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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*

WORLD WAR III

Russia’s Medvedev: World is probably on verge of a new world war

April 26, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “An ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin warned on Tuesday that the world was probably on the verge of a new world war, cautioning that the risks of a nuclear confrontation were also rising, though neither scenario was inevitable.

‘The world is sick and quite probably is on the verge of a new world war,’ former Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, who serves as deputy chairman of Putin’s powerful security council, told a conference in Moscow. He said such a new world war was not inevitable but said the risks of a nuclear confrontation were growing – and more serious than concerns about climate change...” **(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.)**

Russia: New Cold War is Over, We Are Now in ‘Hot Conflict With the United States’

April 6, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “The United States is ‘playing with fire’ and engaged in a hot ‘hybrid war’ with Russia, having already graduated from the Cold War stage, a Russian government minister has claimed, incredibly even going so far as to blame the U.S. for rising nuclear tensions.

The new Cold War is already over, a Kremlin spokesman has said, apparently looking past Russia’s own role in invading Ukraine and accusing the United States of ‘playing with fire’ by pushing the world towards nuclear war that he insists Russians wish to avoid.

The comments come just hours after Russia announced it had deployed nuclear-capable missiles to the borders of NATO in Belarus, and refitted Belarussian jets with the equipment to carry and drop nuclear bombs. Moscow made a tacit accusation that the United States was to blame for this, saying Russia was doing no more than America already did, in stationing nuclear weapons in the territory of European allies...”

‘New world order’: Russia reveals its ultimate goal

April 7, 2023 -- *News.com.au* reports: “Russia’s Foreign Minister, Sergey Lavrov, says that any peace talks with Ukraine must be centred on a ‘new world order’, in a meeting with his Turkish counterpart in Ankara.

The top Russian diplomat was in Turkey – which has retained ties with both Moscow and Kyiv – to hold talks with Turkish foreign minister Mevlut Cavusoglu on Friday.

He also threatened to abandon a landmark grain deal, which Turkey helped broker, if obstacles to Russian exports remain.

‘Any negotiation needs to be based on taking into account Russian interests, Russian concerns,’ Mr Lavrov said.

‘It should be about the principles on which the new world order will be based.’

He added that Russia rejects a ‘unipolar world order led by ‘one hegemon’.

Russia has long said it was leading a struggle against the U.S. dominance over the international stage, and argues the Ukraine offensive is part of that fight...”

THE GROWING NUCLEAR THREAT

Russia says does not plan nuclear escalation, but others should not test its patience

April 27, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Russia does not intend to take the path of nuclear escalation in its standoff with the West over Ukraine but others should not test its patience, Russian foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said on Thursday.

Her comments follow a flurry of warnings by senior Russian officials, including President Vladimir Putin, that Western military support for Ukraine is increasing the risks of a catastrophic nuclear conflict.

‘We will do everything to prevent the development of events according to the worst scenario, but not at the cost of infringing on our vital interests,’ Zakharova told a regular news conference.

‘I do not recommend that anybody doubt our determination and put it to the test in practice,’ she added...” **(A huge nuclear war is prophesied multiplied times in God’s Word. Revelation 9:14 – 18 depicts Armageddon: *Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. And Revelation 16:16 tells of the longest and final battle of the ages.)***

China pushes largest-ever expansion of nuclear arsenal

April 26, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “China is pushing ahead with the largest-ever expansion of its nuclear arsenal, modernising the atomic deterrent with an eye on any future conflicts with the United States, experts say.

The SIPRI think tank estimates that China has a stockpile of around 350 nuclear warheads — small fry when compared with the United States and Russia.

But it is growing fast, and could have 1,500 warheads by 2035, according to a Pentagon estimate published in November.

‘China appears to no longer be satisfied with just a few hundred nuclear weapons to ensure its security,’ Matt Korda, of the Federation of American Scientists, told *AFP*.

Since its first nuclear test in 1964, China has been content to maintain a comparatively modest arsenal and has maintained that it will never be the first to use nuclear weapons in a conflict.

But in recent years, under President Xi Jinping, it has begun a massive military modernisation drive that includes upgrading its nuclear weapons to not only deter foes but also be able to counter-attack if deterrence fails...” **(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.)

North Korea ‘irreversible’ nuclear power: foreign minister

April 21, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “North Korea’s status as a nuclear power is ‘final and irreversible’, Pyongyang’s foreign minister said Friday, slamming a G7 call for Kim Jong Un to give up his nukes entirely.

Pyongyang has conducted another record-breaking string of sanctions-defying launches this year, including test-firing the country’s first solid-fuel ballistic missile this month — a key technical breakthrough for Kim’s military.

Seoul, Washington and the United Nations have all criticised the tests, and this week G7 foreign ministers called for the ‘complete, verifiable, and irreversible abandonment of (North Korea’s) nuclear weapons’.

North Korean foreign minister Choe Son Hui slammed the ‘extremely interventionist’ statement, saying the G7 were ‘malignantly pulling up’ her country’s ‘legitimate exercise of its sovereignty’.

‘The position of the DPRK as a world-class nuclear power is final and irreversible,’ Choe said in a statement carried by the official *KCNA*, referring to North Korea by the initials of its official name...”

THE KINGS OF THE EAST

China warns U.S., South Korea against 'provoking confrontation' with North Korea

April 27, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "China warned Washington and Seoul against 'provoking confrontation' with North Korea on Thursday, after President Joe Biden and his South Korean counterpart said Pyongyang would face the 'end' of its leadership if it uses its nuclear arsenal.

'All parties should face up to the crux of the (Korean) peninsula issue and play a constructive role in promoting a peaceful settlement of the issue,' foreign ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning said.

She urged against 'deliberately stirring up tensions, provoking confrontation and playing up threats'.

At a summit in Washington, Biden and Yoon Suk Yeol made clear that if the isolated dictatorship in North Korea attacked the South or the United States, the response would be devastating.

The two sides also agreed that the U.S. security shield for South Korea would be strengthened in the face of the nuclear-armed North's missile tests.

Beijing condemned that decision Thursday, saying Washington 'ignores regional security and insists on exploiting the peninsula issue to create tension.'

'What the U.S. is doing ... provokes confrontation between camps, undermines the nuclear non-proliferation regime and the strategic interests of other countries,' Mao said...''

(A March 19, 2021 article in *The New York Times* – [Tense Talks With China Left U.S. 'Cleareyed' About Beijing's Intentions, Officials Say](https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/19/world/asia/china-us-alaska.html) <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/19/world/asia/china-us-alaska.html>) states: **"Just as Washington's views on China have shifted after years of encouraging the country's economic integration, so have Beijing's perceptions of the United States and the privileged place in the world that it has long held. The Americans, in their view, no longer have an overwhelming reservoir of global influence, nor the power to wield it against China.**

That has made China more confident in pursuing its aims openly and unabashedly — from human rights issues in Hong Kong and Xinjiang to territorial disputes with India and Japan and others in the South China Sea to, most contentiously of all, the fate of Taiwan, the self-governing democracy that China claims as its own.

While China still faces enormous challenges at home and around the world, its leaders now act as if history is on their side."

Leaked U.S. Assessment Says China Readying Supersonic Spy Drone Unit

April 19, 2023 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "A leaked U.S. military assessment says the Chinese military may soon deploy a high-altitude spy drone that travels at least three times the

speed of sound, *The Washington Post* reported late on Tuesday.

The newspaper cited a secret document from the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

The document, which *Reuters* could not confirm or verify independently, features satellite imagery dated August 9 that shows two WZ-8 rocket-propelled reconnaissance drones at an air base in eastern China, about 350 miles (560km) inland from Shanghai, according to the newspaper.

The U.S. assessment said China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) had 'almost certainly' established its first unmanned aerial vehicle unit at the base, which falls under the Eastern Theater Command, the branch of the Chinese military responsible for enforcing Chinese sovereignty claims over Taiwan, the newspaper reported.

The U.S. Defense Department did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The Chinese government could not immediately be reached for comment..." **(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.)**

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Less than half of born-again Christians believe Jesus lived sinless life on Earth: study

April 24, 2023 -- *The Christian Post* reports: "Since the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020, fewer born-again Christians now say that Jesus lived a sinless life during his time on Earth, and church attendance has dropped by some 15 million people weekly, a new study from the Cultural Research Center

at Arizona Christian University shows.

The findings came from The American Worldview Inventory 2023, an annual tracking study of the worldview of U.S. adults involving 2,000 people from across the country and conducted under the supervision of George Barna, director of research at the Cultural Research Center.

While born-again Christians make up about one-third of all U.S. adults and

are considered 'the backbone of local church activity because of their higher level of commitment to the Christian faith,' the study shows that between 2020 and 2023, the share of those who say they believe Jesus did not commit sins during his lifetime on Earth fell from 58% to 44%..." **(Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: And**

*they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it. – Amos 8:11-12. There is a famine of the Word of God in America, a famine caused by pastors who as Dr. Van Impe often stated “Preach little sermonettes that create Christianettes. There is no substance to their messages. Hadden Robinson, author of Biblical Preaching: The Development and Delivery of Expository Messages was lecturing his students on preparation for preaching and said “If it’s a mist in the pulpit, it’ll be a fog in the pews.” Paul wrote to Timothy: *I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry – II Timothy 4:1-5. Pastors, teach your people!**

Päivi Räsänen Faces Second Trial over Her Biblical Views on Marriage

April 5, 2023 -- *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: “Finnish Parliament member Päivi Räsänen is facing a second trial over her Christian beliefs on marriage and sexuality, her lawyers say.

Last year a three-judge panel of the Helsinki District Court acquitted Räsänen of hate speech charges. Bishop Juhana Pohjola of the Evangelical Lutheran Mission Diocese of Finland was also acquitted of hate speech charges.

Both faced charges stemming from their 2004 pamphlet, *Male and Female He Created Them: Homosexual Relationships Challenge the Christian Concept of Humanity*.

Räsänen, the former leader of Finland’s Christian Democratic Party, faced further criminal charges for a 2019 tweet criticizing Finnish Lutheran Church leaders for supporting LGBT pride month, *The Christian Post* reports. The judges ruled that ‘it is not for the district court to interpret biblical concepts.’

‘By continuing its campaign to censor peaceful beliefs, the prosecution is setting a dangerous precedent of intolerance against free speech,’ Räsänen said in a statement.

Lawyers say Räsänen still has to pay thousands of dollars in fines.

ADF International Executive Director Paul Coleman called the ordeal a ‘new low’ for European free speech...” (*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.*)

Attacks on Churches on the Rise in 2023, Report Finds

April 13, 2023 -- *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: “The first three months of 2023 saw a dramatic increase in the number of attacks on churches nationwide compared to the same timeframe last year, according to a new report that found such attacks took place in nearly 30 states.

The report by the Family Research Council found 69 acts of hostility against churches between January and March – approximately three times the number that was recorded during the first three months of 2022. Such acts of hostility include vandalism, arson, bomb threats and gun-related violence. Among the 69 attacks on churches:

the mass shooting at The Covenant School, which is a ministry of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Nashville.

The report noted that if the rate continues, 2023 ‘will have the highest number of incidents of the six years FRC has tracked.’ A total of 29 states experienced attacks on churches.

‘The problem of acts of hostility against churches in the United States is widespread and growing,’ said Arielle Del Turco, FRC’s director of the center for religious liberty and author of the report. ‘Increasing anger and frustration directed at church buildings points to a larger spiritual battle and a growing climate of hostility toward Christianity.’...” (*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.*)

Times of Israel Decries ‘Escalating Attacks on Christians’

April 4, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “*The Times of Israel* has denounced growing anti-Christian violence in the Holy Land, some of which has been blamed on “Jewish extremists.”

Last Friday, Christian Churches in Jerusalem appealed to the government to ensure freedom to worship during Holy Week and Easter in the face of “mounting violence and acts of desecration over the past year,” the newspaper reported.

Catholic Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, presided over Palm Sunday Mass at the packed Church of the Holy Sepulchre, venerated as the burial place of Jesus and scene of his resurrection.

Jerusalem’s Christian leaders “tell of a deteriorating atmosphere of harassment, apathy from authorities, and a growing fear that incidents of spitting and vandalism could turn into something far darker,” the paper has revealed...

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Hamas official: May Allah bring annihilation upon the Jews

April 12, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Hamas official Sheikh Dr. Hamad Al-Regeb in a sermon in Gaza this past Friday prayed for Allah to bring annihilation and paralysis upon the Jews and to ‘enable’ the Muslims to ‘get to’ the Jews’ necks.

Al-Regeb also said that the Jews are ‘filthy animals’ and ‘brothers of apes and pigs’ who spread corruption, injustice, and evil at the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

His remarks were translated by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI).

‘We see the hordes of foreigners, the brothers of apes and pigs, spread corruption, injustice, and evil [at the Al-Aqsa Mosque]. According to the tradition, [the Jews] killed 70 of the Israelite prophets in one hour during the daytime, and they did not even close their markets,’ claimed Al-Regeb.

‘[Allah] transformed them into filthy, ugly animals like apes and pigs because of the injustice and evil they had brought about. How can we defeat the enemy? Unfortunately, some beloved preachers in different corners of the Earth, do not understand what defeating the enemy means for us,’ he continued...” (***Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; Gebal, and Ammon,***

and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah. Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison: Which perished at Endor: they became as dung for the earth. Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna: Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession. O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind. As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire; So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm. Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O Lord. Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish: That men may know that thou, whose name alone is Jehovah, art the most high over all the earth Psalm 83:1-18.)

Iran’s supreme leader: Israel’s demise coming faster than I expected

April 5, 2023 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “Iran’s Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei told local leaders on Tuesday that the ‘Zionist regime’ was disappearing faster than he had anticipated, amid internal Israeli divisions over the government’s controversial judicial overhaul.

‘Their own officials continuously warn that their collapse is nearing. Their president says this, their former prime minister says this, their [military] chief says this and their defense minister says this. They all say it,’ Khamenei said, appearing to refer to concerns voiced by public figures, such as President Isaac Herzog, that civil conflict could break out over intense disagreements on the legislation that seeks to shackle the

Supreme Court.

‘They say their collapse is nearing and that they won’t make it to their 80th birthday. We said a few years ago [in 2015] that they wouldn’t reach the next 20 or 25-year point from then. But they themselves are in a rush and want to leave sooner,’ he said.

The comments on Israel were made during a special Ramadan address Khamenei gave to government officials in Tehran...” (***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 starts 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.)***

Palestinian TV Airs Musical Calling to Attack Israelis 'Everywhere' with 'Bullets, Bombs'

April 17, 2023 -- *Breibart.com* reports: "A violence-themed musical broadcast on *Palestinian Authority (PA)* television called to fight Israelis 'everywhere' with 'blood and stones,' as Palestinian violence continues to escalate during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

Appearing on *PA TV*, the musical titled 'The Journey of a Nation' depicts the 'struggle' of the Palestinians over nearly a century, apparently from decades before even the establishment of the State of Israel.

Performed in the Gaza Strip, the musical featured young men in military outfits carrying mock weapons, dancing and singing about combating the 'enemy' through the use of machine guns, RPGs, daggers, rifles, and bombs, throughout the Jewish state.

The men are later joined by a group of children who dance alongside them..."

(God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah. There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early – Psalm 46:1 – 5. See the next report.)

Iran will destroy Tel Aviv, Haifa at slightest Israeli action – Raisi

April 18, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Iran will destroy Haifa and Tel Aviv if Israel takes 'the slightest action' against it, Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi warned on Tuesday during an Army Day address, according to the Iranian *Tasnim* media agency.

'The extra-regional and American forces should leave the region as soon as possible because it is in their own

interest and in the interest of the region,' he said.

Raisi said that Iran's army is 'well equipped and up-to-date' and that it 'sees itself as a servant by the side of the people.'..."

'War is closer than peace': Iran is behind recent escalation, says former security chief

April 13, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: "After a week that featured two deadly terrorist attacks and rocket fire in the north and the south of the country, 'War is much closer than peace,' assesses Gen. (res.) Yaakov Amidror, a former National Security Advisor and head of research in IDF Military Intelligence.

'America is no longer the same America it once was in terms of preparedness,' Amidror told *Radio 103FM*. 'And the Iranians have noticed this. The United States has much more complex issues to deal with than the Middle East right now, and the rest of the world sees Israel differently from the way it used to.'

Amidror added that, 'Iran is now more self-confident than it was and has succeeded in crafting more and more agreements with Arab countries. The world is changing, and the chances of things deteriorating still more are greater than ever. We must prepare for war, and it's possible that we'll reach the point where we have to attack Iran without America's aid.'

'The Iranians are pushing hard to create unrest,' he continued. 'We haven't seen anything quite like this before. Things have reached boiling point, and even if we aren't yet seeing the volcano erupt, it doesn't mean that things aren't bubbling inside. The Iranians are fomenting trouble on a scale that we haven't seen in years and are doing their best to escalate things, including on the Temple Mount, which provides them with a pretext. Tomorrow is Iran's Jerusalem day and from their point of view, it will be the perfect time to escalate things on the Temple Mount,' Amidror warned..."

(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.)

Netanyahu: 'We will cripple our enemies, they will pay a heavy price'

April 7, 2023 -- *YnetNews.com* reports: "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday opened a security cabinet meeting that was expected to weigh a response to rocket fire from Lebanon earlier, saying: 'We will cripple our enemies, they will pay a heavy price.'

The high-level security cabinet convened for the first time in nearly two months after a barrage of rockets was fired from Lebanon into northern Israel, in an attack attributed to the Gaza-based Hamas terror group.

'I have made it clear that our enemies should not misjudge us: The internal debate in Israel will not prevent us from taking action against them wherever and whenever necessary. All of us, without exception, are united on this,'

Netanyahu said.

'We have no intention of changing the status quo on the Temple Mount. We are calling for calming the situation and we will take strong action against extremists who use violence there,' he continued. 'Regarding the aggression against us on other fronts, we will strike our enemies and they will pay the price for any act of aggression.'

'Our enemies will discover, again, that at moments of truth, the citizens of Israel stand united and unified, and back the actions of the [army] and the other security services to defend our country and our people.'...' (Prime Minister Netanyahu is correct. *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.)*

Gallant warns: We will hit anyone who tries to harm us and make him regret it

April 6, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Minister of Defense Yoav Gallant on Wednesday afternoon completed a visit to an Iron Dome battery stationed in Israel's southern

region, together with IAF Chief of Staff, Brig. Gen. Eyal Greenboim.

The Minister was briefed on recent security events and spoke with the soldiers who intercepted the rockets fired from the Gaza Strip overnight...

'I want to be very clear: We will hit anyone who tries to harm us, and exact a heavy price that will make them regret any threats against Israeli citizens or IDF troops. I hope we all enjoy a happy and peaceful Passover,' he added..."

Defense Minister Gallant: 'We will not allow the Iranians and Hezbollah to harm us'

April 3, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Minister of Defense Yoav Gallant recently toured the IDF Etzion Regional Brigade with the Commander of the Judea and Samaria Division, the Chief of Staff of the Central Command, and Commanders of the Etzion Regional Brigade and the 'Shaked' Battalion.

Minister Gallant was briefed on the initial investigation into the ramming attack that took place overnight Saturday in Gush Etzion that left three soldiers wounded and received an overview of the IDF's operational activities during the month of Muslim and Jewish holidays.

Following the operational briefings, Minister Gallant visited the brigade headquarters and proposed a toast with the soldiers of the 'Shaked' Battalion of the Givati Brigade ahead of the upcoming holidays. 'All our fronts are tense. The Iranians are extending their outreach to Judea, Samaria, and Gaza and attempting to entrench themselves in Syria and Lebanon. We will not allow the Iranians and Hezbollah to harm us. We have not allowed it in the past, we won't allow it now or anytime in the future,' Gallant remarked during the visit. 'When necessary – we will push them out of Syria to where they belong – and that is Iran.'..."

TEMPLE MOUNT TROUBLES

Jordan: The entire area of the Temple Mount belongs only to Muslims

April 10, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: "The Jordanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Sunday published a statement condemning the visits by Jews to the Temple Mount during Passover, calling them 'the frequent invasions of Al-Aqsa Mosque' which are carried out 'under heavy security by the Israeli occupation police in a manner that constitutes a violation of the historical and legal situation existing at the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque and a violation of the sanctity of the holy places'.

Sinan al-Majali, a spokesperson for the Jordanian Foreign Ministry, said that the entire area of Al-Aqsa Mosque, which includes 144 dunams (meaning the entire area of the Temple Mount) is a place of worship exclusively for Muslims.

Muslim clerics claim that the entire area of Al-Aqsa Mosque also includes the Western Wall and belongs exclusively to Muslims. They also completely deny the fact of the past existence of the Holy Temple on the Temple Mount.

Al-Majali declared in his statement that the Jordanian Department of Endowments is the only entity that

is authorized to manage the affairs of Al-Aqsa Mosque and regulate the visit to the place..." (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. See the next report.)

King Abdullah: Every Muslim has duty to protect Jerusalem holy sites

April 3, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Muslims have a duty to protect the Islamic and Christian holy sites in Jerusalem, Jordan's King Abdullah told a Palestinian delegation who visited him in Amman on Sunday.

'We will always be with you and you will overcome all the challenges before you,' King Abdullah told the delegation led by Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas.

'King Abdullah stressed that it is the duty of every Muslim to deter Israeli escalations against Islamic and Christian holy sites in Jerusalem,' the Royal Court said in a statement it put out after the meeting.

He issued his statement during Islam's holy month of Ramadan and in advance of the Passover and Easter holidays, in a period fear is high that the sensitive holiday seasons will lead to an outbreak of violence.

He reaffirmed the Hashemite Kingdom's special custodial relationship to Islamic and Christian holy sites in Jerusalem including the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, also known to Muslims as al-Haram, al-Sharif..."

SANCTITY OF LIFE

Netherlands widens euthanasia laws to include children under 12

April 21, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "The Netherlands will now allow euthanasia of terminally ill children between the ages of one and 12, according to a report by the Guardian earlier this week.

The Dutch government said that this would only apply to up to 10 children a year and only for children who have no hope of recovery and who aren't helped by palliative care.

'The end of life for this group is the only reasonable alternative to the child's unbearable and hopeless suffering,' said

the government in a statement.

Euthanasia for adults and newborn babies with terminal illnesses was already allowed in the Netherlands, but this new rule makes the country the second in the world after Belgium to allow euthanasia of kids up to the age of 12.

Minors over the age of 12 could request euthanasia with a guardian's consent being required until 16..." (These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he

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