

This Week's Developments

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Israel vows to destroy Hamas and rejects UN calls for ceasefire

Reuters, October 25, 2023



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EVENT

Israel has vowed again to destroy Hamas, rejecting calls from the United Nations chief, the Palestinians and many countries at a high-level UN meeting for a ceasefire, and declaring that the war in Gaza is not only its war but “the war of the free world”. Foreign minister Eli Cohen also dismissed calls for “proportionality” in the country’s response to Hamas’s surprise attacks on Israel on October 7 which killed 1,400 people and has since led to more than 5,700 Palestinian deaths in the Gaza Strip, according to its Health Ministry. “Tell me, what is a proportionate response for killing of babies, for rape (of) women and burn them, for beheading a child?” he asked. “How can you agree to a ceasefire with someone who swore to kill and destroy your own existence?” He told the UN Security Council that the proportionate response to the October 7 massacre is “a total destruction to the last one of the Hamas”, calling the extremist group “the new Nazis”. He added: **“It is not only Israel’s right to destroy Hamas. It’s our duty.”**

COMMENT

There seems little doubt that Israel is setting out to once and for all destroy Hamas so it can never again rule in Gaza. The shocking attack by Hamas on October 7th (the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles) killed the largest number of Jews in one day since the Holocaust. In Bible language Israel is saying that they are going to “remove the pricking briars” that surround them. Over 12,000 tons of explosives have been dropped on Gaza and the ground war looks like it is now starting. Zechariah 12 says that the rulers of Judah (southern Israel) will set on fire and devour the all the people round about. The word “round about” means “encircling” or “nearby”. It is the inner ring war. The total destruction of nearby enemies. We are surely watching this very thing happening.

BIBLE QUOTE

“On that day I will make the clans [rulers] of Judah like a **firepot** in a woodpile, like **a flaming torch** among sheaves. **They will consume all the surrounding [encircling / nearby] peoples right and left**, but Jerusalem will remain intact in her place. See also Ezekiel 28:24 “No longer will the people of Israel have malicious neighbors who are painful briars and sharp thorns” *(Zechariah 12:6 NIV)*

Putin 'forming axis of terror' as he welcomes Hamas and Iran to Moscow

The Telegraph, October 26, 2023



EVENT

Vladimir Putin sought to intervene in the Middle Eastern conflict on Thursday by inviting senior Hamas and Iranian leaders to Moscow. In a move condemned by Israel as an “obscene step” that “gives support to terrorism”, Russian officials met with the terror group who praised them for taking an “active role” in the war. Ali Bagheri Kani, the deputy foreign minister of Iran, the main foreign sponsor of Hamas, was also in Moscow for talks. The developments have raised concern in the West that Russia has formed an “axis of terror” with Hamas, mediated by Iran, which already supplies Moscow with drones for its war in Ukraine. Hamas praised Putin personally for his “stance” on the conflict and “acknowledged the active role of Russian diplomacy” in talks over “the recent Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip and strategies to halt the Israeli crimes”. Western observers said the meetings suggested **Putin had abandoned his long-standing alliance with Israel in favour of closer ties with Iran and its Islamist allies.**

COMMENT

Until now Putin has tried on the one hand to be allied to Israel's sworn enemies (Iran, Syria, Hezbollah, Hamas) but on the other has tried to be friendly to Israel. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to understand that this could not continue. Ultimately in a conflict situation Putin has to take a side. Again it comes as no surprise that Putin is allied ultimately to those who hate Israel and want to destroy her. The UK Secretary of State for Defence said that this meeting between Putin and Hamas was “tyranny meets terrorism.” Putin will one day send his forces into the void left after the initial inner ring war. It will actually be at a time when Israel feels they can finally live at peace with their nearby enemies destroyed. Putin though will decide to come and take a spoil....

BIBLE QUOTE

'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshek and Tubal. I will turn you around and drag you along. **I will bring you from the far north and send you against the mountains of Israel.** Then I will strike your bow from your left hand and make your arrows drop from your right hand. On the mountains of Israel you will fall

(Ezekiel 39:1-2 NIV)

Hamas and Hezbollah leaders meet to plan path to ‘real victory’ in Gaza

The Telegraph, October 25, 2023



EVENT

Hamas and Hezbollah leaders have met to discuss a path to “real victory” in Gaza and the Palestinian territories. Wednesday’s talks in Beirut also involved the Islamic Jihad group and came as concerns over a regional escalation in the war continue to mount. **All three groups, Hamas, Hezbollah and Islamic Jihad, are backed by Iran.** Their goal, according to a statement carried on Hezbollah-run and Lebanese state media, was to achieve “a real victory for the resistance in Gaza and Palestine” and halt Israel’s “treacherous and brutal aggression against our oppressed and steadfast people in Gaza and the West Bank”. In neighbouring Syria, state media said an Israeli airstrike hit the international airport in the northern city of Aleppo on Wednesday, damaging the runway and putting it out of service.

COMMENT

The terror groups that surround Israel met together this week to work out a plan for “victory”. Victory in their language is the total destruction of the state of Israel. Victory in Gaza means a greater victory of not only a Palestinian State but also the removal of the Israel state. Notice that these terror groups (Hamas, Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad) are all backed by Iran. Syria is also allied to Iran (and these groups as well) and it is through Syria that most of Hezbollah’s weapons flow. This is why Israel attacks (and did so this week) Syrian airports and bases. The meeting of these terror groups this week is exactly what Psalm 83 says would happen. They “conspire”. They “plot”. They have “one mind.” They “form an alliance”. They say “let us destroy Israel from being nation.” And who is this alliance? The tents of Edom – Palestinian refugees. The inhabitants of Tyre – Hezbollah. The Philistines – Hamas. Psalm 83 is surely underway.

BIBLE QUOTE

With cunning **they conspire** against your people; **they plot** against those you cherish. “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, Philistia, with the people of Tyre. *(Psalm 83:3-7 NIV)*

Turkish president says Hamas is not a terrorist organisation

Daily Telegraph, October 25, 2023



EVENT

Tayyip Erdogan, Turkey's president, has said Hamas is not a terrorist organisation but a liberation group fighting to protect Palestinian lands and people. The Turkish leader's comments provoked immediate condemnation from Israel's government, while Italy described them as disgusting. Mr Erdogan called for an immediate ceasefire between Israeli and Palestinian forces and said Muslim countries must act together to secure a lasting peace in the region. He said: "Hamas is not a terrorist organisation, it is a liberation group, 'mujahideen' waging a battle to protect its lands and people." Mr Erdogan also criticised Western powers who had voiced support for Israel's retaliation against Hamas, saying: "Western tears shed for Israel are a manifestation of fraud." Israel said it "wholeheartedly rejects the Turkish president's harsh words".

COMMENT

Israeli Foreign Minister Eli Cohen on Saturday recalled Israeli diplomatic representatives from Turkey "in order to conduct a reassessment of Israel-Turkey relations." Cohen made this statement shortly after Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan repeated his assertion that Hamas was not a terrorist organization and described Israel as an occupier. Erdogan called the terrorist group "freedom fighters" this week. Turkey is another nation that on the one hand has tried to come on side with the West and also be friendly to Israel. But now during war their true colours are shown. Turkey is allied to Russia when Russia invades Israel. Some have said that Russia invades Turkey or takes over Turkey. The Bible doesn't say this. It says Turkey is allied to Russia. So they come down together when the invasion of Israel occurs. We are seeing the breaking of any tenuous ties these nations had with Israel. It is preparation for Armageddon....

BIBLE QUOTE

Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee. [The nations in Ezekiel 38 are where they were when Ezekiel wrote not where they eventually moved to over time. Togarmah and Gomer both describe Turkey. See Josephus.](#) (Ezekiel 38:5-6)

Queen Rania of Jordan accuses West of hypocrisy on Palestinians

The Times, October 25, 2023



EVENT

Queen Rania of Jordan has accused the West of having “glaring double standards” over the violence in Israel and Gaza. “When October 7 happened the world immediately and unequivocally stood by Israel and its right to defend itself and condemned the attack that happened ... but what we’re seeing in the last couple of weeks, we’re seeing silence in the world,” she told CNN. Western officials are now only offering “concern” over deaths in Gaza, rather than the condemnations seen over Israeli deaths, she said, adding that it made the West “complicit”. “When Israel attacks, Palestinians ‘die,’ but when Israelis die, they are ‘killed,’ murdered in cold blood,” the queen, whose parents are Palestinian, said. Jordan, an ally of Britain and the United States, is seen as a bastion of stability in a region that often finds itself marred in violence. But the US and the UK’s unwavering support of Israel is testing relationships with allies across the Middle East.

COMMENT

Jordan is ruled by King Abdullah II. He is a member of the Hashemite dynasty, who have been the reigning royal family of Jordan since 1921. His wife is Queen Rania – she has Palestinian parents. Jordan signed a peace agreement with Israel in 1994. Generally Jordan is seen as an ally of the US and on fairly good terms with Israel. However, this conflict is driving a wedge between Israel and Jordan. Jordan is home to around 2 million Palestinian refugees. These refugees live in camps in Jordan and have been there since they were displaced in the 1948/9 Israel war when Israel was established. Reports say that the Jordanian monarch position is hardening over Israel. The Bible says the “tents of Edom”, “Moab” and Ammon form part of the inner ring war.

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; Tents of Edom = Palestinian refugees / Moab and Edom = Jordan. (Psalm 83:5-6)

Global recession and financial crisis could hit if the Israel-Hamas war pulls in the US and Iran

Business Insider, October 25, 2023

Recession
Global



EVENT

If the Israel-Hamas conflict spreads, it could spark a worldwide downturn and financial catastrophe, one Wall Street veteran has warned. Israel is currently bombing Gaza and preparing to launch a ground invasion in retaliation for Hamas slaughtering around 1,300 civilians and taking 150 hostages in a surprise assault on October 7. The Lebanese militant group Hezbollah and Iran might wade into the fight against Israel and drag the US into the war, Jim Rickards recently told "The Julia LaRoche Show." "Those are the things that are really going to tip the global economy into a global recession, if not a financial crisis," said the former Citibank and Long-Term Capital Management employee and the author of "Currency Wars: The Making of the Next Global Crisis." Rickards isn't the only expert sounding the alarm on the Israel-Hamas conflict. Ray Dalio, a billionaire investor and economic historian, recently pegged the probability of a world war at 50%.

COMMENT

One of the consequences of the conflagration centred on Israel but enveloping other nearby peoples is the financial impact it could have on the world. Since Covid the world is in a far more precarious place financially. Governments have massively increased their own debt levels and now with inflation rising the cost of servicing that debt is also increasing. It makes any financial shocks to the world economy even harder to cope with. We know with Bible in hand that at some point there will be total financial collapse. We read of this in a number of places – Isaiah 25 and Revelation 18. In a symbolic sense it is like Egypt at the time of Joseph. Money failed at that time and the people were forced to turn to Joseph. Money will fail again & the world will be forced to turn to Jesus.

BIBLE QUOTE

And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth. We then read that when the people had nothing left Joseph (type of Christ) sold to Joseph themselves and their lands. And so all Egypt (world) became Pharaoh's (God's). (Genesis 47:15)

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

2023-10-28 Ukraine holds peace formula talks in Malta, Russia absent - Reuters

2023-10-28 This Is Israel's Second War Of Independence, It Will Be Long And Tough' - I24NEWS

2023-10-28 PM vows 'campaign will be long; this is a do or die moment for our nation

2023-10-28 Massive Airstrike! F-15 Jet Fighters Wipe Out Most of Hamas Quarters - 9.01 min - YouTube

2023-10-28 Hundreds of thousands rally across cities to support Palestinians - Reuters

2023-10-28 A New Message from Son of Hamas Leader To The World - 3.32 min - YouTube

2023-10-27 US shoots down drone in Iraq after troops targeted again - ABC News

2023-10-27 US fighter jets strike Iran-linked sites in Syria in retaliation for attacks on US troops - AP News

2023-10-27 Israel's NEXT PHASE of Hamas War Begins; Israeli Tanks Enter Gaza - Watchman Newscast - 9.28 min - YouTube

2023-10-27 IDF- Hamas' Key Operation Center Is Underneath Gaza's Largest Hospital - I24NEWS

2023-10-27 IDF Uncovers PROOF of HAMAS Headquarters Under Shifa Hospital - 3.01 min - YouTube

2023-10-26 Russia and China at war with Canada, says Gen. Wayne Eyre - Ottawa Citizen

2023-10-26 'Enough of this'- Hamas co-founder's son speaks out - 12.0 min - YouTube

2023-10-25 Turkey's Erdogan says Hamas is not terrorist organisation, cancels trip to Israel - Reuters

2023-10-14 London streets filled by pro-Palestinian demonstrators - 4.0 min - YouTube

2023-10-14 Israel-Palestine war- Israel reeling under pressure as it readies for ground invasion - WION - 4.3 min - YouTube

2023-10-14 Israeli military says it's preparing to expand attacks on Gaza - 4.20 min- YouTube

2023-10-14 Israel ELIMINATES Hamas Terror Leader; To INVADE Gaza by -Air, Sea & Land- - Watchman 34.03 min - YouTube

2023-10-14 Hezbollah fires 30 mortars, IDF hits anti-tank team in latest Lebanon border clashes - The Times of Israel

Animated Map - Indo-European migrations - File-Indo-European migrations.gif - Wikipedia

NATO PRESENCE IN EASTERN EUROPE



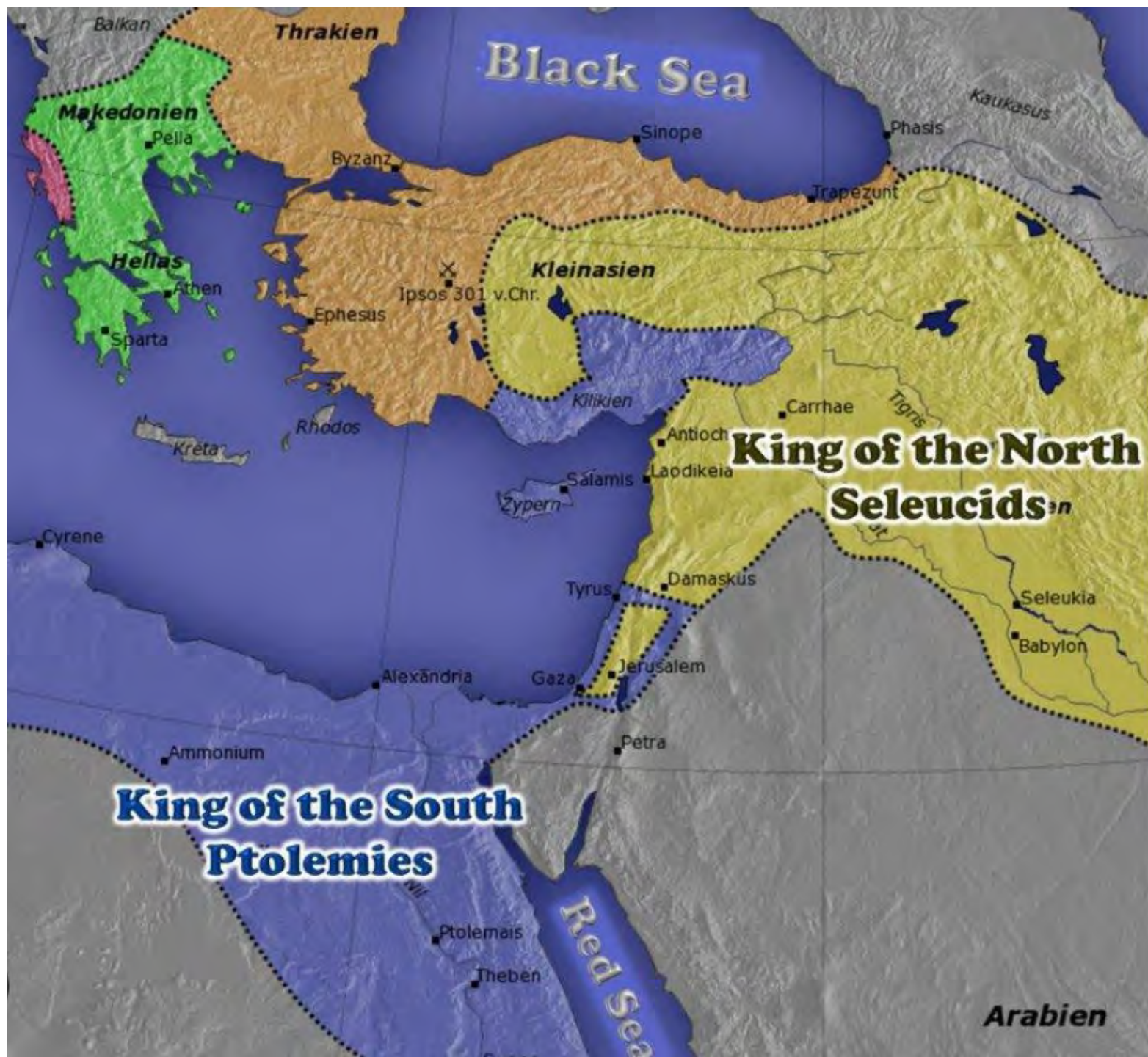
- Frankish Territory in 481
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- Conquests 531-614
- Conquests 714-768
- Conquests of Charlemagne 768-814
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- Peoples tributary to Charlemagne
- Kingdom of Siagrius in 486
- Visigothic kingdom of Toulouse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



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



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Kaukasus

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Hellas

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Sparta

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Ephesus

Kilikien

Carrhae

Tigris

**King of the North
Seleucids**

Kreta

Rhodos

Antioch

Lapdikeia

Cyrene

Zypern

Salamis

Tyrus

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**King of the South
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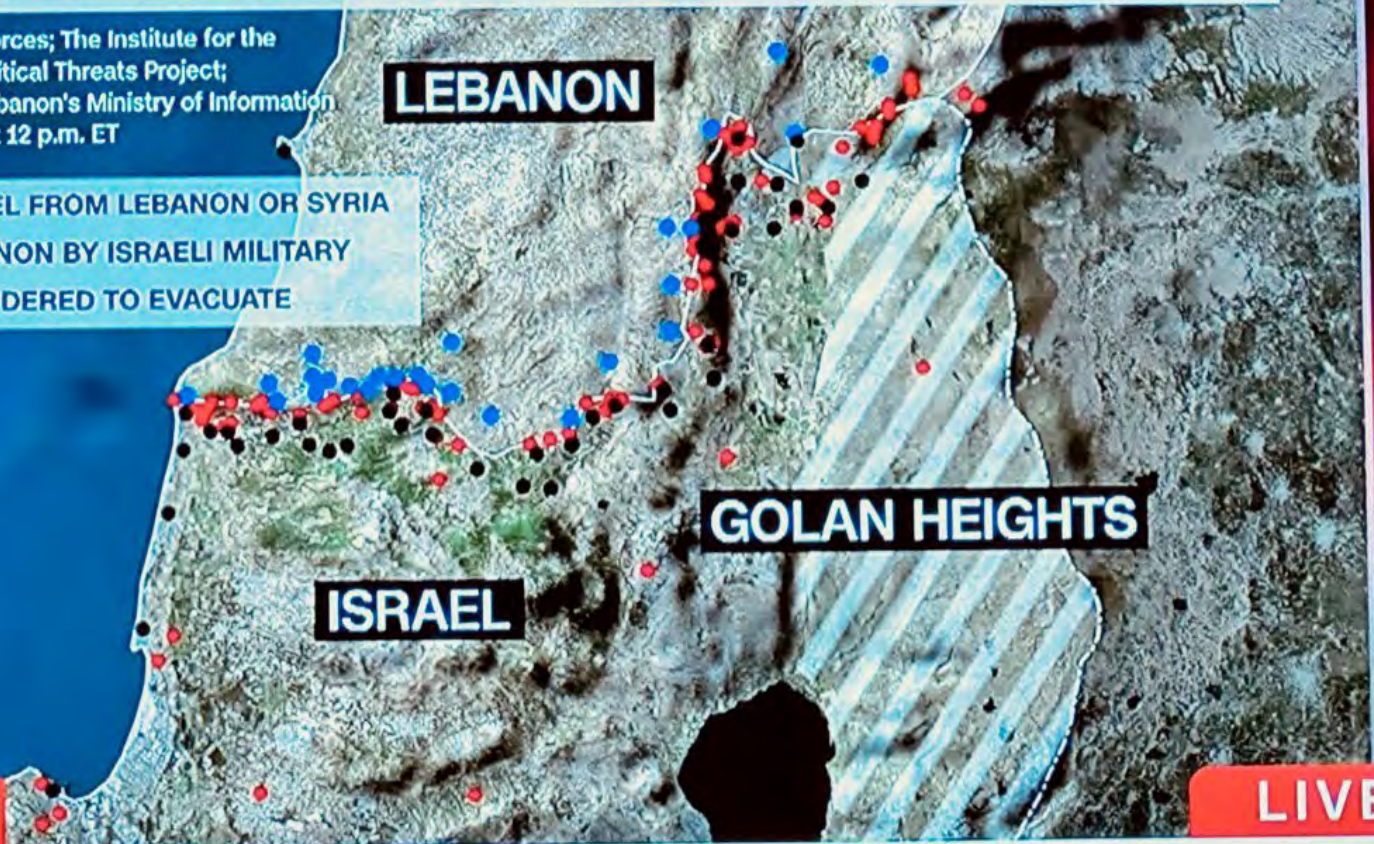
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CLASHES AT LEBANON-ISRAEL BORDER

Sources: Israel Defense Forces; The Institute for the Study of War with AEI's Critical Threats Project; National News Agency, Lebanon's Ministry of Information
Data as of Oct. 26, 2023 at 12 p.m. ET

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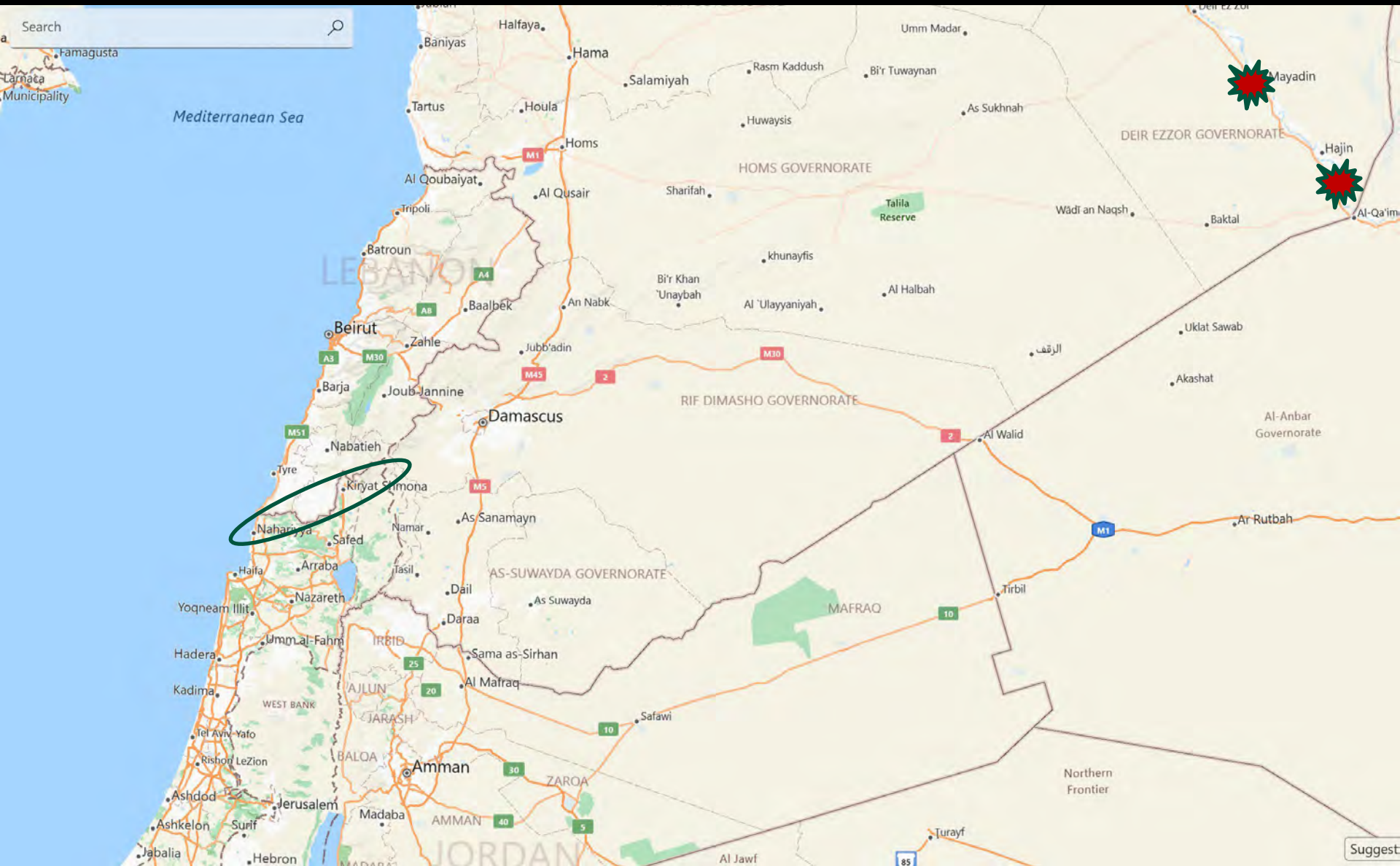


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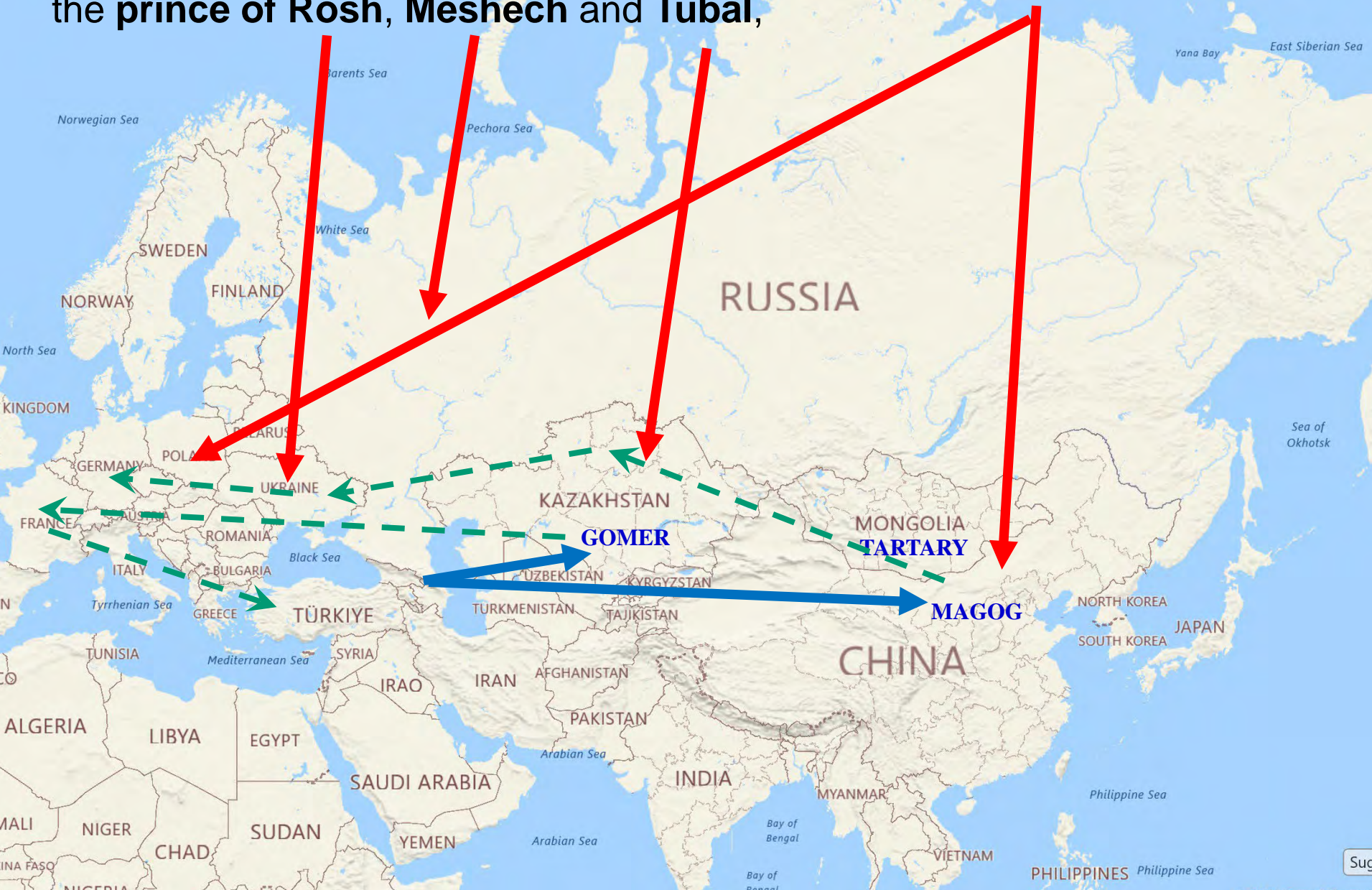
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ISRAEL: IDF FIGHTER JETS HIT HEZBOLLAH TARGETS IN LEBANON



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"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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Chinese Navy's presence in the Middle East involves 6 'highly capable vessels'

South China Morning Post October 25, 2023



EVENT

China's navy has deployed "six highly capable vessels" to the Middle East, a feat that "a lot of countries in the world could not manage," says Bryden Spurling, a researcher with the RAND think tank. "Though they've never been tested in conflict, these ships have significant capability and reflect the rapid growth in the sophistication of the Chinese Navy." Bolstering its naval capabilities has long been a goal for China. In July, a leaked US Navy briefing slide reported that China's shipbuilding capacity is currently 232 times greater than the US. According to a US Naval Institute report from 2021, China has the world's largest navy, with more than 355 vessels in its fleet. The Pentagon's 2022 annual report on China's military development forecasted China's fleet to reach 400 ships by 2025 and 440 ships by 2030. Nonetheless, the US Navy is still widely considered to be the world's most powerful. This is despite it having a smaller fleet of 296 ships, per a 2021 report by the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Then US Secretary of Defense Mark Esper said at a RAND Corporation event in 2020 that ship numbers do not reflect the US Navy's true capabilities. "They do not address the types of ships ... capabilities of the vesselsskill of the crews...etc" said Esper.

COMMENT

China is a growing world power currently showing signs of eclipsing even the mighty US in some respects - this case, its navy. The question is, Is China is a part of the prophetic picture? or, is it not? If we simply assume it is not, do we risk missing some important prophetic signs? If we believe that all peoples on earth have descended from Noah's three sons - and we do - then the only question remaining is, from which of the three sons have the Asian races descended? The predominant conclusion of Biblical historians is that it was Japheth and his offspring such as Gomer and Magog who appear to have slowly migrated east to what is now Asia and north to what is now Russia. Fast forwarding to today we see these two - Asia and Russia - showing ominous signs of coming together in one powerful coalition, occupying Syria and forming alliances with Shia Islamic nations like Iran at the same time that Israel is exploding into a 2nd "War of Independence" against the surrounding nations.

BIBLE QUOTE

"And at the time of the end...the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, **and with many ships**; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. Dan 11:40

US fighter jets strike Iran-linked sites in Syria in retaliation for attacks on US troops

AP Oct 27, 2023



EVENT

U.S. fighter jets launched airstrikes early Friday on two locations in eastern Syria linked to Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps, the Pentagon said, in retaliation for a slew of drone and missile attacks against U.S. bases and personnel in the region that began early last week. Air Force Brig. Gen. Pat Ryder said Friday that the strikes near Boukamal by F-16 and F-15 fighter aircraft targeted a weapons storage facility and ammunition storage facility used by the IRGC and affiliated groups. Meanwhile Friday gunmen in east Syria fired 10 rockets on a base housing American troops in retaliation for the U.S. airstrikes. A U.S. official confirmed the rocket attack and said there were no reported casualties. And the Islamic Resistance in Iraq said fighters attacked al-Assad airbase in western Iraq with a suicide drone. U.S. officials said it was shot down a few kilometers away and did not hit the base. In a statement, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said the "precision self-defense strikes are a response to a series of ongoing and mostly unsuccessful attacks against U.S. personnel in Iraq and Syria by Iranian-backed militia groups that began on October 17. Austin said the U.S. holds Tehran responsible for funding, arming, equipping and directing the proxies; if Iranian proxy groups continue, the U.S. won't hesitate to take additional action to protect its forces.

COMMENT

These things are not "time and chance" activities nor are they happening in a vacuum. All attention at the moment has shifted to Israel and HAMAS, and, to a lesser extent, on Hezbollah activity at Israel's northern border. The bigger picture, in addition, comprehends what is occurring in the wider framework - the 2 mighty US Strike Forces anchored in the Eastern Mediterranean & also other smaller but very capable US strike forces in the Red Sea & Persian Gulf, the visit to Iran of Russian FM Lavrov, the exchanges of attacks between the US Air Force and IRGC Iranian proxies, the deployment of Chinese Naval vessels to the Middle East - to name just a few. This particular "strike" has occurred in the very war theatre of the original "King of the North" - i.e., Syria / Iraq / Iran etc! We live in very significant times. If bre Thomas & Roberts were with us today I'm quite sure they would be on the edge of their seats in anticipation. The question is, **are we?**

BIBLE QUOTE

"You know quite well that the day of the Lord's return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night. But you aren't in the dark about these things, dear brothers and sisters, and you won't be surprised when the day of the Lord comes like a thief. For you are all children of the light and of the day; we don't belong to darkness and night.

1Th 5:3-5 NLT