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# Wagner chief in coup against Russian generals

Daily Telegraph, June 24, 2023



## EVENT

Yevgeny Prigozhin, the head of the mercenary Wagner group, has called for a coup against Russia's military leaders, saying he has 25,000 fighters ready to "end this mess". Russian soldiers across the country were put on high alert on Friday night after Prigozhin urged citizens to stay inside and threatened to march on the Kremlin. He accused Russian generals of carrying out an airstrike on his fighters in Ukraine. He said a "huge number" had been killed but provided no evidence. In an audio message late on Friday night, Prigozhin said his troops were entering Rostov, a large city in the south of Russia that the Russian top military command have been using as their base. On Saturday morning, Prigozhin claimed to have taken control of Rostov, including all military establishments and the airport, and he said dozens of Russian soldiers had joined his coup.

## COMMENT

We have long tracked the Wagner Group in the WW. Wagner Private Military Company, is a Russian paramilitary organization. It is seen as a private military company and a de facto private army of Russian President Vladimir Putin's former close ally Yevgeny Prigozhin. Wagner has been a way for Putin to exert military influence around the world especially in Syria, Africa and Ukraine. In fact Wagner Group was formed in 2014 at the time Russia annexed Crimea. Due to huge losses of his mercenary soldiers in Ukraine the head of Wagner Group Yevgeny Prigozhin has turned against the hand that feeds it- Russia. This will be a major blow to Putin as his own "private army" essentially is turning against mainstream Russia military commanders. Putin will not back down to any demands made and this will make him more dangerous.

## 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)*

# Putin vows to crush Prigozhin uprising and retake city of Rostov

Financial Times, June 24, 2023



## EVENT

Vladimir Putin has vowed to crush an uprising led by the warlord Yevgeny Prigozhin, describing the armed mutiny moving through cities in southern Russia as a treasonous “stab in the back”. Facing the first coup attempt in Russia for three decades, the president said he had given “necessary orders” to tackle the Wagner paramilitary group with “decisive measures” to retake the city of Rostov. Putin’s grave address, which did not mention Prigozhin by name, suggests the president has left no room for compromise with his former acolyte. “What we are dealing with is treason. Unchecked ambitions and personal interests have brought about betrayal of our country and our people,” Putin said. Within hours, Prigozhin issued a defiant response, saying his Wagner force no longer wanted to live “under corruption, lies, and bureaucracy”. In an audio message released by his press service, Prigozhin added: “On the subject of betraying the motherland, the president is deeply mistaken. We are patriots of our motherland. We . . . will fight on.”

## COMMENT

These events could be highly significant as it spells (for the first time Putin has been in power) a direct challenge to his authority. This is why Putin uses the words “treason” and “stab in the back”. It is Putin that created the Wagner Group as his own personal private army. Prigozhin is known as Putin’s Chef as he once ran the catering for the Kremlin and personally served Putin on many occasions. So Putin sees this as total betrayal. Putin could soon be fighting an uprising in his own country as well as Ukraine. He will seek to quash this as soon as possible - using whatever force it takes. It could also spur him on to bring Ukraine to a conclusion. Putin will use ever greater destruction

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# ***Biden: I fear Putin will launch nuclear weapons***

*The Times, June 20, 2023*



## **EVENT**

President Biden has warned that there is a “real” danger that Russia could use nuclear weapons over the war in Ukraine. “I worry about Putin using tactical nuclear weapons. It’s real,” he told Democratic Party donors in California. **Biden is the first US president to publicly raise the spectre of nuclear conflict with Russia since the end of the Cold War.** The Kremlin recently deployed tactical nuclear warheads to neighbouring Belarus — a move that was viewed as a response to Ukraine’s long-awaited counter-offensive. It was the first time that Moscow had stationed nuclear weapons outside Russia’s borders since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. Biden called the move “absolutely irresponsible”. Biden’s warning followed an escalation in nuclear rhetoric by Russia. Last week Putin warned that the conflict in Ukraine could trigger a third world war. A leading Kremlin adviser also said that Russia could drop nuclear weapons on Europe to try to force the west to abandon its military support for Kyiv. State television presenters have also called for nuclear strikes against western countries, including Britain.

## **COMMENT**

In October Biden said that Putin was “not joking” over his threats to use nuclear weapons. “I don’t think there’s any such thing as the ability to easily use a tactical nuclear weapon and not end up with Armageddon,” he said. Putin may well use these weapons to force the West into a negotiated deal. But there are other nuclear fears as well as strategic nuclear weapons. There are reports that Russian troops have planted mines at the cooling pond used to ensure the safety of reactors at the Zaporozhzhia nuclear power plant in southern Ukraine. The Bible does indicate that nuclear weapons will be used one day – we read of elements (atoms) melting with fervent heat....

## **BIBLE QUOTE**

Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, **and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?** Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

*(2 Peter 3:12-13)*

# 'British Storm Shadow missile' hits bridge between Crimea and Russian territory

Daily Telegraph, June 22, 2023



## EVENT

Ukraine used a British-supplied Storm Shadow missile to hit a key bridge between Crimea and Russian-held parts of the Kherson region in Ukraine, pro-Moscow sources have claimed. Vladimir Saldo, the Russia-appointed Kherson governor, said the Storm Shadow long-range cruise missiles were likely to have been used for the attack, which damaged the road on the Chongar bridge. No casualties have been reported. The strike comes just two days after the Kremlin warned that it would see the UK as 'full-fledged' participants in the war in Ukraine if the Storm Shadow missiles hit Crimea, which Russia annexed in 2014. Images show a large hole in the bridge, revealing the water below, as well as rubble strewn across the road. The damaged bridge was still standing but the extent of the internal structural damage was not immediately clear. Saldo vowed: 'There will soon be a very serious answer.' The governor described the attack as 'another senseless action ordered from London by the Kyiv regime.'

## COMMENT

Earlier this week Sergei Shoigu, the Russian defence minister,, threatened that the Kremlin would launch “immediate strikes on decision-making centres” in Ukraine if Western missiles such as British Storm Shadows or US Himars were used to hit targets in Russia. Shoigu said that the warning included Crimea, which Russia seized from Ukraine in 2014. Moscow has previously warned that it would be prepared to use nuclear weapons to defend Crimea. “The use of these missiles outside the zone of a special military operation would signify the full involvement of the United States and Britain in the conflict,” Shoigu said. The Bible says the king of the south (US/UK) will militarily provoke (push / gore) Gog, the latter day Antiochus Epiphanes- Russian ruler.

## 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)*

# Four Israelis killed in revenge attack by Palestinian militants

The Times, June 19, 2023



## EVENT

Four Israelis were killed and another four injured in a shooting attack outside an Israeli settlement in the West Bank on Tuesday afternoon. According to the militant Islamist movement Hamas, the attack was in response to an Israeli operation in Jenin the previous morning in which six Palestinians were killed. Two gunmen arrived at a petrol station outside the settlement of Eli, about ten miles south of Nablus, and opened fire on people sitting in a restaurant. As they fled, passing Israeli civilians shot and killed one. A Hamas spokesman said that “the operation in Eli was a response to the crimes of Israel in Jenin yesterday and its aggression against the al-Aqsa Mosque”. The movement, however, did not take responsibility for the attack and it is still unclear whether the gunmen were working alone. The deadly attack has already amplified voices in Israel that have been calling for a big offensive against the Palestinian militant groups.

## COMMENT

Violence has surged in the West Bank, where the Israeli military has for over a year been conducting regular sweeps leading to repeated clashes with Palestinian fighters. This week the United Nations human rights high commissioner said the situation in the Israeli-occupied West Bank was deteriorating sharply and he called on Israel to reset its policies and comply with international law. Earlier this week, the US criticized Israel’s decision to advance the planning of over 4,500 housing units in various communities in Judea and Samaria, saying it is “deeply troubled” by it. The new Israeli construction was also criticized by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, who said that “settlements are a flagrant violation of international law. A time is soon coming when an initial inner ring war happens between Israel and the Palestinians, Hamas, Hezbollah, Syria etc.

## BIBLE QUOTE

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.** 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; *(Psalm 83:4-7)*

# Macron urges Europe to build own air defense, not rely on US-Israeli system

*The Times of Israel, June 24, 2023*



## EVENT

French President Emmanuel Macron called on European nations Monday to seek more independence on airspace defense and advocated against relying too much on the US, a long-divisive issue that takes on new urgency because of Russia's war in Ukraine. Macron made his case for Europeans building their own airspace protection strategy rather than relying on a system built from American and Israeli components as he delivered the closing speech of a conference in Paris gathering defense ministers and other representatives of 20 European countries. The talks included anti-drone combat and ballistic missile defense, French organizers said, noting that Moscow's full-scale invasion of Ukraine has shown the importance and effectiveness of such equipment. Nuclear weapons deterrence was also on the agenda.

## COMMENT

Germany's parliament is reported to have approved an advance payment for the acquisition of Israel's sophisticated Arrow-3 air defence system in a deal worth almost four billion euros (\$4.3bn). France is not at all happy with Germany spending billions of euros on US and Israel military hardware. The war in Ukraine, however, has brought about a major transition in German defence policy. The country has pledged ammunition and arms to the Ukrainian military in volumes unthinkable as recently as two years ago. Spending by central and western European states reached \$345bn in 2022, a sum that in real terms surpasses that of 1989, the last year of the cold war. Their defence expenditure is 30% higher than a decade ago. The Bible says that nations will be preparing for war and beating their plowshare into swords before Armageddon begins...

## BIBLE QUOTE

Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. *We expect the EU to build its own army as the beast (the resurrected Holy Roman Empire) of Revelation 17 will make war against Christ...* (Joel 3:9-10)

## ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

- 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
- 2023-06-19 **Xi, Blinken agree to stabilize US-China relations in Beijing talks** - Reuters
- 2023-06-19 **Israel Faces New TERROR FRONT as Iran Hosts Hamas & Islamic Jihad Leaders** - Watchman - 9.44 min - YouTube
- 2023-06-14 **Xi- China willing to help foster Palestinian peacemaking with Israel** - Reuters
- 2023-06-14 **Germany calls China a growing threat as it steps up focus on security** - Reuters
- 2023-05-03 **ChatGPT could create a new religion by writing its own sacred texts, historian claims** - Daily Mail Online
- 2023-06-10 Zelenskyy says 'counteroffensive' actions underway against Russia - Latest News - WION - 3.10 min - YouTube
- 2023-06-10 'Three months ago, this wasn't possible'- exiled Russians dare to dream of Putin's fall - The Guardian
- 2023-06-09 The US and Canada saw dangerous smoke this week. It's a routine peril for many developing countries - AP News
- 2023-06-08 Canada's wildfire smoke terrorises parts of the US - Gravitas - 5.20 min - YouTube
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- 2023-05-02 **Yuval Noah Harari warns AI can create religious texts, may inspire new cults** - The Times of Israel
- 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



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  
SHEBA

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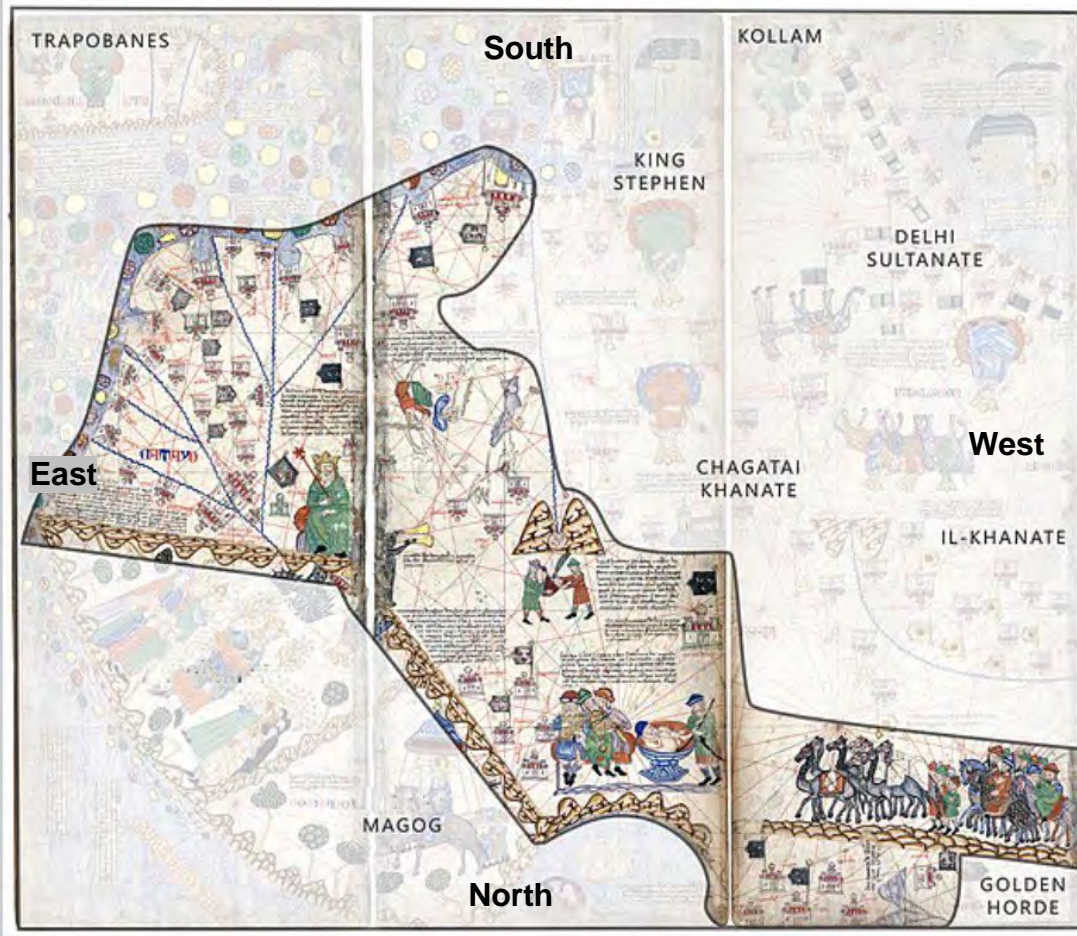
*Legend HandOut*

Gog signifies "high" (r) and eminent, one in a very exalted station: it comes from the same root, and has the same signification, as Agag, to whose height and exaltation there is an allusion in Num\_24:7, where the Samaritan and Septuagint versions read Gog: it is the same with, "Jagog", by which name the Arabians called the Scythians that lived far east, particularly those that were situated to the north of China beyond Imaus, as Golius (s) observes; and Josephus (t) says that the posterity of Magog are called Scythians\*, and these inhabited Tartary; and there, as Paulus Venetus (u) affirms, are the countries of Gog and Magog, which they call Gug and Mungug now; from hence came the Turks, even from Tartary, which is called by the eastern writers Turchestan, whence they had their name; and so may with great propriety be called by the name of Gog; their emperor also being a high and mighty one, whose empire must be destroyed...

John Gill Commentary

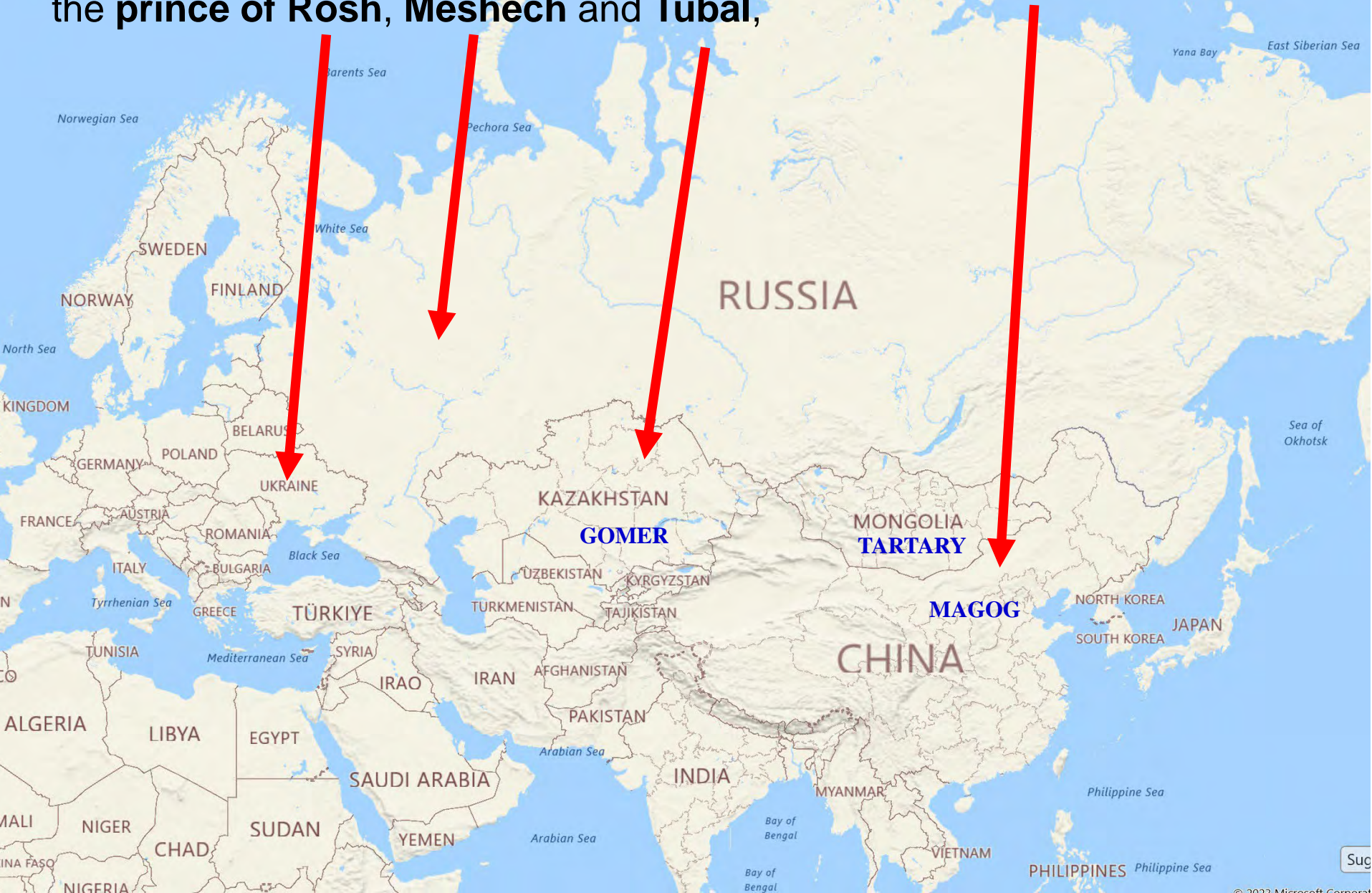
*\* The Scythians were a nomadic people whose culture flourished between the 7th and 3rd century BCE in a territory ranging from Thrace in the west, across the steppe of Central Asia, to the Altai Mountains of Mongolia in the east. This covers an area around 4000 kilometers (2500 mi) in length.*

The thing is, that when we speak of and trace the location of Magog, Scythia enters into the equation and we typically look toward the **west** – i.e., where they ended up, but this is overlooking the roots - i.e., where they **came from** - which is the **east** - the Altai mountains - i.e., in the northern tip of the Xinjiang region of China – which is part of the ancient settlement of Magog.



Empire of the Great Khan (*Catayo* for Cathay) according to the *Catalan Atlas* (1375, rotated 180°). *Xinjiang* with its caravan of traders appears in the bottom right corner, while the Pacific coast runs along the top-left corner. *Kublai Khan* is seen enthroned. A flag with three red crescent moons (🏴) appears on all the territory.<sup>[1][2]</sup>

"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



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# ***Xi: China willing to help foster Palestinian peacemaking with Israel***

*Reuters, June 14, 2023*



## **EVENT**

China is willing to play a positive role to help the Palestinians achieve internal reconciliation and promote peace talks with Israel, Chinese President Xi Jinping told his Palestinian counterpart in Beijing on Wednesday. "The fundamental solution to the Palestinian issue lies in the establishment of an independent Palestinian state based on the 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital," Xi said, according to Chinese state media. Peace talks that were brokered by the United States collapsed in 2014, with no revival on the horizon. China has had historically good ties with the Palestinians and since Abbas' last visit in 2017 has consistently talked up its capabilities in mediation, although with little to show in this regard until it brokered a surprise deal between Iran and Saudi Arabia to restore diplomatic relations in March. Xi reiterated Chinese support for the Palestinian Authority becoming a full member of the United Nations. Xi and Abbas also announced the two sides had agreed to establish a strategic partnership and signed a number of bilateral cooperation documents. On Tuesday, Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang offered to contribute "Chinese wisdom" to the "Palestinian issue" in a separate meeting with Palestinian counterpart Riyad al-Maliki.

## **COMMENT**

The Chinese factor bears watching from the point of view of Bible prophecy. China is making connections in the Middle East, esp over the last few months since the March diplomatic activity with Iran & Saudi Arabia.. Currently China appears aligned with Russia (& K of N nations) up to the threshold of supplying weapons. There is growing antagonism between China and the K of S nations. China consists of +/- 1.5 billion people, almost 20% of the world's population. Yet the Bible doesn't mention China. Or... does it - via the titles of Magog and Gomer? There is a significant body of research indicating that Magog, the son of Japheth, was a wanderer and migrated to the eastern regions of Asia. Even Josephus, speaking of the Scythian migrations, identifies them with Magog and references the migration as coming from the east. I have some notes and sources in my Bible and I'll quote from that. There are several others but time will not permit. But when we are attempting to ID Gog, of the land of Magog, let's not discount the head of China (currently president Xi).

## **BIBLE QUOTE**

The sons of Japheth were Gomer and **Magog** and Madai and Javan and Tubal and Meshech and Tiras.  
Gen\_10:2 (NASB)

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"  
Eze\_38:2 (NASB)



# WEF Calls for AI to Rewrite Bible, Create 'Religions That Are Actually Correct'

Technocracy News & Trends, June 14, 2023



## EVENT

Noah Yuval Harari has declared open war on God by suggesting that AI may soon be able to write a Bible that is "actually correct." Like most Transhumanists, Harari eschews Christianity and the Bible, believing it to be mythology. His faith in AI leads him to believe that an accurate equivalent of the Bible could be written by the transcendent AI. He is not personally creating a new Bible, but rather forecasting that it will be possible to do so. A top official with the World Economic Forum (WEF) has called for religious scripture to be "rewritten" by artificial intelligence (AI) to create a globalized "new Bible." Yuval Noah Harari, the senior advisor to the WEF and its chairman Klaus Schwab, argues that using AI to replace scriptures will create unified "religions that are actually correct." Harari, an influential author and professor, made the call while giving a talk on the "future of humanity." According to Harari, the power of AI can be harnessed and used to reshape spirituality into the WEF's globalist vision of "equity" and inclusivism. "It's the first technology ever that can create new ideas. "You know, [Johannes] Gutenberg printed the Bible in the middle of the 15th century; the printing press printed as many copies of the Bible as Gutenberg instructed it, but it did not create a single new page. "It had no ideas of its own about the Bible: Is it good? Is it bad? How to interpret this? How to interpret that? AI can create new ideas; [it] can even write a new Bible," he declared. "Throughout history, religions dreamt about having a book written by a superhuman intelligence, by a non-human entity," he added.

## COMMENT

The Bible predicts - in the message to Daniel that is recorded in ch 12, that at the end times of human dominion, knowledge would be increased, and people would move around rapidly ("going to and fro"). This is coming to pass before our very eyes. Knowledge has increased exponentially at an unheard of rate. We are also told of the fear that would accompany this phenomenon. AI not only threatens to be beyond man's control but could potentially threaten human existence. Also predicted was the falling away from Divine truth and man inventing his own religions. That has happened on multiple fronts. But this now appears to ramp things up to an entire new level altogether - AI (i.e. a machine) writing a "perfect Bible" and uniting humanity under a "perfect religion". Note that this prediction is coming from a member of Abraham's descendants - although, in fairness, he is presenting the scenario as a warning to the WEF and other controlling entities that this could quickly spin out of control if something is not done NOW to curb AI.

## BIBLE QUOTE

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