

# This Week's Developments

August 7 - 13, 2022

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# Historic drought threatens to cripple European trade

Bloomberg, August 10, 2022



## EVENT

From the **Rhine to the Danube**, waterways are failing at the worst possible moment as the climate crisis worsens. In the midst of an arid summer that set heat records across Europe, the continent's rivers are evaporating. **The Rhine** — a pillar of the German, Dutch and Swiss economies for centuries — is set to become virtually **impassable at a key waypoint later this week**, stymieing vast flows of diesel and coal. **The Danube**, which snakes its way 1,800 miles through central Europe to the Black Sea, **is gummed up too, hampering grain and other trade**. Across Europe, transport is just one of the elements of river-based commerce that's been upended by climate change. France's **power crisis has worsened** because the Rhone and Garonne are too warm to effectively cool nuclear reactors. While disruptions to waterways would be a challenge at the best of times, **the region is already on the brink of recession** as Russia's invasion of Ukraine fuels inflation by squeezing food and energy supplies.

## COMMENT

We know that God controls the weather and can brings about his plan and purpose using it. We have seen in recent years how the weather has impacted elections in the USA and even the referendum with Brexit. **We now see an historic drought in Europe at the same time the continent is destabilised by the war in Ukraine**. This isn't a coincidence – it is providence. Providence in the sense that it is God preparing the world for his kingdom which means the demise of worldly kingdoms. This drought is exacerbating the energy crisis in the EU. It actually strengthens Russia's hand and in turn emboldens Putin. But it **also pushes Germany and France to speed up finding new ways of suppling their energy**. A sense of crisis is in the air-the time of trouble is at hand

## BIBLE QUOTE

Therefore the heavens above you withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit. **For I [God] called for a drought on the land** and the mountains, on the grain and the new wine and the oil, on whatever the ground brings forth, on men and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands.”

(Haggai 1:10-11)

# Plight of Ukraine's wheat farmers threatens a world famine

The Times, August 11, 2022



## EVENT

Half of Ukraine's grain farmers will not sow their crops next year unless exports under a deal brokered by the United Nations with Russia **are drastically stepped up**, the nation's largest agricultural lobby has told The Times. If the situation does not improve, some of the **world's poorest economies in northern Africa, as well as crisis-hit states in the Middle East and Asia, could be the worst affected in future**. Until Russia's invasion, Ukraine provided more than 30.9 per cent of Egypt's grain, 11.7 per cent of Morocco's, 7.7 per cent of Yemen's and 7 per cent of Bangladesh's, the British government said. "In these countries, families spend **50 per cent of their budget for food** and they will be going hungry. If we cannot export more there will be local conflict in those countries and a new wave of migration to Europe," one official said. **Many farmers in Ukraine cannot afford to grow new produce**, raising the prospect of famines in parts of Africa and the Middle East.

## COMMENT

Jesus says that before he returns there will be **war, pestilences (plague/disease), earthquakes and famines**. Possibly the greatest impact of the war on Ukraine **is the famine that threatens much of the developing world and the Middle East**. Ukraine is the bread basket of Europe. Ukraine is usually the world's fourth-largest grain exporter. It normally produces 42% of the world's sunflower oil, 16% of its maize and 9% of its wheat. And much of it goes to poor countries. Without this grain these nations could quickly destabilise as happened before in the Arab Spring. Egypt could be the hardest hit as it takes over 30% of its grain from Ukraine. Ancient Egypt was once hit by famine at the time of Joseph. **It was so severe that eventually the people had to give Pharaoh their lands as money failed. Egypt (the world) will also be forced to turn to Jesus....**

## BIBLE QUOTE

Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because **the famine prevailed over them**: so the land became Pharaoh's. This actual event is an allegory of what is to come. **Joseph is type of Jesus. Pharaoh is type of God. Egypt is type of the world. Mankind will be forced after the tribulation to hand over all to Jesus and God** (Genesis 47:20)

# Russia halts US inspections of nuclear arsenal

BBC, August 12, 2022



## EVENT

Russia has told the US it has "temporarily" suspended on-site inspections of its strategic nuclear weapons, under an arms control treaty known as New START. The Russian foreign ministry said the US was seeking advantages and had deprived Russia of the right to carry out inspections on US territory. It said US sanctions imposed on Russia over Ukraine had changed conditions between the countries. The treaty came into force in 2011. It is the last remaining arms reduction agreement between the former Cold War rivals. It caps at 1,550 the number of long-range nuclear warheads that each country can deploy. The ministry said the suspension was allowed under the treaty terms "in exceptional circumstances". The suspension comes a week after US President Joe Biden said he was ready to work on a new nuclear arms deal with President Vladimir Putin. The current one will expire in 2026. The ministry accused the US of ignoring "existing realities" such as "the suspension of normal" air links.

## COMMENT

"New START" is a nuclear arms reduction treaty between the United States and Russia. Verification was one of the core tenets deliberated between the United States and the Russian Federation. Basically, both sides are granted 18 on-site inspections each year to ensure they are both complying with the treaty. It is these inspections that Russia has suspended. There have been many warnings on both sides that events in Ukraine could lead to World War 3. There have also been explicit warnings from Russia that it could resort to nuclear weapons. So suspending access to its sites breaks down another "prop" that is designed to prevent nuclear war. It is another step towards the king of the north versus king of the south....

## BIBLE QUOTE

And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and 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.

(Daniel 11:40)

# Israel spent months planning its killer blow on Gaza terrorists

The Times, August 8, 2022



## EVENT

Israel had been planning a “decapitation” operation against Palestinian Islamic Jihad in Gaza “for months” and was able to exploit fractures in the leadership, intelligence sources told The Times. The two sides called a ceasefire over the weekend to end three days of hostilities that left more than 40 people dead, including 15 children, in Gaza. The fighting was the worst violence in the long-running Israeli-Palestinian conflict since the 11-day war in May last year.

## COMMENT

Psalm 83 speaks of Israel’s enemies (surrounding tribes / peoples) ending up like Sisera. Sisera was a Canaanite army general who was killed with a tent peg through his head. Basically we are being told that ALL Israel’s enemies will come to a complete end. **As long as Israel is still surrounded by enemies Psalm 83 is NOT fulfilled.** Interestingly Israel has apparently “decapitated” Islamic Jihad’s entire leadership last week with 15 of its senior members killed. However, its overall leader is still alive as he was in Iran when the attacks happened. **Despite the ceasefire with Islamic Jihad another war is quickly brewing.** Israel is potentially going to start pumping gas from a new gas field on the 1<sup>st</sup> September. Hezbollah’s leader (based in Lebanon) has threatened “to cut off the arm” that “steals Lebanon’s wealth.” Hizballah and its armaments are a force to be reckoned with – far more than the Palestinian Jihad. Israel has reportedly warned that **any Hizballah action against Karish would be met with a forceful military response.** Activating the gas field therefore could precipitate a major conflict on Israel’s northern border. This we know is going to happen one day. Isaiah 17 explains this conflict in detail....

## BIBLE QUOTE

They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. ....the Philistines **with the inhabitants of Tyre**; Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah. Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison: **Tyre is stronghold of Hezbollah** (Psalm 83:4-7)

# Ukraine Tries to Blow Up Russia's Grip on Crimea

FP, August 10, 2022



## EVENT

Ukrainian officials described punishing strikes into the heart of Russia's military supply base in occupied Crimea on Tuesday that destroyed more than a half-dozen [nine] jets and utterly wrecked a Russian airfield as the first phase in the long-awaited Ukrainian counteroffensive to retake the country's southern region. The Ukrainian counterattack included apparent strikes on bridges connecting Russian-occupied Crimea to the Ukrainian mainland, sparking a mass exodus of Russians. Ukrainian officials said the strikes into Crimea have two goals: to cut Russian supply lines reinforcing occupying troops in Kherson and to prevent long-range missile attacks from the peninsula fired deep into Ukraine. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky vowed that the Crimean Peninsula would be in Ukrainian hands at the end of the war. "This Russian war against Ukraine and against the entire free Europe began with Crimea and must end with Crimea—with its liberation," Zelensky said.

## COMMENT

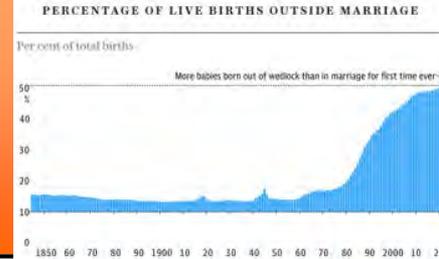
The truth is that we really don't know exactly how this war will play out, but we do know the big picture. The K of N coalition that the Bible identifies involves more than just Russia & its current allies. It is represented by the whole image standing, not on one leg, but on both. It is the east & the west, but, as the Roman Empire consisted of the eastern emperor lending power to the papacy of western portion, that will be the circumstance again, the two legs & feet together with the "ten toes" (Europe). We see today the very countries that will be part of the K of N. i.e., Ukraine (Ros) & Magog being under severe pressure from famine & from Russian aggression; while Russia itself is in a weakened state, economically bankrupt & having lost 232 aircraft & 193 helicopters & 43,000 soldiers since Feb 24. It will be a survival of the strongest, but at the end of it we expect to see the K of N in full array, led by "Gog" of the land of Magog (Germany, Poland, Austria, etc), Prince of Ros (Ukraine), Meshech & Tubal (Russia), with Gomer (France), Iran, Syria, Rome, N Africa, etc coming down on Israel to be confronted by the "King of Kings".

## BIBLE QUOTE

Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought: And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,  
(Ezekiel 38:10-11)

# More babies born out of wedlock than into married families for first time on record

The Telegraph, August 9, 2022



## EVENT

More babies were born out of wedlock in 2021 than into married families for the first time on record, official data show. Figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) show that there were 624,828 live births in England and Wales last year with slightly more males than females, as is the norm. However, more than 320,000 were outside a marriage or civil partnership, compared to around 304,000 in marriage. The data show that 51.3 per cent of live births were not to married couples – the first time it has been a majority since records started in 1845. The proportion of births out of wedlock was less than one in 10 until 1978, topped a quarter in 1988 and has been 40 per cent or higher since the turn of the millennium. It is symptomatic of a changing society as people get married later, have fewer children and have children at an older age.

## COMMENT

For over 150 years (since records began in the UK) only 10% of babies were born out of wedlock. Then suddenly from the 1980's the percentage born outside wedlock began to rapidly increase. There has been a long-term trend of declining marriages and an increase of couples living together. Meanwhile younger people are having fewer children. On top of this divorce rates around the world are increasing for those who are married especially since the COVID pandemic. All this paints a picture of a breakdown in society. God's design and plan for stable families is for one man to marry one woman and stay together for life. Marriage provides that legal stability for each other and for the children. God said at the very beginning (Genesis chapter 2:24) that a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

## BIBLE QUOTE

For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Marriage is symbolic itself of Jesus marrying the church (saints) when he returns. A rejection of marriage is actually a rejection of this incredible future event...  
(Ephesian 5:31-32)

## ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

2022-08-12 **Israel-Russia Tensions SURGE as Iran Trains Kremlin on Advanced Drones** - Watchman - 9.17 min - YouTube

2022-08-11 **Threat of nuke disaster- Russian forces fire 80 rockets from nuclear plant site** - Gravitas- 7.45 min - YouTube

2022-08-11 **Europe faces worst drought in 500 years** - Gravitas - 5,59 min - YouTube

2022-07-22 **BREAKING- Israel Operation Eliminates ALL Senior Islamic Jihad Leaders in Gaza** - Watchman - 9.59 min - YouTube

2022-08-07 **LIVE Israel's #Irongaza defending #Israel against #rockets from Gaza.** - By Jerusalem Dateline - 6.15 min - Facebook

2022-08-06 Israel TARGETED by HUNDREDS of Islamic Jihad Rockets; Tel Aviv in Range - Watchman - 9.59 min - YouTube

2022-08-04 Recession inevitable if China invades Taiwan - Gravitas - 5.28 min - YouTube

2022-08-04 Gravitas- PLA conducts precision missile strikes in Taiwan Straits - 5.58 min - YouTube

2022-08-03 Ukraine war - Warnings of a nuclear emergency - Gravitas - 4.41 min - YouTube

2022-08-01 Earth just completed a rotation in less than 24 hours! - Gravitas - 4.18 - YouTube

2022-07-29 Xi Jinping threatens Joe Biden - Gravitas - 8.49 min - YouTube

2022-07-29 Israel AIRSTRIKES Against Iran in Syria WORKING- Iran Halts Damascus Flights - Watchman - 9.23 min - YouTube

2022-07-27 Moscow to expel Jewish agency over data theft; Russia declines talks with Israel over the issue - 3.05 min - YouTube

2022-07-26 Hezbollah Threatens WAR Against Israel Over Natural Gas; BOASTS of Missile Range - Watchman - 9.36 min - YouTube

2022-07-25 Israel & Russia TENSIONS RISING as Putin Targets Jewish Organizations - Watchman - 11.09 min - YouTube

Snam Natural Gas Atlas

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

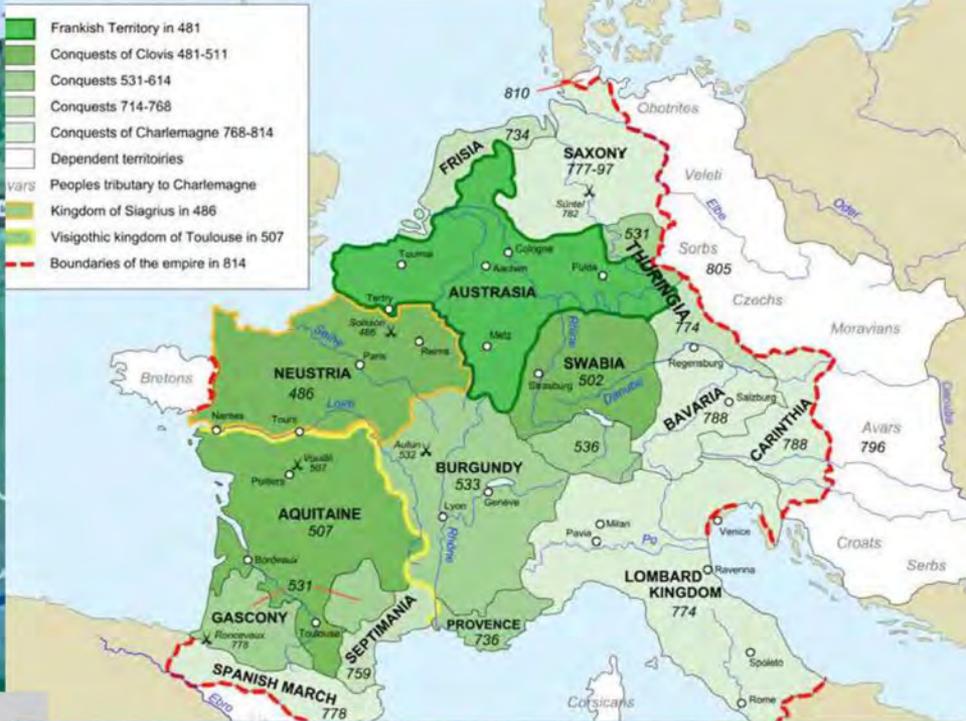
Animated Map - Indo-European migrations - File-Indo-European migrations.gif - Wikipedia

# 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 \*



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

DEDAN  
SHEBA

ETHIOPIA

AUSTRALIA

*Legend HandOut*

# 51% OF BABIES WERE BORN OUTSIDE MARRIAGE IN 2021

■ Live births within marriage or civil partnership ■ Live births outside marriage or civil partnership

