

# This Week's Developments

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# G7 leaders confront spectre of nuclear conflict on visit to Hiroshima

The Guardian, May 19, 2023



## EVENT

**G7 leaders have laid flowers at a memorial to the victims of the US atomic bombing of Hiroshima in a sombre opening to a summit overshadowed by fears of a potential nuclear conflict in Ukraine.** As the heavy early morning rain began to ease, the summit's host, Japanese prime minister Fumio Kishida, and his wife, Yuko, welcomed leaders and their spouses at the entrance to the city's Peace Memorial Museum, where they viewed graphic reminders of the attack on the city on 6 August 1945 and its gruesome aftermath. Joe Biden became the second sitting US president to visit Hiroshima, after Barack Obama in 2016, while Rishi Sunak is the first British prime minister to visit the site of the world's first nuclear attack. An estimated 60,000 to 80,000 people died instantly, but by the end of the year, the death toll had risen to 140,000 as more succumbed to burns and illnesses caused by exposure to radiation. **On a morning steeped in symbolism, this was the first time the leaders of G7 countries – including three that possess nuclear weapons – had visited the museum together.**

## COMMENT

Last year the Prime Minister of Japan announced that Hiroshima would be host of the next G7 summit. It is a small city compared to others in Japan but what Hiroshima lacks in size or economic importance, it makes up for in symbolism and its historic connection with the last and only nuclear war. On August 6, 1945, America dropped the atomic bomb "Little Boy" on Hiroshima, killing an estimated 140,000 people and turning the theory of nuclear warfare into a terrifying reality. The spectre of nuclear war is perhaps closer than at anytime since then. Russia has talked many times since it invaded Ukraine of potentially resorting to using these weapons. A time of trouble is coming...

## BIBLE QUOTE

For there will be greater anguish than at any time since the world began. And it will never be so great again. **In fact, unless that time of calamity is shortened, not a single person will survive.** But it will be shortened for the sake of God's chosen ones.

(Matthew 24:21-22 NLT)

# Nuclear disaster threat looms as Zaporizhzhia braces for spring offensive

The Times, May 19, 2023



## EVENT

The largest nuclear plant in Europe, the Zaporizhzhia facility was seized by Russian soldiers more than a year ago. Since then, Kyiv and Moscow have accused each other of shelling that has frequently brought down the power lines that are vital to preventing its six reactors from overheating. The situation, however, could be about to spin further out of control. As Ukraine prepares to launch its long-awaited counteroffensive, there are concerns that an escalation in fighting in the Zaporizhzhia region, which Russia claims as its own, could pose an unprecedented risk to the Soviet-built facility. Russian forces have been enhancing their defences in and around the plant, including setting up firing positions on some of its buildings, Reuters reported today, citing witnesses. **Rafael Grossi, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), warned last week that there were “increasingly unpredictable” threats to the security of the plant that could result in a “severe nuclear accident”.**

## COMMENT

There are increasing concerns that either by design or by accident there could be another Chernobyl catastrophe in Ukraine. War is all around the largest nuclear plant in Europe in Zaporizhzhia a city in Ukraine. Russia ordered the evacuation of civilians from areas near the facility over what it said was an increase in Ukrainian shelling. Authorities have distributed iodine tablets to be taken in the event of a leak or an explosion. If the pumps stop working at the nuclear plant there will be a meltdown within 1 hour to 3 days. Ukraine would blame Russia and Russia would blame Ukraine for any nuclear disaster. There is almost certainly greater destruction coming to Ukraine as Putin has to force a success from a disastrous war. And he will go to any lengths to achieve this...

## BIBLE QUOTE

a fierce king, a master of intrigue, will rise to power. He 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**. He will be a master of deception and will become arrogant; he will **destroy many without warning**.  
*(Daniel 8:23-25 NLT)*

# ***Bowing to pressure, Biden relents on F-16s to Ukraine***

*Washington Post, May 19, 2023*



## **EVENT**

After months of U.S. insistence that Ukraine did not need F-16s to fight its war with Russia, **Washington finally relented to pressure, agreeing not to stop allied nations from sending Kyiv the advanced Western fighter jets it has long desired.** Ukraine now hopes to have U.S.-made F-16s flying as early as this fall, following U.S. agreement to allow third countries to transfer the aircraft, according to an adviser to Kyiv's Ministry of Defense. "If we all pull our weight ... and decisions are made quickly," Yuri Sak said Friday, "I would estimate that end of September, early October, we could see the first F-16s flying in the Ukrainian airspace." While the planes will not be available for the Ukrainian counteroffensive expected to begin within weeks, the speed at which decisions are being made to supply them at all has been head-spinning. **For more than a year, getting F-16s into the skies above Ukraine for use against Russia has been Kyiv's holy grail.**

## **COMMENT**

Over the years the US has sold many of its F-16 fighter jets to allies in Europe. Some of these nations want to supply them to Ukraine but the US has had a veto on this. Suddenly, President Biden has said he will not veto which opens the door to these high tech fighter planes being used against Russia. The move to supply Kyiv with advanced fighter jets comes amid concern that Ukraine's counteroffensive may not strike the knockout blow many have been hoping for. The West does not want this war to rumble on into 2024 so want to ensure a win against Russia. But this brings great peril as Russia sees this as the West fighting directly against itself. The Bible says that the king of the south (US/UK) push (militarily provoke) Putin the king of the north. It is underway.

## **BIBLE QUOTE**

"Then at the time of the end, **the king of the south will attack the king of the north.** The king of the north will storm out with chariots, charioteers, and a vast navy. He will invade various lands and sweep through them like a flood. He will enter the glorious land of Israel,[h] and many nations will fall,  
(Daniel 11:40 NLT)

# Inside Putin's \$1bn Black Sea survival bunker

The Times, May 19, 2023



## EVENT

President Putin has a large underground complex beneath his seaside palace that could serve as a refuge in case of public unrest, according to plans shared online. The subterranean complex is thought to have multiple ventilation shafts and be encased in 38cm-thick concrete walls. The existence of the \$1 billion palace under which the tunnels lie was revealed in 2021 by the investigative team of Alexei Navalny, 46, the jailed Russian opposition leader. It is near the resort town of Gelendzhik on Russia's Black Sea Riviera. Navalny's team later released leaked photographs which showed the building had **gilded stucco work, a swimming pool flanked by neo-classical marble columns and a saloon for smoking hookah pipes with a pole on a platform for pole dancing. There was also a church, an arboretum and an ice hockey rink for the games that Putin likes to play with oligarch friends.** Now, opponents of Putin, 70, have circulated plans drawn up for a complex under the palace, which consists of two large tunnels connected by an elevator that descends about 50 metres below the surface.

## COMMENT

Putin has built himself a palace fit for a Tsar. The Kremlin denies it and says it is an oligarchs home which he doesn't use. However, this doesn't account for a no fly zone above it and a 7,000-hectare "buffer zone" owned by the Federal Security Service (FSB) that surrounds it. The palace is excessively grandiose with gold taps and toilet roll holders! The Bible speaks of a king (latter day Antiochus Epiphanes) who lives "at the time of the end". This ruler worships "gold and silver and precious things". Some versions say "costly gifts" some say "expensive gifts". Putin loves wealth and money. It is all gained through corruption. Some believe he is the richest man living on earth.

## BIBLE QUOTE

He will show no regard for the gods of his ancestors or for the one desired by women, nor will he regard any god, but will exalt himself above them all. Instead of them, he will honor a god of fortresses; a god unknown to his ancestors **he will honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and costly gifts.**  
(Daniel 11:37-38 NIV)



# Saudi Crown Prince: We will assist in helping the Palestinians establish a state

Israel National News, May 19, 2023



## EVENT

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman on Friday once again stressed the importance the kingdom places on a Palestinian state. Speaking at the Arab League summit taking place in the country, bin Salman said, according to Channel 12 News, "The Palestinian issue was and still is the main issue of the Arab countries and is at the top of the kingdom's priorities. **We will not delay in providing assistance to the Palestinian people in recovering their lands, restoring their legitimate rights and establishing an independent state within the borders of 1967 with East Jerusalem as its capital.**" Palestinian Authority (PA) chairman Mahmoud Abbas, who attended the summit, said that "commemorating the Nakba at the UN refutes the Zionist narrative." In addition, he called on the Arab countries to turn to the International Criminal Court over the "Israeli occupation" and charged, "Israel violates the signed agreements and UN resolutions and adheres to the colonial Zionist project which is based on the continuation of the occupation, ethnic cleansing and apartheid."

## COMMENT

Saudi Arabia has not made a peace agreement with Israel although has been under immense pressure to do so. So where does this significant Arab nation fit into Bible prophecy? Saudi Arabia is ancient Sheba and Dedan. These nations are mentioned in Ezekiel 38 as being part of the king of the south coalition of nations that stand against Russia and Iran (and others) who invade Israel. So we ultimately expect Saudi Arabia to be allied with the US and UK who also form part of the king of the south. But before Russia's invasion there is an initial inner ring war against Israel. One of the tribes mentioned in Psalm 83 are the Ishmaelites who lived in northern Saudi Arabia...

## BIBLE QUOTE

With cunning they conspire against your people; they plot against those you cherish. **"Come," they say, "let us destroy them as a nation, so that Israel's name is remembered no more."** With one mind they plot together; they form an alliance against you—the tents of Edom and the **Ishmaelites**, of Moab and the Hagrites, (Psalm 83:3-6)

# Israel at 75: After defeating its old enemies, the nation faces a dangerous new foe

*The Jewish Chronicle, May 4, 2023*



## EVENT

Iran and armed groups Hezbollah and Hamas have joined forces to build a new coalition against Israel that replaces the old Arab alliance of Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Jordan. Israel now is at peace with Egypt and Jordan; a cold peace, but it has survived many crises. Syria and Iraq are still enemies, but they are at a low point and have lost most of their military might. In 2020, Israel normalised its relations with the UAE and Bahrain, two Gulf Arab states that need Israel as an ally against Iran, their common enemy. **Iran and its partners, such as the armed groups Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in Gaza, have joined forces to build a new coalition against Israel that replaces the old Arab alliance of Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Jordan.**

## COMMENT

When Israel declared independence in 1948, in the aftermath of World War II and the Holocaust, Tel Aviv was a small city of low-level dwellings. Today, where once there were sand dunes, there are now skyscrapers hosting some of the world's richest high-tech companies. But although Israel's rise has been dramatic and created enormous prosperity it stands at this time on the brink of a chasm, a crisis of identity, even as it continues to face ever-present external threats. There are unprecedented divisions in the country that have led to the longest protest movements in Israel's history. But on top of this Israel is surrounded by enemies that want to see Israel destroyed. Palestinians, Hamas, Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad, Syria itself. A prosperous nation surrounded by enemies is how many Christadelphian pioneers saw things working out with Bible in hand. The inner ring war is surely coming sooner rather than later.....

## BIBLE QUOTE

And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; ..., 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)*

## ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

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# NATO PRESENCE IN EASTERN EUROPE



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- 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 \*



RUSSIA ("CHIEF PRINCE" = "PRINCE OF ROSH")

○ TOBOLSK (Tubal)

○ MOSCOW (Meshech)

"YOUNG LIONS"  
(USA, CANADA, ETC)

"LION"  
TARSHISH  
UK

GERMANY  
(LAND OF  
MAGOG)

GOMER  
European Economic Community

Gibraltar

TURKEY  
(Togarmah)

IRAQ/IRAN  
(Persia)

INDIA

LIBYA

DEDAN  
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# RACE FOR CENTRAL ASIA

