

This Week's Developments

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UK giving £100m more in lethal aid to Ukraine

The Times, April 9, 2022



Boris Johnson has accused President Putin of war crimes and announced that Britain will send a further £100 million of military aid, including anti-tank and anti-aircraft missiles, to Ukraine. The prime minister and Olaf Scholz, the German chancellor, used a Downing Street press conference to make the charge against the Russian president. Johnson said they shared “the same sense of horror and revulsion” at the attack on a railway station in Kramatorsk, eastern Ukraine, adding that it “shows the depths to which Putin’s once-vaunted army had sunk”. A senior government source said: “The next three weeks will be critical. [The Ukrainians] have already partly won. They have exhausted the Russian army, won the battle of occupation and condemned Putin to eternal isolation. **Can they push back the Russian army?** Can they break the Russian army? Possibly. Depends on what help we can all give.”

COMMENT

Boris Johnson is leading the way in sending lethal military equipment to Ukraine. So far this has been anti-tank and anti-aircraft missiles. But the UK may go even further. British military chiefs are drawing up plans to send armoured vehicles to Ukraine. These could enable Ukrainian forces to push further forward towards Russian lines. The UK wants to “push” back the Russian army by arming Ukraine with state of the art weapons. This is hurting Russia. Putin’s spokesman admitted large losses of Russian soldiers this week. The Bible says the king of the south (US/UK) will push (military provoke) Gog (Putin). The word push is the Hebrew word for “gore”. It is painful but not life threatening. Britain IS pushing at Putin in Ukraine. It is painful for Putin but rather than back down we know Putin (Gog) will one day look south and invade Israel...

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)

UN suspends Russia from human rights body over atrocities in Ukraine

The Times, April 7, 2022



EVENT

The United Nations general assembly has voted to suspend Russia from the human rights council after images of atrocities apparently showing civilians left dead in the streets with their hands bound emerged following Russian troops' withdrawal from around Kyiv. The call for Russia's removal from the UN's top human rights body was led by the United States, which concluded that Russian forces had committed war crimes. In a vote yesterday it gained the support of 93 countries. They were urged on by Sergiy Kyslytsya, Ukraine's ambassador, who told diplomats that "pressing 'no' means pulling the trigger, and means a red dot on the [voting] screen, red as the blood of the innocent lives lost". Russia had said it would consider a yes vote an unfriendly act that would affect its bilateral relations with those countries. President Biden said he applauded the "overwhelming vote."

COMMENT

Russia has become a pariah state and is being ostracised by the majority of nations in the world. It is hard to see how Russia comes back from this. Such is the violence and horror that Putin's soldiers have carried out there is no chance he will ever be welcome in the institutions the world has created. But this makes Putin even more dangerous. Many analysts say he will resort to ever greater levels of atrocity. Isolated, angry but surrounded only by people who agree with his every word Putin will look to avenge his humiliation in Ukraine. Daniel 8 says that Putin ["a fierce king"] (latter day Antiochus Epiphanes the original king of the north) will "cause a shocking amount of destruction". Another version says he will "cause astounding devastation." The AV says "he shall destroy wonderfully."

BIBLE QUOTE

At the end of their rule, when their sin is at its height, 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.

(Daniel 8:23-24 NLT)

EU to snatch Kremlin's oil and gas profits to rebuild Ukraine

The Times, April 6, 2022



EVENT

The European Union is planning to seize a share of Russian energy revenues from gas and oil imports to Europe to pay for the reconstruction of Ukraine. Under the plan a chunk of revenues, which have totalled €19 billion since Russia invaded Ukraine, will be diverted from Russian energy companies to an “escrow” bank account before being used for aid to Kyiv. Ursula von der Leyen, president of the European Commission, signalled the escalation in sanctions when EU ambassadors met to discuss a ban on Russian coal imports and a possible timetable for an oil embargo. “These sanctions will not be our last sanctions. Yes, we have now banned coal. Now we have to look into oil and the revenues that Russia gets from these fossil fuels,” she told the European parliament. “We really have to make an effort, for example to take a share to an escrow account, so that we will really limit the source of revenues of Russia from fossil fuels. This has to end, and this is the next step we will have to take together.”

COMMENT

Russia relies on selling gas to pay its bills. Russia will earn nearly \$321 billion from energy exports this year, an increase of more than a third from 2021. However this calculation changes completely in case of an embargo on energy sales. The invasion of Ukraine has shocked Germany and its European Union allies into a radical shift in energy policy, and the bloc is rushing to cut its dependence on Russia. The war in Ukraine is therefore driving a wedge between the East (Russia) and the West (EU). This division is what we expect to happen. Revelation 16 makes clear that the dragon (Russia) and the beast (the EU) are separate entities when Armageddon happens. There is no mention of the dragon in Revelation 17 only the beast. This is because the dragon does not exist (is not part of the beast) when it makes war against Christ /saints

BIBLE QUOTE

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast [not Russia]. These shall make war with the Lamb, (Rev 17:12)

Russia vows to target British weapons as UK missile downs helicopter

Evening Standard, April 4, 2022



EVENT

Russia's ambassador to the UK has warned that **British weapons supplied to Ukraine are "legitimate targets" for the Russian army.** Andrey Kelin made the warning on Saturday as Vladimir Putin's forces struggled to make gains in the country. The UK has already supplied President Volodymyr Zelensky's forces with thousands of Javelin and NLAW anti-tank missiles, which have been **used to deadly effect.** Footage emerged on Friday of a British Starstreak missile downing a Russian Mi-28N attack helicopter in the Luhansk region. **The missile is thought to be the fastest air to ground missile in the world.** Speaking to Russian news agency TASS, Mr Kelin branded the supply of British weapons "destabilising", adding: "They exacerbate the situation, making it even bloodier. Apparently, those are new, high-precision weapons. **"Naturally, our armed forces will view them as a legitimate target if those supplies get through the Ukrainian border."**

COMMENT

Britain's response to Russia's Ukraine invasion is particularly riling Putin. Not only are Britain's weapons causing many Russian casualties but Boris Johnson is the most vocal out of all Western leaders in urging them to do more from a military perspective to counter Putin's advances. Johnson says he is not anti Russian but **"deeply hostile" towards leader Vladimir Putin.** We are told the king of the south (UK/US) will "push" at Putin. The word "push" in Hebrew is written in the sense of "an intensive action". It is also written in the sense of **"thrusting back and forth."** We therefore see that the push is not just one way – Putin will respond back – it is an intense push. Leading to more war.

BIBLE QUOTE

Then at the time of the end, the king of the south will attack [gore] the king of the north. The king of the north will storm out with chariots, charioteers, and a vast navy. He will invade various lands and sweep through them like a flood. He will enter the glorious land of Israel

(Daniel 11:40 NLT)

Israel ready to export gas to Europe via Egypt in September

Jerusalem Post, April 7, 2022



EVENT

Israel is preparing to step into the gap in Europe's energy market left by sanctions on Russian natural gas as soon as this summer, Energy Minister Karin Elharrar said on Thursday. "The European energy market is facing a substantial shortage following the Russia crisis," Elharrar said. "Israel sees an opportunity, and will take full advantage of it." Russia provides Europe with about 40% of its natural gas consumption per year, more than 150 billion cubic meters (BCM). Israel cannot totally take Russia's place, but eastern Mediterranean states can provide about 20 BCM annually, most of which would come from Israel. The US promised Europe 15-20 BCM of liquefied natural gas (LNG) following the Russia sanctions, and Qatar is expected to export 20-30 BCM to Europe. "We're not a replacement for Russian gas, but we have a good amount that we can export," a senior diplomatic source said this week, commenting that the energy issue comes up as "a huge issue for everyone" in most conversations.

COMMENT

There are TWO things that bring Russia down into Israel. There is a PUSH from the king of south – we are seeing this happening in Ukraine. But there is also a PULL. Ezekiel 38 says that God will put hooks in the jaws of Gog (Putin) and PULL him down into Israel to take a spoil. It is both the PUSH and the PULL that cause Russia to descend. But how does the PULL work? The pull (the hooks in the jaws) is to come and take a spoil. Israel has newly found vast gas supplies. The EU is looking to these supplies to replace Russian gas. An Israeli gas pipeline to southern EU is already in scope. So Israel could replace some of the energy that Putin once supplied to the EU. This causes Putin to come down to Israel and take a spoil. To control gas to the EU.

BIBLE QUOTE

Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords."
(Ezekiel 38:3-4)

Is Israel facing a new Intifada?

The Spectator, April 8, 2022



EVENT

Dizengoff Street is one of the busiest thoroughfares in Tel Aviv, a strip of bars, restaurants and Bauhaus architecture that is typically bustling with young people on a Thursday evening. Last night, it was the scene of the latest Palestinian terror attack when a gunman opened fire outside the Ilka bar, killing three and wounding nine. One of those killed was Olympic kayaker Barak Lopen, who represented Israel at Beijing 2008 and London 2012. In the past two weeks, 14 Israelis have been killed by a mixture of Palestinian and Israeli-Arab terrorists. For comparison, there were 17 terrorism-related fatalities in the entirety of last year. For Israel's Prime Minister, Naftali Bennett, there is political danger, too. His left-centre-right-Arab coalition lost its majority earlier this week when the government's chief whip resigned. The right-wing Likud opposition is climbing in the polls and former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu, ousted by Bennett's coalition a year ago, will be ruthless in his attempts to regain power.

COMMENT

The world's attention is currently on Ukraine. But trouble is brewing in Israel. A series of terrorist attacks has upended the national agenda and returned a sense of fear to the streets of Israel's cities. On top of this Israel is facing another political crisis. On Wednesday, the coalition government led by Prime Minister Naftali Bennett and Foreign Minister Yair Lapid lost its majority in the Knesset, triggering the possibility of an unprecedented fifth election within three years. The Iranian negotiations over a new deal are also reaching a conclusion. Isaiah 21 says that this is going to end badly and Iran will stir up enormous problems – they will activate their proxy armies around Israel.

BIBLE QUOTE

A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease. Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I was bowed down at the hearing of it;

(Isaiah 21:2-3)

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

- DebkaFile Review** (world events through the bi-focals of Israeli military intelligence) **TV-7 Israel News** **Watchman Newscast**
- 2022-04-08 **U.S. Forces in Syria ATTACKED by Iran-Backed Terrorists; Two Soldiers Injured** - Watchman News - 9.53 min - YouTube
- 2022-04-04 **Israel CONDEMNED by UN Over Golan Heights "Occupation"** - Watchman Newscast - 10.23 min - YouTube
- 2022-04-01 Russian Ambassador CONDEMNS Israel Airstrikes in Syria - Watchman Newscast - 12.57 min - YouTube
- 2022-03-31 Hamas THREATENS Israel with Escalation of DEADLY Terror Wave - Watchman Newscast - 9.02 min - YouTube
- 2022-03-30 Why global investors are dumping Chinese stocks - Gravitas- 3.59 min - YouTube
- 2022-03-30 What if Putin Didn't Miscalculate - NEW YORK TIMES
- 2022-03-29 Could Israel's Natural Gas Spark a FUTURE Middle East War - Watchman Newscast - 12.57 min - YouTube
- 2022-03-28 Israel-Turkey gas pipeline discussed as European alternative to Russian energy - Reuters
- 2022-03-19 Naftali Bennett Mediates In Russia-Ukraine War- Can Israel Balance ties Between Putin & Biden - 9.41 min - YouTube
- 2022-03-18 Russia, Israel & Bible Prophecy- Ezekiel's War of Gog & Magog Taking Shape - Watchman News - 10.46 min - YouTube
- 2022-03-17 Russia: Help Iran Build NUCLEAR Plants & Use New Iran Deal to Evade Sanctions - Watchman News - 9.27 min - YouTube
- 2022-03-17 Covid variant - China locks down 50 million people - Gravitas - 6.24 min - YouTube
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- 2022-03-15 Israel DESTROYS Iran Drone Fleet - Israel Targeted by Iran Cyberattack - Watchman Newscast - 11.42 min - YouTube
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