

This Week's Developments

December 25 - 31, 2022 [edited presentation]

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Netanyahu says Israel not bound by 'despicable' U.N. vote

Reuters, December 31, 2022



EVENT

Israel condemned and the Palestinians welcomed on Saturday a United Nations General Assembly vote asking the International Court of Justice ("ICJ") to provide an opinion on legal consequences of Israel's occupation of the Palestinian territories. The Friday vote presents a challenge for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who this week took office at the head of a government which has set settlement expansion as a priority and which includes parties who want to annex West Bank land on which they are built.

"The Jewish people are not occupiers in their own land nor occupiers in our eternal capital Jerusalem and no U.N. resolution can distort that historical truth," Netanyahu said in a video message, adding that Israel was not bound by the "despicable decision." Along with Gaza and East Jerusalem, the Palestinians seek the occupied West Bank for a state. Most countries consider Israel's settlements there illegal, a view Israel disputes citing historical and Biblical ties to the land. The U.N. General Assembly asked the ICJ to give an advisory opinion on the legal consequences of Israel's "occupation, settlement and annexation ... including measures aimed at altering the demographic composition, character and status of the Holy City of Jerusalem." Members of Netanyahu's new government have pledged to bolster settlements with development plans, budgets and authorisation of dozens of outposts built without permits. The cabinet includes newly created posts and restructured roles that grant some of those powers to pro-settler coalition partners, who ultimately aim to extend Israeli sovereignty to the West Bank.

Netanyahu, however, has given no indication of any imminent steps to annex the settlements, a move that would likely shake up its relations with Western and Arab allies alike. The Palestinians welcomed the U.N. vote in which 87 members voted in favour of adopting the request; Israel, the United States and 24 other members voted against; and 53 abstained. "The time has come for Israel to be a state subject to law, and to be

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held accountable for its ongoing crimes against our people," said Nabil Abu Rudeineh, spokesman for Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, whose Palestinian Authority has limited self-rule in the West Bank.

COMMENT

If Israel continues on its current trajectory of incorporating the west bank into the State of Israel it will face some definite headwinds. The UN is very partial to the Palestinian cause, even though they have never had legal claim to any of the contested property. It was always occupied by another country or empire from before the time of Alexander the Great (Rome, Mohammedans, Ottomans, and finally Britain up to 1948). Now that the new Israeli coalition involves some hard line right wing parties, the situation may become very polarized. Israel is currently hamstrung by organizations and agreements such as the UN, the EU, and, to some extent, NATO. All the organizations that are in the way of God's people and God's land will, at Christ's return, be cancelled, dismantled, neutralized, etc. We learn that from a passage that we just read a few days ago which appears below. At first glance we might think "cannibalism"! But it is not human flesh but the ancient practice of using flesh of animals in making pacts and covenants. In apocalyptic language it is simply saying that all covenants and agreements made by the political "heavens" of the day (national & international pacts like the UN, EU, NATO, etc., will be consumed by Christ and the saints as the "little stone cut out without hands" strikes the great image on the feet.

BIBLE QUOTE

And I saw an angel standing in the sun [the Christ-body in a position of authority]; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven [proclaimed to all independent nations to join with him], Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great [consume the covenants of organizations and governments and arms treaties of small and great from the least to the greatest that oppose the Divine authority]. Rev 19:17,18

Jordan king warns of 'red lines' in Jerusalem

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EVENT

Jordan's king says he is prepared for conflict should the status of Jerusalem's holy sites change as Israel prepares to swear in what is likely to be the most right-wing government in its history. King Abdullah II told CNN's Becky Anderson in an exclusive interview this month that there is "concern" in his country about those in Israel trying to push for changes to his custodianship of the Muslim and Christian holy sites in Israeli-occupied East Jerusalem, warning that he has "red lines." "If people want to get into a conflict with us, we're quite prepared," he said. Israeli leader Benjamin Netanyahu's incoming government is expected to be the most right-wing in Israel's history and it includes controversial figures who were once considered to be on the extreme fringe of Israeli politics. This has caused concerns about the potential for an escalation in Israeli-Palestinian violence and for the future of Israel's relations with its Arab neighbors and Western allies. Israel captured East Jerusalem from Jordan in the 1967 war but signed a peace treaty with it in 1994 under which it formally recognized Amman's special role at the city's holy sites. But the two have since had an uneasy relationship, with Jordan regularly accusing Israel of violating the agreement that gave it control of the sites and barred non-Muslims from praying there. Jordan's Hashemite monarchy has been the custodian of Jerusalem's holy sites since 1924 and sees itself as the guarantor of the religious rights of Muslims and Christians in the city.

COMMENT

Ben Gvir, the Minister of National Security in the new Netanyahu government has promised to pay a visit to the Temple mount soon after the government is sworn in. That swearing in has now been done; and if the promised action is undertaken, a new intifada may be declared; if so, it appears that Jordan may be involved. Jordan is the one main legal obstacle in the way of total Israeli access to the holy site. It may be that we will witness the removal of that barrier that was agreed to in 1994 by a very different Israeli gov't.

BIBLE QUOTE

And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. Zec_12:3

Ancient coins from Maccabean period discovered

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EVENT

This is the earliest archaeological evidence that caves in the Judean Desert were used by the Maccabees. A wooden box containing 15 silver coins, buried in a cave near Israel's Dead Sea some 2,200 years ago, was discovered during excavations in the Judean Desert last May.

The IAA said the box contained a layer of soil hiding a purple woolen cloth that covered the coins placed in its lower part. The coins have been identified as silver tetradrachms (large silver coins originating in ancient Greece) minted between 176 and 170 BCE, under Ptolemy VI Philometor, king of Egypt. His uncle, Antiochos IV Epiphanes reigned at that time over the Seleucid Empire, which dominated the land of Israel. One of the coins is engraved with the name "Shalmal" in Aramaic script.

According to the researchers, the man who had fled to the cave with his treasure was planning to return. The value of the coins would be equivalent to around 30,000 shekels (\$8,700) today. It is likely that he was killed during a battle against the Seleucid Greeks.

"This is a unique, unprecedented discovery. It is the first archaeological evidence that the caves of the Judean Desert were used as a refuge and rear base by Jewish rebels during the Maccabean revolt," explained Dr. Eitan Klein, IAA archaeologist.

COMMENT

This archeological discovery is about events in +/- 176 – 170 BC, the time of the struggle between Antiochus IV Epiphanes and the Maccabees, and the institution of the Jewish holiday Hanukhah which was just celebrated. We have been speaking about Antiochus the King of the North in our Daniel study. Although the book of Maccabees is an Apocryphal book, this event is nonetheless referenced in Daniel 11 which we will be studying soon.

BIBLE QUOTE

And such as do wickedly against the [Mosaic] covenant shall he [Antiochus] corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God [i.e., the Maccabees] shall be strong, and do exploits. And they that understand among the people [i.e., the Maccabees] shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days. Now when they shall fall [by these calamities], they shall be holpen with a little help [from their countrymen]: but many shall cleave to them [the Maccabees] with flatteries [for it was a time of trial]. Dan 11:32-34 (J Thomas)

Netanyahu announces his 6th government, Israel's most hardline ever

The Times of Israel, December 21, 2022



EVENT

Benjamin Netanyahu informed President Isaac Herzog late on Wednesday that he has come to agreements with his coalition partners to form Israel's 37th government, delivering a promise of right-wing and religious-led political stability seven weeks after the country's fifth election since 2019 and minutes before the expiration of his mandate to form the next government. Netanyahu will have seven days to swear in his government. Some Likud party sources say this is likely to happen before the January 2 deadline. Israel's largest party and a right-wing powerhouse, Likud will be on the left flank of the prime minister-designate's incoming coalition. Far-right Otzma Yehudit, Religious Zionism and Noam, as well as Netanyahu's long-time ultra-Orthodox partners Shas and United Torah Judaism, round out the 64-seat majority coalition in Israel's 120-member Knesset.

COMMENT

Netanyahu's partners have driven a hard bargain in coalition negotiations. Smaller parties have secured far-reaching policy and appointment concessions that will drive judicial reform, retroactively legalise and expand settlements and expand religious influence over state and social institutions. The most contentious for Israel will be the expansion of West Bank settlements. There may even be some provocative moves around Temple Mount with visits planned by new "hardline" ministers. All this means that Israel could very quickly be in the news. Iran could use these events to initiate the initial inner ring war around Israel that we know must come before Russia descends. 2023 could see further destabilisation of the world in the very area we know it will....

BIBLE QUOTE

On that day I will make the clans of Judah like a flame that sets a woodpile ablaze or like a burning torch among sheaves of grain. They will burn up all the neighboring nations right and left, while the people living in Jerusalem remain secure. **Notice that it is the "neighbouring nations" that are destroyed and Jerusalem is safe. This is the inner ring war...** *(Zechariah 12:6 NLT)*

World order on verge of cliff - first Israeli national intel assessment

Jerusalem Post, December 19, 2022



EVENT

The world is at a transition point analogous to being on the verge of a cliff, after which a series of crises striking simultaneously will reorder the planet's geopolitics, the place of technology, the economic order and a variety of other disciplines from health to energy, according to Israel's first government national intelligence estimate. The report was published by the Intelligence Ministry in the vein of the type of reports issued in the United States and other Western countries. A copy was obtained by The Jerusalem Post. According to the report, the world is on the verge of a cliff and is likely to be struck by a variety of crises affecting all aspects of life. Recommendations from a team of eight experts who wrote the report addressed all critical areas related to national power and resilience, including, but going far beyond, mere military power. These recommendations focused on advancing key geopolitical alliances, serving as a geopolitical and technological bridge between countries and filling potential gaps in national resilience.

COMMENT

The report also recognised a major change in Israel's status. It has evolved from an energy-weak to energy independent country with the find – in recent decades – of natural gas in its maritime coastal areas. This is almost certainly part of the reason Gog (Russian ruler) decides to descend into Israel to “take a spoil”. Part of the energy Russia is losing from the EU is to be replaced by Israel and Egypt sending gas directly to the EU. Putin will see Israel and Egypt as stealing its own market. The world is indeed on the edge of a cliff. 2023 could be even more tumultuous. Once the contractions of labour have begun for a woman they don't stop - they get ever worse and ever closer together....

BIBLE QUOTE

Whenever a woman is in labour she has pain, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy that a child has been born into the world. As well as John 16:21 also see Isaiah 13:8, Jeremiah 49:24, Isaiah 21:3, Matthew 24:8, Mark 13:8, 1 Thessalonians 5:3, Romans 8:22 and many more.... (John 16:21)

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

2022-12-30 **What Could Tip Global Economy Into Recession** - Gravitas - 6.39 min - YouTube

2022-12-29 **Jordan's King Abdullah II warns Israel** - Gravitas - 9.17 - YouTube

2022-12-29 **China sends infected flights to Milan, half of the passengers test positive** - Gravitas - 6.39 min - YouTube

2022-12-26 **Wuhan Virus- Shocking videos emerge from China** - Gravitas - 11.27 min - YouTube

2022-12-24 Is the 'bomb cyclone' in the US an anomaly or the new normal- - DW News - 8.32 min - YouTube

2022-12-24 Explained- China's deadliest Wuhan Virus wave - Gravitas Plus - 9.31 min - YouTube

2022-12-23 Why Netanyahu NEVER Thought He'd Lead Israel & How Jerusalem MATTERS- Watchman - 10.35 min - YouTube

2022-12-23 Packed ICUs, crowded crematoriums- COVID roils Chinese towns - AP News

2022-12-22 California earthquake puts early warning system to the test - AP News

2022-12-21 Enough Fentanyl to kill every American seized in 2022 – Gravitas - 5.05 - YouTube

2022-12-19 Israel Airstrikes Near Damascus; Iran Pushing Russia to BLOCK Israel in Syria- - Watchman - 9.21 min - YouTube

2022-12-17 Israel INNOVATION Unlocks Ancient God-Given Health Source - Watchman - 8.35 min - YouTube

2022-12-10 Is Russia changing its nuclear doctrine- Putin mulls adopting a 'Washington-like' concept - WION - 3.41 min - YouTube

2022-12-10 What's at stake in Turkey's new Syria escalation - AP News

2022-12-09 This 'prince' wanted to overthrow Germany's government - Gravitas - 6.28 min - YouTube

2022-12-08 Jewish Americans confront antisemitism with resolve, worry - AP News

2022-12-06 How Israel is FIGHTING BACK Against Anti-Semitism & Holocaust Deniers - Watchman Newscast - 10.29 min - YouTube

2022-12-03 US- 'Most advanced military aircraft ever built', big boost to airforce - Latest World News - WION - 2.08 min - YouTube

The Holy Roman Empire- Every State, Every Year - YouTube

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

NATO PRESENCE IN EASTERN EUROPE



SOURCE: NATO

- 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 *



“YOUNG LIONS”
(USA, CANADA, ETC)

“LION”
TARSHISH
UK

GERMANY
(LAND OF
MAGOG)

GOMER
European Economic Community

Gibraltar

TURKEY
(Togarmah)

IRAQ/IRAN
(Persia)

LIBYA

DEDAN
SHEBA

ETHIOPIA

AUSTRALIA

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RUSSIA (“CHIEF PRINCE” = “PRINCE OF ROSH”)

○ TOBOLSK (Tubal)

○ MOSCOW (Meshech)

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Sunak 'increasingly concerned' about Iran's behaviour as he lists foreign threats

Daily Telegraph, December 20, 2022



EVENT

Rishi Sunak has said he is “increasingly concerned” about Iran’s behaviour and suggested it could become one of the UK’s biggest foreign policy threats in the coming months. He cited Iran’s nuclear programme and their “destabilising” impact on the region, as well as the treatment of their own citizens. The Prime Minister made the remarks during his first appearance before the liaison committee, which is made up of select committee chairs. He told MPs: "Whilst Russia and Ukraine remain our number one foreign policy challenge as we go into the new year, **I am increasingly concerned about Iran's behaviour**, the treatment of their citizens, what they're doing in the region which is destabilising, and indeed the nuclear programme. So I think it is something we will need to spend an increasing amount of time on as we go forward." Britain has unleashed a wave of sanctions on Iran in response to its brutal crackdown on the protests that erupted after the death in custody of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini.

COMMENT

On Tuesday president Biden was caught on camera admitting that the Iran nuclear deal is "dead", in a clear sign that Washington has privately abandoned hopes of restoring the pact. On Wednesday the UK prime minister Rishi Sunak warned that Iran could soon become one of the UK’s biggest threats. This time last year we had warnings of Russia about to invade Ukraine. This time we have warnings about Iran. If the Iran deal is indeed dead then it is very likely Iran will strike back in retaliation. It also has pressure from protests that continue across the country. A war with Israel might divert attention. The Bible says Iran will block the Hormuz Strait stopping 20% of the world’s oil supply. It will also activate its proxy armies to start the inner ring war around Israel.

BIBLE QUOTE

The burden of the desert of the sea [Persian Gulf]. 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 [Iran]: besiege, O Media [Iran] ; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease. (Isaiah 21:1-2)