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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*

NEVER AGAIN?

Syria's Assad claims Holocaust was a lie fabricated to justify creation of Israel

December 20, 2023 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “Syrian President Bashar Assad earlier this week declared that there is no evidence that six million Jews were killed during the Holocaust and accused the United States of funding the German Nazi party.

In a video of a speech by Assad translated and published by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) on Monday, Assad can be seen telling a listening crowd that ‘there is no evidence that six million Jews were killed’ during the Holocaust. ‘True, there were concentration camps, but what shows you that this is a politicized issue, not a humanitarian one and not a real one, is that we talk about these six million, but why don’t we talk about the 26 million Soviets who were killed in that war? Are the six million more precious?’

While some 26 million people from the Soviet Union were killed during World War II, the bloc’s population in 1939 equaled roughly 170 million people, compared to some 9.5 million Jews.

Furthermore, more than 8.5 million of the Soviets killed during World War II were killed in military battles...” (When Hitler came to power in Germany, the fate of the Jews in Europe was sealed. Like many before and after him, Hitler blamed the Jews for all the ills of society. He saw the Treaty of Versailles

that ended the First World War as a Jewish document. Weaknesses in the German economy were attributed to the Jews. He faulted the Jews for the birth and presence of communism in the world. He accused the Jews of being revolutionary and instigating internationalism, a supposed plot of the Jews to destroy Germany and seize control of the world. They became his favorite scapegoat, and their suffering at his hands rivals the most gruesome of human crimes.

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

I declare officially herewith I do not know of any circumstance — despite careful scrutiny — that may justify the presumption that I am not of Aryan descent; in particular, none of my paternal or maternal parents or grandparents was at any time of the Jewish faith. I am fully aware of the fact that I expose myself to prosecution and dismissal if this declaration proves untrue.

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

The future sufferings of the Jews were also announced in two lines of a song called “The Horst Wessel Song,” which

became the theme of every major parade in Germany. Translated, two lines of the song were: “When Jewish blood flows from the knife, Things will go much better.”

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

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

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

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

at any other time experienced an equal sense of shock.

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

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

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

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

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

One in five young Americans believes the Holocaust is a myth, poll finds

Dec. 12, 2023 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: "One-fifth of U.S. citizens

between the ages of 18 and 29 believe that the Holocaust is a myth, according to a new poll from the Economist/YouGov.

The poll was conducted between December 2 and December 5, and among other issues, examined the beliefs held by U.S. citizens on Israel, Jewish people and the Holocaust.

In response to the statement 'The Holocaust is a myth,' 20 percent of participants between the ages of 18 and 29 said that they agreed with it, and an additional 30% said that they did not agree or disagree.

In comparison, 8% of people between the ages of 30-44 agreed with the statement, as did 2% of people aged 45-64. However, of those over the age of 65 who were surveyed, 0% agreed with the statement and just 2% said that they neither agreed nor disagreed.

Overall, 7% of Americans believe that the Holocaust is a myth..."

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Christians in Northern India Forgo Christmas Celebrations After 'Record' Year of Persecution

Dec. 26, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "The Hindu nationalist government of India presided over the escalation of Christian persecution in the country at a 'record pace' in 2023, religious freedom experts told *Breitbart News*, and faces little to no pressure to protect their Christian populations from the West.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has repeatedly claimed in public — including on the lawn of the White House in June — that India is not a hotbed of persecution or violence against religious minorities.

'I'm actually really surprised that people say so. And so, people don't say it. Indeed, India is a democracy,' Modi said while standing next to President Joe Biden during a visit to Washington this year. 'We have always proved that democracy can deliver. And when I say deliver, this is regardless of caste, creed,

religion, gender. There's absolutely no space for discrimination.'

In reality, Hindu nationalists organized mob attacks on Christian communities throughout the year, burning down churches and often destroying entire neighborhoods, leaving Christians displaced...

As a result, Christmas celebrations will be largely absent in Manipur, local media reported Thursday..." (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.)

Nigerian Christians, Forgotten by the West, Face Christmas Under the Shadow of Jihadist Genocide

Dec. 26, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Christians in Nigeria will celebrate Christmas this year facing a relentless onslaught of jihadist terrorism seeking to eliminate them from the country, experts told *Breitbart News*, with little

support from their government.

In the northeast, Nigerian Christians have endured decades of attacks by Boko Haram, the Islamic State-affiliated terrorist organization committed to killing Christians and forcing young girls into sex slavery ‘marriages’ with their fighters. In the central Middle Belt, jihadists belonging to the majority-Muslim Fulani ethnic group regularly conduct raids on Christian communities, burning down entire villages and occupying land historically populated

by Christian majorities. The objective in both cases is the genocide of Nigerian Christians and the establishment of a *sharia* ‘caliphate’ system.

International Christian Concern named Nigeria the world’s top oppressor of Christians in its 2023 report — the world’s most dangerous place to be a Christian — as a result of the ‘20-year genocide against Christians’ there by Boko Haram, the Fulani, and other jihadist elements...”

NORTH KOREA NUCLEAR THREAT

North Korea: We’re Prepared to Nuke America if It Makes a ‘Wrong Decision’

Dec. 21, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Communist dictator of North Korea Kim Jong-un declared through state media on Wednesday that the launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) was necessary to ‘clearly show what action the DPRK [North Korea] has been prepared and what option the DPRK would take when Washington makes a wrong decision against it.’

Kim’s remarks were paraphrased in an article by the *Korean Central News Agency (KCNA)*, the flagship propaganda outlet of the North Korean regime. News outlets and media not controlled by the state are illegal in North Korea.

In the article, *KCNA* confirmed that the launch of a long-range missile into the East Sea (or Sea of Japan) on Monday was an ICBM test, naming the missile in question as the ‘Hwasong-18,’ North Korea’s latest publicly known model. Pyongyang debuted the Hwasong-18 in July and claimed that it could accurately hit a target anywhere in the continental United States with a nuclear payload.

North Korea launched the ICBM on the same day that it boasted of a visit by Deputy Foreign Minister Pak Myong Ho to Beijing, where Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi allegedly greeted him warmly and vowed that the Chinese Communist Party would continue to back the neighboring rogue regime...”

(Kim Jong-un, his sister, and recently his daughter, Ju-ae, who appeared with him twice recently raising speculation about possible succession, are following in the footsteps of Kim Jong-il and Kim il-sung in seeking nuclear weapons. In 1993, President Bill Clinton spoke in

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

North Korea’s Kim warns Washington as biggest ICBM launched

Dec. 19, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has vowed to accelerate his country’s nuclear build-up and warned Washington against making a ‘wrong decision’ after overseeing the launch of the country’s most powerful ballistic missile, state media said Tuesday.

Monday’s test launch of the solid-fuel Hwasong-18 came a day after the nuclear-powered submarine USS Missouri made port in Busan and followed a U.S.-South Korea warning that a nuclear attack by Pyongyang would mean ‘the end of the Kim regime’.

The two allies along with Japan on Tuesday activated a system to share real-time data on North Korean launches, part of their tightening security cooperation in response to Pyongyang’s growing

nuclear threats.

Kim said the launch of the missile capable of reaching U.S. shores was ‘a clear signal to hostile forces’ and showed the country’s options should Washington make ‘a wrong decision against it’, the *Korean Central News Agency* said.

‘A drill of launching (the) ICBM Hwasongpho-18 was staged as an important military action to clearly show the DPRK’s nuclear strategic forces’ overwhelming counteraction will and matchless strength to the enemies,’ *KCNA* said of the Monday launch...”

North Korea test fires long-range missile with U.S. in range

Dec. 18, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “North Korea launched another long-range ballistic missile on Monday with the potential capability of striking the United States, Seoul and Tokyo officials said, extending a record-breaking number of weapons tests this year that have been condemned by the West.

The firing followed the test of a shorter range missile on Sunday night, with the back-to-back launches coming immediately in the wake of another bout of fearsome rhetoric between North Korea and the U.S.-South Korean allies.

South Korea’s military said it had detected the launch of a long-range ballistic missile from the Pyongyang area on Monday morning that flew 1,000 kilometres (620 miles) before splashing down in the East Sea, also known as the Sea of Japan.

The South reported the missile flew up rather than across, a method Pyongyang has previously said it employs in some weapons tests to avoid flying over neighbouring countries.

Japan's defence ministry said it was an ICBM-class missile with a potential range of more than 15,000 kilometres that would cover all of the United States..."

North Korea nuclear attack on U.S. would spell end of Kim regime: White House

Dec. 18, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Washington on Saturday reiterated its warning to North Korea that any nuclear attack on the United States would result 'in the end of the Kim regime.'

A joint statement by the U.S.-South Korean Nuclear Consultative Group also reaffirmed that any nuclear attack by Pyongyang on South Korea 'will be met with a swift, overwhelming, and decisive response.'

'The United States reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to provide

extended deterrence to the ROK (Republic of Korea) backed by the full range of U.S. capabilities including nuclear,' said the statement published by the White House.

U.S. President Joe Biden had issued a similar, strongly worded warning in April, saying that any nuclear attack by North Korea would 'result in the end' of the Pyongyang government.

And five months earlier, U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin warned that any nuclear attack by the North against the U.S. or its allies would mean the 'end of the Kim regime.'

North Korea last year declared itself an 'irreversible' nuclear power and has repeatedly said it will never give up its nuclear program, which the regime views as essential for its survival..." (Nuclear war is coming – *Saying to the*

sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. This conflict called Armageddon is described in Revelation 9:14 – 18.)

WAR IN ISRAEL

Top Hamas Official Warns 'War of Liberation' Surpassing October 7 Massacre Is Imminent

Dec. 4, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "A 'war of liberation' surpassing the unprecedented October 7 terror attacks is coming soon, vowed a senior Hamas official who expressed no regrets over the U.S.-designated terrorist group's brutal massacre in Israel — the deadliest against Jewish people since the Nazi Holocaust — which saw the torture, rape, execution, immolation, and abduction of hundreds of Israelis of all ages, mostly civilians, and dozens of Americans.

Hamas political bureau member Osama Hamdan made the remarks during a broadcast Wednesday on the Lebanese media outlet *Bel Moubashar Online...*" (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.)*

Netanyahu in Gaza: War will continue until Hamas is finished, not before

Dec. 26, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, together with Deputy Chief of General Staff Amir Baram, visited IDF soldiers stationed in northern Gaza today (Monday) to receive a briefing from the commanders in the field on the progress in the war against the Hamas terrorist organization.

'I have two things to tell you: firstly we will do everything to protect your safety, your lives. We want to complete this mission but we want to protect you as much as possible,' Netanyahu told the soldiers he met.

He added, 'Secondly, we are not stopping. Anyone who talks about stopping — no. We are not stopping. This war will continue until the end.

Until we finish them. No less than that.' 'I know that you have left your families and that the families are supportive, that is something mighty, that is power, that is the key to victory,' the prime minister stated..." (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.)*

Benny Gantz: 'As long as it may take, we will fight, and we will win'

Dec. 22, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: "National Unity Chairman Minister Benny Gantz on Thursday visited southern Israel. He held a situational assessment at the 98th and 36th Divisions, after which he visited Netiv Ha'asara with Ashkelon Shore Regional Council Chief Itamar Revivo. 'The activity in Gaza will continue, and the harm to Hamas is getting deeper, and it will continue deep in the territory and in various stages,' Gantz stated. He added, 'There is no intention to stop the fighting until we bring back the hostages and change the reality in the south and the north. Hamas' refusal to release elderly, ill, and women from captivity after 70 days while risking

their lives is another proof that we must remove the threat of Hamas. It is proof that Hamas is worse than ISIS, and its leaders and members' verdict is death. To remove this threat, we will continue to fight until we reach our goals.' 'Hamas' presence causes severe harm to Gazans. He who doesn't spare his citizens while he sleeps in luxury hotels, who use them to survive, is a war criminal. It will take as much time as we need. We will fight, and we will win,' Gantz concluded..."

Netanyahu: 'We Will Destroy Hamas' Regardless of 'International Pressures'

Dec. 14, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told soldiers on Wednesday that Israel 'will destroy Hamas' regardless of 'international pressures.'

Netanyahu made his comments in conversation with Israel Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers, a day after the United Nations General Assembly passed a non-binding resolution demanding a ceasefire in Gaza, and after U.S. President Joe Biden criticized Israel for what he called, without evidence, 'indiscriminate bombing.'..." **(Though Satan has always stood against Israel — I Chronicles 21:1 – Yahweh God will ... send a fire against Magog [Russia] and her Arabic allies –Daniel 11:40; Isaiah 17:1; Ezekiel 38:5-7 and Psalms 83:5-7. In the heat of the battle to destroy Israel – Psalms 83:4 – the enemies of God will be crushed as Jesus, the Son of God sets up His kingdom. Isaiah 59:20 states: ...the Redeemer shall come to Zion [Jerusalem], sent by His Father – Psalms 2:6 – to reign over the world from Jerusalem forever – Luke 1:32 – 33.)**

THE RULES OF WAR

IDF Spokesman Hagari: 'We abort attacks when we see unexpected civilian presence'

Dec. 18, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: "IDF Spokesman Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari released a statement in English on Monday regarding civilian casualties in the war in Gaza.

'Hamas sees civilian death as a strategy, we see it as a tragedy — which is why we use many measures to try and minimize the civilian harm and suffering — that is the tragic reality — in this war that Hamas started,' Hagari stated.

'We warn civilians before attacks, whenever possible. We also recommend civilians to temporarily move away from areas of intense fighting,' the spokesman added.

Hagari explained: 'We abort attacks when we see unexpected civilian presence. We choose the right munition for each target — so it doesn't cause unnecessary damage.'..." **(Benjamin Netanyahu has stated: "If the Arabs put down their weapons today, there would be no more violence. If the Jews put down their weapons today, there would be no more Israel."**

Israel does all that it can to protect civilians – Hamas uses civilians to protect their missiles; placing them next to schools and in residential neighborhoods. See the next four reports.)

Israel Responds to Biden: IDF 'Making Efforts That No Army in History Has Made ... to Protect Civilians'

Dec. 14, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Israel responded Wednesday to President Joe Biden's claim Tuesday that Israel was engaged in 'indiscriminate bombing' of Gaza, saying it was taking extraordinary measures to protect Palestinian civilians, even as Hamas used them as human shields.

Biden made the accusation, without evidence, at a private fundraiser with donors in Washington, DC, on Tuesday. He also claimed that Israel is losing support around the world, and that the Israeli government has to eject right-wing political parties.

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) is 'making efforts that no army in history has made in order to protect civilians' in a counter-terrorism operation in urban areas, said Eylon Levy, an Israeli government spokesman, at a press conference on Wednesday..."

White House spokesperson: Israel is protecting civilians in ways even we wouldn't

Dec. 14, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: "White House National Security Council spokesman John Kirby on Wednesday highlighted some of the steps the IDF has taken to prevent

civilian casualties in Gaza, noting that some of Israel's steps might go further than what the U.S. would do.

'They moved into southern Gaza on the ground in a way that was much smaller than they planned to do,' he told reporters. 'We think that was an output of some of the advice and counsel we provided them about urban warfare.'

A reporter suggested that Kirby was giving the Israelis more of a benefit of the doubt than President Joe Biden, who on Tuesday, during a conversation with donors, characterized Israel's bombing against Hamas in Gaza as 'indiscriminate'.

'They have published online maps of places where people can go or not go. That's basically telegraphing your punches! There's very few modern militaries in the world that would do that! I don't know that we would do that!' replied Kirby..."

IDF finds one of the largest Gaza weapons stockpiles ever near school and hospital

Dec. 6, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "The IDF engaged hundreds of Hamas terrorists and terror targets and discovered one of the largest weapons stockpiles ever found in the Gaza Strip over the past twenty-four hours the military said on Monday.

The IDF said that it had found one of

the largest weapons stockpiles in the history of its operations in Gaza, an arsenal containing hundreds of missiles, launchers, long-range rockets, anti-tank missiles, UAVs, and explosives.

The massive weapons cache was located near a hospital and a school, the IDF reported.

The terror munitions were discovered by the 50th battalion of the 460th brigade. The IDF said that some of the munitions were detonated on site while others

were sent for further investigation...”

IDF: Hamas continues using civilian areas for military activities

Dec. 5, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: “The IDF has located additional military infrastructure of the Hamas terrorist organization in the Al-Shati area of the northern Gaza Strip, a spokesman said Tuesday afternoon.

‘Hamas uses civilian infrastructure such as schools and civilian buildings

to launch rockets, store weapons and carry out attacks against the IDF,’ the spokesman said. ‘This is just one example of the broader operational method used by Hamas in Al-Shati and other areas.’

‘It reflects Hamas’ combat tactics throughout the entire strip – using civilian buildings and infrastructure for terrorist purposes.

‘Hamas continues to endanger the lives and safety of Gazan civilians.’...”

HAMAS ATROCITIES

Former IDF spokeswoman: Israel must tell the truth about what happened to the hostages

Dec. 7, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Lt. Col. Avital Leibovich, director of the American Jewish Committee (AJC) Israel and the former international spokesperson for the IDF, spoke with *Arutz Sheva – Israel National News* about the public relations effort surrounding the war in Gaza.

‘We are fighting a media war as well as a war in Gaza. No war is pretty. Israel must tell the truth about what happened to the hostages that we have been able to recover alive. I know that it is difficult, and I know the trauma that these hostages went through, but it is important that the world look in their eyes and understand that Hamas is ISIS,’ she said.

‘Israel has testimonies on every single atrocity committed by Hamas. Those who want to listen and believe can do so, and those who do not want to believe we should not waste time on.’...”

(Nolan Finley, Editorial page editor for *The Detroit News* tells of watching “Bearing Witness to the October 7th Massacre” that was shown by the Simon Wiesenthal Center and the Israeli Consulate to the Midwest. The majority of the film was compiled from the cell phones and body cameras of the Hamas terrorists as they carried out this massacre. He states: *What we saw Sunday night was excruciating to watch, harder still to discuss. When it was over most of us walked to our cars barely speaking.*

Imagine watching the most gruesome horror flick, without the benefit of knowing the gore on screen is make-believe. In this movie, the blood is real.

The bodies are real. The evil is real... More sickening for me than the gruesome images is the absolute joy with which the killers went about their sadistic work. I expected to see angry, frothing mad men. Instead, these killers are happy. They looked like gleeful young men celebrating a soccer win...

And this, I'm told, is the PG version. It doesn't depict the mass rapes and mutilation of babies that was reported, but nothing in video suggests such depravity is beyond the pall for the marauders...

I wondered going into the screening what emotions I'd feel coming out. Revulsion? Heartache? Grief?

All of that. But mostly rage, an absolute red-hot anger that there are people in this world capable of such evil and others who would excuse their wickedness.

Mass sexual assault of women in public has been documented in Islam for years. On February 11, 2011, former *CBS News* correspondent Lara Logan was reporting in Egypt about the celebrations following the resignation of Hosni Mubarak when she was attacked by a group of 200 – 300 men, several of whom gang raped her for nearly one half hour. Her only offense – not having her head covered. In an article Dr. Van Impe has cited before, Dawn Perlmutter said: “*From a Western perspective this was a crazed mob out of control. For a shame culture this was an acceptable punishment for a woman who was not properly covered. They pulled her blonde hair out and more than likely kept it as souvenirs.*”

Here is what our God states: *Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God — I Corinthians 6:9, 10.* See the next report.)

Kirby: safe to assume Hamas is still weaponizing sexual violence

Dec. 7, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “United States National Security Council spokesperson John Kirby indicated that Hamas held Israeli hostages could be victims of sexual abuse when speaking with reporters in Washington on Wednesday.

‘It is a sick truth of this particular group that they use sexual violence as a weapon and a tool,’ he said in repose to a question about the 138 hostages still held in Gaza, including 20 women and children.

‘Sadly I think it’s safe to assume that they are still using sexual violence as a weapon, but I can’t speak to specific instances,’ he said.

The Associated Press reported that a doctor who treated some of the 105 hostages released last week told its news organization that ‘at least 10 men and women among those freed were sexually assaulted or abused.’...”

THE IRANIAN THREAT

Iran foreign minister warns of 'terrible' days ahead for Israel

Dec. 7, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian warned of 'terrible' days to come for Israel in a call with his Qatar counterpart, according to Iranian pro-regime media.

The two men discussed the war in Gaza, *Fars News* and *Tasnim News* reported. Tehran and Doha have excellent ties; Iran's foreign minister has traveled to Qatar to meet Hamas leaders over the last two months in the wake of the Hamas attack and massacre of more than 1,200 people in Israel on October 7.

According to Iranian media, Iran's foreign minister discussed the West Bank and Gaza with the Qataris. He also discussed the 'Zionist aggression' that Tehran has slammed numerous times. Iran backs proxies in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, and Yemen and has sought to inflame the West Bank..." (*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.)

Iran Threatens to Close Mediterranean Sea Alleging U.S. Gaza 'Crimes'

Dec. 25, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "The Mediterranean Sea could be 'closed' indefinitely by Iran if the U.S. and Israel continued 'crimes' in Gaza, an Iranian state report Saturday warned. According to *Reuters*, no exact disclosure was made of exactly how Tehran would seal off the expansive waterway.

In the past Iran has sent armed ski boats out on patrol into contested waters, however the results have been mixed with the U.S. Navy in particular simply ignoring its Iranian counterparts and their threats of impending doom..."

Iran's navy boasts of new sophisticated cruise missiles

Dec. 25, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Iran's navy on Sunday added domestically produced sophisticated cruise missiles to its arsenal, *The Associated Press* reported, citing Iranian state TV.

According to the report, the Talaeieh and Nasir cruise missiles have arrived at a naval base near the Indian Ocean in the southern Iranian port of Konarak, some 1,400 kilometers southeast of the capital, Tehran.

Navy chief Adm. Shahram Irani was quoted as having said the Talaeieh has a range of more than 1,000 kilometers and called it 'fully smart.' Irani said the cruise missile is capable of changing targets during travel.

He added that the Nasir has a range of 100 kilometers and can be installed on warships..."

THE RED SEA POWDER KEG

Yemen rebels vow to keep up Red Sea attacks despite U.S. warnings

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reports: "The United States condemned 'unprecedented' attacks by Yemeni rebels on Red Sea shipping as the Huthis pledged Tuesday to continue military operations despite the announcement of

a new maritime protection force.

The flurry of drone and missile attacks by the rebels, the latest of which targeted two vessels on Monday, threaten to upend global trade flows, with major

shipping firms halting traffic through the Bab al-Mandeb strait.

Pentagon chief Lloyd Austin warned Tuesday that the attacks ‘threaten’ the free flow of commerce, a day after he announced a multinational task force to quell Houthi missile and drone attacks.

‘Secretary Austin condemned Houthi attacks on international shipping and global commerce as unprecedented and unacceptable, noting the attacks threaten the free flow of commerce,’ Pentagon press secretary Major General Pat Ryder said in a statement...’ (An article on the Foreign Policy magazine website states: *Moses may have parted the Red Sea, but now, thanks to a wave of Houthi missile attacks, shipping companies are departing it in droves.*

So far, the Iran-backed Yemeni group has launched at least 100 missile and drone attacks against a dozen ships in the Red Sea, according to U.S. officials, and threatened to target all vessels heading toward Israel, whether or not they are Israeli-owned or operated. To avoid suffering the same fate, major energy and shipping companies, including BP and Maersk, have halted their operations there—rattling energy markets and driving up global oil prices and soon everything else. The Red Sea is what connects Asia to Europe, in terms of cargo ships, so disruptions are felt around the world.

The article goes on to explain why the Red Sea is so important, and that is because where it is located it is the entry way to the Suez Canal and one of the world’s key global trade corridors. Disruptions there can send shockwaves around the world.

Could the events taking place here lead to the downfall of Babylon the Great mentioned in Revelation 18? *And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from*

thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, And saying, Alas, alas that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off... – Revelation 18:11-17. See the next three reports.)

U.S.-led coalition of 10 nations to counter Houthi attacks on vessels in Red Sea

Dec. 19, 2023 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “The United States on Monday announced a 10-nation coalition to quell Houthi missile and drone attacks on ships transiting the Red Sea, with Britain, France, Bahrain and Italy among countries joining the ‘multinational security initiative.’

‘Countries that seek to uphold the foundational principle of freedom of navigation must come together to tackle the challenge posed by this non-state actor,’ U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said in a statement late-light Monday.

Iran-backed Houthi rebels have escalated attacks on tankers, cargo ships and other vessels in the Red Sea, imperiling a transit route that carries up to 12 percent of global trade

‘This is an international challenge that demands collective action,’ Austin said in statement released just after midnight in Bahrain. ‘Therefore today I am announcing the establishment of Operation Prosperity Guardian, an important new multinational security initiative.’

The United Kingdom, Bahrain, Canada, France, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Seychelles and Spain will join the U.S. in the new mission, Austin announced. Some of the countries will conduct joint patrols while others provide intelligence support in the southern Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden...”

UK and Italy send warships to join Red Sea coalition

Dec. 20, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “A British Royal Navy destroyer has

joined a new international maritime protection force to protect shipping in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, the government in London said Monday.

HMS Diamond is part of the Operation Prosperity Guardian task force seeking to deter attacks from Iran-backed Yemeni rebels on commercial vessels in the busy Bab al-Mandeb strait.

The United States announced the 10-nation coalition on Monday, promising a multinational response to the Houthi drone and missile strikes disrupting shipping.

‘These illegal attacks are an unacceptable threat to the global economy, undermining regional security and are threatening to drive up fuel prices,’ said UK Defence Secretary Grant Shapps.

‘This is an international problem that requires an international solution. That is why HMS Diamond has joined Operation Prosperity Guardian.’

‘This new task force will protect shipping and vital trade routes in the Red Sea, where large amounts of goods and oil transit through to Europe and on to the UK.’

Shapps sent HMS Diamond to the region last month to join the frigate HMS Lancaster, three mine hunters and a Royal Fleet Auxiliary support ship as part of the UK’s longstanding maritime presence in the Gulf...”

Iran warns against proposed U.S.-backed Red Sea force – ISNA

Dec. 14, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Iran’s Defense Minister Mohammad Reza Ashtiani warned that a proposed U.S.-backed multinational task force to protect shipping in the Red Sea would face ‘extraordinary problems,’ official Iranian media reported on Thursday.

Ashtiani’s comments came after the United States said last week it was in talks with other countries to set up a task force following a spate of attacks by the Iran-backed Houthis in Yemen on ships in the Red Sea.

‘If they make such an irrational move, they will be faced with extraordinary problems,’ Ashtiani told the official *Iranian Student News Agency (ISNA)* in comments it published on Thursday.

‘Nobody can make a move in a region where we have predominance,’ he said, referring to the Red Sea...”