

This Week's Developments

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Russia invades Ukraine: A dark day for Europe

The Times, February 24, 2022



EVENT

President Zelensky of Ukraine warned that “a new iron curtain” was falling across Europe last night as Russian tanks and paratroopers laid siege to Kyiv in an apparent attempt to decapitate the country’s democratic government. Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine started before dawn yesterday with air, land and sea attacks, leaving western capitals scrambling to co-ordinate a response. The United States sent thousands more troops to Europe as NATO vowed to defend its eastern allies even as Ukraine faced the might of the Russian military alone. The assault began with a blitzkrieg to disable its air defences. In a pre-dawn address from the Kremlin, President Putin warned that any western retaliation would provoke a response “never seen in history”. It came as: President Biden announced America’s most punishing sanctions on Russia to date, accusing Putin of trying to recreate the Soviet Union. Boris Johnson unveiled new sanctions as he branded the Russian leader a “bloodstained aggressor”.

COMMENT

The West’s worst fears materialized this week as Putin launched a full blown invasion of Ukraine. Moscow’s assault on Kyiv began at 5.33am, stirring collective memories of “4am Kyiv bombed”, a phrase known to every Ukrainian relating to the German bombardment of 1941. The G7 leaders said in a statement “This crisis is a serious threat to the rules-based international order, with ramifications well beyond Europe.” There is a sense that everything has changed and once more the world stands on the edge of much greater conflict and destabilisation. Putin is taking over the last part of ancient Magog which originally covered eastern Ukraine. Magog actually means “the land of Gog.” Putin (Gog) is making Ukraine part of his land. Exactly what Ezekiel says.

BIBLE QUOTE

Son of man, set thy face against Gog, of 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 prince of Meshech and Tubal:

(Ezekiel 38:2-3)

Sanctions against Putin: Punishing The New Tsar

The Times, February 24, 2022



EVENT

The German foreign minister spoke for governments across Europe and beyond when she said, “**We woke up in a different world today**”. The Continent woke to the sight of Russian tanks advancing deep into Ukraine, fighter jets bombing government buildings in Kyiv, Ukrainians fleeing their cities and western leaders gathering in emergency meetings to co-ordinate the harshest possible sanctions. The anger at President Putin’s brazen lies, and the wasted summits in Moscow where leaders were strung along with deception and obfuscation, was swiftly translated into a steely determination. As Boris Johnson put it in his broadcast, the world could not allow Ukraine’s freedom to “just be snuffed out”. The Putin regime’s invasion “must end in failure”. **How it ends is incalculable**. The Russian assault clearly aims to target Ukraine’s air force and defensive capabilities, advance on Kyiv and other big cities, **force an early surrender and install a puppet government**.

COMMENT

Boris Johnson has said that the UK will personally sanction Russian president Vladimir Putin. Putin and his foreign minister Sergei Lavrov are being targeted over their “revanchist mission” to overturn the post-Cold War order, the prime minister said. The US will also slap sanctions on Russian President Vladimir Putin, White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Friday. **This war is personal. It is one man’s ideology and one man’s authority that has driven Russia to attack Ukraine – and that is Putin**. Putin sits as a “god” with ultimate power and no one in Russia is able to criticise or stand up to him. The Bible says that the king of the south (US/UK) will “push” at him (Gog / Putin). **These personal sanctions are part of that push**. The result is Russia one day invades Israel...

BIBLE QUOTE

And at the time of the end shall the **king of the south push [gore / provoke] 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.

(Daniel 11:40)

Antisemitism animating Putin's claim to 'denazify' Ukraine

The Guardian, February 26, 2022



EVENT The Russian leader's pretext for invasion recasts Ukraine's Jewish president as a Nazi and Russian Christians as true victims of the Holocaust. When Russian president Vladimir Putin announced Russia's invasion of Ukraine at dawn on Thursday, he justified the "special military operation" as having the goal to "denazify" Ukraine. Ukraine is a democratic country, whose popular president was elected, in a free and fair election, with over 70% of the vote. That president, Volodymyr Zelenskiy, is Jewish, and comes from a family partially wiped out in the Nazi Holocaust. Vladimir Putin is himself a fascist autocrat. Fascism is a cult of the leader, who promises national restoration in the face of supposed humiliation by ethnic or religious minorities, liberals, immigrants etc. The dominant version of antisemitism alive in parts of eastern Europe today is that Jews employ the Holocaust to seize the victimhood narrative from the "real" victims of the Nazis, who are Russian Christians.

COMMENT After Volodymyr Zelensky won the Ukrainian presidency in a landslide in April 2019, his country became the only country besides Israel with a Jewish president and prime minister. It's remarkable given that only a tiny minority of Ukraine is Jewish. And yet Putin in his rationale for invading Ukraine said that his mission is to "denazify" Ukraine. By claiming that the aim of the invasion is to "denazify" Ukraine, Putin appeals to the myths of contemporary eastern European antisemitism – that a global elite of Jews were (and are) the real agents of violence against Russian Christians and the real victims of the Nazis were not the Jews, but rather this group. Hence the hatred of Zelenskiy. Russian president Dmitry Medvedev denounced Zelenskiy as disgusting, corrupt and faithless. The true colours of Putin's view of the Jews is now in the open....

BIBLE QUOTE a fierce king, a master of intrigue, will rise to power. He will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause a shocking amount of destruction and succeed in everything he does. He will destroy powerful leaders and devastate the holy people. (Daniel 8:23-24 NLT)

Russia takes issue with Israel's sovereignty over Golan Heights and Jerusalem

The Jerusalem Post, February 24, 2022



EVENT

Moscow took issue with Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights and Jerusalem just prior to its attack on Ukraine. “Russia doesn’t recognize Israel’s sovereignty over Golan Heights that are part of Syria,” its deputy ambassador, Dmitry Polyanskiy, told the UN Security Council, which held a debate on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict on Wednesday. The monthly Security Council meeting took place as the General Assembly debated the Russian-Ukrainian crisis. Polyanskiy spoke just hours after Israel broke its neutrality on the conflict, as it gave a nod in support of Ukraine. Moscow has presented itself in its conflict with Ukraine as the supporter of the Russian-speaking population in the regions of Donetsk and Luhansk in eastern Ukraine. At the Security Council, Russia reminded Israel that it stands with Syria, where it is militarily entrenched, regarding Damascus’ demand that Israel returns the Golan, which the IDF captured during the defensive Six-Day War in 1967.

COMMENT

Israel has said it “supports the territorial integrity and the sovereignty of Ukraine,” and once again expressed concern for Israeli citizens and the Jewish community in the affected regions. Israel’s Foreign Ministry expressed “concern” over the “serious escalation.” Israel has very close relations with Ukraine and also with the United States so it has to side with Ukraine. But this in turn drives a wedge between Israel and Russia. Incredibly on the day Russia invaded Ukraine they made a statement at the UN that Russia does not recognize Israel’s sovereignty over Golan Heights. Also in the statement they mentioned Tel Aviv not Jerusalem in relation to the government of Israel.

BIBLE QUOTE

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. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces. Jerusalem will become the centre of the conflict – this happens before Russia invades (Zech 12:2)

Putin's Moves Toward War in Ukraine Show How Dangerous He Has Become

TIME, February 22, 2022

Antiochus Epiphanes & Putin even look the same!



EVENT

A common claim among experts in Russian politics is that the Kremlin “has many towers.” It is meant to suggest a kind of pluralism in the chambers of power in Moscow, with rival camps of liberals and hawks, oligarchs and generals, pulling the President toward fringe positions, which his decisions balance out. As he marches ever closer toward a full-scale invasion of Ukraine, Vladimir Putin has shattered that view of the Kremlin. He showed that he has no real advisers left—only sycophants—and that his own views are as extreme as any of theirs. But that system has now shrunk into the space between Putin’s ears, a space inscrutable and often terrifying even for the people closest to him. As one longtime Kremlin insider describes Putin’s thinking in the recent TIME cover story about the crisis in Ukraine, “The world inside his head is only his own.” And that makes Putin far more dangerous for the world the rest of us inhabit. After his meeting with the Security Council, Putin gave a speech that laid out the rationale for an invasion of Ukraine. The Russian President claimed that Ukraine’s very existence was a historical mistake

COMMENT

The full Biblical title of Putin is this - King of the north, latter day Antiochus Epiphanes, Gog of the land of Magog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. Daniel 8:23-25 describe him. And Daniel 11:36-39 describe him. The detail is amazing and can only correspond to this man. We are told he is fierce looking, a master of intrigue, successful in whatever he does, causes a shocking amount of destruction, causes deceit to prosper, a master of deception, arrogant, magnified in his own eyes, does what he wants, not interested in women, worships the god of forces, loves money and riches, works in a stronghold (Kremlin means stronghold!), rewards those who submit to him. It is Putin.

BIBLE QUOTE

Thus shall he [Gog / Putin] do [work] in the most strong holds [Kremlin] with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he will honor those who submit to him, appointing them to positions of authority and dividing the land among them as their reward

(Daniel 11:39 last sentence from the NLT version)

Putin threatens West with 'greatest consequences in history' if it interferes in Ukraine

The Times, February 24, 2022



EVENT

Vladimir Putin warned the West not to come to Ukraine's aid, saying that countries would “**face consequences greater than any you have faced in history**” if they **intervened**. The Russian leader issued his chilling threat during a nationwide address to the Russian people that functioned as a declaration of war on neighbouring Ukraine. Claiming to seek the “demilitarisation and de-Nazification” of Ukraine, Putin warned: “To anyone who would consider interfering from outside: If you do, you will face consequences greater than any you have faced in history. All the relevant decisions have been taken. **I hope you hear me.**” **Putin claimed that Russia's military boasted advantages that could best even the world's most advanced armies**, despite Nato's insistence that it would not deploy forces to help Ukraine.

COMMENT

It is **almost as if Putin has lost his mind many are saying**. During this time of Covid19 Putin has become ever more isolated and withdrawn. No one could see him without weeks of quarantine beforehand. One neuropsychologist claims the 'progressive isolation' could have led to hubris syndrome, which 'diminished his ability to weigh up risk'. Whatever the cause we now see someone like the last king of the north – **Antiochus Epiphanes. He was known as the “mad man”**. He also invaded Israel in the same way Putin will one day. If we are right and Putin is Gog then remarkably we are told in Daniel 8 that this very man will “also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.”. Ezekiel 38 says he will be destroyed by fire and brimstone on the mountains of Israel. The return of Christ therefore must be close...

BIBLE QUOTE

And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. **This is the end of Gog – he will succeed in all he does until this point.** (Ezekiel 38:22)

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

2022-02-25 [Sanctioning Vladimir Putin and Russia's billionaire oligarchs](#) - CBC - 6.37 min - YouTube

2022-02-25 [Russia SLAMS Israel's Control of the Golan Heights; Trouble Ahead](#) - Watchman Newscast - 10.01 min - YouTube

2022-02-24 [Russia INVADES Ukraine; More Wars on Horizon](#) - Watchman Newscast - 9.04 min - YouTube

2022-02-23 [Israeli Strategic Analyst Breaks Down Russia's Move Into Ukraine](#) - Watchman Newscast - 15.14 min - YouTube

2022-02-22 [Inside Vladimir Putin's mind](#) - Gravitas - 5.59 min - YouTube

2022-02-20 [Fareed Zakaria says the US has made a strategic error with Russia](#) - CNN - 6.2 min - YouTube

2022-02-11 [Iran Assassination Plot Thwarted; Russia Tells Israel to END Syria Airstrikes](#) - Watchman - 11.06 - YouTube

2022-02-10 [Ukraine Direct- How has Putin surrounded Ukraine](#) - Gravitas - 3.42 min - YouTube

2022-02-10 [Iran unveils ballistic missile called Kheibar buster as nuclear talks resume in Vienna](#) - English News - 4.35 min- YouTube

2022-02-10 [Drone Attack Targets Civilians at Saudi Airport; Iran-Backed Houthis Responsible](#) - Watchman - 7.15 min YouTube

2022-02-08 [Ukraine Direct- Putin hints at nuclear response if NATO attacks](#) - Gravitas 4.20 min - YouTube

2022-02-08 [Israel & U.S. Headed for Clash Over New Iran Nuclear Deal](#) - Watchman - 13.36 min - YouTube

2022-02-05 [Biden REMOVES Sanctions on Iran Nuclear Program](#)- Watchman - 12.54 min - YouTube

2022-02-04 [China & Russia Anti-Western Alliance Grows as Putin & Xi Meet in Beijing](#) - Watchman - 13.56 min - YouTube

2022-02-03 [ISIS Leader KILLED in U.S. Special Ops Raid; U.S. Forces Headed to UAE](#) - Watchman 8.27 min - YouTube

2022-02-03 [US claims Russia could use a propaganda video as pretext to invade Ukraine](#)- World News - WION 5.27 min - YouTube

2022-02-02 [Israel's new way to intercept missiles- Laser wall to be new generation of air defence](#) - WION - 2.39 min - YouTube

2022-02-01 [Israel Sharing Iron Dome Technology w- Arab Nation- Joins MASSIVE US Naval Drill](#) - Watchman - 9.56 min - YouTube