

This Week's Developments

April 30 – May 6, 2023

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Iran assembles allies for rocket attacks on Israel

The Times, May 4, 2023



EVENT Iran is trying to forge a defence pact, drawing together militant organisations across the Middle East to co-ordinate rocket launches against Israel, regional sources say. The organisations include the Lebanese Shia militia Hezbollah and the Palestinian movements Hamas and Islamic Jihad (PIJ), all of which have been funded by Iran for years but have operated separately. Western intelligence and other sources say Iran’s Quds Force, the overseas arm of the Revolutionary Guard, is trying to create a mechanism under which the organisations will take part in launching the rockets Iran has sent them and paid for as a deterrent against Israel. **The suggestion follows a warning from Yoav Gallant, the Israeli defence minister, that the country could soon face a “multi-front war”, rather than dealing with threats from hostile forces in Gaza, Lebanon, Syria and elsewhere separately.**

COMMENT Israel has not faced a serious war since its invasion of Lebanon to take on Hezbollah in 2006. However, it has waged repeated battles with Hamas in Gaza, and staged hundreds of bombing raids against targets in Syria. During past rounds of fighting with Israel in Gaza, factions based in Lebanon and Syria did not usually join in. Neither did the Palestinians come to Hezbollah’s aid during the 2006 war. The Iranians are trying to convince them all that by working together, they can bolster their deterrence. And it is this forging of a new defence pact with all of Israel’s surrounding enemies that is so interesting with Bible in hand. What we are reading about here is Psalm 83. A confederacy of enemies who want to destroy Israel. They are listed out as their ancient tribes in that Psalm but they equate exactly to the people lining up against Israel...

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. For they have consulted together with one consent.** (Psalm 83:2-4)

Russia accuses Ukraine of drone attack on President Putin

The Times, May 3, 2023



EVENT

Russia claimed it thwarted an attempt by Ukraine to kill President Putin in the Kremlin, raising **fears of a significant escalation in the war**. It said two drones had been used in a “planned terrorist” attack on Putin’s residence in the Kremlin but that they had been brought down by Russian air defences. Hardliners in Moscow urged retaliatory strikes on Kyiv. President Zelensky denied Ukraine was behind the unprecedented attack. “We don’t attack Putin, or Moscow, we fight on our territory,” he said during a trip to Finland. “Russia has no victories. [Putin] can no longer motivate his society, and he can’t just send his troops to their death anymore. Now he needs to somehow motivate his people.” “The Kremlin has assessed these actions as a planned terrorist act and an assassination attempt on the president on the eve of Victory Day, the May 9 Parade,” Ria Novosti, the Russian state news agency, reported. A spokesman for the Kremlin said: “The Russian side reserves the right to take retaliatory measures where and when it sees fit.”

COMMENT

Putin is struggling in Ukraine. More than 20,000 Russian soldiers have been killed and more than 80,000 injured in 2023 alone. But Putin will never back down. He has to succeed as there is no other option for him. In 1999, just months before Putin was elected president for the first time, Russia was hit with a wave of apartment bombings that killed more than 300 people and which then-prime minister Putin cited to justify launching a war in Chechnya. There is a huge amount of evidence Putin was behind the bombing of those apartment blocks to create the excuse to launch the war. If so this could be the thinking here as well. Putin needs an excuse to launch something even more devastating than we have seen so far. This drone “attack” could be that excuse.

BIBLE QUOTE

when the transgressors have reached their full measure, a king of bold countenance, one who understands riddles, shall arise. His power shall be great, and **he shall cause fearful destruction, and shall succeed in what he does**, and destroy mighty men and the people of the saints.

(Daniel 8:23-24)

Putin has given up on ambitions to conquer Ukraine

Business Insider, May 5, 2023



EVENT

Russian President Vladimir Putin has drastically scaled back his ambitions in Ukraine after Russian military setbacks, US intelligence officials said. Avril Haines, the Director of National Intelligence (DNI), told the Senate Armed Services Committee Thursday that Putin was now focused on the more limited goal of preventing Ukraine from joining NATO, the defense treaty that forms the main bulwark against Russian aggression in Europe. **"We assess that Putin probably has scaled back his immediate ambitions to consolidate control of the occupied territory in eastern and southern Ukraine and ensuring that Ukraine will never become a NATO ally,"** Haines said. "He may be willing to claim at least a temporary victory based on roughly the territory he has occupied," Haines added. Defense Intelligence Agency director Lt. Gen. Scott D. Berrier added that it may take up to a decade from Russia to replenish its troops.

COMMENT

We know at some point Russia will invade Israel. It is highly unlikely that Russia could or would do this while fighting a major war in Ukraine. No country on earth wants to fight two wars at the same time. Even America with immense military strength can only just cope with fighting two wars simultaneously and would do all it could to only have one on the go at a time. This means that the Ukraine conflict must at some point come to an end - or at least reach some standoff or stalemate - possibly even an agreement between Russia and Ukraine. This may seem impossible right now but Putin could drive the parties to the table if he resorted to extreme destruction eg tactical nuclear weapons. Putin would be "content" and able to declare victory if he could walk away with the Donbass south eastern area of Ukraine – part of the ancient land of Magog!

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:

(Ezekiel 38:2-3)

Russia has mined European undersea pipelines cables, Nato fears

The Times, May 3, 2023



EVENT

Nato suspects that Russia has planted explosives on critical European undersea infrastructure, based on intelligence from the companies that run oil and gas rigs, pipelines, electricity connectors and telecoms cables. Moscow has used a mixture of military vessels and notionally civilian ones, such as fishing or oceanographic ships, to map potential vulnerabilities in the Baltic and North seas since the 1960s. For more than half a century, both sides have played a game of cat and mouse, deploying sonar, radar, underwater microphones, patrol vessels and the whole gamut of espionage. However, the war in Ukraine and the spectacular Nord Stream attack have brought home what is at stake and the lengths to which Russia is prepared to go, putting northern Europe on high alert. Asked if there were suspicions that Russia had already mined undersea infrastructure, a Nato official said: “Yes, I think [so]. I would use [the] word suspicions. Strong suspicions.”

COMMENT

Russian navy vessels able to perform underwater operations were present near the sabotaged Nord Stream gas pipelines prior to mysterious blasts in September, according to an investigative documentary. If this is true it shows the extent to which Russia will go to achieve its aims. Many wonder why Russia would do this but its actually straight out of Putin’s playbook of panic, escalation and misdirection. The concern of NATO is that Russia could destroy key cables and pipelines into the West – massively disrupting energy and the internet. If Russia attacks a power plant on land, that is war. If the Russians can sabotage undersea pipelines or cables they can attack deniably. It is part of the deceit mentioned in Daniel 8 and using it to destroy many...

BIBLE QUOTE

And through his policy also he shall cause craft [deceit] to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

(Daniel 8:25)

Gulf states poised to bail Britain out of energy crisis

The Telegraph, April 30, 2023



EVENT

Gulf states are poised to help bankroll Britain's efforts to build new nuclear power stations to keep the lights on, the energy security secretary has indicated. Grant Shapps visited the region in January and said he remains "in constant contact" with investors in the region who are "very interested" in the nuclear sector. **Countries such as the UAE and Bahrain have built up vast sovereign wealth funds** which are now pushing into clean energy amid global efforts to cut fossil fuel use. Jeremy Hunt, the chancellor, met with the UAE's Mubadala, a sovereign investment firm, in February, and has abandoned plans to toughen tax rules for sovereign wealth funds. Mr Shapps said: **"I was in the Gulf states [this year] and I'm in constant contact with our friends and colleagues over there.**" "They have already been investing massive amounts in renewable energy – and they're very interested in nuclear power as well. The scale of their ambitions are pretty big – watch this space."

COMMENT

Britain has increasingly turned to Gulf Arab states post Brexit. Last year the UK launched talks over a new free trade deal with six Gulf states including Saudi Arabia. With the energy crisis in Europe it is forcing countries to look for new supplies. Britain is looking to the Gulf Arab states to help "keep the lights on". This is interesting with Bible in hand because we know that Saudi Arabia and the Gulf Arab states are aligned to Britain at the time Russia invades. They are the opposing force to Russia called "the king of the south." Ezekiel 38 says that Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish are grouped together. Sheba and Dedan are ancient names for Saudi Arabia and the gulf Arab states. Tarshish is Britain. They are coming together as prophesied.

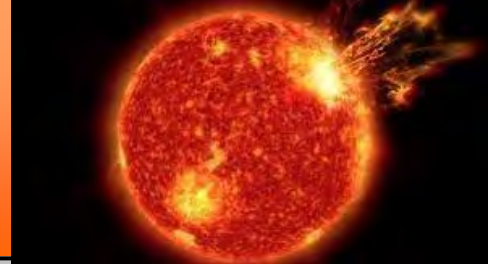
BIBLE QUOTE

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)

Massive solar flare plunges parts of Earth into radio blackout

The News, May 2, 2023



EVENT

A massive solar flare generated by an exploding sunspot on the Sun plunged parts of the world, especially the Atlantic Ocean region into radio blackout, according to media reports. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a warning on April 30 saying that the AR3288 sunspot has been growing very fast containing an unstable delta-class magnetic field. The solar flare was termed the M7 class solar flare. The major effects were felt in the Atlantic Ocean region. During the blackout, the radio signals of 20MGZ were lost for at least 20 minutes after the solar explosion, the data noted. Apart from this, another concern is solar storm events in which huge amounts of coronal mass ejections (CME) take place, travelling from space to hit the Earth's magnetic field. Their effects could spark geomagnetic storms. As a result, the satellites, communication, internet connectivity, and GPS could be disrupted or damaged. It could also cause power grid failures.

COMMENT

We are told that there will be signs in the sun, moon and stars at the time Jesus returns. There is no doubt that these signs are symbolic of the ruling powers in the nations of the world. But surely there is not only symbolic but physical fulfilments to these words as well. We look up into the heavens and see signs and wonders there. The massive solar flare this week could be a sign of things to come. Interestingly two weeks ago a meteor exploded in the atmosphere above northern Israel with the resulting air burst being audible throughout the country. There are warning signs all around that we are in the last days – the time of the end. We need to look up for our redemption draws nigh....

BIBLE QUOTE

And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

(Luke 21:27-28)

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

2023-04-22 What must Israel get done in the next 75 years- - Israel News - The Jerusalem Post

2023-04-22 Plumes of smoke in Sudan as truce is shattered; first evacuation vessel arrives in Jeddah - WION - 6.49 min - YouTube

2023-04-21 The Fighting in Sudan Threatens Peace Efforts with Israel - The Washington Institute

2023-04-21 Russia downbeat on Black Sea grain deal as Kyiv tries to unblock exports - Reuters

2023-04-21 Israel Prepares for MULTI-FRONT War; Says Iran Pouring BILLIONS Into Terror - Watchman - 10.42 min - YouTube

2023-04-20 Why Sudan's conflict matters to the rest of the world - AP News

2023-04-20 Ukraine appeals to NATO chief for membership and more arms - Reuters

2023-04-19 Russia watches as US arms Ukraine with Patriot defence system; French armoured vehicles in use - 2.26 min - YouTube

2023-04-16 Thawing of Saudi-Iranian relations helps Israel long term - editorial - The Jerusalem Post

2023-04-15 Africa needs more help with climate change, debt and food crises – Reuters - 11.00 min - YouTube

2023-04-14 California's recent weather crises brought dead lake back to life - 3.46 min - CNN Video

2023-04-14 After earthquake, Istanbul gripped by fear that bigger disaster awaits - Reuters

2023-04-13 Southeast Florida swamped by more than two feet of rain - Reuters

2023-04-13 France heading towards worse summer drought than 2022, geological service says - Reuters

2023-04-12 Inside Details of Russia, Iran and China's Secret Deal - Vantage with Palki Sharma - 4.20 min - YouTube

2023-04-11 Russia welcomes Finland's NATO membership with nuclear Iskander missiles - World at War - 5.04 min - YouTube

2023-04-10 Hezbollah & Hamas Leaders Hold TERROR SUMMIT; Iran Ring of Fire - Watchman Newscast - 10.58 min - YouTube

2023-04-06 Graphic shows all the changes in global temperature since 1850 3.28 min - CNN Video

2023-04-02 How does the IDF protect Israel from Hezbollah - 10.35 min - 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



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)

"LION" TARSHISH UK

"YOUNG LIONS" (USA, CANADA, ETC)

GERMANY (LAND OF MAGOG)

GOMER European Economic Community

Gibraltar

TURKEY (Togarmah)

IRAQ/IRAN (Persia)

INDIA

LIBYA

DEDAN SHEBA

ETHIOPIA

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