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Iran names price to reopen Strait of Hormuz

The Telegraph, August 9, 2026



EVENT

Iran is demanding financial compensation for the war before it reopens the Strait of Hormuz, a last-minute concession that dampens hopes of an imminent deal. Speculation had been building for days that an agreement was emerging that would restore safe passage in the vital sea lane, following direct negotiations between Oman and the Islamic republic. But Abbas Araghchi, the Iranian foreign minister, said that while a deal was close, reopening the strait would depend on other conditions. He said this would include US compensation in the form of reparations to Iran for the war. Mohammad Baqer Zolqadr, the secretary of Iran's top national security body, listed other demands, such as stopping "aggression" against Iran's proxy groups in Lebanon, the Palestinian territories and Yemen. The extra demands suggest growing Iranian confidence that it can squeeze more concessions out of Donald Trump.

COMMENT

After weeks of negotiations, Iran says it has finally reached agreement with Oman over a new shipping traffic map for the Strait of Hormuz. But crucially, Iran says this agreement does not mean that the Strait will now fully reopen. Tehran continues to insist that America must first lift its blockade of Iranian ports and meet wider Iranian demands. Iran appears to believe that control of Hormuz gives it the upper hand and that the longer the crisis continues, the greater the economic and political pressure President Trump. The confrontation has therefore become a battle of wills. America says it can maintain its blockade of Iran indefinitely; Iran says it can keep Hormuz restricted until America concedes. Meanwhile, shipping through this vital waterway remains a fraction of normal levels. The "burden of the desert of the sea" (Isaiah 21) is underway....!

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; [CLICK HERE to watch a new video on the Strait of Hormuz](#) (Isaiah 21:1-2)

Trump: I'll declare Strait of Hormuz a US territory

The Telegraph, August 15, 2026



EVENT

Donald Trump said he would declare the Strait of Hormuz a “territory of the United States” despite having repeatedly failed to reopen it. The US president on Friday said he would annex the waterway before suggesting he already controlled it anyway. Iranian officials accused Mr Trump of indulging in “fanciful delusions”. During a speech in New York, Mr Trump said: “After we finish defeating Iran, which is being very badly defeated, pretty soon I’ll be declaring the Hormuz Strait a territory of the United States. “Essentially, that’s what it is. We have the blockade. No ships get through unless we want them to.” However, the president also nodded to the economic upheaval unleashed after Iran effectively choked off the strait following the US and Israeli bombing on Feb 28. Traffic through the strait has slowed to a trickle since the start of the war, and Mr Trump’s attempts to reopen it with military forces, economic pressure and diplomacy have failed.

COMMENT

President Trump made the extraordinary statement this week that he intends to declare the Strait of Hormuz a “territory of the United States.” He went even further, claiming that America already effectively controls the Strait because of its blockade: No ships get through unless we want them to. But there is a remarkable contradiction. Despite possessing the most powerful military in the world, America has repeatedly failed to restore normal shipping through Hormuz. Traffic remains a fraction of its pre-war level because Iran has demonstrated that it can make this narrow waterway too dangerous for normal commercial shipping. Ancient Elam — modern Iran — is able to constrict one of the most important waterways on earth, disrupting global trade and putting enormous economic pressure upon the nations. This is EXACTLY what we are told in Isaiah 21...

BIBLE QUOTE

A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. **Go up [rise up militarily] , O Elam [south west Iran]: besiege [blockade], O Media [central Iran]** ; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease.

(Isaiah 21:2)

Israel rejects Trump's Gaza plan

The Telegraph, August 9, 2026



EVENT

Benjamin Netanyahu has rejected Donald Trump's peace deal in Gaza, suggesting it would turn the enclave into "Hamastan". At a meeting of the Israeli cabinet, he said: "Israel does not accept the 15-point document," the first time he has explicitly refused the deal. Mr Trump hailed the disarmament deal with Hamas, which was contingent on a stage-by-stage Israeli withdrawal, as a "historic" breakthrough when it was announced late last month. But on Sunday Mr Netanyahu said the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) would not move until the terror group gave up all its weapons. "The IDF will not carry out any withdrawal until Hamas is disarmed," he said. "And when I say the disarming of Hamas, it means heavy weaponry, lighter weaponry, all weaponry. "And we are talking about genuine disarmament, not fictitious disarmament. The public rejection of Mr Trump's cherished diplomatic agreement risks infuriating his ally. Mr Netanyahu is facing a strong challenge in the upcoming general election from Gadi Eisenkot, a former top general, and badly wants Mr Trump's approval.

COMMENT

A significant rift has opened between President Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu over the future of Gaza. Trump hailed his 15-point agreement with Hamas as an historic breakthrough which would see Hamas disarmed in exchange for a phased Israeli withdrawal. Netanyahu has now explicitly rejected that arrangement, declaring: Israel does not accept the 15-point document. Netanyahu insists that Israel will not withdraw at all until Hamas has completely surrendered every weapon. Men continue to debate who should control Gaza — but remarkably the Bible has already revealed Gaza's ultimate destiny. See Zephaniah 2:4-7. Amos 1:6-8. Joel 3:4-7.

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..... And **the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah**; they shall feed thereupon: **This sounds like Judah (Israel) controlling Gaza...**

(Zephaniah 2:4-7)

Trump-Netanyahu rift widens as election pressures pull them in opposite directions

Washington Post, August 11, 2026



EVENT

With less than three months remaining before critical elections in the United States and Israel, President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu are being pulled in opposite directions by their domestic political imperatives. Aaron David Miller, who worked as a Middle East negotiator through several Democratic and Republican administrations and is currently at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said he has never seen the U.S.-Israeli relationship “under greater stress” as both play to their domestic electorates. Miller and other experts with long experience in the region portrayed the current situation as still at the stage of what former U.S. ambassador to Israel Tom Nides called “performance art,” which hasn’t yet affected the fundamentals of the U.S.-Israel relationship. But that could change, they said. Strains in the relationship are showing, over Gaza and the Iran war.

COMMENT

This growing strain between Israel and its greatest ally is something Bible students should watch carefully. For decades America has provided Israel with extraordinary military, political and diplomatic support. But Bible prophecy indicates that ultimately Israel will be unable to rely upon even its closest human allies. In Ezekiel 38, Tarshish and her young lions challenge the invading northern power — but significantly they do not appear to intervene. If America is represented amongst the latter-day young lions, this is significant. America is still supportive of Israel, but we are increasingly seeing the limits and strains of that support. The final crisis comes when Israel discovers that its security does not ultimately depend upon America. It depends upon God.

BIBLE QUOTE

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. *Israel will one day turn to God / Jesus* (Zechariah 12:10)

The Israeli oil pipeline that could solve the energy crisis

The Telegraph,, August 8, 2026



EVENT

Saudi Arabia and the rest of the Gulf's energy producers have a major problem. The main shipping routes to export their barrels of oil and tanks of gas – the Bab-el-Mandeb Strait and the Strait of Hormuz – have become too dangerous to use. Iran has blockaded Hormuz in the wake of US-Israeli strikes, while exports through Bab-el-Mandeb in the Red Sea face constant attack from Houthi rebels. It has left Saudi Arabia, as well as some of the region's other key oil producers, searching for a solution. Now, many think that could come from the unlikelyst of places: Israel. Israel and the region's oil powers have been enemies for decades, but are drawing up plans to use an overland pipeline to break the iron grip that Iran has imposed on global oil exports. The scheme would see a pipeline built across the Saudi desert to the Israeli border, where a second pipeline built through Israel in the late 1960s would carry it north to ports on the Mediterranean.

COMMENT

Bible students should take particular notice of this extraordinary development. Saudi Arabia and Israel have historically been enemies, yet the pressure created by Iran and the closure of the great maritime chokepoints is potentially pushing them towards greater strategic cooperation. This is exactly the direction we would expect from Ezekiel 38. When the northern confederacy finally invades Israel, Sheba and Dedan — ancient peoples associated with the Arabian Peninsula — are not amongst Israel's enemies. Instead they stand alongside Tarshish and her young lions and challenge the invader. There is another fascinating dimension. In Ezekiel Gog comes against Israel “to take a spoil.” Israel becoming a land bridge carrying Gulf energy between the Med / Europe would increase enormously the strategic and economic importance of the land.

BIBLE QUOTE

I will go up to the land of unwallled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, **To take a spoil**, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods

(Ezekiel 38:11-12)

Russia's nuclear bombs blessed by head of the Orthodox church

The Times, August 3, 2026



EVENT

The head of the Russian Orthodox Church has said the Kremlin's vast arsenal of nuclear weapons is a sign of God's "grace and mercy". Patriarch Kirill, who has called the invasion of Ukraine a "holy war" against evil, spoke while delivering a service at a convent near Sarov, the town in which the Soviet Union developed its first nuclear bomb. He said that God had helped the Soviet Union, in which atheism was an official state policy, to create the bomb in 1949 as an answer to the prayers of St Seraphim, a Russian mystic who died in 1833. "The creation of this formidable weapon in our country, and in this specific place, was no coincidence; all of this came to pass, in no small measure, through the prayers of our venerable and God-fearing Father Seraphim of Sarov," Kirill said. Kirill, who was visiting a convent, also described nuclear weapons as a "shield for the Motherland", saying they had prevented Russia's enemies from "destroying" the Soviet Union and "enslaving" its people during the Cold War.

COMMENT

There is an extraordinary Biblical connection to the language increasingly being used by Russia's religious leadership. In March 2024, the World Russian People's Council, chaired by Patriarch Kirill, formally described Russia's conflict in Ukraine as a "Holy War." Now Kirill is going further, portraying Russia's enormous nuclear arsenal as evidence of God's grace and protection. Remarkably, the prophet Joel uses very similar language when describing the gathering of the nations for the great latter-day conflict. Joel 3 says "**prepare** war". The Hebrew is the word meaning "**make holy**". Why, at this time, is Kirill saying God has given Russia these weapons? The disturbing answer is that weapons once regarded as a terrible necessity are being given religious legitimacy

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)

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A deal to reopen the Strait of Hormuz nears – but Iran now holds all the cards

The Independent, August 6, 2026



EVENT

As far as can be judged, there have been no direct talks between the United States and Iran for at least a month. But peace, of sorts, may shortly be at hand again. In recent weeks, between Iran and Oman, the two nations on either side of the vital Strait of Hormuz waterway, have been taking place. If all goes well, the Strait of Hormuz will be open again to civilian traffic in a few days. Donald Trump is likely to take full credit for it, having claimed in recent days how desperate Tehran has been to settle the dispute. There are many reasons to suppose it will collapse again soon enough. The 60-day period of renewed ceasefire is ominously ambiguous and temporary. Seizing a mutually advantageous opportunity to acquire significant geopolitical leverage and to make some money, the signs are that the Omanis and the Iranians will seek to exercise full sovereign control. President Trump and his advisers now have, at most, a couple of months to try to work out how to get out of this hole of their own making.

COMMENT Reports indicate that the Iranians will control one channel for ships entering the Gulf; the Omanis will supervise the exit. Both countries will charge a toll, dressed up as a “service fee”, and, between them, will hold an astonishingly powerful weapon – the ability to hold vital oil and gas supplies, and thus the global economy, to ransom as they wish. And so the potential outcome of this costly US war is that there is now a more hardline Iranian government in place than before. And Iran has been gifted control of much of the world’s oil supplies. On top of this most analysts say that even if a deal is announced it will likely keep failing as Iran will continue to push back at the US. To understand the incredible significance of the Strait of Hormuz (with Bible in hand) please [CLICK HERE](#).

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)

Crucial US missile stockpiles 'extremely low,' official says

ABC News, August 7, 2026



EVENT

The U.S. war in Iran has depleted stocks of key air defense weapons, including ballistic missile interceptors -- a potential constraint for President Donald Trump as he weighs the prospect of renewing the conflict. A Center for Strategic and International Study analysis of air defense systems found that Patriot stockpiles have been depleted by two-thirds and the THAAD missile inventory, which it estimated was 452 before the start of the war, has been reduced by half. A U.S. official, who would not discuss numerical estimates, told ABC News that both stockpiles "are extremely low." Additionally, the official said that of particular concern was the low inventories of long-range offensive missiles like the ATACM and PRSM. The war has been fought mostly from safe distances or through air attacks. Trump on Thursday acknowledged that "we need more all the time" but "we have certain types of munitions that are very powerful [of which] we have unlimited, virtually unlimited supply."

COMMENT

As one US official said this week "I think the Iranians have out-endured our expectations. The US has witnessed the limits of air power in the face of an adversary that chooses not to give in." To replenish US missile stocks back to where they were will take several years. Each missile costs about \$4 million so there is also a huge financial bill attached to this as well. Analysts say that America's enemies like China, Russia, North Korea are likely closely watching the use of U.S. munitions and their performance in the current conflict. There is an increased danger for the US that these countries might seek to take advantage of this weakened position. With Bible in hand we expect the US "young lion" to be weakened by the time Russia invades Israel.

BIBLE QUOTE

Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: **break out the great teeth of the young lions**, O LORD. Let them melt away as waters which run continually: when he bendeth his bow to shoot his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.

(Psalm 58:6)

Trump's Hamas disarmament plan unravels

The Telegraph, August 3, 2026



EVENT

Donald Trump's deal to disarm Hamas is on the verge of collapse after an increase in Israeli bombing and suggestions that the terror group would not hand over its weapons. Mr Trump hailed a "historic breakthrough" on Friday after his board of peace struck an agreement with Hamas, mandating a staged Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, contingent on an arms decommissioning process. Since the deal was announced, there have been signals that Hamas may not honour its side of the bargain. Spokesmen for the group have suggested that Israel must withdraw before guns are handed over, appearing to contradict statements by Mr Trump. Meanwhile, pro-Hamas media in Gaza insisted the armed struggle against Israel would continue, with one columnist writing in the Falesteen newspaper that the deal was a means of "restoring capabilities, and buying time until the balance of power changes". In his first public comments on the matter, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Tuesday that Israel has not agreed to the Board of Peace's Hamas disarmament plan, which was accepted by the terror group last week.

COMMENT

We reported last week on Trump's new Gaza deal with Hamas – which he said Israel was very happy about. The deal said that Israel had to withdraw and that Hamas's weapons could remain under supervision in Gaza. However, Israel has always said they will not withdraw until Hamas is completely disarmed. That must come first. Hamas says they will not disarm until Israel withdraws. And so, the latest "deal" is in tatters before it even starts. There are elections in Israel in October and Netanyahu cannot afford to look weak before then when he made specific promises about Hamas (which the Israeli general public support). We expect more conflict therefore before the false peace comes

BIBLE QUOTE

In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and **they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left**: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem.

(Zechariah 12:6)

Gulf Arab states hold secret talks with Israel on energy corridor bypassing Hormuz

World Israel News, August 6, 2026



EVENT

Israel and several Gulf states have held a series of discreet talks aimed at creating an energy corridor through Israeli territory that would allow regional oil and natural gas exports to bypass both the Strait of Hormuz and the Houthi-threatened Bab el-Mandeb Strait, Israeli Energy and Infrastructure Minister Eli Cohen told Israel Hayom. The meetings have taken place in Israel and abroad in recent weeks, Cohen said. Unnamed Gulf diplomats confirmed that the discussions included both near-term arrangements using existing infrastructure and longer-term plans requiring the construction of new pipelines. The US administration is also participating in the talks, according to the report, as Washington seeks to reduce Iran's ability to use control of shipping through the Strait of Hormuz as leverage over Gulf countries and global energy markets. One of the immediate proposals would use Saudi Arabia's western oil infrastructure to send crude from the port of Yanbu, on the Red Sea, to Eilat.

COMMENT

If this report is true then this is HUGE from a Bible prophecy perspective. Suddenly Israel would become the outlet through which vast amounts of energy would pass through. Effectively the current focus of the world's energy would shift from the Strait of Hormuz to Israel. The plan being discussed is that oil from Gulf Arab states is pumped across Israel through the Europe Asia Pipeline Company's existing line to Ashkelon, where it could be loaded onto tankers bound for Europe and other Mediterranean destinations. Israel already possesses much of the central infrastructure needed for such a corridor. This then would create an incredible temptation for Putin as he eyes a future spoil in Israel...

BIBLE QUOTE

I [Gog/Russian leader] will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, **To take a spoil**, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land. (Ezekiel 38:11-12)

Israel on verge of 'changing status quo' at al-Aqsa mosque, warns Jordan

The Independent,, August 4, 2026



EVENT

Jordan has warned that Israel is on the verge of changing the status quo at one of Jerusalem's holiest sites and could trigger a religious conflict, according to a report. The Jordanian government will hold an emergency meeting of foreign ministers from the Arab and Islamic world on Wednesday, as they look to address repeated incursions by Jewish religious hardliners into the al-Aqsa Mosque and Dome of the Rock compound. The compound is known to Jews as Temple Mount and is their most important holy site. Speaking to The Guardian, Jordanian foreign minister Ayman Sadafi said: "This is a constant threat, a dangerous threat that we're trying to counter in every tool that we have possible. We warn that tampering with the status quo ... could trigger a religious conflict that will reverberate beyond Palestine and Jordan into the whole Muslim world." Hardline Israeli government ministers, including police minister Itamar Ben Gvir and finance minister Bezalel Smotrich, have frequently called for the site to be taken over by the Israeli state with the construction of a synagogue on its grounds.

COMMENT

The al-Aqsa mosque is a Muslim place of worship built on Temple Mount next to the Dome of the Rock – a Muslim shrine. But of course both these buildings are built exactly where the Jews built a "house of God" – the Jewish Temple. It is not only the most holy site for Jews - it is the most holy site in the entire world – from God's own perspective. A new temple will be built there one day when Christ returns. And all the world will come to Jerusalem to worship God at that new temple. Before this happens there is a great conflict over Jerusalem. Jerusalem becomes a "burdensome stone" for all people. Any change in the current status could bring this about....

BIBLE QUOTE

Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. 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.

(Zechariah 12:2-3)

Saudi deal with Turkey and Pakistan could reshape Middle East

The Times, August 7, 2026



EVENT

Saudi Arabia signed a joint defence pact with Turkey and Pakistan on Friday, cementing a regional alliance that could reshape the region. The deal was signed in the Saudi city of Mecca by the Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, President Erdogan of Turkey, and the Pakistani prime minister Shehbaz Sharif. The move consolidated a growing split between Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan; and India, Israel and the United Arab Emirates, which have drawn closer in recent months after Israel helped the UAE to repel Iranian attacks. The Saudis face increased threats from Iran and its allied militia in the region, including the Houthi rebels in Yemen and Shia groups in Iraq that have attacked the kingdom in recent weeks. After the signing ceremony, Pakistan said that any attack on Saudi Arabia would be considered an attack on Pakistan and Turkey. It was not immediately clear whether the deal would compel Turkey and Pakistan to intervene, something that would complicate relations for both those countries in the region.

COMMENT

Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Pakistan have signed a remarkable mutual-defence agreement under which an attack upon one will be regarded as an attack upon all. Yet Bible prophecy ultimately appears to place two of these nations on opposite sides. Ezekiel 38 identifies Togarmah, associated with Turkey, amongst the nations accompanying Gog against Israel, while Sheba and Dedan, associated with Arabia, stand with Tarshish and the young lions questioning the invasion. Today's alliance therefore cannot represent Ezekiel's final alignment. Instead, it gives Bible students something fascinating to watch: what future event could cause Saudi Arabia and Turkey eventually to find themselves on opposite sides? We wait to see!.....

BIBLE QUOTE

Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his bands; **the house of Togarmah** of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee. **Sheba and Dedan (Saudi Arabia) are mentioned in verse 13 as being on the opposing side.**
(Ezekiel 38;5-6)

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Trump meets Netanyahu and Zelensky at White House as wars in Ukraine and Iran drag on

The Independent, July 29, 2026



EVENT

Donald Trump held separate White House meetings with Volodymyr Zelensky and Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday, as Washington struggled to accomplish its goal of ending the major conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East. Speaking to reporters afterwards, the Ukrainian president confirmed that Trump had agreed to grant Ukraine licences to produce Patriot interceptor missiles domestically. Later in the day, Trump welcomed Netanyahu to the White House for talks expected to focus on Iran and broader regional security. The meeting came at a sensitive moment in US-Israel relations. Despite continued US military and diplomatic support for Israel, Trump has also publicly criticised continued Israeli aggression in Lebanon. The back-to-back meetings highlight the competing crises facing the White House, as both conflicts fail to show any sign of easing. Hours after Netanyahu's meeting with Trump, Iran targeted a US military base in Jordan, according to the US military.

COMMENT

It is only when you stop and think about it that there is more than a coincidence here. There are two major conflicts happening in the world right now. Russia v Ukraine (with US support). And Iran and its proxy forces v Israel (with US support). Both Ukraine and Israel are the only countries in the world with Jewish leaders. Trump is trying to resolve both wars speaking to two Jewish leaders. Russia's war against Ukraine is supported by Iran. Iran's war against Israel is supported by Russia. But at some point the Russian war against Ukraine will itself turn against Israel! Which means there must be some resolution in the Ukraine war. False peace. We know when Russia descends to Israel they are dwelling confidently. False peace. These two wars are intricately connected...

BIBLE QUOTE

Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; **In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it?** And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:
(Ezekiel 38:14-15)

Trump: Hamas to disarm in Gaza

The Times, July 31, 2026



EVENT

A “historic” agreement has been reached to disarm Hamas and other militant groups inside Gaza, President Trump has announced, in exchange for the potential withdrawal of Israeli troops from the territory. Trump said on Thursday night that his Board of Peace had taken a “monumental step toward lasting PEACE and SECURITY” by securing a peace deal between Israel and Hamas. “The agreement will be carried out in carefully structured phases,” the president said on Truth Social, adding that Israeli forces would withdraw from Gaza “as disarmament is completed”. He wrote: “Under this agreement, Gaza will finally be in the hands of a new Palestinian government that serves its PEOPLE.” Hamas officials said that a committee established by Trump’s Board of Peace to govern Gaza would oversee the process of storing its weapons. In a separate interview, Hamad said disarmament would be conditional on a full withdrawal of the Israeli military from Gaza, which Netanyahu’s government has previously ruled out.

COMMENT

Trump’s 20-point peace plan for Gaza, revealed last October, proposed staggered phases of demilitarisation in the Strip and eventually a Palestinian government which would be overseen by the board. A main part of the agreement was that Hamas could not continue to rule Gaza and would have to completely disarm. From initial reading of this new announcement it appears that the weapons will remain in Gaza under supervision of a new committee. As with many of Trump’s announcements the devil is in the detail. When the Iran memorandum of understanding was announced it lasted only a few weeks before war reignited. The same might apply here. The Bible says that Gaza will be forsaken and become desolate. The nearby pricking briars will be removed....

BIBLE QUOTE

Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they carried away captive the whole captivity, to deliver them up to Edom: But **I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, which shall devour the palaces thereof:**

(Amos 1:6-7)

Trump claims Israel is 'very happy' with Gaza disarmament plan

The Times, July 31, 2026



EVENT

President Trump has claimed that Israel is “very happy” with a US-sponsored deal with Hamas to disarm in Gaza, even as Israel reacted with a cautious silence to the announcement. Trump acknowledged that the plan, which Hamas insists must result in the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza, may “go through its ups and downs” but tried to play down any differences with Israel after weeks of acrimony over the direction of the conflict with Iran. “We do have an understanding with Israel. Israel is very happy about it,” Trump said. American media had reported that the topic of Gaza did not come up during a meeting this week between Trump and Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli prime minister, days before the announcement of an agreement with Hamas late on Thursday. While endorsements poured in from around the world, including from the UK, Israeli officials maintained an uncharacteristic silence. Itamar Ben-Gvir, Netanyahu’s far-right national security minister, denounced the deal as “unacceptable”. Privately, Israeli officials said the government would not consider any withdrawal from Gaza without the complete demilitarisation of the territory first.

COMMENT

What is interesting, is that following Trump’s announcement that Hamas will disarm, Israel has officially (so far!) said nothing. In fact, according to report when Trump met Netanyahu met Trump just a few days before in Washington, Gaza wasn’t mentioned. It seems as though Trump is making deals without involving Israel or at the very least making deals regardless of their concerns. As Trump said a week ago – Bibi does what I tell him to do. Trump clearly feels he controls Israel. Trump also said – Israel would not exist if not for him. There could be a time coming when Israel is pushed into dividing the land. This could be the spark that brings Armageddon. [Click here to watch a talk 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] 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)*

Trump pauses Iran strikes over missile shortages

The Telegraph, July 26, 2026



EVENT

Donald Trump has paused plans to escalate the war on Iran after being warned that the US is running low on missiles. For the first time in nearly two weeks, the US president called off strikes on the Islamic Republic at the weekend and has set aside plans to return to major combat operations. The decision also allows time and space for negotiations with Iran. Concerns were raised during a White House meeting on Friday night, according to reports. JD Vance, the vice-president, and Gen Dan Caine, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, were among those who spoke out, the New York Times (NYT) reported. Officials familiar with the deliberations told US media that concerns over dwindling supplies of air-defence munitions, particularly interceptor missiles needed to defend American bases and regional partners against Iranian ballistic missiles and drones, played a central role in the decision.

COMMENT

America's decision to pause further military action because of concerns over dwindling missile stocks is a striking reminder that even the strongest nations have limits. After months of sustained conflict, the cost of war is beginning to erode military readiness and reduce strategic options. Psalm 58 speaks of God breaking "the great teeth of the young lions," while Ezekiel 38 shows Tarshish and the young lions responding to Gog's invasion with words alone rather than military force. Bible prophecy indicates that the Western powers will be in a far less dominant position at the time of the end. Although America remains immensely powerful today, the gradual weakening of its military capability is another development Bible students have watched with great interest.

BIBLE QUOTE

Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: **break out the great teeth of the young lions**, O LORD. Let them melt away as waters which run continually: when he bendeth his bow to shoot his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.

(Psalm 58:6-7)

Saudi Arabia joins US in strikes on Iran-backed militias in Iraq

BBC,, July 29, 2026



EVENT

Saudi Arabia and the US have carried out strikes against Iran-backed militias in Iraq, in a potential escalation of the Middle East conflict. US Central Command (Centcom) said the strikes were against "Iran-aligned terrorists that the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) directed to attack US forces and Saudi energy infrastructure". Iraq's paramilitary Popular Mobilisation Forces (PMF), which is dominated by Iran-backed Shia militias, said at least 20 of its members had been killed in US-Saudi strikes on its bases. It came hours after Centcom said Iran had launched missiles at US forces in the Middle East in an "attempted surprise attack", ending a lull in hostilities. The US said the Iranian attack occurred at 17:45 EDT (21:45 GMT) on Tuesday, with all missiles "successfully intercepted". The IRGC said it had targeted a US air base and a command centre in Jordan "in response to the acts of aggression of the American child-killing army". It also said that naval forces had struck three oil tankers in the Strait of Hormuz after they "ignored warnings" and sailed along what it described as an "unsafe and illegal route".

COMMENT

Saudi Arabia's decision to carry out military operations alongside the United States demonstrates the increasingly close relationship between Riyadh and the Western powers. Bible students have long associated Saudi Arabia with Sheba and Dedan, while identifying Britain as Tarshish and the United States as one of the young lions of Tarshish. Significantly, Ezekiel 38 places these nations together at the time of Gog's invasion of Israel. They are aligned in outlook and interests, yet offer only a diplomatic protest rather than military intervention. The growing cooperation between Saudi Arabia and the US is another reminder the the nations are coming together as prophesied.

BIBLE QUOTE

Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?

(Ezekile 38:13)

Blazes across Europe as fire weather breaks records

The Guardian, July 30, 2026



EVENT

Fire weather in the EU has broken records for severity for this time of year, data shows, as firefighters race to extinguish blazes across the Mediterranean. Inflamed by carbon pollution, the hot, dry and windy weather across the EU from the start of the year until the end of July has been 43% more severe than the average for the same period over the last two decades, data from the European Forest Fire Information Service (Effis) shows. Three firefighters died in Greece on Tuesday, officials said, while firefighters in France and Spain made overnight progress tackling monster blazes that have burned dangerously close to large cities. In Spain, which experienced its largest wildfire on record, west of Madrid, a total of 207,000 hectares have burned across the country, according to Effis. Meanwhile, Italy and Portugal have had near-record breaking numbers of fires, and burned areas well above average.

COMMENT

Europe is experiencing one of its worst wildfire seasons on record, with vast areas of Greece, Spain, France, Portugal and Italy engulfed in flames. Whether caused by natural conditions or human activity, the increasing scale and severity of such disasters remind us that the earth itself is becoming a place of growing distress. Joel 2 speaks of God showing "wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke," a prophecy repeated by Peter in Acts 2 when describing the signs preceding the day of the Lord. Jesus also foretold increasing fear and uncertainty among the nations as His return approached. These events remind us that the present order is temporary and that the world increasingly longs for the righteous government of God's coming Kingdom. The whole of creation is groaning at this time as we near His return.

BIBLE QUOTE

And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

(Acts 2:18-19)

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Russian warship conducts live-fire exercise off UK as new PM Burnham reaffirms support for Kyiv

CNN, July 12 2026



EVENT

A Russian naval vessel carried out a rare live-fire weapons exercise off the British coast on Monday, according to the UK's Ministry of Defence, on the first day of Prime Minister Andy Burnham's tenure. The vessel, identified by British media as the "Neustrashimy," conducted the exercise in international waters approximately 40 nautical miles (around 46 miles) from Plymouth, a port city in southwest England. "The Royal Navy monitored that exercise throughout, continues to track the vessel's activity closely and stands ready to protect UK national security," a Ministry of Defence spokesperson told CNN. The incident occurred as Burnham assumed office, and amid increased Russian naval activity near the UK coastline in recent months. Last month, the UK intercepted a Russian "shadow fleet" tanker in the English Channel for first time. Britain's new Defence Secretary Wes Streeting called Russia's actions "performative and irresponsible."

COMMENT Political instability continues in Britain as Andy Burnham, its 7th prime minister in 10 years, took office this week. He has pledged continued support of Ukraine and that Volodymyr Zelensky would be one of the first foreign leaders he would call. Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov pointed to Burnham's support for Kyiv on Tuesday when answering a question about the Russian ship's latest manoeuvre. Asked if there was a link between the UK leader's appointment and the timing of Monday's exercise, Peskov told reporters that Burnham's statements "indicates Britain's intention to continue doing everything possible to continue the war. This is a factor we will certainly take into account." We expect the "king of the south" (US/UK) to continue to "push" (militarily provoke) Gog (King of the north). It is one political area that has remained unchanged.

BIBLE QUOTE

And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

(Daniel 11:40)

Trump agrees landmark nuclear deal with Saudi Arabia

The Times, July 22, 2026



EVENT

President Trump has signed a deal with Saudi Arabia to build a civil nuclear plant in the country and possibly enrich uranium in a move that may raise opposition in Congress. The US Energy Department said the countries had agreed a “peaceful nuclear co-operation agreement” that would create jobs for Americans and benefit US supply chains while helping to fulfil Saudi energy needs. Chris Wright, the US energy secretary, and Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman, the Saudi energy minister, signed the deal alongside a bilateral safeguards agreement. The agreement could “lay the legal foundation for a decades-long, multi-billion-dollar partnership”, a statement said. The agreement will now go through Congress for a review. Specific terms of the deal were not released. Opponents fear that allowing the kingdom access to enrichment technology could one day lead to it developing a nuclear bomb, especially given its close ties and defence agreement with Pakistan, an existing nuclear power.

COMMENT

The proposed US-Iran nuclear agreement is another reminder that diplomacy and conflict continue side by side. While negotiations remain fragile, America is strengthening its partnership with Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states as a counterbalance to Iran. This is significant because Ezekiel 38 places Sheba and Dedan—generally identified with Saudi Arabia—alongside the merchants of Tarshish and the young lions when Gog invades Israel. Rather than joining the invasion, they merely protest it. The developing relationship between America (young lion), Britain (Tarshish) and Saudi Arabia (Sheba) may therefore be another step towards the alignment of nations described by Ezekiel over 2,500 years ago. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch a “young lions” video

BIBLE QUOTE

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(Ezekiel 38:13)

Saudi nuclear deal depends on recognising Israel, says Trump

The Times, July 24, 2026



EVENT

President Trump upended a multibillion-dollar nuclear deal with Saudi Arabia less than 24 hours after it was signed as the White House said it would be “off” unless the kingdom normalised relations with Israel. Trump posted on social media that Riyadh had to sign the Abraham Accords, which have established formal ties between several Arab nations and Israel, as a condition to the deal signed on Wednesday for the US to supply and run nuclear reactors in Saudi Arabia. The deal had been criticised in Congress because it does not prohibit the kingdom from enriching uranium and reprocessing nuclear fuel, and because it could complicate negotiations with Iran on ending its nuclear ambitions. Confirming the extra conditions, the White House press secretary, said: “This deal with Saudi Arabia, the energy deal, is contingent on this condition as far as the president is concerned. So we’ll continue to talk with our Saudi counterparts to get the deal finalised and hopefully see them join the Abraham Accords very soon.” Riyadh has long demanded progress towards a Palestinian state as a fundamental condition for it to sign the accords, making Trump’s new condition effectively a dealbreaker.

COMMENT

President Trump has reportedly linked a wider Middle East agreement to Saudi Arabia establishing diplomatic relations with Israel. Yet Saudi Arabia remains adamant that such recognition can only follow the creation of a Palestinian state. That would require Israel to surrender territory and, in effect, for the land to be divided. Bible prophecy indicates there will be a period of apparent peace before Gog's invasion of Israel in Ezekiel 38, while Joel records God's controversy with the nations because "they have... parted my land". These negotiations demonstrate how diplomacy continues to move towards the very type of settlement Bible students have anticipated for many years.

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 a video on the dividing of Israel

(Joel 3:2)

US and Iran trade more strikes in Gulf as fears of escalation mount

BBC, July 24, 2026



EVENT

Iran says it has carried out drone strikes on US military facilities and bases across the Middle East in retaliation for the 13th consecutive night of American attacks on the country. Explosions were reported along Iran's Gulf coast, and in western, northern and central areas. Four people were killed and five injured in an attack in the south-west, Iranian state media said. Iran later announced strikes on US-allied Kuwait, while sirens sounded in Bahrain and Jordan, and flights were suspended at a major Iraqi airport after a reported drone crash. It comes as Iran condemned the US plan to use frozen Iranian assets to pay for war damages, in a sign of further escalation between the two countries. In June, the US and Iran agreed on a 14-point Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to halt military operations and reopen the Strait of Hormuz, as well as to reach an agreement to end the war over the following 60 days. But three weeks after it was signed, Trump declared the ceasefire "over" after Iranian attacks on ships in the strait.

COMMENT

The conflict between the United States and Iran continues to escalate, with fresh military strikes and retaliatory attacks reinforcing the growing instability across the Gulf. This confrontation is steadily drawing in neighbouring countries and threatening the world's most important maritime trade routes. Isaiah 21 speaks of "the burden of the desert of the sea" before turning to "the burden upon Arabia," describing a time of warfare and distress centred on the Persian Gulf and the Arabian Peninsula. For several weeks we have watched events move progressively through this region, providing another reminder that the nations are increasingly occupying the positions foretold by the prophets...

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)

Yemen's Houthis attack Saudi tankers in the Red Sea threatening to widen Iran war

Reuters, July 23, 2026



EVENT

Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi rebels said they attacked two Saudi oil tankers in the Red Sea on Thursday, potentially widening the Iran war as international oil topped \$100 a barrel. The Houthis have threatened to shut down another key trade route, with the world economy already reeling from Iran's closure of the Strait of Hormuz. Iran and the U.S. have meanwhile stepped up their attacks as they vie for control of the strait, through which a fifth of the world's oil and gas transited in peacetime, setting off a scramble for alternative routes. As the U.S. carried out a 12th night of strikes across Iran, President Donald Trump threatened "major military punishment" against the Houthis if their attacks on ships continue. "If they do this again, the U.S. will hold Iran responsible, in that the Houthis are a Surrogate and/or Proxy of Iran, and major military punishment will be inflicted upon Iran and, of course, the Houthis, themselves," Trump wrote on social media. As the rhetoric escalated, so did the economic fallout. The price of Brent crude oil, the international standard, spiked more than 6% Thursday, to about \$100 a barrel.

COMMENT

What began as a conflict centred on the Persian Gulf is steadily widening. The threat to shipping has now spread to the Red Sea, placing two of the world's greatest maritime choke points under pressure at the same time. This dramatically increases the economic consequences of the war, with oil prices already surging as nations scramble to find alternative routes. Bible prophecy repeatedly shows that the latter days will be characterised by increasing international instability. The nations will ultimately discover that neither military strength nor economic power can bring lasting peace apart from God's coming Kingdom. Isaiah 21 explains that at this time pleasure will turn to fear.....

BIBLE QUOTE

Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I was bowed down at the hearing of it; I was dismayed at the seeing of it. My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me: the night of my **pleasure hath he turned into fear** unto me.

(Isaiah 21:3-4)

The Pentagon, sinking billions into Iran war, is quickly running short on cash

The Washington Post, July 21, 2026

US DEFENCE CHIEF SAYS
IRAN WAR
HAS ALREADY COST
\$37.5 BILLION

EVENT

The Pentagon faces an urgent budget shortfall caused largely by the war in Iran, with some critical lines of funding set to run out within weeks even as President Donald Trump escalates the conflict with Tehran, according to lawmakers and current and former U.S. officials. The funding crunch is already leading the Pentagon to limit training and maintenance that help maintain military readiness, according to four current and former officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity to candidly describe the budget constraints. And the collapsed ceasefire with Iran could further strain the military's budget. The White House has asked Congress for an immediate infusion of \$67 billion to help cover the costs of the war, but lawmakers are gridlocked over how to proceed. This year's defense budget is about \$1 trillion, The Trump administration has requested \$1.5 trillion for 2027, a massive increase that has sparked a fierce debate on Capitol Hill.

COMMENT

The continuing conflict with Iran is placing an enormous strain on America's military resources. Reports suggest that stocks of advanced interceptor missiles are being depleted far faster than they can be replaced, with some experts warning that rebuilding inventories could take years. At the same time, the financial cost of the war continues to escalate, prompting urgent requests for additional defence funding. Bible students have long expected the United States to be in a relatively weakened position by the time of Gog's invasion of Israel. In Ezekiel 38 the merchants of Tarshish and the young lions appear to verbally protest, asking Gog, "Art thou come to take a spoil?" There is no military response. America is the world's superpower but prolonged conflict and mounting costs may be weakening the US and strengthening her enemies...

BIBLE QUOTE

Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: **break out the great teeth of the young lions**, O LORD. Let them melt away as waters which run continually: when he bendeth his bow to shoot his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.

(Psalm 58:6-7)

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US strikes hit Iran for seventh consecutive night

BBC, July 18, 2026



EVENT

The US military said it carried out the seventh night of strikes on Iran since President Donald Trump declared the temporary ceasefire agreement was "over". US Central Command (Centcom) said its forces "hit surveillance sites, military logistics infrastructure, underground weapons storage, and maritime capabilities". Iran said it responded by targeting US allies in the region including Kuwait, which said another of its power and water plants had been hit following a similar attack the previous day. "Another electricity and water distillation plant was targeted by a hostile attack that led to a fire erupting in one of the plant's components," with some power generation units deactivated, the ministry of electricity and water said. Jordan's military also said it had intercepted 10 Iranian missiles fired into its airspace overnight. No damage was reported. Bahrain also said its air defences had "thwarted" Iranian attacks. "US forces employed fighter aircraft, aerial drones, and warships in addition to other assets," it said.

COMMENT The Strait of Hormuz has seized up again with the resumption of conflict between Iran and the US. Trump claimed that the passage remained open and "oil is flowing like never before", but only three commodity ships crossed the strait on Thursday. Isaiah 21 - the burden of the desert of the sea (Persian Gulf) - is still underway with no signs of any solution. Iran is hitting back at nearby Arab nations. Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) has targeted at least seven countries across the Middle East—Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, Jordan, Syria, and Iraq—primarily hitting U.S. military bases, strategic surveillance radars, energy infrastructure, and commercial shipping vessels. This is a multi nation conflict now that is getting steadily worse not better...

BIBLE QUOTE

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(Isaiah 21:1-2)

Saudi Arabia opens new front in Iran war

The Telegraph, July 14, 2026



EVENT

Saudi Arabia has opened a new front in the Iran war after bombing Sana'a airport in Yemen. The strike on Monday damaged the runway and prevented an Iranian airliner from landing in the Yemeni capital, which is controlled by the Houthis, a pro-Tehran proxy militia. The airport bombing was claimed by the internationally recognised Yemeni government, which is heavily backed by Riyadh. However, the Yemeni administration lacks a functioning air force and a Houthi spokesman accused Saudi Arabia of conducting the attack. Two US officials told Axios that Donald Trump gave Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman of Saudi Arabia his support for the military action. The Houthis later fired missiles towards southern Saudi Arabia, which the kingdom said it intercepted. Tehran has threatened to use the Houthis to impose a maritime blockade in the Red Sea. A second blockade on top of the violence in the Strait of Hormuz would escalate the economic crisis prompted by the war.

COMMENT

Saudi Arabia is being drawn into the conflict that was started when the US and Israel attacked Iran. Multiple diplomatic and regional sources confirm that President Trump gave Saudi Arabia a "green light" to act against Yemen. The Houthis are a terror group based in Yemen who are fully supporting Iran. Flights out of Yemen were taking military experts, drone technology, and missile components to Iran. So Saudi Arabia bombed Yemen's main runway to stop this happening. The Trump administration officially greenlit a \$1.96 billion foreign military arms sale to Riyadh to shore up the kingdom in the event war escalates. Isaiah 21 speaks of the burden of the desert of the sea (Persian Gulf) but goes on to talk about the burden of Arabia (Saudi Arabia) and grievousness of war....

BIBLE QUOTE

The burden upon Arabia. In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies of Dedanim. The inhabitants of the land of Tema brought water to him that was thirsty, they prevented with their bread him that fled. For **they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war.** (Isaiah 21:13-15)

Iran said to tell Hezbollah, allies to prepare for wider conflict, which could rope in Israel

The Times of Israel, July 17, 2026

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EVENT

Iran has reportedly told its regional allies, including Hezbollah, to prepare for the possibility of a broader conflict amid military escalations with the United States, raising the prospect of Israel becoming directly involved in the fighting. Leaders of the Iran-backed regional “Axis of Resistance” told allies that the current period of waiting is nearing an end and that preparations for military scenarios have become a priority, Lebanon’s Nidaa Al Watan newspaper reported on Friday, citing information obtained from meetings held in Tehran on the sidelines of the recent funeral of former Iranian supreme leader Ali Khamenei, who was killed when the US and Israel launched the war with Iran at the end of February. Friday’s report came as fighting between the US and Iran has renewed a month after the signing of a preliminary deal that aimed to end the conflict. So far, Israel has not been involved in the latest escalation, and Tehran has not directly targeted the Jewish state. But that could change if Hezbollah, Iran’s Lebanese terror proxy, gets involved and resumes its attacks on Israeli territory.

COMMENT

At the moment Iran has strategically focused its immediate retaliatory strikes exclusively on U.S. military bases and Gulf state neighbours rather than targeting the Israel directly. But intelligence leaks reported in mainstream Jewish press indicate that Iran could soon coordinate a shift that heavily threatens Israeli security. This shift could be mobilising Hezbollah and other proxy terror groups around Israel. This in turn could lead to the final removing of the pricking briers around Israel – the culmination of the inner ring war we have been tracking for many years. It is Zechariah 12 – and the burning up of the surrounding peoples – which leads (following temporary peace) to Armageddon.

BIBLE QUOTE

In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and **they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left:** and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem. **This is not the war of Zechariah 14 where Jerusalem is taken. This is the initial inner ring war.** (Zechairah 12:6)

Stockpile food in case of Russian cyber attack, No 10 to tell public

The Telegraph, July 14, 2026

Stockpile food in case
of Russian cyber attack,
No 10 to tell public



EVENT

The public will be told to stock up on food and water in case of a Russian cyber attack under new plans to prepare the country for conflict. Later this year, ministers will launch a public information campaign to advise households on how to prepare for emergencies, including creating a stockpile of food, medicines and basic survival tools. It comes amid rising concerns of a Russian attack on a Nato country and near-constant cyber attacks on the UK's critical national infrastructure. Darren Jones, the Chief Secretary to the Prime Minister, announced on Tuesday that the Government would also wargame a "hybrid" attack on the UK by a foreign adversary next year. The "national home defence exercise" will see hundreds of civil servants plan their response to a crisis from inside Whitehall. Mr Jones told MPs the Government would launch a "national resilience public awareness campaign" to "inform the public of the small but important steps they can take to be prepared in case of emergencies and disruption".

COMMENT

There was an announcement this week (by UK Chief Secretary to the Prime Minister, Darren Jones), that the UK public is going to be advised to stockpile food, water, medicine, and basic survival items later this year. This marks a significant shift toward proactive public "national resilience" education rather than keeping crisis advice hidden on quiet government webpages. UK citizens will be told to stockpile tins of food, bottled water, torches, blankets, wind up battery powered radio's... The main concern is not a military invasion but around hybrid war from Russia against the UK. Cyber attacks or the severing of internet undersea cables. The time of trouble such as never was is coming.

BIBLE QUOTE

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: **and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was** since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.
(Daniel 12:1)

With death of Lindsey Graham, Israel loses key backer as its isolation deepens

Washington Post, July 15, 2026



EVENT

The senator represented a foreign policy consensus on U.S. support for Israel that has begun to collapse under President Donald Trump. In recent years, when Sen. Lindsey Graham was not in Washington or back home in South Carolina, he could often be found in Israel. The hawkish Republican senator, who died Saturday at 71, visited the country at least a dozen times since the Hamas-led attack on Oct. 7, 2023, which plunged the region into conflict. Before that, he often visited in the company of the senators Joseph Lieberman and John McCain, who died in 2024 and 2018 respectively. Even as public opinion on support for Israel grew increasingly divided in the United States, becoming a wedge issue, and as growing factions within his own party called to reassess the alliance, Graham remained one of Israel's most unwavering advocates to the last. Israelis took notice. With his death, that circle of defenders of Israel and its government who have persisted in President Donald Trump's remade Republican establishment continues to shrink.

COMMENT

"Israel has lost one of its greatest friends," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a statement about the death of Sen. Lindsey Graham. Netanyahu is planning to arrive in the U.S. over the weekend to attend a memorial service for Graham in Washington on Tuesday. Graham linked support for Israel to his faith. "Here's a message for America: Don't ever turn your back on Israel, because God will turn his back on us." There is a substantial, historic shift away from unconditional support for Israel in America. This week over 100 democrats voted to slash military aid to Israel. Israel's isolation is deepening. The Bible says Israel will one day turn to God AND Jesus....

BIBLE QUOTE

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and **they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son**, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.
(Zechariah 12:10)

Chief Rabbi asks Church of England to reject Gaza 'genocide' report

The Times, July 8, 2026



EVENT

The Chief Rabbi and senior British Jewish leaders have expressed dismay at the Church of England's plans to debate a "shocking" document that uses the terms genocide, colonialism and apartheid to describe Israeli actions in Palestine. The report, produced by a group of Palestinian Christians, decries what is described as the "genocidal war on Gaza" by Israel. A vote is to be held by the General Synod, the church's assembly, on whether to formally include the document as part of the materials it uses in its "quest for greater understanding of the situation" in the Middle East. The document is entitled "A Moment of Truth: Faith in a Time of Genocide", also referred to as Kairos II after the group that produced it, Kairos Palestine. It states: "The genocidal war on Gaza is the continuation of the Zionist project to seize all of Palestine, emptied of its Palestinian people

COMMENT

Kairos II is a document published by Kairos Palestine, a prominent Palestinian Christian ecumenical movement. It is called Kairos because it uses an ancient Greek concept to declare that the current situation has reached a critical, historic turning point that demands immediate, decisive action. The text uses deeply inflammatory language, explicitly characterising Israel's military campaigns as genocide, ethnic cleansing, and apartheid. This document was debated at the Church of England synod this week. The Synod overwhelmingly voted to pass an amended motion to "hear" and engage with the Kairos II document. This is yet another sign of latter day Tyre (London – Britain) singing like a harlot i.e. turning away from God and his ways and instead promoting false doctrines and teachings. See Isaiah 23. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch a video on this....

BIBLE QUOTE

And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: **after the end of seventy years shall Tyre sing as an harlot.** [CLICK HERE](#) to watch a video that explains in detail Isaiah 23 and how Queen Elizabeth who reigned for 70 years is the ruler ruler mentioned in this chapter... and also what comes after her death. *(Isaiah 23:15)*

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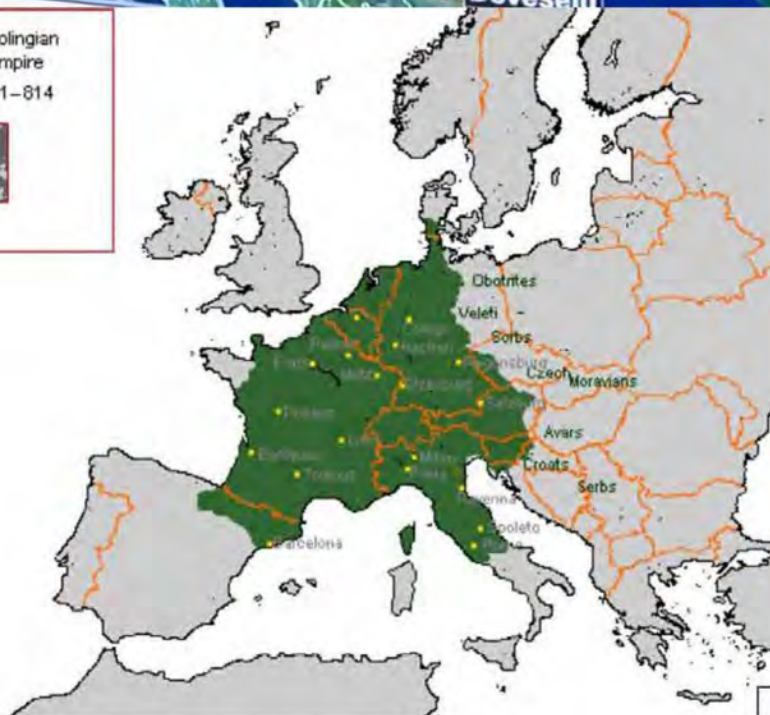
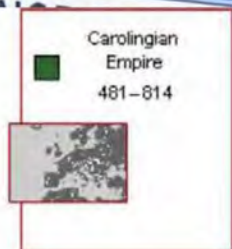
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European Economic Community

MOSCOW (Meshech)

TOBOLSK (Tubal)

TURKEY
(Togarmah)

IRAQ/IRAN
(Persia)

INDIA

LIBYA

DEDAN

SHEBA

ETHIOPIA

AUSTRALIA

God's Plan With This Earth

The Last Terrible 40 Years – Part 1

The Last Terrible 40 Years – Part 2

The Last Terrible 40 Years – Part 3

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

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"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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