

# This Week's Developments

May 15 - 21, 2022

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# Russia 'liberates' Mariupol as last defenders surrender

The Times, May 21, 2022



## EVENT

Russia claimed last night to have completed the capture of Mariupol after a nearly three-month siege, as the last of the city's defenders surrendered. State media reported that a total of 2,439 Ukrainian fighters who had been holed up at the Azovstal steelworks had surrendered since Monday, including more than 500 yesterday. Sergei Shoigu, the Russian defence minister, reported to President Putin the "complete liberation" of the Azovstal plant. Western and Ukrainian officials fear that now the battle for Mariupol is over, thousands of Russian troops will be free to deploy to the east to join up with the dozens of battalion tactical groups already there. The Ministry of Defence said: "Once Russia has secured Mariupol, it is likely they will move their forces to reinforce operations in the Donbas." However, the MoD added that staunch Ukrainian resistance in Mariupol meant Russian forces in the area must be "re-equipped" first.

## COMMENT

Slowly but surely Putin is taking over the last piece of the area of Magog. Ancient Magog is the area of the Scythians according to a number of historians. They all show eastern and southern Ukraine as part of that territory. Despite Russia's losses they continue to grind forwards using indiscriminate terror on the residents of Ukraine. The capture of Mariupol frees up some Russian troops to take the rest of the Donbas region. Putin does not care what death and destruction he has to inflict to achieve what he wants. He is utterly ruthless and is answerable to no one. In Daniel 8, speaking of a latter day king of the north, it says "He [Gog] Roman Empire will cause astounding devastation and will succeed in whatever he does." Putin/Gog will not fail in this war and will do whatever it takes to win. This makes Putin (with nuclear weapons) the most dangerous man in the world.

## BIBLE QUOTE

a fierce-looking king, a master of intrigue, will arise. He will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause astounding devastation and will succeed in whatever he does  
The "Ros" of Ezek 38 = Ukraine; Magog is mostly Germany (Daniel 8:23-24)  
- See maps & March & April 2022 Berean; Dan 8:23-24 referring to dev of Roman Empire

# Russian blockade of grain exports fuels famine fears

The Times, May 19, 2022



## EVENT

President Putin is deliberately choking off Ukrainian grain exports, which could trigger political unrest across Africa and the Middle East, western officials have said. Protests could sweep across developing parts of the world as a result of Russia's "weaponisation" of the global food supply, they said. They added that talks were under way for emergency naval convoys to enter the Black Sea to break the blockade. Ukraine is a major exporter of wheat, maize and sunflower oil and is known as the "bread basket of Europe". Russian ships have blockaded the country's ports on the Black Sea since February, meaning that it has been unable to sell grain abroad in large quantities. In normal times, Ukraine exports enough grain to feed 400 million people, many of whom live in developing countries. Russia and Ukraine together account for about 30 per cent of global wheat supply.

## COMMENT

When we think of famine we often think of drought being the cause of it. However famine in this case is not caused by lack of water – it is caused by war. Russia is deliberately blocking all Ukraine sea ports from exporting wheat. It has even blown up huge storage units in Ukraine full of grain. This is weaponizing food by massively pushing up prices and causing wider destabilisation around the world. Africa and the Middle East are heavily dependent on wheat from Russia and Ukraine. In Europe, the price of wheat has jumped by 74 per cent since January. In total, 1.7 billion people in more than 100 countries are directly affected by Ukraine's inability to export grain, the United Nations said. There are 43 million on the brink of famine, and 570,000 facing the prospect of starvation. Jesus said that there would be a time of famine before he returns

## BIBLE QUOTE

Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

(Luke 21:10-11)

# Liz Truss: We may support a tribunal to try Putin over war in Ukraine

The Times, May 18, 2022



## EVENT

The UK is considering supporting a special international tribunal to try President Putin for the war in Ukraine, Liz Truss has said. In a conversation with Oleksiy Goncharenko, a Ukrainian MP, on Times Radio, the foreign secretary said that ministers were looking at the “most effective way” of holding Russia’s leaders to account for “appalling war crimes”. The Ukrainian government wants a special international tribunal to be established to try Putin and other members of the Russian government for the crime of aggression against Ukrainians. Asked by Goncharenko whether she would support the move, Truss replied: “Well, we are very clear that Putin and all of those who’ve been behind the appalling war crimes that are being committed in Ukraine need to be held to account, and we’re working very closely with the ICC [International Criminal Court]. We’ve sent support into Ukraine to help collect evidence, from witness statements to video evidence.”

## COMMENT

Britain wants Putin to be held personally accountable for the terrible conflict in Ukraine. Back in March, Dominic Raab, the UK justice secretary, pledged the “full support” of the British state to build a war crimes case against Putin and his military commanders in Ukraine. This week the UK foreign secretary has said that Britain will hold Putin to account. The Bible says that the king of the south (US/UK) will push at Gog - the Russian ruler of Daniel 11 verse 36-39. This push is a personal provocation of the king and we see how personal it is for the UK. Britain is leading the way in pushing and provoking Putin. Britain has supplied thousands of Brimstone missiles that are destroying Russian tanks with pinpoint accuracy. Russia accuses the UK of fighting a proxy war against it. After the push the “king of the north” (Russia itself) invades Israel.

## BIBLE QUOTE

And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: 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. (K of S “pushed” (Daniel 11:40) at the Ottoman Emp in 1917, clearing the way for rtn of Jews; K of N will conquer Turkey going to Egypt)

# Don't provoke 'thin-skinned' Putin, says former Nato secretary general

The Times, May 17, 2022



## EVENT

Western allies must avoid provoking “thin-skinned” President Putin **who now has a “messianic obsession” with Russian greatness**, a former Nato secretary general has said. Lord Robertson of Port Ellen, who led the alliance between 1999 and 2003, said Britain and other nations should be careful with their language because the Russian leader now has a “dangerous mind-set” and could escalate his response. The Labour peer, who has met Putin on several occasions, warned in a lecture on the future of European security delivered today that there was no doubt the Russian leader had convinced himself that the West was a threat and that “every insult is a stab wound”. “The man in the Kremlin has a remarkably thin skin and we should avoid **provoking him** into even more reckless violence against the Ukrainians. **“Today, closeted away from the virus and from the real world, that emotionalism has been boiled up with a messianic obsession with Russian greatness. It has produced a dangerous mindset.”**”

## COMMENT

This article is fascinating in the light of the “push” - or provocation – of Putin we have long looked for. Lord Robertson who was Nato secretary general is explaining how provoking Putin could lead to extremely unpredictable outcomes and vastly increases the dangers for the world. Provoking Putin has caused a “dangerous mindset” in him. Amazingly he even says that every insult made against Putin is a “stab wound” to him. The word “push” means to “gore” as a goat goring with a horn. It is like a stab! Exactly what Lord Robertson says Putin feels. **The Bible says that Putin will think an “evil thought” to invade Israel. Putin (Gog) does indeed have a “dangerous mindset” .....**

## BIBLE QUOTE

and he [Gog / Putin] shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain. And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push [Hebrew word “gore”] at him: **The push is some type of military provocation and it is a personal provocation of HIM ie Gog the king of verses 36-39. The provocation is undertaken by the king of the south US/UK (The “Him” of v 40 is the “Little (Daniel 11:40) Horn of the Goat” i.e., the power occupying Constantinople – see Elpis Israel & Daniel Expositor)**

# Turkey splinters Nato unity with veto against Finland and Sweden

The Times, May 19, 2022



## EVENT

**Turkey has broken Nato unity on Finland and Sweden's push to join the alliance, blocking an initial vote on accession** after President Erdogan demanded that the two countries hand over dozens of Turkish exiles he accused of "terrorism". The veto came hours after Jens Stoltenberg, the Nato secretary-general, hailed a historic moment for western security following the submission of Sweden and Finland's formal applications. "This is a good day at a critical moment for our security. We all agree that we must stand together, and we all agree that this is an historic moment which we must seize. Every nation has the right to choose its own path." Nato ambassadors had met with the aim of swiftly processing the applications and to head off any Russian plans to undermine the security of the Nordic countries. The Turkish government's opposition put a stop to the initial vote, according to reports from Nato headquarters in Brussels.

## COMMENT

This week Finland and Sweden both formerly applied to join Nato – the military alliance that is designed to protect all nations in it from hostile states ie Russia. Russia has reacted swiftly to this. **Russia's gas giant Gazprom confirmed it had completely halted all gas exports to Finland at 04:00 GMT on Saturday.** This is the latest escalation of an energy payments row with the West. Turkey has said it will veto Finland and Sweden being able to join Nato. Most analysts don't believe Turkey will be able to do this indefinitely though. **Whatever the outcome we know that Turkey is allied to Russia when Putin/Gog finally decides to invade Israel.** Ezekiel speaks of Togarmah which covers much of modern day Turkey as one of the nations allied to Russia. **We see Turkey on the fringe of the Nato alliance. It could end up leaving. The pieces are falling into place.**

## BIBLE QUOTE

Gomer, and all his bands; the house of **Togarmah [Turkey] of the north quarters**, and all his bands: and many people with thee. Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them. (Ezekiel 38:6-7)  
Constantinople/Turkey is "Little Horn of the Goat" power. K of N conquers it & assumes title – Dan 11:40

# Russia 'sends a message' with first missile attack on Israeli jets in Syrian war, expert says

iNews, May 20, 2022



## EVENT

A Russian counter-attack on Israeli forces in Syria has raised fears of a potential escalation to the conflict, with experts fearing a similar provocation “within days”. This week, Russia launched missiles on Israeli jets that had flown over Syria and struck targets north of Damascus. Several casualties were reported and the Syrian army returned fire from anti-aircraft systems. Israel has launched hundreds of similar missions since the beginning of Syria’s civil war in 2011, often targeting adversaries Iran and Hezbollah which have established a presence in the country and facing down Syrian air defences. However on this occasion, the retreating Israeli pilots were targeted by missiles from a Russian S-300 anti-aircraft system under the operational control of Russian officers, Israel’s Channel 13 reported. None of the missiles hit their targets.

## COMMENT

The incident this week marks the first known occasion that an Israeli strike has met with a response from Russian anti-aircraft systems – raising fears Russia could assert a more aggressive stance in Syria. “It’s quite obvious that the Russians don’t like the fact that we are operating in Syria,” said Channel 13 Defence Correspondent Alon Ben-David, who broke the story. “My interpretation is that the Russians are saying ‘you are walking on thin ice. Be careful, we are running out of patience.’” Russia is not happy with Israel and the relationship has deteriorated suddenly since the Ukraine conflict began. Israel has voiced support for Ukraine and made critical comments about Russia. Russia is lashing out with warning shots across Israel’s bow. Conflict between Israel and Syria is coming when the initial inner ring war of Psalm 83 and Zechariah 12 begins

## BIBLE QUOTE

The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him. Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. *(Zechariah 12:1-2)*

## ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

**DebkaFile Review** (world events through the bi-focals of Israeli military intelligence)      **TV-7 Israel News**      **Watchman Newscast**

2022-05-20 **Turkey blocks NATO's expansion** - Gravitas- 4.02 min - YouTube

2022-05-20 **Russia using food as a weapon** - Gravitas - 5.20 min - YouTube

2022-05-17 **Russia OPENS FIRE on Israeli Fighter Jets Over Syria- Bible Prophecy Update** - Watchman - 12.28 min - YouTube

2022-05-17 **Israel to practice 'strikes' on Iran** - Gravitas - 4.35 min - YouTube

2022-05-16 **Israel DESTROYS Syria Underground Site; Russia Nuclear Threat if NATO Expands** - Watchman - 10.57 min - YouTube

2022-05-13 Did Israel's Mossad FOIL Iran Plot to Kill U.S. General & Israeli Diplomat - Watchman Newscast - 8.59 - YouTube

2022-05-12 Will Russia invade Finland next - Gravitas - 6.38 - YouTube

2022-05-12 Leaked paper hints at Russia's economic collapse - Gravitas - 5.14 - YouTube

2022-05-10 Israel Holds LARGEST Military Drill in Decades As Hezbollah & Hamas Threats Grow - Watchman - 12.16 - YouTube

2022-05-09 Russia HANDOVER of Syria Bases to Iran; Israel to ELIMINATE Hamas Leaders - Watchman - 11.41 - YouTube

2022-05-06 Israel WARNS Hamas After Another Deadly Terror Attack; NEW Gaza Operation Soon - Watchman -10.10 min - YouTube

2022-05-05 Russian Navy's Biggest Losses In Ukraine War & What It Means For Putin's Ambitions - 7.13 min - YouTube

2022-05-05 Analysis - Slow progress for Russian forces in capturing Donbas - 11.09 min - YouTube

2022-05-04 Tensions escalate between Russia and Israel over Lavrov's claim that Hitler was part Jewish - WION - 7.36 min - YouTube

2022-05-04 Russian State TV issues a chilling warning – Gravitas - 3.08 min - YouTube

2022-05-03 Russia ACCUSES Israel of “Supporting Neo-Nazis; Israel to ARM Ukraine - Watchman Newscast - 10.15 min - YouTube

**The Holy Roman Empire- Every State, Every Year** - YouTube

Animated Map - Indo-European migrations - File-Indo-European migrations.gif - Wikipedia



**NATO members**  
 January 2022  
 By joining date

- 1949-1989
- 1990s
- 2000s
- 2010s



# NATO PRESENCE IN EASTERN EUROPE



SOURCE: NATO

- Frankish Territory in 481
- Conquests of Clovis 481-511
- Conquests 531-614
- Conquests 714-768
- Conquests of Charlemagne 768-814
- Dependent territories
- Peoples tributary to Charlemagne
- Kingdom of Siagrius in 486
- Visigothic kingdom of Toulouse in 507
- Boundaries of the empire in 814



- Carolingian Empire 481-814



1. LITHUANIA
2. LUXEMBOURG
3. LIECHTENSTEIN
4. CZECH REPUBLIC
5. BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA
6. YUGOSLAVIA



We shall show that the Revised Version is the correct understanding, and that Ros is a physical location, specifically, it is the river region at the center of Ukraine.



Map is from mid-1600s. It shows the Ros River flowing into the Dnieper River.