

# This Week's Developments

May 7 - 13, 2023 [> Other Original slides]

- Homeless camp to be cleared. What About residents?
- Zelenskyy meets Pope Francis at Vatican
- Islamic Jihad commander 'killed in Israeli air strikes'
- Netanyahu: Israel ready to fight Iran on multiple fronts
- Iran threatens Israel during Russia summit
- Civilization is at a turning point' says Putin at parade
- *Additional & Supporting Articles*

*Map 1*

*Map 2*

# A huge homeless camp will be cleared. What happens to its residents?

CNN, May 8, 2023



## EVENT

Standing beside her tent, Rayann Denny sized up the sprawling camp of 900 or so people improvised along sidewalks in downtown Phoenix: "It's a whole nother world." The soft-spoken 37-year-old ended up homeless last year after her husband died and she couldn't pay the bills alone. This camp, she said, can be "a lot of drama," with flares of violence. But Denny won't stay in a shelter, with its rules and a curfew, as she relies on drugs to get through her days. "I just try to keep myself high," she said, "so I don't have to deal with the pain." Her home base here, though – however scant – soon will vanish. Rayann Denny lives in a tent in a homeless encampment in Phoenix. In the latest chapter of America's increasingly polarized approach to homelessness, Phoenix must permanently clear the area that's become known as the Zone after a judge ruled in favor of neighbors who sued the city, calling the encampment – next to a non-profit social services hub and blocks from the state Capitol and the city's Major League Baseball stadium – an illegal "public nuisance." They frequently discover property damage, drug paraphernalia and feces when they get to work, they said. "We want our neighborhood back. We want to feel safe." Their lawsuit could be a model for those looking to force other US cities to clear similar encampments, a lawyer for the plaintiffs said. But the prospect worries advocates for the unhoused, who say it simply pushes a critical problem out of public view, especially as soaring home prices and expensive borrowing have pushed households to the brink.

## COMMENT

[We tend to think of homelessness as a current issue; but in fact homelessness is a problem that is 1000s of years old, and was always prevalent wherever there were cities and population concentrations. The Greek poet Homer described conditions of homelessness in 800 BC that were similar to modern descriptions - slums, squalor, crime, drugs \(drugs are as old as creation\). We are very blessed to be living as we are; we are isolated from that in most cases. But how do we, as disciples of XT, tend to view this class of people? I remember being shocked & deeply moved by the conditions of Kibera, Nairobi's slum of 250,000 homeless people, and thinking "If Jesus were walking this earth today, where would we find him?" The description of homeless people of today fits that of the same class of his day - the social outcasts of society. Would we find him in our comfortable environment, or would he be among those that we tend to look down our noses at? "Inasmuch as you have done / not done it unto the least of these, you have done / not done it unto me."](#)

## BIBLE QUOTE

Then one of the teachers of religious law said to him, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." But Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place even to lay his head." Mat 8:19-20 [NLT]

# Zelenskyy meets Pope Francis at Vatican ’

AP May 13, 2023



## EVENT

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy had private talks with Pope Francis at the Vatican on Saturday, later saying he sought support for Ukraine’s peace plan from the pontiff, who in the past has offered to try to help end the full-scale war launched by Russia a year ago. Zelenskyy held his hand over his heart and said it was a “great honor” to meet with the pope. Francis, using a cane for his knee problem, came to greet the Ukrainian president before ushering him into a papal studio near the Vatican’s audience hall. In a tweet after the 40-minute audience, Zelenskyy expressed gratitude to Francis for “his personal attention to the tragedy of millions of Ukrainians.” He said he spoke with the pontiff “about the tens of thousands of deported (Ukrainian) children. We must make every effort to return them home.” The meeting came as Russia’s defense ministry said Storm Shadow long-range cruise missiles delivered to Ukraine by the United Kingdom this week damaged unspecified civilian enterprises in Luhansk province in Ukraine’s far east. Two Russian Mi-8 helicopters and an Su-34 fighter-bomber crashed Saturday in the Bryansk region bordering Ukraine... The causes of the crashes were not immediately disclosed, but concern in Bryansk is growing about cross-border attacks from Ukraine.

## COMMENT

There is a rapidly increasing amount of moving parts occurring in the recent activity of this war. Ukraine appears to be picking up some momentum in a forward aggressive push against Russia, already reaching deep into Russian occupied territory with some massive strikes. The UK have supplied long range missiles and the US has announced another massive package of the tools of war. Religion is definitely involved on both sides, all of it being Catholic, but including the East and West divisions of the Church. In this article Zelinsky is visiting the Western leg - Pope Francis, who has responded with a desire to visit Kyiv. And on the eastern leg there is an election ongoing in Turkey that has political earthquake potential. If Erdogan's rival is elected there will likely be a major shift from a Islamic state to a Christian democratic administration that will be more sympathetic to Ukraine and less so to Russia. We know what Bible prophecy requires....

## BIBLE QUOTE

And at the time of the end ...the king of the north shall come against him [Constantinople – the seat of the 4<sup>th</sup> Beast Dominion] 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. Dan 11:40

# Islamic Jihad commander 'killed in Israeli air strikes

The Times, May 11, 2023



## EVENT

Israel claims to have killed the senior commander of Islamic Jihad's rocket squad in a series of airstrikes on the Gaza Strip. Early on Thursday morning the Israeli military said Ali Ghali and two other militants had died in an airstrike on a building in the southern Gaza strip. It brings the death toll from the latest burst of fighting to 25, including a four-year-old child. The group were hiding in an apartment in a Qatari-built residential complex in Khan Younis. Ghali instructed and took part in rocket attacks against Israel in recent months, the IDF said. Announcing his death, the IDF said: "We just targeted Ali Ghali, the commander of Islamic Jihad's rocket-launching force, as well as two other Islamic Jihad operatives in Gaza. Ghali was a central figure in IJ, as well as responsible for the recent rocket barrages launched against Israel." In a primetime television address last night, Benjamin Netanyahu, the prime minister, said: "We say to the terrorists and those who send them: we see you everywhere; you can't hide; and we choose the place and time to strike you."

## COMMENT

Israel has decided the time has come to proactively attack and destroy the leaders of the terrorist group Islamic Jihad. They call for the total destruction of Israel and are armed with many rockets that are frequently fired at Israel. Last week, the group fired more than 100 rockets across the border. As many as 30 per cent of residents of Israeli border communities were evacuated as a precaution. We watch to see if this new round of conflict spirals ultimately into the inner ring war. Netanyahu said that Israel would decide when calm would be restored. "This round is not over. The campaign is not over yet." We know that Psalm 83 gas still to be fulfilled... and it may come soon...

## 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. For they have consulted together with one consent.** (Psalm 83:2-4)

# Israel ready to fight Iran on multiple fronts, says Netanyahu

Middle East Monitor, May 11, 2023



**EVENT** Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Tuesday that Israel is ready to fight Iran on multiple fronts. He made his comment after launching Operation Arrow and Shield against the besieged Gaza Strip, killing 15 Palestinians — including women and children — and wounding 22 others. **"Ninety-five per cent of Israel's security problems come from Iran,"** claimed Netanyahu. **This was a reference to an alleged Iranian attempt to start a multi-front campaign against Israel.** The Israeli leader pointed out that Israel will do all it can to stop Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons and prevent the government in Tehran from "establishing terror fronts around us." Israel, according to the local media, is afraid that other fronts, including Gaza, could become involved in retaliation for the latest Israeli "pre-emptive" attacks and killing of Palestinians. According to Netanyahu and other Israeli leaders, **armed Palestinian groups are proxies for Iran, rather than the legitimate resistance movements** that they actually are. This is used to justify attacks against them.

**COMMENT** Netanyahu when speaking of fighting Iranian proxies on multiple fronts is basically describing Psalm 83 and the initial inner ring war that is coming before Russia invades. In Psalm 83 we are told of a confederacy of tribes around Israel who have one aim – to destroy Israel. But these tribes are also “joined” by one nation – Assur / Assyria. Assyria covered modern day Syria, Iraq and Iran. Therefore God is telling us that this area will be the power behind the throne of Israel’s immediate surrounding enemies. Out of those 3 nations Iran is the most powerful and clearly is funding and directing the likes of the Palestinians, Hezbollah & Islamic Jihad. Israel will one day remove these enemies.

**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, .... Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; **Assur also is joined with them:**

(Psalm 83:4-8)



# Iran threatens Israel during Russia summit amid Gaza rocket barrage

Washington Examiner, May 11, 2023



**EVENT** Syrian dictator **Bashar Assad** will provide a launchpad for new attacks against **Israel**, a senior Iranian official predicted during a Russia-hosted summit. **"We are sure that the Syrian Army will respond to the Israeli raids at a proper time,"** Iranian Foreign Minister Amir Abdollahian said Wednesday. "All the signs and variables testify to the transition process in the world order, the decline of the U.S. power, and the strengthening of regionalism." Assad's entrenchment in Damascus figures into a **broader move by Iran to install its forces and allies near and around Israel**. Iran's Defense Ministry made a public pledge this week to "equip the Syrian Armed Forces with the most advanced defensive weapons," according to Iranian media. Syria's military responded by signaling **Assad's willingness to reinforce Iran's "resistance" against Israel**.

**COMMENT** The foreign ministers of Russia, Syria, Turkey and Iran have met in Moscow this week for high-level talks on rebuilding ties between Ankara and Damascus after years of animosity during Syria's war. This is quite an amazing line up of nations because they are exactly the nations described in Ezekiel 38. Russia is Magog, Meshech and Tubal. Iran is Persia. Turkey is Togarmah. But where is Syria in Ezekiel 38? The answer is nowhere. But Syria is Israel's arch enemy so why isn't it? The answer is that Syria is completely destroyed and ceases to be a functioning nation by the time Russia invades. Damascus is totally destroyed in the initial inner ring war. It is into the void that is left that the outer ring of nations (Russia, Iran, Turkey, Sudan etc) will come. The article talks of Syria being a launchpad for attacks – which will during the inner ring war.

**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 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)*

# Civilisation is at a turning point' says Putin at Victory Day celebrations

The Scotsman, May 9, 2023



## EVENT

Russian President Vladimir Putin told his country's Victory Day parade in Moscow's Red Square on Tuesday that "a real war" has been unleashed against Russia by the West's "untamed ambitions", shortly after the Kremlin's forces rained cruise missiles on Ukrainian targets. **"Today civilisation is once again at a decisive turning point,"** the leader said at the capital's annual commemorations celebrating the defeat of Nazi Germany in the Second World War. "A real war has been unleashed against our Motherland." Since Russia invaded its neighbour more than 14 months ago, Mr Putin has repeatedly framed the war in Ukraine as a proxy conflict with the West. In his speech, **Mr Putin insisted that the West's "untamed ambitions, arrogance and impunity" are to blame for the conflict.** He welcomed soldiers fighting in Ukraine who were present at the parade, and concluded his speech: **"To Russia! To our brave armed forces! To victory!"**

## COMMENT

It may be very hard to imagine Russia invading the Middle East when it is struggling currently to win the war against Ukraine. And how could Russia possibly launch a war to the south while trying to fight a conflict in Ukraine? The answer is that the Ukraine war must come to some stalemate and possibly a negotiated standoff. This could only come about if the West believe they cannot defeat Russia. And this can only come about if Russia shows the West they are prepared for victory at any cost. Putin's speech this week said as much. He sees this a a fight for Russia's existence. We know the reason Gog comes down to Israel is to take a spoil. Gog will enter Syrian territory after the inner ring war and then take on the mantle of the king of the north...

## BIBLE QUOTE

Woe to the multitude of many people, which make a noise like the noise of the seas; and to the rushing of nations, that make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters! The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: **These are outer ring nations rushing in to the void left in Syria (see verses 1-4)** (Isaiah 17:12-13)

## ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

2023-05-13 [Zelenskyy meets Pope Francis at Vatican and seeks backing for Ukraine's peace plan](#) - AP News

2023-05-13 [Turkey Elections- Is Erdogan's defeat certain](#) - Gravitas Plus - 9.27 min - YouTube

2023-05-12 [Ukraine's Game plan- Kyiv receives long-range missiles from the UK](#) - Gravitas - 6.24 min - YouTube

2023-05-12 [Turkiye decides its future](#) - The West Asia Post - 5.43 min - YouTube

2023-05-12 [Israeli attacks kill 5 Palestinian islamic jihad members](#) - Gravitas - 4.41 min - YouTube

2023-05-08 [Phoenix homeless camp to be cleared after neighbors sued. Unclear what happens to vulnerable residents](#) - CNN

2023-04-22 [What must Israel get done in the next 75 years-](#) - Israel News - The Jerusalem Post

2023-04-22 [Plumes of smoke in Sudan as truce is shattered; first evacuation vessel arrives in Jeddah](#) - WION - 6.49 min - YouTube

2023-04-21 [The Fighting in Sudan Threatens Peace Efforts with Israel](#) - The Washington Institute

2023-04-21 [Russia downbeat on Black Sea grain deal as Kyiv tries to unblock exports](#) - Reuters

2023-04-21 [Israel Prepares for MULTI-FRONT War; Says Iran Pouring BILLIONS Into Terror](#) - Watchman - 10.42 min - YouTube

2023-04-20 [Why Sudan's conflict matters to the rest of the world](#) - AP News

2023-04-20 [Ukraine appeals to NATO chief for membership and more arms](#) - Reuters

2023-04-19 [Russia watches as US arms Ukraine with Patriot defence system; French armoured vehicles in use](#) - 2.26 min - YouTube

2023-04-16 [Thawing of Saudi-Iranian relations helps Israel long term](#) - editorial - The Jerusalem Post

2023-04-15 [Africa needs more help with climate change, debt and food crises](#) – Reuters - 11.00 min - YouTube

2023-04-14 [California's recent weather crises brought dead lake back to life](#) - 3.46 min - CNN Video

2023-04-14 [After earthquake, Istanbul gripped by fear that bigger disaster awaits](#) - Reuters

2023-04-13 [Southeast Florida swamped by more than two feet of rain](#) - Reuters

[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 \*



# This Week's Developments

May 7 - 13, 2023 [[> Supplemental slides](#)]

- UK first nation to send long-range missiles to Ukraine
- The Coronation Oath of King Charles III

• *Additional & Supporting Articles*

*Map 1*

*Map 2*



# Britain is first nation to send long-range missiles to Ukraine

The Telegraph, May 11, 2023



## EVENT

Britain has given Kyiv long-range cruise missiles that it can use to strike Crimea, and possibly attack the crucial bridge linking Russia with mainland Ukraine. Ben Wallace, the Defence Secretary, yesterday told the House of Commons that Storm Shadow missiles would be sent to bolster Ukraine's anticipated counter-offensive. The precision-guided weapons, which cost about £2.2 million each, would allow Ukraine to "push back Russian forces based within Ukrainian sovereign territory", Mr Wallace said. The US and other allies have ruled out sending longer-range missiles to Ukraine over fear of provoking Vladimir Putin. With Russia's assault in the east, centered on the town of Bakhmut, largely stalled, Storm Shadow missiles would allow Kyiv's forces to strike targets anywhere in the country. Addressing MPs yesterday, Mr Wallace said: "Russia must recognise that their actions alone have led to such systems being provided to Ukraine."

## COMMENT

Britain has led the way in opposing Russia by arming Ukraine. On Thursday the UK became the first country to start supplying Ukraine with long-range cruise missiles, which will allow Ukrainian forces to hit Russian troops and supply dumps deep behind the front lines. The Kremlin earlier said that if Britain provided these missiles it would require "an adequate response from our military". The Storm Shadow missiles could be used to target Russian ships in the Crimean port of Sevastopol which would be a waving a red rag to bull (or bear!) for Russia. The Bible says the king of the south "pushes" militarily provokes Gog (the king of Daniel 11:36-39). The king of the south according to Ezekiel 38 is Tarshish based in Saudi Arabia. Tarshish is Britain. The push is underway. At some point after the push the king of the north swoops down to Israel.

## 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.

(Daniel 11:40)

# The Coronation Oath of King Charles III

The News, May 9, 2023



## EVENT

The coronation of Charles III and his wife, Camilla, as king and queen of the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth realms, took place on 6 May 2023 at Westminster Abbey. The Coronation Oath, along with the anointing of the monarch with holy oil, make up the central acts in the ritual Coronation. When pundits talk about how traditional it is and refer to the ceremony for Queen Elizabeth II or those of previous British monarchs, they may not appreciate that its format is considerably older and that the template used is the coronation of King Solomon. His accession to the throne is described in the First Book of Kings, chapter one, verse 38 onwards and is among the earliest coronations ever recorded in detail, dating back to around 970 BCE.

## COMMENT

At the point King Charles was crowned at the coronation ceremony this week "Zadok the Priest" was sung by the choir abbey. Zadok was the priest who anointed Solomon as king over Israel. When King Charles swore his oath he was presented with a Bible with the words "Sir, to keep you ever mindful of the law and the Gospel of God as the Rule for the whole life and government of Christian Princes, receive this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is Wisdom; this is the royal Law; these are the lively Oracles of God." These words are so true and ones we could all say amen to. There is nothing more valuable in the whole world than the Word of God. Interestingly though King Charles added some new words to the oath - "will seek to foster an environment where people of all faiths and beliefs may live freely". Charles sees himself as defender of faiths rather than defender of THE faith. We need to defend THE faith...THE TRUTH..

## BIBLE QUOTE

So Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, ... went down and had Solomon ride on King David's mule, and brought him to Gihon. And **Zadok the priest then took the horn of oil from the tent and anointed Solomon.** Then they blew the trumpet, and all the people said, "Long live King Solomon!" **We long for the crowning of the world's true king – Jesus Christ!!** (1 Kings 1:38-40)