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Trump endorses Netanyahu ahead of Israeli election

Israel National News, October 18, 2026



EVENT

US President Donald Trump gave his "complete and total endorsement" to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday, just nine days before Israel's Oct. 27 Knesset election. "If Israel has the wrong Leader, which would be anyone other than Bibi, America will have to do this work ourselves, and I am not inclined to do so," Trump wrote on Truth Social, referring to the campaign against Iran. Until now, Trump had refrained from endorsing Netanyahu, repeatedly sidestepping reporters' questions on the subject in recent weeks. Trump described Netanyahu as a "Great Warrior Prime Minister, and an even greater Partner for Peace" in the fight against the Islamic Republic of Iran. He praised the Israeli leader for having been "Strong, Brave, and Brilliant in the face of tremendous opposition, including that coming from even Israel, itself."

COMMENT

Could Trump's endorsement relate to reports that America and Israel are preparing for another major military offensive against Iran? Trump may well believe that Netanyahu must remain in power if their military objectives are to be completed. We have long considered Psalm 83 to describe a latter-day conflict involving Israel and her surrounding enemies, who seek to destroy her as a nation. Significantly, verse 8 includes Assur among this confederacy. The ancient Assyrian Empire extended into parts of modern-day Iran, and we have suggested that Assur could therefore represent wider enemies of Israel, including Iran itself. We believe this inner-ring conflict has not yet reached its conclusion. Could a renewed American and Israeli offensive against Iran trigger another stage of this war, drawing in Hezbollah and Israel's other surrounding enemies? This week's election could have enormous consequences for the Middle East.

BIBLE QUOTE

They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance."

Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah.

(Psalm 83:4,8)

Iran threatens to cut Hormuz internet cables

Daily Telegraph, October 20, 2026



EVENT

Iran has threatened to cut undersea internet cables that run beneath the Strait of Hormuz to choke the global banking system. Gen Hossein Mohebbi, spokesman for the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), described the communication lines on the seabed as “legitimate new targets”. Severing the cables could affect global systems, disrupting financial markets, bank transactions, healthcare and the consumer internet. “Seven large cables pass beneath the Strait of Hormuz, and all internet and commercial data pass through them,” Gen Mohebbi said. He added: “We just want them to know that new targets and new weapons will be unveiled.” Mohebbi said the war between Iran and the United States, now in its eighth month, had entered a lull before a possible “third phase” in which Iran would reveal a “new geography of war”, new targets and new weapons.

COMMENT

Iran is intensifying its attacks on shipping in the Strait of Hormuz, with October reportedly seeing the highest number of attacks since the war began. Now Iran has threatened to sever the undersea internet cables that carry vital financial and communications data around the world. Such an attack could cause enormous disruption to banking, trade, healthcare and the global economy. Iran has warned of a possible third phase of the war involving new weapons and new targets. This is particularly interesting in the light of Isaiah 21, which begins with “the burden of the desert of the sea”. We have suggested this could have a latter-day application to the Persian Gulf. Verse 2 declares, “Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media.” Elam was situated beside the Persian Gulf, close to the Strait of Hormuz. We are witnessing Iran effectively besieging this vital waterway, but could the word “besiege” extend beyond restricting shipping to cutting the world's communications and financial connections?

BIBLE QUOTE

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. Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: **I was dismayed at the seeing of it.** (Isaiah 21:2-4)

UK to deploy jets to defend Saudi Arabia from Houthi attacks

BBC, October 20, 2026



EVENT

The UK will deploy RAF Typhoon jets to defend Saudi Arabia in response to escalating Houthi missile and drone attacks, the government has said. The defensive mission will help defend Saudi cities and infrastructure - a move authorised by Prime Minister Andy Burnham - against aerial attacks by the Iran-backed group. It follows Houthi attacks on the Saudi capital Riyadh, as well as on energy sites on the country's coast. "These aircraft will operate in a defensive role and will not conduct offensive strikes against the Houthis," Defence Secretary Wes Streeting said in a written statement on Tuesday. The Houthis are locked in a civil war with Yemen's internationally recognised government, which is backed by Saudi Arabia and were ousted by the group from capital, Sanaa, in 2014. Since September, Saudi Arabia has been struggling to defend its skies from Houthi attacks after a ceasefire of sorts in Yemen broke down.

COMMENT

This is a remarkable development in the light of Ezekiel 38:13, which brings together Sheba, Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish, with their young lions. Sheba and Dedan are the Arabian Peninsula, particularly Saudi Arabia, while Tarshish is Britain and the young lions include America. Britain has maintained exceptionally close relations with Saudi Arabia for more than a century, including the Treaty of Jeddah in 1927. Now Britain is stepping forward to provide direct military protection to the Saudi kingdom. Interestingly, America has traditionally been Saudi Arabia's principal military protector, but with Washington increasingly stretched by the war with Iran and its own political pressures, Britain is taking a more prominent role. We are surely witnessing the strengthening of the very relationship described in Ezekiel 38. We watch events develop

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?

(Ezekiel 38:13)

Putin sends fishing trawlers to spy on Britain

Daily Telegraph, October 21, 2026



EVENT Russia is deploying fishing trawlers to spy on the UK's critical undersea cables, The Telegraph can disclose. Civilian vessels are being tracked by Nato as they carry out espionage for Vladimir Putin in waters around Britain. Ministers have confirmed that Moscow is using "commercial proxies" to threaten vital undersea infrastructure. On Thursday, the Government will lay out plans for cable saboteurs to face lengthy jail terms and unlimited fines as part of a security crackdown. Analysis by The Telegraph has uncovered more than 500 incidents in which Russian trawlers loitered above vital communications cables linking Britain with Europe and the US, or followed their routes for miles. It suggests that Russian vessels are mapping the precise locations of fibre-optic cables carrying billions of pounds of economic activity every day, potentially allowing them to be attacked in a future conflict with Nato.

COMMENT This is interesting in the light of Daniel 11:40, which describes a confrontation between the king of the south and the king of the north at the time of the end. We understand the latter-day king of the south to involve Britain and her allies, while Russia represents the king of the north. The prophecy describes the king of the south pushing against the king of the north, provoking a dramatic military response. Could Russia already be identifying Britain's vulnerabilities in preparation for such a confrontation? Attacking undersea cables could potentially cripple a nation without firing a conventional shot. Interestingly, Iran has also threatened to sever undersea cables in the Strait of Hormuz. We are witnessing growing threats to the infrastructure upon which the modern world depends.

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)

UK households urged to prepare for emergencies and 'attacks' in new government guidance

The Independent, October 23, 2026



EVENT

The British public is being urged to prepare for food shortages and widespread disruption from cyber attacks and emergencies under a new national initiative. The 'Be Ready' campaign marks the beginning of a three-year drive to boost household emergency preparedness, as Defence Secretary Wes Streeting unveils updated advice for threats such as flooding and wildfires. UK households are advised to take simple steps in case everyday services are disrupted, like keeping a three-day supply of cash, bottled water and tinned food at home. A new government website has also been launched with an emergency kit checklist that can be downloaded. Mr Streeting previously called for a "whole society approach" to strengthen national resilience, though he insisted people should remain "alert not alarmed" regarding potential risks.

COMMENT

Similar advice has been issued by other European governments, suggesting a growing awareness that a major crisis could be approaching. This is particularly interesting in the light of Daniel 12:1, which describes a coming "time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation". Jesus also speaks of a time of great tribulation unlike anything the world has previously experienced. We believe these prophecies point to an unprecedented period of international distress immediately before the establishment of God's Kingdom. Governments are increasingly preparing their populations for serious disruption, whether through war, cyberattacks or the breakdown of essential infrastructure. The authorities already appear to be recognising the dangers of a crisis far greater than anything experienced in recent generations. Our greatest priority should be to build up reserves of spiritual food, strengthening faith through God's Word.

BIBLE QUOTE

And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. **Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass** (Luke 21:34-35)

King Charles and Pope Leo revive 500-year-old Catholic title

AOL, October 23, 2026



EVENT

Pope Leo XIV has been granted the title of Papal Confrater of the College of St George at St George's Chapel, Windsor, with King Charles's approval. The Dean and Canons of Windsor announced the honour, which they described as a visible expression of spiritual fellowship, ecumenical friendship and Christian fraternity. The gesture acknowledges the long-standing ties between the College and Chapel of St George and the Holy See, as well as advances in relations between the Roman Catholic Church, the Church of England and the wider Anglican Communion. It arrives precisely one year after the King and Queen undertook a historic State Visit to the Holy See, during which Charles was received as Royal Confrater of the Papal Basilica and Abbey of St Paul's Outside the Walls in Rome. **The exchange represents the first time in roughly 500 years that such religious titles have been conferred between the two churches.**

COMMENT

King Charles and Pope Leo have exchanged historic religious honours, reviving a relationship between the British monarchy and the Roman Catholic Church that dates back before the Reformation. The Pope has been made a “Papal Confrater” of St George's Chapel at Windsor, while King Charles was previously made a “Royal Confrater” of St Paul's Basilica in Rome. Confrater is Latin for “fellow brother”, and **these honorary titles symbolise spiritual fellowship between the two churches.** Remarkably, this is the first such exchange in approximately 500 years. This is particularly interesting in the light of Isaiah 23. Latter day Tyre is spoken of as singing like a harlot after a 70 year period that lines up with one Royal ruler. That ruler we identify as Queen Elizabeth. Since her death Britain has indeed sung like a harlot...

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.** To fully understand the significance of this please [CLICK HERE](#) to watch a YouTube talk that covers this entire chapter which shows how London became a the latter day Tyre... (Isaiah 23:15)

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- Trump waives Russia sanctions over Zelensky row
- EU rallies in support of Ukraine amid Trump standoff
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Iran warned Hezbollah to prepare for war as it expects US strikes soon

Jerusalem Post, October 15, 2026



EVENT

The Iranian regime told Hezbollah leaders in Lebanon to be prepared for the United States to resume the war with Iran, following Wednesday's report that Iran currently estimates that "an American attack is only a matter of time," two diplomatic sources told The Jerusalem Post on Thursday. Iran's message to Hezbollah, according to the sources, was: "We estimate that an American attack is a matter of time - you should also be prepared." One prominent change in Hezbollah's strategy, according to the sources, was adopting elements of Iran's "mosaic defense" doctrine, which decentralizes military responsibilities and reduces reliance on a central command hierarchy. A source told Beirut-based independent news outlet Al-Modon earlier this week that Hezbollah is preparing to rearm and rebuild its terror capabilities in the event of an escalation with the IDF amid rising regional tensions. Hezbollah is "anticipating" war and "has succeeded in taking advantage of the extended ceasefire period to rebuild its military capabilities.

COMMENT

This report particularly interesting in the light of Psalm 83, which describes a confederacy of peoples surrounding Israel who unite with one purpose: to destroy Israel. Psalm 83 also describes the ultimate destruction of this confederacy, asking God to deal with them as with "Sisera". Sisera was destroyed and so was his army, and the threat to Israel was removed. We believe a similar outcome awaits Israel's surrounding enemies. It is therefore interesting that Israel has threatened to seize further territory in southern Lebanon if Hezbollah resumes its attacks. Could this be another stage in the conflict that ultimately brings about the defeat of Israel's nearby enemies? The present ceasefire may simply be a pause before the inner-ring war resumes. We watch and wait.

BIBLE QUOTE

They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance."

Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison.

(Psalm 83:4,9)

Iranian attacks sink two ships in Strait of Hormuz

Washington Post, October 14, 2026



EVENT

Two ships sank in the Strait of Hormuz this week after being hit by Iranian attacks amid an escalation in violence in the critical waterway. A Singapore-registered container ship, the GFS Pride, was attacked while transiting the strait on Tuesday, according to a statement from the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore. The vessel caught fire after the attack, the statement said, but all crew members were evacuated and no injuries were reported. In a separate incident, a bulk-carrier sank Wednesday after sustaining an Iranian attack last month, according to the International Maritime Organization, a United Nations agency that regulates shipping. Iranian attacks in the Strait of Hormuz have been on the rise in response to a U.S. push to increase oil flows through the waterway. In the past two weeks, Iran has struck more than 14 vessels in the strait. October has been one of the most violent months in the waterway since the war involving Iran, the United States and Israel began on Feb. 28.

COMMENT

The conflict in the Strait of Hormuz is clearly far from over. Isaiah 21 begins with “the burden of the desert of the sea.” The word “burden” describes a weighty prophetic message, and the continuing crisis is certainly becoming an enormous burden upon the nations of the world. Isaiah 21:2 then declares, “Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media.” Elam and Media were ancient territories within modern-day Iran. Significantly, Elam bordered the Persian Gulf, close to the Strait of Hormuz. The prophecy speaks of besieging, and today we are witnessing Iran effectively laying siege to one of the world's most important shipping routes threatening global energy supplies. Despite months of conflict and repeated attempts to reopen the waterway, the crisis continues to escalate. The burden of the sea continues - there is no sign that this conflict is coming to an end.

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)

Saudi Arabia airport hit by second Houthi strike after 13 killed in attack

The Times, October 11, 2026



EVENT

One person has been killed and 11 injured in a second strike on the international airport in the Saudi capital Riyadh, officials have said. A Saudi military spokesman said a projectile had hit King Khalid International Airport on Sunday, causing a fire in a passenger hall. Saudi Arabia's civil aviation authority said in a statement on X that one person, a Pakistani resident, had been killed in the attack. It comes a day after a strike on the same airport killed 13 people and injured 308 others. There have been a series of other attacks earlier in the week. The Houthis in Yemen said they were behind them and warned airlines and passengers against using Saudi Arabian airports and airspace. The group said they had targeted the airport with a mix of ballistic and cruise missiles, as well as drones in the past 24 hours. They also attacked oil facilities and Dammam airport in eastern Saudi Arabia, their military spokesman Brig Gen Yahya Saree said. He vowed to continue the "escalating operations deep inside Saudi Arabia."

COMMENT

Isaiah 21 contains not only "the burden of the desert of the sea" in verse 1, which we have connected with the Persian Gulf, but also "the burden upon Arabia" in verse 13. Verses 14 and 15 describe the inhabitants of Arabia fleeing from the violence of war. The prophecy then speaks of the glory of Kedar failing and the number of its mighty men being diminished. Kedar was an Arabian people descended from Ishmael, associated with the northern Arabian desert. Could we now be witnessing the beginnings of this latter-day burden upon Arabia? The conflict that has effectively besieged the Persian Gulf is increasingly spreading into the Arabian Peninsula, threatening its airports, oil infrastructure and population. Isaiah's sequence continues...

BIBLE QUOTE

The burden upon Arabia. In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies of Dedanim. For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch the full Isaiah sequence from chapter 13 to chapter 24..

(Isaiah 21:13-16)

Trump waives several Russia sanctions as row with Zelensky intensifies

BBC, October 17, 2026



EVENT

Donald Trump has used his presidential authority to block numerous sanctions on Russia two days before they were due to take effect, as a row with his Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelensky deepens. The sanctions were passed by the US Congress and signed into law by Trump in September. But the US president issued an executive order on Friday night saying that withholding some was in the US "national interest", prompting a backlash from US lawmakers. It comes as tensions between Washington and Kyiv fray again - culminating in accusations of the Trump administration withdrawing key military support - over a controversial deal to import diesel struck by the US with Russia last week. The new US sanctions law took aim at Russia's economy, giving Trump broad powers to levy tariffs of up to 100% on imports from the top five purchasers of Russian oil and gas – most significantly China and India.

COMMENT

The relationship between President Trump and Ukrainian President Zelensky appears to be deteriorating once again, while Trump seems increasingly willing to accommodate Putin. Having agreed to import Russian diesel last week, Trump has now blocked sanctions against Russia that were passed by Congress and signed into law by the president himself. This is a remarkable change in America's approach to Russia. Rather than confronting Putin, Trump increasingly appears prepared to reach agreements with him, even at the expense of Ukraine. We have long expected a weakening of American power and influence in the latter days, particularly in relation to Russia. Ezekiel 38 says that Tarshish / young lions (UK / US) purely question Gog - there's no military response.

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?

(Ezekiel 38:13)

EU rallies in support of Ukraine amid Trump standoff

Al Jazeera, October 16, 2026



EVENT

“This is no time to withdraw support to Ukraine,” said European Council President Antonio Costa, standing beside the Ukrainian leader. “This is no time to relieve Russia’s sanctions. Now it is time to increase our support, to increase our pressure.” The EU is hosting Zelenskyy at one of the most difficult moments for Ukraine, four-and-a-half years after neighbouring Russia invaded it. Russian missiles and drones have rained down on Ukrainian cities daily, and Kyiv’s souring relationship with the United States has sparked fears that Washington could pull back crucial intelligence sharing and weapons support. Arriving at the summit, Zelenskyy thanked EU leaders for their support and pointedly referred to them as “real leaders”. That remark appeared to be a dig at US President Donald Trump, who last weekend blindsided the Ukrainian president by announcing that Kyiv and Moscow had agreed not to target each other’s energy facilities.

COMMENT

A division appears to be developing between America and Europe over Russia. While President Trump is easing sanctions against Putin and relations with Zelensky deteriorate, European leaders are taking the opposite approach, pledging greater support for Ukraine and increased pressure on Moscow. Could this growing disagreement eventually threaten the future of NATO itself? Since the Second World War, Europe's defence has depended heavily upon American military power. But if America becomes increasingly unwilling to defend European interests, the nations of Europe may be forced to develop their own independent military alliance. This is particularly interesting in the light of Revelation 17, which describes ten kings who eventually “have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.”

BIBLE QUOTE

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

(Revelation 17:12-13)

Hundreds of British troops to rehearse Ukraine mission

The Times, October 16, 2026



EVENT

Hundreds of British troops will head to Poland next month to rehearse deploying to Ukraine in the event of a ceasefire. The exercise will be the first of its kind aimed at preparing for a postwar situation in the country involving European boots on the ground acting as a deterrent. Military personnel from several countries including France and Germany will simulate moving troops and logistical supplies such as food and fuel as part of a multinational peacekeeping effort. It is understood the exercises will involve at least 1,500 British, French and German troops, alongside Polish forces. The war game was first agreed at a Paris summit in July. A defence source said the personnel would rehearse a scenario in which “multinational troops are together in an area”, although refused to be drawn on further detail. In Washington Wes Streeting, the defence secretary, said: “Next month thousands of personnel will take part in a major exercise in Poland to ensure we are ready to support the military training and postwar rebuilding that Ukraine will need.”

COMMENT

The prospect of British troops being stationed in Ukraine is particularly interesting in the light of Daniel 11:40. This verse describes the king of the south who shall “push at” the king of the north, provoking a dramatic military response. We understand the latter-day king of the south to be Britain and her allies, while the king of the north represents Russia. The Hebrew word translated “push” carries the idea of thrusting or attacking, suggesting some form of military confrontation or provocation. Could the eventual deployment of British troops into Ukraine provide the circumstances for such a push? We may be witnessing the preparations for events that ultimately lead to Daniel 11:40.

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)

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Israel closes British consulate in Jerusalem blaming 'hostile rhetoric'

The Times, October 8, 2026



EVENT

Israel has closed the British consulate in Jerusalem in response to the UK's trade ban on settlements, marking a new low in relations between the countries. Gideon Saar, the Israeli foreign minister, said his country would hold firm, accusing Britain of "hostile rhetoric that includes false accusations ... such as 'ethnic cleansing' of Palestinians". The consulate's diplomatic status will be removed. In a compromise, a rump of seven diplomats will be allowed to operate with a "very limited scope of activity" in the building. He said 20 diplomats, including the Consul General, "are ending their duties and will leave Israel". "We did not want to come to this, but the actions of the Labour government led us here," Saar added in a statement on X. The consulate provided consular services to Palestinians out of East Jerusalem and handles British relations with Palestinians in the city, the West Bank and Gaza. Ed Miliband, the foreign secretary, said it would now be known as a UK Mission, remaining independent, and serving Palestinian people.

COMMENT

In my recent talk on Isaiah 23, we considered the remarkable parallels between ancient Tyre, the great merchant city of the ancient world, and latter-day London. In Amos 1:9, God condemns Tyre because "they remembered not the brotherly covenant." Ancient Tyre had enjoyed a close relationship with Israel, particularly through the friendship between Hiram and Solomon. Yet that relationship eventually deteriorated. Britain likewise once played a leading role in supporting the restoration of the Jewish people to their ancient homeland, most notably through the Balfour Declaration of 1917. Today, however, relations are deteriorating dramatically. Could we be witnessing a latter-day parallel to Tyre forgetting its brotherly covenant? [CLICK HERE](#) to watch on YouTube!

BIBLE QUOTE

For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low: And upon all the ships of Tarshish. The day of the LORD (time of judgement – is specifically brought upon the ships of Tarshish. Why would God judge Tarshish if it were not for her pride and arrogance and turning against Israel (Isaiah 2:12+16)

Putin threatens to go nuclear if Russia faces crushing defeat

The Times, October 1, 2026



EVENT

President Putin warned on Thursday that Russia could use nuclear weapons if it was faced with a crushing defeat over the war in Ukraine. “We must realise that the moment when nothing can be changed any longer may come very quickly and unexpectedly for everyone. The logic of escalating, increasingly harsh retaliatory measures leads to a fatal point of no return,” he told the annual Valdai foreign policy forum near Moscow. “At the heart of this escalation lie arrogance and overconfidence. This is a path to the brink of the abyss. All the more so today, when the arsenals of the world’s leading powers contain weapons capable of destroying all life or, at the very least, reducing the Earth to a catastrophic state. “Can we be sure that [a nuclear] weapon will never be used? Of course not,” he said. “The more openly the goal of inflicting a strategic defeat on the adversary is declared, the greater the likelihood that the conflict will escalate to its most brutal phase.”

COMMENT

There is a remarkable connection with Gog (Russian leader) and Daniel 8, which describes the rise of a fierce and destructive king. Historically, the prophecy has connections with the Greek kingdoms and the persecution under Antiochus Epiphanes – the original king of the north, but we understand it also to foreshadow a latter-day northern power. Daniel 8:24 declares, “his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.” The Hebrew expression translated “destroy wonderfully” conveys extraordinary or astonishing destruction. In an age of nuclear weapons, the possibility of destruction on such an unimaginable scale is very real. Putin's threats remind us how quickly the world could be plunged into catastrophe.

BIBLE QUOTE

He [latter day Antiochus Epiphanes – latter day king of the north - Gog] will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause a shocking amount of destruction and succeed in everything he does. He will destroy powerful leaders and devastate the holy people.

(Daniel 8:24)

Trump's shock Russia deal highlights mounting pressure to curb fuel prices

BBC, October 9, 2026



EVENT

Donald Trump's decision to import Russian fuel to the US represents a remarkable about-face from the president. Just three weeks ago, Trump signed legislation to authorise fresh American sanctions and tariffs on nations that import Russian oil and gas. Now, Trump says, Russian President Vladimir Putin has agreed to supply hundreds of thousands of tons of diesel fuel to the US and world markets in the coming months. The deal comes as Trump is still grappling with the political fallout of the Iran war and its impact on global energy prices, weeks before American voters head to the polls in the midterm elections. As the cost of fuel has skyrocketed in America, his standing with the public – stung by the higher prices at the pump and knock-on effects that led to across-the-board inflation – has soured. The toll the war is taking has been acutely felt by US agricultural states, which rely heavily on diesel to operate farming machinery and to transport their products to market.

COMMENT

This is particularly interesting in the light of Ezekiel 38:13, where we read of “the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof” questioning Gog's invasion of Israel. We understand Tarshish is Britain and her young lions to include America. Significantly, these powers are not described as militarily opposing Gog, but merely questioning his intentions: “Art thou come to take a spoil?” Could we be witnessing the gradual weakening of America's ability and willingness to confront Russia? The very nation that has sought to isolate Putin is now helping to reopen a source of Russian revenue. Bible prophecy indicates that when Gog eventually moves against Israel, the Western merchant powers will protest, but no military intervention is described.

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?

(Ezekiel 38:13)

Europe rearms: files reveal extent of plans for a new 'defence union'

Irish Times, October 2, 2026



EVENT

EU states are collectively planning to spend hundreds of billions of euro more to re-equip their militaries between now and the end of the decade in an effort to deter Vladimir Putin from contemplating an attack beyond Ukraine. An escalating campaign of “hybrid” interference and sabotage traced back to Russia has further focused minds in European capitals about the eastern threat. Traditionally defence was not high on the EU agenda. National governments closely guarded their sovereignty over security matters. Co-operation on military planning was left to Nato, which brings together most European countries, the US, Canada and Turkey. The EU institutions, particularly the European Commission, have started playing a greater role, at the urging of national capitals. A plan by EU leaders last year committed to substantially increase the amount spent on defence.

COMMENT

Revelation 17:12–13 describes ten kings who “have received no kingdom as yet” but who eventually “have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.” The prophecy points to a remarkable future alignment of political and military power. For centuries, European nations have guarded their independence, particularly in matters of defence. Yet now, under pressure from Russia, they are increasingly discussing how to combine their military resources and act together. We are not suggesting that the European Union in its present form is the final manifestation of the ten kings. However, the direction of travel is striking. Europe is gradually developing the structures through which national powers could eventually act together with one purpose. What begins as a response to Russia could contribute to the emergence of the latter-day European power.

BIBLE QUOTE

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

(Revelation 17:12-13)

Last UK and US troops leave Iraq as anti-Islamic State mission ends

BBC, September 30, 2026



EVENT

The last British and American troops have left Iraq after a military presence of more than a decade in the country. The exit of the remaining UK military personnel - around 100 - from Irbil, in the northern Kurdistan region, was co-ordinated over recent weeks with US forces, who also departed on Wednesday. It follows an agreement between the US and the Iraqi government, signed two years ago, to withdraw foreign troops by the end of this month. British and US forces have been present in Iraq since 2014, as part of the international coalition to help defeat the extremist Islamic State (IS) group. Their departure brings the mission, known as Operation Inherent Resolve, to an end. Iraqi Prime Minister Ali al-Zaidi said the end of the coalition's mission marked "Iraq's transition to a phase in which it assumes full responsibility for its security and stability". Iraq is set to hold four "Sovereignty Days" as a national holiday to mark the withdrawal.

COMMENT

There is a remarkable connection with Isaiah 13, which describes the gathering of nations against Babylon. Verse 4 speaks of “the noise of a multitude in the mountains” and the LORD mustering “the host of the battle.” Verse 5 then declares that these nations come “from a far country, from the end of heaven” to “destroy the whole land.” We have previously considered how these words may have had a latter-day fulfilment in the 2003 invasion of Iraq, when a coalition led by America and Britain assembled against Saddam Hussein in the land of ancient Babylon. Although the regime was quickly overthrown, the invasion and its aftermath brought extraordinary destruction, instability and suffering across Iraq. More than two decades later, the remaining British and American troops are now departing. It could lead to more destruction in this land.

BIBLE QUOTE

The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: the LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battle. **They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.** [CLICK HERE to watch a YouTube on this](#) (Isaiah 13:4-5)

Tanker attacks in Strait of Hormuz surge to wartime high

CNBC, October 9, 2026



EVENT

Oil tankers transiting the Strait of Hormuz are coming under fire almost daily, as Iran escalates its attacks in an effort to choke off a rebound in crude exports. Eleven tankers came under attack while transiting Hormuz during the week that ended Oct. 4, the most strikes on commercial ships since the war began in late February, according to data from the International Maritime Organization, or IMO, a United Nations agency. Another five tankers have come under attack this week. Twelve sailors were injured Monday when a projectile struck their tanker as it transited Hormuz. The sailors were Indian nationals and the ship, *On Peace*, is owned by the United Arab Emirates, according to the maritime security firm Marisks. “These actions continue to demonstrate Iran’s intent to assert [its] presence along key transit lanes and maintain pressure on transiting vessels,” the Joint Maritime Information Center warned commercial ships in a Thursday notice. The center is a coalition of U.S. allied militaries headquartered in Bahrain that monitors maritime security in the region.

COMMENT

This is particularly interesting in the light of Isaiah 21, which begins with “the burden of the desert of the sea.” A burden is a weighty prophetic pronouncement, and we have suggested that in its latter-day application it describes an overwhelming crisis that the nations cannot resolve. Verse 2 then declares, “Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media.” Elam and Media occupied territories within modern-day Iran. The prophecy describes these powers rising up, followed by scenes of extraordinary distress and confusion. The more the powers of the world attempt to contain the crisis, the more difficult it seems to resolve. The sea (Persian Gulf) has indeed become a burden to the world....

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)

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Israel stands alone at the 81st General Assembly

Israel 365 News, September 26, 2026



EVENT

On Tuesday, the day after Yom Kippur, the leaders of the world filed into the green marble hall of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. By the time the sun set over the East River, Israel had been called a perpetrator of “genocide,” a “regional threat,” and the operator of “the most inhumane and shameful concentration camp of our time.” Israel’s delegation walked out. And the President of the United States, Israel’s closest ally and its partner in a seven-month war against the Islamic Republic of Iran, stood at the same podium for 38 minutes and said the word “Israel” a single time. What emerged on the first day was a stark picture. One nation was singled out by dozens of others, and even its friend chose to speak around it. That picture raises the question that runs beneath every General Assembly session since 1948: why does the gathering of the nations always end up aimed at one small people?

COMMENT Israel's growing isolation on the world stage is remarkable to watch. Leader after leader used the United Nations General Assembly to condemn Israel, while even its closest ally, America, gave Israel hardly any support in President Trump's lengthy address. The Bible foretells a time when Jerusalem becomes “a burdensome stone for all people” and the nations are gathered against it. Alongside political disagreement over Israel's actions, there is the issue of antisemitism — hostility towards Jewish people simply because they are Jews. Bible prophecy ultimately presents Israel in a position where human alliances cannot save them. God says concerning Jerusalem, “they shall look upon me whom they have pierced.” Israel will finally have to recognise that its deliverance comes not from nations, but from God Himself and His Son – Jesus Christ.

BIBLE QUOTE

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

(Zechariah 12:3)

Syrian president attacks Israel at UN, demands withdrawal from Golan Heights

Israel World News, September 23, 2026



EVENT

Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa used his address to the United Nations General Assembly on Wednesday to sharply attack Israel, accusing the Jewish state of hundreds of airstrikes and more than a thousand incursions into Syria while insisting that the Golan Heights remain Syrian territory. “The Golan will remain Syrian territory,” al-Sharaa declared, invoking UN Security Council Resolution 497 and calling on other countries to reject Israel’s sovereignty over the strategic plateau. He also demanded that Israeli forces withdraw to the positions they held before December 8, 2024, the date the Assad regime collapsed and Israeli forces moved into the UN-monitored buffer zone separating the two countries. Al-Sharaa accused Israel of undermining prospects for regional stability, saying Syria rejected what he called Israeli “aggressions” and attempts to impose new realities on the ground.

COMMENT

President al-Sharaa’s of Syria’s UN speech reveals that fundamental territorial disputes remain between Syria and Israel. He demanded Israel withdraw and emphatically declared that the Golan Heights will remain Syrian territory. But the Golan forms part of the ancient biblical region of Bashan. Israel conquered the kingdom of Og in Bashan under Moses, and the territory was subsequently given to the half-tribe of Manasseh. Scripture says, “all Bashan, being the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half tribe of Manasseh.” Zechariah 11:1–2 also strikingly links Lebanon with Bashan in a scene of coming judgment: “Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars... howl, O ye oaks of Bashan.” The prophecy therefore brings together the very regions of Lebanon and Bashan that remain flashpoints on Israel’s northern borders today. Isaiah 17 foretells a final devastating judgment involving Damascus. War is coming on Syria.

BIBLE QUOTE

Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars. Howl, fir tree; for the cedar is fallen; because the mighty are spoiled: **howl, O ye oaks of Bashan [Golan]**; for the forest of the vintage is come down.

(Zechariah 11:1-2)

Netanyahu attacks Britain over colonial history

The Telegraph, September 25, 2026



EVENT

Benjamin Netanyahu attacked Britain for its colonial history in his address to the United Nations General Assembly. In a defiant speech, the Israeli prime minister turned on Israel's traditional allies, accusing them of hypocrisy in their criticism of Israel's actions in the occupied Palestinian territories of Gaza and the West Bank. "They accuse Israel, tiny Israel, of colonialism – some colonialism. And who's accusing us? Among them are people in Britain and in France. For God's sakes, they invented the term," he said, sparking cheers from his supporters in the hall. He dismissed allegations of Israeli genocide in Gaza as not only false but "the biggest lie of the century". Mr Netanyahu, who has become increasingly isolated on the world stage, has repeatedly criticised Britain, France and other allies after they formally recognised a Palestinian state, calling it a "mark of shame" and a reward for terrorism.

COMMENT

77 national delegations were reported absent or walked out during Netanyahu's UN address. Even relations with Britain — historically one of Israel's closest allies — have deteriorated sharply. Netanyahu directly attacked Britain and France over accusations of colonialism and has condemned Britain's recognition of a Palestinian state. This is especially interesting in light of Isaiah 23, which links ancient Tyre with Tarshish. In our recent presentation, Tyre is London the End-Time Merchant City. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch the remarkable historical relationship between Britain and Israel — and the possibility that ancient Tyre's changing relationship with Israel provides a pattern worth watching today. Netanyahu ended his speech with an extraordinary declaration: "We're going to win. We have no other choice." The name "Israel" means "God prevails" or "God wins!"

BIBLE QUOTE

And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, **and hast prevailed**. Israel (God prevails / God overcomes / God succeeds / God wins) is **precisely what will happen**. Israel will be the one nation that outlasts ALL other nations...

(Genesis 32:27-28)

UK to help refuel Saudi jets countering Houthi attacks

BBC, September 21, 2026



EVENT

Britain is set to deploy a military aircraft to help refuel Saudi Arabian fighter jets in the country's conflict with the Iran-backed Houthis in Yemen. The RAF Voyager plane, operating from a UK base in Cyprus, will begin "air-to-air refuelling" operations in the coming days after the UK agreed to a request from Saudi Arabia, Defence Minister Luke Pollard said. He added the support was for "purely defensive" Saudi missions and would be time-limited for a "matter of weeks, rather than days". The Houthis are locked in a civil war with Yemen's internationally recognised government, which is backed by Saudi Arabia. In recent days, the Houthis in Yemen say they have carried out drone and ballistic missile attacks on the Saudi capital Riyadh, as well as energy sites on the country's Red Sea coast. Explaining the nature of the deployment, Pollard told BBC Radio 4's Today programme: "We've agreed to the Saudi request for air-to-air refuelling" that would keep Saudi jets "in the air longer".

COMMENT

Britain i.e. Tarshish ([CLICK HERE](#) watch a talk on this) is now directly supporting Saudi Arabia, the territory associated with ancient Sheba and Dedan, by helping keep Saudi fighter aircraft in the air against attacks from the Iran-backed Houthis. Ezekiel 38:13 remarkably places these very powers together when Gog invades Israel: "Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof" challenge the northern invader. They form what we understand to be the latter-day king of the south grouping opposed to Gog. Britain and Saudi Arabia are therefore not simply friendly nations — their military cooperation is visibly deepening before the Gogian invasion...

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?

(Ezekiel 38:13)

Trump Rejects Iran Ceasefire, Expects Renewed Bombing After Midterms

Wall Street Journal, September 25, 2026



EVENT

President Trump has rejected Iran's proposal for a seven-day ceasefire and has told aides he expects to resume bombing Iran after the November midterms, U.S. officials said. Tehran's proposal would have reopened the Strait of Hormuz and resumed nuclear talks in return for the U.S. lifting its blockade of Iranian ports, which is causing deep damage to the country's economy. Trump says openly that Tehran is begging for a deal after the midterms that dismantles its nuclear program. But privately Trump is skeptical Iran would meet his demands and has told his staff that he sees a renewed bombing campaign as likely, the officials said. The U.S. has told Iran and the mediators that Trump has no intention of lifting the maritime embargo, officials familiar with the matter said. The U.S. believes economic pressure will eventually force Tehran to sign an agreement with terms that are favorable to Washington and the Arab states along the Persian Gulf.

COMMENT

The war with Iran has become an apparently intractable international crisis. Iran offered to reopen the Strait of Hormuz and resume nuclear negotiations in return for concessions from America, but President Trump rejected the proposal and reportedly expects US bombing of Iran to resume after the November midterms. This takes us again to the remarkable prophecy of Isaiah 21. It begins with “the burden of the desert of the sea”, followed immediately by Elam — ancient Iran — being called to war. In our understanding, the Persian Gulf provides a striking latter-day setting for these words. The vision causes Isaiah anguish: “pangs have taken hold upon me.” Later in the same chapter the burden moves to Arabia, whose people flee from “the grievousness of war.”

With Hormuz still at the heart of an unresolved confrontation we watch Isaiah 21 unfold!

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.

(Isaiha 21:1-2)

Science is proving Richard Dawkins and the New Atheists wrong

The Telegraph, September 22, 2026



The
Dawkins Delusion

EVENT

Twenty years ago, Richard Dawkins published his international best-seller *The God Delusion*, thus establishing “New Atheism” as a major cultural force. Over the ensuing decade, other authors – such as Christopher Hitchens, Sam Harris, Lawrence Krauss and Daniel Dennett – seized the popular imagination with their respective arguments about why belief in the divine is untenable. The physicists among them argued that the universe could be explained “from nothing”. Atheist physicists Lawrence Krauss and Stephen Hawking claimed to explain the beginning of the universe from “nothing”, but their “nothing” turned out to be a set of mathematical laws that allegedly pre-existed (or existed independently of) the material universe. But maths has no causal power. Mathematical equations are inherently conceptual. Thus, **the attempt to circumvent the problem of the beginning with what was called “quantum cosmology” led inexorably back to the need for a pre-existing mind.**

COMMENT

The fundamental problem for atheism remains remarkably simple: why is there something rather than nothing? If the universe had a beginning, what caused it? Mathematical laws can describe how a universe behaves, but equations themselves cannot create matter, energy, space or time. The Bible answered this question thousands of years ago. Hebrews 11:3 says that “the things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.” The visible universe ultimately came into existence not from pre-existing visible material, but “by the word of God.” Something cannot simply create itself from absolute nothing. Ultimately there must be an eternal reality that does not itself require a beginning. The Bible identifies that eternal reality as God...

BIBLE QUOTE

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even **from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.** To believe that something can come from nothing is an impossibility. To believe that there is an everlasting all powerful God who could do this is a possibility. It is only sense to believe in a possibility ...rather than impossibility! (Psalm 90:2)

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US defense chiefs warn of munitions shortfall as Iran war costs hit \$33bn

The Independent, September 16, 2026



EVENT

President Donald Trump's "Operation Epic Fury" assault on Iran cost \$33.4 billion in its first four months and has resulted in a munitions shortfall, according to a report by the Department of Defense's inspector general. The 44-page report to Congress states that, between February 28 and June 30, the joint U.S.-Israeli attack on Iran saw the Trump administration spend \$22.3 billion on munitions alone. The onslaught "has resulted in strategic inventory shortfalls and revealed industrial base bottlenecks for munitions resupply," Inspector General Platte B Moring III concludes. His report also lists the damage done to American military assets by Tehran's retaliatory strikes, listing four F-15Es and up to 30 MQ-9 Reaper drones as destroyed and one F-35A, seven KC-135 tanker aircraft and seven helicopters as damaged. Damage done to U.S. diplomatic premises in Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the U.A.E. add another \$184 million the bill.

COMMENT

America has spent billions of dollars of munitions in just four months of war with Iran. The Pentagon's inspector general now warns this has created "strategic inventory shortfalls" and exposed problems in replacing weapons being used. This is significant when viewed alongside Ezekiel 38. When Gog invades Israel, Tarshish and her young lions protest — "Art thou come to take a spoil?" — but they do not intervene. Something has left these Western powers unable or unwilling to stop Gog. Psalm 58:6 speaks of God breaking "the great teeth of the young lions." We may be witnessing part of that weakening process now. America remains immensely powerful, but prolonged war with Iran is consuming the very weapons it would need to confront another major adversary. Reports say that it could take around 3 years for the US to replenish its munitions....

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)

Israel says it has destroyed major underground Hezbollah base

BBC, September 13, 2026



EVENT

Israel's military says it has destroyed a large underground complex operated by Hezbollah in southern Lebanon. It said it used more than 1,000 tonnes of explosives to destroy two tunnels spanning more than 2km (1.2 miles) beneath the Ali Taher Ridge. The blast triggered seismic activity equivalent to a magnitude 4.1 earthquake, according to the US Geological Survey. There was no immediate public response from Hezbollah or the Lebanese government. Israeli forces took control of the ridge last week after months of fighting with the Iran-backed group there. The Israeli military occupies a large swathe of southern Lebanon captured after the conflict with Hezbollah resumed in March. Images released by the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) showed a fireball lighting up the sky. "The sky lit up and about 15 seconds later we heard the terrifying sound," Ahamed, a resident in Nabatieh, about 6km west of the ridge, told the BBC.

COMMENT

Israel continues to systematically weaken Hezbollah in southern Lebanon. The destruction of this vast underground complex — using more than 1,000 tonnes of explosives — follows months of fighting in which Israel has taken control of territory previously dominated by the Iranian-backed group. This is interesting in relation to Psalm 83, which describes Israel surrounded by immediate enemies determined that “the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.” Among them are Gebal and Tyre, pointing us towards the territory of modern Lebanon. Hezbollah has a stronghold in the city of Tyre. The Psalm describes these surrounding enemies being dramatically defeated before the wider latter-day invasion described in Ezekiel 38. Could the extraordinary weakening of Hezbollah be part of the developing circumstances that ultimately lead to this inner-ring conflict and its conclusion? We continue to watch.

BIBLE QUOTE

For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with **the inhabitants of Tyre;**

(Psalm 83:5-7)

Houthi strikes on Saudi Arabia injure 13 and drag kingdom back into war

The Times, September 15, 2026



EVENT

Iranian-backed Houthi rebels who seized the strategic Bab al-Mandeb Strait off Yemen last week have unleashed a broad missile attack against Saudi Arabia, drawing threats of retaliation. Saudi Arabia had sought to extricate itself from Yemen in 2022 through a ceasefire with the Houthis but now risks being dragged into another war against the militants who control the southern entry to the Red Sea that leads to the Suez Canal. At least 13 people were wounded in the latest Houthi attack that targeted several cities. Saudi Arabia has already conducted dozens of airstrikes against the Houthis and said it would respond “firmly”. The Houthis’ rapid coastal advance last week left Saudi-backed government forces in disarray and has tested Riyadh’s alliances not only with the US but Pakistan and Turkey, which recently signed a defence agreement with the kingdom. Saudi Arabia had requested urgent support from President Trump, but he declined as his forces remain bogged down in a simmering conflict with Iran.

COMMENT

Saudi Arabia had sought to escape the war in Yemen, but the dramatic Houthi advance and renewed missile attacks are now threatening to drag the kingdom back into conflict. This is particularly interesting in the light of Isaiah 21, a prophecy concerning both Iran and Arabia. The chapter begins with Elam — ancient Iran — being called to war, before the prophecy turns specifically to “the burden upon Arabia.” It describes Arabia experiencing the “grievousness of war”, with people fleeing from “the drawn sword... Today Iran-backed forces are once again drawing Saudi Arabia into conflict, while the wider Iran war places the entire Arabian region under increasing pressure. We are surely witnessing events that make this remarkable prophecy increasingly relevant.

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)

Trump signs sweeping Russia sanctions bill

BBC, September 18, 2026



EVENT

US President Donald Trump has signed a sweeping sanctions bill, taking aim at Russia's economy by punishing major purchasers of its oil and gas. The bill, passed by the US House of Representatives earlier this week, gives Trump broad powers to levy tariffs of up to 100% on the top five purchasers of Russian oil and gas – most significantly China and India. At Trump's behest, the bill also extends to Iran's energy and weapons sectors. The bill is named after the late Senator Lindsey Graham, one of Ukraine's staunchest defenders in Washington before his death on 11 July. The 48-page bill, formally titled the Lindsey O Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act of 2026, includes exceptions for countries that import less than 15% of their natural gas from Russia and are working to lessen their dependency. Additionally, the bill includes sanctions against Russian President Vladimir Putin, senior figures within the Russian government as well as banks and other financial institutions and Russia's "shadow fleet" of tankers.

COMMENT

President Trump has signed sweeping new sanctions targeting Russia's energy revenues, its banks and senior officials, while threatening heavy tariffs on countries continuing to purchase Russian oil and gas. This is interesting in relation to Daniel 11:40, where at the time of the end the king of the south is described as "pushing" at the king of the north. The Hebrew word carries the idea of goading or provoking an opponent. The Western powers continue to push against Russia economically and militarily, while Russia becomes increasingly hostile towards the West. Daniel 11 says "the king of the north shall come against him [the king of the south] like a whirlwind." It will happen....

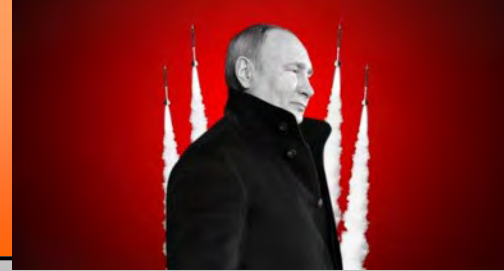
BIBLE QUOTE

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)

Putin preparing to escalate war

The Telegraph, September 18, 2026



EVENT

Vladimir Putin is preparing to escalate his war against Ukraine and intensify hybrid attacks on Kyiv's allies in Europe. Western intelligence officials believe the Russian leader is laying the ground for a "stealth mobilisation" after elections this weekend, in which thousands of Russians could be drafted. "What we are seeing is administrative preparations to make it possible to do it, if that was the decision," one intelligence source told The Telegraph. European leaders, meanwhile, have warned that the Kremlin's hybrid war against the West is likely to intensify. Intelligence sources say Putin has been backed into a corner, with his forces having suffered 1.5 million casualties, including 500,000 fatalities, in Ukraine, and his invasion effectively at a stalemate. But he is believed to have decided to escalate rather than enter meaningful peace talks mediated by Donald Trump. European security fears were heightened on Friday amid reports that the US is considering a major withdrawal of troops from Europe.

COMMENT

Russia appears to be preparing for a further escalation of its war in Ukraine, while European leaders are increasingly concerned that Russian pressure could extend more directly towards NATO. Western intelligence sources say preparations are being made that could allow Russia to mobilise thousands more troops, although whether such a mobilisation will occur remains uncertain. Ezekiel 38 describes Gog coming with a "great company" and "many people", invading from the "north parts." We therefore expect Russia ultimately to become more militarised and increasingly confrontational with the West before turning south towards Israel. Putin's potential escalation might be to ensure the best terms he can get to bring the Ukraine war to a conclusion...

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:

(Ezekiel 38:4)

Don't waste water on full-body baptisms, judge tells church

The Telegraph, September 18, 2026



EVENT

A church should not waste water on full-body baptisms, a judge has ruled. An Anglican church in Nottingham has had its application for a 940-litre “portable immersion baptistery” refused because it would create a “needless waste of water”. The judge also found no historical or theological basis to support St Mary’s claim that a fully immersive baptistery was necessary. In his judgment, Mr Ockelton explained his dismissal of the church’s doctrinal claim that baptism by immersion is necessary. “The necessity for baptism by immersion, asserted to exist at Radcliffe-on-Trent, has no theological basis,” he said. He noted that baptism in running water was “familiar”, given that Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan, but that: “The provision of fonts in churches throughout the middle ages clearly shows wide practice of baptism by means other than immersion, certainly for adults: even for babies, most fonts are not calculated to allow the immersion of the candidate.”

COMMENT

This development illustrates how far modern society has moved away from accepting the Bible as the authority for Christian belief and practice. A judge has ruled against the installation of an immersion baptistery and, remarkably, rejected the church's argument that baptism by full immersion is theologically necessary. Yet the New Testament picture is clear. Jesus was baptised in the Jordan, while Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch “went down both into the water” before he was baptised. Paul describes baptism as being “buried with him by baptism into death” and then raised to a new life. Baptism is essential for salvation - it is not an optional extra that many churches believe. To watch a YouTube video on the importance of baptism [CLICK HERE....](#)

BIBLE QUOTE

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. *If it was right for Jesus to be baptized – it is surely right for us!* (Matthew 3:16-17)

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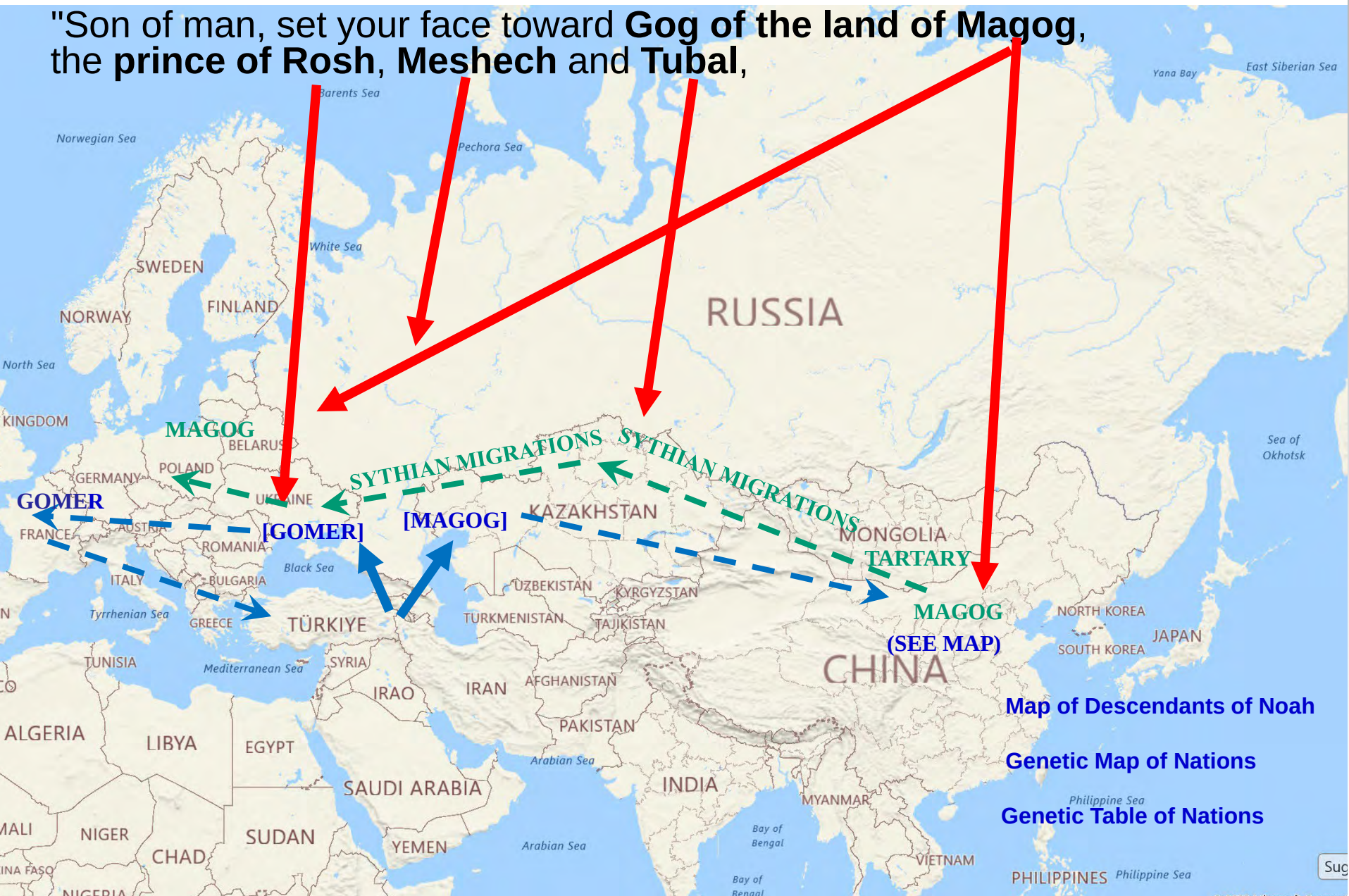
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"Son of man, set your face toward **Gog of the land of Magog**,
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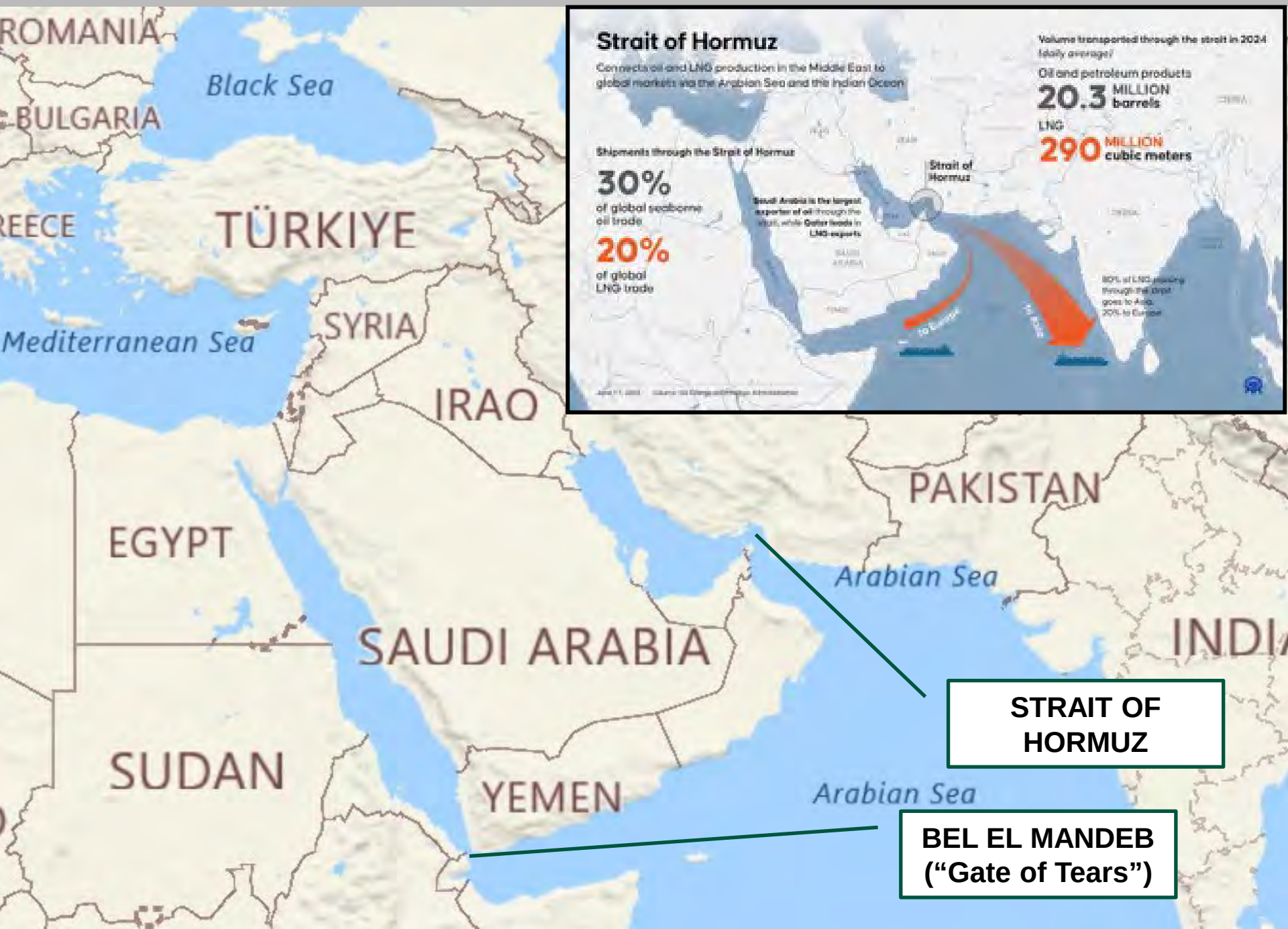
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