

This Week's Developments

January 1 - 7, 2023 [edited presentation]

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Exiled Chief Rabbi Says Jews Should Leave Russia While They Can

The Guardian Dec 30, 2022



EVENT

Moscow's exiled chief rabbi says Jews should leave Russia while they still can, before they are made scapegoats for the hardship caused by the war in Ukraine. "When we look back over Russian history, whenever the political system was in danger you saw the government trying to redirect the anger and discontent of the masses towards the Jewish community," Pinchas Goldschmidt told the Guardian. "We're seeing rising antisemitism while Russia is going back to a new kind of Soviet Union, and step by step the iron curtain is coming down again" Russia's Jews have been emigrating in their tens of thousands during the past 100 years, first to Europe and the Americas and more recently to Israel. Today only about 165,000 Jews remain in the Russian Federation out of a total population of 145 million. Goldschmidt said he believed that since the war began, 25% to 30% of those who remained had left or were planning to do so Overall, it is thought that about 200,000 Russians have fled Russia, an exodus that accelerated when conscription was introduced in September.

COMMENT

It seems that almost every war in Europe has had implications for Jews, most of the time negative, accompanied by suffering on a large and inhumane scale, such as the holocaust in the last world war. Now it appears to be happening again. The bizarre Putin narrative that Jews were themselves responsible for the holocaust is having an exodus effect. We need to watch this carefully and pray for God's will to be accomplished for His people. This has all the signs of being another traumatic period of suffering for them. This, too, has been predicted 3000 years ago. We may be sure that this will probably result in yet another wave of regathering to the land of Israel. Already there has been a huge intellectual loss to Russia as most of the creative class of business and cultural leaders, intellectuals and artists have already migrated to Israel & other countries.

BIBLE QUOTE

"Moreover, the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth;... Among those nations you shall find no rest, and there will be no resting place for the sole of your foot;... So your life shall hang in doubt before you; and you will be in dread night and day, and shall have no assurance of your life. In the morning you shall say, 'Would that it were evening!' And at evening you shall say, 'Would that it were morning!' because of the dread of your heart which you dread, and for the sight of your eyes which you will see."
Deut 28:64-67 NASB

Israel Ranked in Top 10 Most Powerful Countries in the World

Jerusalem Post, January 3, 2023



EVENT

Israel is one of the 10 most powerful, politically influential, and militarily strong countries in the world, according to a roundup for 2022 published by US News & World Report. The outlet found that among countries considered most powerful because they “consistently dominate news headlines, preoccupy policymakers and shape global economic patterns,” US News & World Report put Israel in tenth place. Top of the list was the United States, followed by China and then Russia. These countries project their influence on the world stage,” the outlet said. Israel was tenth in the ranking for countries that have the “Strongest International Alliances.” Israel’s highest ranking was for its military, which was placed fourth, just behind Russia, the US, and China. As for political influence, Israel was put in sixth place, just behind Germany and ahead of France. “For its relatively small size, the country has played a large role in global affairs,” it said. The top three countries overall were Switzerland, Germany, and Canada. The US was in fourth place, followed by Sweden, Japan, Australia, the UK, France, and Denmark to make up the top ten. Overall, Israel ranked 37th “best” country in the world out of 85 on the yearly list, now in its seventh year.

COMMENT

Putting things into perspective, Saskatchewan or Texas could contain +/- 30 countries the size of Israel; or, it would take approx. 450 Israels to fill the area of Canada or the USA. As we know it today, it began in 1948 from less than "scratch", being survivors of a holocaust that had just wiped out 6 million of them; and reestablishing a homeland against all odds facing enemies on every side sworn to its elimination. Yet here it is, ranked in the top 10 "most powerful, politically influential, and militarily strong countries in the world"; in fact, militarily ranking in the top 4 military powers of the world just behind Russia. Inasmuch as the fulfillment of prophecy is concerned, there is no second guessing this. We also know from the prophetic word that there are turbulent times yet ahead of it, because they are still lacking the most important thing - the recognition and acceptance of their long sought after Messiah.

BIBLE QUOTE

And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God. And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends. Zec 13:8,9,6

Netanyahu offers to suspend annexation plans in exchange for peace with Riyadh

Jewish News, December 25, 2022



EVENT

Prime Minister-designate Benjamin Netanyahu would suspend plans to annex parts of Judea and Samaria, commonly known as the West Bank in exchange for the normalization of relations with Saudi Arabia, according to a report over the weekend. Talks are underway between Israel, the United States and Saudi Arabia to this end, Yediot Aharonot reported. Netanyahu said he hopes to welcome Saudi Arabia into the circle of countries that have joined the Abraham Accords. “I hope to bring about a full, formal peace as we’ve done with the other Gulf states like Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates,” he said during an interview with Jewish Insider on Dec. 23. “This is a very important goal, because if we have peace with Saudi Arabia, we are effectively going to bring an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict,” he added. Netanyahu noted that the Saudis have already taken steps showing that they are amenable to full normalization.

COMMENT

Four Arab countries normalised relations with Israel as part of the 2020 Abraham Accords. The United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Morocco and Sudan agreed to establish diplomatic ties with Israel under the U.S.-brokered agreement. But part of that agreement was Israel agreeing to “suspend” annexing the West Bank. It appears, to win the Saudi’s over, that Netanyahu might have to offer something in this regard as well. The Saudis have indicated recently that the Gulf state is looking to normalise relations with Israel. With Bible in hand we can expect Saudi Arabia to be more allied to Israel at the time of the end. Saudi Arabia is the mentioned in the Bible as Sheba. We are told that Sheba is allied with Tarshish (UK) and the young lions (US/Canada etc). We are also told that Sheba is part of the opposition force to Gog who invades Israel.

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)

Israel hardline minister Itamar Ben-Gvir visits Temple Mount in 'provocation'

The Times, January 3, 2023



EVENT

Israel's new hardline national security minister visited Temple Mount in Jerusalem, next to al-Aqsa mosque, yesterday despite Palestinian warnings that his presence could lead to a violent reaction. Itamar Ben-Gvir, the leader of the nationalist Otzma Yehudit (Jewish Power) party, who is now in charge of Israel's police force, was a regular pilgrim to Temple Mount before becoming part of the new cabinet of Binyamin Netanyahu, the prime minister, last Thursday. His visit to the site, considered holy by both Jews and Muslims, came hours after reporters were told that the minister would visit Temple Mount "in the next few weeks". Ben-Gvir's trip took place without notification, shortly after 6am. He was surrounded by police officers and left after about 15 minutes. There was no confrontation between him and Muslims in the compound. The security minister has long called for greater Jewish access to the holy site, something that is viewed by Palestinians as a step towards Israel taking control of the compound.

COMMENT

The Temple Mount is where the Dome of the Rock is situated alongside the al-Aqsa Mosque. But it is on this exact site that the first and second Temple for the living God was built. God said his "eyes and heart would be there perpetually." Israel took control of Temple Mount in the 1967 6 Day War but they then allowed Jordan to administrate the site. Jews are forbidden to pray there but can visit. Ben Gvir did not pray and only visited but it was enough to bring enraged statements from the Palestinians and Iran. Iran's foreign minister said there would be "severe repercussions". We know a time is coming when Jerusalem / Temple Mount will become the centre of the final conflict.

BIBLE QUOTE

For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

(Zechariah 14:2)

Damascus airport hit and four killed in Israeli strikes on Syria

Daily Telegraph, January 2, 2023



EVENT

A “barrage” of overnight missile strikes put Damascus airport out of operation and reportedly killed four people on Monday, in the latest Israeli attack on Iran-linked militias in Syria. The strikes, which began at 2am local time, targeted Damascus International Airport and its surroundings, Sana, Syria’s state news agency, reported. Two soldiers were killed and two others wounded in the attack, which was launched from the direction of Lake Tiberias in Israel, the agency said. According to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a UK-based war monitor, four fighters including two Syrian army soldiers were killed. The missiles hit “positions for Hezbollah and pro-Iranian groups inside the airport and its surroundings, including a weapons warehouse”, the group said. According to the Syrian transport ministry, one of the two runways had reopened by 9am on Monday. The strike comes days after the Israeli Defence Forces declared that they would not “accept Hezbollah 2.0 in Syria”, as they unveiled their “operational outlook” for 2023.

COMMENT

This attack on Damascus was the first to be conducted by the Netanyahu government under incoming defense minister Yoav Galant. The Syrian London-based opposition’s said that parts of the airport were demolished in the attack, citing targets “associated with Hizballah and the pro-Iranian militias” in the southern outskirts of the capital. This is Netanyahu's new government saying that they will continue to attack Hezbollah and Iranian targets inside Syria. The Bible says that Damascus will completely come to an end as a city – and in all of human history this has never happened. So it must happen. It happens during the inner ring war war around Israel which Syria is part of. It is possible that we see the inner ring war during 2023... we watch and wait to see...

BIBLE QUOTE

The burden of Damascus. **Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city**, and it shall be a ruinous heap. The cities of Aroer [cities in Jordan] are forsaken: they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

(Isaiah 17:1-2)

'West using Ukraine to destroy Russia' - Putin

Jerusalem Post, December 31, 2022



EVENT

Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Saturday his country would never give in to the West's attempts to use Ukraine as a tool to destroy Russia. In a New Year's video message broadcast on Russian state TV, Putin said Russia was fighting in Ukraine to protect its "motherland" and to secure "true independence" for its people. In a nine-minute message - the longest New Year's address of his two-decade rule - Putin accused the West of lying to Russia and of provoking Moscow to launch what it calls a "special military operation" in Ukraine. "For years, Western elites hypocritically assured us of their peaceful intentions," he said in a speech filmed in front of Russian service personnel at the headquarters of Russia's southern military district. "In fact, in every possible way they were encouraging neo-Nazis who conducted open terrorism against civilians in the Donbas," Putin said in an uncharacteristically combative New Year's speech, usually dedicated to well-wishes for the year ahead.

COMMENT

Putin is not backing down and neither is the West. Both sides seem to believe they can overcome the other. So what could happen with the war in Ukraine? Does Russia take over the whole of Europe in conquest? Do the West push Russia out of Ukraine? Both are unlikely. What might happen is what Putin has threatened. He might well use some nuclear device or something as drastic to show he will go to ANY lengths to achieve his goal. Something drastic could force sides to the table. We also know what his goal is. To bring eastern Ukraine (annexed lands) into Russia formally. We know Russia eventually will descend south – so somehow the war in Ukraine will reach some negotiated standoff

BIBLE QUOTE

He [latter day Antiochus Epiphanes / king of the north / Gog] will become very strong, but not by his own power. **He will cause astounding devastation** and will succeed in whatever he does. He will destroy those who are mighty, the holy people. He will cause deceit to prosper, and he will consider himself superior. When they feel secure, he will destroy many
(Daniel 8:24-25 NIV)

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

2023-01-05 **Israel TARGETED by UN Security Council Over Temple Mount; Biden Admin to Turn-** - Watchman - 10.33 min - YouTube

2023-01-04 **Why are tech stocks falling** - Gravitas - 4.51 min - YouTube

2023-01-04 **Israeli PM Netanyahu's visit to UAE postponed** - Gravitas - 6.31 min - YouTube

2023-01-04 **Israel Ranked Among World's MOST POWERFUL Nations;** - Watchman Newscast - 10.14 min - YouTube

2023-01-04 **China's financial capital collapses, 70% of Shanghai residents infected with Wuhan virus** - Gravitas - 7.33 min - YouTube

2023-01-03 **Russia says 63 servicemen killed in Makiivka, Ukraine takes responsibility** - WION - World News - 5.0 min - YouTube

2023-01-03 **Israel CONDEMNED Over Temple Mount Visit; Jews to Pray at Jerusalem Holy Site-** - Watchman - 10.37 min - YouTube

2023-01-01 **Ukraine is in the headlines now. But a whole new world of conflict is about to erupt** - Simon Tisdall - The Guardian

2022-12-31 **Exiled chief rabbi says Jews should leave Russia while they can** - Russia - The Guardian

2022-09-15 **How Russia's war in Ukraine is birthing a new global order** - Ian Bremmer - 14.32 - YouTube

2022-12-30 **What Could Tip Global Economy Into Recession** - Gravitas - 6.39 min - YouTube

2022-12-29 **Jordan's King Abdullah II warns Israel** - Gravitas - 9.17 - YouTube

2022-12-29 **China sends infected flights to Milan, half of the passengers test positive** - Gravitas - 6.39 min - YouTube

2022-12-26 **Wuhan Virus- Shocking videos emerge from China** - Gravitas - 11.27 min - YouTube

2022-12-24 **Is the 'bomb cyclone' in the US an anomaly or the new normal-** - DW News - 8.32 min - YouTube

2022-12-24 **Explained- China's deadliest Wuhan Virus wave** - Gravitas Plus - 9.31 min - YouTube

2022-12-23 **Why Netanyahu NEVER Thought He'd Lead Israel & How Jerusalem MATTERS-** Watchman - 10.35 min - YouTube

2022-12-23 **Packed ICUs, crowded crematoriums- COVID roils Chinese towns** - AP News

The Holy Roman Empire- Every State, Every Year - YouTube

Animated Map - Indo-European migrations - File-Indo-European migrations.gif - Wikipedia

NATO PRESENCE IN EASTERN EUROPE



SOURCE: NATO

- 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 *



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Netanyahu sworn in as head of Israel's new coalition government

The Times, December 29, 2022



EVENT

Binyamin Netanyahu returned to office today at the head of the most hardline government in the country's history, threatening new confrontations with Palestinians, judges and LGBT groups. Israel's longest-serving prime minister welcomed into his cabinet right-wing Jewish Power and religious-nationalist politicians who have promised to oppose moves towards a Palestinian state and to expand settlements in the West Bank. The government is also intent on judicial reform and a repeal of pro-LGBT legislation, at the behest of religious Orthodox parties. Netanyahu, who has served five previous terms as prime minister and a total of 15 years in the post altogether, spent 18 months in opposition. To secure his coalition Netanyahu has awarded his right-wing partners control over Israel's police forces and of the civil administration in the occupied West Bank. In a sign of the new government's direction, he did not mention the Palestinians once in his inaugural speech.

COMMENT

Israel is always ruled by coalition governments due to the complex voting rules in their elections. The government formed in Israel at the end of 2022 is seen by many as ultra hard-line and hard right. Netanyahu has said that his number one mission is to prevent Iran from building a nuclear bomb. He also wants to build on the Abraham accords "broadening the circle of peace in the Middle East." He also wants to strengthen Israel's position on the West Bank by increasing settlement expansion and legalising current "illegal" outposts. These 3 ambitions line up with Bible in hand. We expect Israel to be seen a pariah state with all the world gathered against it. We also expect Israel and the Gulf Arab states to be onside with each other. We also expect trouble with Iran....

BIBLE QUOTE

"On that day I will make the clans [governors / rulers] of Judah like a blazing pot in the midst of wood, like a flaming torch among sheaves; and they shall devour to the right and to the left all the peoples round about, while Jerusalem shall still be inhabited in its place, in Jerusalem. At some point a government in Israel will devour nearby peoples in the inner ring war. (Zechariah 12:6)

Israel 'cannot be an occupier' in its own land, Netanyahu counters after UN ruling

Daily Telegraph, January 1, 2023



EVENT

Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli prime minister, has insisted that Israel cannot be “occupiers” on their “own land” in response to the UN General Assembly’s decision to ask the International Court of Justice to examine the legality of the occupation of the Palestinian territories. The UN resolution was passed just a day after Mr Netanyahu was sworn back into power, bringing in Israel’s most hardline government in its history. His coalition Cabinet, which includes several West Bank settlers, vowed to put the expansion of Israeli settlements in occupied Palestinian territories at the top of its priorities, as well as the annexation of the West Bank. In a statement on Saturday, Mr Netanyahu said that he would not be bound by whatever “despicable decision” the International Court of Justice (ICJ) made, adding that this was the latest in a series of “twisted” rulings against Israel by the UN General Assembly over the years. “The Jewish people are not occupiers in their own land nor occupiers in our eternal capital Jerusalem and no UN resolution can distort that historical truth,” he said.

COMMENT

Israel are not occupiers of the West Bank neither are they occupiers of east Jerusalem. The nations of the world almost universally do see it like this but they are wrong for one simple reason... The land of Israel was given to the Jews by God himself. We are told specifically by God that he would bring them again to their own land in the last days. The land God speaks of is the entire land he detailed out in Numbers 34. This land included what is now called the West Bank. It is through the West Bank that the “mountains of Israel” run like a spine through the country. These events bring us closer to all nations being gathered against Jerusalem / Israel to battle. It could be soon...

BIBLE QUOTE

After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, **against the mountains of Israel**, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.

(Ezekiel 38:8)