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UK and US Sink to Record Lows in Global Corruption Index

The Guardian, February 10, 2026



EVENT

The UK and US have sunk to new lows in a global index of corruption, amid a “worrying trend” of democratic institutions being eroded by political donations, cash for access and state targeting of campaigners and journalists. The Corruption Perceptions Index, identified an overall global deterioration, as 31 countries improved their score, while 50 declined. The report identified backsliding in established democracies, warning that events during Trump’s presidency and the...Epstein files could fuel further deterioration. The UK is likely to remain “mired in scandal” this year, Transparency International warned, because of revelations about the ...former ambassador to the US, Peter Mandelson and child sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. “This persistent decline is not a temporary blip – it risks becoming a defining feature of our political culture,” said Daniel Bruce, the chief executive of Transparency International UK.“

COMMENT

The "hast thou come to take a spoil" response to the northern invader at the time of the end appears to be that of a "paper tiger" - a weakened entity a shadow of its former self unable to resist with any real authority. This global deterioration of established democracies can be seen as the "drying up" of any real resistance against the autocratic Northern invader. The normalization of conflicted transactional politics in the West is seen as the "frog spirit" of corporate humanism making it easier for Western leaders to "negotiate" with dictators rather than oppose them. If this continues it will leave a power vacuum in the Middle East ready to be filled by Gog. Plus current unbiased reporting is almost nonexistent. Social media is corrupted by algorithms that keep users trapped in repetitive loops and feeds distorted world views. This is the "croaking" of the frog spirits at their best.

BIBLE QUOTE

I saw three adverse influences [of the French Revolution - Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity] leap from the mouths of the dragon (Constantinople/Istanbul - the military/political capital), the beast (Austria - financial capital of Holy Roman Empire), and the false prophet (Rome - the religious capital). They are [adverse influences] which go out to all the rulers of the world to gather them for battle against the Lord on that great judgment day of God the Almighty. “Look, I will come as unexpectedly as a thief! Blessed are all who are watching for me...” Rev 16:13-15

Trump says he's sending second aircraft carrier to the Mideast as he seeks Iran deal

The Telegraph, February 13, 2026



EVENT

President Donald Trump said Friday that he decided to move a second aircraft carrier into the Middle East as he presses Iran to make a deal over its nuclear program. The USS Gerald R. Ford, the world's largest aircraft carrier, is being sent from the Caribbean Sea to the Mideast to join other warships and military assets the U.S. has built up in the region. The planned deployment comes just days after Trump suggested another round of talks with the Iranians was at hand. Those negotiations didn't materialize as one of Tehran's top security officials visited Oman and Qatar this week and exchanged messages with U.S. intermediaries. "In case we don't make a deal, we'll need it," Trump told reporters about the second carrier. He added, "It'll be leaving very soon." Already, **Gulf Arab nations have warned any attack could spiral into another regional conflict in a Mideast still reeling from the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip.**

COMMENT

The U.S. military is preparing for the possibility of sustained, weeks-long operations against Iran if President Donald Trump orders an attack, two U.S. officials told Reuters, in what could become a far more serious conflict than previously seen between the countries. Trump is pushing for a peace deal and is using huge a military presence close to Iran to try to force them to not only give up their nuclear weapon program but also longer range missiles and support for its proxy armies. Netanyahu the Israeli prime minister flew in to Washington to meet Trump for the 7th time with a message that now is the time to attack Iran. Isaiah 21 says that following a treacherous deal Iran will rise up and a terrible time of conflict will come. Iran has already made a nuclear deal with Obama and it could be that deal that was the treacherous one and conflict is very close.

BIBLE QUOTE

The burden of the desert of the sea. As whirlwinds in the south pass through; so it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land. 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.

(Isaiah 21:1-2)

How Iran plans to go to war with the US – and win

The Telegraph, February 5, 2026



EVENT

Iran has revealed its vision for war with the United States, detailing how it would overcome the world's most powerful military and severely disrupt the global economy. In a detailed battle plan published by Tasnim, the news agency affiliated to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), Iran's leadership envisages strikes on US bases, new fronts opened up by proxy allies, cyber warfare and the paralysis of the global oil trade. Middle Eastern geography would win out against American technology, Iran insists. Stage one: US strikes Iran. Stage two: Iran strikes back – with help. Stage three: cyber warfare. Stage four: paralysing global oil supplies. Stage five: the endgame. Tehran's strategy banks on the US and its allies concluding that the costs of sustained conflict would exceed any benefits. By threatening global energy supplies, imposing continuous attacks across multiple countries and potentially inflicting significant US casualties, Iran hopes to create an unsustainable multi-front situation.

COMMENT

If America does launch a major attack on Iran following a collapse of peace talks Iran's response would expand the battlefield beyond its borders immediately. Within hours, Tehran would launch barrages of ballistic missiles and drones at US military installations across the region. Simultaneously, it is imagined that Iran's "axis of resistance" would activate across multiple fronts. Iran's most potent weapon, it says, is geographic: control over the Strait of Hormuz, through which approximately 21 million barrels of oil pass daily – roughly 21 per cent of global petroleum. Iran's vision for war if played out would see the full inner ring war underway and would also see Isaiah 21 being fulfilled as well. Iran would survive this conflict because it plays a role in the later Gogian invasion....

BIBLE QUOTE

Behold, I will stir up the Medes [Iranians] against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it. Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.

(Isaiah 13:17-18)

IDF readying new Gaza offensive to disarm Hamas by force

The Times of Israel, February 10, 2026



EVENT

Four months into a ceasefire with Hamas, the Israeli military is drawing up plans for a renewed offensive in the Gaza Strip to disarm the terror group by force, The Times of Israel has learned. The US-brokered ceasefire plan reached in October foresees the demilitarization of Gaza, including the disarmament of Hamas, along with a gradual withdrawal of Israeli forces from the Strip. However, implementation of the plan has remained unclear, with Israeli officials increasingly believing that stripping Hamas of its weapons will be impossible without the Israel Defense Forces taking action. Should hostilities renew, fighting is liable to be more intense and more widespread than previous rounds, as Israeli forces will no longer be constrained by the presence of hostages on Gazan soil. **Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and US President Donald Trump have both insisted that the terror group must give up its weapons in the near future.** Trump has repeatedly asserted that Hamas “promised” to lay down its arms, and has threatened the group over the issue.

COMMENT

Last month, a senior Israeli security official said that it was looking increasingly likely that the Israel Defence Forces would have to act militarily against Hamas to disarm it, as the military believed the terrorist organisation will not do so of its own accord. Such an offensive aimed at disarming Hamas could be far more intense than the IDF's operations in the Strip throughout the two years of war that began on October 7, 2023. As all the hostages are now returned there are now few restraints for Israel to act against Hamas. The Bible says that surrounding peoples (nearby enemies) will be removed and lead to a time of temporary false peace. Hence the disarming of Hamas.

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.

(Zechariah 12:6 NIV)

Israel wants out of America's military embrace

The Telegraph, February 8, 2026



EVENT

Some wondered if Benjamin Netanyahu had lost his mind. The Israeli prime minister had suggested that his nation be weaned off the American military aid it had relied on for decades. He wanted to do so within 10 years – a blink of an eye, in military planning terms – at a time when Israel could be dragged into a looming war between the US and Iran. For Mr Netanyahu and his security officials, the only things that matter are Israel's survival and being prepared for any future regional war. Why would Israel want to forego billions of military aid? The clue is to be found in another comment Mr Netanyahu made in his Economist interview: "We want to be as independent as possible." **His implication was that the aid did not come without cost, because it forced Israel into a subservient relationship.** There is a history of decades of Israeli strategic concessions caused by reliance on the US, from the return of swathes of the Sinai to Egypt in the 1980s, to more recent frustrations regarding Iran, Lebanon and Syria.

COMMENT

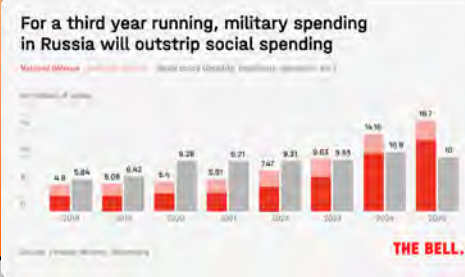
Israel's fears about long-term American support and rising anti-Semitism in the US. Even president Trump who says he is the greatest friend Israel has ever had could quite easily change his position on critical areas for Israel. One of those areas is already openly talked about. And that is the future division of Israel and the establishment of a Palestinian State. This is even in Trump's own 20 point peace plan for Gaza. To the current government of Israel this is an anathema. Netanyahu therefore wants to wean off dependence on enormous US military funding. This idea though may never come to fruition as we know the Israel will be divided. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch a video on this...

BIBLE QUOTE

Because, even because **they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up a wall, [partition - of the land]** and, lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar: Say unto them which daub it with untempered mortar, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend it. *(Ezekiel 13:10-11)*

Russia spends half its state budget on military

The Telegraph, February 4, 2026



EVENT

“Russia spent about half of its state budget on its military last year, according to an analysis by Germany’s foreign intelligence agency. The Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND) also found that Russia’s real defence spending was 66 per cent higher than officially declared, with expenditure rising sharply every year since the country’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022.” “Even by the Kremlin’s figures, **Russia now has the third-largest defence budget in the world, behind the United States and China. Its military spending has more than doubled in the past five years. The scale of Russia’s rearmament has, in turn, pushed Western Europe into its largest military build-up since the Cold War.** Germany, for example, is set to double its pre-2022 defence budget, with Berlin aiming to have its armed forces ready to fight a conventional ground war by 2029.” “The BND’s report came as Moscow demanded Kyiv accept its conditions to end the four-year-war or face a continuation of the conflict. It came ahead of fresh negotiations between the two sides in Abu Dhabi.”

COMMENT

It is incredible that Russia now has the third largest defence (war) spending in the world but its GDP is only 9th in the world. Russia has effectively transitioned into a full-scale wartime economy and is widely described by analysts, intelligence services, and news sources as having built or become a "war machine" to sustain its invasion of Ukraine. This is exactly what the Bible said would happen. God says that Gog (Russian leader) will “Get ready; be prepared! Keep all the armies around you mobilised, and take command of them.” There is a very similar message in Joel 3 where it also talks about gentile nations preparing for war. War preparation is leading to Armageddon.

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)

World's rules-based order 'no longer exists', Germany's Merz warns

BBC, February 13, 2026



EVENT

The rules-based world order "no longer exists", the German Chancellor has warned at a major security summit. Opening the annual Munich Security Conference, Friedrich Merz told other world leaders that "our freedom is not guaranteed" in an era of big power politics, and that Europeans must be ready to make "sacrifice". He also admitted that "a deep divide has opened between Europe and the United States". The conference is taking place on the backdrop of US President Donald Trump threatening Denmark's sovereignty over Greenland by pledging to annex the Arctic territory and his tariffs on imports from European nations. US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, who was listening to Merz and will deliver his own speech on Saturday, earlier spoke of a "new era in geopolitics". Some 50 world leaders are expected to attend this year's conference, where European defence and the future of the transatlantic relationship will be discussed. It comes at a time when US commitments to the Nato military alliance have been called into question. Trump's ambition to acquire Greenland has also been viewed by many European leaders as a watershed moment that has eroded trust with their biggest ally.

COMMENT

The German Chancellor also said that "a rift, a deep divide has opened between Europe and the United States. Vice-President JD Vance said this very openly here in Munich a year ago". Addressing the conference later on Friday, Macron reiterated his call for Europe to "learn to become a geopolitical power" in the new global context. These are all interesting comments with Bible in hand. Revelation 17 is the culmination of a story that began in Daniel 2 and developed in Daniel 7 which in turn was expanded in Revelation ending in Revelation 17. It is the development of an empire in Europe.

BIBLE QUOTE

These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

(Revelation 17:13-14)

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'You will reap the whirlwind': Tehran warns of retaliation if US strikes Iran

The Guardian, January 26, 2026



EVENT

Iranian authorities unveiled a new mural on a giant billboard in a central Tehran square on Sunday with a direct warning to the United States to not attempt a military strike on the country, as US warships head to the region. The image shows a bird's-eye view of an aircraft carrier with damaged and exploding fighter planes on its flight deck. The deck is strewn with bodies and streaked with blood that trails into the water behind the ship to form a pattern reminiscent of the stripes of the US flag. **A slogan is emblazoned across one corner: "If you sow the wind, you will reap the whirlwind."** The unveiling of the mural in Enghelab Square comes as the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier and accompanying warships move toward the region. The US president, Donald Trump, has said the ships are being moved "just in case" he decides to take action.

COMMENT

The arrival of the USS Abraham Lincoln carrier strike group into the US Central Command area of responsibility, close to Iranian waters, has sharpened the sense that a broader confrontation may soon take place. This deployment underscores how close Washington and Tehran may now be to a direct showdown, closer than at any point in recent years. Iranian leaders find themselves squeezed between a protest movement and the open threats from president Trump. If they feel there is an existential threat to their existence the terror leaders of Iran could unleash a lot of pain. The poster put up this week talked about a "whirlwind" coming against the US. In Isaiah 21 (which speaks of Iran besieging the Persian Gulf area) this exact word is used. Verse 1 speaks of "whirlwinds of the south" coming from a terrible land. Elam & Media – modern day Iran.

BIBLE QUOTE

The burden of the desert of the sea. As whirlwinds in the south pass through; so it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land. 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. [CLICK HERE to read an interesting article on whirlwinds](#)

(Isaiah 21:1-2)

Trump warns Iran: Our massive armada is ready for violence

The Telegraph, January 28, 2026



EVENT

Donald Trump has warned that a “massive armada” of US warships is “moving quickly” towards Iran. The US president told Tehran that “time was running out” to sign a new deal to ban nuclear weapons, or face strikes. An American attack would be bigger than Operation Midnight Hammer, in which American bunker-busting bombs and missiles hit three of Iran’s nuclear facilities last June, Mr Trump said. “A massive armada is heading to Iran. It is moving quickly, with great power, enthusiasm, and purpose. It is a larger fleet, headed by the great aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln, than that sent to Venezuela,” he said, before adding: “Time is running out, it is truly of the essence!” As the prospect of American strikes grew on Wednesday, Ali Shamkhani, the Iranian Supreme National Security Council secretary, said any US military action would be considered the “start of war”. US government officials are said to be considering striking multiple Iranian military targets, including weapons caches or select members of Iran’s Revolutionary Guards.

COMMENT

Donald Trump has warned Iran that "time is running out" to negotiate a deal on its nuclear programme following the steady build-up of US military forces in the Gulf. BBC Verify has identified dozens of cargo planes and refuelling aircraft arriving in the Middle East, while drones and P-8 Poseidon spy planes have been seen on the FlightRadar24 tracking site operating near Iranian airspace. A naval "armada", as Trump referred to it, led by the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier has also arrived in the Middle East, a US defence official confirmed to BBC Verify. A long-running game of brinkmanship between the US and Iran may be approaching its most dangerous moment which could unleash the “grievous vision” that Isaiah saw in chapter 21. We watch developments...

BIBLE QUOTE

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(Isaiah 21:1-2)

Body of last Gaza hostage returned to Israel for burial

The Times, January 26, 2026



EVENT

The Israeli military has found and identified the remains of the last hostage held in Gaza after an extensive search. The body of Ran Gvili, a policeman who was killed during the Hamas-led attacks of October 7, 2023, has been repatriated to Israel for burial. An army statement said that his family, who have held regular vigils in Tel Aviv for the return of his remains, had been informed. The development means that “all hostages held in the Gaza Strip have been repatriated”, the statement added. **The Israel Defence Forces said the recovery of Gvili’s body had fulfilled its promise to “never leave anyone behind”.** President Trump posted on Truth Social: “Just recovered the last Hostage body in GAZA. Thus, got back ALL 20 of the living Hostages, and ALL of the Dead! AMAZING JOB!” President Trump told Axios in an interview on Monday that Hamas had helped locate the remains of the last Israeli hostage. He called on the group to now follow through on its commitment to disarm.

COMMENT

Back in January 2025 we published a video called “[Damascus Disaster](#)”. In that talk we showed an incredible allegory in Genesis 14. Abraham’s relatives are captured and taken hostage by an Elamite (Iranian) king. Abraham attacks the proxy armies of the Elamite king and brings home all of the captured hostages. The conflict ends up in Damascus. After the conflict Abraham makes a peace deal (on his terms) with the surrounding people. At this time Melchizedek (type of Christ) meets Abraham and breaks bread with him. All this is playing out again in these last days. Iranian proxy forces took hostages and Israel has brought them all home (dead and alive). The conflict could spiral into Syria at some point. A peace agreement will be made.

BIBLE QUOTE

when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan. And he divided himself against them, ..and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus. And **he ...brought again his brother Lot,, and the women also, and the people.** (Genesis 14:14-16)

Netanyahu: Israel to keep control between Jordan & Mediterranean; 'absolute victory' requires Hamas disarmament

All Israel News, January 28 2026



PM NETANYAHU: ISRAEL TO KEEP CONTROL BETWEEN JORDAN & MEDITERRANEAN

EVENT To achieve “absolute victory” in the war against Hamas, Israel still needs to dismantle Hamas’ weapons and demilitarize the Gaza Strip, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a rare and wide-ranging press conference on Tuesday evening. The Israeli prime minister touched on several sensitive topics in his speech, including blaming former U.S. President Joe Biden for endangering Israeli troops with a weapons embargo, declaring that Israel would keep security control over the area between the Jordan River and the sea, as well as rejecting early elections, citing the ongoing security tensions. The focus of his speech was the completion of “the sacred mission” of returning all the hostages with the recent discovery of the remains of “hero” Ran Gvili, the final Israeli hostage in the Gaza Strip whose body was returned to Israel on Sunday. “Absolute victory rests on three things: The return of all our hostages, the dismantling of Hamas's weapons, and the demilitarization of Gaza,” Netanyahu said.

COMMENT It took two years of war and tough negotiations to reach “phase one” of Trump’s peace plan: the cease-fire between Israel and Hamas and the return of the hostages. But to move from a cease-fire to a sustainable peace, negotiators will need to disarm and dethrone Hamas. And so far, the group has largely refused to give up its weapons. Hamas was battered by Israel’s military operations, but it was by no means destroyed. But with Bible in hand we know that Hamas will be disarmed - either voluntarily or by force. We know this because a time of “false peace” must come when Israel believes the conflict to be over. See Ezekiel 38. The pricking briars around Israel are to be removed.

BIBLE QUOTE And there shall be no more a pricking brier unto the house of Israel, nor any grieving thorn of all that are round about them, that despised them; and they shall know that I am the Lord GOD.

(Ezekiel 28:24)

Putin 'agrees ceasefire over Ukrainian cities'

The Telegraph, January 29, 2026



EVENT

Vladimir Putin agreed to a one-week ceasefire over freezing cold Ukrainian cities, Donald Trump said on Thursday. The US President asked Putin during a phone call to refrain from long-range attacks that have cut power and heating to much of the country. Mr Trump told his cabinet that the ceasefire would protect Ukraine during an “extraordinarily cold, record-setting... pile of bad weather”. He claimed it was “very nice” that Putin had agreed to the request, adding: “We’re very happy that they did it because on top of everything else, that’s not what they [Ukraine] need is missiles coming into their towns and cities.” Further peace talks between the US, Ukraine and Russia are expected to take place in Abu Dhabi this weekend. Steve Witkoff, the US peace envoy, on Thursday said he was “hopeful and expecting that we’re going to deliver a peace deal sometime soon”.

COMMENT

The Abu Dhabi talks between Russia, Ukraine, and the United States, held from January 24 to 26, marked the first trilateral meeting since Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. According to officials, the negotiations centered largely on territorial issue, one of the most sensitive and divisive issues of the war. Despite the lack of clear progress, both sides described the atmosphere as constructive. The next round of peace talks between Russia and Ukraine is expected to take place on February 1, following the first round of negotiations in Abu Dhabi that failed to deliver a breakthrough. Will there be a breakthrough at some point? The answer must be yes. Russia is to descend down to Israel with an enormous army. It would be unable to do this while still fighting Ukraine...

BIBLE QUOTE

let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand; A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: **a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it,** even to the years of many generations. (Joel 2:1-2)

How Britain's earliest export transformed the ancient world

The Times, January 29, 2026

Cornish tin was sold all over Europe
3,000 years ago, say archaeologists

British team says new study radically transforms
understanding of bronze age trade networks



EVENT

Around 320BC, a Greek explorer sailed into the cold waters of the Atlantic and wrote Britain into the history books. Pytheas is the first author known to have described these islands. His account survived only through later Greeks who drew on his words, but at the heart of his story lay a place that has intrigued scholars for centuries — a tidal island off the British coast called Ictis, where tin was gathered and traded with the wider world. Now archaeologists have uncovered some of the strongest evidence yet that the semi-mythical Ictis was actually located off Cornwall — St Michael's Mount. What was missing was proof that during antiquity it was a working hub of tin production and trade. That evidence arrived in the form of a set of stone tools, found in what appears to have been one of several substantial workshops. **Analysis showed that about 3,000 years ago, the stones were used to crush tin ore. They help flesh out a picture of how Britain was once a key source of a critical element that underpinned a revolution in tools, weapons and trade across Eurasia.**

COMMENT

Many ask why we believe Tarshish is Britain. There are many reasons given in the Bible that show us this is the case. [CLICK HERE](#) to read a short article called "Uncovering Tarshish: Why Britain Fits the Bible's Description". One of the key indicators is in Ezekiel 27:12 which speaks of the Phoenicians trading with a nation called Tarshish for certain metals: silver, iron, TIN and lead. Tin was rare in ancient times and there is now a lot of evidence that the Phoenicians did come to Britain and traded here for tin and other metals. New research has traced Cornish tin on Bronze Age shipwrecks off the coast of Israel — dating to about 1300 BC. Tarshish is Britain.

BIBLE QUOTE

And say unto Tyrus [Phoenicians], O thou that art situate at the entry of the sea, which art a merchant of the people for many isles, Thus saith the Lord GOD; O Tyrus, thou hast said, I am of perfect beauty.**Tarshish was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of all kind of riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded in thy fairs.**
(Ezekiel 27:3+12)

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Fears grow Trump will strike Iran after US moves 'armada' to Middle East

The Independent, January 23, 2026



EVENT

President Donald Trump has warned that an “armada” of US military ships is sailing towards Iran, as the death toll from the regime’s brutal crackdown on protesters surpassed 5,000, according to a human rights group. “We have a lot of ships going that direction, just in case,” the American leader told reporters on Air Force One on his return from the World Economic Forum in Davos. “I’d rather not see anything happen, but we’re watching them very closely... We have an armada... heading in that direction, and maybe we won’t have to use it.” The US military moved more assets towards the Middle East after protests began in Iran late last month. These included the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln and associated warships travelling with it from the South China Sea, according to the Associated Press. Mr Trump, who has been busy with negotiations over the acquisition of Greenland after backing down on threats to invade the territory threatened the Islamic Republic with military action that would make the 12-day war , “look like peanuts.” “They should have made a deal before we hit them.”

COMMENT

In recent days, a growing number of U.S. Navy warships have been moving into position. Alongside the naval surge, U.S. air power has also been visibly ramping up. Reports have pointed to expanded fighter deployments, as well as intensified activity by American aerial refuelling and heavy transport aircraft — the kind of movements often associated with large-scale operational readiness. All this activity has come after the protests in Iran where many thousands of protesters are known to have been ruthlessly killed by the regime. So could there be more conflict with Iran prior to the Gogian invasion? The answer is yes. Elam (south west Iran) is involved in a great war...

BIBLE QUOTE

For it is a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity by the Lord GOD of hosts in the valley of vision, breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains. And **Elam bare the quiver with chariots of men and horsemen**, and Kir uncovered the shield. [CLICK HERE to watch a YouTube video on Iran \(and Elam\) in Bible Prophecy](#)

(Isaiah 22:5-7)

Iran warns any attack will mean 'all-out war' after Trump says US 'armada' on its way

Sky News, January 24, 2026



EVENT

A senior Iranian official has warned that the country will treat any attack "as an all-out war against us" ahead of the arrival of a US aircraft carrier strike group and other assets in the region. The warning and surge in US military presence comes almost two weeks after Donald Trump urged Iranian protesters - thousands of whom have been killed by the regime's forces - to keep demonstrating and promised that "help is on the way". The official went on to say: "This time we will treat any attack - limited, unlimited, surgical, kinetic, whatever they call it - as an all-out war against us, and we will respond in the hardest way possible to settle this." Meanwhile, the Pentagon has published a new national defence strategy, which included analysis on Iran. The document stated Iran "remains intent on destroying our close ally Israel, and that Iran and its proxies routinely instigate regional crises that not only threaten the lives of American servicemembers in the region but also prevent the region itself from pursuing the kind of peaceful and prosperous future that so many of its leaders and peoples clearly wish for".

COMMENT

So what could a conflict with Iran look like? Isaiah 21 makes clear what is going to happen at some point. Elam (south west Iran) rises up and besieges to create what is called "the burden of the desert of the sea". The sea that borders Elam is the Persian Gulf – especially the area around the Strait of Hormuz. If Iran felt existentially threatened it could (and would) besiege this narrow strip of sea. Why? Because around 20% of the world oil and gas passes through this gap to supply the world's energy needs. It could contribute to a major time of trouble for the world. It is connected with a treacherous deal. Iran could also reactivate the inner ring war around Israel at the same time....

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(Isaiah 21:1-2)

Monarchs and pariahs join Trump's 'Board of Peace' parade

The Telegraph, January 22, 2026



EVENT

Donald Trump stood on stage and turned to his Board of Peace before declaring: “I like every one of them.” Behind him sat a collection of heads of state and politicians who had joined him at the World Economic Forum in Davos to sign the board’s founding charter. Showing up at the signing ceremony were Argentina, Mongolia, Turkey, Saudi, Kosovo, Paraguay – as well as Viktor Orban of Hungary, alone representing Europe. Most are countries with very little connection to the Middle East or Gaza. But the big powers were absent. **All of the other permanent members of the United Nations Security Council – Russia, China, Britain and France – stayed away.** Nevertheless, for Mr Trump it was a moment of great achievement. He had corralled about 30 countries into signing on to the Board of Peace and declared during the ceremony that the world is “calming down” thanks to his efforts. He repeated claims that he brought peace in the Middle East, settled eight wars and will end the one in Ukraine “soon”. **Several more countries, including Russia, have been invited to sign on.**

COMMENT

"Together we are in a position to... end decades of suffering, stop generations of hatred and bloodshed, and forge a beautiful, everlasting and glorious peace for that region and for the whole region of the world," Trump announced. This is no longer just about Gaza but a wider Trump ambition to bring peace to the world. It costs \$1bn to have seat on this board! The Board's chairman is for life even when he leaves office. He has authority to invite member states or not; create or dissolve subsidiary bodies; and the mandate to appoint his successor whenever he decides to step down. Russia has been invited to join this group as well. This could be part of bringing all nations against Israel to battle.

BIBLE QUOTE

I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch how Trump actions could ultimately lead to the time of trouble such as never was.

(Joel 3::2)

Trump's European threats could cause lasting damage

Associated Press, January 22, 2026



EVENT Trump has cast aside alliances forged over seven decades with Europe that helped lead to the reunification of Germany and the collapse of the Soviet Union. He has hectoring leaders, making demands and leveling accusations more commonly associated with enemies. In the process, he has rocked the stability that has sustained the relationships and left countries to chart a course without U.S. leadership. The most stark example of this shift has been Trump's threat to take over Greenland, dismissing the nation as a large "piece of ice" as he demanded that Denmark cede control to the U.S., a move that could have caused NATO to rupture. Trump shared images of him planting the U.S. flag in Greenland and, in an extraordinary speech at the World Economic Forum in Davos, said Europe was "not heading in the right direction." At one point, he said that "sometimes you need a dictator."

COMMENT Though Trump has for now backed away from his most potent threats to obtain Greenland, the episode has left America's standing in the world uncertain. NATO leaders were already responding to Trump's threats by signalling strategies that don't include the U.S. Could we see the end of NATO at some point? The answer to that is YES! Why? Because the Bible is clear that 10 kings will emerge from central Europe to form a new Holy Roman Empire. This excludes the US. It would be hard to envisage this new HRE also being part of NATO. The collapse of NATO would also see Turkey being able to align to Russia as prophesied in Ezekiel 38. Trump's words and actions this week over Greenland have created a political earthquake around the EU which could lead to this.

BIBLE QUOTE And the ten horns which thou sawest are **ten kings**, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, **and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.**

(Revelation 17:12-13)

Russia, Ukraine sit for tense talks on thorny territorial issue

Reuters, January 24, 2026



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Ukrainian and Russian negotiators met in Abu Dhabi on Friday to tackle the vital issue of territory, with no sign of a compromise, as Russian airstrikes plunged Ukraine into its worst energy crisis of the nearly four-year war. Kyiv is under mounting U.S. pressure to reach a peace deal in the war triggered by Russia's full-scale invasion in February 2022, with **Moscow demanding Kyiv cede its entire eastern industrial area of Donbas before it stops fighting.** Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said the territorial dispute was a central issue for the tripartite talks, including Russian, Ukrainian and U.S. officials, which were scheduled to conclude on Saturday. Ukraine has sought robust security guarantees from Western allies in the event of a peace deal to prevent Russia, which has shown little interest in ending the war, from invading again. Russian President Vladimir Putin's demand that Ukraine surrender the 20% it still holds of the **Donetsk region of the Donbas - has proven a major stumbling block to a breakthrough deal.**

COMMENT

Delegations from Russia, Ukraine and the US have been meeting in Abu Dhabi for the first trilateral talks since the Kremlin launched a full-scale invasion of its neighbour in 2022. Apparently, some progress had been made but the key issue of territory remains unresolved. Russia occupies roughly 20% of Ukraine, including parts of the eastern Donbas region. The Kremlin wants Ukraine to hand over large areas of the territory, but Ukraine has ruled this out. We have said for around 15 years that Russia will one day walk away with the last piece of Magog. The Donbas region was once part of Magog – interestingly the people in that region predominately speak Russian showing historical links back to ancient times. A truce is coming - freeing Russia up to invade Israel.

BIBLE QUOTE

Son of man, set thy face against Gog, 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: [Does Magog cover Germany? CLICK HERE to read an article in the Testimony Magazine by Bro Nigel Bernard on this subject.](#) (Ezekiel 38:2-3)

US 'phase two' plan for Gaza is largely symbolic says Netanyahu

The Telegraph, January 16, 2026

PEACE OR WAR? TRUMP & NETANYAHU FACE GAZA BREAKPOINT



EVENT

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has cast the U.S. announcement that the fragile ceasefire in Gaza would advance to its second phase as largely symbolic, raising questions about how its more challenging elements will be carried out. Speaking late Wednesday with the parents of the last Israeli hostage whose remains are still in Gaza, Netanyahu said the governing committee of Palestinians announced as part of the second phase was merely a "declarative move," rather than the sign of progress described by U.S. envoy Steve Witkoff. The announcement of the ceasefire's second phase marked a significant step forward but left many questions unanswered. Questions also include the timing of deployment of international forces and the reopening of Gaza's southern Rafah border crossing, as well as concrete details about disarming Hamas and rebuilding Gaza. The second phase of the ceasefire will confront thornier issues than the first, including disarming Hamas and transitioning to a new governance structure after nearly two decades of the group's rule in the Gaza Strip.

COMMENT

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has already dubbed the transition to the new phase 'symbolic,' stressing that it will not undermine the Israeli objective of demilitarising the enclave. The Israeli military has also drawn up plans for another potential ground operation into the Palestinian-controlled area if Hamas does not disarm by March. Hamas meanwhile has taken a hard public stance on refusing to disarm unless there are serious talks for Palestinian statehood and Israeli withdrawal from Gaza. Whilst possible Hamas does voluntarily decide to disarm there is a far greater likelihood of more conflict to come. A resumption of the inner ring war - soon....

BIBLE QUOTE

For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall drive out Ashdod at the noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up. Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! the word of the LORD is against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant. *(Zephaniah 2:4-5)*

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



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RUSSIA ("CHIEF
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OF ROSH")

○ TOBOLSK (Tubal)

"YOUNG
LIONS"
(USA,
CANADA,
ETC)

GERMANY
(LAND OF
MAGOG)

○ MOSCOW (Meshech)

GOMER
European Economic Community

Gibraltar

TURKEY
(Togarmah)

IRAQ/IRAN
(Persia)

INDIA

LIBYA

DEDAN

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God's Plan With This Earth

The Last Terrible 40 Years – Part 1

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(based on the article of same title
by bro Rene Growcott)

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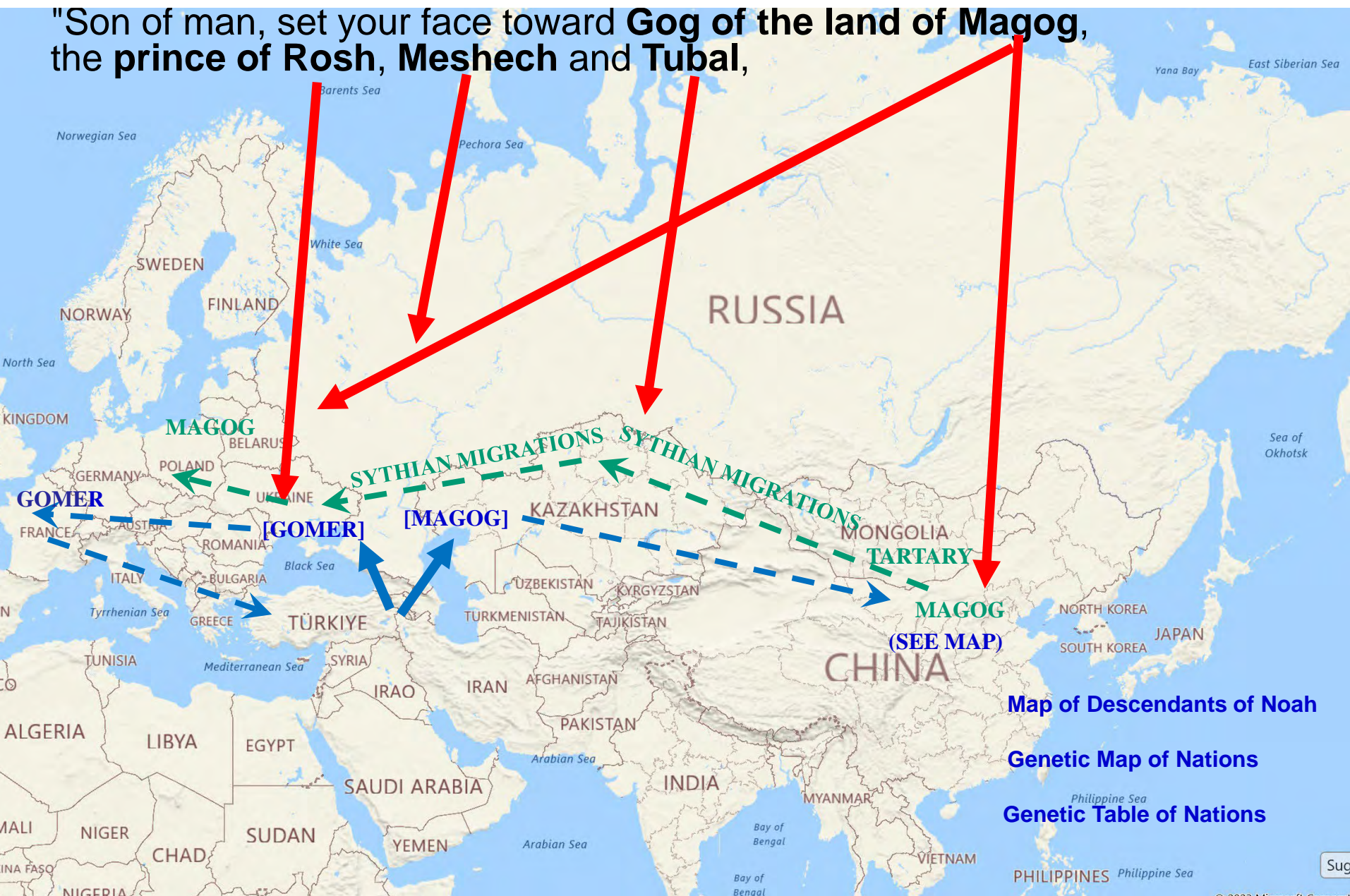
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Map of Descendants of Noah

Genetic Map of Nations

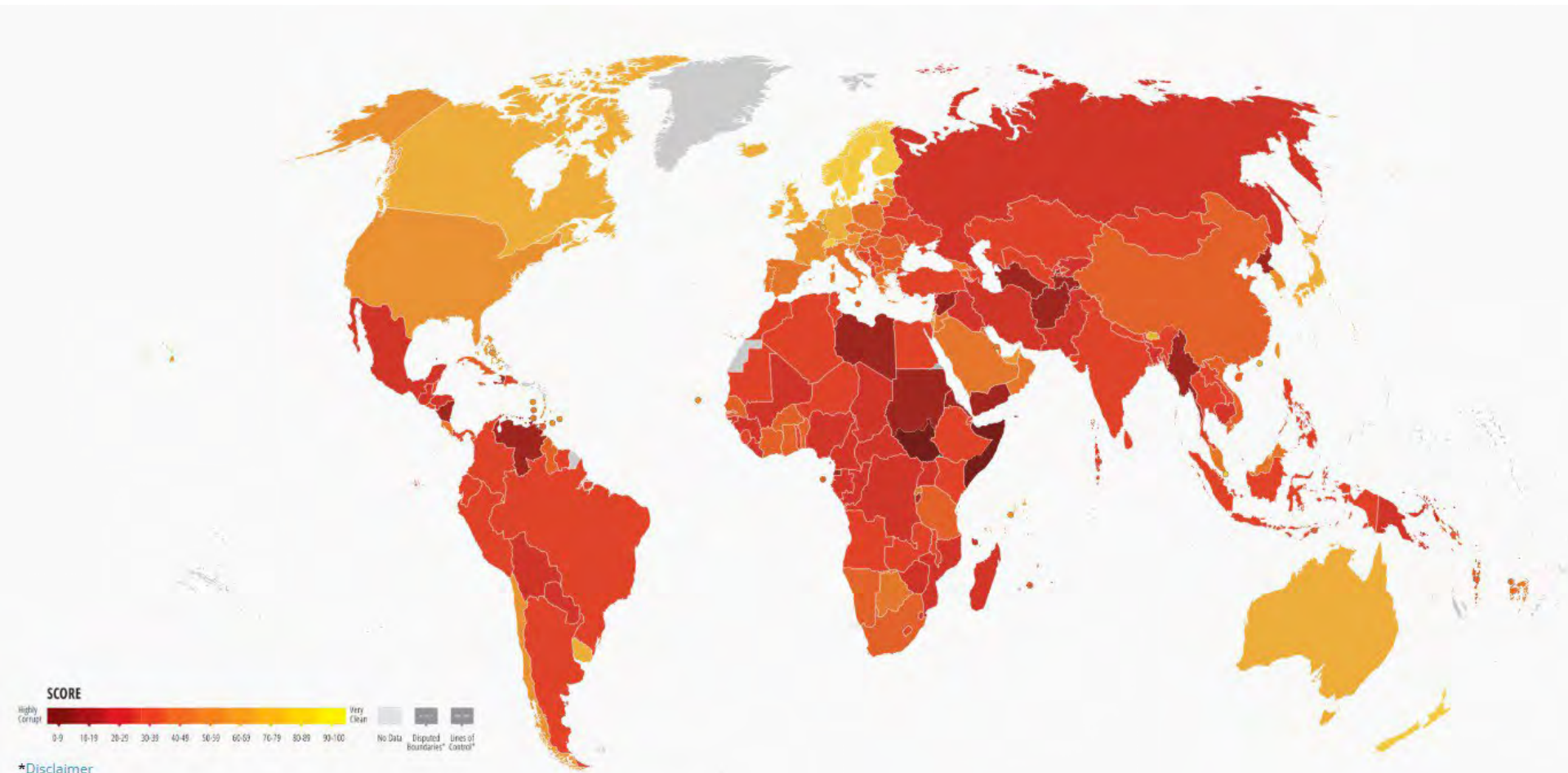
Genetic Table of Nations

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The Scripture Basis for Studying Signs of the Times

Rev 16:13-15 I saw three adverse influences [of the French Revolution - Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity] leap from the mouths of the dragon (Constantinople/Istanbul - the military/political capital), the beast (Austria - financial capital of Holy Roman Empire), and the false prophet (Rome - the religious capital). They are [adverse influences] which go out to all the rulers of the world to gather them for battle against the Lord on that great judgment day of God the Almighty. “Look, **I will come as unexpectedly as a thief!** Blessed are all who are **watching for me....**”

Rev 1:1-3 The revelation of Jesus Christ that God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, whatever he saw. Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and **blessed are those who hear the words of this prophecy and keep what is written in it, because the time is near.** (ERV)

2Pe 3:3-4 Most importantly, **I want to remind you** that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires. **They will say**, “What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again? From before the times of our ancestors, **everything has remained the same since the world was first created.**” (NLT)

Mat_16:3 / Luk_12:56 “You fools, you know how to interpret the weather signs in the sky, but **you don’t know how to interpret the signs of the times!**” (NLT)

Luk 21:26-28 “People will be terrified at what they see coming upon the earth, for the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with power and great glory. So **when all these things begin to happen**, stand and look up, for your salvation is near!” (NLT) (*How can we not be like those Peter is talking about*)

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Luk 21:34 “**Watch out!** Don’t let your hearts be dulled by carousing and drunkenness, **and by the worries of this life.** Don’t let that day catch you unaware, **like a trap.** For that day will come upon everyone living on the earth. **Keep alert at all times.** And pray that you might be strong enough to escape these coming horrors and stand before the Son of Man.” (NLT)

1Th 5:1-8 "...the day of the Lord’s return will come unexpectedly, **like a thief in the night.** When people are saying, “Everything is peaceful and secure,” then disaster will fall on them as suddenly as a pregnant woman’s labor pains begin. And there will be no escape. But **you aren’t in the dark about these things,** dear brothers and sisters, and you won’t be surprised when the day of the Lord comes like a thief. For **you are all children of the light and of the day;** we don’t belong to darkness and night. **So be on your guard,** not asleep like the others. **Stay alert and be clearheaded.**

Eze 33:1-7 Once again a message came to me from the LORD: ‘When I bring an army against a country, the people of that land choose one of their own to be a watchman. When the watchman sees the enemy coming, he sounds the alarm to warn the people. **If they had listened to the warning, they could have saved their lives.**

1Ch 12:32 From the tribe of Issachar, there were 200 **leaders of the tribe** with their relatives. **All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take.**

Mat 24:32-33 “Now learn a **lesson from the fig tree.** When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, **you know** that summer is near. In the same way, when you see all these things, you can know his return is very near, right at the door.

Mat 24:42 “**So you, too, must keep watch!** For you don’t know what day your Lord is coming. Understand this: If a homeowner knew exactly when a burglar was coming, **he would keep watch** and not permit his house to be broken into. You also must **be ready all the time,** for the Son of Man will come **when least expected.**

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Rom 13:11 This is all the more urgent, for **you know how late it is; time is running out.** Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT; THERE IS NOWHERE TO HIDE



Scripture passages used in today's slides:

The burden of the desert of the sea. As whirlwinds in the south pass through; so it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land. A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, besiege, O Iran; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease. Isa_21:1-2 (Slides 2, 10, 11) *

Behold, I will stir up the [Iranians] against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it. Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children. Isa_13:17-18

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. Zec_12:6

Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up a wall, [partition - of the land] and, lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar: Say unto them which daub it with untempered mortar, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend it. Eze:13:10-11 *

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. Joe_3:9-10

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful. Rev_17:12-14 **

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When Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan. And he divided himself against them, ..and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus. And he ...brought again his brother Lot,, and the women also, and the people. Gen_14:14-16

And there shall be no more a pricking brier unto the house of Israel, nor any grieving thorn of all that are round about them, that despised them; and they shall know that I am the Lord GOD. Eze_28:24 *

Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand; A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations. Joe_2:1-2

And say unto Tyros [Phoenicians], O thou that art situate at the entry of the sea, which art a merchant of the people for many isles, Thus saith the Lord GOD; O Tyrus, thou hast said, I am of perfect beauty.Tarshish (Britain) was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of all kind of riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded in thy fairs. Eze_27:3, Eze_27:12 *

For it is a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity by the Lord GOD of hosts in the valley of vision, breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains. And Media [Iran] bare the quiver with chariots of men and horsemen, and uncovered the shield. Isa_22:5-7

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