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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

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Preteens rejecting several biblical teachings, survey reveals

Feb. 14, 2024 -- *The Christian Post* reports: "A prominent Christian researcher is warning that 'we are on the precipice of Christian invisibility in this nation,' as new research shows that preteens are rejecting beliefs associated with a biblical worldview.

In a statement released last week, the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University shared data about the worldviews held by children between the ages of 8 and 12 years old. The Cultural Research Center contrasted the views of the preteens with those of parents of children younger than 13, pastors of Christian churches and teenagers.

The findings of the research are based on responses from 400 preteens collected in December 2022, 600 parents of children younger than 13 gathered in January 2022, 600 pastors of Christian churches collected in February 2022, 400 teenagers gathered in November and December 2022, and a January 2023 survey of 2,000 adults.

When asked if they believed that 'Jesus Christ is the only way to experience eternal salvation, based on confessing your sins and relying only upon His forgiveness of your sins,' just 36% of preteens answered in the affirmative. Thirty-four percent of parents and 54% of children's pastors said the same.

Twenty-five percent of preteens agreed that 'the Bible is the true word of God that should be a guide to knowing right from wrong, and living a good life.' Significantly higher shares of parents (44%) and children's pastors (62%) expressed agreement with the statement stressing the value of the Bible..." (... when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? – Luke 18:8. The article makes one wonder what the answer to that question would be. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find *it.* – Amos 8:11-12.

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

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

thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. And the Lord said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria: And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him. - I Kings 19:4-18 [Emphasis mine]. Thank God for His faithful remnant.)

Report: Attacks on Churches Increased 800% in 6 Years

Feb. 23, 2024 -- Breitbart.com reports: "Attacks on churches have increased nearly 800 percent in less than six years, indicating that 'hostility against U.S. churches is not only on the rise but also accelerating,' a Family Research Council (FRC) report found.

Between 2018 and 2023, FRC identified 915 acts of hostility against churches in

the United States by analyzing opensource documents, reports, and media outlets. In just the last year alone (between January and November of 2023), 436 acts of hostility against churches occurred, according to the report.

'This was more than double the number of incidents in all 12 months of 2022, which was 195. It also marked the second consecutive year that saw more than twice the number of incidents of the year before,' the report states. 'There were at least 96 incidents in 2021, 55 in 2020, 83 in 2019, and 50 in 2018. Over the entire reporting period for this report, from 2018 to 2023, acts of hostility appear to have increased in frequency over time'..." (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 ve, 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 vou, ve know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ve 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.)

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

Nuclear Threat: Russia Will Drop 'Entire Arsenal' on London, Washington if it Doesn't Win Ukraine War

Feb. 20, 2024 -- Breitbart.com reports: "Top Putin Ally warns West off striving for a Ukrainian victory, warning that would lead to nuclear strikes on 'Kiev, Berlin, London, Washington', as well as an apocalyptic civil war in Russia with 'tens of millions' dead.

Deputy chairman of the Russian Security Council Dmitry Medvedev, who was also formerly the Prime Minister and President of Russia in service to Vladimir Putin, has threatened Western capitals with the 'entire strategic arsenal' of Russian nuclear weapons. Medvedev, for whom absolutely no slight is too small to necessitate a nuclear response, was speaking of Ukraine's hope to retake its U.N.-recognised national territory which in some cases have been occupied by Russia for very close to ten years...

He said: 'Attempts to return Russia to the borders of 1991 will lead to only one thing. To a global war with Western countries using the entire strategic arsenal of our state. In Kiev, Berlin, London, Washington.'..." (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. See the next report.)

Putin says 'categorically against' putting nuclear weapons in space

Feb. 21, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Russian President Vladimir Putin said Tuesday that he was opposed to sending nuclear weapons to space, dismissing U.S. accusations that Moscow was developing a space-based anti-satellite weapon.

Washington said last week it was worried Russia was developing the system while saying it posed no immediate threat to people on Earth. 'We have always been categorically against putting nuclear weapons in space,' Putin said in a meeting with Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu.

He called the accusations part of a 'clamour being raised in the West.'

Shoigu said Russia does 'not have' the system Washington accused it of developing..."

Russia deepening ties with global axis of evil – Israel charges at UN

Feb. 27, 2024 -- The Jerusalem Post reports: "Russia is deepening its ties with global forces of destabilization, chiefly Iran, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Gilad Erdan, told the General Assembly on Monday. Erdan's comments came ahead of the parley Moscow is holding this week with Palestinian factions, including Hamas.

'This week, Russia will be hosting a Hamas delegation in Moscow! And not for the first time!' Erdan told the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York, which held a debate to mark two years to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. 'Russia is one of the only places outside of the Middle East where Hamas terrorists and Houthi Jihadists are given the red-carpet treatment, even after October 7,' Erdan said.

'Russia is hosting those who are responsible for intentionally murdering babies, raping women, and burning families alive,' Erdan stated. He also added that 'this meeting in Moscow is a result of something more dangerous. Russia is now deepening its ties with global forces of destabilization.'

His words underscored the shift in Israeli policy regarding Moscow since

the start of the war, a conflict for which Jerusalem had initially attempted to hold a neutral line and maintain strong ties with both Russia and Ukraine ... ' (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 included in World War III is forming exactly as he taught for 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.)

Western Analysts Warn of Russia's, China's Influence in Western Balkans

Feb. 2, 2024 -- Voice of America News reports: "With Russia and China increasingly aligned, Western policymakers and analysts are sounding the alarm over their influence in the Western Balkans. With so much focus on the wars in the Middle East and Ukraine, they warn that the Western Balkans should not be ignored.

U.S. Representative Pete Sessions told *VOA* on Wednesday that Russia has been a part 'of destabilizing the Balkans for a number of years,' and that it has demonstrated it uses misinformation and military force to fulfill its objectives.

'Destabilizing the Balkans is something that each of the countries there see,' he said. 'And they see these not only happening, but they see whether it's a deliberate attempt to undermine these nations.'

Sessions said the United States needs to stand behind these nations and 'work within established parameters, the EU, NATO and other organizations. ... The United States needs to be front and center to say, 'We support this, and we will stick together.' That is what these nations need. The United States of America standing strong with them individually and as a group.'..." (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].)

THE KINGS OF THE EAST

'Hard to fathom': China rapidly outpacing U.S. in shipbuilding in push for maritime dominance

February 14, 2024 -- Daily Caller News Foundation reports: "China's shipmaking capabilities are far outpacing that of the U.S. and its Western allies, *The Wall Street Journal* reported Tuesday.

China currently represents over half of the world's shipbuilding output for both commercial and military vessels, according to the *WSJ*. Meanwhile, the U.S. represents just a small fraction of the globe's total shipbuilding output, and its Navy struggles to expand amid maintenance delays, worker shortages and a lack of supplies.

'The scale [of China's shipbuilding] is just almost hard to fathom,' Thomas Shugart, adjunct senior fellow on maritime competition at the Center for a New American Security, told the *WSJ*. 'The degree to which it dwarfs American shipbuilding is just unbelievable.' In 2002, China represented roughly 8% of the world's total shipbuilding output; that number had more than quadrupled by 2012 and hit 51% by 2023, according to the *WSJ*. China's ship-making powerhouse underscores a larger goal by Beijing and Chinese President Xi Jinping to assert full control over the maritime stage militarily and economically, as the country's shipbuilding docks often build both naval and commercial vessels..." (China is prophesied to be a top contender and bloody warrior during

the battle of Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Revelation 16:12 pictures Kings coming to the Middle East, primarily China, to slay a third-part of mankind in atomic warfare. Revelation 9:14 – 18 the Oriental nations from the East join with Russia – the leader from the North – Daniel 11:44 – for the most horrendous war in history. See the next report.)

Beijing's top diplomat says China will be a 'force for stability'

Feb. 19, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Beijing's top diplomat Wang Yi said China will be a 'force for stability' in the world during a speech on Saturday at a major security conference in Germany.

'No matter the changes in the international situation, China as a responsible major country will always maintain the continuity and stability of its major policies and resolutely stay a force for stability in a turbulent world,' Wang said.

Foreign minister Wang's address at the Munich Security Conference, a gathering of 180 leaders and defence chiefs, followed a fresh appeal by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky for more help in his country's fight against Russian troops.

China says it is a neutral party in the conflict but has been criticised for refusing to condemn Moscow for its invasion of Ukraine..."

Philippines accuses China of attempting to block another vessel

Feb. 26, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "The Philippines on Sunday accused the Chinese coast guard of attempting to block a Filipino government vessel delivering supplies to fishermen, the second such alleged incident near a disputed reef in two weeks.

The BRP Datu Sanday was supplying fuel to fishermen near the Scarborough Shoal when it was harassed by a China Coast Guard vessel and three other Chinese ships on February 22, the Philippine Coast Guard said.

Three of the four Chinese vessels came within 100 metres (328 feet) of Datu Sanday's bow, it said in an incident report that also listed shadowing, vessel transponder jamming and other 'dangerous manoeuvres'.

'Despite these manoeuvres, the skipper of BRP Datu Sanday exhibited excellent seamanship skills and managed to evade the blocking attempts,' said Commodore Jay Tarriela, the Filipino coast guard spokesman on South China Sea issues.

A week earlier, the Philippine Coast Guard said the BRP Datu Tamblot had a similar encounter in the area..." (A March 19, 2021 article in *The New York Times* – <u>Tense Talks With China</u> <u>Left U.S. 'Cleareyed' About Beijing's</u> <u>Intentions, Officials Say https://www.</u> <u>nvtimes.com/2021/03/19/world/asia/</u>

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." See the next report.)

China plans record 100 space launches in 2024, including lunar and station missions

Feb. 27, 2024 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "Underscoring China's escalating ambitions in outer space, the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corp (CASC), the stateowned backbone of the nation's space endeavors, has unveiled plans to execute over 100 launches throughout 2024. This schedule, announced at a recent news conference in Beijing, will set a new high in the volume of space launches conducted by China in a single year.

CASC is tasked with conducting nearly 70 of these missions, which include the deployment of over 290 spacecraft into various orbits. Among the missions outlined by Ma Tao, deputy head of CASC's space program planning department, are two crewed flights and two cargo missions to the Tiangong space station, the Chang'e 6 mission aimed at retrieving samples from the moon's far side, and the inaugural launches of the Long March 6C and Long March 12 carrier rockets.

The Chang'e 6 mission will collect the first-ever samples from the moon's lesser-known far side that will enhance our understanding of the moon's composition and geological history. This endeavor is especially notable given the far side's unexplored terrain and the technical challenges involved in such a mission.

CASC's 2024 launch lineup will predominantly feature the Long March rocket family, a series that has become synonymous with China's space missions. Additional launches are planned using the Smart Dragon secondary rocket series, the Kuaizhou fleet from China Aerospace Science and Industry Corp, and several rockets from private sector entities. This diversified launch strategy not only demonstrates CASC's comprehensive capabilities but also underscores the collaborative efforts within China's space sector to achieve these ambitious goals ... "

Kim Jong Un threatens to 'put an end' to South Korea if attacked

Feb. 9, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "North Korean leader Kim Jong Un called South Korea Pyongyang's 'primary enemy' and warned that his military would 'put an end' to the South if attacked, state-run media reported on Friday.

Kim made the remarks Thursday during an address at the Ministry of National Defense to mark the 76th anniversary of the founding of the country's military, *Korean Central News Agency* reported.

'If our enemies dare to use force against our country, we will make a bold decision that will change history and will not hesitate to mobilize all the superpowers at our disposal to put an end to them,' Kim said, referring to South Korea.

The belligerent tone comes as relations between the two Koreas are at their lowest in years. North Korea publicly rejected its long-held goal of unification with the South last month, with Kim calling for a constitutional change to define South Korea as its 'primary enemy state and invariable principal enemy.'

In his speech Thursday, Kim praised the decision to name South Korea as the

'most harmful and primary enemy of our country' and said the North would 'take over and stabilize their territory in the event of an emergency.'

He added that the move to reclassify South Korea as a hostile country establishes the 'legality to attack and destroy at any time.'...'' (North Korea marches with Russia and China for the war of the latter years and latter days – Ezekiel 38:8, 16. Atomic bombs will produce global incineration – Psalms 97:3; Isaiah 66:15; Joel 2:3, 30; Zephaniah 1:18; Malachi 4:1; Revelation 8:7 and 9:18.)

WHO OWNS THE LAND?

Biden Commits to Jordan's King to Continue Ban on Christian, Jewish Worship on Jerusalem's Holy Temple Mount

Feb. 14, 2024 -- Breitbart.com reports: "At a time when the Jewish state is battling an existential threat, President Joe Biden assured the Jordanian king that Jewish and Christian prayer would continue to be banned — under what is known as the 'status quo' — on Jerusalem's Temple Mount, the holiest site in the Jewish faith and revered by Christians worldwide, so as not to inflame Muslim anger.

On Monday, President Biden and King Abdullah II of Jordan discussed the Gaza war at the White House, with Abdullah advocating for an immediate end to the war, even with an undefeated Hamas still ruling the coastal enclave. This despite the fact that the U.S.designated Islamic terror group, whose charter calls for the murder of Jews and the elimination of the Jewish state through relentless jihad, perpetrated the worst terrorist attack in Israel's history in October, in an operation stemming from its radical beliefs..." (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.)

At White House — King Abdullah attacks '70 years of occupation' impact

Feb. 13, 2024 -- The Jerusalem Post reports: "Jordan's King Abdullah warned against the danger of 'seventy decades of occupation' as he called for a two-state resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict during a press conference with U.S. President Joe Biden at the White House.

'Seven decades of occupation, death, and destruction have proven beyond any doubt that there can be no peace without a political horizon,' said the monarch.

King Abdullah has been a strong proponent of a two-state solution at the pre-1967 lines, with east Jerusalem as the capital.

Those who support that position often speak of their opposition to the more than five decades of Israeli 'occupation' of the territories of the West Bank, Gaza, and east Jerusalem..." (Genesis 15:18 states: In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates and in Joshua 1:4 we read: From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. These verses encompass all of the land modern Israel currently possesses, plus all of the land of the Palestinians (the West Bank and Gaza), plus some of Egypt and Syria, plus all of Jordan, plus

some of Saudi Arabia and Iraq. Israel currently possesses only a fraction of the land God has promised.)

U.S. could recognize Palestinian state after Israel's war in Gaza

Feb. 1, 2024 -- The Jerusalem Post reports: "The United States is engaged in ongoing 'planning processes' on how best to advance the establishment of a Palestinian state, U.S. State Department spokesperson Mathew Miller said, but stressed that this was not a policy change.

'Yes, we are actively pursuing the establishment of an independent Palestinian state with real security guarantees for Israel,' Miller told reporters in Washington on Wednesday. 'We support the establishment of an independent Palestinian state, and we do a lot of work in the government to think about how to bring it about,' Miller said. 'The vast majority of options never

usually get implemented,' he stated. He spoke about those efforts when quizzed by journalists about a report on the Hebrew website Walla about such efforts..." (Caroline B. Glick, senior contributing editor to The Jerusalem *Post* wrote a book in 2014 entitled "The Israeli Solution" where she stated in the preface: "Establishing a Palestinian state, so the thinking goes, would be a panacea for all the region's ills. It would end the Arab world's conflict with Israel, because the reason the Arab world is anti-Israel is that there is no Palestinian state. It would also nearly erase the Arab world's anti-Americanism, because the reason the Arabs - and the larger Muslim world - are anti-American is that the United States supports Israel even though there is no Palestinian state... For the past ninety years, the two-state solution has been tried more than a dozen times, and every time it has failed, abysmally.

Between 1970 and 2013, the United States presented nine different peace plans for Israel and the Palestinians, all based on the two-state solution – and for the past twenty years, the two-state solution has been the centerpiece of the U.S. Middle East policy. But despite this laser focus, American efforts to implement the two-state solution have all been dismal failures." See the next report.)

Hamas Declares It Will Not Accept Existence of Israel as Biden Admin Touts 'Two-State Solution'

Feb. 9, 2024 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "A senior Hamas terrorist told a

Lebanese news outlet, which the allied jihadist group Hezbollah operates, on Thursday that his group would offer 'no compromise' on the destruction of Israel, describing the Jewish state as having 'no future in the region.'

Osama Hamdan, the top Hamas representative in Lebanon, threatened all who support the existence of Israel, telling Hezbollah's *al-Manar* news, 'Whoever counts on it or attaches their future to it will lose.'

Hamdan's comments echo the ideological provisions of the Hamas terrorist charter and statements made since 2023 by officials in Iran, the world's premier state sponsor of terrorism and

a top Hamas financier. The opposition among jihadist groups to Israel existing in peace presents a significant obstacle to the foreign policy of leftist American President Joe Biden, whose officials have been repeating, with increasing frequency and urgency, the need for an alleged 'two-state solution' in which a sovereign 'Palestine' is established alongside Israel. Those proposing two states have not offered any clarity on who would govern such a state an issue of particular concern given that Hamas is the government of the 'Palestinian' territory of Gaza..."

HAMAS = TERRORIST

The horrifying report on the 7/10 rapes and massacre

Feb. 21, 2024 -- Israel National News reports: "The Association of Rape Crisis Centers in Israel on Wednesday published a horrifying report portraying sexual attacks that were inflicted during the brutal massacre in the Gaza border areas on October 7th and in Hamas captivity.

The report, which was submitted to the UN Special Envoy on Sexual Violence in Conflict Areas, who visited Israel about two weeks ago, shows that the sexual crimes were committed in four types of locations: at the Nova music party, in surrounding villages and kibbutzim, on IDF bases, and in Hamas captivity in Gaza.

According to the report, the Nukhba terrorists operated in systematic patterns of group attacks, when in villages and kibbutzim, the sexual attacks were sometimes done in front of relatives and friends. The terrorists targeted both women and men, and the victims were executed during or after they were raped ... " (Mass sexual assault of women in public has been documented in Egypt since 2005. On February 11, 2011, 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 we have 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.)

UN Relief Chief: Hamas is not a terrorist group for us

Feb. 16, 2024 -- Israel National News reports: "A United Nations official came under fire from Israel on Thursday, after he claimed in a TV interview that 'Hamas is not a terrorist group for us'.

UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Martin Griffiths, spoke to *Sky News* on Wednesday and, when asked whether he thought Israel's plan to eliminate Hamas was realistic, replied, 'I think it's very difficult. I've worked with many many many different terrorist and insurgent groups. Hamas is not a terrorist group for us. It's a political movement.'

Israeli government spokesperson Eylon Levy posted a video of the remarks to X and wrote, 'Martin Griffiths denies Hamas is a terrorist organization. No wonder he is abusing his power to save Hamas' skin after the deadliest terror attack since 9/11 instead of demanding its surrender.'...

Following the uproar, Griffiths issued a clarification on Thursday, writing on X, 'Just to clarify: Hamas is not on the list of groups designated as terrorist organizations by the United Nations Security Council.'

'This doesn't make their acts of terror on 7 October any less horrific and reprehensible, as I've been saying all along,' he added..." (Islamic murderers will be tormented in the flames of Hell fire forever-...the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death – Revelation 21:8; and For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie – Revelation 22:15. Jesus described what it meant to be lost because of a life of sin: ... it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abrahams bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this

flame Luke 16:22 – 24. See the next 3 reports.)

John Kirby responds to UN official: Hamas is a terrorist organization, it just is

Feb. 16, 2024 -- Israel National News reports: "White House National Security Communications Adviser John Kirby clarified on Thursday that the U.S. views Hams as a terrorist organization.

Kirby made the comments in response to a question from a reporter about comments by the UN's humanitarian chief, Martin Griffiths, that 'Hamas is not a terrorist group for us'.

'Hamas is a terrorist organization. We've said so. It is. It just is. And you don't have to look any further than what they did on the 7th of October to see it in stark terms. And, my goodness, take a look at their manifesto, even the one that's so-called watered down in 2017. There's no doubt they just want to wipe Israel off the face of the map. This is a terrorist organization, pure and simple. Period,' said Kirby..."

Congress bans Hamas from entering USA

Feb. 1, 2024 -- Israel National News reports: "By a vote of 422 to 2, the House of Representatives has approved H.R.6679, titled the No Immigration Benefits for Hamas Terrorists Act, introduced by Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA). The bill forbids members of Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) from entering the U.S., even if seeking asylum. The ban also includes anyone who had any part in the October 7th massacre.

'Any alien who carried out, participated in, planned, financed, afforded material support to, or otherwise facilitated any of the attacks against Israel initiated by Hamas beginning on October 7, 2023, is inadmissible,' the bill states.

'Any alien who carried out, participated in, planned, financed, afforded material support to, or otherwise facilitated any of the attacks against Israel initiated by Hamas beginning on October 7, 2023, shall be ineligible for any relief under the immigration laws, including under this section, section 208, and section 2242 of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999 (and any regulations issued pursuant to such section).'

Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) and Cori Bush (D-MO.) opposed the bill. Delia Ramirez (D-IL) voted present..."

Hamas uses civilians as human shields, Gazan journalist states

Feb. 15, 2024 -- The Jerusalem Post reports: "Gaza-based journalist Jehad

Saftawi said on Tuesday that the Hamas terrorist organization indeed uses civilians as human shields in the war against Israel.

'Hamas terrorists used my family and hundreds of our neighbors as human shields. Hamas continues to hold the people of Gaza captive,' Saftawi posted on X. 'There should be no reconstruction of my family's home while a stockpile of weapons lies underneath.'

'Goals rather than causes are what is behind Hamas's masterminds' wars. The case for removing Hamas is not to fuel escalation but to prevent it, which is why they should never be allowed to retake control of Gaza,' he continued to say. Saftawi then admitted that it was the first time in more than 10 years that he's 'been able to speak about this publicly,' stating that it's 'a cry for realignment for our Palestinian society as well as an appeal to the international community.'

In a piece he wrote for *Time* magazine, the Palestinian journalist began by saying that the terrorist organization 'built tunnels beneath my family's home in Gaza. Now it lies in ruin.' He also states that it's been seven years since he escaped Gaza, and later fled to the United States..."

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Hezbollah Chief Threatens More Terrorism: 'The Existence of Israel Is a Disaster'

February 15, 2024 -- Breitbart.com reports: "The leader of the Lebanese Shiite terrorist group Hezbollah Hassan Nasrallah, claimed in a speech on Tuesday the group's attacks had displaced 100,000 Israelis and another two million could lose their homes, the latest in a series of escalating threats against the Jewish state from Beirut since October 7.

Nasrallah used his remarks on Tuesday – at a 'ceremony held by the Lebanese resistance movement [sic] in honor of Lebanon's wounded and captured [terrorists],' according to Iran's *PressTV* state outlet – to declare that Hezbollah would respond proportionately to any self-defense operations by Israel to prevent more jihadist slaughter on its territory. 'All options are on the table,' he declared...

Elsewhere in his speech, Nasrallah claimed that his group's terrorist activities 'have generated real achievements for our people and our country.'

'The existence of Israel is a disaster for the entire region and a fearful and deterred Israel represents a less dangerous and harmful situation for the people of the region,' Nasrallah continued, according to *PressTV*. 'In light of what is happening in Gaza, the Lebanese, Syrian, Jordanian, and Egyptian national interests require that Israel emerge from this battle defeated and broken.'..." (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.)

Chairman Abbas: 'We will not allow another Nakba'

Feb. 12, 2024 -- Israel National News reports: "Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas met on Monday in Doha with the Emir of Qatar Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani.

WAFA, the Palestinian Authority news agency stated that the two discussed the latest developments in the situation in the Palestinian territories and the Gaza Strip, 'which is subjected to a war of extermination from the Israeli killing machine.'

Abbas warned against the consequences of an Israeli offensive in Rafah and called on the international community, especially the U.S., to force Israel to stop the war.

'If carried out, an attack on Rafah will lead to a humanitarian catastrophe and hideous massacres aimed at displacing the Palestinian people from their land and homeland, in a repetition of the Nakba of 1948 and 1967, we will not allow for them to happen again, no matter what happens.'

Regarding the day after the war, Abbas said that a diplomatic solution must be found based on legitimate international resolutions and the Arab peace initiative which will end the 'occupation' and establish a Palestinian state whose capital is eastern Jerusalem within the 1967 borders..." (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, ve 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.)

Abbas: PA will take charge of Gaza to prevent 'second Nakba' for Palestinians

Feb. 16, 2024 -- The Jerusalem Post reports: "Palestinian Authority (PA) President Mahmoud Abbas reaffirmed the PA's responsibility for the future of the Gaza Strip in an interview with *Asharq Al-Awsat* on Thursday. Abbas stated that the political body would be ready to act upon an official end to fighting in Gaza.

Abbas said that the PA would be ready to act on their duties following the 'cessation of aggression against [their] people.'

Abbas claims that the PA has been responsible for Gaza and emphasized the need to work with partners in the Arab world, within the Middle East, and other international actors to avoid future escalation and harm to Palestinians...

According to him, the Palestinian population is on its way to a 'second Nakba,' stating, 'The creation of an independent Palestinian state with east Jerusalem as its capital is a national necessity. We act resolutely with the help of the countries of the world and strive for full international recognition. At the same time, our people will act against all attempts aimed at uprooting it from its land and will refrain from a new disaster for the Palestinian people, whether in East Jerusalem or the Gaza Strip.'

Abbas told *Asharq Al-Awsat* that destabilization of the region during ongoing tension could have major consequences..."

Iran Cheers 45th Anniversary of Islamic Revolution with Promises of 'Death to America' and 'Death to Israel'

Feb. 12, 2024 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "The 45th anniversary of Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution was celebrated Sunday amid the backdrop of tumult across the Middle East sparked by the Hamas Oct. 7 terrorist attack on Israel. General Mohammad Salami, commander of the powerful Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, was amongst those leading the calls for the destruction of the U.S. and Israel which the regime has blamed along with 'Britain and many European countries as well as their stooges [...] complicit in the Zionist regime's criminal acts against the Palestinian people.'

AP reports thousands of Iranians marched through major streets and squares decorated with flags, balloons, and banners with revolutionary and religious slogans.

In Tehran, crowds waved Iranian flags, chanted slogans, and carried placards with the traditional 'Death to America' and 'Death to Israel' written on them ... " (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, saving, 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.)