

# This Week's Developments

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# Netanyahu says Israel is at war after Hamas launches multi-front assault

Financial Times , October 7, 2023



## EVENT

Benjamin Netanyahu said on Saturday that Israel was “at war” after Hamas launched its biggest attack on the country in years, firing a barrage of rockets and sending militants across the border from the Gaza Strip. In a televised address as Palestinian militants waged gun battles with Israeli forces in multiple locations in southern Israel, the prime minister said he had ordered “an extensive mobilisation of reserves” and that Israel would “return fire of a magnitude that the enemy has not known”. “The enemy will pay an unprecedented price,” he added. The escalation is the most serious bout of violence since Israel and Hamas fought an 11-day war in 2021. It follows weeks of tensions on the border of Gaza, which has been blockaded by Israel and Egypt since Hamas took control of the territory in 2007. The attack, which took place on the Jewish holiday of Simchat Torah and appeared to catch the military off-guard, also poses a serious challenge for Netanyahu’s far-right government, which came to power last year with hardliners in important posts pledging to bolster Israeli security.

## COMMENT

On the 6<sup>th</sup> October 1973 (on the Hebrew day of Atonement, Yom Kippur) the Arab nations around Israel launched a surprise attack to try to destroy Israel. Precisely 50 years later on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023, Hamas have launched a surprise attack on Israel with the same aim. They are calling for all enemies of Israel to unite against the Jews to bring the nation of Israel to an end. Just as in 1973 this attack seems to have not been expected and it took over 3 hours for Netanyahu to make a statement. Hundreds of Israeli’s are injured and many killed already and some taken hostage. The Bible says in Psalm 83 that Israel’s enemies will make a tumult. Tumult in Hebrew is the word Hamas.

## BIBLE QUOTE

For, lo, **thine enemies make a tumult**: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. 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.

(Psalm 83:2-4)

# Israel: Gunmen from Gaza kill at least 22 in major attack

BBC, October 7, 2023



At least 22 people have been killed in Israel after a major surprise attack with militants crossing into Israel from Gaza during heavy rocket fire. There are unconfirmed reports that a number of Israelis have been taken back to Gaza as hostages. Israel has launched waves of air strikes on targets in Gaza in response. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel is "at war" and vowed that Hamas, Gaza's rulers, will "pay a price it has never known." This morning Hamas launched a murderous surprise attack against the state of Israel and its citizens," he said in a video address. **The unprecedented attack saw Palestinian militants cross the perimeter fence just after dawn, as barrages of rockets were launched from Gaza. How the gunmen managed to penetrate one of the most heavily fortified borders in the world is unclear.** The Israeli military has said that dozens of fighter jets are carrying out air strikes on Hamas sites in Gaza, and it has hit 17 Hamas military compounds. It also said it has mobilised tens of thousands of reservists.

## COMMENT

The BBC is reporting events like this... **"It is hard to describe just how unprecedented today's developments are. Rarely, if ever, has Israel lost control of its own towns. The scenes from Sderot and other communities around the Gaza Strip, with Palestinian gunmen apparently roaming the streets at will, kidnapping and killing civilians, will send the deepest shockwaves throughout Israel."** We have long looked for (and in the WWW often said) that with Bible in hand we can expect an initial inner ring war around Israel BEFORE Russia invades. The inner ring war detailed in Psalm 83 and Zechariah 12 must happen. Today's events might be the start...

## BIBLE QUOTE

On that day I will make the clans of Judah like a firepot in a woodpile, like a flaming torch among sheaves. They will consume all the **surrounding peoples** right and left, but Jerusalem will remain intact in her place. **Zechariah 12 speaks of "surrounding" or "nearby" or "round about" peoples who are destroyed and Jerusalem remains intact...this is the inner ring war...** (Zechariah 12:6 NIV)

# Hezbollah praises Hamas, says attack is message to Arab countries normalizing ties with Israel

The Times of Israel, October 7, 2023



## EVENT

Hezbollah praises the massive Hamas operation against Israel, and says it is message to Arab countries normalizing with Israel. The terror group Hezbollah says it is in direct contact with the Hamas leadership in Gaza and abroad, and calls on Arab and Muslim peoples around the world to declare their support to Hamas and the Palestinian people, adding that armed resistance is the only way to confront the Israeli “aggression.” Hezbollah adds that the “Al-Aqsa Deluge” operation launched by Hamas against Israel is a message to the international community and the Arab and Muslim world, in particular those countries seeking normalization with Israel. It also calls on the Israeli government to learn the “important lessons” taught by the “Palestinian resistance.”

## COMMENT

Hamas are calling this war the “Al-Aqsa deluge” or “Al-Aqsa storm”. It is interesting they are giving it this title. Al-Aqsa refers to the Al-Aqsa Mosque situated on Temple Mount next to the Dome of the Rock. The Temple Mount is the actual site of the first and second Jewish Temples. The first temple was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar and the second one was destroyed by the Romans in AD70. Hamas believe that Jerusalem should be the capital of a Palestinian State and that Israel should be destroyed as a nation. The centre of their rage and anger is centred on Temple Mount in Jerusalem. This is interesting because in Zechariah 12 we are told that God will “make Jerusalem a cup of trembling to all the people round about.” One version says “I will make Jerusalem like an intoxicating drink that makes the nearby nations stagger.” In other words Jerusalem will make nearby people (Hamas!) act crazy as if drunk / out of their minds. These nearby people go mad. And it causes Jerusalem to be a burden for all...

## BIBLE QUOTE

This message concerning the fate of Israel came from the Lord: “This message is from the Lord, who stretched out the heavens, laid the foundations of the earth, and formed the human spirit. I will make Jerusalem like an intoxicating drink that makes **the nearby nations stagger when they send their armies** to besiege Jerusalem and Judah – **this is the inner ring war** (Zechariah 12:1-2)

# Putin says Russia's mission is to create 'new world'

Associated Press, October 5, 2023



## EVENT

Russian President Vladimir Putin says that Russia's mission is to create a "new world" and blames Western hegemony for Moscow's grinding offensive in Ukraine. Putin has portrayed Russia's full-scale military intervention in Ukraine — launched in February 2022 — as part of a long-standing confrontation with the West. "We are tasked, essentially, with building a new world," Putin says, adding the West is aiming for global "hegemony." "The West always needs an enemy," he says. As Moscow grows more isolated in the West and faces unprecedented sanctions over its Ukraine campaign, **Putin accuses the West of trying to create a "new Iron Curtain" with Russia.** "Europe is fencing itself off from us and creating a new Iron Curtain," says Putin, who served in the Soviet KGB. "We are not the ones shutting the door. It's Europe that's shutting the door," he adds.

## COMMENT

This week Putin made a speech which said the West had spurned Moscow's "goodwill" efforts to build a "new and fairer world order" after the Soviet collapse which has "raised the risk of global war." He also said the Ukraine conflict was being fought over "the principles on which the new world order will be based." Putin wants a new world order. He wants a multipolar (his language) world not a unipolar world. The world has 2 poles a north pole and a south pole. Putin believes that geopolitically America is acting as if there is only one pole. Putin believes there should be other great powers to oppose a world policeman. Which is why he wants Russia to be superpower again with influence around the world. Putin's aims are worldwide aims – it is not just about Russia but about a new world order. These enormous ambitions will bring him one day into Israel...

## BIBLE QUOTE

A long time from now you will be called into action. In the distant future you will swoop down on the land of Israel, **which will be enjoying peace after recovering from war** and after its people have returned from many lands to the mountains of Israel. **Notice Israel is recovering from war when Russia invades –they are recovering from the inner ring war (living in peace)** (Ezekiel 38:8 NLT)

# Russia to open naval base in breakaway Abkhazia region of Georgia

The Times, October 5, 2023



## EVENT

Moscow will open a naval base in Abkhazia, a breakaway region in Georgia that is home to Russian troops, after the Kremlin was forced to begin moving its Black Sea fleet away from occupied Crimea following a series of devastating Ukrainian missile attacks. Aslan Bzhania, the pro-Moscow head of the breakaway region, said that Russia would establish a base in the territory's Ochamchira region on the east coast of the Black Sea. The area was previously home to a Soviet naval base. His comments came after he met President Putin for talks in Moscow.

"This is all aimed at increasing the level of defence capability of both Russia and Abkhazia, and this kind of interaction will continue," he told Russia's Izvestiya newspaper, indicating that the proposal to open a naval base had been initiated by Moscow. It is unclear how many Russian warships will be deployed to the base. The Kremlin has not commented.

## COMMENT

Back in 2008 Russia invaded Georgia. Georgia (like Ukraine) had once been part of the USSR but became an independent nation in 1991 when the USSR broke up. Very much like Ukraine, Russia backed several regions in Georgia that wanted to "belong" to Russia. Abkhazia is one of those self-proclaimed republics that Russia recognises as being a separate state. It's the equivalent of Crimea that also broke away from Ukraine and became part of Russia. The main Russia naval base in Crimea is now under attack from Ukraine forces so Russia has done a deal to open a new naval base in Abkhazia. The Bible says that Russia will invade Israel (and Egypt) in the future and will come with many ships. This new naval base will help them do this when the time comes...

## 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)

# ***Nuclear war drills in Russia as Putin is urged to test atom bomb***

*The Times, October 2, 2023*



## **EVENT**

Russia is set to hold nationwide drills on the evacuation of civilians during a nuclear conflict as the head of a Kremlin-backed nuclear research centre urged **Moscow to test an atomic bomb to intimidate the West**. The civil defence drills, which will be held on Tuesday, are based on a hypothetical scenario in which rescue workers are tasked with evacuating large numbers of people from “radiation zones,” according to leaked documents published by Baza, a Russian media outlet with links to the security services. The scenario also mentions a nationwide mobilisation of forces and the introduction of martial law. The exercises are due to take place after Mikhail Kovalchuk, head of the Kurchatov Institute, Russia’s top nuclear energy research centre, said that the Kremlin should stage an atomic weapons test in the Arctic Ocean as a show of force. Kovalchuk, who is said to be close to Putin, drew comparisons with the Soviet Union’s testing in 1961 of the Tsar Bomba, the most powerful nuclear weapon detonated.

## **COMMENT**

Back in the late 1950’s the Cold War was in full swing and both the US and Russia were competing to win the space and missile race. Russia, wanting to show the US it would do anything to win, decided to detonate what is still the largest man made explosion ever made. In 1961 Russia exploded the Tsar Bomba nuclear weapon. The bomb weighed 27 tons and was 1570 times more powerful than the 2 combined bombs dropped on Japan. It was 10x more powerful than the total ordinance used during the whole of World War 2. Severe damage of buildings extended 150 miles from the epicenter. Man is capable of destroying this earth. But God will not let them. Christ will return to save it & glory will fill it

## **BIBLE QUOTE**

His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed. Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed be his glorious name for ever: **and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen.** (Psalm 72:17-19)

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2023-10-07 Israel retaliation kills nearly 200 Palestinians after Hamas operation - Israel-Palestine conflict News - Al Jazeera

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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



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



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

○ TOBOLSK (Tubal)

○ MOSCOW (Meshech)

"LION"  
TARSHISH  
UK

GERMANY  
(LAND OF  
MAGOG)

GOMER  
European Economic Community

"YOUNG LIONS"  
(USA,  
CANADA,  
ETC)

Gibraltar

TURKEY  
(Togarmah)

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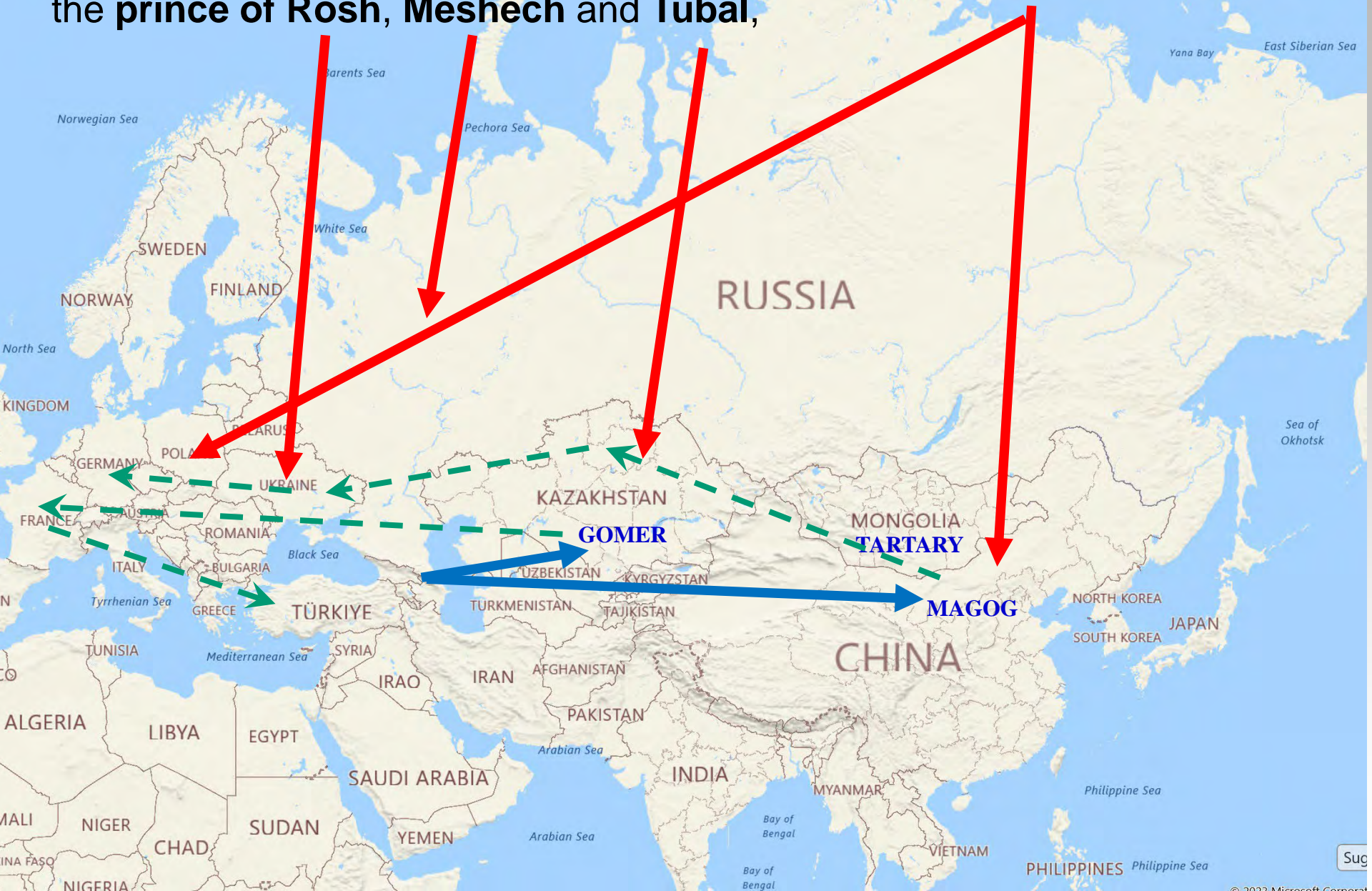
SHEBA

ETHIOPIA

AUSTRALIA

*Legend HandOut*

"Son of man, set your face toward **Gog of the land of Magog,**  
the **prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal,**



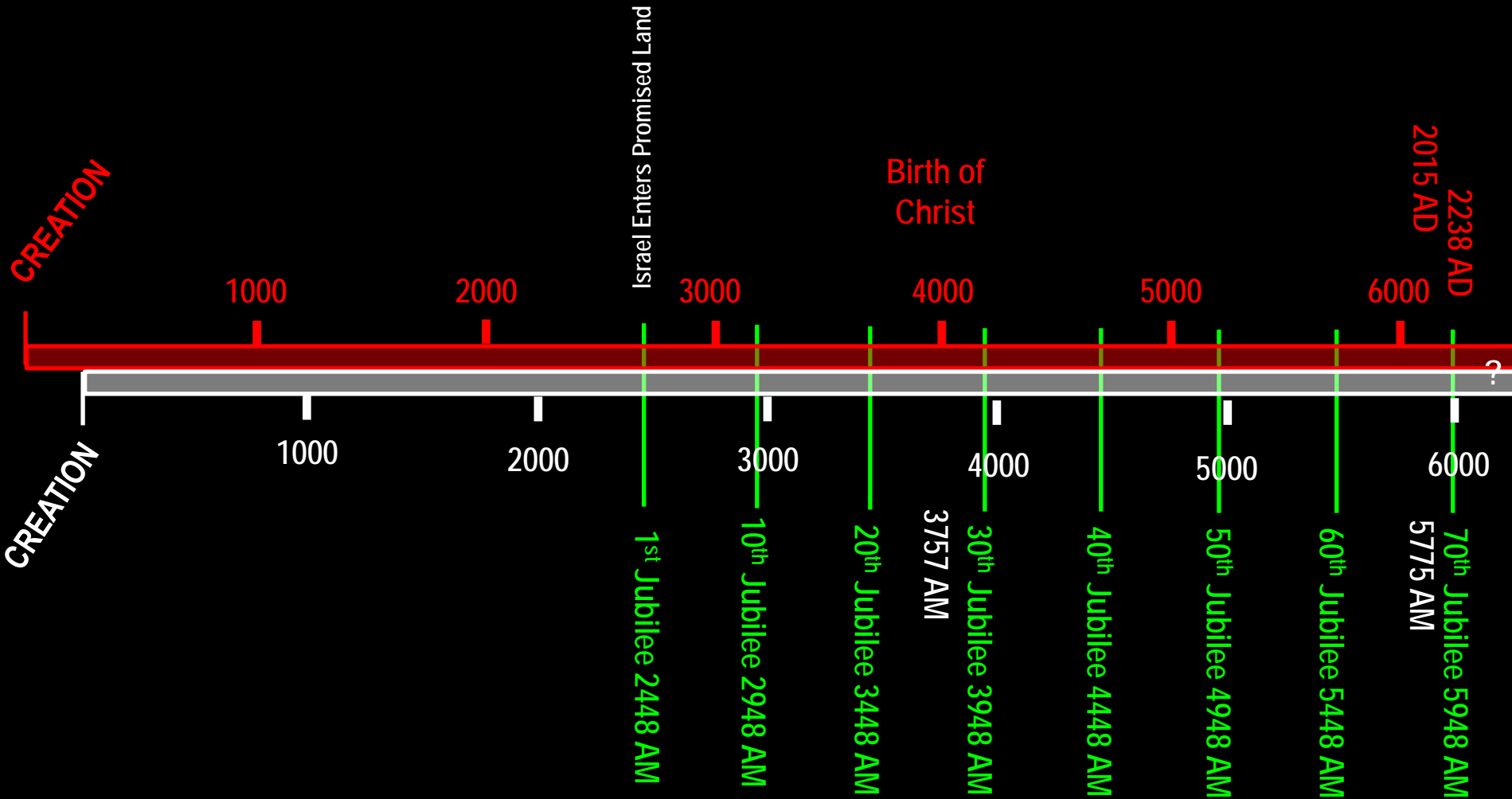
**GOMER**

**TARTARY**

**MAGOG**

"Son of man, set thy face against Gog (head), of the land of Magog (China?), prince  
of Ros (river in Ukraine) Meshech and Tubal (rivers in Russia)?"

# YEARS SINCE CREATION ACCORDING TO THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR



# YEARS SINCE CREATION ACCORDING TO THE HEBREW CALENDAR

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# ***Iran's support for Hamas fans suspicion it's wrecking Israel-Saudi deal***

*Politico Oct 7, 2023*



## **EVENT**

Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's top military adviser said Tehran supported the attacks by Hamas against Israel on Saturday and would continue to back the Islamist fighters "until the liberation of Palestine and Jerusalem." The remarks by Yahya Rahim Safavi, a former commander of the country's Revolutionary Guards, will only fan suspicion that Tehran played a direct role in supporting its traditional ally, Hamas, in the well-planned attacks that have killed at least 40 (300+) people and injured more than 700 (1,500+). Interventions by Rahim Safavi and other senior Iranian policymakers will also be seen by Iran's long-running regional rival Saudi Arabia as a threatening signal that Tehran is willing to stir up regional conflict to prevent Riyadh from normalizing ties with Israel, as the U.S. wants. "I believe that the hand of Iran will be found in elements of this," said Jonathan Schanzer, senior vice president for research at a Washington-based think tank. "Will Hezbollah get involved? This is the war I think everyone has feared, with an Iranian goal of encirclement and perhaps even an attempt to strangle the Israeli state."

## **COMMENT**

Will Hezbollah get involved? Will this escalate into a regional conflict with Israel battling on southern, northern, eastern and western fronts? Was this Hamas attack, now being claimed as the worst in Israel's 75 year history, an underhanded proxy event originating from Iran? Iran is certainly involved in the planning. The thousands of rockets deployed could only have been gradually accumulated over the past decade from Iran via the water corridor to the Mediterranean coastline to Sinai then through tunnels to Gaza, experts have observed. This required long term planning. Was the attack coordinated to line up with the current power vacuum in the Speaker-less US House of Representatives? Only the light of hindsight will answer these questions, and we may not have long to wait. The balance of power is in the hands of a few.

## **BIBLE QUOTE**

"Beat your plowshares into swords And your pruning hooks into spears; Let the weak say, "**I am a mighty man.**"

Joel 3:10 NASB