

This Week's Developments

January 8 - 14, 2023 [Edited Presentation]

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Iranian Navy Sending Ships to Panama Canal, Says Commander

USNI, January 13, 2023



EVENT

The Islamic Republic of Iran Navy is sending ships to the Panama Canal, according to an article published in state-run media Friday. The Iranian Navy has yet to operate in two straits in the world, Navy Commander Rear Admiral Shahram Irani said Wednesday at a navy ceremony, according to Tehran Times. One of them is the Panama Canal. Irani did not identify the other strait but said the Iran Navy would operate in it this year. "Today, if my comrades are approaching the shores of the American continent, they are showing signs of the authority of dear Iran," Irani said. "As a showcase for the dear people of our country, we appeared in the Pacific Ocean for the first time. Of course, along this route, Australia and the French created threats for us and tried to violate the laws they had approved to cross their coasts. But we answered them with authority and according to the law." He went on to say that the Iran Navy has set up commands in the Atlantic and Indian oceans, with one expected in the Pacific Ocean this year. "The first message that a frigate or submarine sends out is that the country that builds them has acquired the required knowledge to dominate the sea." the navy chief explained.

COMMENT

Iran has been asserting its self perceived authority in many areas, including the proxy attacks on Israel via Hezbollah, attacks on Ukraine via the Russian deployment of its attack drones and missiles, interrupting and accosting ship tanker traffic through the Straits of Hormuz & Djibouti, etc. We know from the Bible predictions concerning it that it is to be a part of the "King of the North" coalition, so we expect it to be flexing its military muscles. It will be interesting to know what he unnamed 2nd world shipping strait is. The Suez Canal comes to mind. We sometimes wonder just what might cause the King of the South to occupy its ancient host territory like it last did in the late 1800s - i.e., Egypt? All it would take is an action such as blocking the strategic Suez Canal to bring the US and the UK into action in the area and station a strong military presence there.

BIBLE QUOTE

The burden of the desert of the sea [[Persian Gulf](#)]. As whirlwinds in the south pass through; so it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land. A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam [[Iran](#)]; besiege, O Media [[Iran](#)]; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease. Isa 21:1-2

Seattle schools sue tech giants over social media harm

AP, January 8, 2023



EVENT

The public school district in Seattle has filed a novel lawsuit against the tech giants behind TikTok, Instagram, Facebook, YouTube and Snapchat, seeking to hold them accountable for the mental health crisis among youth. Seattle Public Schools filed the lawsuit Friday in U.S. District Court. The 91-page complaint says the social media companies have created a public nuisance by targeting their products to children. It blames them for worsening mental health and behavioral disorders including anxiety, depression, disordered eating and cyberbullying; making it more difficult to educate students; and forcing schools to take steps such as hiring additional mental health professionals, developing lesson plans about the effects of social media, and providing additional training to teachers. “Defendants (social media platforms) have successfully exploited the vulnerable brains of youth, hooking tens of millions of students across the country into positive feedback loops of excessive use and abuse of... social media platforms,” the complaint said. “Worse, the content Defendants curate and direct to youth is too often harmful and exploitive” such as pro-anorexia and eating disorder content.”

COMMENT

The experts also explain how sinister algorithms - which even the programmers don't fully understand - control what content people see, and change what they want to see. These algorithms are designed to connect to the subconscious receptors in our brains and secrete hormones that can cause reactions ranging from euphoria to depression. The battle for our minds has reached another level. Apps such as Tic Tok, SnapChat, FaceBook, Utube, Instagram etc work to twist one's perception of reality, fueling viral conspiracy theories, rampant misinformation and political polarization. Experts warn these all-powerful AI machines pose a threat to humanity's very existence. Stats show an alarming spike in the number of kids cutting themselves or otherwise self-harming. For girls aged 15 to 19, there has been a 62 per cent increase in the decade since 2009. Among pre-teens aged ten to 14, the increase is 189 per cent. Deaths by suicide are up 70 per cent in older teenage girls compared with the first decade of the century. In pre-teen girls, suicide has risen by 151 per cent. We might think that as Christadelphians we are insulated from these things. We are not. Perhaps delayed, but just a matter of time.

BIBLE QUOTE

We live in this world, but we don't fight our battles in the same way the world does. The weapons we use are not human ones. Our weapons have power from God and can knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and destroy false arguments, and tear down every proud idea that raises itself against the knowledge of God. We also capture every thought and make it give up and obey Christ.
2 Cor 10:3-5 (ERV & NLT)

Thousands of Israelis rally against Netanyahu government

AP January 13, 2023



EVENT

Tens of thousands of Israelis gathered in central Tel Aviv on Saturday night to protest plans by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's new government to overhaul the legal system and weaken the Supreme Court — a step that critics say will destroy the country's democratic system of checks and balances. The protest presented an early challenge to Netanyahu and his ultranationalist national security minister, Itamar Ben-Gvir, who has ordered police to take tough action if protesters block roads or display Palestinian flags. Israeli media, citing police, said the crowd at Tel Aviv's Habima Square swelled to at least 80,000 people, despite cool, rainy weather. Protesters, many covered by umbrellas, held Israeli flags and signs saying "Criminal Government," "The End of Democracy" and other slogans. "They are trying to destroy the checks and balances of the Israeli democracy. This will not work," said Asaf Steinberg, a protester, "And we will fight until the very last minute to save the Israeli democracy."

COMMENT

It seems the threats against democracy and the cries to "save democracy" is being heard around the world. The populations of many countries are becoming more and more polarized between the right and the left. There was a time we gave little thought to the terms "right" and "Left". These polarities of thought have always been a part of life but people were more tolerant of each others convictions - or so it seems. Even among Christadelphians, when one looks back on it, most divisions - especially those of late - have been a product of extreme "right" and "left" views accompanied with an inability, it seems, to bring each side's convictions to even so much as a cordial discussion. The recent riots in Brazil with the cries of "stolen elections" by the right against the left were heard this past week with echoes from 2 years ago of similar activity in the US. Now it's in Israel - a protest by "left-leaners" against a very extreme rightwing government. This was predicted by the Bible; liberty, equality, fraternity - all very worthy concepts in and of themselves, but works as a catalyst to stir human emotions; and the inability of humans to reach a point of balance and to draw back from the extremes and seek first to understand, then to be understood is really all a product of the human love affair with self. It's a sign of the times - and it's getting worse. The question coming out of this Israeli situation is, might the respective right/left issues cause a rift in the US ("left") / Israel ("right") relationship?

BIBLE QUOTE

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.
Rev 16:13-14

Russia may use nukes if it thinks Ukraine will win

Jerusalem Post, January 11, 2023



EVENT

The fear that Russia may end up deploying nuclear weapons as the war continues is something that has raised concerns with decision-makers and analysts throughout the world. **The Russian invasion of Ukraine may come to a terrifying end in 2023**, with Russian President Vladimir **Putin likely to turn to nuclear weapons** rather than have his armies be completely routed on the battlefield, retired US Army Brig.-Gen. Kevin Ryan said in a Tuesday interview with Insider. This possibility could occur, Ryan, who also was the former US military attache to Russia, told Insider, with the goal of not only taking out Ukrainian troops but also forcing Kyiv into surrendering to avoid a nuclear holocaust scenario. Moscow could make this move if one of two things happened: 1. Ukraine's forces are about to utterly defeat the Russian military in the field 2. Ukraine's forces are about to finally retake the Crimean Peninsula that Moscow annexed in 2014

COMMENT

It may seem unlikely or even impossible to imagine any world leader once again using a nuclear weapon – however, many military analysts and commentators now do believe it is not only possible – it is likely. Imagine this war is a game of poker and the stakes have been raised higher and higher but in your hand you have an ace that could bring it to an end. Putin has this ace – he has nuclear weapons. Although the US / UK (and a few other nations) also have them they are democracies and unlikely to be able to use them. Putin's calculation one day (if he sees the war turning against him) could be to launch a small nuclear bomb to prove he is willing to do ANYTHING to succeed in this war. This would undoubtedly bring all sides to the table to negotiate and end the conflict. The Bible says the latter day king of the north will use shocking destruction to succeed....

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. **It is highly likely the Ukraine will reach a negotiated stalemate because it is also highly unlikely Russia would fight 2 wars at once and invade Israel with Ukraine war still happening.** (Daniel 8:23-24 NLT)

Israel agreed to transfer anti-missile and drone tech, Ukraine amb. claims

Jerusalem Post , January 13, 2023



EVENT

Work is "underway" to transfer Israeli missile and drone alert technology to Ukraine, Ukrainian ambassador to Israel Yevgen Korniychuk claimed at a Ukraine Media Center briefing on Friday afternoon, adding that Israel has "officially" transferred the tech. He further called on Israel to have more active cooperation with Ukraine in its defense against Russia's invasion due to the Iranian supply of kamikaze drones to Moscow. "Regarding official things that we can comment on, work is underway on the transfer of Israeli technology related to smart alert regarding missiles and drones," he was quoted by Ukrainian media as saying. "This technology is officially transferred by the Israeli side. And I think that in a certain time, we will get it completely."

COMMENT

Unlike Western states, Israel has refused to arm Ukraine during the Russian attack on the eastern European country. This has angered Kyiv, which has occasionally lobbied against Tel Aviv's participation in some international events concerning the Ukraine crisis. But in October, before the latest Israeli election, Netanyahu suggested that he would consider sending arms to Ukraine if he was elected to power. "I think Putin is guided by his vision of reconstituting a great Russian realm, and I hope he's having second thoughts about it," he had said. It was seen as a surprising statement for a politician like Netanyahu, who has close ties with Vladimir Putin. We wait to see what Netanyahu's new government does but this article above suggests that Israel is starting to support Ukraine more with anti missile and drone technology. Whether this is true or not what we do know with Bible in hand that the relationship between Israel and Russia will collapse and Russia will decide to invade Israel to take a spoil....

BIBLE QUOTE

Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey. This is the ultimate fate of those who try to devour Israel and those who try to take a spoil from her....
(Jeremiah 30:16)

2022 Was the U.K.'s Hottest Year Ever Recorded

Time Magazine, January 8, 2023



EVENT

Britain had its warmest year on record in 2022, official figures showed Thursday, the latest evidence that climate change is transforming Europe's weather. The Met Office weather agency said the provisional annual average temperature in the U.K. was 10.03 degrees Celsius (50 Fahrenheit), the highest since comparable records began in 1884. The previous record was 9.88 Celsius (49.8 Fahrenheit) set in 2014. "The results showed that **recording 10C in a natural climate would occur around once every 500 years, whereas in our current climate it could be as frequently as once every three to four years,**" said Met Office climate attribution scientist Nikos Christidis. Britain is not alone. France's average temperature was above 14 Celsius (57.2 Fahrenheit) in 2022, making it the hottest year since weather readings began in 1900. Switzerland's meteorological service said the alpine nation's annual average temperature of 7.4 Celsius (45,3 Fahrenheit) was "by far the highest value since measurements began in 1864."

COMMENT

Just as geopolitical crises around the world are heating up so the physical world is heating up as well. Who could doubt that God uses weather to bring about his plan and purpose. In Psalm 148:7 we read "fire and hail, snow and vapour; stormy wind, fulfilling his word." God is telling us he uses these elements to fulfil what he has promised to do. Even the actual geography of the world is designed by God and that too impacts nations. Mountain ranges, seas, lakes even rivers give boundaries and hinder or help armies. The fact that Europe this winter has seen exceptionally mild temperatures has helped reduce energy prices putting more pressure on Putin. God's is in control of ALL things....

BIBLE QUOTE

Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word: Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars: Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl: **Kings of the earth, and all people;** princes, and all judges of the earth: Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children: **Let them praise the name of the LORD:** (Psalm 148:8-13)

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

2023-01-13 [Thousands of Israelis rally against Netanyahu government](#) - AP News

2023-01-13 [Iranian Navy Sending Ships to Panama Canal, Says Commander](#) - USNI News

2023-01-12 [Why is Russia replacing its top military commander in Ukraine again-](#) - International News - 5.38 min - YouTube

2023-01-12 [Iran Navy to Station WARSHIPS In Panama Canal; Direct Threat to U.S.-](#) - Watchman Newscast - YouTube

2023-01-12 [2022 was fifth or sixth warmest on record as Earth heats up](#) - AP News

2023-01-11 [Ukraine War- Fighting intensifies in Soledar](#) - 3.15 min - YouTube

2023-01-11 [Is AI going to replace your brain](#) -Gravitas- 7.20 min - YouTube

2023-01-10 [Social Media- a breeding ground for misogyny](#) – Gravitas - 6.20 min - YouTube

2023-01-09 [Seattle schools sue tech giants over social media harm](#) - AP News

2023-01-04 [Wild weather driven by roiling Pacific, nature and warming](#) - AP News

2023-01-03 [Drone advances in Ukraine could bring dawn of killer robots](#) - AP News

2023-01-05 [Israel TARGETED by UN Security Council Over Temple Mount; Biden Admin to Turn-](#) - Watchman - 10.33 min - YouTube

2023-01-04 [Why are tech stocks falling](#) - Gravitas - 4.51 min - YouTube

2023-01-04 [Israeli PM Netanyahu's visit to UAE postponed](#) - Gravitas - 6.31 min - YouTube

2023-01-04 [Israel Ranked Among World's MOST POWERFUL Nations;](#) - Watchman Newscast - 10.14 min - YouTube

2023-01-04 [China's financial capital collapses, 70% of Shanghai residents infected with Wuhan virus](#) - Gravitas - 7.33 min - YouTube

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2022-09-15 [How Russia's war in Ukraine is birthing a new global order](#) - Ian Bremmer - 14.32 - YouTube

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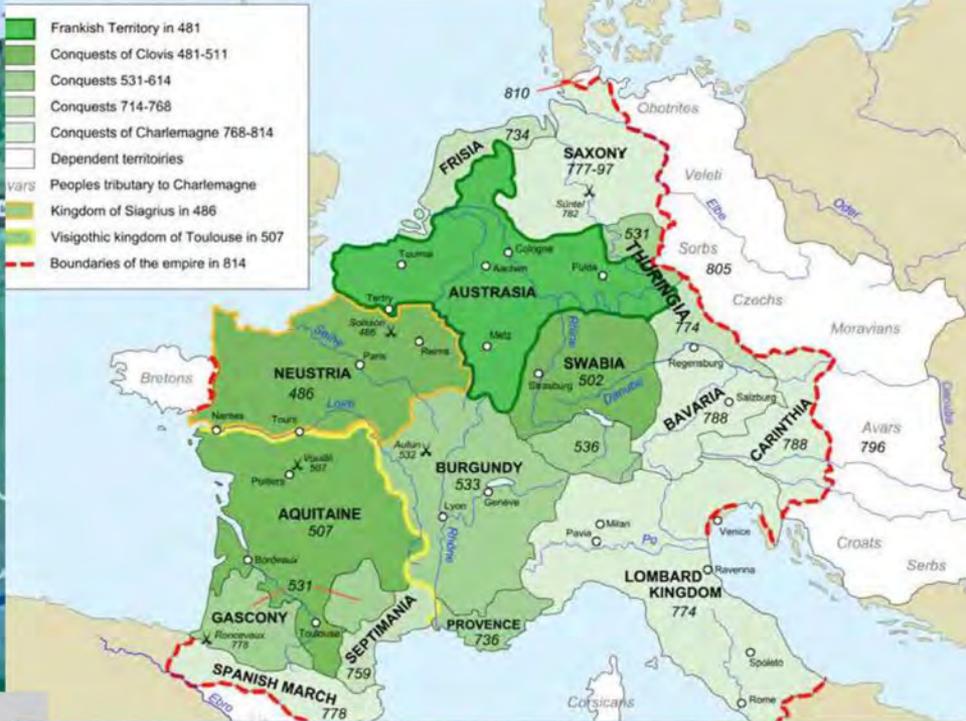
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NATO PRESENCE IN EASTERN EUROPE



SOURCE: NATO

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



- Carolingian Empire 481-814



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

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



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

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Yahoo, January 10, 2023



EVENT

Russia's security council secretary Nikolai Patrushev has said the war in Ukraine has become **“a military confrontation between Russia and NATO, and above all the US and Britain”**. Patrushev, who is one of Putin's closest allies, made the comments during an interview with Argumenti i Fakti newspaper, a Russian state media outlet. Patrushev claimed the plan from the West is to “continue to pull Russia apart, and eventually just erase it from the political map of the world”. The long-time Putin ally, who has known him since the 1970s, accused the US of being “a shell for a conglomerate of huge corporations that rule the country and try to dominate the world”. Mr Patrushev said: “The events in Ukraine are not a clash between Moscow and Kyiv - this is a military confrontation between Russia and Nato, and above all the United States and Britain. “The Westerners' plans are to continue to pull Russia apart, and eventually just erase it from the political map of the world. “The Westerners seek to weaken our country, to dismember it, to destroy the Russian language and the Russian world.

COMMENT

As brothers and sisters of Christ awaiting the coming kingdom of God we don't take sides when looking at events happening in the nations on earth. It isn't a case of one side being good and the other evil. Neither side is “good”. What we do with Bible in hand is look at what God has told us to watch for. He has told us in Daniel 11 to look for a time when the king of the south militarily provokes (pushes at) Gog (the king of the north). The Russia security council secretary said almost exactly this on Friday. He accused the US & UK especially (king of the south) of provoking this war and therefore it is a military confrontation between these 2 sides. Exactly what Daniel 11:40 says...

BIBLE QUOTE

And at the time of the end shall the king of the south [US/UK] push at him [Gog]: and the king of the north [Russia] shall come against him [king of the south] 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. **STOP PRESS: UK just announced it is sending tanks to Ukraine!** (Daniel 11:40)

Russia preparing to mobilise extra 500,000 conscripts

The Guardian, January 7, 2023



EVENT

Ukraine's military intelligence has claimed that Russia is set to order the mobilisation of as many as 500,000 conscripts in January in addition to the 300,000 it called up in October, **in another apparent sign that Vladimir Putin has no intention of ending the war.** Vadym Skibitsky, Ukraine's deputy military intelligence chief, said Ukraine believed the conscripts would be part of a string of Russian offensives over the spring and summer in the east and south of the country. Russia has denied it is preparing a second wave of mobilisation, with Putin saying last month it was "pointless" to talk about a new call-up, claiming that only half of those already mobilised had been sent to Ukraine. Russian officials, including Putin, previously denied plans to order a mobilisation before eventually declaring a "partial mobilisation" in September. If the estimate proves correct, Russia will have almost doubled its prewar force in the space of a few months. Ukraine's military intelligence said 280,000 Russian ground troops were currently deployed against Ukraine.

COMMENT

If Putin loses this war he would almost certainly lose power - so Putin cannot lose this war. He has to come out with some declared victory. This is his war and his alone. He is the one who masterminded it and launched it. As supreme commander in chief of all Russian forces he decides ultimately when and if this war is over. We can't know for certain at this stage if Ukraine's reports are right and that Putin will call up and mobilise even more conscripts into the Russian army- but the point is – Putin can. The Bible says that this latter day Antiochus Epiphanes causes astounding devastation AND succeeds in all his does. It is highly likely then he will declare (limited) victory one day.

BIBLE QUOTE

when rebels have become completely wicked, a fierce-looking king, a master of intrigue, will arise. He will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause astounding devastation and **will succeed in whatever he does.** He will destroy those who are mighty, the holy people. **Putin will probably succeed in annexing eastern Ukraine (part of Magog) into Russia** (Daniel 8:23-24 NIV)

Condoleezza Rice: Putin 'must be stopped now'

The Times, January 9, 2023



EVENT

Condoleezza Rice, the former secretary of state, **called for a dramatic increase in military assistance for Ukraine to push back President Putin's** troops and head off a direct confrontation between the US and Russia. She argues in a joint appeal with Robert Gates, the defence secretary under Presidents Bush and Obama, that failure to ramp up help for Ukraine will embolden Putin to attack Nato allies. They applauded the US and German decision last week to send Ukraine armoured fighting vehicles for the first time, but urged other Nato allies to do the same and to add longer-range missiles, advanced drones, significant ammunition stocks and more surveillance capability. Without a significant military breakthrough, western pressure will grow to negotiate a ceasefire that would "leave Russian forces in a strong position to resume their invasion whenever they are ready", they said. In a joint article for The Washington Post, they added: "The only way to avoid such a scenario is for the United States and its allies to urgently provide Ukraine with a dramatic increase in military supplies and capability."

COMMENT

For around 20 years we have been tracking through the Weekly World Watch events that might link to Daniel 11:40 which speak of the king of the south "pushing" or military provoking Gog- the king of the north. Until now we have never called out the push as definitively taking place. But now we do. This military provocation by the US/UK in Ukraine against Russia's eastern flank is undoubtedly part of the push of Daniel 11:40. Numerous times in 2022 US and UK leaders have used this exact expression when referring to what they are trying to do to Russia – to "push" Russia out of Ukraine. It is this "push" at the time of the end that leads Russia to come south and invade Israel.

BIBLE QUOTE

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