal they are ready to reimpose UN sanctions on Iran.

Amir Hayat-Moqaddam told the Iranian outlet *Didban Iran* that the Islamic

Revolutionary Guard Corps' Aerospace Force has worked 'for 20 years' to enable strikes 'using Iranian warships and vessels,' adding, 'We can move our ships to within 2,000 kilometers of the U.S. and from there target Washington, New York and other cities.' He also asserted, 'Right now, all European countries are within our range.'

The comments were amplified across Persian-language media on Sunday, with *Iran International* summarizing Hayat-Moqaddam's interview and noting the timing amid European moves toward the UN 'snapback' mechanism...
(Iran has a long history of calling for the destruction of Israel. It will never happen. 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. See the next report.)

Iran will aim 'improved missiles' at Israel in future conflict, Tehran's defense chief warns

Aug. 20, 2025 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Iran has reportedly produced a new generation of missiles with significantly enhanced capabilities, and will be deployed in any future confrontation with Israel, the country's Defense Minister, Brig.-Gen. Aziz Nasirzadeh announced on Wednesday.

Speaking to the official *Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA)*, Nasirzadeh said the 12-day conflict in June was not only against Israel but also involved 'the full intelligence, logistical, and operational support of the United States.' He

emphasized that the missiles used during that war had been developed years earlier, but that newer, more advanced weapons have since been manufactured and deployed.

'If the Zionist regime attempts another act of aggression, we will certainly employ these improved missiles,' he stated.

Nasirzadeh also said that Iran's Armed Forces relied entirely on domestically produced systems during the conflict, claiming that Iranian missiles 'precisely struck their intended targets and caused heavy damage.' He argued that Israeli censorship prevented the full extent of these strikes from being publicized, though he said reports eventually confirmed their impact...

Iran looks to China to rebuild its missile capabilities, Israelis concerned

Aug. 15, 2025 -- *YnetNews.com* reports: "Iran is rebuilding its defensive capabilities after the 12-day war with Israel and is likely focusing on new aerial defense systems. Iran may be eyeing advanced Russian defensive systems, but thus far, it has been encountering a less-than-enthusiastic response from Moscow after the embarrassing defeat of the Iranian regime.

Tehran was also focusing on its missile program, which was also severely hit in the war. The regime realized in recent years that it must rely on its own capabilities to attack Israel, especially with ballistic missiles, after its Lebanese proxy Hezbollah was defeated in the war and after the terror group refrained from intervening when Israel launched its attacks on Iran.

Therefore, the Iranians understand that they must maintain a significant missile force as a strategic threat against Israel. Unlike the development of nuclear weapons, Iran is not bound by international treaties preventing it from building an arsenal of ballistic missiles.

Western intelligence agencies, mostly those in Europe, have observed Iranian and Chinese cooperation in that regard. China supplied Iran with some equipment after the October 2024 altercation with Israel, but is now actually rebuilding the Iranian capabilities...
(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.)

Iran says 'working with China and Russia' to stop European sanctions

Aug. 15, 2025 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Iran said Thursday it was working with China and Russia to prevent the snapback of European sanctions over Tehran's nuclear programme after Britain, France and Germany threatened to reimpose them.

'We will try to prevent it,' Iran's foreign minister, Abbas Araghchi, said in an interview with state TV.

'We are working with China and Russia to stop it. If this does not work and they apply it, we have tools to respond. We will discuss them in due course.'

The trio of European powers, known as the E3, told the United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Wednesday that they were ready to reimpose sanctions on Tehran if no diplomatic solution was found by the end of August.

All three were signatories to a 2015 deal that lifted sanctions in return for curbs on Iran's nuclear programme...

ANTISEMITISM ABOUNDS

'Death to the IDF': American IDF soldier's family home in St. Louis vandalized, cars torched

Aug. 6, 2025 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Defense Minister Katz reaffirms support for IDF chief amid criticism from Yair Netanyahu

The Missouri family home of an American IDF lone soldier was graffitied and the family vehicles were torched in a suspected hate crime on Tuesday, Clayton Police Department reported.

Just after 3 a.m., officers discovered that three vehicles had been damaged by a fire, believed to have been intentionally set, and found the driveway had been graffitied with the words 'death to the IDF.'

No one was harmed, but the incident is being investigated as a hate crime, and the FBI and the St. Louis Regional Bomb and Arson Unit have been requested to assist with the investigation..." **(The Jewish people have long been blamed for all of the world's ills. All throughout history they have been the universal scapegoat. Incredibly, even the awful plague of the Black Death that swept Europe was blamed on the Jews. They were accused of having poisoned wells with a powder made of spiders, frog legs, Christian entrails, and consecrated**

hosts (Communion bread). The public wrath that resulted from that fantastic tale brought about the slaughter of thousands of Jews and the complete extermination of two hundred Jewish communities. This can be traced back to the father of anti-Semitism – Satan who ...stood up against Israel – I Chronicles 21:1. God loves His Chosen People – ...I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee – Jeremiah 31:3. See the next two reports.)

Orthodox Jewish tourists targeted in violent Venice attack

Aug. 12, 2025 -- *Israel National News* reports: "An American Jewish couple was assaulted late Saturday night in Venice, in what local media reports may have been a hate-motivated incident. The attack occurred near the busy Rialto Bridge area, a major tourist hub in the city.

According to Italian reports, the Orthodox Jewish visitors — a man and his pregnant wife — were confronted by three men without warning. The assailants allegedly doused the couple with water, spat directly into the man's face, and set a large dog on him. The dog attempted to bite his thigh, but the blow was deflected when its teeth struck

a mobile phone in his pocket.

Witnesses told local media that the attackers hurled antisemitic insults and made verbal threats during the incident. The couple managed to escape and took refuge in a well-known kosher restaurant located in Venice's historic Jewish Ghetto. They did not file a formal complaint and have since returned to the United States..."

Jewish man physically assaulted, kippah thrown to the ground in Montreal, police investigating

Aug. 12, 2025 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "A Jewish man in Montreal was physically assaulted in front of his three children, according to video footage published on X/Twitter, which was then reported by Canadian channel CTV.

Montreal police received a call at around 2:45 p.m., where they first heard of the incident that occurred at the Villeray–Saint-Michel–Parc-Extension borough.

The victim, 32, was struck multiple times, and video footage documented, with the perpetrator leaving before officers arrived at the scene. It also showed the suspect throwing the Jewish man's kippah to the ground before leaving..."

SHARIA LAW

Yet, according to *Kronen Zeitung*, Vienna judges found that it was permissible for private individuals to settle civil disputes through the manner they saw fit, and that Sharia arbitration did not violate the basic law of Austria..." **(As we have shared numerous times on our program and in the *Van Impe Intelligence Briefing*, the American Thinker web page lists the top ten reasons why sharia is bad for all societies coming to the conclusion that Sharia Law ultimately degrades societies and diminishes freedom:**

- 1. Islam commands offensive, aggressive and unjust jihad which is a holy war**
- 2. Islam orders apostates to be killed**
- 3. Islam orders death for Muslims and death for non-Muslim critics of Muhammad and the Quran, and even Sharia itself**
- 4. Islam orders unmarried**

fornicators to be whipped, put to death, and adulterers to be stoned

5. Islam commands all homosexuals to be executed

6. Islam commands that highway robbers should be crucified or mutilated

7. Islam commands that a male and female thief must have a hand cut off

8. Islam allows an injured plaintiff to exact legal revenge, physical eye for physical eye

9. Islam allows husbands to beat their wives

10. Islam commands that drinkers and gamblers be beaten.)

Islamic Sharia Law Legally Valid in Austrian Civil Disputes, Vienna Court Rules

August 22, 2025 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "A court in Vienna ruled this week that Islamic Sharia law can be legally upheld in Austria in civil disputes, sparking accusations that the nation's Christian values are being undermined by multiculturalism.

The Vienna Regional Court for Civil Law Matters has upheld the findings of a Sharia arbitration tribunal concerning a civil dispute between two men in Austria, with the group of informal Islamic mediators ruling that one owed the other €320,000 (\$372,000).

The man appealed to the Vienna court, arguing that Sharia diktats have no standing in Austria and that the Islamic code violated the constitutional rights of the European country.