

This Week's Developments

January 1 - 8, 2021

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Russia sends in tanks to quell Kazakhstan protests

The Times, January 6, 2022



EVENT

Kazakhstan took ruthless steps to quell a week-long uprising yesterday with Russia also muscling in on the conflict by deploying special forces, hundreds of paratroopers and even tanks to the central Asian state. President Tokayev announced a policy of “shoot to kill without warning”, claiming that “terrorists” were using weapons against civilians and damaging property after undergoing “serious training abroad”. Their attack on Kazakhstan “could and should be seen as an act of aggression”, he said. He did not provide evidence to back up his claim. Sporadic firing could still be heard last night in Almaty, the largest city, as Kazakh security forces sought to end the disorder that began as nationwide protests over fuel prices and inequality but soon turned violent. Tokayev, 68, who appealed to President Putin for help on Wednesday, said yesterday that order had been “mainly restored” but that a “counterterrorist operation will continue”.

COMMENT

Kazakhstan was once part of the USSR. It is south of Russia and is the world’s 9th largest country by land mass. It has remained close to Russia unlike some of the breakaway republics. Historically the Scythians inhabited the land. This is interesting because Scythia is identified by the ancient historian Josephus as being part of Magog. We are told that Gog is “of the land of Magog.” The area of Scythia covered southern Russia, eastern Ukraine and much of Kazakhstan. Putin is massing troops ready to enter eastern Ukraine – and then out of the blue this week Putin sends tanks and paratroopers into Kazakhstan to help the government to quash the uprising there. This uprising only started a few days ago and analysts have been taken aback at how quickly Russia has sent forces and equipment into the country. Gog is on the move...

BIBLE QUOTE

Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD. And I will send a fire on Magog, NB God’s punishment is on Magog...
(Ezekiel 39:4-6)

Britain warns Russia over Ukraine: we're working on high-impact sanctions

Reuters, January 6, 2022



EVENT

Britain warned Moscow on Thursday that it was working with Western partners on **high-impact sanctions** targeting Russia's financial sector should it invade Ukraine. Russia has massed some 100,000 troops near Ukraine's border and though Moscow says it has no plans to invade its neighbour, President Vladimir **Putin has demanded legally-binding guarantees that NATO will not expand further eastwards**. "We will not accept the campaign Russia is waging to subvert its democratic neighbours," Foreign Secretary Liz Truss told parliament. "They have falsely cast Ukraine as a threat to justify their aggressive stance." "Russia is the aggressor here," Truss said. "NATO has always been a defensive alliance." Truss said that **any further military incursion into Ukraine by Russia would bring "massive consequences"**, including coordinated sanctions to impose a severe cost on Russia's interests and economy."

COMMENT

There are crucial talks next week between Russian and American diplomats. This week has seen the **US and UK threaten severe sanctions on Russia if it does invade Ukraine**. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken has warned Moscow of **"massive consequences"** if it continues what he called aggressive actions in Europe. Britain's Foreign Secretary also used the same language of **"massive consequences"**. Russia has responded saying it would be a **"colossal mistake"**. We do know that eastern Ukraine was once part of Magog. And for this reason it makes sense scripturally for Putin to control this area at the time of the end. We also know in Daniel 11:40 that the king of the south (US/UK) will push (militarily provoke) Russia. It is this push that causes Russia to descend south to Israel. Ukraine might be where the push happens. We watch and await developments..

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. He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown:
(Daniel 11:40-41)

France Takes Helm of EU With Russia-Ukraine Tensions Hanging Over Region

Newsweek, January 7, 2022



EVENT

As France commenced its six-month stint at the helm of the Council of the European Union, President Emmanuel Macron announced plans to use the temporary presidency to bolster Europe's strategic power and sovereignty. He also acknowledged the ongoing tensions between Russia and Ukraine and said that the EU will craft proposals for "an architecture of European security" during France's leadership. The presidency of the Council of the EU rotates between the different member states of the bloc. France took the reins on January 1, for the first time in 14 years, according to the nation's government. But France's presidency comes as the shadow of the Russia-Ukraine tensions hangs over the region. Russian troops have built up near the Russia-Ukraine border, sparking fears of a Russian invasion into the former USSR member nation.

COMMENT

The Council of the European Union is where government ministers from each EU country meet to discuss, amend and adopt laws. They change the presidency every 6 months. France holds the presidency for the first time in 14 years from 1st Jan. The presidency can impact the direction of travel of the EU for that short period of time – especially when there is an immediate crisis. And this time there is – Ukraine. France wants the EU to have more autonomy. Macron has said he will use this time to finalise the EU so-called strategic compass and its geopolitical strategy that focuses on defence capacity building. He wants the EU to have its own army. The Bible says that the EU will evolve into a 10 state superpower (the beast of Revelation 17). This organisation based on Babel will actually make war on Christ and the saints after His return!

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. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings:
(Revelation 17:12-14)

Israel featured twice on list of potential 2022 conflicts

i24, January 4, 2022



EVENT

A think tank and research institute on global crises released a list of ten international conflicts to anticipate in 2022, with potential wars involving Israel featured twice. The compilation, released by the International Crisis Group, said the world could witness possible conflicts between Israel and the Palestinian territories this year, as well as a war involving Israel, the United States, and Iran. If nuclear negotiations in Vienna with Iran fail, “which now seems probable,” then either Israel or the US may attempt to demolish Iran’s nuclear program by striking facilities across the country - prompting a war - the International Crisis Group predicted. The think tank also forecasted an additional conflict between Israel and the Palestinian territories, noting that Palestinians within Gaza, the West Bank, Israel, and east Jerusalem presented a more unified front during the 2021 outbreak of Israeli-Palestinian violence than in previous wars.

COMMENT

The annual report by the “International Crisis Group” looks at potential conflicts for the coming year. In its opening statement it says “it is easy to see a world careening off the tracks.” It quotes the triumph of the Taliban as the US withdrew coupled with a “dwindling US ambition on the global stage.” It also sees the “power showdown over Ukraine and Taiwan” as causes for conflict. All this analysis fits into Bible prophecy. But the other one they mention is Israel. They see Israel potentially being drawn into conflict with Iran and with their surrounding neighbours in 2022. This is exactly what we have been saying the WWW for 20 years. There is great trouble and conflict coming with Iran - Isaiah 21 tells us that. We know Iran will be behind the activation of its proxy armies around Israel when the inner ring war starts. Eg Hamas, Hezbollah and even Syria. For the first time all these conflicts look like they could happen at anytime.....in 2022....

BIBLE QUOTE

Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people:
(Zechariah 12:2-3)

Putin, Erdogan Pledge To Boost Russia-Turkey Ties

The Times, January 2, 2022



EVENT

Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Turkish counterpart, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, have **vowed to boost ties**, both sides said. In a phone call, Putin and Erdogan “reviewed bilateral cooperation and reaffirmed their determination to **continue boosting the mutually beneficial partnership between Russia and Turkey**,” the Kremlin said on January 2. “The parties also touched upon global issues, including the recent proposals on developing legally binding agreements that will guarantee Russia’s security, the situation in the South Caucasus, and efforts to resolve the Syrian and Libyan crises,” the statement added. Turkey’s Communications Directorate said the call focused on steps to improve relations. “**The Caucasus, Syria, and Libya** alongside regional and international developments **were discussed in the meeting** that reiterated the determination to advance Turkey-Russia cooperation in all fields,” the Turkish side said.

COMMENT

Turkey is an anomaly. It is actually **part of NATO** which is a military alliance primarily setup to protect all nations in the organisation from outside aggression – especially from Russia. So on the one hand **Turkey is in a group designed to defend itself from Russia**. But on the other hand **Turkey is far more allied to Russia than the West**. It has an autocratic style of government and a distrust of America. Over recent years Turkey has worked ever closer with Russia and this week they have agreed to **boost their partnership**. The Bible says this will be the case as “Togarmah” (ancient name for part of Turkey) is allied to Gog of the land of Magog at the time of the end. Remarkably in this conversation they also spoke about Libya. Libya is also mentioned in Ezekiel 38 as **one of the nations allied to Russia**. We see the nations aligned as prophesied.

BIBLE QUOTE

Persia, Ethiopia, and **Libya** with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his bands; the house of **Togarmah** of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee. **Syria is not mentioned in Ezekiel 38 as it has already been destroyed in the initial inner ring war that come BEFORE Russia invades.** (Ezekiel 38:5-6)

Nuclear-War Risk Minimized in Rare Statement by Weapon States

Bloomberg, January 3, 2022



EVENT

The world's leading nuclear-weapons states -- China, France, Russia, the U.S. and U.K. -- banded together on Monday to issue a rare joint statement pledging to dial down the risk that an **unwinnable** nuclear war might ever break out. "We affirm that a nuclear war **cannot be won and must never be fought**," they said in the statement. "We intend to continue seeking bilateral and multilateral diplomatic approaches to avoid military confrontations, strengthen stability and predictability, increase mutual understanding and confidence and prevent an arms race that would benefit none and endanger all." The declaration follows last week's United Nations decision to postpone a key arms-control meeting in New York next month because of rising Covid-19 infections. **The urgency to reduce the risks posed by weapons of mass destruction has come into greater focus amid recent talks designed to lower tensions between the White House and Kremlin**, which administer the world's biggest nuclear arsenals.

COMMENT

On the face of it this looks like a very positive statement – nations affirming that nuclear war should never be fought. But actually, this statement has only been rushed out because of the fear **this could possibly happen! We are closer to major conflict than many are aware**. Just before Christmas, Dmitry Kiselyov, a media mogul known as Putin's mouthpiece, warned US-led aggression could lead to a nuclear war. He told NATO to back off, adding: "Otherwise, everyone will be **turned into radioactive ash**". It is highly possible that at some point nuclear weapons are used. It is hard to imagine – but "the heart of man is desperately wicked." Its wickedness knows no bounds....

BIBLE QUOTE

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and **the elements shall melt with fervent heat**, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

(2 Peter 3:10-11)

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

2022-01-08 [Kazakhstan adds uncertainty to U.S. talks with Russia on Ukraine](#) - CTV News Article

2022-01-07 [Kazakhstan uprising complicates Putin's Ukraine calculus](#) - Axios News Article

2022-01-07 [Kazakh president issues 'shoot to kill' order](#) - Gravitas - 5.25 min YouTube

2022-01-07 [Iran & North Korea Sharing Ballistic Missile Technology](#) - Watchman - 8.53 min - YouTube

2022-01-06 [Kazakhstan protests create a new headache for Putin](#) - Gravitas - 6.31 min YouTube

2022-01-06 [Israel Faces Growing Threat from Yemen's Houthis](#) - Watchman - 9.53 min - YouTube

2022-01-04 [World powers pledge to avoid nuclear war](#) - Gravitas - 6.03 min YouTube

2022-01-01 [Ten Conflicts to Watch in 2022 - International Crisis Group](#) - Interactive Map

2021-12-31 The Great Fall Of China - WION - 25.41 min - YouTube

2021-12-31 Trends that will rule 2022 - Gravitas - 11.14 min - YouTube

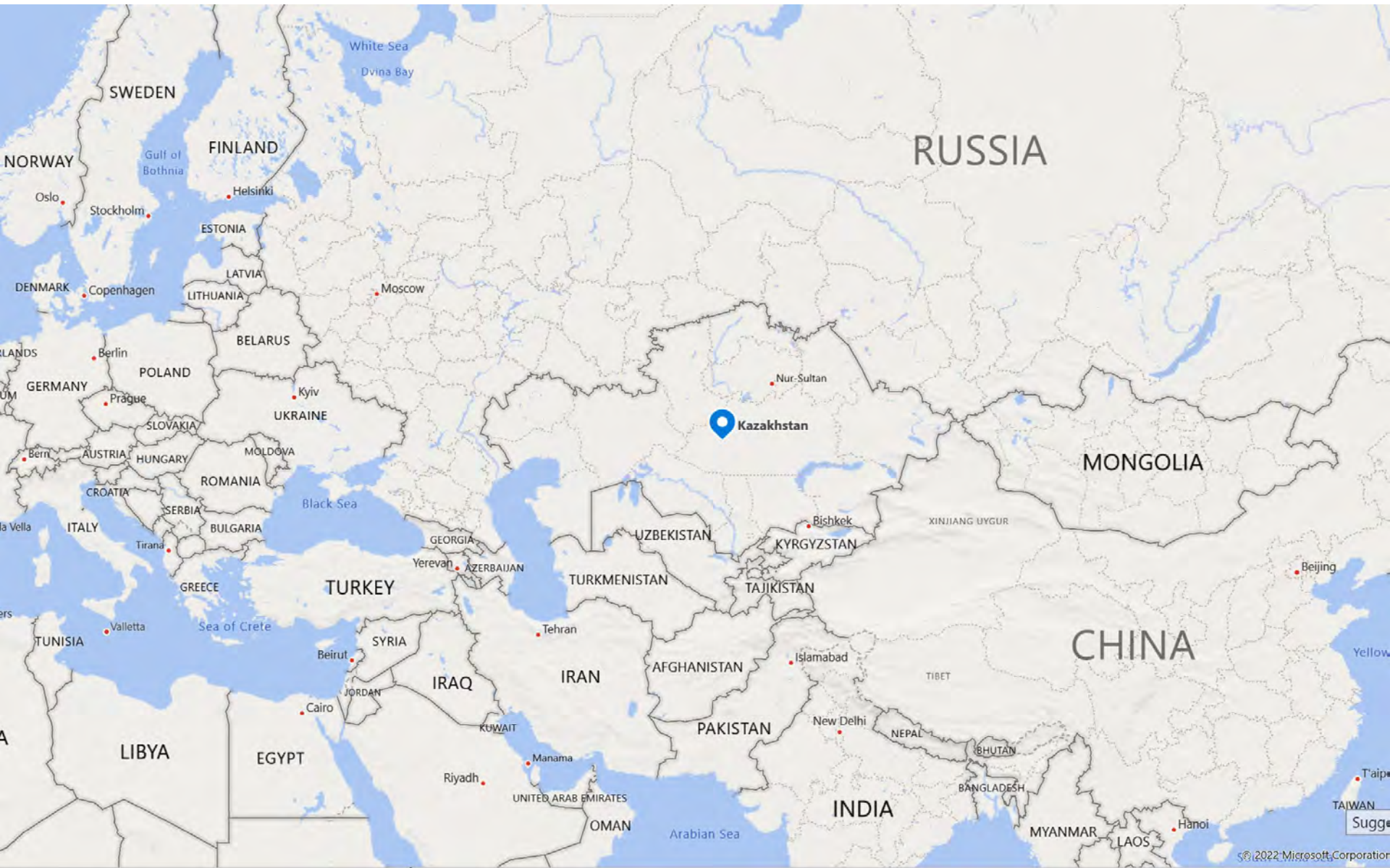
2021-12-30 President Vladimir Putin- Nord Stream 2 undersea gas pipeline is ready to calm gas prices - Wion - 2.13 min - YouTube

2021-12-30 Iran Boasts of Rocket Launch Into Space; China & Russia 2022 Invasion Plans - Watchman - 9.47 min - YouTube

2021-12-28 Israel Airstrikes on Syrian Port Cause -Massive Damage-; Iran Munitions Targeted - Watchman -11.19 min - YouTube

2021 12-28 Why is Israel striking Syrian facilities - Gravitas- 4.57 min - YouTube

2021-12-18 Tensions rise between Russia and Ukraine – SkyNews - 2.39 min - YouTube



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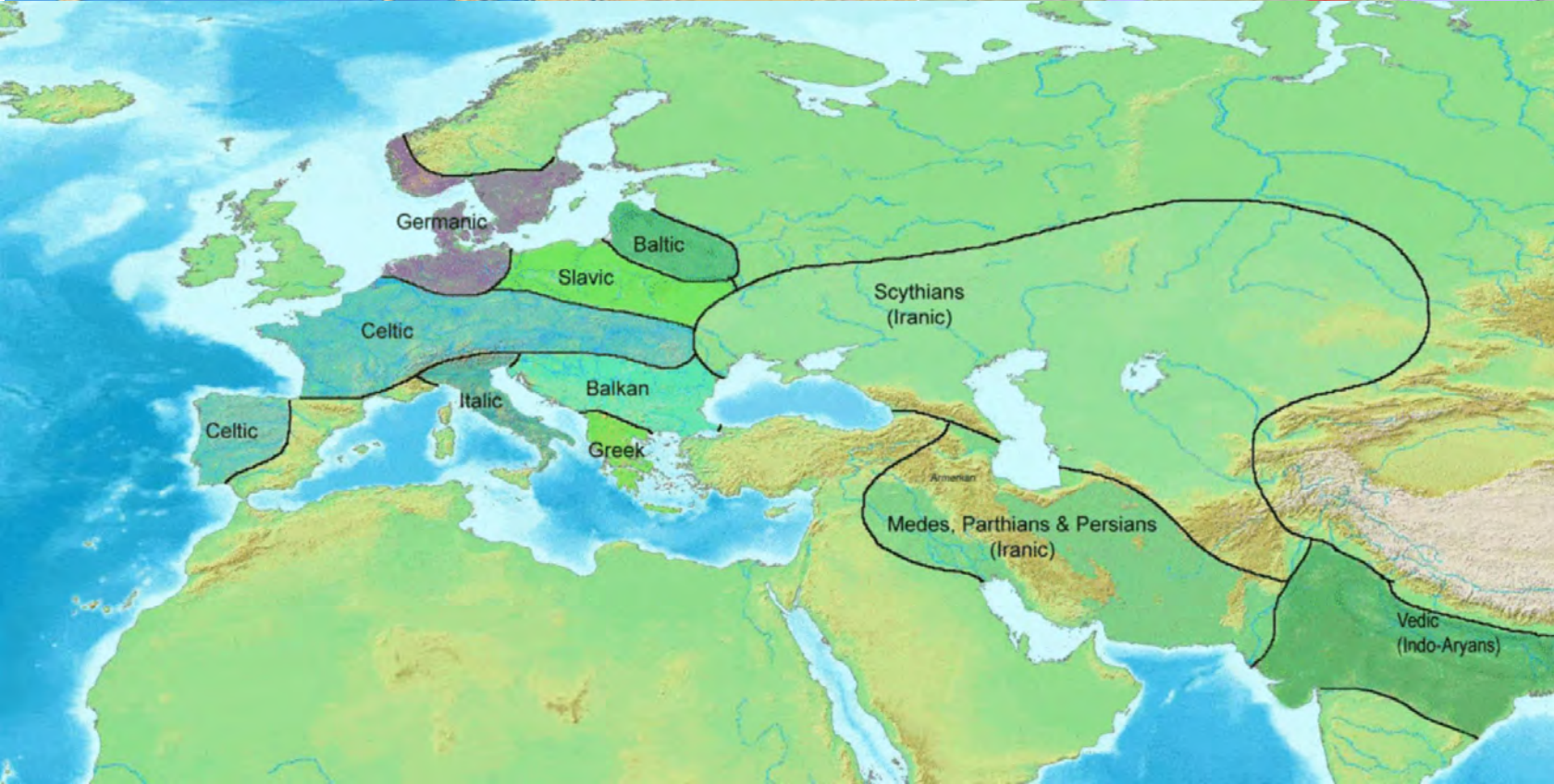
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







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



Carolingian
Empire
481–814



	Frankish Territory in 481
	Conquests of Clovis 481-511
	Conquests 531-614
	Conquests 714-768
	Conquests of Charlemagne 768-814
	Dependent territories
	Avars Peoples tributary to Charlemagne
	Kingdom of Siagrius in 486
	Visigothic kingdom of Toulouse in 507
	Boundaries of the empire in 814





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