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Trump's Plan to 'Clean Out' Gaza Could Upend Jordan

Foreign Policy, February 9, 2025



EVENT

Donald Trump has threatened to cut off aid to Jordan and Egypt should they refuse to accept Palestinians from Gaza. The US president demanded the allies accept refugees to pave the way for a US-led redevelopment of the war-torn Gaza strip into the “Riviera of the Middle East”. Jordan and Egypt, both recipients of significant US military and economic assistance, have so far rejected the suggestion that Palestinians could be relocated to their countries. “If they don’t agree, I would conceivably withhold aid,” Mr Trump told reporters in the Oval Office on Monday evening. The US president made the threat on the eve of what is likely to be a tense meeting with Jordan’s King Abdullah, who has condemned any attempt to annex land or displace Palestinians. The Jordanian monarch is expected to tell Mr Trump that **his redevelopment plan would spur radicalism, spread chaos in the region and jeopardise peace with Israel.**

COMMENT

When Israel was created in 1948 (by the United Nations!) many Palestinians were displaced when Arab forces rejected the new nation. Jordan absorbed the majority of these Palestinian refugees. Jordan has an estimated 55 percent to 70 percent of the population identifying as Palestinian by origin or nationality. The King of Jordan’s own wife is Palestinian. Despite all this Jordan has remained an ally of America but this alliance is now being tested to the maximum as Trump wants Jordan to house the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. IN the Bible Jordan is made up of 3 ancient tribes – Ammon, Moab and Edom. In Zephaniah 2 we read of Gaza being emptied of people. We also read in the same chapter that Moab and Ammon will become like Sodom and Gomorrah. In Psalm 83 we read that Moab and Ammon are part of the inner ring war.

BIBLE QUOTE

Gaza will be abandoned and Ashkelon left in ruins.... “I will destroy you, and none will be left.”“I have heard the insults of Moab and the taunts of the Ammonites who insulted my people and made threats against their land. Therefore, as surely as I live,” declares the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel “surely Moab will become like Sodom, the Ammonites like Gomorrah (Zephaniah 2:4,5+8)

King of Jordan refuses to back Trump's Gaza plan

The Telegraph, February 11, 2025



JORDAN KING PUSHES BACK TRUMP'S GAZA PLAN

EVENT

King Abdullah of Jordan has refused to endorse President Trump's plan for Gaza during showdown talks at the White House. Speaking with the king in the Oval Office on Tuesday, Trump reiterated his plan for the United States to "own" the Palestinian territory after the war. He repeated his expectation that Gaza's two million inhabitants would be moved to Egypt and Jordan to make way for what he described this week as "a real estate development for the future". The king, 63, has previously said he rejects any moves to annex land and displace Palestinians and pointedly refused to agree to Trump's plan when asked to comment inside the White House. He said he would do what is best for his country, adding that Arab nations would come to Washington with a counterproposal. "Mr President, I think we have to keep in mind that there is a plan from Egypt and the Arab countries. [We are] being invited by [Crown Prince] Mohammed bin Salman [of Saudi Arabia] for discussions in Riyadh," he said. "The point is how to make this work in a way that is good for everybody."

COMMENT

Saudi Arabia will host the leaders of four Arab countries at a summit on February 20 to discuss President Donald Trump's proposal for a US takeover of Gaza. The leaders of Egypt, Jordan, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates will attend the summit. Saudi Arabia has repeatedly called for a Palestinian state, existing alongside Israel. These Arab nations will put their own proposal to Trump following this meeting. The Bible is clear that some Palestinians in Gaza will be removed and replanted elsewhere. Joel 3 says they are "sold" to the Sabeans. This is the area of southern Arabian peninsula. To appease Trump they may propose something but relate it back to a Palestinian state.

BIBLE QUOTE

Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompence upon your own head: And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and **they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off:** for the LORD hath spoken it.

(Joel 3:7-8)

Iran threatens to close Strait of Hormuz following Trump's threats

Israel National News, February 9, 2025



EVENT

Commodore Alireza Tangsiri, the current commander of the Navy of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, is sending a defiant message to the US following President Donald Trump's threat to ban Iran from exporting oil and to impose economic sanctions on Iran. **In response, Tangsiri said that Iran has the military ability to block the Strait of Hormuz, but that it has not yet done so, because it is still using it. He claimed that the decision to block the Strait of Hormuz is up to Iran's top leadership, and the naval force will follow the orders given to it.** Tangsiri noted that "the Islamic countries in the region can ensure the security of the Persian Gulf, through cooperation and joint maneuvers and Iran, for its part, maintains a continuous naval presence in the ocean, to provide security for Iranian ships in international waterways."

COMMENT

Tension is building as Iran races to build a nuclear bomb. UN nuclear watchdog chief Rafael Grossi said on Friday that time is running out as Iran had ramped up enrichment of uranium. US intelligence agencies recently warned both the Biden and Trump administrations that Israel will likely attempt to strike facilities key to Iran's nuclear program this year. Iran is upping its threats again (as it has done previously) to close the Strait of Hormuz if it's nuclear sites are attacked or it is pressured too much. Isaiah 21 speaks of Iran doing exactly this. Blockading (creating a siege) of this narrow stretch of water between Iran and Saudi Arabia in the Persian Gulf. It is through the Persian Gulf (which goes out through the narrow Strait of Hormuz) that 15% of the entire world's oil and gas is shipped. Isaiah 21 says that the siege of this sea comes at a time so shocking for the world that Isaiah (who saw the vision) was totally dismayed by it...

BIBLE QUOTE

The burden of the desert of the sea [Persian Gulf]. As whirlwinds in the south pass through; so it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land. A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. **Go up, O Elam [south west Iran by Persian Gulf]: besiege, O Media;** all the sighing thereof have I made to cease. (Isaiah 21:1-2)

Trump and Putin to begin talks on ending Ukraine war 'immediately'

The Times, February 12, 2025



EVENT President Trump and President Putin have begun talks to end the war in Ukraine three years after Russia's full-scale invasion. The US president said he held a 90-minute phone call with his Russian counterpart on Wednesday, the first confirmed contact between the pair since Trump returned to the White House last month. Trump later spoke with President Zelensky of Ukraine and said that Kyiv wanted a deal to bring the fighting to an end. "I just had a lengthy and highly productive phone call with President Vladimir Putin of Russia," Trump wrote in a post on his Truth Social platform. Speaking to reporters in the Oval Office on Wednesday, Trump said: "I think President Putin wants peace, and President Zelensky wants peace. I want peace. I just want to see people stop getting killed. **The two leaders aim to meet in Saudi Arabia as talks progress, followed by summits in Washington and Moscow.**

COMMENT Trump is desperate to bring the Ukraine war to an end as it will help him achieve his greatest and most longed for award – the Nobel Peace Prize. To achieve this Trump bypassed President Zelensky and went straight to Putin. Trump has (through his Defence Secretary, Peter Hegseth), given Putin much of what he wants in advance of negotiations eg Russia will keep land it has taken from Ukraine and Ukraine will not join NATO. Also. the US will have no soldiers on the ground in any peace deal. Putin wants all these things. We have long said that a peace agreement or negotiated stalemate will happen because Russia's destiny is NOT to move into the West but into the South. The Bible is clear that hooks will be put in Putin's jaws to drag Russia down into Israel....

BIBLE QUOTE 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 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: (Ezekiel 38:3-4)

Putin's ultimate goal in Ukraine is to reshape the world order

The Times, February 13, 2025



EVENT

About 48 hours after President Putin began his full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, a triumphant article called “The Advance of Russia and the New World” was accidentally published on the website of a state news agency in Moscow. “A new world is being born before our eyes. Russia’s military operation in Ukraine has opened a new era,” it read. “Ukraine has returned to Russia. This does not mean that its statehood will be liquidated but it will be reorganised, re-established and returned to its natural state as part of the Russian world.” The article had been prepared in advance by the Kremlin-controlled RIA Novosti website to celebrate what Putin believed would be Russia’s swift capture of Kyiv. When it became clear that Ukraine would resist more fiercely than Moscow had expected, the decision was taken to drop the article. But it was published in error and, until editors realised their mistake a minute later, it was seen by the world. Almost three years on, the article remains a blueprint for Russia’s ambitions in Ukraine. Although the war is widely seen in the West as primarily a battle for territory, Moscow’s ultimate aim is to subjugate Ukraine and reshape the global order.

COMMENT

Trump believes that his deals in relation to Gaza and in relation to Ukraine will both bring lasting peace. However, in both cases the peace will fail in a cataclysmic way. And both "deals" are connected. The Ukraine "peace" deal will only embolden Putin not subdue him. He will have crippled Ukraine and stopped the West's advance. This will free up his forces for his continued "reshaping of the world." Putin will then advance south into Israel who (after the inner ring war) has some temporary peace. Putin will take a spoil from Israel and Trump will only be left asking "why have you done this"....

BIBLE QUOTE

Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions [USA] thereof, shall say unto thee, **Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?**

(Ezekiel 38:13)

JD Vance stuns Munich conference with blistering attack on Europe's leaders

The Guardian, February 14, 2025



EVENT

US vice-president questions whether European values are worth defending as he rails against 'threat from within'. The US vice-president, JD Vance, has launched a brutal ideological assault on Europe, accusing its leaders of suppressing free speech, failing to halt illegal migration and running in fear from voters' true beliefs. **In a chastising speech on Friday that openly questioned whether current European values warranted defence by the US,** he painted a picture of European politics infected by media censorship, cancelled elections and political correctness. Arguing that the true threat to Europe stemmed not from external actors such as Russia or China, but Europe's own internal retreat from some of its "most fundamental values", he repeatedly questioned whether the US and Europe any longer had a shared agenda. "What I worry about is the threat from within," Vance said. Speaking at the Munich Security Conference, the vice-president had been expected to address the critical question of the Ukraine war and security differences between Washington and Europe.

COMMENT

The speech by the US vice president yesterday totally shocked Europe's leaders meeting in Munich. JD Vance basically said that Europe was its own problem – not Russia and China. He criticised Germany for blocking right wing groups from entering politics. Germany prevents mainstream parties from engaging with the far-right parties owing to their Nazi origins. But Vance said there was no room for such barriers. He also questioned the continued US backing of Europe. With Bible in hand we can expect the US to weaken its support of the EU which in turn leads to a new resurrected Holy Roman Empire to emerge led by Germany. This is all detailed in Revelation 17....

BIBLE QUOTE

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; **but receive power as kings one hour with the beast [Resurrected Holy Roman Empire]** These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them:
(Revelation 17:14-15)

Authoritarian regimes around the world cheer on dismantling of USAid

The Guardian, February 7, 2025



EVENT

Moscow has welcomed the impending dissolution of USAid, joining a chorus of strongman leaders declaring victory over an organisation they have long portrayed as a vehicle of American political interference. Russia's foreign ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova on Thursday described USAid as "anything but an aid, development and assistance agency" and instead branded it a "mechanism for changing regimes, political order [and] state structure". For authoritarian leaders worldwide, the agency's dismantling represents a potential retreat of American democratic influence. But the question of who can fill the void is still up for grabs. The agency's annual \$1.9 bn in food aid and crucial health initiatives are now in flux, and it is unlikely European governments will fully compensate for the lost support. For that reason, some analysts and experts are looking at China...warning that dismantling the agency could hand China a major strategic victory in its quest for global influence, particularly in Africa and South America. .. providing China a perfect opportunity to renew soft power projects, and get back on track to transglobal leadership.

COMMENT

[A few weeks ago](#) we were commenting about the advancement of Russian and Chinese interests into the cultural and political affairs of African and Pacific rim countries. We know that the Bible predicts that Russia will advance into North and Central Africa and thereby compete with and ultimately reduce the influence of the K of S (\$1.21 bn FMF) in those areas. We must remember the host nation for the K of S (Ptolemies) was Egypt; and that at some point the K of N will occupy Egypt along with other African nations as it positions itself for the Armageddon conflict. And we are aware of the prediction of the ships of Tarshish being destroyed by an eastern power. Today we see the K of S creating the vacuum which will no doubt be filled by the northern and eastern powers.

BIBLE QUOTE

[The king of the north] shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and **the land of Egypt** shall not escape...**the Libyans and the Cushites** shall follow in his train... the kings assembled; they came on together. As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic; they took to flight. Trembling took hold of them there, anguish as of a woman in labor. By the **east wind** [qadim ruach - **eastern power**] you shattered the ships of Tarshish. (Dan 11:42; Psa 48:4-7)

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Trump says US will 'take over' Gaza: 'We'll own it'

Reuters, February 5, 2025



EVENT

In a stunning proposal, President Donald Trump said Tuesday that the U.S. will "take over" the Gaza Strip, "level the site" and rebuild it, after earlier saying Palestinians living there should leave. "They instead can occupy all of a beautiful area with homes and safety, and they can live out their lives in peace and harmony" in other areas or countries, he said at a news conference with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. "The U.S. will take over the Gaza Strip, and we will do a job with it, too. We'll own it and be responsible for dismantling all of the dangerous unexploded bombs and other weapons on the site. Level the site and get rid of the destroyed buildings. Level it out," he said. "We should go to other countries of interest with humanitarian hearts, and there are many of them that want to do this, and build various domains that will ultimately be occupied by the 1.8 million Palestinians living in Gaza, ending the death and destruction.

COMMENT

President Trump shocked the world this week as he announced that the US would take over Gaza and own it. He promised to clear "the site" and build a magnificent Middle East riviera by the sea. However, this would exclude the majority of Palestinians who would be relocated to another piece of land elsewhere. "Everybody I have spoken to loves the idea of the United States owning that piece of land", Trump said. Netanyahu, delivering remarks after Trump, praised the president for his "fresh ideas" to accomplish their goals, which he said included ensuring Gaza is not a threat to Israel. The Bible says that the pricking briars (enemies) around Israel will be removed. One way to remove them is to replant them elsewhere. Trump's main ambition is receive a Nobel Peace prize. He will go to any lengths to achieve this. He wants to bring peace to Israel.

BIBLE QUOTE

And there shall be no more a pricking brier unto the house of Israel, nor any grieving thorn of all that are round about them, that despised them; and they shall know that I am the Lord GOD.

Trump wants peace through doing a deal. But what that the deal looks like remains to be seen. There could be painful concessions required on both sides.

(Ezekiel 28:24)

Israel considers sending Gazans to Puntland

The Telegraph, February 6, 2025

Puntland in Somalia



EVENT

Israel is considering plans to send Gazans to Puntland, an autonomous region of Somalia, after Donald Trump's pledge to resettle them in "far safer and more beautiful" communities. On Thursday, Israel Katz, Israel's foreign minister, ordered the IDF to prepare for the "voluntary" emigration of Palestinians from the Gaza Strip, including "special arrangements" for sea and air departures. Mr Trump doubled down on his proposal for the United States to occupy and rebuild Gaza, despite White House officials attempting to soften the move. The president said no US soldiers would be needed to turn Gaza into "one of the greatest and most spectacular developments of its kind on earth", while Palestinians would move to "new and modern homes in the region". Neighbouring Egypt and Jordan have refused to host any of the two million citizens left in the devastated Strip, saying the move would fatally undermine the creation of a Palestinian state.

COMMENT

So far president Trump has mentioned Jordan and Egypt as being potential countries who could take in the "relocated" Palestinians from Gaza. Both nations have firmly rejected this. But there is another option. Israel is considering plans to send Gazans to Puntland, an autonomous region of Somalia. Somalia is open to receiving Gazans as long as they go voluntarily. This is very interesting with Bible in hand. In the WWW we have said for over 12 months that Joel 3:8 speaks of Palestinians being "sold" to the Sabeans as punishment / recompense from God for what they did to His people of Israel. The Sabeans lived in the area of Yemen. However, the Sabeans colonised the area of Somalia about 1000BC. If the Gazans go to Somalia it would fulfil Joel 3:8!

BIBLE QUOTE

Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompence upon your own head: And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and **they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off:** for the LORD hath spoken it.

(Joel 3:7-8)

Saudi press slams Trump bid to 'take over' Gaza

Middle East Monitor, February 7, 2025



EVENT

The headlines across Saudi Arabia this week have been, by all accounts, as “firm and unwavering” as the kingdom’s official position on Gaza, rejecting outright any normalisation process with Israel without a Palestinian state in the equation. US President Donald Trump on Tuesday, alongside Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, told reporters that Riyadh no longer has the precondition of a Palestinian state in order to open up diplomatic relations with Israel. A short time later, Trump made the stunning announcement that the US would expel Gaza’s residents to nearby countries and then “take over” the enclave and turn it into a beach resort. Within minutes, at 4am local time, Saudi Arabia issued a statement rejecting the entire premise. Saudi Arabia stands with the Palestinian people and against any attempt to “liquidate” their cause, the paper said. “The Palestinian state is not the subject of negotiation or concessions.”

COMMENT

Another key objective for Trump is to widen the Abraham Accords and do a deal with Saudi Arabia to normalise relations with Israel. Saudi Arabia is not in principle opposed to normalising relations with Israel but it has one red line – the creation of a Palestinian State. This is something it insists on if a deal is to be done. Establishing ties with Saudi Arabia would be a grand prize for Israel because the kingdom has vast influence in the Middle East, the Muslim world, and it is the world's biggest oil exporter. It would also go a long way for Trump to say he had brought (bought!) peace into the Middle East. But will there ever be a Palestinian State declared? It is possible because Joel 3 speaks of God’s land being divided. Ezekiel 38 also says that Saudi Arabia is aligned with Israel.

BIBLE QUOTE

I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, **and parted my land.**

(Joel 3:2)

US lawmakers seek to rename West Bank as 'Judea and Samaria'

Middle East Monitor, February 7, 2025



EVENT US Republican lawmakers in both the House and Senate on Tuesday introduced a bill seeking to rename the West Bank “Judea and Samaria”, the term used by the Israeli occupation. The bill was introduced following an order signed by President Donald Trump upon taking office to lift the sanctions imposed by the outgoing administration of President Joe Biden on settlement officials. Republican Senators led by Tom Cotton and Claudia Tenney demand US government departments refer to the area inhabited by nearly three million Palestinians as “Judea and Samaria” in official documents. Cotton argued that the US should “stop using the politically charged term West Bank”, asserting that “the Jewish people’s legal and historic rights to Judea and Samaria go back thousands of years.” According to them, the term “West Bank” is a confusing and geographically illogical concept, as Judea and Samaria is located in eastern Israel.

COMMENT When you look at Israel it seems odd that the eastern half of the land is called the “West Bank”. It is called this because it is the West Bank from Jordan’s perspective. It is West of the Jordan river. The territory first emerged in the wake of the 1948 Arab–Israeli War as a region occupied and subsequently annexed by Jordan. Jordan ruled the territory until the 1967 Six-Day War, when it was occupied by Israel. Israel refers to this area of land as “Judea and Samaria”. If America changes the name to “Judea and Samaria” they are effectively saying the land is Israel’s not Jordan’s. President Trump says he will make an announcement about this area within the next 4 weeks. Ezekiel 38 says that when Russia invades they come against the mountains of Israel – this area...

BIBLE QUOTE After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, **against the mountains of Israel, [Judea & Samaria]** which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them. *(Ezekiel 38:8)*

Israel 'sends weapons captured in Lebanon to Ukraine'

The Telegraph, January 26, 2025



Israel 'sends weapons captured in Lebanon to Ukraine'

EVENT

Israel is considering sending Soviet and Russian-made weapons captured in Lebanon to Ukraine, with signs transfers may be under way. Israel reportedly met with Ukrainian diplomats on Tuesday to discuss a weapons transfer. Since then, US military cargo planes have been tracked flying from Israel to an airbase in eastern Poland. “There are signs that Israel has begun supplying Ukraine with Soviet and Russian-made weapons,” Two Majors, a pro-Russia military blog on the Telegram social messaging site, told its 1.2 million subscribers on Sunday. It posted photos of dozens of shoulder-mounted missiles laid out on hard-baked ground, as well as two screengrabs of a US military plane flying from Ramstein airbase in Germany to Hatzerim airbase in Israel and then to Rzeszów in Poland, near the border with Ukraine. Around 60 per cent of the weapons captured by Israel during the fight with Hezbollah in Lebanon in 2024 were made by the Soviet Union and Russia, according to reports.

COMMENT

Volodymyr Zelensky, the Ukrainian president, also met with his Israeli counterpart Isaac Herzog this week “to discuss important issues related to the cooperation between Ukraine and Israel”. Israel has historically adopted a neutral policy against Russia but has become more aligned with Ukraine due to deepening ties between Moscow and Iran. Russia and Iran signed a mutual defense and security cooperation pact on Jan. 17 — just days before President Trump’s inauguration. If Israel continues to send weapons to Ukraine this will severely impact already very tense relations with Russia. Putin continues to struggle in Ukraine and Trump wants a peace deal there as well. Israel’s backing of Ukraine is another element that turns Putin against Israel....

BIBLE QUOTE

Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought: And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,
(Ezekiel 38:10-11)

Doomsday Clock 2025: closest to midnight and 'global catastrophe'

The Times, January 29, 2025



EVENT

The Doomsday Clock has once again ticked closer to midnight amid threats from climate change, nuclear war, pandemics and artificial intelligence. The clock now reads 89 seconds to midnight, the closest it has been to 12 o'clock, which symbolises a hypothetical global catastrophe. The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists made its annual announcement on Tuesday, advancing the symbolic clock one second. The clock had stood at 90 seconds to midnight for the past two years and "when you are at this precipice, the one thing you don't want to do is take a step forward", said Daniel Holz, chair of the group's science and security board. The group said it was concerned about co-operation between countries such as North Korea, Russia and China in developing nuclear programs. President Putin has also floated the idea of Russia using nuclear weapons in his invasion of Ukraine. Juan Manuel Santos, the former Colombian president and Nobel peace prizewinner, said: "At 89 seconds to midnight, the Doomsday Clock stands closer to catastrophe than at any moment in its history."

COMMENT

Albert Einstein and J Robert Oppenheimer created the doomsday clock in 1947. Two years earlier in 1945 the world saw the first nuclear weapons detonated in war. Oppenheimer is seen as the father of the nuclear bomb. Einstein and Oppenheim were terrified that this weapon could one day destroy the world. This year the group said, "The United States, China, and Russia have the collective power to destroy civilisation. These three countries have the prime responsibility to pull the world back from the brink." We know that a time of trouble such as never was is coming. We know if Christ did not intervene all flesh (people) would perish. But Christ will return & save the world.

BIBLE QUOTE

For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. Unless Christ intervenes we are told that the time of tribulation would lead to NO flesh (man or animal) surviving. (Matthew 24:21-22)

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Trump inauguration: 'I want to be a peacemaker, stop all wars'

The Times of Israel, January 20, 2025



EVENT

US President Donald Trump on Monday cast himself as a peacemaker in his second inaugural address, pointing to the hostage release-ceasefire deal between Israel and Hamas that went into effect on Sunday. "My proudest legacy will be that of a peacemaker and unifier. That's what I want to be — a peacemaker and a unifier," he said after being sworn in inside the US Capitol. "I'm pleased to say that, as of yesterday, one day before I assumed office, the hostages in the Middle East are coming back home to their families," Trump added, prompting a standing ovation from the audience. In his inaugural address, Trump vowed, "Like in 2017, we will again build the strongest military the world has ever seen. We will measure our success not only by the battles we win, but also by the wars that we end, and, perhaps most importantly, the wars we never get into." "Our power will stop all wars and bring a new spirit of unity to a world that has been angry, violent, and totally unpredictable," he added toward the end of his address.

COMMENT

Last week we reported that Trump's main priority is to receive a Nobel peace prize. He wants his legacy to be a peacemaker. Trump's leverage to end wars is around money – doing a deal. The trouble with this is twofold. Firstly, some wars are not influenced by money and deals. Some are ideological. The second is that as money is Trump's main motivator deals can be done that are unprincipled. There are two main wars happening in the world right now. Russia v Ukraine and Israel v Iran's proxy armies. Trump wants to end both wars. We know the Russia v Ukraine will come to some negotiated end at some point because Russia is to descend into Israel. Israel v Iran's proxy armies will also enter some time of peace and security before Russia descends into Israel...

BIBLE QUOTE

For **when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh** upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

(1 Thessalonians 5:3-5)

Trump team mulls temporarily relocating Gaza residents to Indonesia

Middle East Monitor, January 20, 2025



EVENT US President-elect Donald Trump's team is considering "temporarily" relocating some of Gaza's two million Palestinians outside of the besieged enclave while the enclave is rebuilt, American NBC network revealed on Saturday. The network cited an anonymous transition official as saying that one of the temporary host countries considered for refugees was Indonesia. NBC also reported that incoming Mideast envoy Steve Witkoff is considering a visit to war-torn Gaza, as part of efforts to maintain the ceasefire deal between Hamas and Israel. According to the source, Witkoff is working to achieve long-term stability for the Israelis and two million displaced Palestinians, the path encompassed in the three stages of the deal concluded last week. The informed official said that "If we don't help the Gazans, if we don't make their life better, if we don't give them a sense of hope, there's going to be a rebellion."

COMMENT There is currently a ceasefire deal between Israel and Hamas. This will last 42 days, during which: There will be a complete ceasefire. Hamas will release a total of 33 hostages. Israel will release about 1,900 Palestinian prisoners. Israeli forces will leave populated areas. Sixteen days after the start of stage one, negotiations will begin on the second stage, during which: A permanent ceasefire will be established. Remaining living hostages in Gaza will be exchanged for more Palestinian prisoners. However, none of this mentions the fact that both Israel and the US say that Hamas cannot remain in power after all this is finished. Which means more conflict is bound to happen. It is interesting that Trump's team is looking to relocate some Gazans. In Joel 3 we read that some Gazans are indeed "sold to the Sabeans". The Sabeans were in modern Yemen.

BIBLE QUOTE And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans [southern Saudi Arabia / Yemen], to a people far off: for the LORD hath spoken it. Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: (Joel 3:8-9)

Israel's security chief says focus switching to West Bank

BBC, January 23, 2025



EVENT

Days into the Gaza ceasefire, the head of Israel's Shin Bet security service has signalled that the country's focus is switching to Palestinian armed groups in the occupied West Bank. Ronen Bar said Israel was in the midst of a multi-front campaign, but that "right now, it's Samaria's [northern West Bank] time". Israeli forces have been carrying out a major military operation in and around the West Bank city of Jenin since Tuesday. The Israeli army's chief, Lt Gen Herzi Halevi, has talked of bringing Jenin to "a different place" through continued military pressure there. Army vehicles are currently controlling the entrance to Jenin's main hospital, and have blocked access to Jenin refugee camp - home to both civilians and armed Palestinian groups. The roads into the camp - some of them torn up by military bulldozers - are guarded by small groups of soldiers, who raised their weapons when we approached.

COMMENT

The US Treasury officially announced on Friday the termination of sanctions that were imposed by the Biden administration on Jewish residents of Judea and Samaria. Judea and Samaria is another name for the West Bank. The phrase "Judea and Samaria" is used to indicate that this area belongs to Israel. With America (under Trump) now backing Israel's claim that this area is theirs there is now a new focus by Israel to remove the pricking briars from this area as well. At least ten Palestinians were killed and 40 others injured in the Israeli attack that began on Tuesday in Jenin in the northern West Bank. Jordan's Foreign Minister warned, Wednesday, of grave consequences from an ongoing Israeli military operation in the West Bank. The mountains of Israel run through the West Bank. Israel dwells there when Gog invades.


BIBLE QUOTE

After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, **against the mountains of Israel**, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.

(Ezekiel 38:8)

Syria Deals Blow to Putin's Fleet in Mediterranean

Newsweek, January 22, 2025



Syria Terminates Russian Naval Base Deal – Reports

The Moscow Times

EVENT Syria has ended its Tartus port contract with Russia, allocating management of the facility to Damascus, according to the Kyiv Independent. The new government, which assumed power following the downfall of former Syrian president Bashar-al-Assad's regime, terminated a 49-year investment contract with the Russian construction company Stroytransgaz that was signed in 2019, in which Moscow was to spend \$500 million to the port's modernization. Newsweek reached out to the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation and Syria's Ministry of Foreign Affairs for comment via email. Syria's new government asserting its control over the Tartus port indicates that they are trying to reduce Moscow's presence in Damascus, which may damage Russia's relationship with Syria going forward. **The loss of the Tartus port is a significant blow for the Russian navy, which is losing its key foothold in the Mediterranean.**

COMMENT The Russian naval facility in Tartus is a leased military installation of the Russian Navy located on the northern edge of the sea port of the Syrian city of Tartus. Tartus served as Moscow's only Mediterranean fuelling spot prior to the fall of Assad's regime. Assad was kept in power through Russian military might and now Assad has fallen the new government wants to cut ties with Russia. The leasing agreement has effectively been cancelled and Russian ships have been forced to depart. Putin is now looking to Libya to setup a new naval base there. All this is a great humiliation for Russia and Putin will be raging and indignant. The ancient king of the north's territory was Syria. Putin is the new king of the north and he will want to (and will) come back into Syria...

BIBLE QUOTE Woe to the multitude of many people, which make a noise like the noise of the seas; and to the rushing of nations, that make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters! **When Syria comes to an end as a nation and Damascus is destroyed (Isaiah 17:1-3) nations rush into the void left. The nations rushing in are led by Russia! Ezekiel 38.** (Isaiah 17:12)

Israel says it won't withdraw from Lebanon by Sunday

CNN, January 24, 2025



EVENT

The Israeli government says its military will not withdraw from Lebanon by Sunday's deadline, in violation of a ceasefire agreement that ended months of conflict with Hezbollah. Israel was expected to withdraw all of its forces from southern Lebanon as part of the deal but the Israeli government said some its forces would remain in southern Lebanon, blaming Lebanon for failing to uphold its end of the agreement. "The IDF (Israel Defense Forces) withdrawal is conditional upon the Lebanese army deploying in southern Lebanon," the Israeli Prime Minister's Office said in a statement. "Since the ceasefire agreement has not yet been fully enforced by Lebanon, the gradual withdrawal process will continue, in full coordination with the United States." A Lebanese security source told CNN on Friday it had not received official notice of Israel's plans to keep their forces in Lebanon beyond the 60-day ceasefire grace period. Under the November ceasefire agreement, both Israeli and Hezbollah forces agreed to withdraw from southern Lebanon by January 26, the end of a 60-day period stipulated in the deal.

COMMENT

Benjamin Netanyahu has announced that Israeli troops will not comply with a Sunday deadline for them to withdraw from southern Lebanon, throwing the ceasefire with Hezbollah into crisis. Israel's reluctance to leave Lebanon comes at a fraught juncture in the first phase of the week-old fragile ceasefire in Gaza, with a large-scale Israeli operation under way in the occupied West Bank. Israel is also creating a buffer zone in Syria to protect it from a new Islamic government and a precarious situation. There is more trouble coming to Lebanon. Zechariah 11 speaks of a great fire coming on Lebanon causing its doors to open. It is through those doors that Gog will come....

BIBLE QUOTE

Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars. Howl, fir tree; for the cedar is fallen; because the mighty are spoiled: howl, O ye oaks of Bashan; for the forest of the vintage is come down.

(Zechariah 11:1-2)

Trump tells Putin: Stop this ridiculous war or face the consequences

Daily Telegraph, January 23, 2025



EVENT

Donald Trump has ordered Vladimir Putin to stop his “ridiculous war” with Ukraine or face fresh tariffs and sanctions from the US. “If we don’t make a ‘deal,’ and soon, I have no other choice but to put high levels of Taxes, Tariffs, and Sanctions on anything being sold by Russia to the United States, and various other participating countries,” the president said on his Truth Social network. Mr Trump went on to warn Putin about the damage that would be inflicted on Russia’s “failing” economy if the Kremlin continued to pursue its grinding war. “Settle now, and STOP this ridiculous War! IT’S ONLY GOING TO GET WORSE,” he said. Volodymyr Zelensky, the Ukrainian president, today said any peacekeeping force deployed in Ukraine after the war ends will need to include US troops as a deterrent. Prior to his inauguration on Monday, Mr Trump vowed to end the Ukraine war before even taking office, raising expectations he would leverage aid to force Kyiv to make concessions to Moscow. However, **the president now appears to be focused on applying pressure on Putin.**

COMMENT

Trump is already pushing at Putin to end the war - and is threatening tariffs and sanctions. Trump believes money talks. But the Ukraine war is not about money as far as Putin is concerned. It is ideological. He sees Ukraine (especially eastern Ukraine) as part of Russian territory. He sees the potential expansion of NATO into Ukraine as an existential threat to Russia’s existence. Putin will not back down with the threat of sanctions. In fact, he may well lash out more if pushed. The Bible says that the king of the south (US/UK) will push (militarily provoke) Gog. Trump may well push Putin further. Putin could respond with more shocking destruction that then leads to a peace.

BIBLE QUOTE

And at the time of the end shall the **king of the south push at him [Gog]**: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

(Daniel 11:40)

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2) Gog (Russia) advances on Turkey, Egypt



"YOUNG LIONS"
(USA, CANADA, ETC)

"LION"
TARSHISH
UK

GERMANY
(LAND OF
MAGOG)

GOMER
European Economic Community

Gibraltar

TURKEY
(Togarmah)

IRAQ/IRAN
(Persia)

LIBYA

DEDAN

SHEBA

ETHIOPIA

INDIA

AUSTRALIA

RUSSIA ("CHIEF PRINCE" = "PRINCE OF ROSH")

○ TOBOLSK (Tubal)

○ MOSCOW (Meshech)

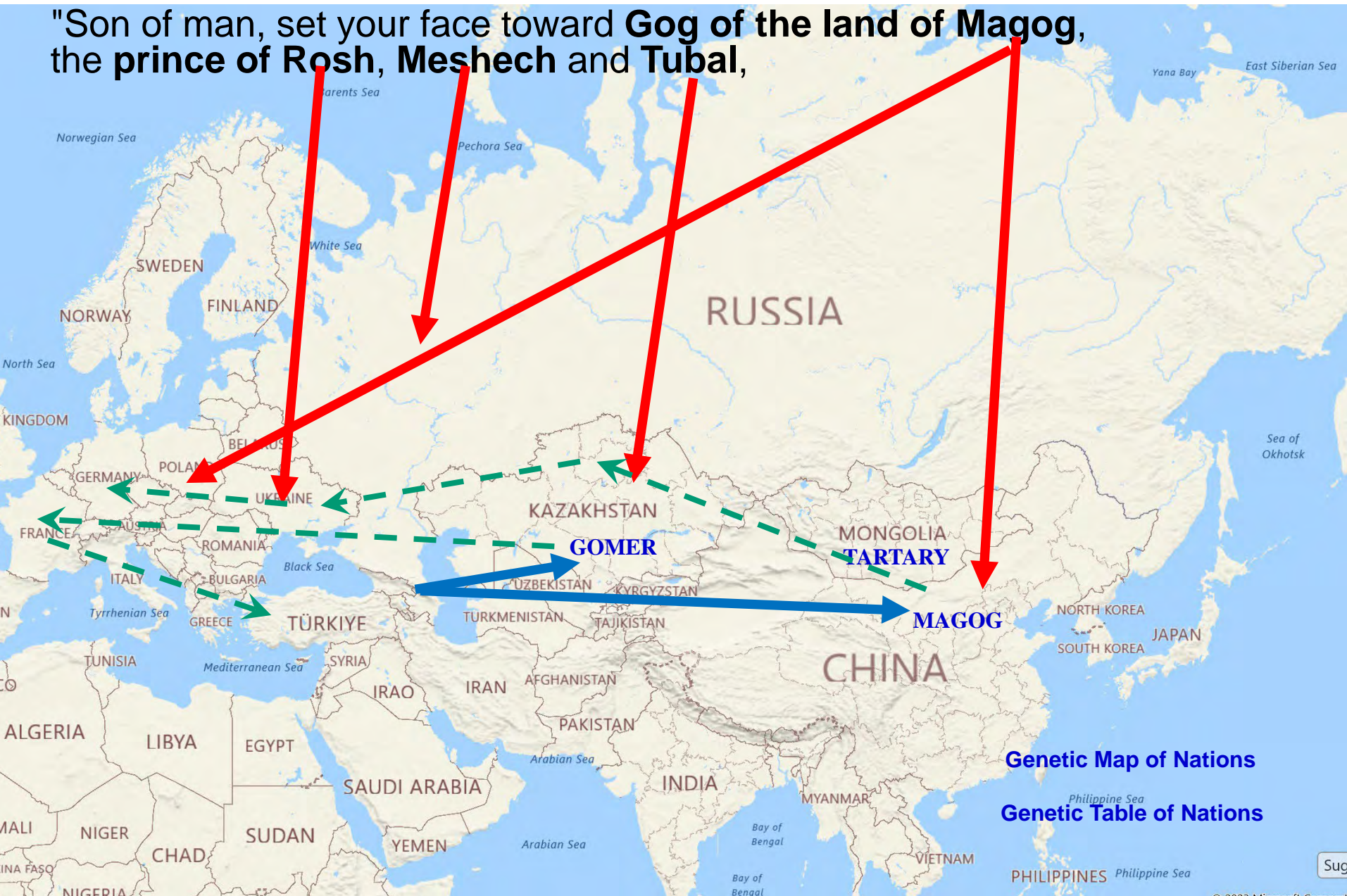
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"Son of man, set your face toward **Gog** of the land of **Magog**, the prince of **Rosh**, **Meshech** and **Tubal**,



"Son of man, set thy face against Gog (head), of the land of Magog (China?), prince of Ros (river in Ukraine) Meshech and Tubal (rivers in Russia)"?

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South Sudan	N/A	11	157	25%*	40%	36%	IDA	Germany
Somalia	1,550	18	135	23%	40%	40%	IDA	Germany
DR Congo	1,560	106	42	7%	28%	27%	IDA	Germany
Liberia	1,680	5	110	15%	26%	23%	IDA	Sweden
Afghanistan	2,220	41	76	20%	39%	35%	EU	Germany
Sudan	2,720	50	29	3%	31%	29%	EU	Germany
Uganda	3,040	49	50	5%	28%	21%	IDA	Germany
Ethiopia	3,050	129	44	4%	28%	27%	IDA	Germany
All LICs		736	71	8%	22%	19%		