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# Iran warns Trump: 'We'll take war global if you bomb us again'

*The Telegraph, May 20, 2026*



## EVENT

Iran threatened on Wednesday to spread war beyond the Middle East if the United States attacks again, after President Donald Trump said he had come within an hour of restarting the military campaign. Six weeks since Trump paused Operation Epic Fury for a ceasefire, talks to end the war have largely stalled. Iran submitted a new offer to the United States this week, but its public accounts of it repeat terms previously rejected by Trump, including demands for control of the Strait of Hormuz, compensation for war damage, lifting of sanctions, release of frozen assets and the withdrawal of US troops from the area. Trump said on Monday, and again on Tuesday, that he had come close to ordering a new bombing campaign but had put it off at the last minute to give more time for diplomacy. "I was an hour away from making the decision to go today," Trump told reporters at the White House on Tuesday. Iran has repeatedly threatened to retaliate for any new attacks by striking countries in the Middle East that house US bases. On Wednesday it suggested it would also hit targets further afield.

## COMMENT

The standoff between Iran and America continues with neither side backing down. Iran remains able to threaten the US and launch attacks on its neighbours. The United Arab Emirates said this week that a drone strike had triggered a fire near its nuclear power station on Sunday, calling the incident a "dangerous escalation". Iran has threatened to turn the war global if America restarts the war. Isaiah 21 which speaks of the blockade of the Strait of Hormuz also talks of great trouble coming on Arabia. Arabia would cover Saudi Arabia and the Gulf Arab states. It tells us that they flee from the sword, the bent bow (missiles?) and the grievousness of war. More trouble could be coming in this war.

## BIBLE QUOTE

**The burden upon Arabia.** In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies of Dedanim. The inhabitants of the land of Tema brought water to him that was thirsty, they prevented with their bread him that fled. For **they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war** [CLICK HERE](#) to watch a talk on this (Isaiah 21:13-15)

# Iran unveils plan for total control of Strait of Hormuz

The Telegraph, May 21, 2026



## EVENT

Iran has announced it is expanding its control over the Strait of Hormuz into foreign territory, angering neighbouring countries. A map defining its claim for the new area, stretching into the coastal waters of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Oman, has been published by the Persian Gulf Strait Authority, an Iranian body established to oversee maritime traffic. “Transit in this zone for passage through the Strait of Hormuz requires co-ordination with the Persian Gulf Strait Authority and permission from this entity,” the authority said. Iran’s push to establish permanent territorial gains comes as its leaders attempt to strengthen their negotiating position with the United States in peace talks. Donald Trump faces a dilemma over whether he should either accept Iran keeping control of the waterway, and its nuclear material to end the war, or restart strikes against a military reported to be recovering faster than he had expected. Iran is betting that political pressure in the US and nervous regional allies will push Mr Trump towards a deal, even if it is unfavorable.

## COMMENT

A fifth of the world’s oil and gas usually travels through the Middle Eastern waterway but ships have been blocked by both the US and Iran. The IEA has described it as the biggest disruption to crude supplies in history. The world’s oil stockpiles are “depleting very fast”, the head of the International Energy Agency has warned. Speaking at a meeting of G7 finance ministers in Paris, Mr Birol warned there were only “several weeks” left of stored supplies at current rates of depletion. It is clear that the impact of the closure of the world’s number-one energy artery could still worsen. Isaiah 21 speaks of pleasure turning to fear. We can see how this could happen with these events...

## BIBLE QUOTE

Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease. Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I was bowed down at the hearing of it; I was dismayed at the seeing of it. My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me: the night of my **pleasure hath he turned into fear..** (Isaiah 21:2-4)

# Landmark Gulf trade deal 'will boost growth by £3.7bn'

The Times, May 20, 2026



## EVENT

Britain has struck a landmark trade deal with the Gulf states that ministers claim will boost economic growth by £3.7 billion a year. The agreement comes after more than five years of talks with countries including **Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the UAE**, and will cut tariffs on a range of British exports including food and cars. Ministers believe the deal will increase trade by up to 20 per cent in addition to making it easier for British companies to expand in the Gulf, one of the fastest-growing regions in the world. The government says that overall the agreement will increase the size of the economy by £3.7 billion and raise wages by £1.9 billion. At present, bilateral trade between the Gulf bloc and the UK is worth £57 billion a year. The deal is a rare piece of good economic news for ministers, who are battling sluggish growth and rising inflation brought about by the energy crisis. Ministers hope that in the long run **the deal will position the UK as a preferred partner in the Gulf** and that the country will benefit from the region's move away from oil to become a transport, tourist and business hub.

## COMMENT

Keir Starmer the UK prime minister said the deal would deliver “a major boost to trade and investment and real, tangible benefits for the British people. Our trade agreement in the Gulf comes hot on the heels of our groundbreaking deals with India as one of the world’s fastest-growing economies.” This is extremely interesting with Bible in hand because of a key passage in Ezekiel 38. We read that there is an alliance of nations that come together against Russia, Iran, Turkey etc. This alliance is of “Sheba, Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish and the young lions.”. Sheba and Dedan is Saudi Arabia and the gulf Arab states. Tarshish is Britain. “Merchants” tells us this is a trade alliance ....

## BIBLE QUOTE

**Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish**, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil? Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In t

(Ezekiel 38:13)

# Trump: 'Netanyahu will do whatever I want him to'

The Telegraph, May 21, 2026



**EVENT** Donald Trump has said Benjamin Netanyahu will “do whatever I want him to do” after the pair held a phone call over restarting strikes on Iran. The US president’s comments come following reports that he and Mr Netanyahu are at odds over whether to continue the war on Iran, which began on Feb 28 with joint strikes. The Israeli prime minister doubts negotiations with Tehran will lead to a peace deal and wants to resume attacks, Israel’s Channel 12 reported. Mr Trump, on the other hand, is understood to prefer a diplomatic solution that ends Iran’s nuclear ambitions. Israeli reports said the two leaders had clashed in a “dramatic” overnight phone call on Tuesday. As the Iran war continues to hurt his popularity at home, Donald Trump has said he could run for prime minister in Israel, claiming a “99 percent approval” rating in the country.

**COMMENT** Israeli strategists have been concerned for weeks that Mr Trump, despite his protestations to the contrary, will offer Iran a “weak” deal over Iran’s nuclear programme in order to end the war and reopen the Strait of Hormuz. Israel desperately want the Iranian regime to be toppled as well. With Bible in hand we know that the regime will survive because Iran joins forces with Russia to invade Israel in the future. Therefore Israel’s desire to remove the regime will not come to pass. It is interesting to see Trump’s comments about Netanyahu – “he will do whatever I want him to”. It suggests Trump expects cooperation rather than an equal partnership between leaders. This could become significant later. There will come a time when Israel is pressured to divide their land to secure peace. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch a video that explains what could happen...

**BIBLE QUOTE** Because, even because **they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace;** and one built up a wall [partition] , and, lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar: Say unto them which daub it with untempered mortar, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend it. (Ezekiel 13:10-12)

# Putin says using nuclear weapons would be 'last resort'

The Independent, May 22, 2026



## EVENT

Vladimir Putin on Thursday said that the use of nuclear weapons was a “last resort” measure after Russia and Belarus held massive nuclear drills on land, sea and air. The Russian president claimed that Moscow’s nuclear arsenal acted as a guarantor of “sovereignty” as his army wrapped up its biggest nuclear exercise in years, involving 64,000 troops as well as submarines and hypersonic missiles. Europe has condemned the nuclear drills as provocative as tensions rise with Nato, with the alliance’s secretary general Mark Rutte warning that any attacks on Nato would incur a “devastating” response. Russia's Defence Ministry said the exercise involved 64,000 troops, over 200 missile launchers, more than 140 aircraft, 73 surface warships and 13 submarines, including eight armed with nuclear-tipped ICBMs. The drills will focus on the “preparation and use of nuclear forces under the threat of aggression,” it said. The drills also practice cooperation with Belarus, an ally that hosts Russian nuclear weapons.

## COMMENT

Last week we reported that Russia had tested its “Satan 2” nuclear capable missile. This week Putin has threatened to use nuclear weapons as a “last resort”. Even though this statement is true of all nations who possess nuclear weapons it is the fact Putin is talking about actually using them that is significant. Daniel 8 speaks of the latter day king of the north using a “shocking amount of destruction”. There is nothing more shocking or destructive than a nuclear weapon. Other passages indicate that nuclear weapons maybe used. Zechariah 14 speaks of peoples eyes and tongues melting (an effect of nuclear weapons). 2 Peter 3 speaks of the elements (atoms!) melting with fervent heat. This could all be part of the time of trouble such as never was (Daniel 12)

## BIBLE QUOTE

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. He will be a master of deception and will become arrogant; he will destroy many without warning. *(Daniel 8:23-25 NTL)*



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# Israel, US readying for renewed strikes on Iran for as early as next week

The Times of Israel, May 16, 2026



## EVENT

Israel and the United States are undergoing the most intense preparations since last month's ceasefire for renewed attacks on Iran, seeking to be ready as early as next week, The New York Times reports, citing two Middle East officials. According to US officials, one of the options for an operation would include putting commandos on the ground to extract nuclear material buried under rubble. Such a complicated operation would risk several casualties, as it would require thousands of supporting forces to create a perimeter around an operations area, and likely engage with Iranian ground troops, military officials tell the Times. Troops could also be used to conquer Kharg Island, a key Iranian oil export hub in the Persian Gulf, officials add. Another option would include more intense bombing of Iranian military and infrastructure sites, US officials say.

## COMMENT

Israel launched its campaign against Iran, alongside the US, to degrade the Iranian regime's military capabilities - including its nuclear and ballistic missile programs — and “create the conditions” for the Iranian people to topple the regime. Although undoubtedly the Iranian regime has suffered militarily, the ceasefire reached last month has left those declared goals unfulfilled. Trump was hoping (beyond hope!) that a deal with Iran would have been reached before his trip to China. But it hasn't happened. Which meant Trump was left asking for China's support in helping him end the conflict. This put Trump in a weaker position than he wanted and the evidence is that China hasn't budged. The Bible says that Elam & Media (Iran) would militarily rise up and besiege (the Persian Gulf) which in turns pleasure into fear. We are seeing this happening. It isn't over yet...

## BIBLE QUOTE

A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. **Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media;** ....I was dismayed at the seeing of it. My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me: the night of **my pleasure hath he turned into fear** unto me.

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch a talk on the war with Iran

(Isaiah 21:2-4)

# Trump's geopolitical brinkmanship has hit a wall with Iran

Reuters, May 16, 2026



## EVENT

During his first year back in office, U.S. President Donald Trump's blustery negotiating style won him concessions from countries on issues ranging from tariffs to armed conflict. But with Iran that same brand of coercive diplomacy, marked by public threats, insults and ultimatums, seems to have hit a wall and may be undermining his own efforts to end **a war that has shaken the global economy**. With the two sides deadlocked, Trump has signaled growing frustration over the 11-week-old crisis but has shown little inclination to soften his harsh diplomatic approach toward Iran's leaders. That does not bode well for a quick negotiated settlement, fueling fears that **the current standoff – and its unprecedented shock to world energy supplies - could drag on indefinitely** with periodic bouts of brinkmanship. **Among the main obstacles, analysts say, is the Iranian rulers' mindset**, including their need to save face with their own domestic audience, despite U.S.-Israeli strikes having killed many top leaders.

## COMMENT

Iran has essentially maintained a chokehold on the vital Strait of Hormuz, giving it considerable leverage over Trump and his maximalist demands. Iran is not being swayed at all by Trump's own blockade of the Strait of Hormuz and the regime believes it can cope with economic pain far longer than the US can. Isaiah 13 speaks of the Medes (Iranians) being stirred up. This stirring up comes after many nations invade Iraq (see verses 1-4). Following the Iraq war of 2003, Iran started to be stirred up and began in earnest to develop its nuclear and missile programs. Isaiah 13 speaks of Iran having no regard for silver or gold – in other words they are ideologically driven NOT financially driven. It also says their "bows" / missiles are used indiscriminately - against children!

## BIBLE QUOTE

Behold, I will stir up **the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold**, they shall not delight in it. Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children. [CLICK HERE to watch a movie length talk on the significance of the 10 burdens in Isaiah – starting in Isaiah 13.](#) (Isaiah 13:17-18)

# Germany: Europe's sleeping giant rearms

The Telegraph, May 11, 2026



## EVENT

After decades of chronic underinvestment in defence, Friedrich Merz, the German chancellor, has promised to build Europe's "strongest conventional army", with Berlin embarking on its biggest rearmament drive since the Second World War. As Germany's leading gun maker, Heckler & Koch has found itself at the vanguard of that mission as it rapidly scales up production of assault rifles and anti-drone weapons for the German army and special forces. With the Bundeswehr aiming to enlist 80,000 new soldiers by 2035, Heckler & Koch has responded by sharply increasing production of the G95, the German military's standard-issue rifle. Of course, rearming Germany does not just require H&K G95 assault rifles for soldiers. Berlin also needs tanks, air defence systems, long-range missiles and infantry fighting vehicles in substantial numbers. That is where another even bigger name in the German defence industry comes in: Rheinmetall. On top of co-producing Leopard II tanks, and hundreds of thousands of rounds of ammunition, Rheinmetall is building 120 infantry combat vehicles.

## COMMENT

Germany is highly significant in Bible prophecy. It became the seat of the "beast" system in Revelation 17. The story goes like this. Daniel saw 4 beasts – 4 empires. The 4<sup>th</sup> beast is equivalent to the iron legs of Neb's image. The 4<sup>th</sup> beast is the Roman Empire from which little horn grew up - the Papacy. The 4<sup>th</sup> beast (and the iron in the image) exist to the very time when Christ returns. So the Roman Empire exists to the end. The Roman Empire has developed over time. It became the Holy Roman Empire (1<sup>st</sup> Reich). Then the Germanic Empire (2<sup>nd</sup> Reich). Then Nazi Germany (3<sup>rd</sup> Reich). Then the EU. But a final Germanic beast system (4<sup>th</sup> Reich) is to rise - the beast in Revelation 17....

## BIBLE QUOTE

The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

(revelation 17:8)

# Israel, Lebanon extend ceasefire even as strikes continue

Politico, May 16, 2026



## EVENT

A U.S.-brokered ceasefire between Israel and Lebanon, initially set to expire Sunday, will be extended by an additional 45 days, the U.S. State Department announced on Friday after two days of talks between Israeli and Lebanese delegations concluded in Washington. The political delegations will reconvene in early June with hopes to “advance lasting peace between the two countries, full recognition of each other’s sovereignty and territorial integrity, and establishing genuine security along their shared border,” State Department spokesperson Tommy Pigott wrote on social media late Friday. Additionally, the Pentagon is set to host talks with military delegations from both countries along the security track on May 29, Pigott said. **The Israeli army announced Saturday that it launched a new wave of airstrikes on Hezbollah targets in southern Lebanon. Israel claims this is not in breach of the truce, citing Hezbollah threats.**

## COMMENT

Moments after the ceasefire renewal was announced, an Israeli strike hit a centre of the Hezbollah-linked Islamic Health Committee in the southern town of Hanuf. Israel also carried out strikes in the southern city of Tyre after issuing evacuation orders, and Hezbollah said it targeted Israeli barracks in the northern city of Kiryat Shmona with drones. Israel is determined to remove the threat from the terror group Hezbollah whose sole aim is to destroy Israel. The trouble is that Hezbollah is intertwined in the politics and infrastructure of Lebanon. To destroy Hezbollah is like trying to remove a cancer that has spread within the country. The Bible speaks of great destruction coming on Lebanon (perhaps more than we have seen) which leads to the removal of the “pricking briars”.

## BIBLE QUOTE

**Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars.** Howl, fir tree; for the cedar is fallen; because the mighty are spoiled: howl, O ye oaks of Bashan; for the forest of the vintage is come down. There is a voice of the howling of the shepherds; for their glory is spoiled: a voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of Jordan is spoiled. *(Zechariah 11:1-3)*

# Russia just tested a 'Satan' missile. Here's the message Putin is sending Trump

MSN, May 11, 2026

## Sarmatians



### EVENT

Russian President Vladimir Putin claims his country has successfully test-launched “the most powerful missile in the world”, which he said will enter Russian military service by the end of the year. The Sarmat intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) – nicknamed Satan II – was built to replace the aging Soviet-era Voyevoda missile and can be armed with nuclear warheads. However, some have questioned its probable power along with the timing of Putin’s announcement. The Russian leader claimed that the combined power of the Sarmat’s individually targeted warheads could be more than four times greater than any of its current Western counterparts. Russia’s test launch came just days before Donald Trump’s state visit to China this week. It also comes as Putin faces growing pressure from within Russia to end his war with Ukraine. John Lough, head of foreign policy at the New Eurasian Strategies Centre, said that “announcing a successful missile test is a reminder to all that Russia retains a formidable nuclear arsenal.”

### COMMENT

This missile is interesting because of what the Russians have called it. NATO dubbed it “Satan 2” but Russia called it the Sarmat after the Sarmatians (not Samaritans!). The Sarmatians were a large Iranian confederation that existed from about the 5th century BC to the 4th century AD. The Sarmatians started migrating westward coming to dominate the closely related Scythian area by 200 BC. Their territory, which was known as Sarmatia corresponded to the western part of greater Scythia (Eastern Ukraine and Southern Russia). Ancient Magog corresponds almost exactly to this territory. Josephus tells us that the Magogites were the same people as the Scythians. Therefore this Sarmat missile is as good as named after Magog which is amazing as we read Ezekiel.

### BIBLE QUOTE

Son of man, set thy face against **Gog, of the land of Magog**, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: **Josephus refers to Magog son of Japheth as progenitor of Scythians, or peoples north of the Black Sea.** (Ezekiel 38:2-3)

# Pope: In a world afflicted by conflict, Christians must witness unity

Vatican News, May 12, 2026



## EVENT

The “full unity” of Christians is not only a distant goal but an urgent need, particularly in light of the conflicts afflicting the world and especially tearing apart the Middle East. Pope Leo XIV reaffirmed the necessity of **a more vigorous ecumenical commitment** in this era of wars and divisions during a phone conversation and in a letter to the Coptic Orthodox Pope of Alexandria, Tawadros II, Patriarch of the See of St. Mark, on the occasion of the Day of Coptic-Catholic Friendship. According to a statement from the Holy See Press Office, the conversation centered on “the desire to give new impetus to the celebration of the Day of Friendship between Copts and Catholics, seeking to overcome any obstacles to dialogue based on faith and charity.” Moreover, the Press Office also noted that the discussion expressed “awareness of the shared responsibility for proclaiming the Gospel and **promoting peace and reconciliation, especially in the greatly troubled Middle East.**”

## COMMENT

Ecumenism sounds so laudable. It is a movement to bring all Christian religions together - one united global church. The Papacy is promoting this. It sees Catholicism as the “mother” church bringing all other “daughters” under her sway. But of course bringing all Christian churches together means throwing away the “Truth” as we know it. Our beliefs reject almost all mainstream Christian beliefs eg The trinity, the devil, heaven going, immortal soul etc. The Papacy is actually not the head of a Christian church at all but in reality, it is head of a false religion which began in Babel. It is a Babylonian false religious system masquerading as Christianity. This religion is the little horn in Daniel 7 and the woman riding the beast in Rev 17. We are told to come out her

## BIBLE QUOTE

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins**, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

*(Revelation 18:4-5)*

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# Iran threatens painful response if US renews attacks

Arab News, April 30, 2026



## EVENT

Iran said on Thursday it would respond with “long and painful strikes” on US positions if Washington renewed attacks and restated its claim to the Strait of Hormuz, complicating US plans for a coalition to reopen the waterway. Aerospace Force Commander Majid Mousavi was quoted by Iran’s official media SNN as saying: “We’ve seen what happened to your regional bases, we will see the same thing happen to your warships.” Mousavi was responding to a statements by the US military’s CENTCOM commander claiming the success of the US blockade against Iran, according to SNN. The aerospace commander’s statement followed a message by Supreme Leader Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei assuring that Tehran would eliminate “the enemies’ abuses of the waterway” under new management of the strait, indicating that Tehran intended to maintain its hold over it. “Foreigners who come from thousands of kilometers away ... have no place there except at the bottom of its waters,” Khamenei said.

## COMMENT

Although the Iranians are massively outgunned in terms of conventional military ability, the regime has demonstrated that it doesn’t need to match the United States gun-for-gun or ship-for-ship to have an impact against the enemy. Iran’s ability to block shipping in the Strait of Hormuz has created economic pain worldwide. Just as Trump is aiming for Iran’s economic collapse, Iran is aiming for the financial pressure to get so politically toxic in Washington that the president will have to reassess his position. It is possible Trump decides to launch more attacks but Iran has threatened to sink US ships if it does. Iran could feasibly do this with swarm attacks of drones and its hidden submarines. This conflict is not over. To watch a video on the Iran war [CLICK HERE](#).

## BIBLE QUOTE

Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: **break out the great teeth of the young lions**, O LORD. Let them melt away as waters which run continually: when he bendeth his bow to shoot his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces. **The “young lions” mentioned in Ezekiel 38 refer to offspring of UK. It is clear that they are greatly weakened at some point. This war could be part of that.** (Psalm 48:6-7)

# German Chancellor: Iran has humiliated Trump

The Telegraph, April 27, 2026



## EVENT

Friedrich Merz said the US had been humiliated by Iran, in an overt attack on Donald Trump. The German chancellor also claimed that Washington “quite obviously went into this war without any strategy”, and said the Iranian leadership had been “negotiating very skillfully”. Mr Merz said: “The Iranians are clearly stronger than expected and the Americans clearly have no truly convincing strategy in the negotiations either. The problem with conflicts like this is always: you don’t just have to get in, you have to get out again. “We saw that very painfully in Afghanistan for 20 years. We saw it in Iraq. A whole nation is being humiliated by the Iranian leadership, especially by these so-called Revolutionary Guards.” Mr Merz reiterated his offer to deploy German minesweepers to help reopen the Strait of Hormuz, but his attack will probably heighten already strained tensions between the US and Europe.

## COMMENT

The rift between America and the EU continues to grow. On Wednesday, Trump posted on Truth Social that the US was “reviewing the possible reduction of troops in Germany”, apparently in retaliation for Friedrich Merz, the German chancellor, claiming that Washington was being “humiliated” in its war with Iran. The next day Washington said it would withdraw 5,000 of its troops from Germany as President Trump’s rift with European Nato members over the war in Iran escalated further. Trump is furious that NATO countries have not backed his war on Iran and now wants to punish them. The US is running low on missiles and has warned NATO countries of serious delays in arms shipments. This in turn has caused EU nations to talk about strengthening Europe. All this could lead to a collapse of NATO and the emergence of a new EU army and empire

## BIBLE QUOTE

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(Revelation 17:8)

# America sidelined as Putin holds talks with Iran in Moscow

The Times, April 27, 2026



## EVENT

The Iranian foreign minister held talks with President Putin, sidelining the White House as an interim solution to the Middle East crisis emerged. Araghchi's visit to Moscow serves as a threat. Putin has provided intelligence support to Iran in the war with America and Israel, as well as being a major weapons supplier to Tehran. He said: "The ... excessive demands of the United States caused the previous round of talks — despite progress — not to reach its objectives." Putin praised the "courage and heroism" with which the Iranian people were "fighting for their independence". "We will do everything in ... the interests of people of the region," he added. Trump's on-off enthusiasm for the talks process in Islamabad coupled with his clear desire not to resume the bombing campaign has left the war in limbo. One suggestion floated in Washington and Tehran is to give up on attempts to strike a peace deal and "manage" the limbo instead.

## COMMENT

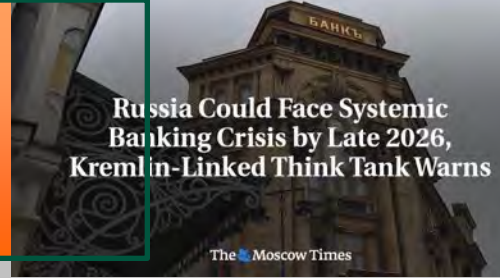
Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi met with Russian President Vladimir Putin in St. Petersburg on Monday, with the Russian president telling the Iranian diplomat that he hoped for peace soon. Moscow is an ally of Iran, but it has so far resisted being drawn into the Middle East conflict as it continues with its full-scale invasion of Ukraine. But Putin on Monday offered support to Iran, saying that he was hoping for peace soon. Putin said "'For our part, we will do everything that serves your interests." Ezekiel 38 speaks of Russia being allied to Persia (Iran). Iran is first on the list of 5 nations that invade Israel with Russia. In verse 8 we read that Gog (Russian ruler) is "visited". It doesn't say by whom but we can assume by one of its allies. The word "visit" means being "sought after", "required", "summoned". We see Iran visiting Putin asking for help.

## BIBLE QUOTE

**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, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them. *(Ezekiel 38:8)*

# A banking crisis made in the Kremlin is gripping Russia

The Telegraph, April 22, 2026



Russia Could Face Systemic Banking Crisis by Late 2026, Kremlin-Linked Think Tank Warns

The Moscow Times

**EVENT** The biggest lender to Russia's defence companies is in free fall. Two years ago, Promsvyazbank (PSB) was raking in cash as it bankrolled Vladimir Putin's war machine. Now, four years after the Ukraine conflict began, it is haemorrhaging hundreds of millions of dollars. In 2025 alone, it recorded a loss of 19.2bn rubles (£190m) after setting aside 300bn rubles to cover soured loans. Typically, losses of this nature could be attributed to a flawed corporate strategy. However, many believe PSB is on the front line of a breakdown in Russia's financial system as a defence-fuelled borrowing binge hits a wall. Even beyond weapons makers, **experts predict that Russia's banks are grappling with a debt bomb lurking in the economy.** Vladimir Milov, an exiled opposition politician who was formerly a deputy energy minister under Putin, says: "We are already formally under the criteria of a banking crisis. The only thing that is missing is a bank run."

**COMMENT** Since the start of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the Kremlin has covered the costs of its war largely by injecting massive amounts of cash into Russian companies through its banks. This fuelled economic growth and created an illusion of Russian resilience. In particular, the Kremlin significantly watered down rules and credit checks for defence-sector lending. This has created a large amount of default risk in the heart of the Russian banking system. The Russian state GDP is now also contracting. All this puts increased pressure on Putin. The economic cost of the war might soon come home to roost. As brother John Thomas wrote – "Let the Russian treasury be as empty as it is said to be, ...it will only operate as a pressure from within, causing [Gog] to enter into the countries"

**BIBLE QUOTE** Let the Russian treasury be as empty as it is said to be, and its expenditure exceed its revenue by double the alleged deficit, it will only operate as a pressure from within, causing her Autocrat to "enter into the countries and to overflow and pass over," and to enrich himself with the spoil of those he is destined to subdue. [Written over 150 years ago!](#) (Elpis Israel Chapter 14)

# Unsettled Kremlin tightens security around Putin

CNN, May 7, 2026



## EVENT

A leaked European intelligence report reveals that Russian President Vladimir Putin is facing a severe personal security crisis, driven by mounting paranoia over internal elite dissent and a potential coup. Following battlefield setbacks in Ukraine, a wave of assassinations targeting top military figures, and a drone striking an upscale Moscow neighborhood, the Kremlin has radically intensified protections around the president. Putin has severely restricted his movements, abandoning his residences in Moscow and Valdai to spend weeks at a time isolating inside fortified, high-tech bunkers in the coastal region of Krasnodar. He has stopped visiting military facilities entirely this year, relying instead on pre-recorded footage released by the Kremlin to maintain the public illusion of his regular presence. Surveillance systems have been installed inside the homes of close staffers. Anyone working near Putin is forbidden from using internet-accessible smartphones.

## COMMENT

Russia is not the Soviet Union, and Putin dreams of those “good old days” of what had been a formidable empire and is doing all in his power to getting it back, including annexing Ukraine, once a powerful part of that Union. But he finds the tables are being turned on him and is having to be in virtual hiding in his own country, with the brief break to visit China. From the outcome of that visit, which was cordial and friendly, but obvious that China was in control, relieving the financial crisis just enough to save Russia from financial collapse but not to relieve it from its financial crisis. So, what do we see? A weakening Russia which even at best was a shadow of its former self, & similar for its leader? And where does China and Ukraine fit in the Magog prophecy? There’s more to come!!

## BIBLE QUOTE

"Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the **land of Magog (???)**, the prince of **Rosh (river in Ukraine)**, **Meshech**, and **Tubal (rivers in Russia)**; **Persia (Iran)**, **Ethiopia**, and **Libya (North Africa)** are with them, **Gomer (West Europe)** and all its troops; the house of **Togarmah (Turkey)** — many people are with you. - Ezekiel 38:2-6

# King Charles has saved the special relationship – for now

*The Guardian, May 1, 2026*



## EVENT

In the end, it was a royal triumph, as King Charles and Queen Camilla managed to avoid all the mines in their path (the strait of Hormuz is not the only place where they exist), and deftly repair the “special relationship”. For another few weeks, anyway. There were plenty of reasons to be anxious, on both sides of the Atlantic, before the king’s visit to Washington and New York. It is no secret that Donald Trump’s war of choice against Iran has alienated Great Britain, and all of the Nato allies, who were not consulted in advance of the decision and have since been browbeaten for what Trump perceives as insufficient fealty. During his many fits of pique, the president has attacked Keir Starmer with particular ferocity, simply because the prime minister briefly refused British basing rights to Americans at the outset (Starmer later reversed course). That has deepened an Anglo-American rift that was already widening over Greenland, tariffs, the Chagos Islands and the Epstein files, which, oddly, have caused more damage in the UK than in the US (for the moment, at least).

## COMMENT

This week we saw King Charles III addressing the United States Congress during his state visit to America. Nearly 250 years after American independence, a British monarch stood before American lawmakers and celebrated not division, but deep and enduring unity. In Ezekiel 38:13 we read: “Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil?” Britain is Tarshish and the young lions are the offspring nation of the “old lion” – the UK. We therefore expect that the alliance to continue - even to the point that Russia invades (although a weakened power militarily). [CLICK HERE](#) for an article on Tarshish

## BIBLE QUOTE

Sheba, and Dedan, and **the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions** thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?

*(Ezekiel 38:13)*

# Archbishop of Canterbury prays with Pope Leo in historic meeting at the Vatican

Sky News, April 27, 2026



## EVENT

Dame Sarah Mullally, the first female Archbishop of Canterbury, has prayed with Pope Leo XIV at the Vatican - a meeting that would have been unthinkable just a few years ago. Dame Sarah, who officially became leader of the Church of England in March, met with the pontiff on Monday morning for a private prayer and discussion, before they each gave an address. The two leaders' churches do not agree on women's ordination and Catholicism does not allow women to become priests, but Dame Sarah and Pope Leo have found common ground. The archbishop arrived to meet privately with Leo in his library on Monday morning, and brought gifts including a jar of honey made from nectar from beehives in Lambeth Palace Garden, London. The pair then prayed together in the Chapel of Urban VIII within the Apostolic Palace, which houses the pontiff's private apartment and top offices of the Holy See. She added that he could be "assured of a warm welcome from the Church of England" if he visits the UK.

## COMMENT

6 months ago King Charles held a joint prayer with the Pope – the first British monarch to publicly pray with a pontiff for 500 years. Now the head of the Church of England has also prayed with the Pope. The Pope heads up the false Babel (Babylon) religion that masquerades as Christianity. He is the little horn of Daniel 7. He is the harlot (false religion) sat on 7 hills (Rome) in Revelation 17. A Protestant is a Christian who rejects the Pope's authority. Isaiah 23 speaks of Britain singing like a harlot. Tyre was a Phoenician city that was destroyed when they turned against Israel. We then are told that Tyre "passes over to Tarshish". Britain is a latter day Tyre. We also read that after 70 years (the reign of a king) that Tyre (Britain) would become like a harlot. She has!

## BIBLE QUOTE

And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years shall **Tyre sing as an harlot**. **The 70 years here likely refers to the reign of Queen Elizabeth II (she reigned 70 years) - following her death Britain has begun to "sing like a harlot" and is once again under the spell of the Pope.** (Isaiah 23:15)

# This Week's Developments

2026-04-11; 2026-05-02; 2026-05-16; 2026-05-23

- Ceasefire or not, the Middle East is still shifting
- Trump ceasefire could leave Iran stronger than before
- Netanyahu OKs Lebanon talks, vows Hezbollah strikes
- War united Trump/Netanyahu. Peace may divide them
- Trump: NATO has days to send warships to Hormuz
- Putin ally warns of nuclear strike within a month
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# Ceasefire or no ceasefire, the Middle East's reshuffling is not yet done

BBC, April 10, 2026



## EVENT

The best hope for the ceasefire talks in Pakistan is that both the United States and Iran have strong reasons to call a halt to the war. The biggest obstacle to their success is a total absence of trust, no discernible common ground and the fact that Israel, America's full partner in the war, has hugely escalated its onslaught on Lebanon. The war that the US and Israel ignited is already reshuffling Middle Eastern geopolitics. As the longer-term consequences of the war reveal themselves, that process will deepen. The US and Israel have done immense damage to Iran's armed forces as well as its military and civilian infrastructure. However, **while the Iranian regime may be battered, it's also intact. Regime change is not happening. Iran can still launch missiles and drones.** That means that despite loud claims, the US and Israel have not translated tactical victories into strategic advances. Iran, on the other hand, has shown that the closing of the Strait of Hormuz gives it a strategic edge that Trump either dismissed or did not understand when he listened to Netanyahu's arguments for going to war with Iran.

## COMMENT

The war with Iran has not defeated the regime and in many ways has emboldened it. Gulf states like Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, UAE etc are wealthy Arab monarchies. They have spent years and billions on turning themselves into global hubs for business, tourism and air travel. They are now having to rethink security in light the conflict. Analysts expect security ties with the US and UK to deepen. This week Keir Starmer discussed with the Saudi crown prince "how the UK and Saudi Arabia could further deepen their defence industrial cooperation to boost mutual security". Ezekiel 38 talks of Tarshish (UK) and the young lions (US) being allied to Sheba / Dedan (Gulf states)...

## BIBLE QUOTE

**Sheba, and Dedan,[Gulf States] and the merchants of Tarshish [UK], with all the young lions** thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?

(Ezekiel 38:13)

# Trump's ceasefire threatens to hand Iran a critical advantage

The Telegraph, April 8, 2026



## EVENT

In the end, Donald Trump left himself with little choice. Facing a self-imposed decision either to obliterate Iranian civilisation or agree a ceasefire and declare a new era of peace, he unsurprisingly opted for the latter. So far, nothing has been resolved and the Pakistani-mediated truce amounts to little more than Iran and America agreeing to negotiate about their differences. Until any final peace deal emerges, there can be no conclusive verdict about who won or lost. But Iran's leaders have enough reasons to convince themselves that they have not budged an inch. First and foremost, they are still in power. The regime has gone head-to-head with the combined might of America and Israel and survived the ordeal. A war that opened on Feb 28 with the American president telling Iranians "the hour of your freedom is at hand" – and then decapitating the Islamic Republic by killing its Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, with the first strike – has paused with the regime not only intact but still capable of firing missiles at its foes.

## COMMENT

During the conflict, Iran has imposed a new reality on the Strait of Hormuz whereby the IRGC excludes the vessels of "enemy" states – America and its allies – while allowing other countries to send their ships through for a reported price of \$2m (£1.6m) per tanker. If this continues it will be a strategic gain for Iran and cause ongoing pain for the world. 20% of the world's energy supply would then be controlled by a terrorist government. The world hasn't yet felt the full force of the impact of the closure of the Strait of Hormuz. But that is about to change. From cancelled summer holidays to rising grocery prices, consumers are facing the prospect of major disruption. Isaiah 21 says that when the Persian Gulf is besieged by Elam [Iran] that pleasure will turn to fear...

## BIBLE QUOTE

Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease. Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I was bowed down at the hearing of it; I was dismayed at the seeing of it. My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me: the night of my pleasure hath he turned into fear. *(Isaiah 21:2-4)*

# Netanyahu approves direct talks with Lebanon but vows to keep striking Hezbollah

CBC, April 10, 2026



## EVENT

Israel bombed more targets in Lebanon on Thursday, putting the Middle East ceasefire in further jeopardy after its most intensive strikes of the war on its neighbour killed more than 300 people, according to Lebanon's Health Ministry. The Health Ministry said the toll was not final and was expected to rise further as rescue teams were still removing bodies from under the rubble. It added that the total toll since March 2 was 1,888 dead and more than 6,000 wounded. The escalating violence has threatened to torpedo U.S. President Donald Trump's truce with Iran from the outset. Hezbollah lawmaker Ali Fayyad said on Thursday that the group rejected direct negotiations with Israel and that the Lebanese government should demand a ceasefire as a precondition before any further steps are taken. Fayyad's statement came after Israel's Prime Minister said he had instructed his cabinet to begin direct talks with Lebanon and that talks would "focus on disarming Hezbollah and establishing peaceful relations" between the two countries.

## COMMENT

Israel invaded Lebanon last month in parallel with the war on Iran to root out the armed group Hezbollah, Tehran's ally. Israel says its actions there are not covered by the ceasefire announced late on Tuesday by Trump. Netanyahu also said that he had instructed his government to "open direct negotiations with Lebanon as soon as possible". But he also vowed to continue strikes against Hezbollah with "full force". Israel is determined to remove the terror group Hezbollah from Lebanon once and for all. This is clearly part of the inner ring war – the war that started after October 7<sup>th</sup> 2023 and is slowly but surely removing the pricking briars. At some point Syria will also be drawn into the inner ring war as well. All the enemies round about will be burned up...

## BIBLE QUOTE

In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and **they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left**: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem. *(Zechairah 12:6)*

# Trump and Netanyahu went to war together. A peace may push them apart

*The Times, April 8, 2026*



## EVENT

Trump the deal-maker will want to turn the ceasefire into a fully fledged agreement that he can sell as a victory to the American people. But Netanyahu will be determined to ensure a lasting settlement is not made that ignores Israel's interests, particularly over Iran's support for Hezbollah and other militias and its ability to reconstitute its missile programme. Perhaps most of all, Trump does not like to be made to look foolish. If the Iranian regime makes few concessions and a "Taco" narrative takes hold in the media that Trump has "chickened out" of a disastrous war, he may well look for a scapegoat, and one target might be the Israeli leader. In the past he has, very occasionally, made disparaging remarks about Netanyahu, including complaining about his "disloyalty" for congratulating Joe Biden on winning the 2020 United States election.

## COMMENT

When it comes down to it, both Israel and the US are democracies, and while Israelis overwhelmingly supported the war, Americans did not. This brings greater pressure on Trump. He is dealing with a war most Americans do not back and do not like as energy prices are rising fast. There are mid term elections coming in the US plus state visits from the King Charles and also China. Trump will want to bring the Iran war to an end for all these reasons. How does all this impact future Israeli/US relations? There are now many US politicians advocating that the US and Israel should no longer walk so much in lockstep as they have. The Bible is clear that at some point the land of Israel will be divided. Ezekiel 38 also shows that although the US is not allied to Russia it is not able or willing to stop the invasion. The US is not in lockstep with Israel at that time....

## BIBLE QUOTE

Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: **break out the great teeth of the young lions**, O LORD. Let them melt away as waters which run continually: when he bendeth his bow to shoot his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces. **The young lions (US/UK) are weakened at the time of the end. They are militarily unable to stop the Gogian (Russian) force invading Israel.**

*(Psalm 58:6-7)*

# Trump: Nato allies have days to send warships to reopen Hormuz

The Telegraph, April 9, 2026



## EVENT

Donald Trump demanded that Nato allies send warships to the Strait of Hormuz in a matter of days as he criticised the alliance for its inaction on Iran. The fragile ceasefire between the US and the Islamic Republic appeared to hold on Thursday, while Israel said it would hold peace negotiations with Lebanon after waves of air strikes killed hundreds of people. After a meeting with Mark Rutte, the Nato secretary-general, Mr Trump issued a deadline for European capitals to pledge military support for reopening the key trade route within days. The US president said Nato had been “very disappointing”, and only acted when pressure was applied. The ultimatum risks driving another wedge between the Trump administration and Nato’s European members, who refused to directly take part in the president’s war on Iran. The new demand follows Mr Trump’s warning in a recent interview with The Telegraph that he was considering pulling out of Nato because he was furious that its members did not join the war.

## COMMENT

Friedrich Merz, the German chancellor, said it was crucial that any disagreements over the ceasefire in Iran did not further damage relations between the US and its Nato partners in Europe. “We do not want, I do not want, Nato to split. Nato is a guarantor of our security, including and above all in Europe,” he told reporters in Berlin. However, he added: “We are prepared to help after a peace agreement is reached... Trump knows that there are two prerequisites for Germany to do this.” He was referring to the UN mandate and approval from the German parliament which German governments must obtain before deploying troops overseas under the postwar constitution. The NATO alliance is under great strain and may well split - **emerging will be a new EU power.**

## BIBLE QUOTE

The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. (Revelation 17:8)

# Putin ally warns of nuclear strike within a month

MSN, April 10, 2026



## EVENT

Kremlin-linked businessman Konstantin Malofeev has warned that Russia could launch a nuclear strike on Ukraine within a month, citing reports of new Ukrainian ballistic missiles capable of hitting Moscow. His remarks, echoed by military analyst Col. Mikhail Khodarenok and amplified on Russian state media, mark **an escalation in nuclear rhetoric amid heavy Russian battlefield losses and stalled advances**. The statements raise global alarm over potential nuclear escalation, with diplomats urging restraint and peaceful resolution. Russian state-linked television has increasingly aired discussions advocating nuclear strikes, with Col. Mikhail Khodarenok arguing conventional weapons cannot achieve victory. He suggested issuing Ukraine a deadline before resorting to 'special weapons', framing their use as no longer exceptional. Host Vladimir Solovyov endorsed the idea, highlighting a shift in public messaging toward normalising nuclear options.

## COMMENT

Russian casualties are mounting, its recruitment is falling and its territorial acquisitions are dwindling, recently released figures suggest. Russian recruitment is on track for a 65,000-man shortfall this year. Ukraine now sees manpower shortages as a Russian strategic weakness it can exploit. The territory Russia is capturing for its mounting losses is also in long-term decline, according to estimates by the Institute for the Study of War. This all means that Putin is under increasing pressure to bring the Ukraine war to an end. But how? Through peace negotiations or even greater force. Ukraine won't give up land willingly so Putin might decide it needs greater force. The greatest of which is nuclear. Daniel 8 says the "king of the north" will use "astounding devastation"

## BIBLE QUOTE

a fierce-looking king [latter day Antiochus Epiphanes / king of the north], a master of intrigue, will arise. He will become very strong, but not by his own power. **He will cause astounding devastation [nuclear weapon?]** and will succeed in whatever he does.

*(Daniel 8:23-24 NIV)*

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



### God's Plan With This Earth

The Last Terrible 40 Years – Part 1

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*(based on the article of same title  
by bro Rene Growcott)*

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



Map of Descendants of Noah

Genetic Map of Nations

Genetic Table of Nations

"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)"?

AS OF 2026-05-23

US President Donald Trump has announced that a comprehensive peace agreement, aimed at stabilizing the region, has been "largely negotiated" between the United States, Iran, and a coalition of Middle Eastern nations, including Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Pakistan. The proposed framework reportedly involves Iran agreeing to surrender its enriched uranium and a 60-day ceasefire to reopen the strategic Strait of Hormuz, though Iran's Fars news agency has publicly disputed these claims, insisting on maintaining control over the waterway. Despite this pushback, regional partners have expressed optimism, with Pakistani sources indicating that formal negotiations could resume following the Eid holiday if a memorandum of understanding is accepted. While discussions with Israel were reported as positive, the conflicting narratives highlight the volatility of the ongoing negotiations. Trump added that he had separately conducted a call with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, which "likewise, went very well."

## NUCLEAR WAR – A SCENARIO

Russia frequently utilizes nuclear posturing for deterrence, though official assessments suggest actual deployment is unlikely without a perceived existential threat to the state.

***Nuclear War: A Scenario*** by Annie Jacobsen contends that a "limited" nuclear strike is a misconception, arguing that compressed decision timelines, early-warning limitations, and automated escalation protocols make containing a nuclear conflict virtually impossible, leading to inevitable global catastrophe.

Ballistic missiles carrying nuclear warheads cannot be turned around, redirected, or recalled after they have been launched. Once the rocket engines ignite and the missile leaves the silo or mobile launcher, its trajectory is locked in.

Ballistic Missiles still operate on outdated Cold War technology. Even a mistaken “push of the button”, once done, is unalterable.

Total destruction and global extinction caused by an all-out nuclear war do not align with the revealed purpose of God with His creation from a Christadelphian perspective.

We believe that God's ultimate purpose is to fill a literal, physically restored Earth with His glory, rather than to allow humanity to annihilate itself and the planet.

### **1. The Earth Will Abide Forever**

**Environmental Preservation:** Christadelphians rely heavily on scriptures like Ecclesiastes 1:4, which states that "the earth abideth for ever," and Isaiah 45:18, which notes God did not create the Earth in vain but "formed it to be inhabited."

**No Total Extinction:** Because God's plan requires a functioning planet for the future Kingdom of God, Christadelphians reject the idea that human warfare will ever be permitted to cause total global extinction or render the planet permanently unlivable.

### **2. Geopolitical Prophecy Demands Surviving Nations**

**The Battle of Armageddon:** Prophetic interpretations of Ezekiel 38 and Zechariah 14 outline a specific, final conflict involving a northern confederacy (historically identified by Christadelphians as Russia/Gog) invading Israel.

**Conventional Alignment:** This prophecy requires existing, organized national armies, identifiable geographic nations, and a surviving population in Jerusalem. An all-out nuclear apocalypse that destroys global civilization before Christ's return would disrupt this explicitly detailed prophetic timeline.

### **3. Divine Intervention Preserves the Creation**

**Human Power is Limited:** While Christadelphians acknowledge that human weapons are terrifying, they believe God retains ultimate control over human history.

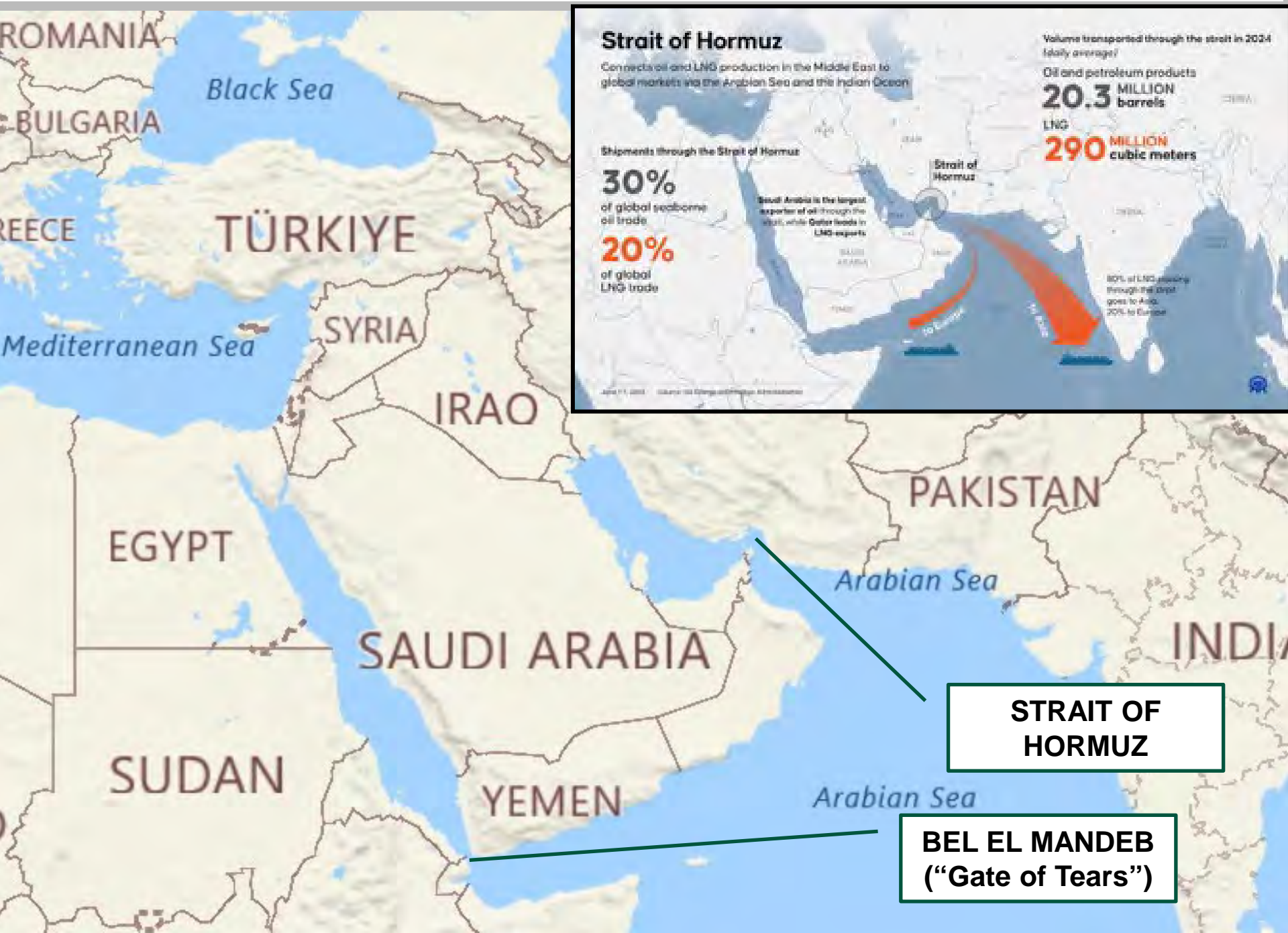
**The Coming Kingdom:** In our view, Christ returns precisely to save humanity from self-destruction, establish his throne in Jerusalem, and heal the Earth, rather than inheriting a radioactive wasteland.

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### Strait of Hormuz

Connects oil and LNG production in the Middle East to global markets via the Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean

Shipments through the Strait of Hormuz

**30%**

of global seaborne oil trade

**20%**

of global LNG trade

Saudi Arabia is the largest exporter of oil through the Strait, while Qatar leads in LNG exports

Volume transported through the Strait in 2024 (daily average)

Oil and petroleum products

**20.3** MILLION barrels

LNG

**290** MILLION cubic meters

80% of LNG passing through the Strait goes to Asia, 20% to Europe

April 11, 2025 | Source: US Strategic and Economic Intelligence

# Weekly World Watch

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