

This Week's Developments

March 5 - 11, 2023

- FBI: threat to kill Michigan AG Nessel, Jewish officials
- All signs point to imminent Israeli attack on Iran
- Iran is gearing up to attack Britain and the West
- Iran & Saudi Arabia to renew ties after seven-year rift
- Israel rocked by biggest wave of protests in years
- Russia's deficit leaps to £29bn as Putin spends on war
- Russia fires hypersonic missiles in new barrage
- *Additional & Supporting Articles*

Map 1

Map 2

FBI says man threatened to kill Michigan AG Nessel, other Jewish officials

Mlive, March 02, 2023



EVENT

Jack Eugene Carpenter III was in Texas posting conspiratorial messages on Twitter when he openly threatened to return home to Michigan and kill Jewish officials in the government, officials said. This is according to a newly unsealed criminal complaint by the FBI, who arrested Carpenter for transmitting an interstate threat. “I’m heading back to Michigan now threatening to carry out the punishment of death to anyone that is jewish in the Michigan govt if they don’t leave, or confess ...” Carpenter tweeted Feb. 17. The 41-year-old was outside Fort Worth, Texas, while he tweeted on Feb. 18 – his last day of posting before being arrested – that “any attempt to subdue me will be met with deadly force in self-defense.” Prominent Jewish people in Michigan government include Attorney General Dana Nessel, U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin and some state lawmakers.” He claimed everything within a nine-mile radius of his house in Tipton was a sovereign country called “New Israel.” Carpenter’s Twitter account is still active and shows more than 4,000 tweets, many conspiratorial, antisemitic or barely coherent.

COMMENT

Anti-Semitism is on the rise around the world and especially in America. 2021, the latest year for current statistics, shows that antisemitic incidents reached an all-time high in the United States in 2021, with a total of 2,717 incidents of assault, harassment and vandalism reported to ADL (the Anti-Defamation League). This is the highest number on record. 2022 will almost certainly see another increase. It is being fueled by prominent people – including high-profile entertainers, athletes and certain politicians who have openly embraced antisemitic views. This latest threat was thwarted by the FBI, but it is noteworthy that this person is not alone in his mission; his twitter account shows 4000 likeminded antisemitic conspiratorial tweets. This is predicted in the pages of the Bible.

BIBLE QUOTE

“If you refuse to obey all the words of instruction that are written in this book, the LORD will scatter you among all the nations from one end of the earth to the other. There ... you will find no peace or place to rest. And the LORD will cause your heart to tremble... Your life will constantly hang in the balance. You will live night and day in fear, unsure if you will survive. *Deu 28:58,64-66 NLT*

All signs point to imminent Israeli attack on Iran

Israel Today, March 6, 2023



EVENT

Is Israel about to strike Iran's nuclear facilities? It sure looks that way. The Jewish state has been preparing for years for such an eventuality, and now it appears the time has arrived. The head of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Raphael Grossi, met with Iranian officials on Saturday and then issued a statement that it would be "illegal" for anyone to carry out an attack on a nuclear facility. Grossi had previously warned that Iran was on the verge of going nuclear. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu responded that Grossi had made an "unworthy" assertion, hinting that perhaps the IAEA chief was pressured to say what he said by his Iranian hosts. Meanwhile, America's two top military officials – the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Secretary of Defense – are in the midst of unscheduled visits to Israel. Ron Ben-Yishai, military analyst for Israel's largest newspaper, Yediot Ahronot, said that his sources revealed that the Americans were concerned that Israel was about to launch a surprise attack on Iran without coordinating beforehand with Washington.

COMMENT

Israel has been preparing for years to strike Iran to halt its development of nuclear weapons. So could it happen soon? There are a few reasons why it might. US officials have confirmed Iran could have enough fissile material to build a bomb in 2 weeks. Iran is on the threshold of becoming a nuclear state. Also Iran and Russia have a newfound closeness as a result of the Ukraine war. This may allow Iran a greater military foothold in Syria with Israel prevented by Russia from attacking Iranian targets. Finally there is trouble internally with Israel with mass protests around the country. An attack could divert attention. Whatever happens we know Iran will join with Russia in invading Israel.

BIBLE QUOTE

And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: **Persia** [Iran], Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:

(Ezekiel 38:4-5)

Iran is gearing up to attack Britain and the West

Daily Telegraph, March 9, 2023



EVENT

With world attention understandably focused on the Ukraine crisis, we should not be surprised that rogue nations should be seeking to exploit the conflict in order to advance their own nefarious agendas. For most of the past decade, British security officials, when asked to rank hostile states that threaten our national wellbeing, have put Russia in first place, with China coming a close second. Other threats, such as those posed by Iran and North Korea, as well as the continuing challenge presented by militant Islamist groups, have been deemed less immediate while still worthy of close monitoring. The suggestion, therefore, that the Islamic Republic of **Iran is now regarded as posing the second most potent threat to Britain** in security circles shows just how much progress the ayatollahs have made in developing their military strength while the rest of the world has been distracted by the tragic events unfolding in Ukraine.

COMMENT

The UK prime minister said recently that 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. Iran has been emboldened by the Ukraine war. Through that conflict Iran has managed to intensify its confrontation with the West by supplying drones and weapons to Russia. The Bible talks about the Medes (Iranians) being “stirred up”. It talks about their obsession with “bows” (we would say – missiles). It talks about their ideological zeal rather than wanting wealth. All this is in Isaiah 13 which although has had an initial fulfilment back around 500 BC it definitely has a last days fulfilment as well. We read that “the world will be punished”, man will be rarer than gold, the earth will be shaken and moved out of her place in the wrath of the LORD of hosts.

BIBLE QUOTE

Behold, I will stir up the Medes [Iranians] against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it. [their drive is ideological] Their bows [missiles] also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children. [they don't care about life – even of small children] [Read verses 6-13](#) (Isaiah 13:17-18)

Iran and Saudi Arabia to renew ties after seven-year rift

BBC, March 10, 2023



EVENT

Middle East regional rivals Iran and Saudi Arabia have agreed to restore diplomatic relations, seven years after severing them in a bitter row. The unexpected announcement came after four days of talks between officials from both sides in China. Saudi Arabia cut ties in January 2016 after demonstrators stormed its embassy in Tehran following Riyadh's execution of a prominent Shia Muslim cleric. Tensions between the Sunni and Shia-led neighbours have since often been high. They regard each other as a threatening power that seeks regional dominance. They also support rival sides across the Middle East, including in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq - and most overtly in Yemen. In the most serious incident of its kind, drones and missiles struck major Saudi oil facilities in 2019, causing damage and disruption to production. Saudi Arabia and its US ally blamed Iran for the attack - something Iran denied. Previous attempts at reconciliation have been unsuccessful, but **on Friday the two countries said they would reopen embassies within two months. They will also re-establish trade and security relations.**

COMMENT

This article does not appear to align with Bible prophecy. We are expecting (with Bible in hand) Iran to be opposing Saudi Arabia at the time of the end. It is one of those occasions that we stand firm with God's Word and are not swayed by something that looks different to what God says will happen. In fact the scepticism about this announcement was there this week when the White House spokesman said, "It really does remain to be seen if Iran is going to meet their obligations." The Bible says Persia (Iran) will be joined with Russia at the end. It also says Saudi Arabia (Sheba) will be part of the opposing force. So Iran and Saudi Arabia will be opposing each other not allies...

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 [Iran]: besiege, O Media [Iran]; **The desert of the sea = Persian Gulf between Iran & Saudi Arabia – trouble is coming not peace** (Isaiah 21:1-2)

Israel rocked by biggest wave of protests in years

Financial Times, March 8, 2023



EVENT

Israel has been rocked by the biggest wave of protests for more than a decade, with hundreds of thousands of Israelis joining weekly demonstrations against changes they regard as a fundamental threat to the country's democratic institutions. In a sign of the widening scope of public anger, a group of reservists from an elite air force squadron said this week that they would not take part in training flights. The pilots subsequently agreed to report to their base for "dialogue" after appeals from officials to abandon the protest plan. The political turmoil has coincided with a surge of violence in the occupied West Bank. Israeli forces have killed more than 65 Palestinians while Palestinians have killed 13 Israelis and one Ukrainian since the beginning of the year, stoking fears of a broader escalation of the conflict. The US has watched the growing protest movement with concern, with President Joe Biden and senior administration officials urging Israel to build consensus before enacting any big changes.

COMMENT

Israel is in internal turmoil at the moment. Normally we are reporting Israel versus the Palestinians or one of the terror groups but this time it is Israeli v Israeli. Many describe this as a battle for the soul of the nation. Israel has been gripped by an increasingly bitter battle between an alliance of "far-right" nationalist and religious parties driving the proposed reforms and those against. Netanyahu and his allies want politicians to have more power over courts. Many believe that this will enable the Jewish settler movement to expand its footprint across the West Bank. It may also allow Israel to annex the West Bank into Israel proper. All of this could well be part of what causes "all nations to be gathered against Jerusalem to battle." Only Christ's return will create peace in the land.

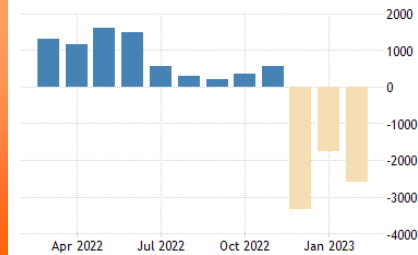
BIBLE QUOTE

Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

(Zechariah 14:1-2)

Russia's deficit leaps to £29bn as Putin spends ferociously

Daily Telegraph, March 7, 2023



EVENT

Russia's budget deficit jumped in the first two months of the year as Vladimir Putin suffered a slump in oil and gas takings amid sanctions triggered by his war in Ukraine. The Kremlin's shortfall reached 2.58trn roubles (£29bn) in January and February, with spending 51.5pc higher in the first two months of 2023 at 5.74trn roubles (£64bn), the Finance Ministry said today. While it did not break out the monthly totals, spending in February appeared to fall from January's 3.12trn roubles (£35bn). Moscow relies on income from oil and gas - last year around 11.6trn roubles (£130bn) - to fund its budget spending. It has been forced to start selling international reserves to cover a deficit stretched by the cost of the Ukraine conflict. **Europe and Britain have been trying to diversify sources of gas supply, buying more from the US, as well as shift towards other sources of energy.**

COMMENT

According to the Russian Ministry of Finance, federal budget revenues in the first two months of 2023 were down 25 percent compared with the same period in 2022. This is mainly due to the falling oil and gas prices – down 46 percent. At the same time the war in Ukraine is increasing Russian expenditure which is up 58 percent on previous year. However, experts say Russia still has a lot “in the tank” and as so much of the economy is state owned it can ride this out for sometime. All this talk though of huge pressure on Russia’s economy has echo’s of the words of John Thomas (first Christadelphian) who wrote in 1848 – “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.”

BIBLE QUOTE

in the latter years thou [Gog – the Autocrat] shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them. To take a spoil, [John Thomas foresaw with Bible in hand events we now see in 2023](#)(Ezekiel 38:8+12)

Russia fires hypersonic missiles in new barrage

BBC, March 8, 2023



EVENT Russian forces launched dozens of missiles and drones across Ukraine early Thursday — including hypersonic missiles that Ukrainian air defenses cannot intercept — killing at least six people and damaging critical infrastructure or residential buildings in 10 regions, including the capital. The overnight and early-morning barrage Thursday — which included 81 missiles of different types as well as Iranian-made drones — **sent a clear message from Moscow that Russia would not be cowed by international pressure into abandoning its war aims, which include the illegal annexation of at least four regions in southeast Ukraine.** Ukrainian officials have said the airstrikes were designed to weaken Ukrainian resolve, and on March 1 — the official first day of spring — the country celebrated both the new season and its survival of the Russian bombardment.

COMMENT Russia's hypersonic missile is named the Kinzhal – Russian for dagger. Estimates vary but analysts say each one costs in the region of \$13-\$15 million. Russia launched 6 of these this week as well as over 70 other missiles and drones. The Kinzhal flies at 3852 miles per hour and can fly 1240 miles. Putin says they are impossible to shoot down. They can also carry nuclear weapons. By using these weapons Putin's message is simple – “I will go to any lengths to achieve my goals”. Putin will never back down on taking the Donbas region into Russia. The UK and French leaders said this week that this war will end at the negotiating table. And at some point it will but far more destruction could come before then. Putin will walk away with something he will call success but at an astonishing cost. The vengeance for that cost will be when he [Gog] invades Israel....

BIBLE QUOTE And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push [militarily provoke] at him [Gog]: 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. He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: *(Daniel 11:40-41)*

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

2023-03-11 [What are the implications of Saudi-Iranian diplomatic deal](#) - 28.10 min - YouTube

2023-03-11 [Ukraine says Bakhmut battle is giving it an edge](#) - Latest News - English News - Top News - WION - 3.47 min - YouTube

2023-03-11 [China's role in Saudi-Iran deal a tricky test for the U.S.](#) - Latest World News - English News - WION - 7.56 min - YouTube

2023-03-10 [Iran & Saudi Arabia restore Relations; Israel to increase Gas Exports](#) - Watchman Newscast - 14.17 min - YouTube

2023-03-09 [John Paul Child abuse claims trigger angry reactions in Poland](#) - AP News

2023-03-09 [China brokers truce between Iran & Saudi Arabia](#) - Gravitas - 5.15 min - YouTube

2023-03-09 [Australia snubs out British submarines](#) - Gravitas - 5.03 min - YouTube

2023-03-06 [Israel Strike on Iran Nuclear Sites Outlawed by UN- Wars & Rumors of War](#) - Watchman Newscast - 9.46 min - YouTube

2023-01-31 [Is Russia's Invasion of Ukraine still a Religious War](#) - Religion and Global Society

2023-03-03 Sara Netanyahu in the eye of the storm - Gravitas - 8.13 min - YouTube

2023-03-02 FBI says man threatened to kill Michigan AG Nessel, other Jewish officials - mlive.com

2023-03-01 U.S. Official Makes Explosive Claim About Iran's Nuclear Program - Firstpost - 4.58 min - YouTube

2023-03-01 Iran can produce enough material for a nuclear bomb in 12 days- Pentagon - The Hill

2023-02-28 What Was Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Doing in Ukraine - Firstpost - 6.12 min - YouTube

2023-02-26 Putin reveals Moscow's main issue with US — RT Russia & Former Soviet Union

2023-02-25 Turkey maintains cordial links with Russia on first anniversary of Ukraine war

2023-02-25 EU introduces sanctions against 96 Russian, Iranian entities - World - TASS

2023-02-25 By Caving to Israel, Biden Opens the Door to War With Iran - GV Wire - Explore. Explain. Expose

2023-02-23 Russia- Ukraine plans to invade Transnistria - Gravitas - 3.24 min - 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



1. LITHUANIA
2. LUXEMBOURG
3. LIECHTENSTEIN
4. CZECH REPUBLIC
5. BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA
6. YUGOSLAVIA

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

