

# This Week's Developments

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# Britain risking war by stepping too close to Russian border

The Times, November 28, 2021



## EVENT

Russia's ambassador to the UK has warned there is "a pretty serious risk" of war between the countries as tensions spiral over Ukraine. Andrei Kelin's warning comes after a big build-up of Russian troops on Ukraine's eastern border and fears that a full-blown invasion is imminent. Allied nations have responded by issuing declarations of solidarity with the Kiev government. **Britain began to reposition its own formations last week in an attempt to deter the Kremlin.** In response Kelin said in an interview with Times Radio: "There is a risk of war on our border. It's pretty serious. There is a possibility that there is a spark and an incident can occur." The ambassador also revealed that the decision by the defence secretary, Ben Wallace, last week to move an armoured brigade back to Germany in response to increased Russian aggression sparked anger in Moscow.

## COMMENT

The drums of war are beating ever louder as the weeks and days pass by. The issue is Ukraine. Ukraine was once part of the Soviet Union (USSR) but in 1991, when the USSR collapsed, Ukraine became an independent nation. However, Russia has always seen as Ukraine (and especially eastern Ukraine) as part of its territory and certainly part of its sphere of influence. But overtime Ukrainian governments have moved ever towards the West – to the extent they want to join NATO which is a force designed to counter Russia! This is a red line Putin will not except. He will not tolerate NATO literally in his own backyard. So he sees the threat of conflict or even conflict itself as his only option. We see in this article that Britain is pushing back against Russian moves. The Bible says there is a military push by the king of the south against Gog....

## BIBLE QUOTE

Thus shall he [Gog] do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain. And **at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him** [Gog]: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, *(Daniel 11:39-40)*

# Russia tells Nato to back off or face a 'nightmare' amid spiralling crisis over Ukraine

The Times, December 3, 2021



Russia said yesterday that Nato expansion into eastern Europe risked plunging the world into a “nightmare” of military confrontation and accused Ukraine of sending more than 100,000 troops to its Donbas conflict zone. Sergei Lavrov, the foreign minister, issued the warning before talks in Stockholm yesterday with Antony Blinken, the US secretary of state, on the spiralling crisis over Ukraine. “The alliance’s military infrastructure is being irresponsibly brought closer to Russia’s borders in Romania and Poland, deploying an anti-missile defence system that can be used as a strike complex,” Lavrov, 71, said. **American medium-range missiles are about to appear in Europe, bringing back the nightmare scenario of a military confrontation.**” President Putin has warned that he will train Russia’s new hypersonic weapons on western countries if Nato moves a missile defence shield into Ukraine.

## COMMENT

There is a lot of talk about a war beginning soon. Both sides are not only upping the rhetoric but also their actions against each other. Ukraine sits on the border between east and west. Russia wants it in “the east” under its control – Nato says it is up to the country itself to decide if it wants to join “the west”. Jens Stoltenberg, the Nato chief, issued a stark rebuke to Russia this week, saying: “It’s only Ukraine and 30 Nato allies that decide when Ukraine is ready to join Nato. **Russia has no veto, Russia has no say and Russia has no right to establish a sphere of influence to try to control their neighbours.**” These words will infuriate Putin as he sees the collapse of the Soviet Union as the greatest geopolitical disaster of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. The Bible says that Gog will be pushed into coming down to Israel. Ukraine might be that push...

## BIBLE QUOTE

[Gog] will greatly honour those who acknowledge him. He will make them rulers over many people and will distribute the land at a price. **At the time of the end the king of the South will engage him in battle**, and the king of the North will storm out against him with chariots and cavalry and a great fleet of ships. He will invade many countries and sweep through them like a flood (Daniel 11:40 NLT)

# Russia orders US diplomats to leave as Ukraine tensions escalate

Al Jazeera, December 1, 2021



## EVENT

Tensions between Russia and the United States have further soured a day before top officials from both countries are set to meet, with Moscow moving to expel US diplomats. Russian foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said on Wednesday that US embassy staff who have been in Moscow for more than three years were being ordered to fly home by January 31, an apparently retaliatory move. Russia's ambassador to the US said last week that 27 Russian diplomats and their families were being expelled from the country and would leave on January 30. "We ... intend to respond in the corresponding way," foreign ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova told a briefing. The US embassy in Moscow is the last operational US mission in the country, which has shrunk to 120 staff from about 1,200 in early 2017, Washington says.

## COMMENT

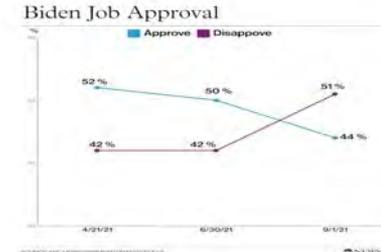
Russia's ambassador to Washington said more than 50 diplomats and their family members will have to leave the U.S. by mid-2022, in the latest sign of tensions between the former Cold War enemies. "Our diplomats are being thrown out," Ambassador Anatoly Antonov said in an interview on a Russian state television. With U.S.-Russian relations at the most fraught in decades, the two sides have been feuding over the number of diplomats at each other's embassies. In September, the U.S. required 24 Russian diplomatic staff to leave the country after their visas expired. The Bible talks about the king of the north (Russia) and the king of the south (US/UK etc) being against each other at the time of the end. As tensions escalate we can see why God wanted us to know about this – it is a clear sign we are very near the end and Christ's return.

## BIBLE QUOTE

Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it? Surely **the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.** God didn't have to reveal what was going to happen in the future – but he did so to strengthen our faith - especially at the time of the end... (Amos 3:6-7)

# Biden says he is crafting a plan for Russia-Ukraine crisis

Reuters, December 4, 2021



## EVENT

U.S. President Joe Biden said on Friday he is developing comprehensive initiatives to make it difficult for Russian President Vladimir Putin to invade Ukraine and that he would not accept Moscow's "red lines," as fears mounted that the simmering conflict could erupt into war. A video teleconference between the two leaders is anticipated within days.

**"What I am doing is putting together what I believe to be the most comprehensive and meaningful set of initiatives to make it very, very difficult for Mr. Putin to go ahead and do what people are worried he's going to do,"** Biden said, without going into detail. As he departed for a weekend trip to Camp David later on Friday, Biden told reporters: "We're aware of Russia's actions for a long time and my expectation is we're going to have a long discussion with Putin." "I don't accept anybody's red lines," he said of Russia's demands.

## COMMENT

Biden's popularity has dropped substantially since becoming president. According to the latest figures, taken on November 24, only 43% of Americans approve of his performance in office, while a majority think he is not doing a good job. There has been a steady downward trend since Biden pulled out of Afghanistan – which turned into a fiasco and made America look weak. Weakened rulers often turn to tougher foreign policy. When they appear tough with their adversaries this can turn public opinion. This is why Biden is talking tough with regards to Putin. Notice how personal Biden is making his statements with regards to Putin. Biden is going to make it "very, very difficult for Putin." The push (military provocation) when it comes IS personal. It is against Gog himself. Which then causes a massive reaction as Gog's army descends

## BIBLE QUOTE

Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket; they are regarded as dust on the scales; he weighs the islands as though they were fine dust. ....Before him all the nations are as nothing; they are regarded by him as worthless and less than nothing.

God is completely in control of nations and they deliver his plan and purpose

(Isaiah 40:15+17)

# Russia planning massive military offensive against Ukraine involving 175,000 troops, U.S. intelligence

Washington Post, December 3, 2021



## EVENT

As tensions mount between Washington and Moscow over a potential Russian invasion of Ukraine, U.S. intelligence has found the Kremlin is planning a multi-front offensive as soon as early next year involving up to 175,000 troops, according to U.S. officials and an intelligence document obtained by The Washington Post. The Kremlin has been moving troops toward the border with Ukraine while demanding Washington guarantee that Ukraine will not join NATO and that the alliance will refrain from certain military activities in and around Ukrainian territory. The crisis has provoked fears of a renewed war on European soil. “The Russian plans call for a military offensive against Ukraine as soon as early 2022 with a scale of forces twice what we saw this past spring during Russia’s snap exercise near Ukraine’s borders,” said an administration official, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive information. “The plans involve extensive movement of 100 battalion tactical groups with an estimated 175,000 personnel, along with armor, artillery and equipment.”

## COMMENT

We wait to see if there is war over Ukraine. It is possible there is - as part of Ukraine was once part of Magog. We are told specifically that Gog is of the land of Magog. This must be his base and where his army operates from. Magog originally covered southern Russia and eastern Ukraine. It is highly possible therefore that Putin (Gog) will control this area before he descends into Israel. Jesus said that before he returned that "Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom." He also said "But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by [immediately]." There is to be some war and conflict before the very end. Ukraine may form part of this picture – we watch and wait.

## BIBLE QUOTE

Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.  
(Luke 21:10-11)

# Ex-nuclear chief admits Iran aimed to create bomb

The Times, November 29, 2021



## EVENT

A former Iranian nuclear chief has made the clearest admission to date that the country's atomic programme was geared towards creating a bomb, despite years of official denials. Iran has always insisted that its nuclear programme was intended for peaceful purposes and that Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the supreme leader, had issued a fatwa against the development and use of nuclear weapons. However, in an interview with state media, a former head of the Iranian Atomic Energy Organisation has admitted the existence of a "system" with military capabilities. The interview with Fereydoun Abbasi-Davani marked the anniversary of the assassination last year by the Israel spy agency Mossad of a senior Iranian scientist, Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, who was also a deputy defence minister. Fakhrizadeh was accused by Israel of being the mastermind of the nuclear weapons programme.

## COMMENT

There are a number of crisis's happening in the world right now. There is tension between the West and Russia over Ukraine. There is also tension with Belarus and Poland. There is tension between America and China. Tension between Taiwan and China. And also there is tension between world powers and Iran which in turn leads to tension between Israel and Iran. Talks have resumed this week only to be suspended again on Friday. Iran's new hardline government wants all US sanctions lifted and a guarantee they will never be introduced. However, at the same time this week there has been the very unsurprising admission that Iran is indeed looking to create a nuclear bomb. The Bible says Iran will use its missiles and cares nothing for the consequences.

## BIBLE QUOTE

Behold, I will stir up the Medes [Iranians] against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it. **Their bows [missiles] 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.

(Isaiah 13:17-18)

## ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

**DebkaFile Review** (world events through the bi-focals of Israeli military intelligence)

**TV-7 Israel News**

2021-12-03 Israel TARGETED by UN Resolutions; Jerusalem's Temple Mount a Muslim Site? – YouTube 9:38 min

2021-11-21 United Arab Emirates - Middle East Battle Lines – Interactive Map

2021-11-14 Has the Arab world abandoned Palestine - Gravitas - YouTube 5:29 min

2021-11-14 The Shia-Sunni Divide - Understanding the split - Gravitas – YouTube 8:50 min

2021-10-28 Turkey Claims Israeli Mossad Agents Arrested; Accuses West of Meddling – YouTube 9:15 min

2021-10-25 Gravitas- Israel preparing to strike Iranian nuclear sites - YouTube 5:08 min

2021-10-21 Israel & Iran Hold Major Air Force Drills; U.S. Base in Syria TARGETED by Drones – YouTube 8.33 min

2021-10-22 Israeli PM Bennett Vows to Build Up Golan Heights as Iran & Hezbollah Loom – YouTube 15.19 min

2021-10-21 Israeli PM Bennett Meets Putin in Russia as Iran & Syria Tensions Grow – YouTube 12.33 min

2021-10-20 Israel & Iran Hold Major Air Force Drills; U.S. Base in Syria TARGETED by Drones – YouTube 8.33 min

2021-10-19 Hezbollah Boasts of 100K Trained Fighters; Israel Prepping Iran Strike – YouTube 9.43 min

2021-10-18 China STUNS U.S. Officials With Nuclear-Capable Hypersonic Missile Test – YouTube 8.57 min

2021-10-15 Hamas is increasing its activity in Lebanon and angering Hezbollah - Jerusalem Post

2021-10-12 Iran Unveils Its Own Iron Dome-; Russia Accuses Israel of Syria Airstrikes - YouTube

Russia would aim to seize as much of Ukraine as possible before the West could react

# RUSSIA

Putin would use pro-Russian Ukrainian militias to protect his advance

Russia would use missiles and artillery to blow up bridges, airfields and train lines

# UKRAINE

Russia would rely on a 'blitzkrieg' style assault

**Odessa** may be the furthest advance point for Russia

Paratroopers would be key to Russia's lightning attack

