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UK missiles help to chase Russian navy fleet from Black Sea Coast

The Telegraph, June 8, 2022



EVENT	Ukraine has pushed the Russian naval fleet 100km back from the Black Sea coast with
	the help of anti-ship missiles supplied by Britain. Moscow has battled for dominance in the
	area, where its ships are carrying out a naval blockade on food exports, since its invasion
	of Ukraine. But now the Kremlin has been forced to change its tactics in a desperate bid to
	maintain control over Ukraine's southern coastal line and the main shipping routes out of
	the war-torn country. "As a result of our active actions aimed at defeating enemy naval
	forces, the group of ships of the Russian Black Sea Fleet was pushed back from the
	Ukrainian shores at a distance of more than a hundred kilometres (62 miles)," Ukraine's
	ministry of defence said on the Telegram messaging app. As Russia's boats were pushed
	out of the north-western part of the Black Sea, the Kremlin's forces have turned to coastal
	missile systems to try and reassert control of the area.

COMMENT Britain was the first European country to send lethal aid to Ukraine and has since sent military aid worth more than £750 million, including thousands of anti-tank missiles, air defence systems and armoured vehicles. The UK is also sending the cutting edge M270 weapon system, which can strike targets up to 80km away with pinpoint accuracy. Britain has also sent hundreds of Brimstone anti-ship missiles to bolster naval defences. Russia's naval movements are slowly being hampered in her only real year round sea-going access. This may cause Russia to put pressure on Turkey. Erdogan's popularity with his subjects has dropped due to inflation and energy costs and he is facing re-election next year. This has caused him to relax his hard line with Israel and get in on some of the benefits of the off-shore gas reserves and the gas pipeline to Europe - which is like poking Russia in the eye. Turkey is also supplying Ukraine with the Drones being used against Russia. Might all this cause Russia to act according to the prediction in Dan 11:36-40?

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. (Daniel 11:40)

Ukraine's grain crisis: Putin's Plunder

The Times, June 8, 2022



EVENT	Russia's assault on Ukraine is a campaign of pillage as well as murder and rape. The Biden administration suspects Russia may have expropriated as much as 500,000 tonnes of Ukrainian grain, worth \$100 million, and loaded it on to ships in the illegally annexed territory of Crimea. The evidence is strong that this looting is taking place to break the hold of sanctions on Russia's economy. It is essential these tactics be thwarted, and that poorer countries tempted to buy illicit shipments of plundered grain understand the long-term costs of breaking the embargo. Russia and Ukraine are big agricultural exporters. Between them, they produce a third of the world's grain supplies. Without the war, Ukraine might have harvested 80 million tonnes of grain this year. Production has collapsed and shortages have driven up global wheat prices by a third. Ukrainian officials have accused Russia of stealing grain worth \$100 million.
COMMENT	European Council, addressed Moscow's envoy directly: "Mr Ambassador of the Russian Federation, let's be honest, the Kremlin is using food supplies as a stealth missile against developing countries. "The dramatic consequences of Russia's war are spilling over across the globe, and this is driving up food prices, pushing people into poverty, and destabilising entire regions. Russia is solely responsible for this food crisis." Isn't is amazing that in the article above it speaks of Russia "looting", "stealing", "plunder" and "pillage". The Bible says that when Gog sends his army to invade Israel it will be to take a "spoil". Strong's concordance says this word spoil means to "plunder or loot". Putin's
	Plunder is the headline today – it will also be the headline of tomorrow about Gog (Putin?)
BIBLE QUOTE	And thou [Gog] 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. To take a spoil [plunder], and to take a prey [robbery]; The future plunder may be that of oil and gas off Israel's shores (Ezekiel 38:11-12)

War has forced out most of Ukraine's Jews, rabbi claims

The Times, June 5, 2022



EVENT	The war in Ukraine has forced more than half its Jewish population to flee, the chief
	rabbi of Moscow has said. Pinchas Goldschmidt, president of the main umbrella group
	representing Europe's Orthodox rabbis, is the first senior religious leader from Russia to
	openly criticise the humanitarian toll of the Kremlin's offensive. He told The Times he
	had been advised against returning to Moscow for the time being and could not go
	further in publicly condemning the invasion because he had a responsibility to ensure
	the "survival" of the 500,000-strong Jewish community in Russia. The violence has had
	a devastating effect on Jewish life in Ukraine after three decades of reconstruction
	since the break-up of the Soviet Union. Goldschmidt said the majority of Ukraine's
	Jews, estimated to have numbered between 40,000 and 400,000 before the outbreak of
	war, had by now sought refuge elsewhere in Europe. While precise information on the
	distribution of Ukraine's Jews is hard to come by in the chaos of war, tens of thousands
	are believed to have left the country, sometimes en masse.

COMMENT Over 24,000 Ukrainian refugees — approximately a third of whom are Jewish — have arrived in Israel since the Russian invasion of their country on Feb. 24. Israeli officials say the influx may end up being the largest wave of immigration to the country since the collapse of the Soviet Union. Israel has also approved a \$6.5 million budget to ultimately absorb 100,000 Jewish Ukrainian immigrants eligible to make "aliyah," or Israeli naturalization, under the "Law of Return," which applies to anyone who can prove to have at least one Jewish grandparent. World War 2 led to the establishment of the nation of Israel in 1948. Hundreds of thousands of Jews returned to Israel at that time. We see it happening again now. Conflict causes Jews to return to the land.

BIBLE QUOTE

I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. "For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land (Ezekiel 36:23-24 NIV)

Iran to remove 27 cameras from nuclear facilities

Financial Times, June 8, 2022



EVENT	Iran has warned the UN atomic watchdog that it is removing 27 cameras used to
	monitor nuclear activity from its facilities, in a dramatic escalation of the Islamic
	republic's stand-off with the west. Rafael Mariano Grossi, director-general of the
	International Atomic Energy Agency, said the decision by Tehran had the potential to be
	a "fatal blow" to stalled diplomatic efforts to revive the 2015 nuclear accord if the
	measures were not reversed in three to four weeks. He added that the removal of the
	cameras "poses a serious challenge to our ability to continue working there". The move
	appeared to be a retaliatory step after IAEA member states approved a resolution on
	Wednesday criticising Iran over its nuclear activity. "We are in a very tense situation,
	with the negotiations on the revival of the JCPOA [the 2015 accord] at a low ebb, [and]
	with our bilateral process," Grossi told reporters.
COMMENT	Iran is going to remove cameras from its nuclear sites that allow inspectors to monitor
	what is happening. Rafael Mariano Grossi, the director-general of the International
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Atomic Energy Agency said the move poses a "serious challenge" to its efforts, warning that in three to four weeks, it would be unable to maintain a "continuity of knowledge" about Iran's program. "This would be a fatal blow" to negotiations over Iran's tattered nuclear deal with world powers. Israel is getting ready for conflict with Iran. The IAF has held four large-scale drills simulating attacks against Iran over the last month. The Israeli airforce has upgraded it's F-35 stealth fighter so it can fly to & from Iran without refuelling. The Bible says that the Iranian deal is treacherous and will lead to conflict...

BIBLE QUOTE A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam [Iran]: besiege, O Media [Iran]; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease. Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I was bowed down at the hearing of it; (Isaiah 21:2-3)

Putin compares himself to Peter the Great in quest to take back Russian lands

The Guardian, June 10, 2022



- **EVENT** Vladimir Putin has compared himself to the 18th-century Russian tsar Peter the Great, drawing a parallel between what he portrayed as their twin historic quests to win back Russian lands. "Peter the Great waged the great northern war for 21 years. It would seem that he was at war with Sweden, he took something from them. He did not take anything from them, he returned [what was Russia's]," the Russian president said on Thursday after a visiting an exhibition dedicated to the tsar. After months of denials that Russia is driven by imperial ambitions in Ukraine, Putin appeared to embrace that mission, comparing Peter's campaign with Russia's current military actions. "Apparently, it is also our lot to return [what is Russia's] and strengthen [the country]. And if we proceed from the fact that these basic values form the basis of our existence, we will certainly succeed in solving the tasks that we face."
- **COMMENT** Peter the Great was a Russian czar in the late 17th century who is best known for his extensive reforms in an attempt to establish Russia as a great nation. In 1721, he proclaimed Russia an empire and was accorded the title of Emperor of All Russia, Great Father of the Fatherland and "the Great." Peter was also known to be cruel and tyrannical. The Bible speaks of a czar (a king) in Daniel 8 and Daniel 11. A cruel and ruthless ruler of Russia that causes astounding devastation. That ruler is "Gog" in Eze 38. The Bible says Gog as "K of N" is actually modelled on someone else.... Antiochus Epiphanes. He was the original "K of N". He was also ruthless in fact so much so that people called him the "madman". That's what people now call Putin. Peter the Great also brought the Russian Orthodox Church under his control & we note Putin's affiliation with the church and Patriarch Kirill. Is it possible that, in Putin, we are beholding Gog?

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. He will destroy those who are mighty, the holy people. He will cause deceit to prosper, and he will consider himself superior. (Daniel 8:23-25 NIV)

Russian Orthodox Leader at the Core of Putin's Ambitions

The Times, June 9, 2022



EVENT	As Russia's invasion of Ukraine unfolded, Patriarch Kirill I, the leader of the Moscow-based Russian Orthodox Church, had an awkward Zoom meeting with Pope Francis. The two religious leaders had previously worked together to bridge a 1,000-year-old schism between the Christian churches of the East and West. But the meeting, in March, found them on opposing sides of a chasm. Kirill spent 20 minutes reading prepared remarks, echoing the arguments of President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia that the war in Ukraine was necessary to purge Nazis and oppose NATO expansion. Francis was evidently flummoxed. "Brother, we are not clerics of the state," the pontiff told Kirill, he later recounted to the Corriere della Sera newspaper, adding that "the patriarch cannot transform himself into Putin's altar boy." Today, Kirill stands apart not merely from Francis, but from much of the world. The leader of about 100 million faithful, Kirill, 75, has staked the fortunes of his branch of Orthodox Christianity on a close and mutually beneficial alliance with Mr. Putin. Steadily, the line between church and state [has] blurred. Kirill has called Mr. Putin's long tenure "a miracle of God," and has characterized the war as a just defense against liberal conspiracies to infiltrate Ukraine with "gay parades." Kirill has in recent years aspired to expand his church's influence, pursuing an ideology consistent with Moscow being a "Third Rome," a reference to a 15th-century idea of Manifest Destiny for the Orthodox Church, in which Mr. Putin's Russia would become the spiritual center of the true church after Rome and Constantinople.
COMMENT	 The Bible indicates that Gog / K of N has designs to lord it over both church (orthodox) and state, also influencing the Roman Catholic system to join in the action to put down the fraudulent "anti-christ" coming from Sinai who transforms & influences nations enroute to join with him and his host. The Dan chapters 8 & 11 prophecy requires Gog to be the power occupying Istanbul / Constantinople at the end time thus becoming the militant successor of the 4th beast dominion, and to occupy Syria in order to take the title "King of the North" which is unique to that area.
BIBLE QUOTE	"the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods" Dan 11:36

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