

# This Week's Developments

June 25 - July 08, 2023

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# ***Biden defends decision to send internationally banned cluster bombs to Ukraine***

*ITV, July 8, 2023*



## **EVENT**

US President Joe Biden says he stands by the decision to send cluster munitions to Ukraine, describing the controversial step as a temporary measure to help Kyiv halt Russian tanks. The leader defended the controversial move to send the munitions, which are banned by most other countries around the world, including the UK, to aid America's ally. It is the latest round of weaponry promised to Ukraine in its fight against Russia's invasion. Biden decided to provide cluster munitions to Ukraine for its war against Russia, even though the United Nations (UN) has urged the warring countries to avoid using them. Biden described the delivery as a 'temporary' measure to deal with ammunition shortages on the Ukraine frontlines, in a bid to halt Russian tanks. "This is a war relating to munitions. And they're running out of that ammunition, and we're low on it," Biden told the programme.

## **COMMENT**

*Bloomberg wrote yesterday "The US announced Friday that it will send the controversial munitions to Ukraine as part of a larger push to support its counteroffensive in the war. President Joe Biden's plan to send cluster munitions to Ukraine is dangerous for civilians and risks escalating war with nuclear-armed Russia." The US agreeing to send cluster bombs to Ukraine is yet another step towards greater conflict. Biden said that the "end justifies the means." However, Russia will think exactly the same. It will itself hide behind the fact these munitions are banned by most countries in the world to excuse using ever greater and indiscriminate destruction itself. All this is part of the "push" mentioned in Daniel 11:40 where we read that that king of the south "pushes" (militarily provokes) Gog – the king of verse 36-39 – latter day Antiochus Epiphanes...*

## **BIBLE QUOTE**

And at the time of the end shall **the king of the south push at him [Gog]**: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

*(Daniel 11:40)*

# Netanyahu to visit China

Jerusalem Post, June 28, 2023



## EVENT

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu plans to visit China, his spokesman announced on Tuesday. The Prime Minister's Office took pains to emphasize that the visit is not meant to be a message to US President Joe Biden, who has declined to invite Netanyahu to the White House. The leadership in Beijing invited Netanyahu earlier this year, and the Prime Minister's Office said he plans to visit, though a date has not been set. A source with knowledge of the matter said the plans are "very preliminary," and that Netanyahu is "making sure to send a message of cooperation and partnership with the US" at the same time. The plan to visit Beijing comes as Biden has yet to invite Netanyahu to the White House, implying in public statements that it is due to the government's judicial reform policies. There has also been increased tension with Washington of late over the advancing of Israeli homes in Judea and Samaria.

## COMMENT

Our previous presentation contained an article about China offering to broker a peace deal between Israel and the Palestinians, based, of course, on the 2 state solution. But the point is that there is this infiltration by China, first of all in business and tech investment, and increasingly that of a diplomatic and political nature - not only as to Israel but the Middle East in general. The supplemental articles and videos slide for this week show China's Yuan being used by India to buy Russian oil. Russia has declared war on the Wagner group in Syria and Africa where they had represented a huge Russian presence. So who will replace them for Russia? Enter China, Russia's partner, investing trillions in aid to African countries, and issuing assurances to Syrian president Assad. What Putin lacks in diplomacy, Xi supplies. Putin is the power broker. Together, as the K of N coalition, and, it appears, both occupying Magogian territory, they are the typical "good cop, bad cop" duo on the international scene, and basically causing the western powers - the K of S coalition - to be focused on multiple fronts, and potentially fighting on multiple fronts - the perfect political distraction..

## BIBLE QUOTE

And the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Son of man, set your face toward Gog of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him and say, "Be prepared, and prepare yourself, you and all your companies that are assembled about you. "In the latter years you will come into the land that is restored from the sword, whose inhabitants have been gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel..." Eze 38:1-8 NASB

# Israeli artillery strikes Lebanon after anti-tank missile launch

BBC, July 7, 2023



## EVENT

Israel's military says it responded with artillery fire after an anti-tank missile was launched from Lebanon. Some of the missile's parts "fell in Lebanon and some parts fell adjacent to the fence in the town of Ghajar in Israeli territory", a statement said. Lebanon's state news agency reported that more than 15 Israeli shells hit the outskirts of the Lebanese villages of Kfar Shouba and Halta. So far no militant group has claimed they were behind the missile launch. The United Nations peacekeeping force in Lebanon, Unifil, urged all sides to "exercise restraint and avoid any action that could cause further escalation" on the frontier, where tensions have increased in recent months. In April, the Israeli military carried out air strikes on targets it said belonged to the Palestinian militant group Hamas in southern Lebanon after more than 30 rockets were fired from there towards Israeli territory. It was the biggest such barrage from Lebanon since Israel and Lebanese militant group Hezbollah fought a war in 2006.

## COMMENT

This incident came amid heightened Israeli-Arab tensions after Israel this week conducted one of its largest military incursions in decades in the occupied West Bank, targeting the Jenin camp, a Palestinian militant stronghold. Hezbollah, the powerful Iran-backed Lebanese group that controls southern Lebanon and has fought several wars with Israel. At some point this terror group will launch a massive attack against Israel when instructed to by Iran. It has an estimated 150,000 rockets in its arsenal. It's stronghold is in the area of Tyre of Lebanon. Psalm 83 specifically mentions the "inhabitants of Tyre" as one of the peoples lined up in a confederacy against Israel. Amazing how accurate the Bible is – it doesn't say Lebanon but the people of Tyre...

## 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: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah.

(Psalm 83:5-8)

# Saudi Arabia wants ‘thriving Israel’ after years of fractured Middle East

The Times, June 28, 2023



## EVENT

Saudi Arabia’s ambassador to the US has spoken of wanting to see a “thriving Israel” as part of a unified Middle East, in the latest sign that the kingdom could normalise relations after decades of enmity. Princess Reema bint Bandar al-Saud, who is a member of the Saudi Arabian royal family, told an event in Colorado: “We want to see a thriving Israel, We want to see a thriving Palestine.” Referring to Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman’s long-term agenda, she added: “Vision 2030 talks about a unified, integrated, thriving Middle East, and last I checked, Israel was there. We want a thriving Red Sea economy.” A possible normalisation between Israel and Saudi Arabia has been hailed as the “crown jewel” of agreements between the Jewish state and the Arab and Muslim world. Riyadh is believed to have a covert relationship with Israel but has yet to officially disclose those diplomatic ties. While Prince Mohammed has not yet followed the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Morocco in establishing official relations under the US-brokered Abraham Accords of 2020, his country’s historic boycott has been softening, including opening its airspace to Israeli flights last year.

## COMMENT

Eli Cohen, the Israeli foreign minister, said this week that there was a “window of opportunity” for an Israeli-Saudi agreement and that “we are very optimistic about the possibility of achieving such an agreement”. This is quite amazing with Bible in hand because in Ezekiel 38 we read that the opposing force to Russia, Turkey, Iran etc is Sheba, Dedan, the merchants of Tarshish and the young lions. Sheba and Dedan is Saudi Arabia and the smaller Gulf Arab states - some of whom have already made peace agreements under the Abraham Accords. The pieces continue to fall into place.

## 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)

# ***The world is watching in disbelief as France tears itself apart***

*The Telegraph, July 1, 2023*

*The original shield of Clovis  
- first king of the Franks*



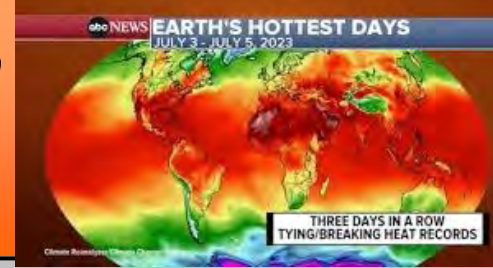
**EVENT** Macron is losing control of France. Thousands of arrests. Torched schools, community centres, city halls, sports complexes, post offices. Looting ranging from Lidl supermarkets to Apple Stores. Gendarmes and special forces brought in to patrol the streets at night, in addition to the beleaguered police force. Rising anger among shopkeepers clamouring for a curfew “or we’ll take matters into our hands”. It escalated disastrously, in all-too-familiar fashion. Rioting, incendiary accusations (of state racism, that “they” want to kill “us”) and then literally incendiary acts: arson, senseless vandalism and destruction, from bus stop shelters to rows of shops, kindergartens, social housing. And theft, everywhere, of private and public property; indiscriminate; from a six-pack of semi-skimmed milk to watches, jewellery, Nike shoes, baby buggies.

**COMMENT** Some 45,000 police officers and Gendarmes were mobilised on Saturday evening, after hundreds of people gathered to bury the 17-year-old police shooting victim in the Paris suburb of Nanterre. More than 200 policemen have been injured and over 700 businesses ransacked or burnt down since the police shooting of Merzouk sparked nationwide unrest on Tuesday. “The results of the night can be summed up in one word: apocalyptic,” Rudy Manna, of the Bouches-du-Rhône police union, said of Friday night. The name France comes from Latin Francia (“land of the Franks”). Franks means “free” or “freemen”. The spirit of the French is that they are free – free from any bondage. Hence “liberty (freedom), equality and fraternity” was the cry of the French Revolution. But it is a false cry. It has not brought freedom – it brings anarchy and rebellion.

**BIBLE QUOTE** And I saw **three unclean spirits like frogs** come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. **These 3 unclean spirits are like frogs. They link to the French Revolution of Liberty, Equality Fraternity. The first King of the Franks was Clovis – his shield initially had 3 frogs on it! They were later changed to lillies**(*Revelation 16:13*)

# Earth sets its hottest day record for third time in a week

*The Independent, July 7, 2023*



## EVENT

Earth's average temperature set a new unofficial record high on Thursday for the third time in a week. On 6 July the Earth was an average 17.23C (63F), according to an unofficial measurement by Climate Reanalyzer, a platform that uses climate and weather forecast models to take the global temperature. This surpassed the record of 17.18C (62.9F) set on Tuesday and maintained Wednesday, which in itself topped Monday's record-breaking 17.01C (62.6F). The figures must be confirmed by official international and national government bodies but nevertheless have set off alarm bells in the scientific community. Wherever you look around the world, there is a litany of new extremes. The African continent experienced its hottest night ever recorded, according to US Stormwatch, which tracks extreme weather globally. The nighttime low in Adrar, Algeria, was 39.6C (103.3F) on Thursday.

## COMMENT

Cities across China opened air-raid shelters on Friday to offer residents relief from severe heat as deaths were reported in Beijing and Shaoxing. Earlier this week, the Chinese capital reported more than nine straight days with record-high temperatures exceeding 35C (95F). In the Antarctic, temperatures soared to unprecedented levels, reaching as high as 4.5C (8F) above normal in the polar region. Dr Friederike Otto, a climate science lecturer at the Grantham Institute for Climate Change called the new heat records "a death sentence". The world is under a "death sentence" currently. The world is weighed down under sin. The world physically and spiritually groans under it. But soon Jesus will return and start the process of removing sin and death from all the earth.

## BIBLE QUOTE

We know that **the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time**. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

*(Romans 8:22-23 NIV)*

## ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

2023-07-08 [Zelensky meets Turkey's Erdogan to push Ukraine NATO goals](#) - Latest News - WION - 3.06 min - YouTube

2023-07-08 [US Treasury chief Yellen appeals to China for cooperation on climate and other global challenges](#) - AP News

2023-07-08 [Russian fighter jets harass American drones over Syria, US military says](#) - AP News

2023-07-08 [Russia Attacks Wagner in Syria- What does the Future Hold](#) - Vantage - 3.05 min of 26.43 min - YouTube

2023-07-07 [Iran Clashes with US Navy in Gulf of Oman](#) - Vantage - 3.33 min - YouTube

2023-07-06 [Protests in Israel Turn Violent After Firing of Police Chief](#) - Vantage - 5.16 min - YouTube

2023-07-06 [Israel AIRSTRIKES Near Damascus; Russia Fighter Jets HARASS U.S. Drones](#) - Watchman - 12.07 min - YouTube

2023-07-04 [Why is India Paying Russia with Chinese Yuan-](#) - Vantage - 5.28 min - YouTube

2023-07-04 [Russia vs Wagner- The offensive goes international - The start of a new war](#) - WION - 7.03 min - YouTube

2023-07-03 [Exclusive- India refiners start yuan payments for Russian oil imports](#) - Reuters

2023-06-29 [Proceed cautiously in relations with China](#) - editorial - The Jerusalem Post

2023-06-28 [Netanyahu to visit China, gave Biden advance notice of trip](#) - The Jerusalem Post

2023-06-24 [Who is Wagner boss Yevgeny Prigozhin- Why did he turn against Russia](#) - Gravitas US Edition - 5.55 min - YouTube

2023-06-24 [Russia Mutiny- Wagner group seizes military sites in Rostov](#) - Gravitas - US Edition - 6.17 min - YouTube

2023-06-24 ['Putin's desperation'- Lukashenko's 11th-hour deal with Wagner staves off 'military riot' in Moscow](#) - 15.57 - YouTube

2023-06-23 [U.S. Evangelicals in Freefall- Fewer Accept Core Christian Beliefs](#) - 6.20 min - YouTube

2023-06-22 [What WEF Just SAID about the Bible](#) - 9.40 min - YouTube

2023-06-22 [Israel SURPRISE Drone Strike Eliminates Terrorist Cell; WARNING to Iran Proxies](#) - Watchman -10.57 min - YouTube

2023-06-20 [Israelis Targeted in DEADLY Terror Attack; MAJOR Israeli Operation in Response](#) - Watchman- 10 min - YouTube

[Animated Map - Indo-European migrations](#) - File-Indo-European migrations.gif - Wikipedia



Zelensky meets Turkey's Erdogan to push Ukraine NATO goals – Erdogan supports Ukraine joining NATO

Protests in Israel Turn Violent After Firing of Police Chief – 27<sup>th</sup> week of protests, 10s of thousands in streets, police chief refuses to send protestors to hospital and is fired by hard line head of security; all very messy

Netanyahu to visit China – remember that China offered to help bring peace to Israel; China is heavily invested in Israel in real estate and tech business

US Treasury chief Yellen appeals to China for cooperation on climate and other global challenges – US is trying to disconnect from China but it is complicated; China increasingly the center of international attention

Exclusive - India refiners start Chinese Yuan payments for Russian oil imports – increasing influence of China and Chinese currency; note how its tied with and benefits Russia

Russia vs Wagner- The offensive goes international - The start of a new war (creating a power vacuum for Russia in Africa and Syria – to be replaced by???)

Israel AIRSTRIKES Near Damascus; (targeting Iranian shipments precision rockets to be assembled in Lebanon)

Russia Fighter Jets HARASS U.S. Drones in Syria (dropping parachute flares to block view, etc)

Iran Clashes with US Navy in Gulf of Oman – Iran harasses oil freighter, fires at another, US Navy called in to rescue and provide security.

plus France's riots

plus the climate issues

plus, plus, plus...

# NATO PRESENCE IN EASTERN EUROPE



- 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



1. LITHUANIA
2. LUXEMBURG
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)

"LION"  
TARSHISH  
UK

"YOUNG LIONS"  
(USA,  
CANADA,  
ETC)

GERMANY  
(LAND OF  
MAGOG)

GOMER  
European Economic Community

Gibraltar

TURKEY  
(Togarmah)

IRAQ/IRAN  
(Persia)

INDIA

LIBYA

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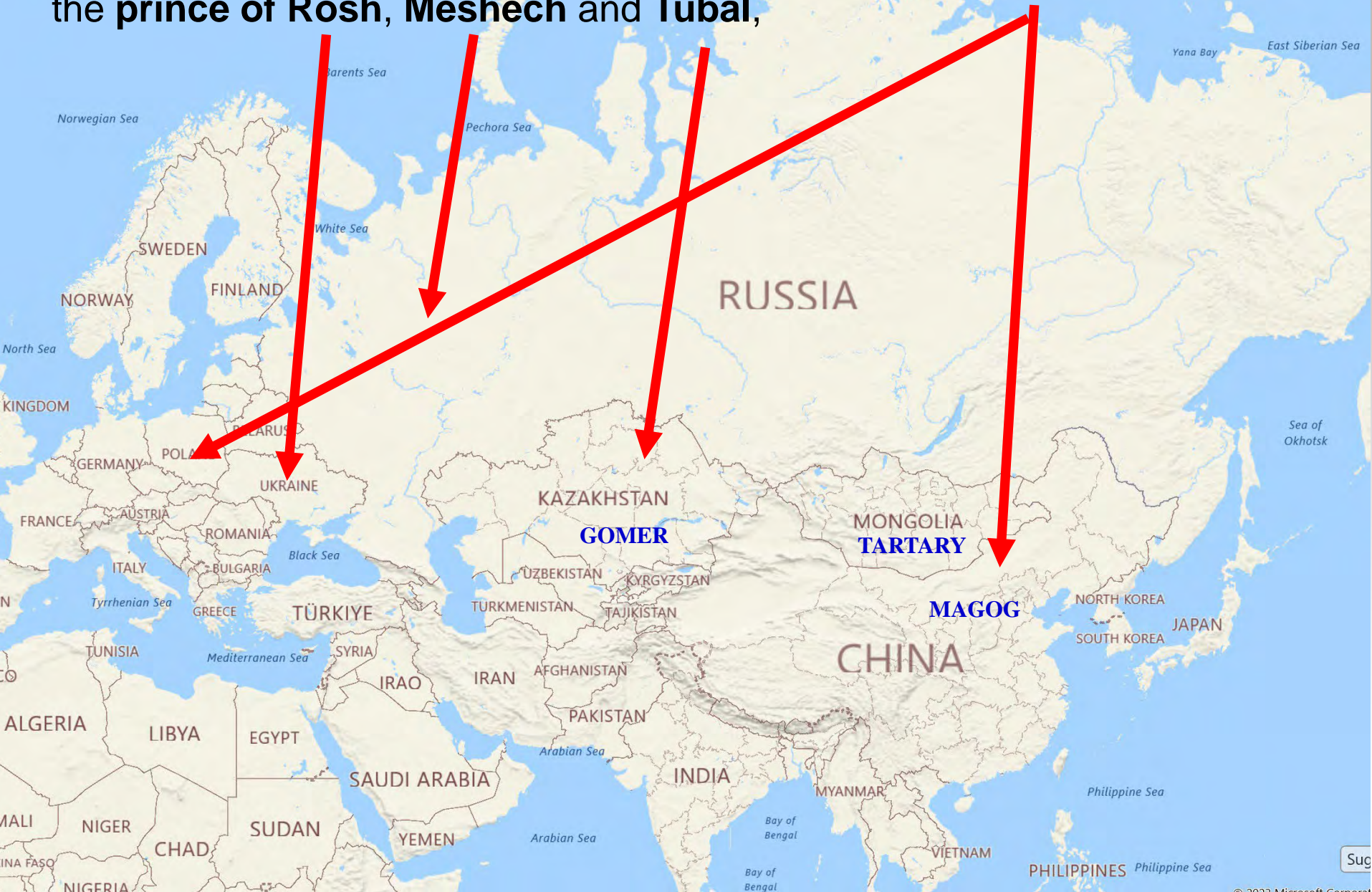
SHEBA

ETHIOPIA

AUSTRALIA

Legend HandOut

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



"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)?"

# Silk Road



Main routes of the Silk Road

## Route information

**Time period**    Around 114 BCE – 1450s CE

# Belt Road Initiative



# WAGNER GROUP'S OPERATIONS

