

This Week's Developments

Nov 27 – Dec 3, 2022 [edited presentation]

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Fighting fentanyl: Schools tackle opioid crisis head-on

K-12 Dive, October 26, 2022



EVENT

The urgent concern is illegal fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid that dealers are targeting to youth — some who have never used substances or have no idea they are taking something so deadly. In late August, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration issued a warning about brightly colored fentanyl pills in the U.S. after seizing the pills in 26 states. “Dubbed ‘rainbow fentanyl’ in the media, this trend appears to be a new method used by drug cartels to sell highly addictive and potentially deadly fentanyl made to look like candy to children and young people,” the DEA warning said. Some say these pills resemble Smarties candy. Every color, shape and size of fentanyl should be considered extremely dangerous, the warning said. Fentanyl, developed as a pain treatment for cancer and still prescribed legally for this purpose, is 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine. Additionally, according to the DEA, drug networks in Mexico are mass producing fentanyl and fentanyl-laced fake prescription look-alike pills, using chemicals sourced largely from China. These fake pills are designed to appear identical to legitimate prescriptions and have been found in every state (and province) in the country. The DEA said just 2 milligrams of fentanyl, or the amount that could fit on the tip of a pencil, is considered a potentially lethal dose. What’s more, 42% of pills tested contained at least 2 milligrams of fentanyl. And because fentanyl can be masked within what looks like legitimate pills or candy, many young people may assume what they are taking is not that dangerous.

COMMENT

This article is a couple of months old but speaks to a VERY current problem that has emergency rooms and first responders and first aid workers reacting rather than responding, because it has become so widespread, they don't know how to deal with it. It is rampant with the homeless whether in the US or Canada, & growing fast in schools and universities. Industry safety courses are stressing the need for caution in any industry or business that deals with the public. Realtors are instructed to be extremely cautious being first on site inspecting a vacant home - so much as contact with an article of clothing worn by a fentanyl addict, if the contaminant is strong enough, can be fatal when merely absorbed through the skin. Everyone needs to be made aware of the dangers and educated about how to resist an offer of an innocent looking pill or a Smartie. It is a worldwide problem, but more than ever it is a 1st world (developed affluent world) problem. It is fast becoming THE major cause of death for young adults. It is scary and dangerous and a sign of our times.

BIBLE QUOTE

And there shall be signs ... upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth

(Luk 21:25-26)

Russia passes law banning 'LGBT propaganda' among adults

VOA November 30, 2022



EVENT

Russia's parliament has passed the third and final reading of a law banning "LGBT propaganda" among all adults, as Moscow ramps up its conservative push at home. The bill criminalises any act regarded as an attempt to promote what Russia calls "non-traditional sexual relations" – in film, online, advertising or in public – and expands on a notorious 2013 law that banned "propaganda of nontraditional sexual relations" among minors and was used to detain gay rights activists. Human rights groups and LGBTQ+ activists say the extension of the law means any act or public mention of same-sex relationships is functionally being outlawed. Putin is expected to sign the bill in the coming days. Since the start of the war in Ukraine, the Kremlin has launched a fresh effort to promote "traditional values", with the Russian leader making anti-gay rhetoric one of the cornerstones of his political agenda. In a recent speech, Putin accused the west of "moving towards open satanism", citing the promotion of gay and transgender rights in Europe as an example. Alexander Khinshtein, a senior lawmaker and one of the bill's designers, said the war in Ukraine had given the proposed anti-LGBTQ+ law "new relevance". "The special military operation takes place not only on the battlefield but also in the minds and souls of people," Khinshtein said, referring to the conflict in Ukraine. Patriarch Kirill, the head of the Russian Orthodox church and a close ally of Putin, also backed the new law. In an earlier sermon, Kirill bizarrely blamed the country's invasion of Ukraine on gay pride parades.

COMMENT

It is noteworthy to see Russia (hypocritically) embracing scriptural morals. Putin is actually lining up with Patriarch Kirill of the Russian Orthodox Church. The Dan chapters 8 & 11 prophecy requires Gog to occupy Syria/Iraq/Iran so as to take on the title "King of the North" - unique to that area. Prophecy also requires the K of N to come down & occupy Istanbul / Constantinople (little horn of the Goat > militant seat of the 4th Beast dominion) thus becoming the militant successor of the 4th beast dominion and, as such, empowering the Papacy at the end time. The Bible indicates that Gog / K of N will be over both church and state, possibly uniting the Roman Catholic & Orthodox churches in their shared interest to destroy that fraudulent "anti-christ" coming from Sinai who, enroute, transforms & influences nations to join with him and his host.

BIBLE QUOTE

"...the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods... at the time of the end ...the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. He shall enter also into the glorious land..."
(Daniel 11:36,40,41)

Ukraine's cultural gems looted by Russia

The Times, November 28, 2022



EVENT

It was not the drunken, opportunistic looting seen in other places in Ukraine — when the Russians arrived at the Kherson regional museum, they knew exactly what they wanted. They marched straight to the masterpieces at the heart of the museum's collection. Over the course of several days at the end of October, they loaded them on to lorries and drove them away. "They had expert people with them, and they were very informed," Elena Yeremenko, the museum's secretary, said gesturing at the empty display cases. "There were about 70 labourers who loaded it all up. They took swords, guns, our entire collection of weapons. "They took coins, icons, gold necklaces, 18th and 19th century furniture. **This was not just looting — this was theft by the Russian state.**" In the days before their withdrawal, Russian soldiers plundered supermarkets of alcohol and food — they even stole a raccoon from a zoo. But Kherson suffered another violation on a scale not documented elsewhere, the wholesale theft of its cultural heritage.

COMMENT

The Russians stole about 10,000 of 14,000 pieces in the museums collection. Amongst the items looted were gold necklaces from the Scythian period and its greatest treasure, a Damascus steel sabre with a silver scabbard owned by the Emir of Bukhara. But the point in the article is that this was theft by the Russian state. They knew what to take and what to leave behind. It was state organised. This is all very interesting with Bible in hand. The Bible says that Russia one day will come down into Israel and "take a spoil". To loot the country. It also says in Daniel 11 that Russia will come down into Egypt and will take will take control "over the treasures of gold and of silver and of over all the precious thing of Egypt." What we are seeing in Ukraine will soon be repeated again...

BIBLE QUOTE

Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought: And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, **To take a spoil, and to take a prey** (Ezekiel 38:10-12)

Terrorism in Israel rose by over 300 percent in 2022

Israel365, November 29, 2022



EVENT

There have been 280 terrorist incidents in Israel so far this year, compared with just 91 in 2021, according to figures revealed by the Israel Defense Forces on Monday. A further 500 attacks were thwarted by Israeli security forces during the same period, according to Military Intelligence assessments. Shooting attacks on Israeli military forces in Judea and Samaria have also risen sharply, with 110 recorded since January 2022, compared to 25 in 2021. A total of 31 Israelis, both civilians and security personnel, have been killed in Palestinian attacks this year. Over 130 Palestinians, most of them assailants, were killed in clashes and security incidents this year as well. Since the start of 2022, and particularly since the launch of “Operation Break the Wave” in March following a string of deadly terror attacks, the IDF has arrested more than 3,000 security suspects, most of them in Samaria, seized around 250 illegal weapons and captured terrorist funds worth over 2.7 million shekels.

COMMENT

Israel is not a place currently of peace and safety. They are surrounded by (and infiltrated by) those who want to destroy Israel as a state – as a nation. The increase in terror attacks is a sign we are getting closer to the initial inner ring war around Israel. This conflict will see Israel in all out war against her immediate neighbours which will end in Israel completely removing the pricking briars that surround her. It will also involve the ending of the nation of Syria when Damascus is completely destroyed. Interestingly this week the UN General Assembly voted to adopt a pro-Palestinian resolution to commemorate the “Nakba,” the Palestinian term for Israel’s establishment. “Nakba” is the Arabic word for “catastrophe” – they see Israel’s existence as just that...

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.** (Psalm 83:2-4)

Hezbollah transporting chemical weapons to Lebanon

Fox News, November 22, 2022



EVENT

Hezbollah has transported hundreds of missiles with a chemical payload to a warehouse near the Lebanese-Syrian border. "Despite the severe unrest, humanitarian crises and the unraveling of the Lebanese state, Hezbollah continues to focus its resources on acquiring and developing game-changing military capabilities that it intends to deploy against Israel, directly funded by Iran," retired Brigadier General Amir Avivi, the CEO and founder of the Israel Defense and Security Forum, told Fox News Digital. Avivi's comments come after Sunday reports in the Saudi Al-Hadath news that Hezbollah has moved 110 Fajr missiles and over 300 Fateh missiles to Al Qusayr, Syria, near the Lebanese border. The missiles carry thionyl chloride, a toxic chemical which was reportedly injected into the missiles by experts from North Korea under the supervision of Iranian chemical weapons expert, Qassem Abdullah Massoudyan.

COMMENT

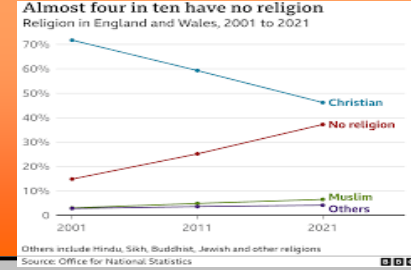
Hezbollah is a terrorist organisation whose sole aim is to destroy Israel. Hezbollah is funded and controlled by Iran. Iran supplies Hezbollah with rockets, missiles and sophisticated weaponry to one day wage war against Israel. Hezbollah's main base is in Tyre in Lebanon. This is extremely interesting with Bible in hand because in Psalm 83 we read of a group of people that surround Israel that want to completely annihilate Israel. One of the groups mentioned is the "inhabitants of Tyre." This is a reference to Hezbollah. The group mentioned just prior to this are "the Philistines". This is a reference to the Palestinians. Just the very fact these groups still exist PROVES that Psalm 83 has NOT been fulfilled because it says they will be destroyed like Sisera!

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. the Philistines with **the inhabitants of Tyre**; **Do unto them** as unto the Midianites; **as to Sisera**, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison: **Read Judges 5:26 to see what happened to Sisera! Hezbollah and Hamas will come to this end as well.** (Psalm 83:4,7,9)

Less than half of population are Christian, census reveals

The Times, November 29, 2022



EVENT

The proportion of people who identify as Christian in England and Wales has fallen below half for the first time, census data shows. Meanwhile, the number of people with “no religion” has almost trebled since the turn of the millennium. England and Wales have become much less religious over the course of this century. The 2021 census shows that 37.5 per cent of the population, or about 22.3 million people, said that they do not belong to any religion. This is up from 15 per cent, or about 7.8 million people, in 2001 and 25 per cent, about 14 million people, in 2011. The census figures also showed that the share of the white British ethnic group in England and Wales has fallen by 13 percentage points since 2001, from 87.5 per cent to 74.4 per cent in 2021. That represents a drop of 1.1 million people. **The figures on religion represent a landmark moment in two historically Christian countries.**

COMMENT

The proportion of people describing themselves as Christian in England and Wales has fallen below 50 per cent for the first time, statistics released from the 2021 census show. But the reality is so much worse. People are asked if they “identify” as being Christian. And this number has dropped massively over the last decade. However, how many of those who say they are Christian actually go to “church”. The answer to that is that it is a tiny percentage. The average weekly church attendance in the UK is about 850,000. This is out of a UK population of 68m. So around 1% actually attend church. Jesus asked the question - when he returns would he “find faith on the earth?” The answer is hardly any. But let us make sure we are the ones he does find with faith - holding fast to the Truth...

BIBLE QUOTE

And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. **Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?**

(Like 18:7-8)

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

2022-12-03 **US- 'Most advanced military aircraft ever built', big boost to airforce** - Latest World News - WION - 2.08 min - YouTube

2022-12-02 **Israel's Founding Labeled CATASTROPHE by UN Pro-Palestinian Resolution** - Watchman - 12.50 min - YouTube

2022-12-02 **China Rapidly EXPANDING Nuclear Weapons Arsenal; Direct CHALLENGE to U.S.** - Watchman -11.28 min - YouTube

2022-12-01 **Decoding the western world's hypocrisy on Iran** - Gravitas - 6.02 min - YouTube

2022-11-30 **Reports - Jack Ma is hiding out in Tokyo** - Gravitas - 7.35 min - YouTube

2022-11-30 **Israel & U.S. Air Forces Hold JOINT DRILLS Simulating Iran Strike** - Watchman Newscast - 10.19 min - YouTube

2022-11-30 **Ghosts of Tiananmen haunt Xi Jinping as China mourns Jiang Zemin** - Gravitas - 10.27 min - YouTube

2022-11-29 **Iran: Israel TARGET LIST for Future War; Damascus Air Defenses Boosted-** - Watchman - 12.35 min - YouTube

2022-11-26 World at War - Russia urges restraint as Turkiye bombs Kurdish targets in Iraq & Syria - WION - 23 min - YouTube

2022-11-26 Russia cuts off gas to Moldova as it moves toward Europe - Focus on Europe - 5.09 min - YouTube

2022-11-24 Russia Threatens to Cut Gas to Europe Through Ukraine - Europe Energy Crisis - Ukraine War -5.22 min - YouTube

2022-11-24 Record high Covid cases in China- Is this 2020 all over again - Gravitas - 8.22 min - YouTube

2022-11-24 Putin Flexes Russia's Muscle in Arctic with Nuclear Icebreakers - FirstPost - 5.04 min - YouTube

2022-11-24 Israel Rocked by DEADLY Jerusalem Terror Attack; Iran Vows REVENGE for Syria Hit - Watchman - 10.12 min - YouTube

2022-11-24 Chinese economy braces for major disruption - World Latest English News - WION - 7.31 min - YouTube

2022-11-23 Parts of the St. Lawrence River have become a giant toilet - CBC - 4.40 min - YouTube

2022-11-23 How did Germany end its reliance on Russian gas - BBC News - 3.11 min - YouTube

2022-11-22 Israel WARNS Iran Mulling World Cup Attack; Hezbollah Chemical Weapon Threat - Watchman - 10.54 min - YouTube

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



1. LITHUANIA
2. LUXEMBOURG
3. LIECHTENSTEIN
4. CZECH REPUBLIC
5. BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA
6. YUGOSLAVIA

2) Gog (Russia) advances on Turkey, Egypt *



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We're ready for Ukraine peace talks, Kremlin claims

The Times, December 2, 2022



EVENT

The Kremlin has claimed it is ready for peace talks with the US over the war in Ukraine but rejected western terms for opening the negotiations. It comes a day after President Biden appeared to offer an olive branch to his Russian counterpart, President Putin. Dmitry Peskov, Putin's spokesman, told reporters that Russia was "open to contacts and negotiations", and claimed that Moscow would prefer a diplomatic resolution. However, Peskov made clear that talks were unlikely to progress without Washington accepting Russia's annexation of parts of southern and eastern Ukraine. "What did President Biden actually say?" Peskov said. "He said the negotiations would be possible only if Putin leaves Ukraine." Asked by reporters if "the Kremlin is not ready for that", Peskov replied: "Well, clearly not." Using Russia's euphemism for its invasion of Ukraine, he added: "The special military operation is continuing."

COMMENT

When Putin talks of peace it usually means the opposite is about to happen. The Bible says some interesting words in Daniel 8. We read "by peace he shall destroy many." Some translations say that he will "destroy many without warning." In other words they are caught of their guard. This is probably a good sense of the original Hebrew. God is telling us in Daniel that this latter day Antiochus Epiphanes will use deceit / make a pretence of peace whilst all the time planning for great destruction. In fact the same verse says he will "cause deceit to prosper"! Therefore it should not surprise us of reports that say Putin is planning a "new massive attack" on Ukraine. New footage shared by German newspaper Spiegel shows increased activity at a military airport around 500 miles from the Ukraine border. High numbers of bombers are ready to go.

BIBLE QUOTE

25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft 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)

Russia cancels nuclear arms control treaty talks with US

Israel National News, November 28, 2022



EVENT

Russia has cancelled negotiations with the US to renew a nuclear arms control agreement that would have begun in Egypt on Tuesday. A US State Department spokesperson told CNN on Monday that the summit was “unilaterally” called off by Russia. The discussions were to focus on the New START Treaty, a nuclear arms reduction agreement signed by the United States and the Russian Federation in April 2010 in Prague. Formally known as the Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms it went into effect in February 2011. The State Department spokesperson added that “the United States and the Russian Federation were set to convene a meeting of the New START Treaty’s Bilateral Consultative Commission (BCC) in Cairo, Egypt, to discuss New START Treaty implementation on Tuesday, November 29.” **“The Russian side informed the United States that Russia has unilaterally postponed the meeting and stated that it would propose new dates,”** the spokesperson said.

COMMENT

Officials from the US and Russia were due to meet in the Egyptian capital of Cairo from November 29 to December 6 to discuss resuming inspections under the New START nuclear arms reduction treaty, which had been suspended in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova on Tuesday explicitly linked the decision to postpone this week’s meeting to Washington’s weapons supplies to Ukraine. She accused the US of mounting a “hybrid war” against Russia and “helping the Kyiv regime to kill our military and civilians in the Russian regions. Russia is accusing the US of military provoking it as God said would happen.

BIBLE QUOTE

“Then at the time of the end, the **king of the south will attack 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.

(Daniel 11:40 NLT)