

# This Week's Developments

May 22 - 28, 2022

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# Russian forces have 'upper hand' in Donbas fighting, Ukrainian officials say

The Guardian, May 26, 2022



## EVENT

Officials in Ukraine have admitted that Russia has the “upper hand” in fighting in the country’s east, as Ukrainian forces fell back from some of their positions in the Donbas region. Amid reports that Lyman, the site of an important railway junction, had largely been taken by Russian forces, Ukraine’s general staff reported that Russian forces were also advancing on Sievierodonetsk, Bakhmut and Avdiivka. The governor of Luhansk region, Serhiy Haidai, said just 5% of the region now remained in Ukrainian hands – down from about 10% little more than a week ago – and that Ukrainian forces were retreating in some areas. Separately, a senior Ukrainian military official conceded at a briefing on Thursday that Russia had the upper hand in fighting in Luhansk. “Russia has the advantage, but we are doing everything we can,” Gen Oleksiy Gromov said. Haidai said police in Lysychansk were burying the bodies of civilians in mass graves, with about 150 people having been buried in such a grave in one district.

## COMMENT

Putin is prepared to sacrifice his own soldiers and Ukrainian civilians by the thousands, continuing his "scorched earth policy" until he can achieve his aims & declare victory. Putin's main arguments for launching this horrific war is that the Donbas region mainly speaks Russian, which leads Putin to view Ukraine as part of the Russian motherland. This lines up with Bible prophecy. The "Ros" river flows through Ukraine & empties into the Dneiper just below Kiev, which ties Ukraine to the "Rosh" of Ezek 38:1-2 in which Gog is identified with Magog (area of Germany) and "prince of Rosh". Therefore we look to these 2 areas, coupled with Russia, for the emergence of the power that will become the "King of the North". Putin may be, or become, that "prince of Rosh". [ET]

## BIBLE QUOTE

Son of man, set thy face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal:  
(Ezekiel 38:2-3 RV & NASB95)

# US Considering Multiple Launch Rockets (MLSR) For Ukraine

CNN, May 27, 2022



## EVENT

The Biden administration is preparing to step up the kind of weaponry it is offering Ukraine by sending advanced, long-range rocket systems that are now the top request from Ukrainian officials, multiple officials say. The administration is leaning toward sending the systems as part of a larger package of military and security assistance to Ukraine, which could be announced as soon as next week. Senior Ukrainian officials, including President Zelensky, have pleaded in recent weeks for the US and its allies to provide the Multiple Launch Rocket System, or MLRS. The US-made weapon systems can fire a barrage of rockets hundreds of kilometers - which the Ukrainians argue could be a gamechanger in their war against Russia. Another system Ukraine has asked for is the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, known as HIMARS, a lighter wheeled system capable of firing many of the same types of ammunition as MLRS. Russia has in recent weeks pummeled Ukraine in the east, where Ukraine is outmanned and outgunned. On Friday, Russians warned that the US will “cross a red line” if it supplies the systems to Ukraine.

## COMMENT

There are weaknesses appearing for Ukraine in the Ukraine/Russian battlefield with Russia making advances in the Donbas area. There has also been concern that the West's support for Ukraine is weakening, with the public focus shifting to internal issues, & the edge of concern for Ukraine wearing off & suggestions that Ukraine should give in & concede land. But a CNN poll Saturday shows that 93% of US public rejects this as an option & want increased support for Ukraine. The US is now considering sending an advanced missile system to Ukraine to counteract the Russian missiles. Zelensky has been asking for this & calls it a "gamechanger". This bears watching how Russia will react - could this be the catalyst that causes Russia to descend on the Middle East in fury as prophecy predicts? ET

## BIBLE QUOTE

You will go up, you will come like a storm; you will be like a cloud covering the land, you and all your troops, and many peoples with you.

(Ezek 38:9) NASB

# Israel negotiating gas exports to Europe via Egypt

Jerusalem Post, May 22, 2022



## EVENT

Israel and the European Union have been in negotiations for the past month to export gas to Europe via Egypt, Energy Ministry Director-General Lior Schillat said on Sunday. The EU and Israeli working groups launched talks days after Energy Minister Karin Elharrar told The Jerusalem Post last month that Israel “will take full advantage” of the opportunity in the energy market offered by European sanctions on Russia over the invasion of Ukraine. Cairo and Jerusalem signed an agreement in November to create a framework for transferring Israeli gas to Egypt. Once the Russia-Ukraine war began in February, Elharrar and her Egyptian counterpart, Tarek El Molla, discussed how they could work together to fill some of the gaps left in the European energy market by sanctions on Russian gas. “Egypt has two gas liquefaction facilities and is able to export gas to Europe, where they have the facilities to turn it back into gas,” Schillat explained.

## COMMENT

This news report says Israel is looking to export gas to the EU via Egypt for purposes of helping the EU replace gas imports being cut off from Russia. Russia/Gog will see some of its revenues being taken by Israel with the help of Egypt. Egypt has the facilities to liquify NG for shipping. The Bible says (Eze 38:9) that Russia/Gog will think an evil thought to take a spoil [from Israel]. The spoil could be gas and oil, the source of Russian wealth. Also Turkey is in talks with Israel for the same reason (& expelling HAMAS from its borders). Dan 11 tells us that Russian forces (which already occupy Syria - area of K of N) will first invade Turkey (planting its foot on the Gr Orthodox hdqtrs & area of "little horn" power in Turkey), then proceed to Egypt before advancing on Israel. In the above report, Israel & Egypt (& Turkey?) are collaborating on exporting NG to the EU. However, in our opinion, more development is coming. The K of N needs to come down to Israel as a coalition with the EU & with the blessing of the Roman church, not in opposition to them.

## BIBLE QUOTE

... the King of the North shall come against him (Turkey) like a whirlwind... He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape...he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: (Daniel 11:40 & 42)

# Russia and Iran are holding energy talks

Reuters, May 25, 2022



## EVENT

**Russia and Iran** are holding talks on energy and trade in Tehran Wednesday, with both sides looking to boost ties and **mitigate the damage of US sanctions**. Deputy Prime Minister of Russia Alexander Novak will hold talks with Iranian officials, including oil minister Javad Owji, according to Iranian news service Shana. The high-level talks come a day after Russia's deputy economic development minister Vladimir Ilichev held meetings with Iran's deputy oil minister Ahmad Asadzadeh, who is responsible for trading. Western governments have imposed tough sanctions on Russia after it invaded Ukraine in February. **Russia's ally Tehran has been chafing under sanctions for years**, with tough new rules applied by the US in 2018 after the breakdown of the Iran nuclear deal. The meeting comes as **Russia looks to diversify its energy exports away from the West and to boost its trade in other areas** as its economy slows.

## COMMENT

Both **Russia and Iran are under severe sanctions from the West**. This is bringing the two nations ever closer together as they try to help each other to **alleviate the financial pain**. Russia and Iran's fate have become intertwined. Russian sanctions were placed on it when it invaded Ukraine. At the same time sanctions were to be lifted from Iran when a new nuclear deal was about to be signed. **But Russia (one of the main negotiators of the Iran deal) refused to let it go through unless it too could trade with Iran**. But the US refused to let Russia benefit from Iranian sanctions being lifted. So **Russia vetoed the Iran deal**. The Bible says that Russia will act as a "guard" a "protector" of Iran. We now see these two nations in lockstep together exactly as prophesied...

## BIBLE QUOTE

Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and **be thou a guard unto them**. After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel,  
*(Ezekiel 38:7-8)*

# Iran vows to avenge assassination of Revolutionary Guard officer 'by Israel'

The Times, May 23, 2022



## EVENT

Iran's leadership has vowed to avenge the death of a senior officer of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard who was shot dead by suspected Israeli assassins on Sunday. President Raisi described Colonel Hassan Sayad Khodai as a "great martyr" who was killed by the forces of "global arrogance," usually a reference to the United States or Israel. "I have agreed for our security forces to seriously follow up on this matter and I have no doubt that revenge for the pure blood of our martyr will be taken," he said. The brazen nature of his killing echoes at least six previous assassinations of Iranian nuclear scientists, all considered the work of Mossad. However, this is the first time that a Revolutionary Guard officer is claimed to have been directly killed on Iranian soil, though they have been targeted in the past by Israel in Syria. Israel also recently announced its present month-long annual military exercise will involve fighter jets simulating an attack on Iran's nuclear installations.

## COMMENT

Tension between Iran and Israel is escalating. On Sunday a colonel in the Revolutionary Guards was gunned down in Tehran, and Israel told the United States that it was behind his killing. Then on Wednesday evening a drone strike targeted a highly sensitive military site outside Tehran where Iran develops missile, nuclear and drone technology. The attack fit a pattern of past Israeli strikes on Iran and Lebanon. [Iran is currently set back on it's heel; financially crippled with heavy sanctions and fighting not only Israel but many of its neighbors. The two proxies it's used in it's fight with Israel have fallen out of favour at home: Hezbollah with the people of Lebanon, and HAMAS being booted out of Turkey & no secret that citizens of Gaza want HAMAS gone also. Both may have to seek new habitat and/or resort to the old terrorist methods. Israel is using this to it's advantage. ET]

## BIBLE QUOTE

"On that day I will make the clans of Judah like a firepot in a woodpile, like a flaming torch among sheaves. They will consume all the surrounding peoples right and left, but Jerusalem will remain intact in her place.

(Zechariah 12:6)

# Russia is winning battle to control the world's wheat

The Times, May 28, 2022



## EVENT

When President Putin began his war, he did so in the hope of subsuming Ukraine and dividing the West. So far, however, his biggest gain to speak of has come in the form of wheat. Russia's blockade of ports along the Black Sea has not only placed a stranglehold on Ukraine's economy but also hobbled a key competitor in the world grain market. More than 20 million tonnes of Ukrainian grain is rotting in silos and commercial vessels around the country, unable to reach its destination. Ukraine is the fifth-biggest exporter of wheat and the blockade has sent the price up by 60 per cent since the start of the year, to a near-record high. Russia, the world's top wheat exporter, has been only too happy to fill this gap, selling not only more of the commodity but at a higher price. President Zelensky has said that Russia is also attempting to sell grain stolen by its soldiers from farms in occupied regions.

## COMMENT

Russia is using wheat as a weapon. Putin knows he can create turmoil by stopping wheat supplies. This then gives him immense bargaining power when he wants to negotiate terms on a settlement with Ukraine at some point. As many as 50 million people around the world are at risk of starvation due to the Ukraine war, according to the World Food Programme. In Joel chapter 3 (about Armageddon) it says that men will beat their plowshares into swords and their pruning hooks into spears. In other words the focus will be on war. We could also see phrase as speaking of the weaponising of wheat in the field of war. Nations using famine as part of their fight. President Biden said this week "The world faces a dark hour". We need the Light of the World to return.

## BIBLE QUOTE

Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong.

(Joel 3:9-10)

## ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

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2022-05-28 [European leaders hold talks with Putin, urges him to negotiate with Ukrainian counterpart](#) - WION - 4.33 min - YouTube

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2022-05-25 [Turkey's wooing of Israel may lead to Hamas ouster - opinion](#) - The Jerusalem Post

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2022-05-16 [Lebanon elections- If Hezbollah feels it failed, will it react-](#) - The Jerusalem Poste

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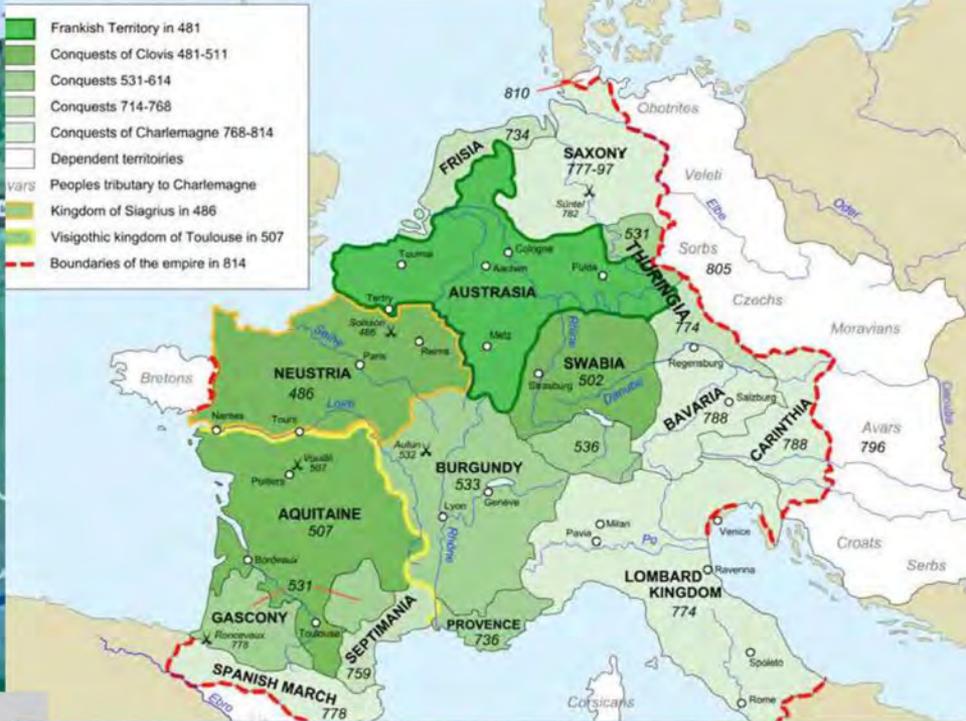
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# NATO PRESENCE IN EASTERN EUROPE



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



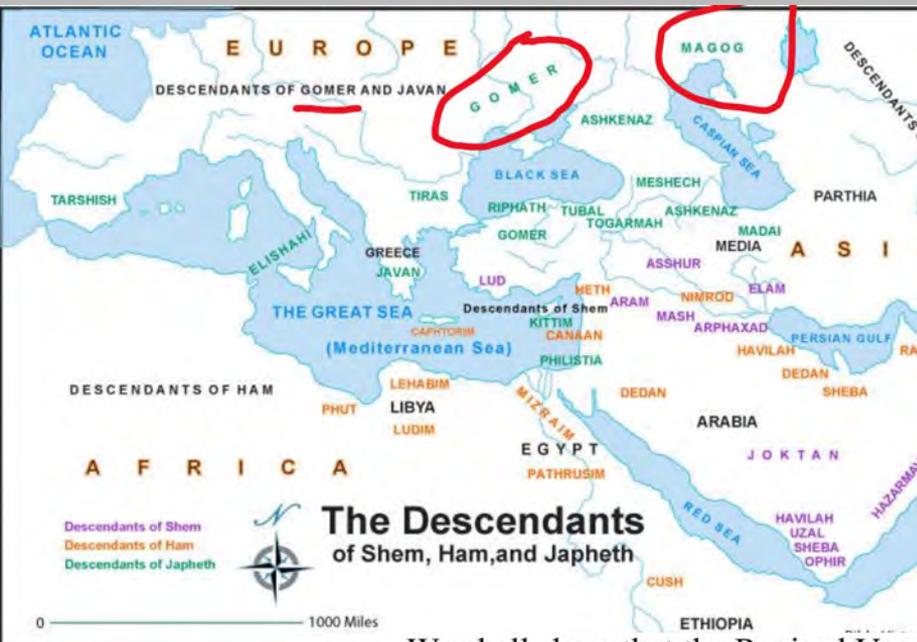
- Carolingian Empire 481-814



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

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





We shall show that the Revised Version is the correct understanding, and that Ros is a physical location, specifically, it is the river region at the center of Ukraine.



Map is from mid-1600s. It shows the Ros River flowing into the Dnieper River.