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Israel's window to strike Iran narrows as Putin enters equation

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EVENT

Iran is seeking sophisticated new air-defense systems from Russia that Israeli officials believe will narrow the window for a potential strike on Tehran's nuclear program. The prospect of S-400s in Iran would accelerate a decision on a possible attack. Russia hasn't said publicly if it will supply the weapons, but Moscow and Tehran have drawn closer since Moscow's invasion of Ukraine. "The longer you wait, the harder that becomes," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said of a strike on Iran at a security conference in Tel Aviv last week. "We've waited very long. I can tell you that I will do everything in my power to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons." Russia has offered Iran "unprecedented defense cooperation, including on missiles, electronics and air defense" and may provide Tehran with fighter jets, National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said Feb. 24. Israeli officials are watching not only Iran's ability to withstand an air attack but its capacity to build a nuclear bomb (which may be as close as 12 days).

COMMENT

The situation in the Middle East is becoming more tense each and every day. It is the determined and well publicised objective of Iran to eliminate the state of Israel. We cannot be sure about the purpose of the Russia–Ukraine war, but there are some obvious nuances coming out of it that is certainly lining up with Bible predictions. The conflict has certainly pushed Russia and Iran closer together and perhaps also China, which from recent research appears to be the source area of the Magog and Gomer peoples. The new government in Israel is very conservative and hawkish which means highly intolerant of the developments taking place in Iran. Another effect of the conflict, as we see from another slide, is the US influence on Israel to break ties with Russia.

BIBLE QUOTE

Son of man, set thy face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and ...Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands:

(Ezekiel 38:2-6

Iran still vowing to avenge the killing of Soleimani

The Hindu News, March 01, 2023



EVENT

An Iranian general warned his country is still seeking to kill former U.S. president Donald Trump and his secretary of state Mike Pompeo in revenge for assassinating top commander Qasem Soleimani in a U.S. drone strike on Baghdad airport in January 2020 Mr. Trump had ordered the strike in response to a number of attacks on U.S. interests in Iraq that his administration blamed on Iran. The United States and its allies have repeatedly expressed concerns about Iran's ballistic missile programme as well as its "destabilising" role in the Middle East. In his televised remarks, Hajizadeh said Iran was "now able to hit American ships at a distance of 2,000 kilometres (1,243 miles)". "We have set this limit of 2,000 kilometres out of respect for the Europeans and we hope that the Europeans show themselves worthy of this respect," the Iranian general said. On Saturday, Iranian state television aired video of what it said was a newly unveiled "Paveh cruise missile with a range of 1,650 kilometres (1,025 miles)" developed by the Guards. The official broadcaster reported on Friday that Iran was likely to provide Syria with the 15-Khordad surface-to-air missile system to "reinforce" its defensive capabilities.

COMMENT

The public attention has been occupied mostly by the Russia/Ukraine war. But this threat is significant also and certainly not to be taken lightly. Any attempt to deploy a missile & warhead on US soil could have consequences as serious as 9-11. With the window of opportunity closing for Israel to take out Iran's nuclear potential, and the apparent Iranian anger against the administration that took out Soleimani, the entire situation is a tinder box that could blow up at any time. It appears the 2,000 km missile range is a mechanically imposed one that could potentially be adjusted to go much farther. Iran has spoken of docking warships at Panama – any missiles on board? It's 2000 KM Panama to Maralago!

BIBLE QUOTE

Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee. Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them.

(Ezekiel 38:5-6)

Saudi Foreign Minister Pays High Level Visit to **Ukraine**

Ankara Nees, February 26, 2023



EVENT

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Sunday received the Saudi Arabian foreign minister in Kyiv. The foreign minister's visit marks the first high level visit from Saudi Arabia to Ukraine in more than 30 years. "First of all, I want to thank you for supporting peace in Ukraine, our sovereignty and territorial integrity. This is very important for us and our people, our society," said Zelenskyy. The parties discussed "the importance of Saudi Arabia's support for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity, in particular within the UN." They also paid special attention to the "implementation of the Ukrainian Peace Formula," the statement said. "The parties exchanged views on the Saudi side's participation in Ukraine's post-war recovery, as well as its involvement in promising projects in the investment, agricultural and energy sectors," the statement added. At the end of last year, Saudi Arabia voted in favor of a UN resolution which condemned the Russian moves to annex Ukrainian territory; a decision Kyiv lauded and interpreted as Riyadh supporting the territorial integrity of Ukraine.

COMMENT This visit by the Saudi Foreign Minister was as sudden and unannounced as was the visit of President Biden. There were no promises of arms support but the visit was accompanied by the announcement of 400 million US dollars of support prioritized first to humanitarian aid and next to the rebuilding of Ukraine. What is very significant is how these countries of the Middle East are lining up, and doing so rather quickly. Just as the Ukraine war has pushed Russia and Iran closer together, it has had the equivalent effect of lining up territories with Israel and the King of the South. This, together with their recent UN vote in favour of Ukraine, appears to be a major shift in Riyad foreign policy.

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? [Sheba & Dedan are ancient names for the territory known today as Saudi Arabia.] Eze 38:13

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

Mlive, March 02, 2023

EVENT

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

COMMENT

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

BIBLE QUOTE

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

Deu 28:58,64-66 NLT

Israel and Iran edge closer to war

AOL, March 2, 2023



EVENT

Escalating tensions between Iran and Israel have brought the two countries to the verge of war. While experts disagree on the probability of military conflict between the Jewish state and the Islamic Republic, they agree that the present moment is rife with potential pitfalls. Iran could be approaching the capacity to manufacture a nuclear weapon; a top Pentagon official testified earlier this week that Tehran has made "remarkable" progress and could be within 12 days of enriching sufficient uranium for a nuclear weapon. In response, Israel is preparing for military intervention to stop what it and many Western nations believe could be a disastrous development that should be prevented at all costs. But war could be disastrous, too. "This is a very, very dangerous situation," said Bernard Avishai, a professor of government at Dartmouth, who has written extensively on Israel. In recent weeks, Netanyahu has "held a series of secret high-level meetings with top military officials aimed at upping preparations for a possible confrontation with Iran," according to a report from the Israeli television network Keshet 12.

COMMENT

The world seems to be approaching the final days before a major showdown with Iran. Some European leaders and American legislators appear to accept that a full-blown clash could be coming. The recent alignment of Russia and Iran over Ukraine has tipped the balance towards war in the Middle East. There is an initial "inner ring" war coming around Israel with Iran backing all of Israel's nearby enemies. Psalm 83 says that a confederacy of peoples living around Israel come together to try to destroy the country. They are supported by a nation – Assur. Assur covered Syria, Iraq and Iran. The greatest power in this modern list is Iran. Iran will soon activate its proxy armies....

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; Assur also is joined with them: Psalm 83 is still future as there are still enemies around Israel calling for their destruction... (Psalm 83:5-8)

Netanyahu bows to U.S. pressure to distance Israel from Putin

NBC News, February 28, 2023



EVENT

Strengthening Russian-Iranian ties threaten the security not only of Ukraine, but also of Israel, according to senior politicians. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has long leaned into his relationship with Russian President Vladimir Putin, leveraging it to act as an intermediary between the Kremlin and Washington and to help secure Israel's northern border with Syria. What a difference 18 months makes. Netanyahu returned to power in late December amid expectations that he would pivot Israel in the direction of Russia. He has instead shored up his country's backing of Kyiv under pressure from Israel's most significant ally, the U.S. Now he has to weigh alienating Putin by providing defensive arms to Ukraine, a move he has yet to agree to and which Russia has already made it clear would be a red line. Senior Israeli lawmakers have already called on Netanyahu to provide Ukraine with anti-drone and anti-missile systems.

COMMENT

There is a lot of talk in the Israeli press about pressure being applied to Netanyahu by America for Israel to supply defensive weapons to Ukraine. The Biden administration wants Israel to deliver to Ukraine the anti-missile defence technology that Israel developed with US funding. Reports this week say that Netanyahu might be cracking under the pressure and might soon agree to this. Russia has warned that if Israel did supply the David's Sling system to Ukraine it would create a crisis in relations. Currently Israel needs Russian agreement to allow it to launch attacks in Syria against Iranian forces. The Bible says that Iran and Russia will be allied at the time of the end and they both invade Israel. The current Russia/ Israel ties will be broken....soon...

BIBLE QUOTE

Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee. Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them.

(Ezekiel 38:5-6)

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Russia open to Ukraine talks, but won't give up annexed regions

Reuters, February 28, 2023



EVENT

The Kremlin on Tuesday repeated its position that Russia was open to negotiations to end the Ukraine conflict, but that new "territorial realities" could not be ignored. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters Russia would never renounce its claims to four Ukrainian regions that Moscow declared it had annexed last year following referendums that Kyiv and the West slammed as bogus and illegal. "There are certain realities that have already become an internal factor. I mean the new territories. The constitution of the Russian Federation exists, and cannot be ignored. Russia will never be able to compromise on this, these are important realities," Peskov said on Tuesday. Russia proclaimed it had annexed the Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions last September in a grand ceremony in Moscow. The regions were subsequently named as constituent subjects of the Russian Federation in a constitutional decree. Peskov said Russia was open to negotiations if Kyiv accepted Moscow's control over the regions.

COMMENT

With Bible in hand this is an interesting statement from Putin's mouthpiece Dimitry Peskov. It is clear that Russia would agree to halting the war if Russia can walk away with the regions it has "annexed" from Ukraine. These regions are known as the Donbas. They are in the south eastern area of Ukraine. The Bible says that Gog (Russian ruler) is of the land of Magog. Magog is the first territory on the list. So clearly it is the most important geographically. So where was Magog? Magog was the same territory as Scythia. Maps show that Scythia covered southern Russia AND the south eastern area of Ukraine. The exact same area Putin wants. In fact in this area the people predominantly speak Russian. Putin won't stop until he has this land....

BIBLE QUOTE

Son of man, set thy face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: Eastern Ukraine was part of the Scythian kingdom (as well as much of south Russia) so it makes sense Putin will take that final piece. (Ezekiel 38:2 RSV)

Putin casts war as a battle for Russia's survival

Reuters, February 26, 2023



EVENT

President Vladimir Putin cast the confrontation with the West over the Ukraine war as an existential battle for the survival of Russia and the Russian people - and said he was forced to take into account NATO's nuclear capabilities. A year since ordering the invasion of Ukraine, Putin is increasingly presenting the war as a make-or-break moment in Russian history - and saying that he believes the very future of Russia and its people is in peril. "They have one goal: to disband the former Soviet Union and its fundamental part - the Russian Federation," Putin told Rossiya 1 state television in an interview recorded on Wednesday but released on Sunday. The NATO and the West dismiss such narrative, saying their objective is to help Ukraine defend itself against an unprovoked attack. Putin said the West wanted to divide up Russia and then control the world's biggest producer of raw materials, a step, he said, that could well lead to the destruction of many of the peoples of Russia including the ethnic Russian majority.

COMMENT

These are important words to listen to from Putin. When he says "this is an existential battle for the survival of Russia," he is framing the war in such a way that gives him freedom in the types of weapons he could one day use. Russia's official nuclear doctrine allows for the use of nuclear weapons if they - or other types of weapons of mass destruction - are used against it, **or** if conventional weapons are used, which endanger "**the very existence of the state**." This is the same language he is using ie the Russian state is at risk itself over this war. Putin has implied a number of times he would resort to nuclear weapons if he had to. The Bible says Gog (latter day Antiochus Epiphanes – king of the north) will cause "shocking destruction." Putin may use these weapons...

BIBLE QUOTE

In the latter part of their reign, when rebels have become completely wicked, a fierce-looking king, a master of intrigue, will arise. He [latter day Antiochus Epiphanes / king of the north] will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause astounding devastation and will succeed in whatever he does.

(Daniel 8:23 NIV)

Putin secretly living in golden palace he shares with gymnast lover

The Telegraph, February 28, 2023



EVENT

Vladimir Putin is reportedly living with his gymnast girlfriend on a vast, heavily-guarded country estate featuring several palatial mansions and a playground for their young children. Alina Kabaeva, a 39-year-old Olympic rhythmic gymnastic champion who has long been linked with the 70-year-old Russian leader, lives in a villa on Putin's estate on Lake Valdai, about 250 miles north west of Moscow, according to a report from Russian investigative news site The Project. The Russian president has reportedly bought his lover a property empire worth \$120 million (£100 million) through a slush fund in Cyprus, the site reported. Construction on Ms Kabaeva's mansion began in 2020 and was completed two years later, according to The Project. At nearly 13,000 square feet, the mansion was built entirely of wood in the style of a Russian dacha. Construction was carried out by a company owned by Yuri Kovalchuk, the Russian businessman also known as "Putin's banker".

COMMENT

Photographs of the mansion, leaked by a construction executive who worked around the house until 2005, show opulent interiors. One image purportedly shows the president's study bedecked with ornate mahogany furniture and featuring the secure landline phones used by top Kremlin officials. In another room, gilded chairs can be seen arranged around a glass table and a spherical chandelier, with golden leaves hanging from the ceiling. Putin has at least 20 luxury residences across Russia. He has almost limitless wealth as he controls the entire Russian state. Many reports say that Putin is the richest man in the world. The Bible says that Gog (latter day king in the same mould of Antiochus Epiphanes) would worship gold, silver, precious stones and costly gifts.

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)

King Charles coronation oil is consecrated in Jerusalem

The Guardian, March 3, 2023



EVENT

The fragrant chrism oil that will be used to anoint King Charles during his coronation in May was made sacred in Jerusalem on Friday. A ceremony took place in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where the holy oil was consecrated by the Patriarch of Jerusalem, Theophilos III, and the Anglican archbishop in Jerusalem, Hosam Naoum. It has been created using olives harvested from two groves on the Mount of Olives, at the Monastery of Mary Magdalene and the Monastery of the Ascension. The olives were pressed just outside Bethlehem and the oil has been perfumed with sesame, rose, jasmine, cinnamon, neroli, benzoin, amber and orange blossom. The king will receive the sovereign's orb, sceptre and coronation ring and will be crowned and blessed during the ceremony at Westminster Abbey on 6 May. Camilla, the Queen Consort, will also be anointed with holy oil and crowned.

COMMENT

The anointing of kings and queens of Britain has its roots in Biblical ceremonies of the anointing of the kings of Israel. Here is what was said when Elizabeth II was anointed: "Be thy hands anointed with holy oil. Be thy breast anointed with holy oil. Be thy head anointed with holy oil, as kings, priests, and prophets were anointed: And as Solomon was anointed king by Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet, so be thou anointed, blessed and consecrated Queen over the peoples, whom the Lord thy God hath given thee to rule and govern, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen." A new anointing is due to take place of King Charles in May. However, we long for the anointing as king of the Lord Jesus Christ when he returns to the earth....

BIBLE QUOTE

And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon. (1 Kings 1:34) The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed... the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. (Psalm 2:2+7)