

This Week's Developments

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Erdogan says Turkey may part ways with the EU

Associated Press, September 17, 2023



EVENT

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Saturday that Turkey may part ways with the European Union, implying that the country is thinking about ending its bid to join the 27-nation bloc. “The EU is making efforts to sever ties with Turkey,” he told reporters before departing for the 78th U.N. General Assembly in New York. “We will evaluate the situation, and if needed we will part ways with the EU.” He was responding to a question about a recent report adopted by the European Parliament, which stated “the accession process cannot resume under the current circumstances, and calls on EU to explore ‘a parallel and realistic framework’ for EU-Turkey relations.”

Turkey applied to join the European Union in 1999, and accession talks began in 2005. Accession negotiations were frozen in 2018 because of “democratic backsliding,” according to the European Parliament.

COMMENT

After the Ottoman Empire's collapse following World War I, Turkey implemented a series of reforms, including secularisation and industrialisation, intended to "Europeanise" or Westernise the country. Turkey became a member of the Council of Europe in 1950, and a member of NATO in 1952. Negotiations for full EU membership were started in 2005. During the Cold War, Turkey allied itself with the United States and Western Europe. With Bible in hand we know that Turkey is not allied with the United States and Western Europe at the time of the end. We are told specifically in Ezekiel 38 that Turkey is allied with Russia and Iran. Modern Turkey is ancient Togarmah. This makes the headline in this article very interesting as Turkey is moving away from the West. Turkey may leave NATO as well but doesn't have to, to join forces with Russia....

BIBLE QUOTE

And I will turn thee [Gog] 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: Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; ...: Gomer, and all his bands; **the house of Togarmah of the north quarters** (Ezekiel 38:4-6)

France and Germany plan for EU 'inner circle'

The Times, September 19, 2023



France and Germany have tabled a plan for an “inner circle” of countries willing to sign up to radical integration in a blueprint featuring a new outer tier of EU membership for “even the UK”. The joint paper was published as Sir Keir Starmer met President Macron in Paris on Tuesday for talks on his plans to bring Britain closer to the EU if Labour wins the next election. Macron is a strong supporter of the associate membership proposal. EU leaders will begin talks next month on deeper integration and streamlined decision-making, with a target date of 2030 to allow the bloc to enlarge eastwards to include Ukraine and the western Balkans. Splits are expected with countries such as Hungary and Poland opposed to greater EU centralisation. If any country tries to block treaty change, the **Franco-German plan envisages a breakaway “inner circle” at the heart of a “differentiated” Europe**. A second tier would then be the rump of the existing EU with “unwilling states offered opt-outs in the new treaty but no exemptions” from the existing Lisbon treaty or “EU values”.

COMMENT

This is an amazing article in the light of Bible prophecy. We have long said in the WWW that there will be a resurrected Holy Roman Empire at the time of the end – an inner group of nations that pool their sovereignty to form a new bloc. This article talks of an “elite group” an “inner bloc” with an outer ring of “associate nations” who don’t want “ever closer union.” Revelation 17 speaks of this exact situation. The beast in this chapter links straight back to the 10 horned beast in Daniel 7. That beast was the Roman Empire. Revelation 17 speaks of 10 horns (kings) giving their power and strength to the beast. In other words they give up their sovereignty and operate as one.

BIBLE QUOTE

The ten horns of the beast are ten kings who have not yet risen to power. They will be appointed to their kingdoms for one brief moment to reign with the beast. **They will all agree to give him [the beast] their power and authority.** Together they will go to war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will defeat them because he is Lord of all lords and King of all kings. *(Revelation 17:12-13 NLT)*

Kremlin boasts of booming relations with Tehran

The Times, September 21, 2023



EVENT

The Russian defence minister has hailed a “new level” in relations with Iran during a visit that came as the Islamic Republic approved a law to increase to ten years the maximum prison sentence for women who refuse to wear headscarfs. Sergei Shoigu said that Moscow’s relations with Tehran were booming despite pressure from western countries. Iran and Russia are two of the world’s most heavily sanctioned nations. “We are aiming at an entire range of planned activities, despite opposition from the United States and its western allies,” Shoigu, 68, said after a meeting in Tehran with Ali Akbar Ahmadian, Iran’s top security official. “Sanctions pressure on Russia and Iran shows its futility, while **Russian-Iranian interaction is reaching a new level.**” Shoigu also visited the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps to see Iranian missiles and drones. Russia took its first delivery of Iranian-made drones last August and has used them to attack Ukrainian troops and cities.

COMMENT

Russia is turning to other pariah nations to help it win the war in Ukraine. A key ally now for Putin is Iran. Iran has been developing and mass producing huge drones and has sent possibly thousands now to Russia which it uses against Ukraine. In return for helping Russia, Iran has received huge cash injections from Russia and increased military know-how. Russia has also turned to North Korea for weapons. The Bible says in Ezekiel 38 that Persia (Iran) will join forces with Russia and attack Israel in the latter years (last days). We see God’s hand working here as these two nations come ever closer together leading us ever closer to Armageddon. The Ukraine war has brought about these closer alliances - it could bring about more yet as the war is not over...

BIBLE QUOTE

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,: **Persia**, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:

(Ezekiel 38:3-5)

Netanyahu tells UN that Israel is ‘at the cusp’ of a historic agreement with Saudi Arabia

Associated Press, September 22, 2023



EVENT

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told the U.N. General Assembly on Friday that Israel is “at the cusp” of a historic breakthrough leading to a peace agreement with Saudi Arabia, without outlining a clear path over the significant obstacles facing such an accord. He struck an optimistic tone throughout his roughly 25-minute address — and, once again, used a visual aid. He displayed contrasting maps showing Israel’s isolation at the time of its creation in 1948 and the six countries that have normalized relations with it, including four that did so in 2020 in the so-called Abraham Accords. “There’s no question the Abraham Accords heralded the dawn of a new age of peace. But I believe that we are at the cusp of an even more dramatic breakthrough, an historic peace between Israel and Saudi Arabia,” Netanyahu said. “Peace between Israel and Saudi Arabia will truly create a new Middle East.” There are several hurdles in the way of such an agreement, including the Saudis’ demand for progress in the creation of a Palestinian state.

COMMENT

Netanyahu told Fox News on Friday evening that the “window of opportunity” for a deal with the Saudis was “the next few months.” Saudi Arabia’s Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman said in an interview with Fox News this week that the two sides are getting closer to an agreement. The current stumbling block is the wording in an agreement about Palestinian State - the so called 2 state solution. With Bible in hand we do expect Saudi Arabia to be “onside” with Israel at the time of the end. Ezekiel 38 says that part of the opposing force to Russia is Sheba and Dedan – or modern Saudi Arabia. We are also told in Thessalonians there will be a cry of peace before sudden destruction...

BIBLE QUOTE

For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. **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.

(1 Thessalonians 5:2-3)

Peace With Israel Means War With Iran

Foreign Policy, August 30, 2023



EVENT

Policymakers in Washington and the Middle East have been busy talking about the possibility of Saudi Arabia normalizing its ties with Israel in return, in part, for a formal defense pact with the United States. Receiving far less attention is a critical question, at least for Riyadh: Would such a move jeopardize Saudi Arabia's recent diplomatic accord with Iran? There's strong reason to think it would. Iran doesn't just have adversarial relations with Israel. The two countries have been in a shadow war for decades—one that has escalated over the past seven years. Just last year, it was reported that the Israeli military had carried out more than 400 airstrikes since 2017 in Syria and other parts of the Middle East against targets belonging to Iran and its sub-state allies. For Tehran, it's one thing for Riyadh to be friends with Washington—something that the Iranians have gotten used to—but another altogether to partner with Israel.

COMMENT

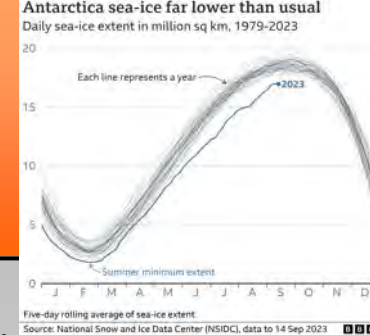
If a peace agreement is made between Israel and Saudi Arabia it could very easily spur Iran into action and bring the sudden destruction we read of in 1 Thessalonians 5. In the article above goes on to say, "If Saudi Arabia teams up with Israel, Iran will assume that Riyadh will provide a platform for the Israeli military to launch a swift attack against Iran." Also it says, "If Saudi Arabia embraces Israel, Iran will likely throw everything but the kitchen sink at the Saudis." It could also be the catalyst for the inner ring war around Israel. Iran controls Israel's immediate enemies like Hamas, Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad and even Syria. Iran could use the Palestinian issue as a reason to activate its proxy armies and if it feels an existential threat with a new Saudi/Israel deal.

BIBLE QUOTE

A grievous vision is declared unto me; **the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media;** 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: **Elam and Media are both areas of Iran** (Isaiah 21:2-3)

Antarctic sea ice melts to lowest winter level ever

The Times, September 25, 2023



EVENT

Antarctic sea ice has reached a record low, with an area about seven times the size of the UK effectively missing. The sea ice surrounding the continent expands during the southern hemisphere's winter, on average peaking at almost 19 million sq km by September before beginning to melt again. This year, however, the ice reached 16.96 million sq km. Scientists at the National Snow and Ice Data Center in the United States confirmed the winter maximum. The new low is more than 1 million sq km below the previous record set in 1986. "It is shocking to see, as a sea ice physicist," Dr Jeremy Wilkinson, from the survey, said. **"It's just another example of the planet screaming out 'Help' really.** As scientists all we can do is highlight another example of a warming world."

COMMENT

Planet earth is "screaming out - HELP!" It doesn't matter where we look - whether it's the physical or spiritual, the world is spiraling downwards. The physical and the spiritual were connected at the very beginning. When Adam and Eve sinned God cursed them. To Adam he said because you have sinned, cursed is the GROUND – it will bring forth thorns and thistles. Also, Adam was told he would return to the dust and die. So sin (spiritual wickedness) led to the earth itself (and mankind) having physical sickness. We are told in the book of Romans that the whole of creation is groaning because of the bondage of corruption. It is interesting then that as the world moves ever further from God's teachings the world itself becomes a planet screaming for help. We know it is the return of Jesus that will remove the sin and the curse and then the world will be healed...

BIBLE QUOTE

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. **Earth's restoration is coming – soon** (Acts 3:19-21 NIV)

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

2023-09-30 Why the U.S. and China Are Racing to Secure Lithium - WSJ U.S. vs. China - 8.15 min - YouTube

2023-09-30 Defence minister's absence takes a toll on China's military diplomacy - WION - 2.44 min - YouTube

2023-09-29 Sask. premier doubles down on school pronoun policy, bypassing courts - 2.13 min - YouTube

2023-09-27 How Chinese companies are supporting Russia's military - 7.21 min - YouTube

2023-09-26 Will Biden halt Ukraine aid- The US imposes a deadline for Ukraine to combat corruption - 5.43 min - YouTube

2023-09-22 Why is China picking up a fight with everyone- - WION - 7.42 min - YouTube

2023-09-22 Netanyahu Tells UN "New Middle East" Coming as Israel-Saudi Peace Deal Looms - Watchman - 13.09 min - YouTube

2023-09-23 With House Republicans in turmoil, colleagues implore GOP holdouts not to shut down government - AP News

2023-09-23 Russia-Ukraine war- US to give Kyiv long-range ATACMS missiles- Reports - Latest News - WION 2.26 min - YouTube

2023-09-23 Russia-Ukraine War- Ukraine hits Russian naval headquarter in missile attack on Crimea - WION - 9.17 min - YouTube

2023-09-23 PM- Saudi deal likely but time is short; MBS a 'visionary'; coalition would back accord - The Times of Israel

2023-09-23 Palestinian officials fume after Netanyahu UN speech, call address 'arrogant, racist' - The Times of Israel

2023-09-22 Netanyahu Tells UN "New Middle East" Coming as Israel-Saudi Peace Deal Looms - Watchman 13.09 min - YouTube

2023-09-22 As the world's problems grow more challenging, the head of the United Nations gets bleaker - AP News

2023-09-20 Biden And Netanyahu To Discuss Middle East And Iran In Face-to-face Meeting - I24NEWS

2023-09-19 UN needs to change with changing world- Expert - Live discussion - WION - 9.48 min - YouTube

2023-09-19 Saudi sponsors meeting on Israel-Palestinian peace; US-Iran hostage diplomacy TV7 Israel News - 12.0 min - YouTube

2023-09-17 Elon Musk & Israeli Prime Minister - AI, Anti-Semitism (Benjamin Netanyahu) Farzad Mesbahi - 36 min YouTube

2015-09-30 Carl Sagan's Pale Blue Dot OFFICIAL - 3.26 min - YouTube

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

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)

"LION"
TARSHISH
UK

GERMANY
(LAND OF
MAGOG)

GOMER
European Economic Community

"YOUNG LIONS"
(USA,
CANADA,
ETC)

Gibraltar

TURKEY
(Togarmah)

IRAQ/IRAN
(Persia)

INDIA

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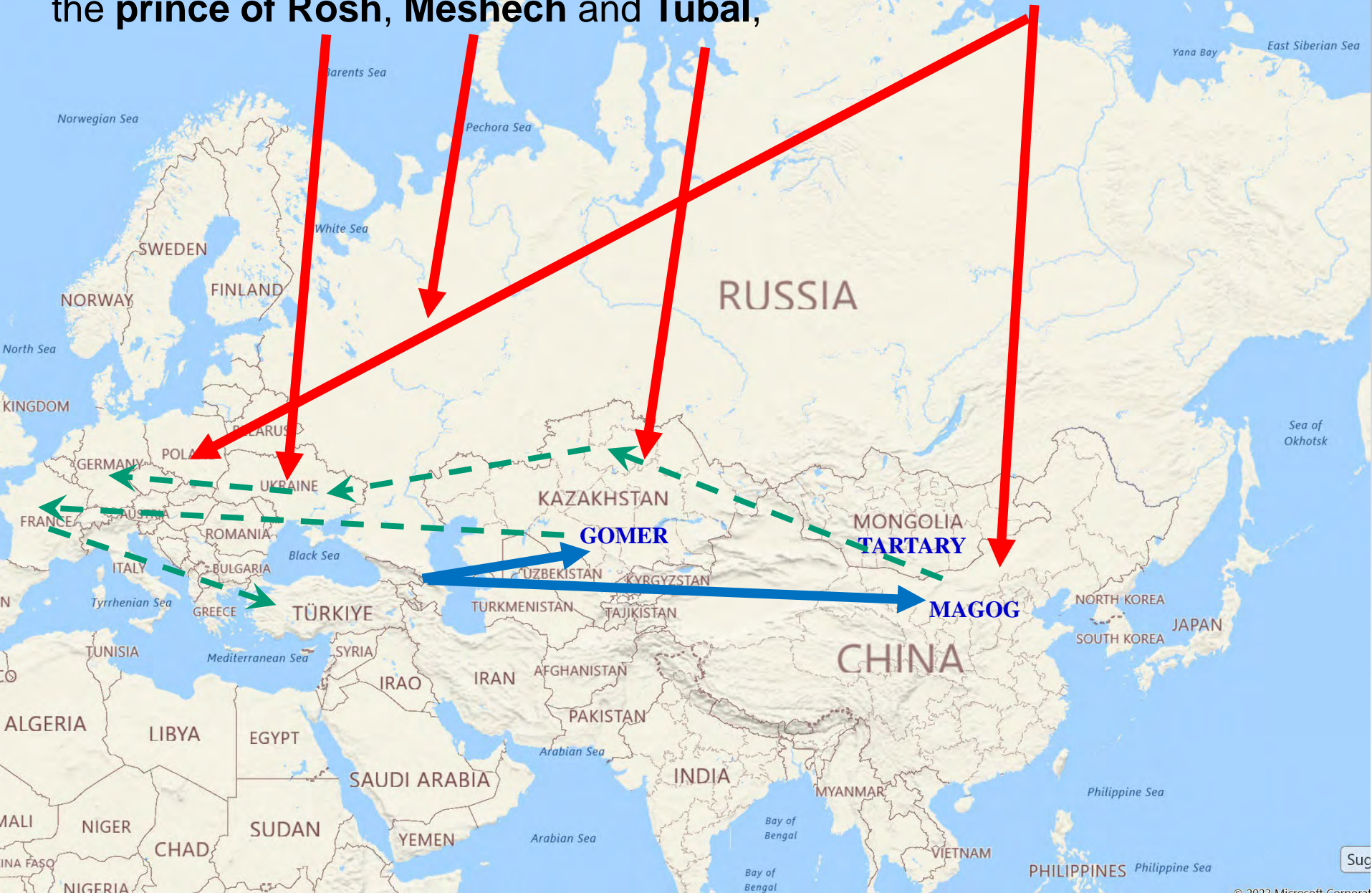
SHEBA

ETHIOPIA

AUSTRALIA

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)?"

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Sask. premier doubles down on school pronoun policy

CBC, September 29, 2023



EVENT

Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe is doubling down on his promise to use the notwithstanding clause to enact his government's school pronoun policy, which would require parental consent for all students under 16 to change their names or pronouns at school. Critics say he's ignoring real harm that could be done to students. Regina Court of King's Bench Justice Michael Megaw placed an injunction on the controversial policy, Moe has pledged to invoke the notwithstanding clause and overrule Megaw's decision. "The importance of the governmental policy is outweighed by the public interest of not exposing that minority of students ... to the potentially irreparable harm and mental health difficulty of being unable to find expression for their gender identity," stated the decision. Moe said the notwithstanding clause is necessary to "provide clarity" to families, teachers and school divisions on the issue. He said this is about "the rights of a parent to ensure they are involved in their child's decision."

COMMENT

Right on our doorstep the legal and constitutional battle is taking shape on this contentious issue. There are really two issues at stake - 1) that of the current push to embed all the gender variations in all levels of society beginning with the kids and schools on up; and 2) the ignoring of the parent's input and supervision in the guidance and development of their children in accordance with their beliefs and morals. The Bible is not silent on these issues, speaking out very clearly as to how the Creator views the roll of genders in His creation, and also how he views the roll of parents in the growth and development of their offspring. And Premier Moe sees the Feds trying to rectify a 100 year old travesty of getting involved in the education of first nations children, subjecting them to gov't standards, taking them from their parents and handing them off to the schools.

BIBLE QUOTE

"Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female?"
[Note: Quoting Creation text - very definitive; no allowance for variations on the theme] Matt 19:4
Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.
Eph 6:1,4 NIV

How Chinese companies support Russia's military

CNBC Sept 27, 2023



In 2022, total bilateral trade between Russia and China hit a record high of \$190 billion, up 30% from 2021. 2023 is set to eclipse that figure, with total trade hitting \$134 billion in the first seven months. That is prompting concern from Western officials, who say the economic boost – and the trade of specific goods – is giving Moscow a helping hand in its war in Ukraine. Beijing has so far resisted condemning the full-scale invasion, while insisting that its trade with Moscow constitutes “normal economic cooperation” that targets no “third party.” An analysis of Russian customs documents filed as recently as August 2023 points to the continued supply of drones, helmets, vests and radios from China, providing a lifeline for President Vladimir Putin’s over 18-month war of attrition, and a lucrative avenue for Chinese companies. Joseph Webster, a senior fellow at the Atlantic Council, added: “Exporters in China who export to Russia are not going to receive penalties for doing so, so long as they don’t explicitly violate Western sanctions and don’t provoke additional tensions with the West.

COMMENT

This is yet more evidence of the collusion taking place between Presidents Putin and Xi. China is becoming increasingly powerful even as Russia appears to atrophy, largely on account of Putins war with Ukraine. The outcome of that war yet remains to be seen, but currently the writing appears to be on the wall as to Western support, particularly if the US right wing politics gain the upper hand. And that may very well be in keeping with prophecy. This area is Ros / Russia - the real one - possibly to play a large role in the formation of the Russo/China/Ros/Magog King of the North future coalition to sweep down on Israel. It is interesting that the Mongol Empire - from the same area that some descendants of Japheth are said to have wandered and settled - i.e., ancient Tartary - invaded Eastern Europe in the 11th and 12th centuries and occupied Kiev and Odessa and were the catalyst that began the development of what we know today as Russia. There appears to be more connections there relating to prophecy than we might think..

BIBLE QUOTE

The sons of **Japheth** were **Gomer** and **Magog** and Madai and Javan and **Tubal** and **Meshech** and Tiras. The sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz and Riphath and **Togarmah**.
Gen 10:2,3 NASB

"Son of man, set your face toward Gog of the **land of Magog**, the prince of Rosh, **Meshech** and **Tubal**, and prophesy against him...and say, ... I will bring you out, and all your army... Persia, Ethiopia and Put with them, **Gomer** with all its troops; Beth-**togarmah** from the remote parts of the north (i.e., Tartary)
Eze 38:2-6 NASB