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Labour's Israel-Gaza Stance: Potential Impact on UK Foreign Relations

CNN, July 5, 2024



EVENT

Despite Labour's landslide win in the UK general election, the party lost several seats after a strong showing from pro-Palestinian independent candidates, in a sign of anger towards Keir Starmer over Labour's position on Israel's war in Gaza. In many respects, the position of the Labour Party on Gaza seems to differ only mildly from that of the current government. However, despite the similarity between the outward content of Labour and Conservative statements, the new labour government may be more willing to act on them. Labour have codified their commitment to both an immediate ceasefire and recognition in their manifesto. Labour's manifesto committed to "recognising a Palestinian state as a contribution to a renewed peace process. A commitment to certain foreign policy objectives is a part of their mandate to govern. The Conservatives, on the other hand, have frequently and explicitly signaled their reluctance on these measures to the electorate.

COMMENT

We look at any change of government with Bible in hand. Not because we are political or vote (baptised brothers and sisters are in fact strangers and pilgrims). Another way of understanding a "pilgrim" is a "resident foreigner". No foreigner is allowed to vote in an election. You have to be a citizen of that country. We are of course citizens of a different country. The coming Kingdom of God. So Labour are the new government of the UK. Interestingly Kier Starmer's wife is Jewish. In the Starmer household Jewish traditions are actively observed and cherished. So although the Labour party itself is generally anti Israel their leader clearly has a Jewish leaning. We know Tarshish will be allied to Israel at the end – however we also know that the alliance will be weak. We watch events...

BIBLE QUOTE

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that **they were strangers and pilgrims [resident foreigners]** on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: (Hebrews 11:13-16)

Hezbollah says one of its top commanders killed in Israeli air strike

Independent, July 3, 2024

VOA

Israeli Airstrike
Kills Hezbollah
Commander in
Lebanon



EVENT

An Israeli strike in southern Lebanon on Wednesday killed a senior Hezbollah commander as tensions between the two sides continue to boil. **The strike near the southern coastal city of Tyre** took place as global diplomatic efforts have intensified in recent weeks to prevent escalating clashes between Hezbollah and the Israeli military from spiraling into an all-out war that could possibly lead to a direct confrontation between Israel and Iran. A Hezbollah statement identified the killed commander as Mohammad Naameh Nasser, who went by the name “Abu Naameh,” his nom de guerre. A Hezbollah official speaking anonymously in line with regulations, said he was head of the group's Aziz Unit, one of three regional divisions in southern Lebanon. Hezbollah launched rockets on northern Israel a day after a Hamas surprise attack on southern Israel in October, leading to limited clashes along the tense border. The attacks have since gradually escalated, with Hezbollah introducing new weapons in their attacks.

COMMENT

Hezbollah says it will stop its attacks once there is a cease-fire in the Gaza Strip. Until then, it says it will continue with its attacks to pile pressure on Israel. As each day goes by the attacks and counter attacks get worse and this could easily spiral into full blown war. There is talk this week that Hamas has offered Israel a ceasefire deal that is far closer to what Israel has demanded. However, Israel is still not backing down on the fact that Hamas must be destroyed. With Bible in hand we know that Israel's nearby enemies will ALL be removed at some point during the inner ring war. Therefore we also know that at some point this tit for tat conflict with Israel and Hezbollah will develop into full war...

BIBLE QUOTE

6 In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and **they shall devour all the people round about**, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem.

(Zechariah 12:6)

Hezbollah claims it has fired 200 rockets into Israel in one of largest barrages yet

Sky News, July 4, 2024



EVENT

Militant group Hezbollah has said it has fired 200 rockets into Israel in one of its largest barrages yet. The Iran-backed organisation claimed it launched the attack on 10 Israeli military sites using a "squadron of drones". Tensions have been boiling around the border between Israel and Lebanon in recent weeks. The Israeli military said "numerous projectiles and suspicious aerial targets" had entered its territory, many of which it said were intercepted. The barrage of rockets is believed to be in retaliation for a strike that killed one of Hezbollah's senior commanders. Israel's military acknowledged on Wednesday it had killed Mohammad Naameh Nasser, who headed one of Hezbollah's three regional divisions in southern Lebanon, a day earlier. Mr Nasser, killed by an airstrike **near the coastal city of Tyre in southern Lebanon**, was one of the most senior Hezbollah commanders to die in the conflict.

COMMENT

The US and France are continuing to scramble to prevent the skirmishes from spiralling into an all-out war, which they fear could spill over across the region. The fighting has displaced tens of thousands of people on both sides of the border. Everyone is extremely nervous about a full blown Israel versus Hezbollah conflict. This is because Hezbollah has enough missiles and rockets to overwhelm Israel's defences. Israel would undoubtedly win the war but at a great cost. The north of Israel especially would not escape unharmed. Isaiah 17 tells us this. We are told that when Damascus comes to an end (during the inner ring war) that the fortress in Ephraim (code for northern Israel) will fail. Also, that the "glory of Jacob (Israel) will be made thin." So, Israel will suffer greatly itself BUT will prevail. A temporary peace deal will then be put in place....

BIBLE QUOTE

The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria: they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, saith the LORD of hosts. And in that day it shall come to pass, that **the glory of Jacob shall be made thin**, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean.

(Isaiah 17:3-4)

Russia considers SCO, BRICS backbones of new international order

Tass, July 3, 2024



EVENT

Russia places special emphasis on partnership within the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and BRICS as it considers them backbones of new international order, Kremlin Aide Yury Ushakov told a briefing. "We place great value on partnership within this [Shanghai Cooperation] organization. We consider SCO, same as the second major integration, BRICS, the key backbones of new international order, locomotives in the context of establishing genuine multilateralism in global affairs," he said. "SCO is indeed a respected interstate organization, whose activities are based on equality, mutual respect of each other's interests, solicitous attitude to national and cultural values," Ushakov said. The president's aide also noted that SCO already integrates 26 countries, including ten member-states (considering Belarus that will join the organization at the summit), two observers and 14 dialogue partners. Beijing will assume the rotating chairmanship of the SCO for 2024-2025, he added. "We will closely cooperate with our Chinese partners. The more so as this year, for the rest of the year, Russia chairs BRICS, meaning China will chair one organization starting July while Russia [will chair] the other one," he said.

COMMENT

While the Western world is involved in its politics, elections - something else is going on which is almost escaping western media attention. This past week witnessed a large international conference of the eastern partnership of nations called the SCO "Shanghai Cooperation Organization". The headlines of some of the attached print and video media almost do the comments for me: "SCO - A Growing Club Led by Xi and Putin to Counter the US"; "Xi-Putin's 2nd meeting in two months, China Russia hail expanding SCO membership". "How Would a New BRICS Currency Affect the US Dollar?" The "club" consists of 10 member states China, Russia, Iran, Belarus, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. But this "club" also involves the growing BRICS financial system which is growing closer to establishing a currency to compete with the US dollar so as to circumvent the financial strangulation of the Western sanctions. BRICS is another acronym meaning Brazil, Russia, Iran, China & South Africa. Put all this together and what we see is nothing less than Gog of the land of Magog "K of N " growing into full array, totally independent of the "K of S" nations.

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 ... Thus says the Lord GOD, "It will come about... that thoughts will come into your mind and you will devise an evil plan, and you will say, 'I will go against those who are at rest, that live securely,... to capture spoil and to seize plunder, to turn your hand against ... the people who are gathered from the nations

- Eze 38:2,10,11 NASB

Zelensky urges Trump: Tell us how you'll end Ukraine war

The Times, July 2, 2024



EVENT

President Zelensky has challenged Donald Trump to reveal his master plan for ending the war in Ukraine, which the former US president has repeatedly stated he would halt within 24 hours of entering the White House again. With Trump's chances of regaining the presidency seemingly having risen since Joe Biden's calamitous performance in the presidential debate last week, the Ukrainian leader said that he was "potentially ready" to meet with Trump, but insisted that any proposal must place his nation's sovereignty above all else. "If Trump knows how to finish this war, he should tell us today. If there are risks to Ukrainian independence, if we lose statehood — we want to be ready for this, we want to know," Zelensky said in an interview with Bloomberg in Kyiv. "They can't plan my life and [the] life of our people and our children. We want to understand whether in November we will have the powerful support of the US, or will be all alone."

COMMENT

One of Donald Trump's close foreign policy aides revealed that he had submitted a plan to the former president that would involve forcing Kyiv to the negotiating table by threatening to cut weapon supplies. At the same time, Moscow would be warned that any refusal to negotiate would result in increased US support for Ukraine. This gives some insight into Trump's declaration that he would end the war within 24 hours of coming back into power. Clearly that is rhetoric (Trump style) however if America did stop funding the Ukraine war there is no way Kyiv could continue to fight for long without US weapons and money. The Bible says that Gog (Russian ruler) will head south into Israel with a huge army. This means the Ukraine war must surely come to some negotiated stalemate at some point. Gog will have taken the last piece of Magog!

BIBLE QUOTE

And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against Gog, of the **land of Magog**, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, **Magog originally covered the eastern half of Ukraine. This is the part Putin want to take.**

(Ezekiel 38:1-3)

Iranian reformist Masoud Pezeshkian wins presidential election

The Times of Israel, July 6, 2024



EVENT

Reformist candidate Masoud Pezeshkian won Iran's runoff presidential election Saturday, besting hard-liner Saeed Jalili by promising to reach out to the West and ease enforcement on the country's mandatory headscarf law after years of sanctions and protests squeezing the Islamic Republic. Pezeshkian promised no radical changes to Iran's Shiite theocracy in his campaign and long has held Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei as the final arbiter of all matters of state in the country. He will also not lead change in Iran's contentious relations with Israel, saying after he voted on Friday that should he win, **he would "try to have friendly relations with all countries except Israel."** But even Pezeshkian's other modest aims will be challenged by an Iranian government still largely held by hard-liners. **Pezeshkian's win still sees Iran at a delicate moment, with tensions high in the Mideast over the Israel-Hamas war,** Iran's advancing nuclear program, and a looming election in the United States that could put any chance of a detente between Tehran and Washington at risk.

COMMENT

The election in Iran comes amid heightened regional tensions. In April, Iran launched its first-ever direct attack on Israel. Terrorist groups that Tehran arms in the region — such as the Lebanese Hezbollah and Yemen's Houthi rebels — are engaged in the fighting and have escalated their attacks. Iran is also enriching uranium at near weapons-grade levels and maintains a stockpile large enough to build several nuclear weapons, should it choose to do so. And Khamenei remains the final decision-maker on matters of state. So, this new so called reformist president will not change the direction of travel for Iran. God has determined Iran will be stirred up against Israel.

BIBLE QUOTE

Behold, I will stir up the Medes [Iranians] against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it. Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.

(Isaiah 13:17-18)

Only the 'Lord Almighty' could convince me to quit - Biden

BBC, July 5, 2024



EVENT

Joe Biden has said only the “Lord Almighty” can tell him to stand down, as he refused five times to say what he would do if his allies in the Democratic Party turned on him over his health. The US president, 81, gave an interview to ABC News on Friday evening that was billed as an opportunity for him to recover support after a torrid week of criticism about his mental state. In the interview, with the broadcaster George Stephanopoulos, Mr Biden repeatedly refused to say how he would react to being told by allies he should leave the presidential race. **“If the Lord Almighty said, ‘Joe get out of the race’, then I would get out of the race. But the Lord Almighty’s not coming down,”** he said. The interview did not appear to have placated Mr Biden’s critics, who have been calling for him to stand down since last Thursday. David Axelrod, a former adviser to Barack Obama who served at the same time Mr Biden was vice president, said afterwards: “The president is rightfully proud of his record. “But he is dangerously out-of-touch with the concerns people have about his capacities moving forward and his standing in this race.”

COMMENT

Joe Biden says he will only step down if God speaks to him to tell him to do so. But then he says God is “not coming down”. God we know does not have to speak directly to someone or in fact “come down” to influence events. God is the supreme being of the universe and is able to influence all events through his Holy Spirit power and his legions of angels who work invisibly in the nations on earth. The Bible is clear that God rules in the kingdoms of men and gives it to whom HE will.” This does not mean God gives it to righteous people who follow him. Sometimes God sets up over it the basest of men - because they will bring about his purpose. God may indeed remove Joe Biden....

BIBLE QUOTE

The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, the decision by the word of the holy ones, to the end that the living may know that **the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will** and sets over it the lowliest of men. [CLICK HERE](#) to download a PDF of over 25 passages in the Bible that show that God is in control of ALL leaders on earth.

(Daniel 4:17)

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

TV-7 Israel News Watchman Newscast

2024-07-06 Le Pen's investment in far-right Bardella pays off ahead of French election - Reuters

2024-07-05 US dollar's dominance secure, BRICS see no progress on de-dollarization -report - Reuters

2024-07-05 SCO- A Growing Club Led by Xi and Putin to Counter the US- - Vantage with Palki Sharma - 55.09 min - YouTube

2024-07-05 In France, three-way election battles could bring more far-right MPs - Reuters

2024-07-05 Hungary's Orban talks Ukraine peace with Putin, stirring EU outcry - Reuters

2024-07-05 'Astonished' Germany says Hungary cancelled foreign minister meeting - Reuters

2024-07-04 Xi-Putin's 2nd meeting in two months, China Russia hail expanding SCO membership - WION - 5.50 min - YouTube

2024-07-03 Shanghai Cooperation Organization- Participants, goals and key issues - AP News

2024-07-03 Israel ELIMINATES Hezbollah Commander- WHERE is Hamas Leader Sinwar - Watchman - 12.25 min - YouTube

2024-07-03 China rehearses hitting US fighter jet bases, new satellite images show - 5.36 min - YouTube

2024-07-02 World War 3 alliances are firming up- Russia-Iran-China pitted against Ukraine-Israel- WION - 6.30 min - YouTube

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2024-07-02 Russia considers SCO, BRICS backbones of new international order - Russian Politics & Diplomacy - TASS

2024-06-08 Biden aide raises possible increased deployments of U.S. strategic nuclear weapons - Reuters

2024-06-08 Benny Gantz delays statement after hostage rescue - Reuters

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2024-06-07 EU executive says Ukraine, Moldova ready to start EU accession talks - Reuters

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2024-06-06 Hezbollah ready for an 'all-out' war with Israel, says group's Deputy Chief - Gravitas - WION - 9.10 min - YouTube

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NATO PRESENCE IN EASTERN EUROPE



- Frankish Territory in 481
- Conquests of Clovis 481-511
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- Conquests 714-768
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Carolingian Empire
481-814



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



RUSSIA ("CHIEF PRINCE" = "PRINCE OF ROSH")

○ TOBOLSK (Tubal)

○ MOSCOW (Meshech)

"LION"
TARSHISH
UK

GERMANY
(LAND OF
MAGOG)

GOMER
European Economic Community

"YOUNG LIONS"
(USA,
CANADA,
ETC)

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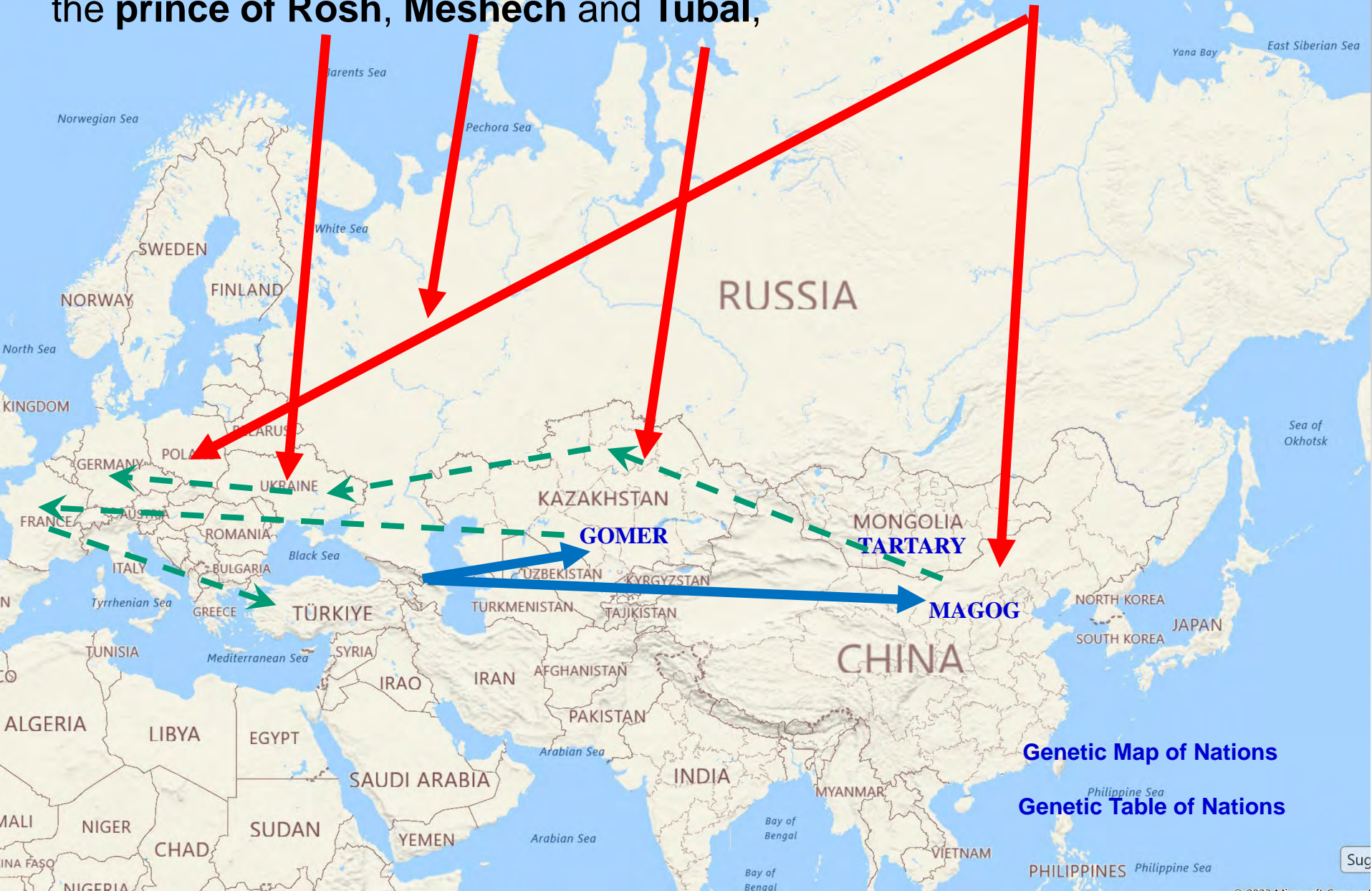
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Legend HandOut

"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)"?

This Week's Developments

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- Gaza war 'Intense phase' over. focus shifts to Lebanon
- Iran preparing to open new front in war against Israel
- US issues Iran sanctions over nuclear escalations
- Kremlin: Russia mulling downgrading ties with West
- Putin: Russia to 'comprehensively upgrade' its navy
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'Intense phase' of Israel's war in Gaza over as focus shifts to Lebanon, says Netanyahu

ITV, June 24, 2024



EVENT

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said the war against Hamas is winding down, as the country focuses on its border with Lebanon where fighting with the militant group Hezbollah is escalating. While saying the "intense" part of Israel's war in Gaza is over, Netanyahu vowed Israel would continue a military operation until Hamas was eliminated. "It doesn't mean that the war is going to end, but the war in its current stage is going to end in Rafah... we will continue mowing the grass later," Netanyahu told Channel 14 Television. Israel's military chief Lt. Gen. Herzl Halevi said, on Monday, that Israel is close to dismantling Hamas military brigades in the southern Gazan city of Rafah. **This success will mean Israel will likely turn its forces towards the Iranian-backed Hezbollah**, who began striking the country almost immediately after Hamas' October 7 cross-border attack. The fighting has intensified in recent weeks, raising fears of a full-blown war.

COMMENT

Israel is starting to divert tanks and troops from Gaza to the north in preparation for conflict with Hezbollah in Lebanon. Although Israel has still not completely destroyed Hamas what they have done is cut off all the corridors in Gaza through which Hamas got its weapons from Iran. This means they are being starved of military equipment. At some point Hamas will be completely defeated because God says the pricking briars that surround Israel will be removed. The next and most painful of those briars is based in Lebanon – the terror group Hezbollah. The war with Hezbollah will indeed be painful. Israel knows this but also knows it has to finally destroy them as it is doing with Hamas. The Bible says that God will bring a recompense on these enemies of Israel...

BIBLE QUOTE

Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre [stronghold of Hezbollah], and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine? [Palestinians / Hamas] will ye render me a recompence? and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head;

(Joel 3:4)

Iran is preparing to open a new front in its war against Israel

The Telegraph, June 27, 2024



EVENT

If, as the polls indicate, Labour will form our new government next week, it is likely that one of its first challenges will be how to respond to the eruption of full-scale hostilities between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon. With so much of the world's attention focused on the conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza, it is understandable that the escalating tensions on Israel's northern border – where Iranian-backed Hezbollah terrorists have significantly increased their attacks – have not received the attention they deserve. As one of Hamas's principal backers, Israel's systematic destruction of the terrorist infrastructure in Gaza, culminating in the latest defeat of the Rafah brigade in the south of the enclave, is nothing short of a humiliation for the ayatollahs. The hundreds of millions of dollars they have invested in constructing Hamas's terrorist network have achieved almost nothing. This might explain why Iran is encouraging Hezbollah, the other major terror organisation it funds and supports in the region, to intensify its attacks against Israel.

COMMENT

Next week Britain will have a new government. It is almost guaranteed to be a change of government if the polls are to be believed and the Conservatives who have been in power for 14 years will be swept away and a new Labour government will be installed with a huge majority. As the article above says this new government could quickly be embroiled in a major worldwide crisis if / when the Israel / Hezbollah war begins. The Labour party has historically been pro Palestinian and anti Israel. In their manifesto Labour have said they will recognise a Palestinian state. Ancient Tyre turned against Israel. Britain is modern day Tyre and they too are turning against Israel.

BIBLE QUOTE

Who hath taken this counsel against Tyre, the crowning city, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers are the honourable of the earth? The LORD of hosts hath purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory, and to bring into contempt all the honourable of the earth. **Pass through thy land as a river, O daughter of Tarshish: there is no more strength.** (Isiah 23:8-9)

US issues fresh sanctions against Iran over nuclear escalations

Reuters, June 27, 2024



EVENT

The United States on Thursday issued fresh sanctions targeting Iran in response to "continued nuclear escalations," U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in a statement. "Over the past month, Iran has announced steps to further expand its nuclear program in ways that have no credible peaceful purpose," Blinken said. "We remain committed to never letting Iran obtain a nuclear weapon, and we are prepared to use all elements of national power to ensure that outcome." Thursday's action imposes sanctions on three companies based in the United Arab Emirates the U.S. accused of being involved in the transport of Iranian petroleum or petrochemical products, as well as 11 associated vessels. Earlier this month, the Group of Seven rich nations warned Iran against advancing its nuclear enrichment program and said they would be ready to enforce new measures if Tehran were to transfer ballistic missiles to Russia.

COMMENT

The UK has elections on 4th July. Iran has snap elections following the death of Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi who died in a helicopter crash on May 19th. The second round of elections takes place on 5th July. The two candidates set to compete in the next round of elections represent opposite sides of Iran's political spectrum. One is a reformist and the other (Saeed Jalili) an ultraconservative hawk. With Bible in hand we might expect the latter to win. Saeed Jalili was lead negotiator of the landmark 2015 nuclear agreement. The Bible says that Iran will create a treacherous deal. It will lead to them besieging the Persian Gulf. Iran has made a treacherous deal around its nuclear weapons. It will break this deal and already is very close to being able to make a nuclear weapon. America can see this happening hence placing fresh sanctions on Iran.

BIBLE QUOTE

A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease.

There is a new video that explains in detail what these verse are speaking about. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch. (Isaiah 21:2)

Russia mulling downgrading ties with West, Kremlin says

Reuters, June 27, 2024



EVENT

Russia is considering a possible downgrading of relations with the West due to the deeper involvement of the United States and its allies in the Ukraine war, but no decision had yet been taken, the Kremlin said on Thursday. A downgrading of relations - or even breaking them off - would illustrate the gravity of the confrontation between Russia and the West over Ukraine after an escalation in tensions over the war in recent months. **Even during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis, when the Cold War is thought to have come closest to nuclear war, Russia did not sever relations with the United States**, though Moscow did break off ties with Israel over the 1967 Middle East war. Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov told the Izvestia newspaper that ambassadors fulfilled a difficult but important job that allowed a channel of communication to operate in troubled times. **But Ryabkov also said that a possible downgrading of ties with the West was being studied.**

COMMENT

Relations between Moscow and Washington have plunged to their lowest level since the 1962 Cuban missile crisis following Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. Diplomatic contacts between President Vladimir Putin's government and President Joe Biden's administration are now at "an absolute minimum," Moscow said last week. Russia is now indicating they are considering breaking off all ties with the US. This came after an attack on Crimea this week by Ukraine using US weapons. Russia said the United States was directly responsible for a Ukrainian attack on the Crimean peninsula with five U.S.-supplied missiles that killed four people. The Bible says that the king of the south (US) will provoke (push) at the king of the north (Gog).

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. He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown:

(Daniel 11:40-41)

Putin says Russia plans to 'comprehensively upgrade' its navy

Business Insider, June 28, 2024



EVENT

Russia has been working hard to bolster its naval capabilities, the country's leader Vladimir Putin said on Thursday. "A lot has been done in this area, as our navy is getting new ships," Putin said during a meeting on shipbuilding issues, according to Russian state media outlet TASS. **Russia's navy is set to receive more than 40 ships and boats this year, said Putin. This exceeds the 33 and 24 vessels it received in 2023 and 2022, respectively.** The boost in naval capacity, Putin said, is part of Russia's wider plans to "comprehensively upgrade the navy, including its ship, aircraft, and coastal components, as well as the infrastructure of bases." He added that the upgrades to Russia's navy will "strengthen its positions in the strategically crucial areas of the world ocean" and "drastically improve its combat potential." **The move would certainly provide a boost to Russia's navy**, which has weathered significant losses ever since the country invaded Ukraine in 2022.

COMMENT

Putin said he plans "to comprehensively upgrade the Navy, including its ship, aircraft, and coastal components, as well as the infrastructure of bases, to strengthen its positions in the strategically crucial areas of the world ocean, and to drastically improve its combat potential." Putin has put the whole country of Russia on a war footing with huge amounts of cash pouring into creating weapons of war - including warships. This is interesting of course with Bible in hand because God through the prophet Daniel specifically mentions "the king of the north" – Gog – the Russian ruler - coming with "many ships". It is clearly a key strategy of the future invasion of Israel. Putin is preparing for this time and it comes AFTER he has been "pushed" – militarily provoked.

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(Daniel 11:40)

World reacts to Trump-Biden debate

BBC, June 28, 2024



EVENT

A weak Joe Biden self-destructed in front of the whole world, while an aggressive Donald Trump told lies and mangled his sentences in a presidential debate that was like a reality show, according to international media. The verdicts of pundits from around the globe to Thursday night's televised clash in Atlanta, Georgia, between the two White House rivals was damning. From Beijing to New Delhi and beyond, the reviews were most scathing of President Biden's performance at the CNN forum, but his Republican challenger did not escape criticism. Russian media branded Biden a 'total failure'. Even before last night's debate, the main evening news shows on Russian TV on Thursday were speculating that Mr Biden would not be able to survive it. In Israel, media agreed that Mr Biden looked "weak", and theorised how a Trump presidential win would affect the ongoing Gaza war.

COMMENT

With Bible in hand we have long been saying that America and Britain would be weakened in the last days. The president of the "free world" is commander in chief of the world's most powerful army. President Biden is a personification of the physical weakness the Bible speaks of. President Trump is a personification of the moral weakness in the world. Some of the US press say that the current situation is a threat to US national security. Some say that this display of weakness is an invitation for America's enemies to attack. The world is in a perilous place. There are major wars in Ukraine and Israel with trouble on the horizon with Iran, Korea, China, Taiwan. We know that Armageddon is coming and that this will be a time of trouble such as never was. America's weakness is part of bringing this about. Psalm 58 speaks of God breaking out the great teeth of the young lions. America is one of the young lions...

BIBLE QUOTE

Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: **break out the great teeth of the young lions**, O LORD. Let them melt away as waters which run continually: when he bendeth his bow to shoot his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.

(Psalm 58:6-7)

This Week's Developments

June 16 - 22, 2024

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- Hezbollah: We'll attack Cyprus if Israel use its territory
- US assurances to Israel in event of war w/ Hezbollah
- Putin and Kim Jong-un pledge 'new multi-polar world'
- Nato in talks to deploy more nuclear weapons
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IDF approves plans for an invasion of Lebanon

Israel National News, June 18, 2024



EVENT

The Northern Command Commander, Major General Uri Gordin, and the Head of the Operations Directorate, Major General Oded Basiuk, **conducted a joint plans approval and situation assessment in the Northern Command today. As part of the situation assessment, operational plans for an attack in Lebanon were presented and approved**, and decisions were made to further accelerate the preparations by ground forces. Meanwhile, during the day, Air Force aircraft attacked UAV launch cells from Hezbollah's air unit. The unit has led dozens of attacks using explosive and reconnaissance UAVs against Israel and IDF forces. "The IDF will continue to thwart Hezbollah activities in the area," the IDF stated. Additionally, in the evening hours, Air Force fighter jets attacked several Hezbollah terror targets in southern Lebanon. Among the targets attacked were several of the organization's infrastructures in the regions of al-Taybeh, al-Adaisah, and al-Jabin, and a military building in the area of Ayta ash-Shab.

COMMENT

Israel believes it is now fighting for its very survival. Such were the horrors of October 7th and the subsequent attacks by Hezbollah and Iran there is a determination to see this through. This week Israel approved plans for a war against Lebanon – specially against Hezbollah. On Wednesday Israel Air Force (IAF) jets struck a Hezbollah military structure in the Tyre area in Lebanon, the military said. The region of Tyre is a stronghold for Hezbollah and the reason why it is specifically mentioned in the Bible. Psalm 83 speaks of a confederacy of tribes / peoples that immediately surround Israel who come together to try to destroy the nation. On the list are “the inhabitants of Tyre.” The Psalmist explains that these enemies of Israel will be totally destroyed like Sisera.

BIBLE QUOTE

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. **Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera**, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison:

(Psalm 83:6-9)

Hezbollah leader: We'll attack Cyprus if it lets Israel use territory

The Times, June 19, 2024



EVENT

The leader of Hezbollah has threatened to attack Cyprus if the European country allows Israel to use its airbases against the Lebanese militant group. Hassan Nasrallah also threatened Israel, saying “there will be no place safe from our missiles and our drones” if a full-scale war broke out after months of cross-border attacks between Hezbollah and Israel. He warned Cyprus that it would become a target if Israel used its airbases in the potential war. In a speech on Wednesday, Nasrallah said: “We have information that the Israelis, the enemy army, are conducting drills in Cyprus every year in mountainous areas that resemble south Lebanon and using Cypriot airports. We also have information that the Israelis believe that in the upcoming war the resistance will attack airports and runways, so they will use Cypriot airports.

COMMENT

This week Hezbollah has directly threatened to attack Cyprus if airbases there are used against it. Britain has two “Sovereign Base Areas” on Cyprus – known as Dhekelia in the east of the island and Akrotiri in the west – which are large, highly secretive military and intelligence installations comprising 3% of the island’s land area. RAF Akrotiri, has long been the staging post for British bombing campaigns in the Middle East, and sits 180 miles from Tel Aviv. The US airforce also conducts flights from the UK bases. This is why Hezbollah is threatening Cyprus. The Bible mentions Cyprus in the Old Testament by the ancient name Chittim. In the end time prophecy of Balaam in Numbers 34 we read that ships will come from Chittim and afflict Asshur and Eber. These places refer to Syria, Iraq and Iran. Cyprus IS going to get caught up in the conflict that is coming - soon...

BIBLE QUOTE

And he took up his parable, and said, Alas, who shall live when God doeth this! And ships shall come from the coast of Chittim, and shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish for ever. [This is a good talk on Cyprus / Kittim on the Christadelphian Bible Channel](#)
[CLICK HERE](#) to watch. (Number 24:23-24)

US offers assurances to Israel this week in the event of full-blown war with Hezbollah

CNN, June 19, 2024



EVENT

Senior US officials reassured a delegation of top Israeli officials visiting Washington this week that if a full-out war were to break out on Israel's northern border between Israel and Hezbollah, the Biden administration is fully prepared to back its ally, according to a senior administration official. The in-person assurances came as an increase in cross-border attacks in recent weeks between Israel and the Iran-backed group Hezbollah have intensified concerns about the possible outbreak of another full-fledged conflict in the Middle East – and also as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has publicly accused the US of withholding weapons and ammunition from his country, touching off a tense back-and-forth between Israeli and US officials. When discussing the issue of Hezbollah's provocations, US officials made clear this week that the Biden administration would offer Israel the security assistance it needs, the senior administration official said, though the US would not deploy American troops to the ground in such a scenario.

COMMENT

This is an important development that Israel requires if it is to go to war against Hezbollah. The conflict with this terror group will be on an altogether different scale than the war against Hamas. In chess terms – Hamas is like a pawn whereas Hezbollah is like the Queen. Hezbollah are the most heavily armed, most powerful non state actor in the world. But they are to be removed in the inner ring war. It is why they are NOT mentioned in Ezekiel 38 – nor are the Palestinians, Syria or Hamas. They have all been removed to create the circumstances of temporary peace described in this chapter. Only then does Gog (Russia) descend. It is during the conflict with Hezbollah that the US / UK might well get involved to offer assistance in the destruction of terror group.

BIBLE QUOTE

And they shall dwell safely therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence, **when I have executed judgments upon all those that despise them round about them**; and they shall know that I am the LORD their God. **Round about means encircling and nearby**
(Ezekiel 28:26)

Putin and Kim Jong-un pledge 'new multi-polar world'

The Times, June 17, 2024



EVENT

Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on Wednesday signed a new partnership agreement that includes a pledge of mutual support in the event of an attack on either country in a summit that took place amidst escalating tensions between both nations and the West. Kim said that the "fiery friendship" between Moscow and Pyongyang is now even stronger than during Soviet times, as this partnership could represent the strongest bond since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. Kim said the agreement was the "strongest ever treaty" between the two countries, elevating the relationship to the level of an alliance, and pledged full support for Russia's war in Ukraine. Putin referred to it as a "breakthrough document" that reflects their shared desire to take relations to a higher level. Kim emphasized the peaceful and defensive nature of the agreement, saying, "**I have no doubt it will become a driving force accelerating the creation of a new multipolar world.**"

COMMENT

Vladimir Putin and Kim Jong Un have signed an agreement pledging that Russia and North Korea will help each other in the event of "aggression" against either country. Kim pledged "full support and solidarity to the Russian government, army and people in carrying out the special military operation in Ukraine". North and South Korea is actually a relic of the Cold War. The North is backed by Russia. The South is backed by America. The North turned to Communism. The South turned to Capitalism. The reality is it that it is a standoff between the King of the North (Russia) and the King of the South (US). The Bible says that the king of the north will come against the king of the south. Although this is centred on Israel it is highly likely conflict will also occur in Korea

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. He shall enter also into the glorious land, and **many countries shall be overthrown:**

(Daniel 11:40-41)

Nato in talks to deploy more nuclear weapons

The Telegraph, June 16, 2024



EVENT

Nato is in talks to deploy more nuclear weapons in the face of a growing threat from Russia and China, the head of the alliance has said. Jens Stoltenberg added that the bloc must show its nuclear arsenal to the world to send a direct message to its foes in an interview with The Telegraph. He revealed there were live consultations between members on taking missiles out of storage and placing them on standby as he called for transparency to be used as a deterrent. Mr Stoltenberg said: "I won't go into operational details about how many nuclear warheads should be operational and which should be stored, but we need to consult on these issues. "That's exactly what we're doing at Nato, for instance at meetings in Nato, a nuclear planning group as we had during the defence ministerial meeting this [last] week." Mr Stoltenberg said nuclear transparency should be the cornerstone of Nato's nuclear strategy to prepare the alliance for what he described as a more dangerous world.

COMMENT

Jens Stoltenberg is the head of NATO. He has been in position for the last decade. Ten years ago nuclear nuclear exercises were conducted in complete secrecy. Now he openly praises a number of its 32 allies for contributing to the deterrent. This is not going down well with Russia. The Kremlin said on Monday (following the NATO chief's remarks that the military alliance was holding talks on deploying more nuclear weapons) that it was an "escalation of tension". The world has become a far more dangerous place and it can be dated from Russia's invasion of Ukraine. It was the biggest attack by one state against another in Europe since World War Two. The Bible says a time of trouble is coming to the world. The labour pains are surely underway...

BIBLE QUOTE

For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

(1 Thessalonians 5:2-3)

Putin makes cousin's daughter deputy defence minister

The Times, June 17, 2024



Putin Names Cousin's Daughter Deputy Defense Minister

EVENT

President Putin has appointed his cousin's daughter as one of Russia's deputy defence ministers. Anna Tsivileva was announced by presidential decree on Monday as one of the replacements for four deputy defence ministers who were fired. Tsivileva, 52, is the daughter of Putin's late cousin, Yevgeny Putin. She is married to Sergei Tsivilev, Russia's minister of energy. She will reportedly be responsible for overseeing social and housing support in the defence ministry. "This area of activity is well known to Anna Evgenievna [Tsivileva] from the experience of creating and managing the activities of the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation," a statement from the ministry said. The foundation was established by Putin to support the Russian soldiers active in the invasion of Ukraine. According to the Russian investigative outlet The Insider, it has raised some 10 billion roubles (£89 million) for "military purposes".

COMMENT

This may not seem like big news – Putin appointing his cousin's daughter to deputy defence minister. Putin began his political career at St Petersburg. There were a group around him at that time. Putin has rewarded those who have remained close to him – colleagues, friends and family. This is the group that runs Russia. Putin's lawyer became prime minister of Russia. His former deputy also served as prime minister. His chief of staff at the town hall in St Petersburg now runs Russia's anti drug agency. His former assistant now runs the biggest oil company in the world. His former economist now runs the biggest gas company in the world. And so it goes on. Daniel 11:39 says that Gog (Russian ruler) will "honor those who submit to him, appointing them to positions of authority and dividing the land among them as their reward." It is happening.

BIBLE QUOTE

He will honor those who submit to him, **appointing them to positions of authority and dividing the land among them as their reward.** The king from verse 36-39 is describing Gog himself. Ezekiel 38 tells us where Gog lives. Daniel 11 tells us what Gog is like. To understand this in more detail please watch this video [CLICK HERE](#)

(Daniel 11:36 NLT)