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# Russia will protect itself with nuclear weapons, warns Putin

The Times, February 29, 2024



### **EVENT**

President Putin has accused the West of seeking Russia's destruction and promised retaliation with weapons of mass destruction if there was any attempt to encroach on Russian territory. He told MPs and dignitaries in his annual televised address that the West desired Russia's "strategic defeat" and that the country had to be ready to protect itself, including with nuclear weapons. He said the West was "choosing targets to strike on our territory" and pulling Ukraine into Nato, requiring a response from Moscow. Anyone considering an incursion into Russia should consider the failed attempts of past "interventionists", he said, in an apparent reference to the Nazis and the French under Napoleon. The consequences would now be "far more tragic" because of Moscow's modern weapons. "They should eventually realise that we also have weapons that can hit targets on their territory," Putin added. "Everything that the West comes up with creates the real threat of a conflict with the use of nuclear weapons, and thus the destruction of civilisation."

### COMMENT

Another week and another statement by Putin saying that he is prepared to use nuclear weapons. Last week he talked about using them on the major capital cities of Europe and this week he has talked about using them to bring the destruction of civilisation. Until now it has been thought that no one would be MAD enough to use nuclear weapons because of the concept of Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD). But it does appear that Putin is mad enough to use them – he doesn't care that civilisation would be destroyed. Daniel says that Gog uses "shocking destruction" and the most shocking destruction that can be used is nuclear weapons – Putin may well in the end use them.

# 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. He will destroy powerful leaders and devastate the holy people.

(Daniel 8\:23-24 NLT)

# Iran green-lights Hezbollah for large-scale attack on Israel in case of Rafah op in Gaza

Israel News, February 29, 2024



### **EVENT**

The Iranian regime has given Hezbollah the go-ahead to launch a large-scale attack against Israel within certain parameters, fearing that Israel plans to attack Lebanon in the near future, the Arabic Post reported on Wednesday. The Lebanese terror militia and Israel have traded blows since Hezbollah began its daily attacks against Israeli targets last October in solidarity with Hamas. Tensions reached a new high point over the last week as both sides attacked targets far from their common border. The report cited a source from the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) in Iran stating that its Quds Force Commander Esmail Qaani visited Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah last Monday to discuss "the latest developments" along Israel's northern border. Nasrallah reportedly requested the meeting after receiving intelligence pointing to an Israeli plan to launch a large-scale attack on Hezbollah, possibly as early as March.

## COMMENT

Israel is preparing to attack Rafah in Gaza which is going to be the last stand by Hamas. The nations of the world are trying to prevent it taking place but Israel seems determined to see through its war aim of destroying Hamas. Israel has already said that the war will not end there and their military attention will turn to the north to their main nearby enemy Hezbollah. Hezbollah knows this and is preparing for major conflict with Israel. Iran has apparently greenlighted Hezbollah to make a preemptive attack on Israel if the Rafah operation goes ahead. Tens of thousands of residents who live in Israeli border communities in the north are still displaced and are not allowed to move back. The Bible says Hezbollah based in Tyre will form part of an alliance that try's to destroy Israel....

# BIBLE QUOTE

"Come," they say, "let us destroy them as a nation, so that Israel's name is remembered no more." With one mind they plot together; they form an alliance against you the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, of Moab and the Hagrites, Byblos, Ammon and Amalek, Philistia, with the people of Tyre.

(Psalm 83:4-7)

# Biden: Only two-state solution will guarantee Israel's security

The Times of Israel, March 8, 2024



### **EVENT**

The U.S. and Israel stand at a diplomatic and military crossroads. Israel says it needs to finish the war against Hamas in the key Gazan city of Rafah, yet the U.S. is threatening that Israel won't be able to use American weapons if Israel launches its military campaign against the Hamas stronghold. On the northern border, Hezbollah continues to fire rocket volleys on Israeli communities. In his State of the Union address, President Biden put the burden on Israel to protect Gazans. "Israel has an added burden because Hamas hides and operates among the civilian population like cowards under hospitals, daycare centers, and all the like. Israel also has a fundamental responsibility, though, to protect innocent civilians in Gaza," Biden declared. He added what he says is the solution: "As we look to the future, the only real solution to the situation is a two-state solution (between Israel and the Palestinians) over time."

### **COMMENT**

Turmoil in the Middle East poses a risk to President Joe Biden's re-election bid and might help Trump into office again. The conflict between Israel and Hamas is impacting politics around the world. In the UK there has been a recent byelection that has seen an ultra antisemitic candidate have a landslide win. Such was the shock, the prime minister delivered a speech condemning the vote in front of No10. All this is causing nations to rethink their support of Israel. There is growing pressure to unliterally declare a two state solution – in other words divide Israel in two and have half the land as a Palestinian State and half for Israel. But it will not bring peace – it will only bring more war. Joel 3 says that the nations have "parted" or "divided" my land. In the following verses we read of all nations being gathered to Israel to battle – it is coming....

## BIBLE QUOTE

I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted [divided] my land. The nations may well announce a division of the land – but in the next verse God says "what has Philistia to do with me?" (Joel 3:2)

# Israeli settlements expand by record amount, UN rights chief says

Rueters March 8, 2024



### **EVENT**

"Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories have expanded by a record 24,300 new Israeli housing units in the occupied West Bank during a one-year period and risk eliminating any practical possibly of a Palestinian state, the growth of Israeli settlements amounted to the transfer by Israel of its own population, a war crime" the U.N. human rights chief, Volker Turk, said on Friday. The U.S. Biden administration said last month the settlements were "inconsistent" with international law after Israel announced new housing plans in the occupied West Bank. "Settler violence and settlement-related violations have reached shocking new levels, and risk eliminating any practical possibility of establishing a viable Palestinian State," Turk said in a statement accompanying the report which will be presented to the Human Rights Council in Geneva in late March. Israel's diplomatic mission in Geneva said that the report should have included the deaths of 36 Israelis in 2023. "Human rights are universal, yet Israeli victims of Palestinian terrorism are ignored time and time again," it said.

### **COMMENT**

The report went on to say that the expension has resulted in a dramatic increase in settler and state violence against Palestinian neighbors in the West Bank. Israel claims a biblical birthright to the land it is occupying, which is correct. The problem is that the Koran doesn't recognize it that birthright, and as the world in general loses touch with and interest in the Bible, that claim bounces off the majority of people. This will require Christ's return and government to set right - BUT it will be accompanied by the involvement and inclusion of the surrounding people in their respective lands. The Christ body moves up from Sinai via Arabia and Jordan, and, as GVG put it, wherever Christ goes, he will occupy, restore & transform. This is what the world and world leaders miss when they move away from the Bible.

# BIBLE QUOTE

You were the Holy One moving across the deserts from Edom, coming from Mount Paran. Myriads of your saints were with you, and fire was at your right hand. The brightness of your glory covered the heavens, and your praises were heard everywhere on earth. Your glory shone like the sun, and light flashed from your hands, hiding your mighty power.... When Gog invades the land of Israel, my fury will boil over! I promise a mighty shaking in the land of Israel on that day. I will summon the sword against you on all the hills of Israel...your men will turn their swords against each other. Hab 3:3-6 / Deu 33:2 / Eze 38:18-21 Various versions

# British parliament plunged into chaos over Gaza cease-fire vote

Politico, February 21, 2024



#### **EVENT**

Angry MPs staged a walkout in the House of Commons Wednesday night and vented their fury at Speaker Lindsay Hoyle, as a symbolic vote on a cease-fire between Israel and Hamas descended into chaos. MPs had been set to vote on a motion from the Scottish National Party calling for an "immediate" cease-fire in Gaza. The SNP used its dedicated "opposition day" in the Commons to push the motion. But Hoyle intervened to allow the opposition Labour Party — which feared a rebellion from its own MPs amid pressure over its response to the conflict — to put forward its own amendment to the motion, which also backed an "immediate humanitarian cease-fire" but included softer language on Israel's conduct in the war. The Prime Minister gave his own views on the Gaza votes controversy in a short broadcast interview on Thursday afternoon. "I think the important point here is that we should never let extremists intimidate us into changing the way in which Parliament works. Parliament is an important place for us to have these debates. Some people may want to stifle that with intimidation or aggressive behaviour."

### COMMENT

The chaos seen in Britain's parliament was down to one thing – fear. MP's are fearful of the violent consequences if they are not seen to be backing Gaza and the Palestinians. It has come to light that many MP's are receiving threats if they don't vote "the right way" and condemn Israel. A staff member for an MP said it was "only a matter of time" until "the worst happens". This is why the UK prime minister said that some want to stifle debate though intimidation and aggression. The Bible says that Jerusalem would become a burdensome stone for all people and those who try to move it will be cut to pieces. In other words Jerusalem will become an insolvable issue that brings destruction

# BIBLE QUOTE

And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. Don't forget the Hamas war is about Jerusalem. They call this conflict The Al Aqsa Flood – Al Aqsa is the Muslim name for the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. (Zechariah 12:3)

# Israel strikes Hezbollah 'military compound' in Lebanon

Daily Telegraph, February 23, 2024



### **EVENT**

A Hezbollah "military compound" in Lebanon has been hit by an Israeli strike amid ongoing cross-border fire as tensions intensify in the Middle East. Hezbollah claimed that two paramedics affiliated with the group and one of their fighters were killed in a "direct" attack on a civil defence centre in Blida, southern Lebanon. The Hezbollah-affiliated Islamic Health Committee said the attack caused "the destruction of the health centre as well as a number of ambulances". Late on Thursday, the Israeli army released a statement saying that it had identified fighters "entering a Hezbollah military compound in the area of Blida". "Fighter jets were scrambled and struck the compound where the terrorists were identified," it said. The violence on Israel's northern border has sparked fears of another full-blown war between Israel and Hezbollah like that of 2006.

#### COMMENT

In recent days, Israel has attacked deeper into Lebanon with a series of airstrikes that have killed Hezbollah fighters, some of them senior officers, and several Lebanese civilians. On February 19, Israel staged airstrikes against two warehouses in Ghaziyeh, just south of Sidon and some 50 kilometers (31 miles) north of the border. Despite the intensifying violence of recent weeks, the fighting between Hezbollah and the Israeli military still falls well short of reaching a threshold that could precipitate war. However, the Bible says that Hezbollah will be drawn into the conflict and ultimately, completely destroyed. Psalm 83 says that the inhabitants of Tyre will align themselves in a confederacy of people who want to destroy Israel. The region of Tyre is the stronghold of Hezbollah. But the Psalm says that the fate of these enemies of Israel is total destruction. This is the inner ring war that happens before Russia descends for a spoil.

## 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)

# Netanyahu unveils Israel's 'day after' plan for Gaza

The Times, February 23, 2024



### **EVENT**

Israel wants operational freedom throughout Gaza "without a time limit" as part of its postwar plan for the territory, Binyamin Netanyahu has told his war cabinet. In his long-awaited "day after" plan outlining Israel's post-war intentions for Gaza, the Israeli prime minister also called for a "demilitarised, deradicalised" territory and the closure of UNRWA, the vital aid body that has come under fire after the alleged involvement of some of its employees in the October 7 Hamas attacks. "Israel will maintain operational freedom of action in the entire Gaza Strip, without a time limit, for the purpose of preventing the renewal of terrorism and thwarting threats from Gaza," the document issued by the prime minister's office states as its first medium-term goal. Netanyahu also has to placate the more extreme elements in his administration, for fear he could fracture the fragile government. Some far-right ministers have called for Palestinians to leave Gaza.

### **COMMENT**

Netanyahu's plan, unveiled on Thursday night, appears to reject any future governance by the Palestinian Authority, which governs the West Bank, by ruling out civil administration by "countries or entities that support terrorism". Responding to the plan, a spokesman for Mahmoud Abbas (Palestinian Authority leader) said that Gaza must be part of the independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital. It is interesting there are some in Israel's government calling for Palestinians to leave Gaza altogether. In Joel 3 we read of the sons and daughters of the "coasts of Philistia" i.e. the Gaza Strip - being sold to the Sabeans. The Sabeans lived in modern day Yemen. We may well see the destruction of Hamas and the deportation of some Palestinians to Yemen.

# BIBLE QUOTE

I will return your recompence upon your own head: And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans [area of Yemen], to a people far off: for the LORD hath spoken it.

# Erdogan says Turkey 'firmly' backs terror group Hamas, compares Netanyahu to Hitler

Times of Israel, March 9, 2024



### **EVENT**

In October, Erdogan claimed that Hamas was "not a terrorist organization" but "a group of mujahideen defending their lands." "Mujahideen" is an Arabic term for those engaged in jihad, or holy war. In December, Erdogan called Netanyahu "worse than Hitler," said the systematic slaughter of six million Jews in the Holocaust was not as bad as Israel's war with Hamas in Gaza, and likened Israel's treatment of Palestinians in the Strip to that of Jews rounded up in concentration and death camps. The Turkish president has been one of the most virulent critics of Israel since the start of the war in Gaza, which began on October 7 after thousands of Hamas-led terrorists burst into Israel, killing some 1,200 people and kidnapping another 253, mostly civilians, many horrific acts of brutality and sexual assault. Israel responded with a wide-scale ground and air campaign that the health ministry in Hamas-run Gaza said has killed at least 30,878 people. These figures cannot be independently verified, and are believed to include both civilians and Hamas members killed in Gaza, including as a consequence of terror groups' own rocket misfires. The IDF says it has killed over 13,000 operatives in Gaza, in addition to some 1,000 terrorists inside Israel on October 7. Erdogan has not officially condemned Hamas's slaughter of Israeli civilians.

## COMMENT

There is obviously no love lost between Israel and Turkey, and particularly between Erdogan and Netanyahu. To describe Israel's action in Gaze as worse than Hitler's deliberate rounding up and slaughter 6 million Jews without condemning the actions of HAMAS on Oct 7 is definitely "over the top" and certainly creates a great divide between those two nations. Interesting that Turkey is also organizing peace talks between Russia and Ukraine, currently a NATO nation, former EU member, and Erdogan is signaling that he is stepping down as leader. History shows Istanbul as ancient Constantinople - the capital city hosting the Emperors of the 4th Beast Dominion (i.e., the Greco-Roman Empire) of Daniel's prophecy – the "king (emperor) that does according to his will...speaks against the God of Gods "El of Elohim". It is also implicated in prophecy of being a part of the coalition of the K of N that sweeps down on Egypt and from there invades Israel "at the time of the end".

# BIBLE QUOTE

And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods... 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... He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

Dan 11:36-42

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