

This Week's Developments

January 15 - 21, 2023 [edited presentation]

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Two 3,800-year-old Cuneiform Tablets Found in Iraq Give First Glimpse of Hebrew Precursor

Haaretz, January 20, 2023



EVENT

The ancient tablets, uncovered 30 years ago during the Gulf War and forgotten until now, offer a first glimpse of the Amorite language that Hebrew developed from. It's not every day that Assyriologists have thrilling news to celebrate. These scholars of the history, archeology and language of ancient Mesopotamia spend most of their time poring over languages like Akkadian, Sumerian, Elamite, Aramaic and Ugaritic, and arduously trying to decipher cuneiform tablets. But this past week was different. "This is something sensational. I'm excited," says Professor Nathan Wasserman of the Hebrew University Institute of Archaeology. His colleague from the Tel Aviv University Archeology Department, Professor Yoram (Yori) Cohen, calls it a "paradigm change" of "very fundamental significance," and doesn't hesitate to use the word "amazing." The big news from the ancient world centers on two cuneiform tablets that have been dated to 1800 B.C.E., 3,800 years ago. Cohen adds that the text proves "beyond a shadow of a doubt" that already in the second millennium B.C.E there was a spoken language that was very close to Hebrew, which has been heretofore only known from the first millennium B.C.E. Wasserman can hardly conceal his excitement over this text and from other parts of it that contain names of gods as well as expressions of love. "It's pretty incredible. They were actually speaking a kind of Hebrew. It's not really Hebrew, but it's close to Hebrew," he says. Cohen describes their language as "the mother of Hebrew" and says that "most scholars agree that Hebrew developed from it and is related to it."

COMMENT

This is significant and important because, although there are many references in the Bible to writing, until now there was no corroborating archaeological proof that an alphabet similar to Hebrew and the ability to put it to surfaces in a way that could be read was in existence prior to the time of David. Even samples of Hebrew writing discovered from that period are very spurious and difficult to match to current Hebrew script. Better samples have been discovered from the time of Hezekiah as we noted a few weeks ago from the Hezekiah tunnel. The fact this discovery was in Iraq is interesting as we know that Abraham was from Mesopotamia, and 1800 BC takes us back to that time, and the Hebrew developed from the Sumerian / Aramaic family of dialects.

BIBLE QUOTE

Exo_17:14 And the LORD said unto Moses, **Write** this for a memorial in a **book**...

Exo_34:27 And the LORD said unto Moses, **Write** thou these **words**...

Num_5:23 And the priest shall **write** these curses in a **book**...

Exodus & Numbers is 200 – 300 years after the Cuneiform tablets so writing further developed

FM Cohen to visit Ukraine, most senior Israeli official to do so since war began

The Times of Israel, January 19, 2023



EVENT

[Israel] Foreign Minister Eli Cohen spoke on Thursday with his Ukrainian counterpart Dmytro Kuleba and accepted the latter's invitation to visit Kyiv. Cohen would become the most senior Israeli official to visit since the war started 11 months ago. During the phone call, Cohen also pledged to permanently reopen Israel's embassy in Kyiv within 60 days. Noting Russia's use of Iranian weapons to attack Ukraine, Cohen urged Kyiv to join in the fight against Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and to encourage Europe to declare the military force a terror organization, according to the Foreign Ministry. The European Parliament voted Wednesday to urge Brussels to list the IRGC as a terror group, amid mounting pressure on Western powers to do so. Cohen also pledged Israel will continue providing humanitarian aid to Ukraine, with a particular focus on energy infrastructure, medical equipment and water. Kyiv has said it needs Israel's help in air defense technology to counter Russia's ongoing strikes on its civilian infrastructure. Israel has so far refused to provide such aid, out of apparent concern for Russia's reaction.

COMMENT

This is the first major visit to Ukraine by Israel and it is only logical to wonder if the Israeli policy toward Ukraine is shifting, especially under the circumstances where Russia is trading fighter jets for attack drones and missiles. Israel sees this as something they have in common with Ukraine and a possible opportunity to gain an ally in its issues with Iran and proxies. Israel is walking a fine line between Ukraine, Russia & Iran – how to trade its air defence tech with Ukraine in exchange for anti-Iran assistance without antagonizing Russia. Israel needs Russia's cooperation with its operations in Syria, but the growing Russia/Iran coalition is making that difficult. But this growing rift between Israel & Russia is what prophecy calls for and what we are expecting to see.

BIBLE QUOTE

"Son of man, set your face toward **Gog of the land of Magog**, the **prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal**, and prophesy against him...I will bring you out, and all your army, a great company...**Persia, Ethiopia and Put** with them... **Gomer ...Beth-togarmah** ...in the latter years **you will come...to the mountains of Israel ... like a storm**; you will be like a cloud covering the land, you and all your troops, and many peoples with you."
Eze 38:2

Defeat in Ukraine means nuclear war, warns Russia

The Times, January 19, 2023



EVENT

Russia has warned that its defeat in Ukraine could lead to a nuclear conflict after President Zelensky appealed to the West to speed up deliveries of modern tanks and weapons. Dmitry Medvedev, deputy head of President Putin's national security council, wrote on Telegram that western politicians were "repeating like a mantra: to achieve peace, Russia must lose. "[But] it never occurs to any of them to draw the following elementary conclusion from this: the loss of a nuclear power in a conventional war can trigger the start of a nuclear war. Nuclear powers have never lost major conflicts on which their fate depends. This should be clear to anyone. Even a western politician." The Kremlin was quick to endorse Medvedev's comments, saying they were "in full accordance" with **Russian nuclear policy, which allows it to use nuclear weapons to respond to "aggression against the Russian Federation** with conventional weapons when the very existence of the state is threatened".

COMMENT

We have heard many times now over the past 6 months that Russia could and would resort to nuclear weapons to achieve its goal if the regime felt that the Russian State's existence was threatened. The problem arises because Putin believes that eastern / southern Ukraine is now part of Russia following the sham referendums. This means that if he thinks that Russia might be defeated in the Donbas area of Ukraine he could say "Russia's existence is under threat" and launch some type of nuclear device against Ukraine. We read that the latter day king of the north does indeed "cause a shocking amount of destruction." Nothing is more shocking or destructive than a nuclear weapon. As terrible as it might seem to contemplate - these weapons might one day be used...

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)

Putin holds second phone call in just over a week with Iranian president

Reuters, January 19, 2023



EVENT

Russian President Vladimir Putin held a telephone call with his Iranian counterpart Ebrahim Raisi on Thursday, the Kremlin said, their second conversation in nine days. In a brief readout of the call, it said the two presidents discussed the situation in Syria - where both have backed President Bashar al-Assad in a long-running civil war - and cooperation in transport and energy. The statement made no reference to the war in Ukraine. Iran has taken on greater importance as a partner for Russia since Putin's invasion of Ukraine last February triggered waves of Western sanctions against Moscow. **Tehran has acknowledged supplying Russia with military drones, though it says they were sent before the war started. The United States said last week that Iran could be contributing to war crimes in Ukraine by providing drones to Russia.**

COMMENT

As their relations get strained with the West, Iran and Russia are deepening their ties. This month saw two phone calls in less than 10 days between Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin, multiple high-level visits, and reports on potential sale of Russian Sukhoi fighter jets to Iran in a bid to escape tightening EU and US sanctions. As Russia has become a pariah state it has joined forces with another pariah state – Iran. This in turn strengthens Iran as it can call on Russia to give it far more sophisticated weapons -even fighter jets. This in turn destabilises the Middle East especially in regard to Israel. The Bible says that Russia will act as a guard to Iran – a protector. We see Iran supporting Russia with lethal drones but soon we may see Russia sending high tech military equipment to Iran...

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. Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and **be thou a guard unto them.** (Ezekiel 38:5-7)

Russia says relations with U.S. at an all-time low

Reuters, January 20, 2023



EVENT

Russia said on Friday that relations with the United States were at an all-time low, dismissing the idea the two sides could turn things around halfway through U.S. President Joe Biden's term in office. "Bilateral relations are probably at their lowest point historically, unfortunately," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters. "There is no hope for improvement in the foreseeable future." Already poor U.S.-Russia ties became even more strained last year when Russia invaded Ukraine, prompting Washington and its allies to respond with a barrage of sanctions against Russia's economy. The United States has also provided Kyiv with substantial economic and military support, drawing condemnation from Russian officials who have accused Washington of playing a direct role in the conflict. U.S.-Russia talks on resuming inspections under the New START nuclear arms limitation treaty were called off at the last minute in November, while the Kremlin has played down the idea of face-to-face talks between Biden and President Vladimir Putin

COMMENT

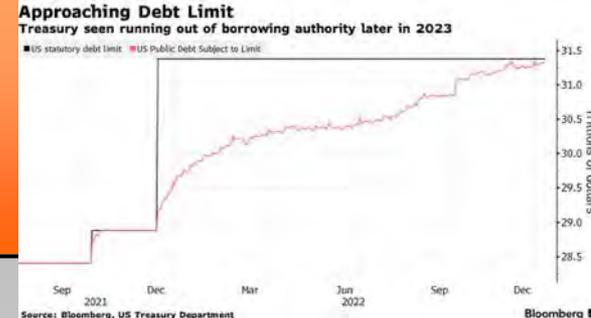
President Trump was accused of being too close to Russia and Putin. So when President Biden came to power he needed to show he was totally different to the previous president. This meant he probably went further than he would of. Within a few months of coming to power Biden accused Putin of being a killer. This was strong undiplomatic language to say the least. Literally within weeks of this statement Russia started moving troops to the border of Ukraine. Biden then went on to say that "Putin would pay for Russian interference in US elections". The military buildup continued and finally Putin launched war on Ukraine. The time of trouble such as never was is at hand

BIBLE QUOTE

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.
(Daniel 12:1)

U.S. begins ‘extraordinary’ steps to avoid debt ceiling

Washington Post, January 19, 2023



EVENT

The Biden administration began “extraordinary measures” Thursday to prevent the federal government from breaching its debt limit and hurtling toward default, a grim scenario with the potential to destabilize markets and devastate the economy. Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen told lawmakers that officials will alter certain federal investments to preserve the nation’s credit until summer — largely through technical moves that will buy lawmakers time to pass legislation that raises or suspends the amount the government is allowed to borrow, currently capped at \$31.4 trillion. Yellen has said a default could cause “irreparable harm to the U.S. economy.” Federally backed debt is the backbone of domestic and global markets. A failure to make good on U.S. borrowing could set off panic on Wall Street and spark millions of job losses. The United States has never defaulted on its debt. But it has repeatedly come close, particularly in 2011.

COMMENT

What does a £31 trillion debt look like. As a number it is 31,000,000,000,000. How big is one trillion? One trillion dollars would stretch nearly from the earth to the sun. It would take a military jet flying at the speed of sound, reeling out a roll of dollar bills behind it, 14 years before it reeled out one trillion dollar bills. It would take 434 years to roll out 31 trillion! If each of the stars in our whole galaxy was \$1, the US would need 300 Milky Ways to pay off their debt! The point is that this level of debt is not sustainable. It is built on sand. One day we are told there will be complete economic collapse and money will become worthless. See Isaiah 24. Following Christ is our best investment...

BIBLE QUOTE

this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles **the boundless riches of Christ**, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. **The riches of Christ are worth more than the entire riches of the world.** Riches of the world only lead to death. Christ’s riches lead to life... *(Ephesians 3:8-9 NIV)*

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

2023-01-21 [It's official, NATO is split on Ukraine](#) - Gravitas - 7.58 min - YouTube

2023-01-20 [US hopes to convince Turkey to lift objections for NATO expansion](#) - English News - WION - 10.28 min - YouTube

2023-01-20 [Russia-Ukraine War- US, Germany tries to resolve differences over tanks for Ukraine](#) - WION - 5.56 min - YouTube

2023-01-19 [Israel formally requests 25 F-15 EX from the US](#) - Breaking Defense

2023-01-18 [Top Israeli Official to Visit Ukraine; Russia Threatens NUCLEAR WAR if Defeated](#) - Watchman - 12.10 min - YouTube

2023-01-16 [Russia to deliver Su-35 fighter jets to Iran in three months](#)

2023-01-16 [Big surprise to Russian army- Chechen elite battalions suddenly appeared in Ukraine!](#) - 8.56 min - YouTube

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

2022-11-26 RealLifeLore why Finland joining NATO checkmate Russia. - 24.10 min - Youtube

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

The Holy Roman Empire- Every State, Every Year - YouTube

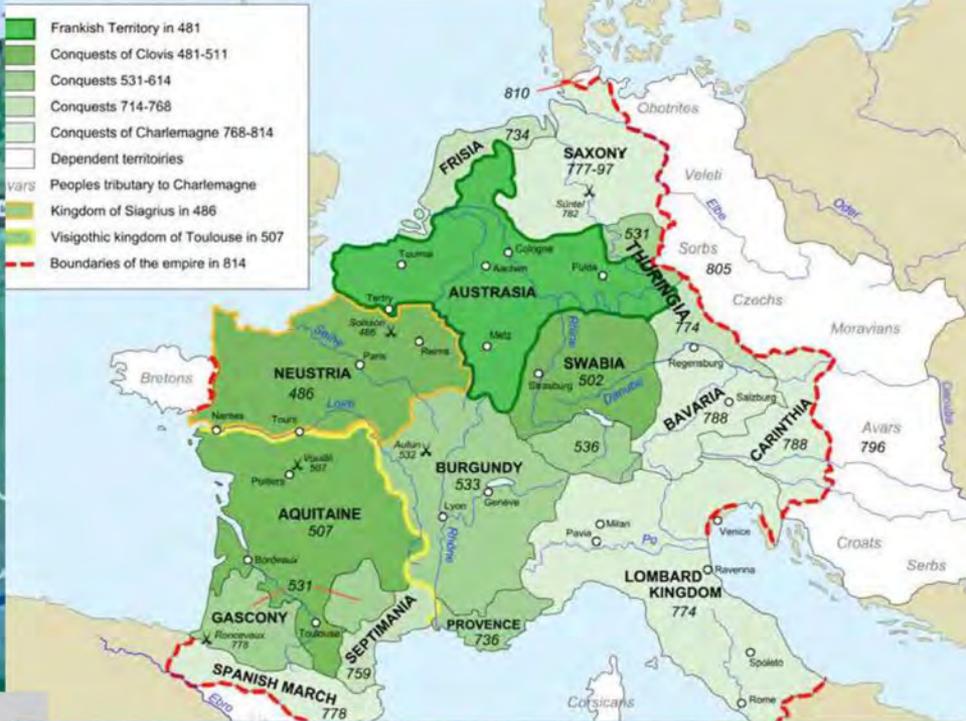
Animated Map - Indo-European migrations - File-Indo-European migrations.gif - Wikipedia

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 *





One of the tablets found in Iraq. Credit: David Owen/ דויד אוואן

Money Comes and Goes

In 2021, U.S. government revenue totaled more than \$4 trillion. About half of it came from individual income taxes, while about 30% came from Social Security and Medicare taxes.

Here's a full breakdown of revenue sources in 2021:

U.S. Government Revenue Source	2021 Amount (\$B)
Individual income taxes	\$2,044
Social security and medicare taxes	\$1,247
Corporate income taxes	\$372
Miscellaneous revenue	\$133
Custom duties	\$80
Excise taxes	\$75
Unemployment insurance	\$57
Estate and gift taxes	\$27
Other retirement	\$10
Total	\$4,045

Despite the trillions in revenue generated, like most years, U.S. federal spending was higher in 2021, which put the federal government in a budget deficit of **\$2.7 trillion**.

After income and **Social Security** spending, health was the third-largest expenditure in 2021. Here's a look at the full breakdown, and where spending was allocated last year:

U.S. Government Spending Category	2021 Amount (\$B)
Income security	\$1,649
Social security	\$1,135
Health	\$797
National defense	\$755
Medicare	\$697
Net interest	\$352
Commerce and housing credit	\$304
Education	\$297
General government	\$270
Veterans benefits	\$234
Total	\$6,820

Tax evasion – the act of not paying taxes that are owed – is illegal and is an underappreciated problem in the United States. About one out of every six dollars owed in federal taxes is not paid. The amount of unpaid taxes every year is plausibly about three-quarters the size of the entire annual federal budget deficit. The rate of income misreporting is significantly higher for income from sole proprietorships and farms, and it is likely higher for high-income households than lower-income households.



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POLARIZATION

The 2023 Edelman Trust Barometer found that six countries are now considered to be "severely polarized".



Argentina

The state of divisiveness in Argentina is commonly known as *la grieta*, or the rift.

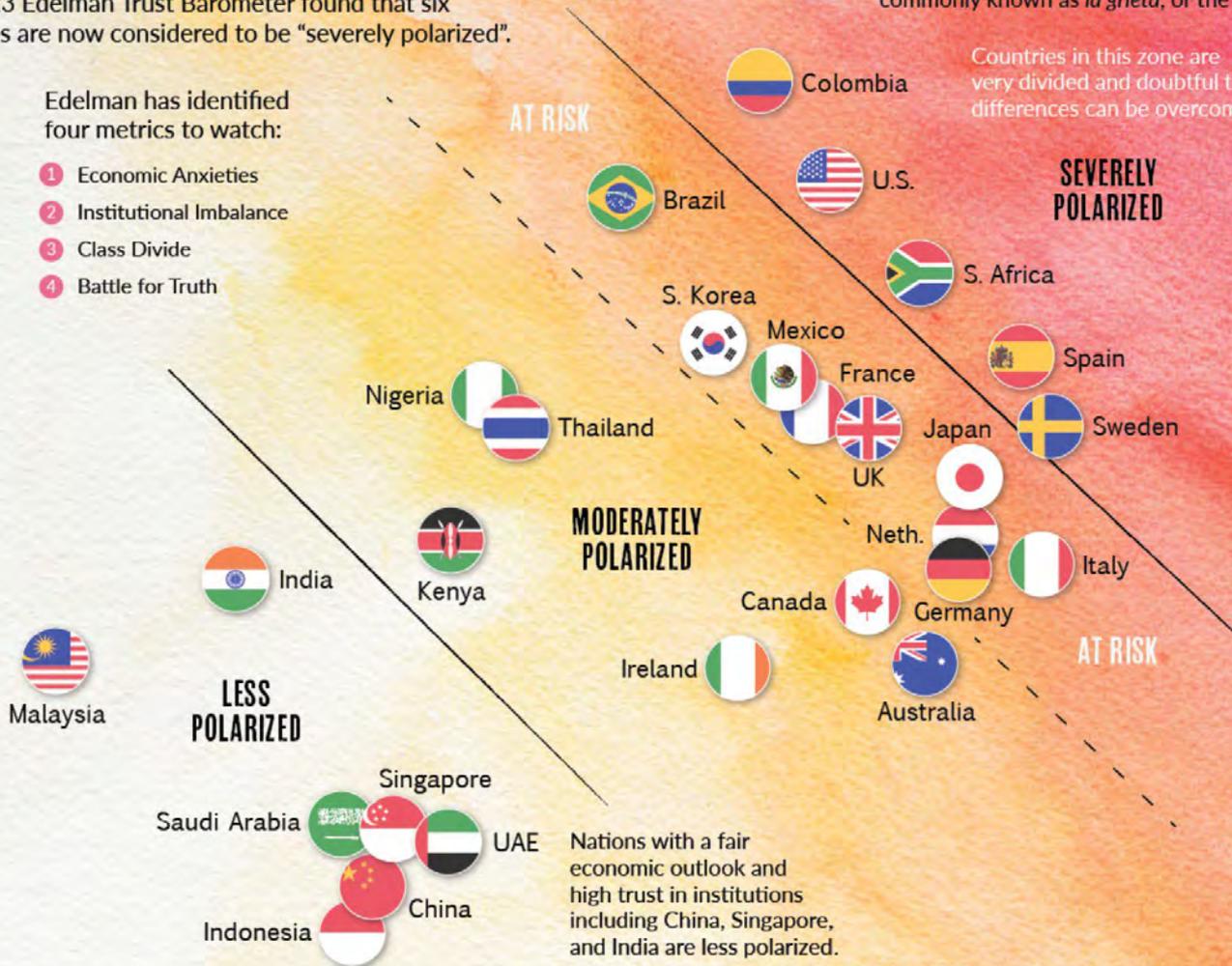
Countries in this zone are very divided and doubtful that differences can be overcome.

Edelman has identified four metrics to watch:

- 1 Economic Anxieties
- 2 Institutional Imbalance
- 3 Class Divide
- 4 Battle for Truth



My country is very/extremely divided



Nations with a fair economic outlook and high trust in institutions including China, Singapore, and India are less polarized.

I do not feel these divisions can be overcome →



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UK will send tanks to Ukraine 'to push Russian troops back'

The Guardian, January 14, 2023



EVENT

Britain plans to send tanks to Ukraine, Rishi Sunak has confirmed, in a move that will heap further pressure on Germany to approve a wider delivery of the vehicles this week. In a call with Ukraine's president Volodymyr Zelensky, the prime minister confirmed for the first time that it was Britain's intention to provide a small number of Challenger 2 tanks to help push back Russia's invasion. It would make Britain the first western power to supply the Ukrainians with main battle tanks, which would be used to help train Ukrainian troops. The push is taking place so that Ukrainian soldiers have sufficient training before a possible offensive in the spring. The US defence secretary Lloyd Austin will meet his German counterpart Christine Lambrecht in Berlin at the end of the week. After a phone call between Sunak and Zelensky, a spokesperson for the prime minister said the offer of Challenger 2 tanks and additional artillery systems was a sign of the UK's "ambition to intensify our support to Ukraine".

COMMENT

We have long looked for the time when the king of the south (US/UK) would "push" against Gog, the latter day king of the north. Daniel 11 verse 40 tells us this will happen "at the time of the end". The word "push" means to "gore" as an animal with a horn goring someone. It isn't fatal but it is painful. So the "push" of the king of the south against Gog doesn't kill him – but it does cause him pain. Which is why we have called it a military provocation. We notice how the word "push" is used in this exact context in the article this week. It isn't only the push that causes Gog to come down. It is also a pull. The pull is when God puts hooks in Gog's jaws to come down to Israel and take a spoil. It is the combination of both the push and the pull the causes Gog to descend south...

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.
(Daniel 11:40)

Russia Now Moving to Treat Ukraine as Major Conventional War

Newsweek, January 16, 2023



EVENT

More than 11 months after Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered a full-scale invasion of neighboring Ukraine, his administration is moving to treat his "special military operation" as an all-out war, according to the Institute for the Study of War (ISW). When Putin's troops crossed the Russia-Ukraine border on February 24, 2022, Kremlin officials justified the provocation by saying its campaign sought to eliminate "neo-Nazis" in the country, and that Russia had "no choice" but to protect Russians living in Ukraine's Donetsk and Luhansk regions. But last month, as Russia faced staggering losses and military setbacks, the Russian leader called the conflict a "war" for the first time since the invasion began. In its latest assessment of the war in Ukraine, the ISW, a U.S.-based think tank, said on Sunday that the Kremlin is "belatedly taking personnel mobilization, reorganization, and industrial actions it realistically should have" before launching its invasion last year. Russia is now "taking steps to conduct the 'special military operation' as a major conventional war," the think tank assessed.

COMMENT

Some may wonder if Russia might be the king of the north power that comes down to Israel as it is strugglingly to even take fairly limited territory on its immediate borders. However, we have not seen anywhere close to the total military power Putin could invoke if he wanted to. Russia has 2 million reservists and so far only a fraction have been called on. Putin has until now only called the invasion of Ukraine a "special military operation". However analysts believe he may soon declare all out war on Ukraine. This would enable him to call him hundreds of thousands of additional troops. Putin will never back down and will continue until he has something he can call a military success...

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)