

This Week's Developments

March 17 - 23, 2024

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What will Putin do next as president of Russia?

The Times, March 17, 2024



EVENT

The dictator has secured a new six-year term in the Russian election. How will it affect the war in Ukraine, China and relations with the US? Armed with the world's biggest stockpile of nuclear weapons and surrounded by sycophantic officials who portray him as the living embodiment of Russian statehood, Putin has the power to change the lives of everyone in Europe, if not the entire world. Putin and other senior Russian officials have warned repeatedly that the Kremlin could use nuclear weapons in the war in Ukraine. Such comments are usually viewed as an attempt to intimidate western countries into limiting their support for Kyiv. However, many fear that the threshold for the use of nuclear weapons — especially smaller, tactical warheads that are designed for use on the battlefield — has become dangerously low in Moscow. **Putin's morbid fascination with the massive destructive power of Russia's arsenal means that the nightmarish scenario of nuclear conflict cannot be ruled out.**

COMMENT

In the Bible we read about events that happen at the time of the end. Incredibly they appear to focus on one particular man. Out of 8 billion people on the earth living in the last generation one ruler is singled out by God. It is the man, Gog. He is mentioned as an individual ruler in Ezekiel 38, Daniel 8 and Daniel 11. We are told where he lives, what he thinks, what he does, what he is like, when he lives, how he works, where he works, what God thinks of him, how he comes to his end. We are told he is ruler of Russia who came to power from obscurity. He is proud and ruthless and causes shocking destruction. He loves wealth and riches. He rewards those who submit to him. He invades Israel to take a spoil. But he is destroyed by God. Putin could be that man...

BIBLE QUOTE

he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things. Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for a gain.

(Daniel 11:38-39 NKJV)

Moscow terror attack: 93 people killed at concert

The Times, March 23, 2024



EVENT

At least 93 people were killed when six men armed with automatic weapons attacked a concert hall on the outskirts of Moscow on Friday night in the country's worst terrorist outrage in 20 years, according to Russia's investigative committee. Almost 200 were injured. Terrorists could be seen shooting at close range at concertgoers in the Crocus City Hall in videos posted to Russian Telegram channels. The footage also showed the bodies of a number of people lying in the foyer. A large fire also broke out at the venue as music fans rushed for the exit. Four of the suspects reportedly fled after the attack, but two were detained. Dmitry Medvedev, the former Russian president who is now deputy head of the national security council, had suggested that Ukraine was behind the attack and vowed vengeance. **Ukrainian military intelligence suggested that President Putin had ordered the shootings to boost support for the war in Ukraine.**

COMMENT

In September 1999, a series of explosions hit four apartment blocks in the Russian cities of Buynaksk, Moscow, and Volgodonsk, killing more than 300, injuring more than 1,000. The Kremlin blamed terrorists. The crisis handled by Putin, (prime minister at the time), boosted his popularity greatly and helped him attain the presidency within a few months. Astonishingly it came to light soon after these attacks that the FSB (Russian secret service) themselves were behind them. The attacks gave Putin the pretext to launch a war and he ordered the total obliteration of Grozny the capital of Chechnya. In other words the Kremlin massacred its own citizens to give it the context to attack its enemy and boost Putin's image. IA week into Putin's presidency we possibly see a similar event.

BIBLE QUOTE

In the latter part of their reign, when rebels have become completely wicked, 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 [To read more about the 1999 apartment bombings in Moscow](#) [CLICK HERE](#) and another [HERE](#) (Daniel 8:23-24 NIV)

We won't stop Rafah offensive, vows Netanyahu

The Times, March 21, 2024



EVENT

Binyamin Netanyahu has told senior US Republicans that Israel “won’t stop” its planned Rafah offensive, even if it lacks American support. The Israeli prime minister spoke to senators at a lunch in Washington via videolink, after earlier admitting “disagreements” with President Biden over the potential military operation in the southern Gazan city. Days after Chuck Schumer, the Democratic Senate majority leader, called for Netanyahu’s removal over the military operation in Gaza, the Israeli prime minister insisted: “Even if we have to go alone, we won’t stop.” Earlier this week Biden explicitly remarked that any invasion of Rafah, where about 1.5 million citizens are sheltering, would be a “mistake” without a plan to evacuate civilians. An Israeli delegation is due in Washington early next week in an attempt to iron out differences between the US and Israel over the war. The Israeli prime minister told Republican senators that Israel would press into Rafah in the near future.

COMMENT

The war between Israel and Hamas which is now in its sixth month, has driven a wedge between the US and Israel that some are calling unprecedented. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and US President Joe Biden spoke on the phone Monday for the first time in over a month as tensions between the two leaders continue to increase. With November elections in America and with Biden trailing in the polls he can’t afford to appear soft on Israel otherwise he alienates some voters. So, the tension is increasing and Israel is becoming increasingly isolated. Netanyahu appears determined (as do the majority in Israel) to continue the war until Hamas is destroyed. Psalm 83 makes clear that one day Israel will indeed remove the enemies that immediately surround her....

BIBLE QUOTE

They have said, “Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, That the name of Israel may be remembered no more.” ..**Philistia** with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assyria also has joined with them They have helped the children of Lot. **Deal with them as with Midian, As with Sisera**, As with Jabin at the Brook Kishon, Who perished at En Dor, Who became as refuse on the earth. (*Psalm 83:7-10*)

Israel establishes new unit to fight on Lebanon and Syria borders

Newsweek, March 19, 2024



EVENT

The Israeli military has established a new mountaineer unit tasked with carrying out operations across the country's hostile borders with Lebanon and Syria amid worsening tensions over the ongoing war in the Gaza Strip. In an announcement issued Tuesday, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) unveiled the newly formed Heharim, or Mountain, Brigade "as part of the operational response to the situation on the northern border and in accordance with the situational assessment." Led by Colonel Liron Appleman, the brigade would be placed under the command of the 210th Division and operate in the Mount Hermon and Mount Dov regions, which are currently under the responsibility of the 810th Hermon Brigade. Its activities are set to begin in the coming weeks and will "specialize in combat in difficult terrain and warfare in mountainous areas." "The establishment of the brigade will provide a high-quality operational response and enable preparation for both defensive and offensive measures in a variety of scenarios that correspond to the terrain and the enemy in the region," Brigadier General Zion Ratzon, said in a statement, "on both fronts simultaneously—Lebanon and Syria."

COMMENT

"We are in a multi-front war—Lebanon, Syria, Judea and Samaria, and Gaza, and also farther away," IDF Chief of the General Staff Lieutenant General Herzi Halevi said during a visit to the Israel-occupied Benjamin region of the West Bank on Friday. The Bible says there will be a multi-front war between Israel and her surrounding, nearby enemies. Included in this inner ring war are Hamas, Hezbollah, Palestinians in general, Jordan and Syria. Israel is preparing for conflict with all these people and nations. As the war on Hamas nears its end Israel will turn its attention to their other enemies..

BIBLE QUOTE

"On that day I will make the clans of Judah like a firepot in a woodpile, like a flaming torch among sheaves. **They will consume all the surrounding peoples right and left**, but Jerusalem will remain intact in her place. **This describes the inner ring war.**

(Zechariah 12:6)

Gaza's waterfront property could be 'very valuable', says Donald Trump's son-in-law

The Telegraph, March 19, 2024



EVENT

Gaza's waterfront properties could be "very valuable", Donald Trump's son-in-law has said, as he suggested Israel rehouse displaced civilians in the desert. Jared Kushner, a former property dealer who served alongside his wife Ivanka Trump as senior White House advisers to her father, also told an audience at Harvard University that a Palestinian state would be "a super bad idea". He suggested that establishing a Palestinian state "would essentially be rewarding an act of terror". A top priority for Israel, he said, should be moving civilians out of Rafah, and persuading Egypt to accept refugees "with diplomacy". In addition, **he said the Jewish state should move displaced Gazans to the Negev desert in southern Israel.** "I would just bulldoze something in the Negev, I would try to move people in there," he said. "I think that's a better option, so you can go in and finish the job." **The 43-year-old was an unpaid senior adviser in his father-in-law's White House, and played a key role in brokering Mr Trump's foreign policy approach in the Middle East.**

COMMENT

Kushner's remarks at Harvard last week may give some indication of how Trump will approach the Israel-Hamas war should he win back the White House. Trump and Netanyahu had a very strong, close relationship. Trump moved the US embassy back to Jerusalem with much fan fare and Netanyahu was full of praise for him. As everyone knows Trump likes huge controversial decisions that get attention. Trump's son in law Jared Kushner was a senior adviser to Trump and is credited with brokering the Abraham Accords. He suggested this week that Gazans could be relocated in the Negev. Joel 3 says they will be relocated to the Sabeans – modern day Yemen....

BIBLE QUOTE

what have you against me, Tyre and Sidon and all you regions of Philistia?See, I am going to rouse them out of the places to which you sold them, and I will return on your own heads what you have done. **I will sell your sons and daughters to the people of Judah, and they will sell them to the Sabeans [Yemen], a nation far away.** The Lord has spoken. (Joel 3:4+7)

'Litany of menace' as pro-Palestinian activists target MPs

The Telegraph, March 17, 2024



EVENT

A damning dossier has revealed almost 40 incidents of MPs and councilors being targeted with intimidatory tactics by pro-Palestinian activists, The Telegraph can disclose. Counter-extremism analysis has revealed a “litany of menace” since the start of the year, involving elected representatives experiencing verbal abuse, intimidation and disruptive protests related to the Israel-Hamas war. Earlier this month, Rishi Sunak condemned a “shocking increase in extremist disruption” since the Oct 7 Hamas attacks on Israel and the ensuing military action in Gaza. The analysis shows how widespread and routine the disruption of political meetings and barracking of MPs has now become. The dossier of incidents – compiled by a counter-extremism analyst who asked not to be named – reveals that at least 38 such incidents took place across England between Jan 1 and March 15. A Home Office spokesman said: “It is totally unacceptable that a tiny minority seek to intimidate democratically elected representatives and impose their views.

COMMENT

Pro Palestinian protestors are creating an atmosphere of fear for UK politicians with threats and intimidation if they don't support the Palestinian cause. MPs across the political spectrum say that the threats they face really are getting worse – even if there's little agreement on how to calm tensions. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's spokesman told reporters: “We must never allow freedom and democracy to be silenced.” In a climate of fear, some MPs are left asking who in their right mind would put themselves forward to stand in the U.K.'s general election, expected later this year. We see how Israel is becoming a central issue for governments around the world as God said it would...

BIBLE QUOTE

On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, **I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations.** All who try to move it will injure themselves. On that day I will strike every horse with panic and its rider with madness,” declares the Lord. “I will keep a watchful eye over Judah, but I will blind all the horses of the nations
(Zechariah 12:3-4)

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NATO PRESENCE IN EASTERN EUROPE



- 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



2) Gog (Russia) advances on Turkey, Egypt *



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

○ TOBOLSK (Tubal)

○ MOSCOW (Meshech)

"YOUNG LIONS"
(USA, CANADA, ETC)

"LION"
TARSHISH
UK

GERMANY
(LAND OF
MAGOG)

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Gibraltar

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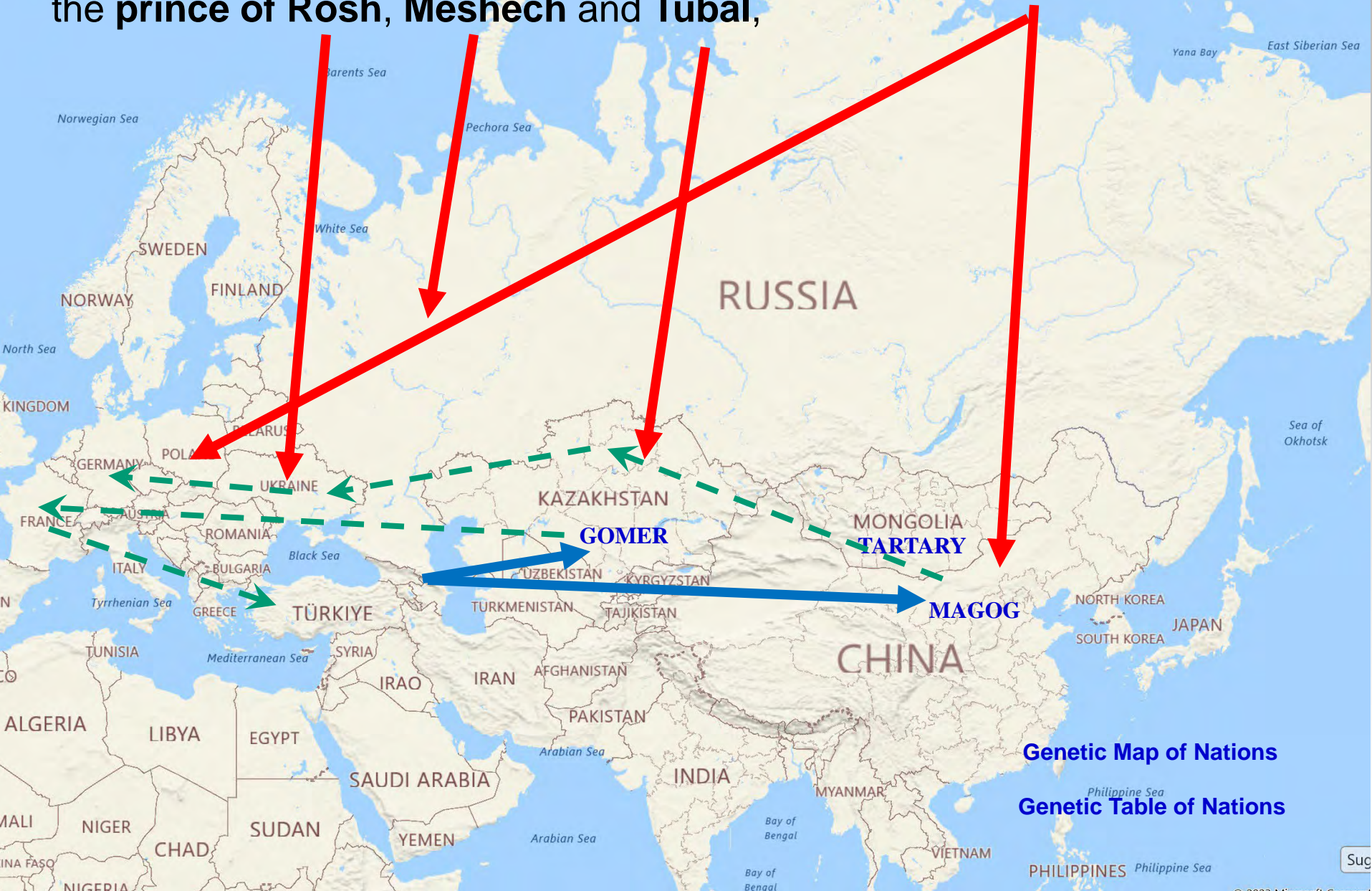
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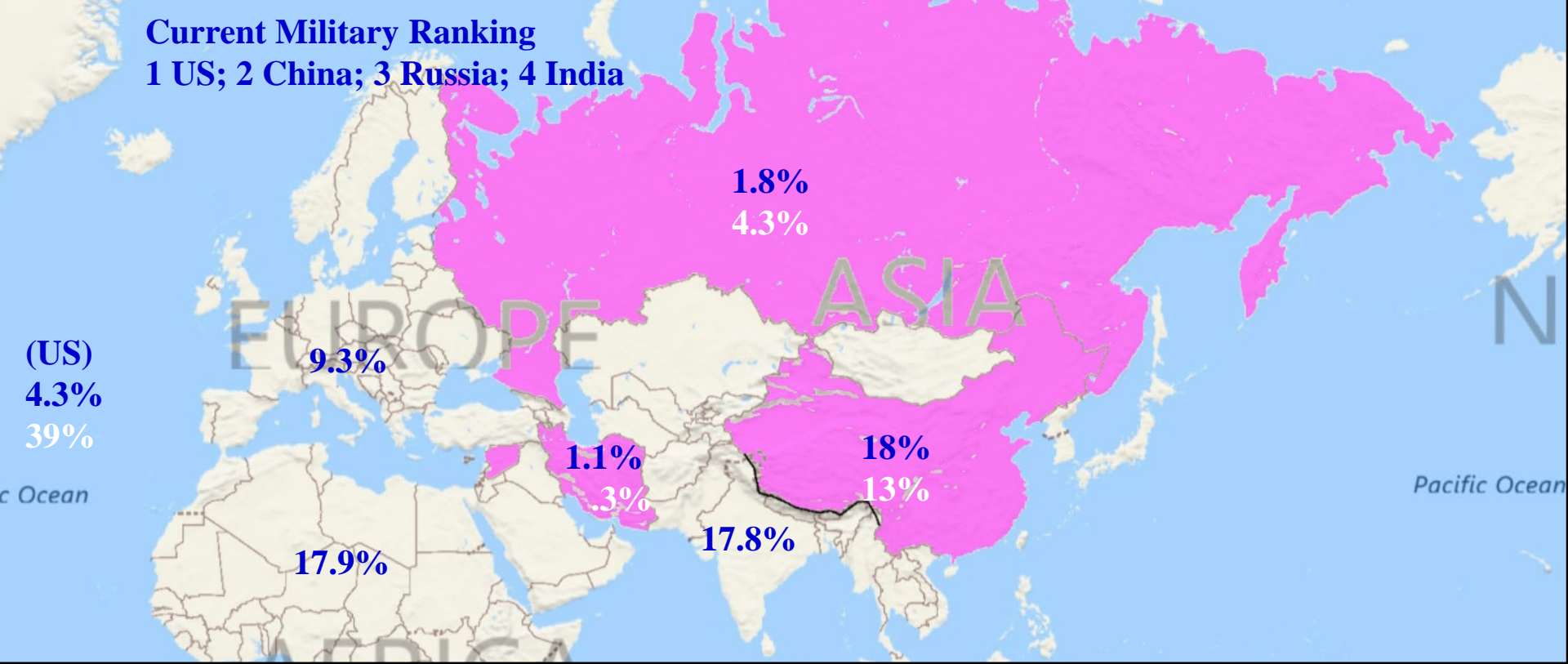
Legend HandOut

"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)"?

Current Military Ranking
1 US; 2 China; 3 Russia; 4 India



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March 10 - 16, 2024

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Russia is ready for nuclear war over Ukraine, says Putin

The Times, March 13, 2024



EVENT

President Putin has warned that Russia is ready for nuclear war over Ukraine and described western leaders as “vampires” with a taste for “human flesh”. In a rambling interview broadcast by state television on the eve of Kremlin-controlled presidential elections, Putin, 71, said that Moscow would not hesitate to use its nuclear missiles if there were threats to the existence of the Russian state or its sovereignty and independence. **“Weapons exist in order to use them,” Putin said.** He also boasted that Russia’s nuclear triad of land, air and sea-based missiles was far more advanced than America’s. Moscow has the biggest nuclear arsenal in the world with 5,580 nuclear warheads, according to the Federation of American Scientists. “We have made much more progress here. Our [nuclear arsenal] is more modern,” Putin said. The United States has the world’s second biggest stockpile.

COMMENT

“Weapons exist in order to use them,” President Putin said this week with reference to Russia’s nuclear missiles. Almost every week for a month Putin has had something to say about nuclear weapons and his willingness to use them. The West hopes it’s bluff and extreme rhetoric but does the Bible indicate nuclear weapons could be used? There is certainly evidence they could be. In Joel 2 in relation to the final conflict we read of “pillars of smoke.” The word “pillar” means “palm tree”. So we have “palm trees of smoke” – exactly the shape of a nuclear explosion. In Zechariah 14 we read of peoples tongues and eyes melting – exactly what happened at Hiroshima. In Daniel 8 we read of Gog using “shocking devastation”. There is nothing that causes more shocking devastation than a nuclear weapon. Putin is right - they exist - so man will use them...

BIBLE QUOTE

And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and **pillars [palm trees] of smoke.** **The sun shall be turned into darkness,** and the moon into blood, **before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.** And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered:

(Joel 2:30-32)

Putin rigs Russian election with 'menu of manipulation'

Daily Telegraph, March 15, 2024



EVENT

From free food and entertainment at polling stations to threats and disappearing ink, the Kremlin is determined to cajole Russians into voting for Vladimir Putin in a presidential election. Leaked Kremlin documents have shown that it wants Putin to win 80 per cent of the vote on a high turnout to prove that Russians support his war in Ukraine. And to do this analysts said that it has built a vote-fixing toolkit. "The authorities use various items from their 'menu of manipulation' to secure the results they want," said Ben Noble, associate professor of Russian studies at UCL. These techniques can be split into three categories: candidate fixing; voter fixing; and result fixing. The first category involves whittling down the candidates to a "Kremlin-approved" list headed, of course, by Putin. This year, two anti-war candidates were disqualified on technical grounds leaving Putin to trounce fake opponents who, anyway, support his policies.

COMMENT

Putin uses corruption to enable him to totally guarantee victory in the Russian election results that will be declared tomorrow. He will have well over 80% of the vote. After almost a quarter of a century in power he is more in control than ever. Putin's rule should have ended in 2008 after two 4 year terms. But Putin changed the rules which allowed him to stand again and increased the term to 6 years. Daniel 8 says that deceit (corruption) will prosper under Gog's rule. But corruption is only one element. The other is killing. The list of influential Russians who have been killed or died in murky circumstances after opposing, criticizing, or crossing Russian President Vladimir Putin, the Kremlin, or the state is long. Gog is ruthless but he will fall on the mountains of Israel.

BIBLE QUOTE

Thou [Gog] 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. Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.

(Ezekiel 39:4-5)

China, Russia and Iran put on show of force with Mideast naval drills

CNN, March 14, 2024



EVENT

Warships from China, Russia and Iran have held live-fire exercises in a key Middle Eastern waterway this week as the three partners put on a show of force in the volatile region, according to reports in state-run media. The drills near the Gulf of Oman, involving more than 20 ships from the three countries, are “aimed at strengthening maritime cooperation and safeguarding regional peace and stability,” a statement from the Chinese Defense Ministry said, echoing similar language from Iran and Russia. China’s navy sent a guided-missile destroyer and guided-missile frigate to the exercises, Russia dispatched the cruiser Varyag from its Pacific Fleet, and Iran contributed a range of vessels, including frigates and fast-attack boats, according to state-run media. Scheduled to run through Friday, the exercises are in their sixth incarnation since 2018, Russian state news agency TASS reported. **They coincide with the most turbulent time the region has seen over those six years, noted Iran’s official Islamic Republic News Agency.**

COMMENT

The Gaza conflict has already spread to international waters in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, where Iran-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen have fired missiles and drones at international military and commercial vessels. And now Russia, China and Iran have entered into the area with warships as an opposing force to the US / UK which also have warships there. Russia and Iran have become ever more aligned since the war in Ukraine began. Iran now supplies drones which Russia has become dependent on. Russia needs China’s support for its war in Ukraine. The 3 nations are allied to the enemies that surround Israel like Hamas / Hezbollah / Syria. Nations are being gathered

BIBLE QUOTE

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: Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong.

(Joel 3:9-10)

Israel 'kills key Hamas member' in Lebanon airstrike

The Times, March 13, 2024



EVENT

The Israeli army says it killed a “significant” Hamas member in an airstrike in southern Lebanon on Wednesday, part of an increased offensive in the country over the past few days. Hadi Ali Mustafa, who the army said was responsible for attacks against Israeli and Jewish targets around the world, was an associate of Saleh al-Arouri, who was killed in a targeted Israeli attack in Beirut in January. The strike on the car in Tyre that killed Mustafa also left a Syrian passer-by dead, according to local reports. Israel has expanded the scope of its military activity against the Shia militia group Hezbollah in Lebanon and is operating far from the Israeli border, attacking significant military targets. **New IDF figures reported that the military had struck more than 4,000 targets in the past five months in Lebanon and Syria and killed more than 300 operatives**, including six senior commanders with the rank of brigade commander and up, and wounded a further 750. Dozens of civilians have also been killed. In response to the escalation, Hezbollah sent its biggest volley of rockets so far across the border on Tuesday.

COMMENT

Hezbollah carried out one of the largest attacks in five months of escalating conflict on the border between Lebanon and Israel this week, firing more than a hundred rockets, and vowing that the barrages would continue. Hezbollah is the dominant political and military force in Lebanon and is one of the world's most heavily armed non-state actors. The Bible speaks specifically of Hezbollah in Psalm 83 and Joel 3 as “the inhabitants of Tyre.” Hezbollah’s main base is in this area. God asks the question in this chapter “what have ye to do with me?” The answer of course is nothing – they will be destroyed

BIBLE QUOTE

Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine? will ye render me a recompence? and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head;

(Joel 3:4)

Hezbollah tells Iran it would fight alone in any war with Israel

Reuters, March 15, 2024



EVENT

With ally Hamas under attack in Gaza, the head of Iran's Quds Force visited Beirut in February to discuss the risk posed if Israel next aims at Lebanon's Hezbollah, an offensive that could severely hurt Tehran's main regional partner, seven sources said. In Beirut, Quds chief Esmail Qaani met Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, the sources said, for at least the third time since Hamas' deadly Oct. 7 attacks on southern Israel and Israel's devastating retaliatory assault on Gaza. The conversation turned to the possibility of a full Israeli offensive to its north, in Lebanon, the sources said. As well as damaging the Shi'ite Islamist group, such an escalation could pressure Iran to react more forcefully than it has so far since Oct. 7, three of the sources, Iranians within the inner circle of power, said. At the previously unreported meeting, **Nasrallah reassured Qaani he didn't want Iran to get sucked into a war with Israel or the United States and that Hezbollah would fight on its own, all the sources said.**

COMMENT

This is an interesting article as we piece together what the Bible says will happen in the last days. It is clear that there is an initial inner ring war around Israel which involves Israel's immediate neighbours. These neighbours are called "people round about" or "surrounding" or "nearby". They are enemies who want Israel destroyed. They include Hamas, Hezbollah, Palestinians, Jordan, Syria etc. Israel however destroys them and removes the "pricking briars". There is then a temporary time of peace which is shattered when Gog and his hordes invade. Iran is allied to Russia in this outer circle war. Therefore, we know Iran must survive the initial inner ring war and therefore is not physically involved in it. Interesting then that Hezbollah say they will go it alone...

BIBLE QUOTE

They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; **the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre;** (Psalm 83:4-7)

Pope Francis angers Ukraine with call to 'raise the white flag'

The Times, March 10, 2024



EVENT

Ukraine has strongly rejected a call by the Pope to “raise the white flag” in its fight against the invading Russians and urged him to “stand on the side of good” against Moscow. “Our flag is a yellow and blue one,” Dmytro Kuleba, the Ukrainian foreign minister, tweeted. “This is the flag by which we live, die and prevail. We shall never raise any other flags.” There was anger in Kyiv at the weekend when Pope Francis said Ukraine should “have the courage to raise the white flag”. Francis, 87, urged both sides to “negotiate before things get worse”. “I believe that the strongest are those who see the situation, think about the people and have the courage to raise the white flag and negotiate,” he said in an interview with Swiss television, conducted early last month and shown in part on Saturday. **The Pope’s comments came as CNN cited two senior American officials as saying that in late 2022 Washington began “preparing rigorously” for Russia potentially striking Ukraine with a tactical nuclear weapon.**

COMMENT

The Pope’s words matter in this world. They carry weight and can impact world leaders. This is because there are one billion Catholics in the world and the tentacles of the Vatican spread into the hearts and minds of the governments of the world. This is why a previous Pope was credited with the fall of the Berlin wall after the role he played and comments he made in that regard. So, will there be a ceasefire in Ukraine at some point? The answer to that is almost certainly yes. Not peace but a stalemate or some kind of negotiated stand off. The reason this is likely is because Russia is to descend south to Israel. Russia’s total military focus will be on the Middle East at that point. To fight two wars at once is too much. Putin might force talks by using more military might..

BIBLE QUOTE

He will become very strong, but not by his own power. **He will cause astounding devastation and will succeed in whatever he does.** He will destroy those who are mighty, the holy people. He will cause deceit to prosper, and he will consider himself superior.

(Daniel 8:24-25 NIV)