

This Week's Developments

February 11 - 17, 2024

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Is Russia developing space-based nuclear weapon?

Reuters, February 15, 2024



EVENT

What is the space-based nuclear weapon that the United States has warned Congress and allies in Europe that Russia could use against the West's satellites? It is unclear why Russia would need to use nuclear weapons to destroy a satellite. The New York Times said the United States does not have the ability to counter such a weapon. The new intelligence was related to Russia's attempts to develop a space-based anti-satellite nuclear weapon. Current and former officials said the nuclear weapon was not in orbit. Russia and the United States are by far the biggest nuclear powers: together their arsenals hold about 90% of the world's nuclear weapons, and both have advanced military satellites orbiting the Earth. In the early years of the Cold War, after Russia leaped ahead in the space race and both sides developed intercontinental ballistic missiles, the West proposed a treaty to outlaw nuclear weapons in space. The eventual result was the 1967 Outer Space Treaty which bans putting any weapons of mass destruction into orbit or outer space. The United States casts Russia and China as its biggest nation-state competitors and says both are developing a range of new weapons systems, including nuclear, cyber and space capabilities.

COMMENT

In late December we had covered a news article about China displaying nuclear EMP technology. EMP is not radioactive; it is a pulse of energy produced as a side effect of a nuclear detonation or electromagnetic bomb that will cripple anything electronic within its range. That's what this is all about, except deployed in space. As noted in the earlier presentation, this technology was developed by Israel who apparently holds the key to its full deployment, despite claims by China and Russia. Israel did admit, however, that some of the technology had been sold to China. So we have the warfare capabilities of land, sea, air and now, potentially - space. But even without that, EMP could be devastating at ground level. Think of what it would mean in large urban centers to be without electricity, especially when they are depending on it to save the climate. Even regular vehicle batteries and electronic systems would be neutralized including computers, cellphones, etc.

BIBLE QUOTE

Daniel... seal up the book until the time of the end, when **many will rush here and there, and knowledge will increase...people will be terrified at what they see coming upon the earth**" The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but **the earth hath he given to the children of men.**
Dan 12:4; Luk 21:26 Psa 115:16

February on course to break unprecedented number of heat records

The Guardian, February 17, 2024



EVENT

February is on course to break a record number of heat records, meteorologists say, as human-made global heating and the natural El Nino climate pattern drive up temperatures on land and oceans around the world, media reported. A little over halfway into the shortest month of the year, the heating spike has become so pronounced that climate charts [in 140 countries] are entering new territory, particularly for sea-surface temperatures that have persisted and accelerated to the point where expert observers are struggling to explain how the change is happening. "The planet is warming at an accelerating rate. We are seeing rapid temperature increases in the ocean, the climate's largest reservoir of heat," said Dr Joel Hirschi, the associate head of marine systems modelling at the UK National Oceanography Centre. "...previous sea surface temperatures records were beaten in 2023 and now 2024" Humanity is on a trajectory to experience the hottest February in recorded history, after a record January, December, November, October, September, August, July, June and May...the rise in recent weeks was on course for 2C of warming above pre-industrial levels.

COMMENT

This story and headline teams up with one just a couple of weeks ago that we didn't get time to look at. There is a very stubborn trend certainty developing around this theme. The climate is changing and doing so much more rapidly than any previous predictions. The largest and most stable indicator of this is the world's heat sink - the ocean. Temperatures that had been predicted to be reached years from now - the thought of which alarmed climatologists - have already been exceeded. Ocean temperatures in hurricane alley that usually don't occur until July are happening in February. This warming heat sink is creating huge extremes of floods and drought, heat and cold, hurricanes and tornadoes. Glaciers that feed rivers are disappearing. It is all a sign of our times. The Bible predicted this. God is in control.

BIBLE QUOTE

Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. **There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world...Sin will be rampant everywhere...**your crops will be cursed. The LORD will strike you... with scorching heat and drought...The skies above will be as unyielding as bronze, and the earth beneath will be as hard as iron. Mat_24:7,8,12; Deut 28:18,23

Israel launches deepest airstrikes yet on Hezbollah targets in Lebanon

The Telegraph, February 14, 2024



EVENT

Israeli fighter jets launched the deepest airstrikes yet on Lebanon, reigniting fears of regional war. The series of deadly strikes, amid months of cross-border violence, came after rockets from Hezbollah killed a woman in a town in northern Israel not previously affected by daily border clashes. One woman was killed and eight more people were injured as 20 rockets targeted the city of Safed and other areas in the north, according to first responders. Safed, which is 13 kilometres from the Lebanese border and hosts an important IDF base, has largely been unaffected by exchange of fire between Israel and Hezbollah since Hamas's October 7 attack on Israel. The city has not received evacuation orders unlike swathes of northern Israel. The escalation by the Iranian-backed group came just a few days after Iran's foreign minister visited Lebanon for talks, and a day after Hezbollah's leader vowed to continue rocket attacks until the war in Gaza stops.

COMMENT

On Wednesday afternoon Israel responded to Hezbollah attacks by targeting a dozen villages deep in southern Lebanon departing from a previous tactic of only hitting Hezbollah assets close to the border. Some Israeli politicians are calling on the government to treat Hezbollah's attacks as a declaration of war and say Israel should respond in kind. Hezbollah are mentioned in two key prophetic passages. Psalm 83 and Joel 3. Psalm 83 says the "inhabitants of Tyre" (stronghold area of Hezbollah) will be part of a confederacy of people who want to destroy Israel. But they themselves are destroyed. In Joel 3 God asks "what have you to do with me O Tyre and Zidon?" God then says he will repay them for what they have done. A few verses later we have all nations being drawn to battle in Israel. Hezbollah's demise is coming with the inner war.

BIBLE QUOTE

4 Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine? will ye render me a recompence? and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head;

(Joel 3:4)

No peace possible without Palestinian state, says Jordanian King

Israel National News, February 13, 2024



EVENT

Jordanian King Abdullah II called for an immediate ceasefire in the war in Gaza and for creating a horizon for the establishment of a Palestinian state during a press conference on Tuesday, together with U.S. President Joe Biden. **In some of his most inflammatory comments since the start of the war, King Abdullah stated: “Seven decades of occupation, death, and destruction have proven beyond any doubt that there can be no peace without a political horizon.”** Unlike the king’s previously strong support for a two-state solution and accompanying critiques of Israel’s “occupation” of the West Bank since 1967, “seven decades of occupation” seemingly calls into question the very existence of the State of Israel, which celebrated its 75th-anniversary last year. Regarding the Gaza war, Abdullah stated, “All attacks against innocent civilians, women and children, including those of October 7, cannot be accepted by any Muslim. As I have previously stressed, we must make sure the horrors of the past few months since October 7, are never repeated, nor accepted by any human being.”

COMMENT

Jordan is intimately involved with Jerusalem and especially the Holy sites there. It is a Jordanian appointed organisation that is responsible for controlling and managing the current Islamic shrines on the Temple Mount i.e. The Dome of the Rock and the Al Aqsa Mosque. Israel however controls access to the Temple Mount itself. We know that Jerusalem will become the centre of a final conflict. Therefore at some point Jordan must get involved (against Israel) as Jordan sees Jerusalem as a Muslim capital. The Bible says Edom and Moab (Jordan) will indeed form part of a confederacy against Israel....

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,**

(Psalm 83:4-7)

Netanyahu rejects international pressure for Palestinian state

Reuters, February 16, 2024



EVENT

Israel will not be pressured into accepting a Palestinian state, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Friday, following a Washington Post report that Israel's main ally the United States was moving plans to establish a Palestinian state. "Israel categorically rejects international dictates regarding a permanent settlement with the Palestinians," said Netanyahu, in a statement published following a call with U.S. President Joe Biden. "Israel will continue to oppose unilateral recognition of a Palestinian state." The Washington Post reported on Thursday that the United States was working with some Arab countries, including Egypt, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Saudi Arabia - with which Israel has long sought to establish diplomatic ties - on a post war plan for the region that would include a firm timeline for the establishment of a Palestinian state.

COMMENT

Top Israeli ministers strongly rejected a two state solution saying a Palestinian state would pose "an existential threat" to Israel. Netanyahu himself has firmly rejected it as well. It is interesting though that it appears the Biden administration is trying to bring this about almost regardless of Israel. Notice it says it is a "post war plan" to divide Israel. It is possible that after the initial inner ring war that there is some division of the land - or some agreement to do so. Joel 3 speaks of the nations "parting" or "dividing", "my land". Eg the land of Israel. However, we also know that when Russia comes down they invade "mountains of Israel" which are predominately in the West Bank. Either way we know that the division of Israel is in the plan of nearly every nation on earth. It is this intent and desire that will bring the final judgement of God – Armageddon....

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 my land.**

(Joel 3:2)

What the intensifying US-Iran proxy war means for crisis-wracked Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and Yemen

Arab News, February 15, 2024



EVENT

Israel's military offensive in the Gaza Strip has spilled over into neighboring countries and sent shockwaves across the wider region, transforming Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and Yemen into battlefields in an escalating proxy war between the US and Iran. This mounting instability has wrought havoc on the economies of the region, many of which were already grappling with deep recessions, spiraling inflation, high unemployment and political instability, leaving them ill-equipped to withstand a major conflict. Since launching its military campaign in Gaza, Israel has simultaneously mounted a series of strikes against targets in Syria and Lebanon — many of them targeting senior members of Hamas and its fellow Iranian proxy Hezbollah. "Syria has become a battleground for great power rivalries, both regional and international," Joshua Landis, director of both the Center for Middle East Studies. Landis believes the escalating regional conflagration, with Israel and the US in one corner and Iran's proxy militias in the other, has compounded Syria's multiple, overlapping predicaments.

COMMENT

It is not only Lebanon and Yemen being drawn into conflict with Israel – Syria is as well. Syria is technically still at war with Israel and wants to see Israel destroyed. Iran works closely with Syria sending military equipment and setting up bases there. Syria is part of what Iran calls "the axis of resistance." Isaiah 17 says that Damascus will be destroyed and the nation of Syria will cease to exist. The question is when does this happen? The most logical explanation is that this occurs during the inner ring war. Syria borders Israel and Israel removes ALL pricking briers that surround her. It is after Syria fails as a nation that Gog enters the ancient territory of the original king of the north...

BIBLE QUOTE

The burden of Damascus. **Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city**, and it shall be a ruinous heap. The cities of Aroer [city in Jordan] are forsaken: they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid. The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria:

(Isaiah 17:1-3)

Navalny's death raises tensions between US & Russia

The New York Times, February 16, 2024



EVENT

President Biden blamed President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia personally on Friday for the reported death of the imprisoned Russian dissident Aleksei A. Navalny, and cited the case in pressing House Republicans to approve military aid to Ukraine in its war with Moscow. **“Make no mistake: Putin is responsible for Navalny’s death,” Mr. Biden said in a televised statement from the White House. “Putin is responsible.** What has happened to Navalny is yet more proof of Putin’s brutality. No one should be fooled, not in Russia, not at home, not anywhere in the world.” Asked if Mr. Navalny had been assassinated, Mr. Biden said the United States did not have a full understanding of the circumstances. “The answer is, we don’t know exactly what happened, but there is no doubt that the death of Navalny was a consequence of something that Putin and his thugs did.” **The death of Mr. Navalny came at a delicate moment in America’s confrontation with Russia over its aggression in Europe and repression at home.**

COMMENT

Navalny has become the latest in a long line of Putin’s opponents that have been killed or have died in mysterious circumstances. Biden specifically accused Putin for the death of Navalny and there can be few that doubt Putin was behind the order to finally kill his main opponent. Navalny’s anti-corruption foundation discovered and published about the palaces, yachts and private planes that Putin’s oligarchs allegedly built for their tsar and themselves, with all the money they stole from the Russian people. Putin is obsessed with wealth and luxury goods. The Bible says this exact same thing. Daniel 11 says that Gog will worship the god of “gold, silver, precious stones, and expensive gifts” . We read that Gog divides the land among those who submit to him as a reward.

BIBLE QUOTE

he will worship the god of fortresses—a god his ancestors never knew—and lavish on him **gold, silver, precious stones, and expensive gifts**. ...He will honor those who submit to him, appointing them to positions of authority and **dividing the land among them as their reward**.

Daniel 8:25 speaks of Gog being totally corrupt

(Daniel 11:38-39 NLT)

Global defence spending rises 9% to record \$2.2tn

The Guardian, February 13, 2024



EVENT

Global defence spending increased by 9% to a record \$2.2tn during 2023 driven by heightened geopolitical tensions caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, according to an annual assessment by a military thinktank. The International Institute of Strategic Studies added that it expected budgets to increase further in 2024 as the war continued into a third year and international uncertainty spread across the Middle East in the wake of the Israel-Gaza war. Bastian Giegerich, the thinktank's director general, described the near-double-digit uplift as reflecting "a deteriorating security landscape". Russian and Ukrainian military spending soared, as well as western aid to Kyiv. Ukraine's defence budget increased nearly nine times to \$31.1bn during 2023, a figure that excludes foreign donations, while Russia lifted its military expenditure in 2023 to \$108.5bn and has further increases in the pipeline. Moscow's official defence budget was up by more than 60% in 2024 Giegerich said, meaning that **Russian "total military spending now represents one third of its national budget and will now reach 7.5% of GDP, signaling the focus on its war effort"**.

COMMENT

The world has ratcheted up spending on weapons and military in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine and also the new Middle East conflict centred on Israel. Overall, the US remains easily the largest global military spender, with a budget of \$905.5bn in 2023, in dollar terms more than the next 15 countries combined, including second-placed China on \$219.5bn and Russia, which is third. In Joel 3 which we have already quoted this week in relation to Hezbollah, the dividing of Israel and the gathering of nations to Armageddon – we also read of nations pouring money into more weapons...

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)

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NATO PRESENCE IN EASTERN EUROPE



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- Conquests of Clovis 481-511
- Conquests 531-614
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- 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



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



RUSSIA ("CHIEF PRINCE" = "PRINCE OF ROSH")

○ TOBOLSK (Tubal)

○ MOSCOW (Meshech)

"YOUNG LIONS" (USA, CANADA, ETC)

"LION" TARSHISH UK

GERMANY (LAND OF MAGOG)

GOMER
European Economic Community

Gibraltar

TURKEY (Togarmah)

IRAQ/IRAN (Persia)

INDIA

LIBYA

DEDAN

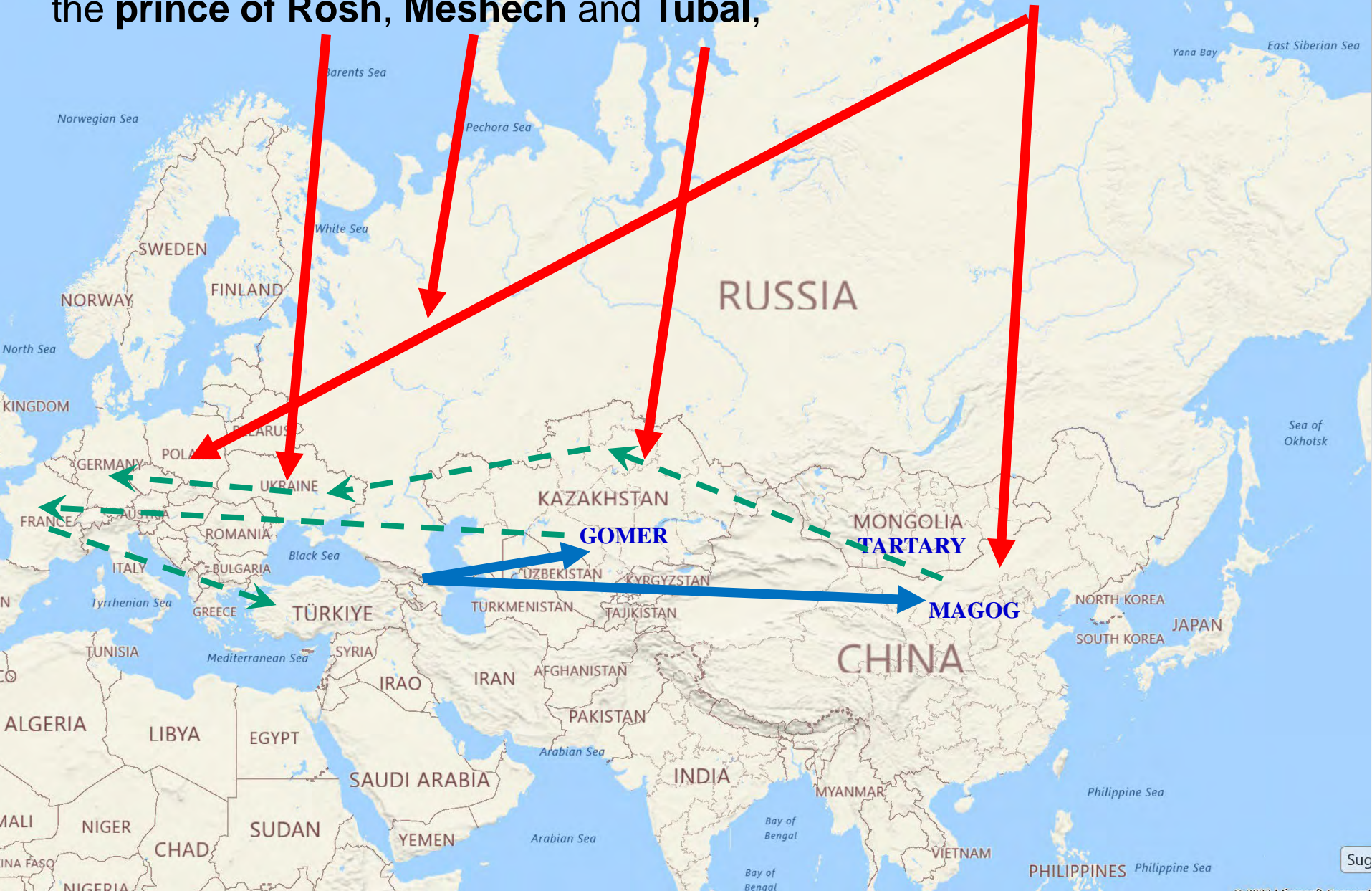
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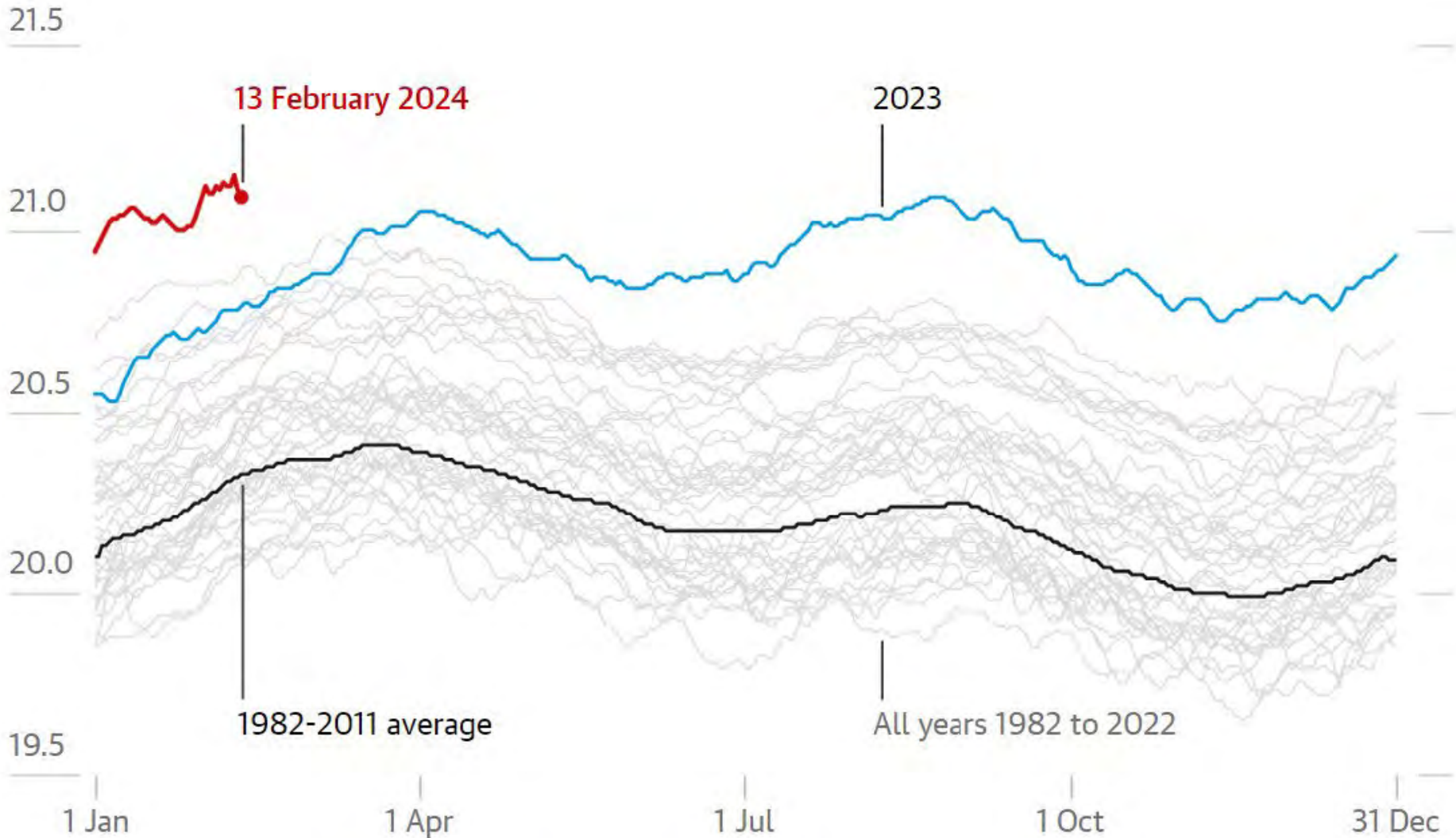
"Son of man, set your face toward **Gog of the land of Magog,**
the **prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal,**



"Son of man, set thy face against Gog (head), of the land of Magog (China?), prince of Ros (river in Ukraine) Meshech and Tubal (rivers in Russia)"?

Sea surface temperatures for 2024 exceed previous records by a huge margin

Average daily sea surface temperature, 60S to 60N, C



Guardian graphic. Source: Climate Change Institute, University of Maine analysis of NOAA OISST data