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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

PLAGUES & PESTILENCES

CDC: Researchers Suggest Leprosy May Become Endemic in Florida

August 1, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Researchers suggest that leprosy has become endemic in the southeastern United States, with Central Florida accounting for 20 percent of cases.

The entire state of Florida accounts for 81 percent of the biblical-era disease in the United States.

The study published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) revealed 159 new cases were reported in the U.S. in 2020, doubling the number of reported cases in the last decade based on data collected by National Hansen’s Disease Program. Approximately 70 percent of these new cases were reported in Florida, California, Louisiana, Hawaii, New York, and Texas.

Leprosy, otherwise known as Hansen’s disease, is a ‘chronic infectious

disease caused by the acid-fast rod *Mycobacterium leprae*.’ The disease primarily targets the skin and peripheral nervous system which includes the brain and spinal cord. While it is unclear how it spreads; researchers believe ‘prolonged person-to-person contact through respiratory droplets is the most widely recognized route of transmission.’...” (Pestilences are predicted as final day signs just preceding Christ’s return to earth to set up His eternal kingdom. **Matthew 24:7: ...there shall be famines, and pestilences... and Revelation 6:7, 8: ... when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.** [Emphasis mine] See the next report.)

‘Disease X’ – UK Scientists Start Developing Vaccines for Unknown Pandemic

August 9, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “British scientists at the secretive Porton Down laboratory have begun developing a new group of vaccines in order to combat an unknown future pandemic, dubbed ‘Disease X’.

At the Porton Down defence technology campus in Wiltshire, England, scientists are working on new vaccines to confront a series of current animal viruses that are believed to pose a threat of transmitting to humans and spur a crisis similar to that of the Chinese coronavirus.

While they have identified several possible ‘high-risk’ pathogens, such as bird flu, hantavirus, and monkeypox, which virus could break through is currently unknown and therefore the project has the remit of combatting ‘Disease X’...”

SANCTITY OF LIFE

Quebec Doctor Warns Euthanasia No Longer a ‘Last Resort’

August 17, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Dr. Michel Bureau, head of Quebec’s End of Life Care Commission, told the Canadian Press on Tuesday that Medical Assistance In Dying (MAID)

has become so common in the province that he fears suicide is no longer seen as a ‘last resort.’

MAID is Canada’s preferred euphemism for physician-assisted suicide. Canada has one of the most liberal – and arguably most aggressive – euthanasia programs in the world. MAID was

supposed to expand to include patients with mental illnesses but no physical ailments this year, but that proved to be a step even euthanasia-happy Canada was reluctant to take, so it has been postponed until at least 2024.

As things stand in Canada, MAID is no longer reserved for people with

terminal illnesses or unbearable pain, and there is pressure to begin offering it to minors. Doctors are encouraged to bring up euthanasia as an option before patients ask for it.

Bureau said these measures have produced an environment in which Quebecers no longer view MAID as an ‘exceptional treatment,’ but rather one that has become ‘very frequent.’ In fact, Bureau estimated that seven percent of all deaths in Quebec will be doctor-assisted suicides by the end of 2023...” *(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. These barbarians will soon ...be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched – Mark 9:43, 44. See the next report.)

Canada: Suicidal Patient Says Clinician Asked If She Had Considered Euthanasia

August 14, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “A 37-year-old Vancouver woman named Kathrin Mentler told Canada’s *Globe and Mail* on Wednesday that when she visited Vancouver General

Hospital in June to seek help for chronic depression and suicidal thoughts, a clinician told her to consider euthanasia. According to Mentler, the clinician told her there were ‘no beds’ and ‘no availability’ because Canada’s socialist health care system is ‘broken,’ and then asked if she had ‘considered MAID.’

MAID stands for Medical Assistance in Dying, Canada’s preferred euphemism for ‘assisted suicide,’ the killing of suicidal people. Mentler, who had never heard the term before, thought the clinician was advising her to hire a housekeeper.

Mentler said she was shocked that the hospital would suggest a person grappling with thoughts of suicide go ahead and kill themselves with medical assistance.

‘I very specifically went there that day because I didn’t want to get into a situation where I would think about taking an overdose of medication,’ she said...”

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Pakistan: Muslim Mob of 10,000 People Burns Down Hundreds of Christian Homes, Churches, over ‘Blasphemy’

August 17, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “A mob reportedly made of up as many as 10,000 men began burning down, looting, and otherwise violently assaulting Christian communities in Jaranwala, Pakistan, on Wednesday in response to reports that a Christian man had allegedly desecrated a Quran.

The Pakistani newspaper *Dawn*, citing local Christians in the northern Pakistani region of Punjab, documented the burning down or otherwise complete destruction of at least five churches. The British Asian Christian Association, an international aid group that serves persecuted Christians in Pakistan, reported that the mob destroyed over 500 homes and left ‘tens of thousands’ of Christians homeless...” **(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.)

Pakistan arrests two Christians accused of blasphemy day after riots

August 24, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Police have arrested two Christians accused of blasphemy in eastern Pakistan, a spokesperson said on Friday, two days after a Muslim mob burnt churches and houses in the minority’s settlement, saying the two men had desecrated the Quran.

Paramilitary troops have been guarding the settlement in the eastern part of the country after the mob vandalized at least one main and four small churches and set scores of houses on fire.

A Christian graveyard was also desecrated in the vicinity, residents and

community leaders said. Blasphemy is punishable by death in

Pakistan and though no one has ever been executed, numerous accused

people have been lynched by outraged mobs...”

THE RUSSIAN BEAR AWAKENS

Russia's Medvedev hints at future Russian invasion of Georgia

August 23, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “The deputy chair of the Russian security council Dmitry Medvedev said Moscow may annex Georgia’s breakaway regions South Ossetia and Abkhazia.

‘The idea of joining Russia is still popular in Abkhazia and South Ossetia,’ Medvedev, a former Russian president, wrote in an article published early on Wednesday by *Argumenty I Fakty* newspaper.

‘It could quite possibly be implemented if there are good reasons for that,’ said Medvedev, who has cast himself as one of Russia’s most hawkish political voices since its forces invaded Ukraine starting in February 2022...” **(According to a 2015 article in *The Week* magazine: Russian President Vladimir Putin has never hidden his nostalgia for the days of the Soviet Union. He worked as a spy at the KGB, lamented the end of communism, restored lyrics chosen by former Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin to the Russian national anthem, and marshaled Soviet-style military parades in Moscow...**

His most direct praise of the old Soviet Union came in 2005, when he shocked the west in a speech to the Russian people. He told them that the end of the USSR was essentially a mistake:

‘Above all, we should acknowledge that the collapse of the Soviet Union was a major geopolitical disaster of the century, Putin said in an address to the Russian people...’ See the next report.)

Putin Ally: When We Finish with Ukraine, We’re Going Into Europe

August 22, 2023 -- *PJMedia.com* reports: “The conflict in Ukraine has been threatening to become a world war for a considerable period, and if one key ally of Vladimir Putin gets his way,

that’s exactly what’s going to happen. Ramzan Kadyrov, the head of Russia’s Chechen Republic, is enraged about ongoing incidents of desecration of the Qur’an in Sweden and Denmark, and he has now vowed to ‘deal with’ those countries once he and his allies take care of Ukraine. Denmark is a NATO state, and Sweden has been making a concerted effort to join. If Kadyrov’s threat actually came to pass, it would mean World War III — unless, that is, the West throws the freedom of expression overboard, which it very well may do in order to defuse this situation.

Russia’s state-controlled *RT* reported Friday that Kadyrov views the desecration of the Qur’an as just another manifestation of the West’s decadence, and he is frustrated with what he sees as the inaction of Muslim leaders in the face of these repeated provocations...”

Russian intel. director: America no longer dominates international field

August 23, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Russia’s Foreign Intelligence Service Director Sergei Naryshkin has said the world is no longer a unipolar or bipolar field dominated by America and its interests at the 11th Moscow Conference on International Security last Tuesday, Russian state media *TASS* news reported on the same day.

‘It has become much more complex,’ Naryshkin said. ‘It can be said that this is no longer an even American lawn, but a lush garden in which a hundred flowers bloom. In all regions of the planet, there is an increase in national consciousness, a desire to strengthen regional integration.’

TASS noted that the comments came in response to remarks from the European Union’s High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs, Josep Borrell, who likened the European Union to a garden surrounded by jungle. The Russian intelligence chief slammed the comments as an example of ‘neo-colonial attitudes among the

Euro-Atlantic elites.’

Rather, Naryshkin stated, there will be an increasing diversity in nations that seek to assert their place on the world stage, no longer to be shut out by an exclusionary Western hegemony...”

(Russia preparing to fulfill Ezekiel 38:1, 2, 8, 16; Joel 2:3, 20, 30 for the Armageddon campaign – Revelation 16:16 – which will be fought against America, the EU and the entire Western World. Islamic armies will align themselves with Russia and China for holy jihad – holy war – Ezekiel 38:13; Daniel 11:40; Isaiah 17:1; Ezekiel 38:5-7; Psalm 83: 4 – 7.)

Russia Launches Baltic Naval Drills, Ratcheting Up Tensions With European Neighbors

August 3, 2023 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “Russia’s Ministry of Defense said it began live-fire naval exercises Wednesday in the Baltic Sea, ratcheting up tensions with nearby European nations that are already high over NATO and Ukraine.

Russia last carried out mass military exercises in the Baltic Sea in June, two months after Finland became NATO’s newest member. The drills took place at the same time NATO was holding its own Baltic Sea exercises.

The Russian exercises announced Wednesday will involve more personnel and aircraft than the last round and will feature the use of live weapons. The Russian defense ministry said the navy’s commander-in-chief, Admiral Nikolai Evmenov, will oversee the drills, which were designed to test ‘the navy’s readiness to protect the national interests of the Russian Federation in an operationally important area.’

The Ocean Shield-2023 exercises will involve forces practicing how to ‘protect sea lanes, transport troops and military cargo, as well as defend the coastline,’ the ministry said. More than 200 combat exercises will involve some 6,000 personnel, 30 warships and boats and 30 aircraft, it added...” **(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. See the next report.)

Russian warship fires warning shots to stop cargo ship in Black Sea

August 16, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “Russian naval forces in the Black Sea forced a cargo ship heading to a Ukrainian port to stop after firing warning shots, Russia’s Defense Ministry said Sunday.

The Palau-flagged dry cargo ship Sukru Okan was on its way to the port of Izmail early on Sunday when it was intercepted by Black Sea Fleet’s patrol ship Vasily Bykov for inspection, the ministry said in a statement carried by the official Russian news agency *Tass*.

The ship’s captain failed to respond to demands to stop for inspection, resulting in warning shots being fired from automatic small arms, the officials said.

A helicopter carrying a Russian inspection team took off from the Vasily Bykov and landed on the Sukru Okan after the latter ship’s captain was contacted via radio, according to the ministry.

‘After the inspection group completed its work aboard the Sukru Okan, the vessel continued sailing towards the port of Izmail,’ its statement said. ‘The Black Sea Fleet’s ships continue patrols in the designated areas.’

Russia warned last month it assume that all vessels bound for Ukrainian ports via the Black Sea could be potential carriers of military supplies for Kyiv following President Vladimir Putin’s withdrawal from a United Nations-brokered grain deal...”

Russia and China Sent Large Naval Patrol Near Alaska

August 7, 2023 -- *The Wall Street Journal* reports: “A combined Russian and Chinese naval force patrolled near the coast of Alaska last week in what U.S. experts said appeared to be the largest such flotilla to approach American shores.

Eleven Russian and Chinese ships steamed close to the Aleutian Islands, according to U.S. officials. The ships, which never entered U.S. territorial waters and have since left, were shadowed by four U.S. destroyers and P-8 Poseidon aircraft.

‘It is a historical first,’ said Brent Sadler, a senior research fellow at the Heritage Foundation and a retired Navy captain. ‘Given the context of the war in Ukraine and tensions around Taiwan, this move is highly provocative.’

A spokesman for the U.S. Northern Command confirmed that Russia and China had carried out a combined naval patrol near Alaska, but didn’t specify the number of ships or their precise location...” **(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, North Korea Aim for Closer Cooperation

August 16, 2023 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “Russia and North Korea on Tuesday advocated closer collaboration including in the defense sector, the latest show of deepening ties between the countries at odds with the United States.

Moscow and Pyongyang — both increasingly isolated from the West and weighted with sanctions — have drawn closer since the Kremlin deployed troops to Ukraine and commenced large-scale hostilities last year.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un ‘stressed the need to further develop tactical and strategic cooperation and interaction between the two countries in the fields of defense and security,’ the country’s defense minister said in a statement carried by the state-run *RIA Novosti* agency.

Russian President Vladimir Putin earlier Tuesday called for deeper ties, in a congratulatory message to Kim marking his country’s National Liberation Day...”

NORTH KOREAN MADMAN

Kim Jong Un tells North Korea arms factories to boost capacity

August 7, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “North Korean leader

Kim Jong Un has instructed factories making missile engines, artillery and other weapons to boost capacity as an important part of bolstering the

country’s defense capabilities, state media said on Sunday.

Kim’s inspections from Thursday to Saturday included the production of

engines for strategic cruise missiles and unmanned aerial vehicles, as well as shells for super large-caliber multiple-rocket launchers and transporter-erector-launchers, said state news agency *KCNA*.

His unusual visits to multiple arms production facilities over several days come as Pyongyang pushes to develop various strategic and conventional weapons and holds prominent displays of a range of arms.

The launchers Kim inspected are normally used to fire ballistic missiles...” **(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 two reports.)**

Kim Jong Un fires top military brass, orders troops to prepare for ‘offensive’ war

August 10, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “North Korean leader Kim Jong Un sacked his top general while calling for the military to boost weapons production and increase combat drills in preparation for an ‘offensive’ war, state-run media reported Thursday.

Kim fired Gen. Pak Su Il, chief of the General Staff, during a meeting of the ruling Workers’ Party central military

commission held Wednesday, *Korean Central News Agency* reported.

He replaced Pak with Vice Marshal Ri Yong Gil, who currently serves as the North’s defense minister.

The meeting also dealt with ‘dismissing, transferring to other posts or newly appointing some leading commanding officers,’ *KCNA* said. No reasons were given for the military reshuffle...”

North Korean leader oversees test of strategic cruise missiles

August 21, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: “North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has overseen a test of strategic cruise missiles, *Reuters* reported on Sunday, citing state media *KCNA*.

Kim visited a navy fleet stationed on the east coast to inspect the test aboard a warship, *KCNA* said, without specifying the date of his trip.

The launch was aimed at verifying the ‘combat function of the ship and the feature of its missile system,’ while improving the sailors’ capability to carry out an ‘attack mission in actual war,’ the North Korean news agency said, adding, ‘The ship rapidly hit target without even an error,’ it said.

Kim touted the ship for maintaining ‘high mobility and mighty striking power and constant preparedness for combat to cope with sudden situations,’ *KCNA* said...”

North Korea calls itself a ‘responsible nuclear power’

August 8, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “North Korea’s permanent mission to the United Nations on

Saturday called the isolated country a ‘responsible nuclear power.’

‘Today’s sobering reality is that the threat to international peace and security and the nuclear non-proliferation regime is being generated by the United States,’ the mission said in a statement published by North Korea’s Foreign Ministry.

North Korea said that the United States ‘unilaterally’ prioritizes the ‘narrow interests of itself and its allies’ on the U.N. Security Council and blasted the AUKUS alliance between the U.S., Britain and Australia announced in 2021.

One of the main provisions of the AUKUS alliance regards assisting Australia in acquiring nuclear-powered submarines. The deal has been criticized by scholars and politicians and described as an act of nuclear proliferation.

North Korea accused the U.S. of raising the level of military tension between the two countries to the highest level in 42 years and ‘to the point of nuclear war’ by establishing the bilateral Nuclear Consultative Group with South Korea...” **(Even if North Korea gives up its nuclear weapons, there are enough remaining in the world to create havoc. Nuclear war is part of the battle of the ages – see Revelation 9:18. Other prophesied texts are predicted in Psalm 97:3; Isaiah 66:15; Ezekiel 20:47: ... Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched... Study also Zephaniah 1:8; Malachi 4:1; and Revelation 8:7.)**

NEWS FROM RUSSIA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Nasrallah says Israel ‘will cease to exist’ if war erupts, as rhetoric escalates

August 16, 2023 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah on Monday continued his terror organization’s war of words with Israel, warning that if conflict erupts, the Jewish state ‘will cease to exist.’

In a televised speech marking 17 years since the end of the Second Lebanon War, the head of the Iran-backed Shiite terror group claimed that Israel’s

military has gradually ‘weakened’ since the ‘defeat’ it allegedly suffered in 2006.

‘After 17 years of attempts, preparation, and development, the Israelis have been unable to restore the image of the Israeli army,’ he said, according to the *Al-Mayadeen* news outlet.

‘The Israeli army today is in its worst shape in history,’ he added, referring to warnings by top IDF officers that military readiness has been hurt by reservist protests against the government’s judicial overhaul...” **(Israel will never**

be destroyed. God has declared His love for Israel from its very beginning: *And as for thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to supple thee; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all. None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, to the lothing of thy person, in the day that thou wast born. And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live; yea, I said*

unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live... Then washed I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil – Ezekiel 16:4 – 6; 9. Deuteronomy 7:6-8 states: For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: But because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Despite the rantings and ravings of the world: ... let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance – Psalm 83:4, God has promised: ...I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off – Isaiah 56:5.)

Nasrallah threatens to return Israel to 'stone age'

August 14, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Hassan Nasrallah, the secretary general of the Hezbollah terrorist organization, again threatened Israel this evening (Monday) and vowed to send the Jewish State to the 'stone age' in the event of a war.

During his speech, Nasrallah called Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant 'the enemy's minister of war' and threatened: 'You can return Lebanon to the stone age. This is nothing new. The question is what Hezbollah can do. We tell the Israeli leaders, if you reach a state of war, you will be returned to the stone age.'

'If a war breaks out, all civilian and military airports, air force bases, power generation stations and water infrastructures, communication infrastructures, the refineries, and the reactor in Dimona will be targeted. We have enough accurate missiles to hit all these targets,' the terror leader boasted... (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 report.)

Iran threatens Israel: 'Prepare for a trip to the Stone Age'

August 23, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Iran again threatened to destroy the State of Israel during the unveiling of a new drone with a flight range of up to 2,000 kilometers and the ability to fly at an altitude of 7,000 meters. The Ministry of Defense in Tehran explained that the drone is able to go on sorties of up to 24 hours straight and carry a load weighing up to 300 kg. In addition, it was said that it carries electronic surveillance equipment and a camera.

In a video circulated in the Iranian media, the drone is seen next to a threatening inscription in Hebrew and Persian: 'Prepare the shelters.'

The Telegram channel which is affiliated with the Iranian Revolutionary Guards, published an edited photo of the Iranian drone over the city of Dimona with a caption in Hebrew: 'Prepare for a trip to the Stone Age.'..."

Jerusalem Shiekh: There is no proof the Temples ever existed

August 4, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Sheikh Ikhrama Sabri, the head of the Supreme Islamic Council in Jerusalem, attacked what he called the intentions of 'extremist settlers' to

slaughter and burn the ashes of the 'Red Heifer' on the Temple Mount.

Under Jewish law (halakha), the only way to remove the ritual impurity that comes from contact with or being in proximity to the dead such as by entering a cemetery is through a ritual that includes sprinkling the ashes of a completely red heifer on the person with the impurity...

Sabri claimed that there has been no archaeological evidence showing that any Jewish Temples stood on the Temple Mount. 'Therefore, they invented the story about the five cows that were imported from the U.S., and this shows the failure that befell the Zionist movement and the occupation after they did not find a single stone during the excavations and drilling that would prove that they had anything to do with the so-called Temple of Solomon or any proof that it had anything to do with Hebrew history.'

Despite Sabri's claim, there is abundant historical and archaeological evidence proving the existence of the First and Second Temples, including an ancient stone inscription warning non-Jews not to enter the Holy Temple... (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.)

Predicted scenario: 6,000 rockets at Israel during first days of war with Hezbollah

August 7, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: “In the shadow of Israel’s internal dispute surrounding the government’s judicial reform plan, unusual cross-border incidents between Israel and Hezbollah in recent weeks and months show a noticeable rise in the probability of a war on the Israel-Lebanon border.

Israel Hayom reported that security officials predict that if such a war were to break out, it would not be limited to one front but rather be a multi-front campaign. It is not unforeseen that Gaza would also join the fray, forcing Israel to contend with terrorism in Judea and Samaria, violence and roadblocks in Israel, and additional threats as well.

According to the report, the situation that Israel’s civilian sector is preparing for is considered the worst-case battle scenario by security officials.

In such a scenario, over the course of one day of battle, Israel would have to contend with thousands of rockets fired, and within the first few days, about 6,000 rockets would be launched at the Jewish state. As time progresses, the number would decline to about only 1,500 to 2,000 rockets a day...” **(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 two reports.)

Assad: Israeli strikes will continue as long as Israel is an enemy

August 10, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad on Wednesday said that alleged Israeli strikes against targets in Syria would continue ‘as long as Israel is an enemy.’

‘Israeli strikes on Syria are directed against the Syrian army under the pretext of the Iranian presence,’ Assad told *Sky News*, as quoted by *i24NEWS*. ‘The attacks will continue as long as Israel is an enemy.’

In recent years, Syria has accused Israel of hundreds of air strikes on its territory, primarily targeting Iran-backed terror militias. Israeli security officials rarely comment on such strikes...”

Egypt, Jordan voice ‘full support’ for Palestinians, slam Israel

August 15, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi and Jordan’s King Abdullah on Monday affirmed their ‘full support’ for Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and urged Israel to fulfill its obligations in accordance with international law and to honor all agreements signed with the Palestinians.

Finding a suitable solution to the Palestinian cause and achieving a just and comprehensive peace is a ‘strategic option and a regional and international requirement,’ the three leaders said in a joint communique after the tripartite summit in the Egyptian city of El Alamein.

The summit was held amid ongoing talk about a possible normalization deal between Israel and Saudi Arabia. In their communique, Sisi, Abdullah, and Abbas did not make any direct reference to reports about U.S. efforts to broker a deal between Jerusalem and Riyadh. They stressed their ‘adherence’ to the 2002 Arab Peace Initiative,

however, which stipulates that the Arab states would normalize their relations with Israel only after a full Israeli withdrawal to the pre-1967 lines and the establishment of an independent and sovereign Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital...”

Iran trying to assert dominance by threatening U.S. warships in Gulf

August 23, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Iran threatened U.S. warships in the Persian Gulf in a video it released this week.

The Iranian fast boats conducted various maneuvers at sea as they have in the past to show that Iran is not deterred by the U.S. who always has warships based in the Gulf and often on patrol in the region, including usually an aircraft carrier, destroyers, and other vessels. The U.S. has also recently increased its public movement of warplanes and ships to the region saying the goal is to deter Iran via these additions to U.S. Central Command.

Iran’s new video, which actually took place on August 17, shows that their naval fast boats approached a U.S. warship and communicated with it. The Iranians identified themselves as ‘Sepah Navy Station’ and claimed that U.S. helicopters were entering Iranian territorial waters. They said the U.S. should move any helicopters that were airborne back to the U.S. naval ships and that if the U.S. did not then Iran would open fire.

The videos of the incident were then edited to make it appear as though the U.S. helicopters had returned to the U.S. ships...” **(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 two reports.)

U.S. hopes F-35s, ships will deter Iran in Gulf region as Iran threats grow

August 21, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “U.S. Air Force F-35s are playing a key role in protecting the skies off the coast of the Gulf countries. The U.S. Air Force component of U.S. Central Command said this week that the U.S. Air Force ‘F-35 took to the skies to defend and protect the Central Arabian Gulf alongside the U.S. Navy’s USS McFaul. The joint coalition operation protects safe passage and defends freedom of maneuver for all vessels operating in Central Command’s region.’

McFaul is a destroyer ship that is posted to the Gulf region. Meanwhile, Iran’s Fars News ran an article on its homepage Monday showing a U.S. carrier in the crosshairs with the headline ‘These are our territorial waters, go away.’

U.S. AfCent, the U.S. Air Force component of Central Command, said in late July that F-35s had deployed to the Gulf. The F-35 is a fifth-generation advanced warplane that has exceptional capabilities.

It is one of many air force assets recently sent to the region including the F-22s. The U.S. has also deployed A-10s and sent B-52s to the region over the last year. All of this is meant to deter Iran and Russia...”

U.S. May Arm Commercial Ships in Strait of Hormuz to Stop Iran Seizures

August 4, 2023 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “The U.S. military is considering putting armed personnel on commercial ships traveling through the Strait of Hormuz, in what would be an unprecedented action aimed at stopping Iran from seizing and harassing civilian vessels, four American officials told *The Associated Press* on Thursday.

The U.S. didn’t even take the step during the so-called ‘Tanker War,’ which culminated with the U.S. Navy and Iran fighting a one-day naval battle in 1988 that was the Navy’s largest since World War II.

While officials offered few details of the plan, it comes as thousands of Marines and sailors on both the amphibious assault ship *USS Bataan* and the *USS Carter Hall*, a landing ship, are on their way to the Persian Gulf. Those Marines and sailors could provide the backbone for any armed guard mission in the strait, through which 20% of all the world’s crude oil passes...”

Iran Says It Has Technology to Build Supersonic Cruise Missile

August 10, 2023 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “Iran said on Wednesday it has the technology to build a supersonic cruise missile, Iranian state media reported, an announcement likely to heighten Western concerns about Tehran’s missile capabilities.

The announcement comes days after reports on the arrival of more than 3,000 U.S. sailors and Marines aboard two U.S. warships in the Red Sea. The U.S. forces are there to deter Iran from seizing and harassing merchant ships traveling through the Gulf’s Strait of Hormuz.

‘The supersonic cruise missile will open a new chapter in Iran’s defense program, as it is extremely difficult to intercept a cruise missile flying at supersonic

speeds,’ the semi-official Tasnim news agency reported.

‘The new cruise missile is currently undergoing its tests,’ it added.

Despite U.S. and European opposition, Iran has said it will further develop its ‘defensive’ missile program. However, Western military analysts say Iran sometimes exaggerates its missile capabilities...” **(Iran’s goal is found in Psalm 83:4: Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. As Dr. Van Impe has emphatically stated before – it won’t happen. God has promised: ...I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off – Isaiah 56:5. See the next report.)**

Iran unveils armed drone, claims it could potentially reach Israel

August 22, 2023 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “Iran’s Defense Ministry unveils a drone resembling America’s armed MQ-9 Reaper, claiming that the aircraft is capable of staying airborne for 24 hours and has the range to reach the country’s archenemy Israel.

Iran’s state-run *IRNA* news agency publishes a photograph of the drone, called the Mohajer-10, on display at a conference marking Defense Industry Day with what appeared to be smoke-machine fog underneath it.

‘Mohajer’ means ‘immigrant’ in Farsi and has been a drone line manufactured by the Islamic Republic since 1985.

IRNA says the drone is able to fly at up to 24,000 feet with a speed of 210 kph (130 mph), carrying a bomb payload of up to 300 kilograms (660 pounds). It also says the drone could carry electronic surveillance equipment and a camera. Iran’s hardline President Ebrahim Raisi, a protégé of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, is also on site viewing the drone...”