

This Week's Developments

April 14 - 20, 2024

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Iran launches hundreds of drones and cruise missiles at Israel in unprecedented attack

The Guardian, April 14, 2024



EVENT

Iran launched more than 300 drones and missiles at Israel on Saturday night, in the Islamic Republic's first ever direct attack on the Jewish state, bringing a years-long shadow war into the open and threatening to draw the region into a broader conflagration. Israel, with the help of key western allies including the US, UK and Jordan, claimed to have intercepted some 99% of the launches during the mass strike, but added that some ballistic missiles had reached Israel, damaging the key Nevatim air base in southern Israel which remained operational. As the UN security council prepared to convene an emergency session, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said more than 350 missiles were launched during the attack from Iran, Lebanon, Syria and Yemen, and called the interception rate a "significant strategic success". Commenting on Israel's response to the attack, Israel's prime minister, **Benjamin Netanyahu, posted on X: "We intercepted, we repelled, together we shall win."**

COMMENT

This was an unprecedented attack by Iran and scale of it shocked the world. It wasn't a limited strike but involved 185 drones, 110 ballistic missiles and 36 cruise missiles in an effort to overwhelm Israel's air defences. 99% of them were destroyed with not a single person killed. Many in Israel are calling this a miracle from God similar to how Israel overcame in the 6 Day War. The sight of missiles and drones being shot down over Jerusalem (with none finding their mark) makes us think of Zechariah 12 where we read that during the inner ring war Jerusalem remains secure and in her place. The Bible says that Iran is obsessed with missiles and uses them to strike "young men". When the inner ring war is over Iran will join Russia in the outer circle war & they will invade Israel.

BIBLE QUOTE

I will keep a watchful eye over Judah, but I will blind all the horses of the nations. Then the clans of Judah will say in their hearts, 'The people of Jerusalem are strong, because the Lord Almighty is their GodThey will consume the surrounding peoples right and left, but **Jerusalem will remain intact in her place.** See Iran (Medes) and its missiles in **Isaiah 13:18** (Zechariah 12:4-6 NIV)

US and UK militaries support Israel against Iran attack

The Telegraph, April 14, 2024



EVENT

Royal Air Force pilots shot down “a number” of Iran’s drones during the overnight attack on Israel, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has confirmed. Mr Sunak said that “the fallout for regional stability would be hard to overstate” had Iran’s attack on Israel been successful. The Prime Minister said he had chaired a Cobra meeting with Cabinet ministers on Friday to “agree a plan of action” over Iran’s attack on Israel, and confirmed that additional RAF pilots were sent to the region. “This is a dangerous and unnecessary escalation which I have condemned in the strongest terms,” he told Sky News on Sunday. Once the attack had subsided, Joe Biden reportedly signalled to Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli prime minister, that there were limits to US support and he would not join a retaliatory attack on Iran. In a speech on Saturday evening, Mr Biden said the US and Israel had shot down “nearly all” of the Iranian barrage. American forces, including warships stationed in the eastern Mediterranean, intercepted 70 drones and at least three ballistic missiles.

COMMENT

Israel overcame the attack by Iran but needed allied support to do so. The US and UK especially were involved in shooting down many ballistic missiles and drones. Ezekiel 38 tells us that Tarshish and the young lions (UK and US) will be onside with Israel BUT are unable to defend her from the Gogian (Russian) onslaught. Interestingly Jordan also destroyed some missiles headed for Israel from Iran. Jordan is desperately clinging to stability and it fears it could soon be dragged into the conflict around Israel. But Jordan has become inseparable from the Palestinian cause and when the inner ring war gets fully underway Jordan will have no choice but to be part of that conflict against Israel.

BIBLE QUOTE

“Come,” they say, “let us destroy them as a nation, so that Israel’s name is remembered no more.” With one mind they plot together; they form an alliance against you— **the tents of Edom** and the Ishmaelites, of **Moab** and the Hagrites Byblos, Ammon and Amalek, Philistia, with the people of Tyre. Even Assyria has joined them **Edom and Moab = Jordan** *(Psalm 83:4-8 NIV)*

Putin tells the Middle East to pull back from a catastrophic clash

Reuters, April 16, 2024



EVENT

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday urged all sides in the Middle East to refrain from action that would trigger a new confrontation which he warned would be fraught with catastrophic consequences for the region, the Kremlin said. **Putin, who has forged much closer ties with the Islamic Republic since sending troops into Ukraine in 2022, spoke to Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi by phone about what the Kremlin called "retaliatory measures taken by Iran."** Putin, in his first publicly aired comments on Iran's attack, said the root cause of the current instability in the Middle East was the unresolved conflict between Palestinians and Israel. "Ebrahim Raisi noted that Iran's actions were forced and limited in nature," the Kremlin said. "At the same time, he stressed Tehran's disinterest in further escalation of tensions." **Iranian state media quoted Putin as characterising Tehran's response to Israel as the best way to punish the aggressor and a manifestation of the wisdom of Iran's leaders.**

COMMENT

Putin is now fully allied to Iran because of the Ukraine war. Russia is dependent on Iranian drones and both countries have signed military contracts to work together. The Bible says that Iran will be allied to Russia AND that Russia acts as a guard (protector) of Iran. There are a number of reasons why Putin actually welcomes Middle East destabilisation. The main reason is that it draws attention away from Ukraine at a time when Russia is considering using even worse weapons in the conflict to bring things to a head. It also diverts Western resource, time and energy away from Ukraine and NATO's eastern flank. Finally, it helps Putin enter the Middle East as a negotiator who has influence and must be listened to. Putin has more to gain than lose over this conflict

BIBLE QUOTE

'Get ready; be prepared, you and all the hordes gathered about you, and take command of them. After many days you will be called to arms. In future years you will invade a land that has recovered from war, whose people were gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel

(Ezekiel 38:7-8 NIV)

Israel's measured strike on Iran sends a deliberately mixed message to the world

The Telegraph, April 19, 2024



EVENT

The message sent by Israel's limited military strike on Iran depends entirely on where you sit – and that “ambiguity” is very much intentional. The good news is that both sides appear to have stepped back from the brink. The bad news is that the ongoing fighting in **Gaza, Lebanon, Syria and Yemen** means we remain “on the edge of the abyss”, according to a former Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) head of strategy. All the more so given that the decades-long taboo of direct confrontation between Israel and Iran has been broken. Brigadier General (Res.) Assaf Orion, now a senior researcher at the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) in Tel Aviv, described Friday's Israeli strike on Iran as a “nimble signaling exercise”. From Israel's standpoint, he said, it sent the broad message “you are vulnerable. We can get through your defences and hit you directly. When we want”. The broad view of the Israeli defence establishment is that the threat of further escalation between Iran and Israel has been contained for the moment.

COMMENT

Israel wanted to hit Iran hard and deter it from launching attacks again. However, the US / UK tried desperately hard to stop any retaliation and applied immense pressure on Israel to not respond. Israel did respond but in a very mild way compared to what many were calling for. This then gives the impression that Iran has the upper hand despite its failure to hit Israel. The West continues to allow Iran to act as a malign force in the region. This is to be expected with Bible in hand because Iran must survive intact ready to join with Russia in the outer circle war. Israel is being hamstrung by the world which will lead ultimately to Russia and Iran (and Turkey and northern African nations) deciding the time has come to destroy Israel. This war comes after the inner ring war.

BIBLE QUOTE

I will turn you around, put hooks in your jaws and bring you out with your whole army—your horses, your horsemen fully armed, and a great horde with large and small shields, all of them brandishing their swords. **Persia [Iran]**, Cush and Put will be with them, all with shields and helmets,

(Ezekiel 38:4-5 NIV)

US votes against move to give Palestinians UN membership

Financial Times, April 18, 2024



EVENT

The US vetoed a UN Security Council resolution on Thursday that would have granted a Palestinian state full UN membership, killing a move proposed by Algeria. Twelve of the 15 members of the UN Security Council, including Russia, China and France, voted in favour of the measure. The UK and Switzerland abstained and the US voted no. “The United States is voting no on this proposed Security Council resolution,” state department spokesperson Vedant Patel said earlier on Thursday, adding that Washington saw direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians as “the most expeditious path” towards Palestinian statehood. The resolution had called for full membership of the UN General Assembly for a Palestinian state. US opposition left the resolution with no prospect of success. Arab states and the Palestinians have been pushing the US and other western nations to recognise a Palestinian state and grant full membership of the UN as a sign of their commitment to a two-state solution.

COMMENT

If it wasn't for the US vetoing this resolution, the Palestinians would have been recognised by the UN as a nation – a Palestinian State. This would effectively divide God's land - the land of Israel – in two. The division of Israel therefore hangs by a thread. It is possible that at some point the nations of the world do decide to divide the land. Joel 3 (with God himself speaking) says “they have parted my land”. The word “parted” means “divided”. God then asks the question what has Tyre and Zidon and the Philistines have to do with him? Tyre and Zidon is the base of Hezbollah. The coasts of Philistia is the Gaza Strip – Palestinians. The division of God's land by the nations of the world could be the final straw that brings Armageddon and total war against Israel.

BIBLE QUOTE

I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will put them on trial for what they did to my inheritance, my people Israel, because they scattered my people among the nations **and divided up my land**. “Now what have you against me, Tyre and Sidon and all you regions of Philistia?”
(Joel 3:2-4 NIV)

Russia backs warlord to tighten grip on Africa

The Times, April 15, 2024



EVENT

Russia's navy has shipped thousands of tonnes of weaponry to Libya, using ties with a local warlord to create a bridgehead through which it can **bolster its military presence in Africa**. The vessel, escorted by a navy frigate, entered the port of Tobruk in eastern Libya on April 8 after sailing from Moscow's naval base in Tartus, Syria, and unloaded up to 6,000 tonnes of equipment. In recent years Russia has supplied Wagner mercenary fighters backing the eastern Libyan warlord Khalifa Haftar, but the volume of the new shipment coincides with **the insertion of regular Russian troops into Africa** after the demise of Wagner. **"The Russian state is no longer hiding.** It is now openly sending military supplies and can do so thanks to a very compliant Haftar family," said Jalel Harchaoui, an analyst at the Royal United Services Institute think tank in London, who confirmed this month's delivery. The movement of the Russian vessels coincides with the arrival of Russian military instructors in Niger, where a junta has scrapped long-standing ties with the US, while Moscow has also established ties with coup leaders.

COMMENT

Russia is not only aligning with Iran as the Bible said it would , it is also aligning with Libya and other northern African states. The Bible says this in Ezekiel 38. Gog (Russian ruler) creates an alliance of nations that invade Israel and Egypt. One of the nations mentioned is Libya. The article this week says that Russia has shipped thousands of tonnes of weapons to Libya and has sent regular Russian troops to the region. Russia wants to sign a formal defence memorandum that would lead to the setting up of a - permanent Russian naval presence at Tobruk a port in Libya. We are seeing all the nations in the region lining up exactly as God said they would 2500 years ago!

BIBLE QUOTE

Persia, Ethiopia, and **Libya with them**; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togamah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee.

(Ezekiel 38;5-6)

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

TV-7 Israel News Watchman Newscast

2024-04-13 Sirens, blasts sound across Israel after Iran launches retaliatory attack - Reuters

2024-04-13 More US troops, equipments & warships heading to West Asia - World News - WION - 1.43 min - YouTube

2024-04-13 Iran seizes cargo ship in Strait of Hormuz after threats to close waterway - Reuters

2024-04-13 Germany to send new Patriot air defence system to Kyiv at 'critical time', Zelenskiy says - Reuters

2024-04-12 US says China is boosting Russia's war machine in Ukraine - Reuters

2024-04-12 Trump's portrayal as Christ-like figure will cost him - Chattanooga Times Free Press

2024-04-12 China top legislator Zhao says Beijing, Pyongyang set on developing friendly relations, KCNA says - Reuters

2024-04-11 Yair Pinto- Israel Prepares for Iran WAR & Rafah Offensive to FINISH Hamas - Stakelbeck Tonight - 8.38 min YouTube

2024-04-11 Putin leaves Ukraine powerless - Russia renews aerial assaults on energy sites - 5.49 min - YouTube

2024-04-09 Is Israel preparing to target Iran's nuclear facilities- 5.49 min - YouTube

2024-04-08 Growing Hamas-Palestinian Authority Rift Threatens Gaza's Post-war Future - 6.05 min - YouTube

2024-04-06 Fareed- The rapid secularization of America - YouTube

2024-04-05 Trump shares bizarre 'God made Trump' campaign video - 0.49 min - YouTube

2024-04-04 Kremlin says Russia and NATO are now in -direct confrontation- - Reuters

2024-04-02 Israel operating 'all over Middle East' against foes, defence chief says - Reuters

2024-03-23 Russia, China veto US-led UN resolution on Gaza ceasefire - Reuters

2024-03-22 Yair Pinto - Houthi Missile STRIKES Israel; Hamas GROWS in West Bank - Watchman Newscast - 14.06 min - YouTube

2024-03-22 Top US diplomat warns Israel of global isolation if it attacks Rafah - Reuters

2024-03-22 Israel approves new parcel of West Bank land for settlement - Reuters

2024-03-21 Russia Is Ramping up Preparations for All-Out War With NATO- ISW

2024-03-21 Saudi, UAE among states fuelling Israel's offensive on Gaza, report finds – Middle East Monitor

2024-03-18 Russian Forces Push CLOSER to Israel Border; Houthi HYPERSONIC Missile Threat- Watchman -11.28 min - YouTube

NATO PRESENCE IN EASTERN EUROPE



- 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



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

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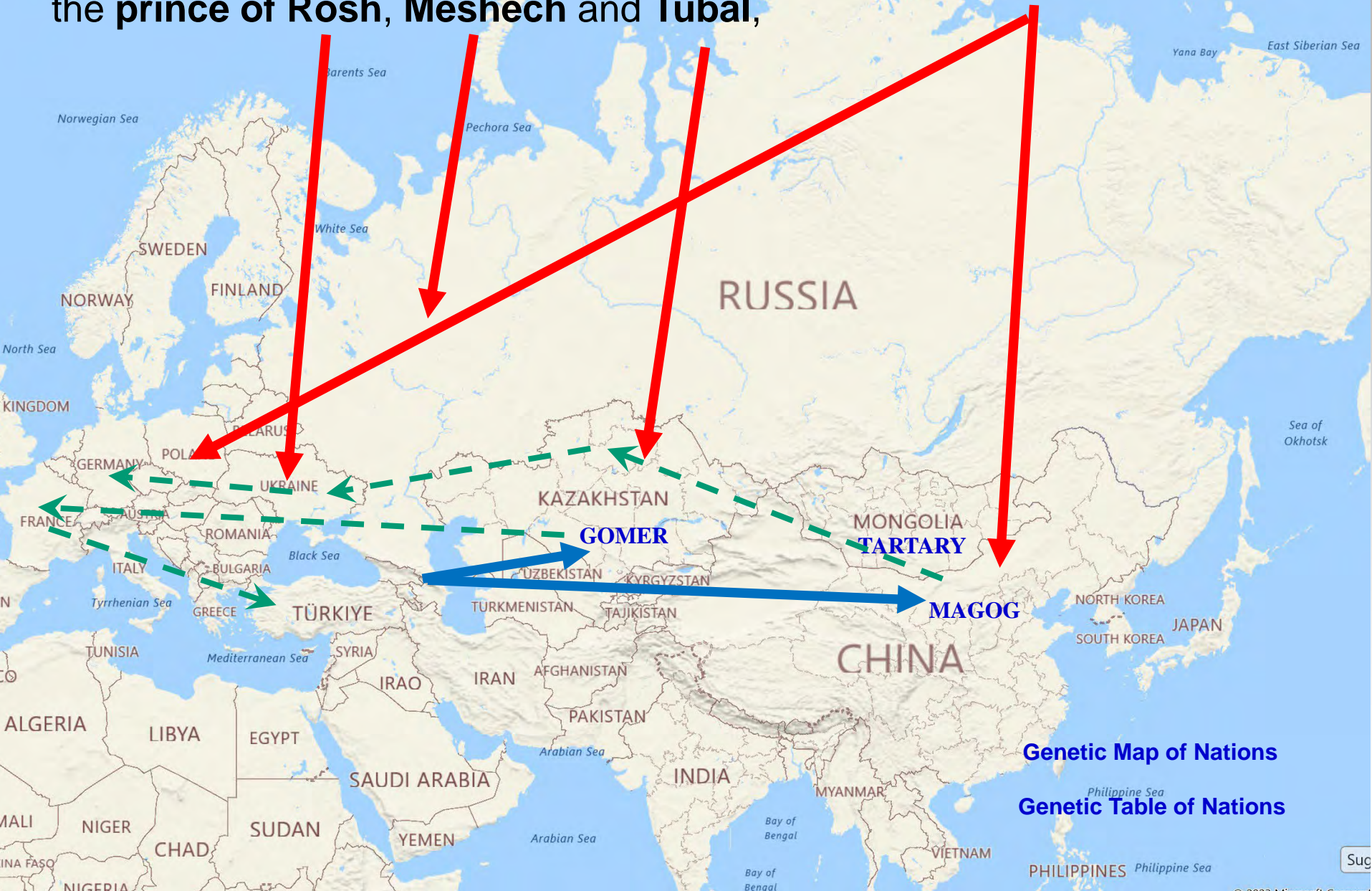
SHEBA

ETHIOPIA

AUSTRALIA

Legend HandOut

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



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

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All Iran's options for an attack on Israel – and how Netanyahu could respond

The Telegraph, April 11, 2024



EVENT Israel is braced for a potentially major escalation in its conflict with Iran after a US intelligence assessment warned that Tehran could order a strike on military and government targets inside the country in the coming days. Israeli ministers have vowed that if Tehran takes direct military action then they will respond with their own strikes on Iranian territory, opening the door to a full-scale regional war in the Middle East. A US intelligence assessment revealed this week by Bloomberg states that Iran could be poised to launch high-precision strikes using ballistic missiles or drones on targets inside Israel. A source quoted in the report said it was a matter of “when, not if,” Iran strikes, though it is less clear whether Tehran would take direct action or rely on its proxy network. Either way, the Bloomberg report suggests Iran is drawing up plans for attacks only on military and government sites in Israel, of which the most obvious would be the Kirya, the Israeli military headquarters in Tel Aviv.

COMMENT Experts on the Iranian regime are highly skeptical of the prospect of a direct attack from Iran as it would upend a long-standing policy of fueling conflicts with Israel from a distance via proxy groups or covert attacks. This also fits in with what the Bible says will happen. There is an initial inner ring war around Israel involving Iran's proxy military groups. These pricking briars surrounding Israel are removed by Israel. Iran however forms part of the outer circle war that invades Israel with Russia. This war comes after during a time of so-called peace and security for Israel. Therefore it is unlikely Iran will fire missiles from Iran itself and it will instead activate Hezbollah to try to punish Israel.

BIBLE QUOTE For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; **the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assur also is joined with them:** they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah. *(Psalm 83:5-8)*

Putin is preparing to unleash a new wave of terror weapons

Comment: The Telegraph, April 8, 2024



EVENT

The revelation that Russian forces have been making widespread use of CS gas – a chemical banned under the Chemical Weapons Convention – should be a horrific wake up call to the West and Nato that no weapons are off limits for Vladimir Putin. I saw the 4-year “conventional” siege of Aleppo in Syria broken in days of chlorine barrel bomb attacks in December 2016. Just this weekend, the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) was again hit by drones. Further such strikes raise the risk of a catastrophic nuclear incident, with potentially appalling effects for the whole of Europe. All this experience leads me to believe that a leader without morals will turn to these weapons again and again; they are terrifyingly effective. Putin has no morals. **All the triggers for a nuclear and chemical disaster are now in plain sight** and even those with their heads deepest in the sand surely cannot fail to see that action must be taken now to prevent a terrifying escalation of this conflict.

COMMENT

Russia has been accused of systematically using illegal chemical gas attacks against Ukrainian soldiers. There have been reports of the use of chlorine and chloropicrin – a substance typically used as a pesticide that was deployed by the Germans as a chemical weapon in the First World War. Putin has also been attacking the nuclear power stations in Ukraine. All of this shows Putin will go to any lengths to achieve a victory in Ukraine. He will never concede – never back down. The Bible says that a latter day king of the north (Antiochus Epiphanes) will use “astounding devastation” and “will succeed in whatever he does.” The two things are linked. The “astounding devastation” help him to “succeed”. Putin will one day declare victory in Ukraine by taking Donbass.

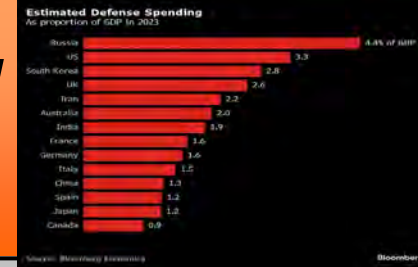
BIBLE QUOTE

In the latter part of their reign, 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**

(Daniel 8:23-24 NIV)

The US and Its Allies Face a \$10 Trillion Reckoning in the Race to Rearm

Bloomberg, April 9, 2024



EVENT

A new era of global rearmament is gathering pace, and it will mean vast costs and some tough decisions for western governments already struggling with shaky public finances. Despite world **defense spending reaching a record \$2.2 trillion last year**, European Union nations have only just begun to consider what 21st-century security will require with an aggressive Russia stirring on their eastern borders, a volatile Middle East, and the expansion of the Chinese military tugging Washington's attention toward the Pacific. Political leaders have been congratulating themselves on the progress toward NATO's targets for members of the alliance to set aside 2% of their gross domestic product on defense. But officials focused on security say that military budgets may need to emulate Cold War spending of as high as 4% in order to deliver on the alliance's plans. If the US and its Group of Seven allies were to reach such levels, that would equate to more than \$10 trillion of additional commitments over the next decade, according to calculations by Bloomberg Economics.

COMMENT

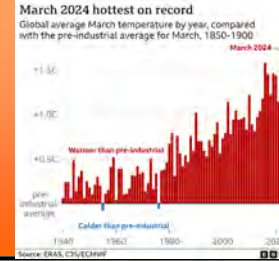
The brutal reality for the US and its allies is that Vladimir Putin's advances in Ukraine mean they need to dramatically ramp up their defenses in eastern Europe at the same time as they counterbalance China — just as that country increases cooperation with Moscow. Russia is now spending more of its GDP (as a percentage) on defense spending than any other nation on earth. In 2023 Russia spent 4.4%. In terms of actual spend the United States dwarfs all other countries but its commitments are spread around the world. The Bible says that the nations will “Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears.” Food becomes secondary to fighting!

BIBLE QUOTE

Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD. Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat:
(Joel 3:10-11)

Climate change: 'Uncharted territory' fears after record hot March

BBC, April 9, 2024



EVENT

Climate change could move "into uncharted territory" if temperatures don't fall by the end of the year, a leading scientist has told the BBC. **The warning came as data showed last month was the world's warmest March on record, extending the run of monthly temperature records to 10 in a row.** It's fuelled concerns among some that the world could be tipping into a new phase of even faster climate change. A weather system called El Niño is behind some of the recent heat. Temperatures should temporarily come down after El Niño peters out in coming months, but some scientists are worried they might not. "By the end of the summer, if we're still looking at record breaking temperatures in the North Atlantic or elsewhere, then we really have kind of moved into uncharted territory," Gavin Schmidt, the director of Nasa's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, told BBC News. March 2024 was 1.68C warmer than "pre-industrial" times - before humans started burning large amounts of fossil fuels - according to the EU's Copernicus Climate Change Service.

COMMENT

Due to record heat in parts of the Atlantic this year, and the La Nina weather pattern expected to take hold at the height of the season the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season is likely to be one of the most active on record, a forecasting service has said. The forecasters are expecting up to 23 named storms, of which 11 could become hurricanes and five major hurricanes. These are "well above" the average of for the 1991-2020 period of 14 named storms, seven hurricanes and three major hurricanes. We wait to see what happens in this regard. But we know the physical world is in groaning and in labour pains just as the political and spiritual world is. We need Jesus to return....

BIBLE QUOTE

For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering

(Romans 8:22-23 NLT)