

# This Week's Developments

June 12 - 18, 2022

- EU signs gas deal with Israel, Egypt to ditch Russia
- Israel attack: 'Heavy' damage to Damascus airport
- IDF drills for a devastating war on home soil and away
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# EU signs gas agreement with Egypt and Israel to reduce 'dependency' on Russian fuel

France24, June 16, 2022



## EVENT

Israel and Egypt plan to boost gas exports to Europe under an agreement signed during a Cairo visit Wednesday by the European Commission president as the bloc seeks to wean itself off Russian gas. Ursula von der Leyen also pledged relief worth 100 million euros (\$104 million) for food security in Egypt, which has been reeling from grain shortages as a result of the Ukraine war. "Russia's war against Ukraine has exposed our European dependency on Russian fossil fuels, and we want to get rid of this dependency," von der Leyen told a joint press conference with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi. "We want to diversify to trustworthy suppliers, and Egypt is a trustworthy partner." She had vowed on Tuesday, during a visit to Israel, to confront Russia for its use of fossil fuels to "blackmail" European countries.

## COMMENT

The deal signed this week will allow significant Israeli gas exports into the EU for the first time. Israeli gas will be brought via a pipeline to Egypt's LNG terminal on the Mediterranean, where some will be liquefied and transported on tankers to European shores. Israel has two major gas fields off its coast with an estimated 690 billion cubic metres of natural gas combined & *[more to come! So, for the short term, Russia may look at Israel through the lens of lust for power, as whoever controls these gas fields wields a lot of political power. But the Bible predicts that when Gog invades the land of Israel, it is with a coalition of countries under Gog's influence, those countries being the EU & the Catholic state-church system. That means the countries currently pitted against Russia/Gog will need to be on relatively good terms with Gog - against the King of the South. Is it possible the prize (the spoil) is none else than Jerusalem itself? It is the center of three major faiths and has been fought over for centuries. Whoever possesses Jerusalem possesses the gem of the world, and religion factors into the designs of Gog in a big way - perhaps to plant the headquarters of the orthodox church there!]* [ET]

## BIBLE QUOTE

On that day thoughts will come into your mind and you will devise an evil scheme. You will say, "I will invade a land of unwalled villages; I will attack a peaceful and unsuspecting people—all of them living without walls and without gates and bars. I will plunder and loot and turn my hand against the resettled ruins and the people [Israel] gathered from the nations.. (Ezekiel 38:10-12 NIV)

# 'Heavy' damage to Damascus airport confirmed after Israeli attack

Reuters, June 15, 2022



## EVENT

Russia expressed "serious concern" on Wednesday to Israel's ambassador about air strikes that shut down Syria's Damascus International Airport last week, the foreign ministry said in a statement. Syria has been a staunch ally of Moscow since Russia launched a military campaign in 2015 that helped to turn the tide in a civil war in favour of President Bashar al-Assad. Syria halted flights to and from the airport until further notice following the Israeli strikes. "Serious concern was again expressed over the June 10 Israeli air force attack on the civilian airport of Damascus, which damaged the runway, navigation equipment and buildings, and disrupted international civilian air traffic," the ministry said after Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Bogdanov met Israeli Ambassador Alexander Ben Zvi in Moscow. "The ambassador was told that justification from the Israeli side... was unconvincing and that Moscow expected additional clarification."

## COMMENT

Incidents such as this set the stage for the predicted antagonism between the K of N and K of S at the time of the final confrontation. Damascus/Syria are ancient Biblical names and were major players in Israel's history. At the time of the prediction in Isa 17:1-3 (see below) the 10 tribes/Pekah joined up with the Syrians/Rezin and went to war against Judah/Ahaz. Ahaz called on the Assyrians/Tiglath-Pileser to come to his aid. Tiglath-Pileser did. He came against Damascus and not only made it "a heap", but bragged about it in his Annals: "I took...people together with their property...as spoil...I destroyed...the...districts of Damascus like ruins from the Flood." Much later in Israel's history, Syria/Damascus became the domain of Antiochus, the "King of the North". Moving forward to the time of the end, Gog, by virtue of possessing or wielding influence over the territory of Syria, becomes the latter day "king of the North"; and today we see the stage being set for the final conflict between the north and the south - and the end of the K of N on the mountains of Israel. (ET)

## BIBLE QUOTE

A prophecy against Damascus: "See, Damascus will no longer be a city but will become a heap of ruins. The cities of Aroer will be deserted and left to flocks, which will lie down, with no one to make them afraid. The fortified city will disappear from Ephraim [northern Israel], and royal power from Damascus

(Isiah 17:1-3 NIV)

# The IDF drills for a devastating war on home soil and away

Jerusalem post, June 5, 2022



## EVENT

It was a drill on a level that the IDF had never carried out before. Thousands of troops, and hundreds of aircraft and navy vessels all trained together in going to war against Israel's enemies, on all fronts and in all dimensions, including a strike in Iran. Chariots of Fire brought the Israeli military to a new standard, as troops practiced responding to emergency events in multiple theaters simultaneously while under heavy rocket fire from all borders – especially from the North. The Israeli army expects the home front to be bombarded with 1,500 rockets a day until the last day of the war. The attacks would wreck the country, with dozens of buildings and sites destroyed and hundreds killed and wounded. IDF assessments state that while it is unlikely that Hezbollah will attack Israel in the near future, the northern border remains the most explosive, and both sides have warned that the next conflict between the two would be devastating.

## COMMENT

When the conflict between Israel and Syria begins it will also involve other surrounding peoples as well. There will be trouble on all Israel's borders but especially in the north. Hezbollah have over 100,000 rockets and missiles ready to rain down from Lebanon into northern Israel. This is why Israel has just concluded its largest ever military exercise in preparation for this war. Clearly Israel believes at some point this war will happen... the question is when will it happen? The Bible gives the answer. This inner ring war against Israel is by "nearby" or "surrounding" or "round about" peoples. This war is detailed in Zechariah 12. This chapter uses the word "people" who attack Israel. This word means "kinsmen" or "kindred". Zechariah 14 which speaks of the outer ring war which follows after speaks of "nations" coming against Israel. Zechariah 12 says that Jerusalem remains intact during the inner ring war. Jerusalem is ruined in Zech 14.

## BIBLE QUOTE

Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about... And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: ..., though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. *(Zechariah 12:2-3)*

(Note that the "South" and the "North" are areas local to Israel – Egypt and Syria. Whichever powerful nations are connected to them becomes "King" of the South and "King" of the North)

# Boris Johnson offers training to thousands of Ukrainian troops

The Times, June 17, 2022



## EVENT

Boris Johnson has travelled to Kyiv for a surprise visit in a bid to “change the equation” of the Russian invasion with a major British-led training operation. The prime minister made his second visit to the Ukrainian capital to see President Zelensky and promised him that the British Army would provide training for up to 10,000 soldiers every 120 days. “We will be with you until you ultimately prevail,” he said. He offered “a major new military training programme that could change the equation of this war, harnessing that most powerful of forces — the Ukrainian determination to win”.

## COMMENT

The UK continues to lead the way in supporting Ukraine push back against the Russian invasion. Boris Johnson (who is under political pressure from all sides) is taking an ever increasing firmer line against Russia by supporting Ukraine. Politically weakened leaders often want to appear strong and over flex their military muscles to prove they still have power. This is possibly happening in this case. The UK announced last week that it would send Ukraine its guided multiple launch rocket system, which has better range and precision than Russia's artillery. [Currently it is difficult to establish who is the stronger. When the final scene develops, the Gogian host appears to be the strongest. The situation with Ukraine is just a cog in the big wheel of the Divine purpose to accomplish a necessary detail (see next slide) that will be revealed in hindsight. The interaction between Johnson and Putin certainly ramps up the antagonism between the south and the north. The Bible predicts that “Ros” (Ukraine), with the EU, must form an integral part of the Gogian host when it comes down on Israel; but whether it happens by Russia winning the war and taking over Ukraine, or by Ukraine winning the war and, perhaps with Magog (Germany), taking over Russia, we don't know. God knows, and that's what matters.] ET

## BIBLE QUOTE

And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. [The yellow text incident happened in 1917 when K of S “pushed” at “him” - the Ottoman Empire] ET (Daniel 11:40)

# Russia's economy buckles as Western sanctions start to bite

The Times, June 14, 2022



## EVENT

Shopping centres are threatened with closure, car sales have slumped to a historic low and poverty levels across Russia have soared as western sanctions imposed since the invasion of Ukraine start to hit businesses. The appearance of vast, upmarket malls in the early years of President Putin's rule was seen as a sign of economic stability after the widespread deprivations that followed the collapse of the Soviet Union. But less than four months after Putin ordered troops into Ukraine, the shopping centres are emptying fast as luxury brands such as Prada and Chanel pull out of the country, along with popular stores such as Adidas and H&M. More than 1,300 western companies have ended or suspended their operations in Russia since the start of the war in late February. Western films are no longer being released and cinemas are now largely empty, despite attempts to entice customers with Chinese and Indian releases.

## COMMENT

In his book *Elpis Israel*, John Thomas (founder of the Christadelphians) wrote these words... *"Let the Russian treasury be as empty as it is said to be, and its expenditure exceed its revenue by double the alleged deficit, it will only operate as a pressure from within, causing her Autocrat to "enter into the countries and to overflow and pass over," and to enrich himself with the spoil of those he is destined to subdue."* What he was writing back in 1848 was that Russia would one day be in severe financial difficulties and this would act as a pressure that forces the "autocrat" (Gog / Russian ruler) to come down and invade Israel etc. The war in Ukraine is bringing this financial pressure through the sanctions and mass exodus of business's. Ezekiel 38 says that God puts hooks in Gog's jaws to bring him forth. This financial pressure is part of the hook...

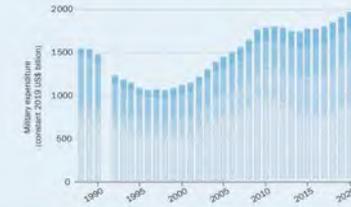
## BIBLE QUOTE

'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. I will turn you around, put hooks in your jaws and bring you out with your whole army—your horses, your horsemen fully armed, and a great horde with large and small shields, all of them brandishing their swords.  
(Ezekiel 38:2-4 NIV)

# Russia to spend 20% more on defence budget in 2022

The Times, June 15, 2022

WORLD MILITARY EXPENDITURE, BY REGION, 1988-2020



## EVENT

Russia's defence spending is expected to **increase by 20 per cent**, according to the Military-Industrial Commission that reports directly to President Putin. The increase would see Russia's budget soar by up to 700 billion roubles (£9.9 billion) this year compared with 2021. The Ministry of Defence in London cited remarks by the commission's first deputy chairman, Andrey Elchaninov, who made the prediction last week. The MoD said: "Russian government funding is allowing the country's defence industrial base to be slowly mobilised to meet demands placed on it by the war in Ukraine. **However, the industry could struggle to meet many of these requirements, partially due to the effects of sanctions and lack of expertise.**" It said Russia's production of high-quality optics and advanced electronics "likely remain troubled and could **undermine its efforts to replace equipment lost in Ukraine**".

## COMMENT

**Russia is pouring as much of its limited resources as it can into boosting its military.** It needs to **replace many thousands of pieces of equipment lost so far in the Ukraine conflict.** And it is not just Russia spending more on the military. Total global military expenditure has now passed \$2 trillion for the first time. **The five largest spenders in 2021 were the United States, China, India, the United Kingdom and Russia,** together accounting for 62 per cent of expenditure. Even amid the economic fallout of the Covid-19 pandemic, world military spending hit record levels. It is shocking how much the world spends on weapons designed to kill other people. In the kingdom the opposite will happen. It will be a time of peace and righteousness. And it will soon be here....

## 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)

## ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

2022-06-16 **Israel INVESTIGATED for “Apartheid” by the UN; Palestinians TURN Against Biden** - Watchman - 11.39 min - YouTube

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2022-06-06 As Israel moves to drill natural gas, Lebanon urges US envoy to end maritime dispute - The Times of Israel

2022-06-06 Why is Russia’s church backing Putin’s war- Church-state history gives a clue - Britannica

2022-06-03 U.S. Intel Report Says Putin Has Cancer, Survived Recent Assassination Attempt - Watchman - 8.45 min YouTube

2022-06-02 Israel PREPARES for Hezbollah; Iran ON VERGE of Having “Crude” Nuclear Devices - Watchman - 9.30 min - YouTube

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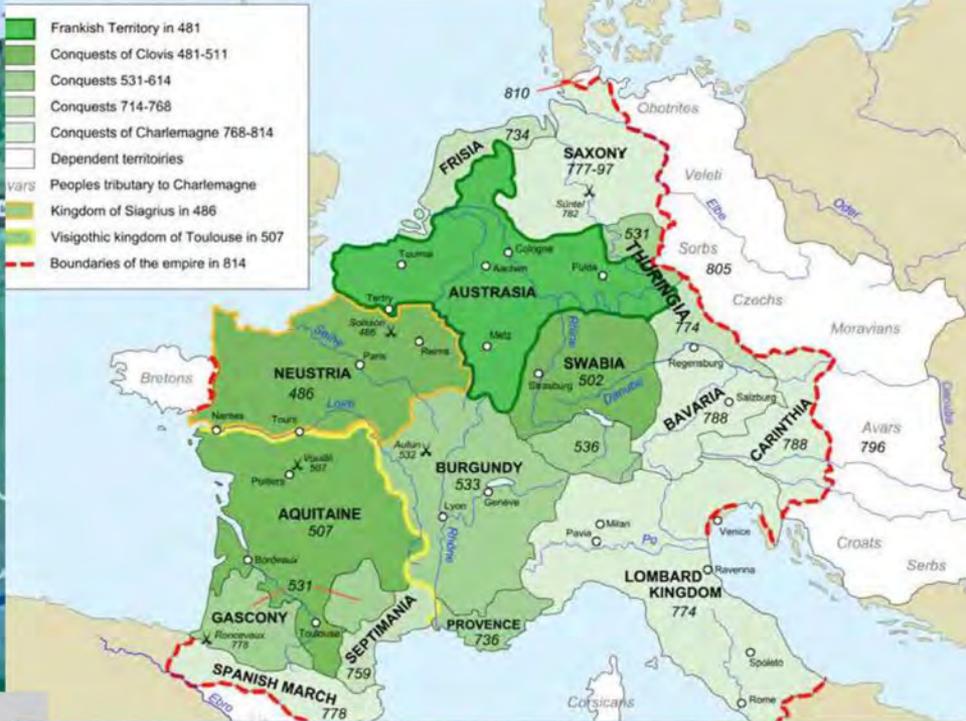
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# NATO PRESENCE IN EASTERN EUROPE



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 \*

