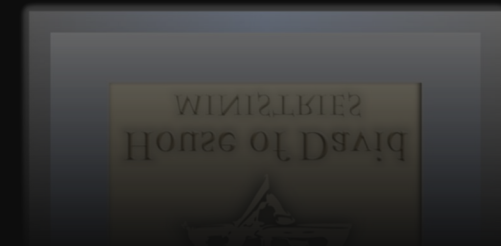
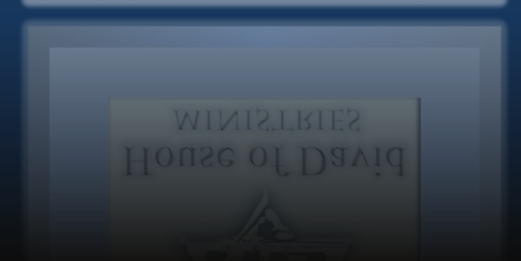


Israel, Russia, and the Middle East

April 3, 2022



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Russia & Ukraine





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Ukraine's Spiritual Independence



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- ❖ The battle for Ukraine's spiritual independence has deep roots in the region's religious history.
- ❖ A trusted advisor of President Vladimir Putin, Patriarch Kirill preached: "We have entered into a struggle that has not a physical, but a metaphysical significance."

Salvation of Ethnic Russians



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- ❖ He portrayed the war as a struggle “for the eternal salvation” of ethnic Russians.
- ❖ In one limited sense, Patriarch Kirill is correct: The conflict in Ukraine is a conflict with deeply rooted religious significance.

An Inalienable Part of Russia's History



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- ❖ Putin claimed that Ukraine is “an inalienable part of our own history, culture, and spiritual space.”
- ❖ Putin’s claim reflects a commonly held interpretation of the history of Orthodox Christianity in Russia.

Putin's Religious Spirit



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One Christian Kingdom

❖ Putin believes Russians and Ukrainians are *one* people who originate from the same Christian kingdom that came into being in the 10th century.



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Prince Volodymyr Established Christianity



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- ❖ Prince Volodymyr I of Kyiv accepted Christianity in A.D. 988 and established a devout kingdom that became the predecessor to the modern states of Ukraine and Russia.



The Eastern Roman “Byzantine” Empire and Kyivan Rus'

approximate boundaries in the mid-eleventh century



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Kyivan Rus—A Power Confederation



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- ❖ Kyivan Rus' emerged as a powerful confederation of city-states during the second half of the 9th century in Eastern Europe.
- ❖ The capital of Kyivan Rus' was Kyiv on the Dnieper River, which is today the capital of Ukraine.

Russian & Ukraine's People are One



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- ❖ The name “Kyivan Rus” refers both to the state *and* its people.
- ❖ Putin has declared that Russians and Ukrainians “are one people, and Kiev is the mother of Russian cities.”

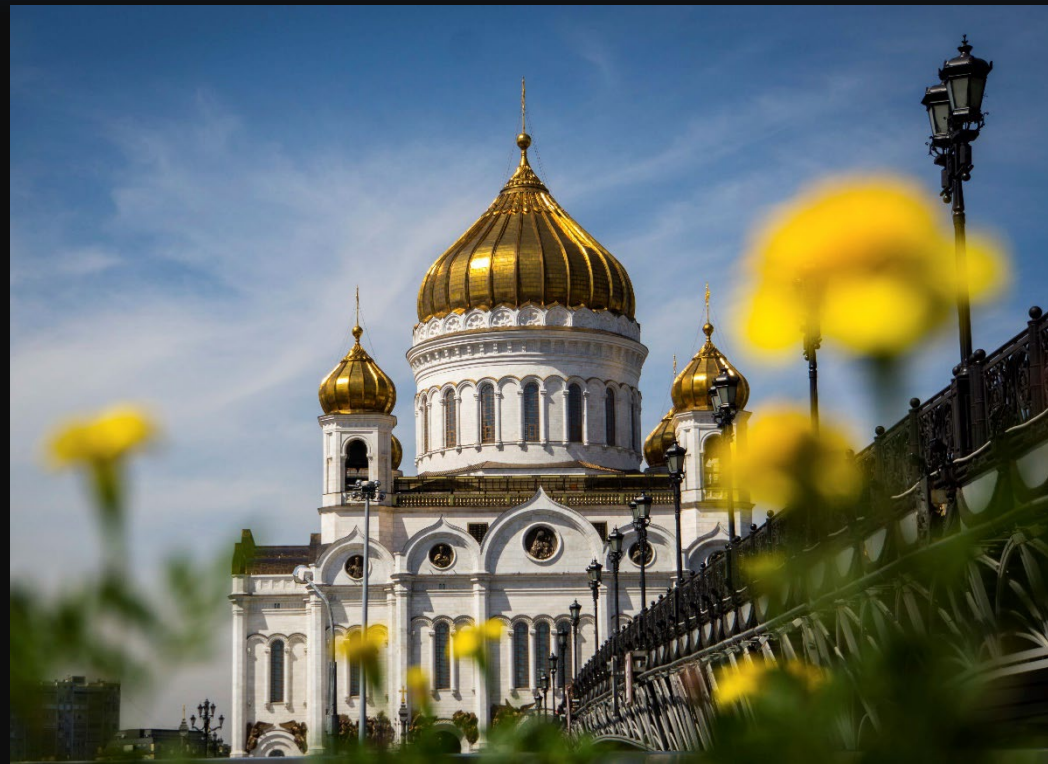
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The True Christian Church



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❖ The Orthodox Church in Moscow later asserted itself as the heir apparent for the only remaining “true” Christian church in the world.



Affiliation with Orthodox Denomination



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- ❖ Eighty percent of Ukrainians profess affiliation with an Orthodox denomination, while some ten percent of the population—particularly in western Ukraine—belong to the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

One Kievan Baptismal Font



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❖ Patriarch Kirill

stated that Ukrainians and Russians “come from one Kievan baptismal font... and share a common historical fate.”



Independent Church of Ukraine



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- ❖ In the aftermath of the Euromaidan Revolution in Kyiv in 2014, Patriarch Filaret of Kyiv chose to found an independent Orthodox Church of Ukraine without Moscow's consent and began to petition parishes around the country to change their allegiance.

Excommunication of Ukraine



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❖ Moscow responded by excommunicating Filaret and appointing their own Patriarch of Ukraine based in the eastern city of Kharkiv.





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Request for Autocephaly in Ukraine



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- ❖ By 2018, then-Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko orchestrated a petition to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I.
- ❖ Bartholomew approved the request for autocephaly in Ukraine, giving his blessing to the establishment of an independent Orthodox Church of Ukraine.

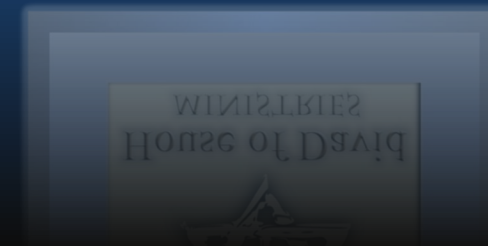
Russian Church Broke Communion

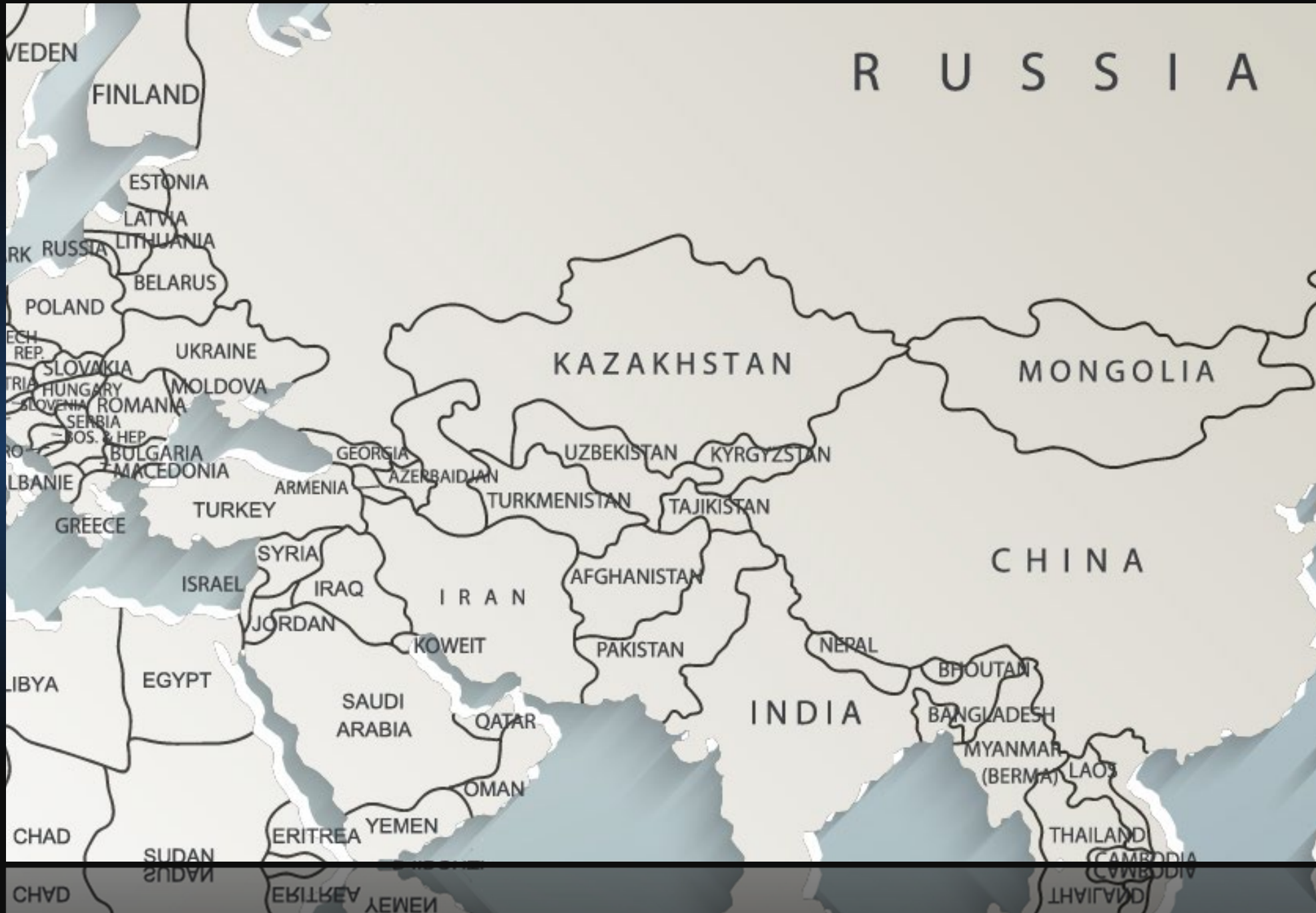


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- ❖ As a result, the Russian Orthodox Church broke communion with the Ecumenical Patriarchate.
- ❖ But the invasion has quickly undermined the position of the Moscow Patriarchate over the course of just a few weeks.

Part 2
Turkey & Russia





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Russian Invasion is a War



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- ❖ The Turkish government has designated the Russian invasion as a “war,” giving it the right under the 1936 Montreux Convention to close the Bosphorus Strait—which leads to the Black Sea—to warships.

Questionable Middle Ground



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❖ Turkey—like other countries including Israel—has sought a strategically defensible but morally questionable middle ground and has not sanctioned Russia or closed its airspace to Russian aircraft.

Interests Intertwined with Russia



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- ❖ There is some logic to this, especially after their purchase of the Russian-made air defense system known as the S-400.
- ❖ However, Turkey's interests are intertwined with Russia in other critical areas, most importantly Syria.

Prevention of Kurdish State



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- ❖ Turkey wants to prevent the emergence of a Kurdish state and maintain pressure on the People's Protection Units (YPG), a group linked to the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), which the United States and Turkey have designated a terrorist organization.

Denounced Annexation of Crimea



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- ❖ Erdogan denounced Russia's 2014 annexation of Crimea and has advocated on behalf of Crimean Tatars (a Turkic ethnic group) who have suffered under Russian rule.
- ❖ And Turkey sold armed drones to Ukraine ahead of Russia's most recent invasion.

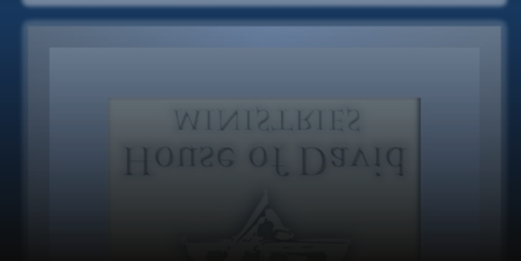
Expanding Trade with Russia & Ukraine



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- ❖ Turkey has sought to expand its trade and commercial relations with both Russia and Ukraine.
- ❖ It is also a destination for Russian tourists and an importer of its oil and gas.

Part 3
Turkey & Israel





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Work Together to Carry Natural Gas



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- ❖ Turkey and Israel can work together to carry Israeli natural gas to Europe and the two countries will discuss energy cooperation during talks next month, Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan was quoted as saying on Friday.

Condemnation of West Bank Policy



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- ❖ Ankara condemns Israel's occupation of the West Bank and its policy toward Palestinians, while Israel has called on Turkey to drop support for the militant Palestinian group Hamas which rules Gaza.

President Isaac Herzog Visited Turkey



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❖ In an apparent easing after years of animosity, Erdogan said on Thursday that Israeli President Isaac Herzog would visit Turkey in mid-March.



Joint Passage to Europe



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❖ “We can use Israeli natural gas in our country, and beyond using it, we can also engage in a joint effort on its passage to Europe,” Erdogan told reporters on a return flight from Ukraine.



Gas Supplies to Europe through Ukraine



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Source: National Gas Union of Ukraine

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Russia-Turkey Gas Pipeline Plans



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Gas Reserves in the Mediterranean



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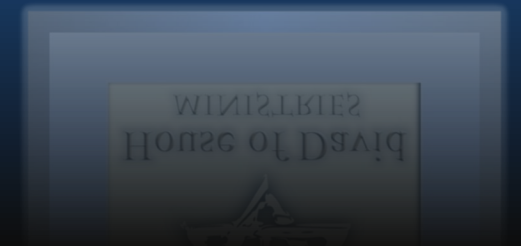
Israel-Turkey Gas Pipeline Plans



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Part 4
Turkey & Iraq





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Natural Gas Deal with Iraq



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❖ Erdogan on Wednesday met Nachirvan Barzani, the president of Iraq's semi-autonomous Kurdish region. Asked what was discussed, Erdogan said Ankara wants to sign a natural gas supply deal with Iraq and is holding talks on this.

Natural Gas Deal with Iraq



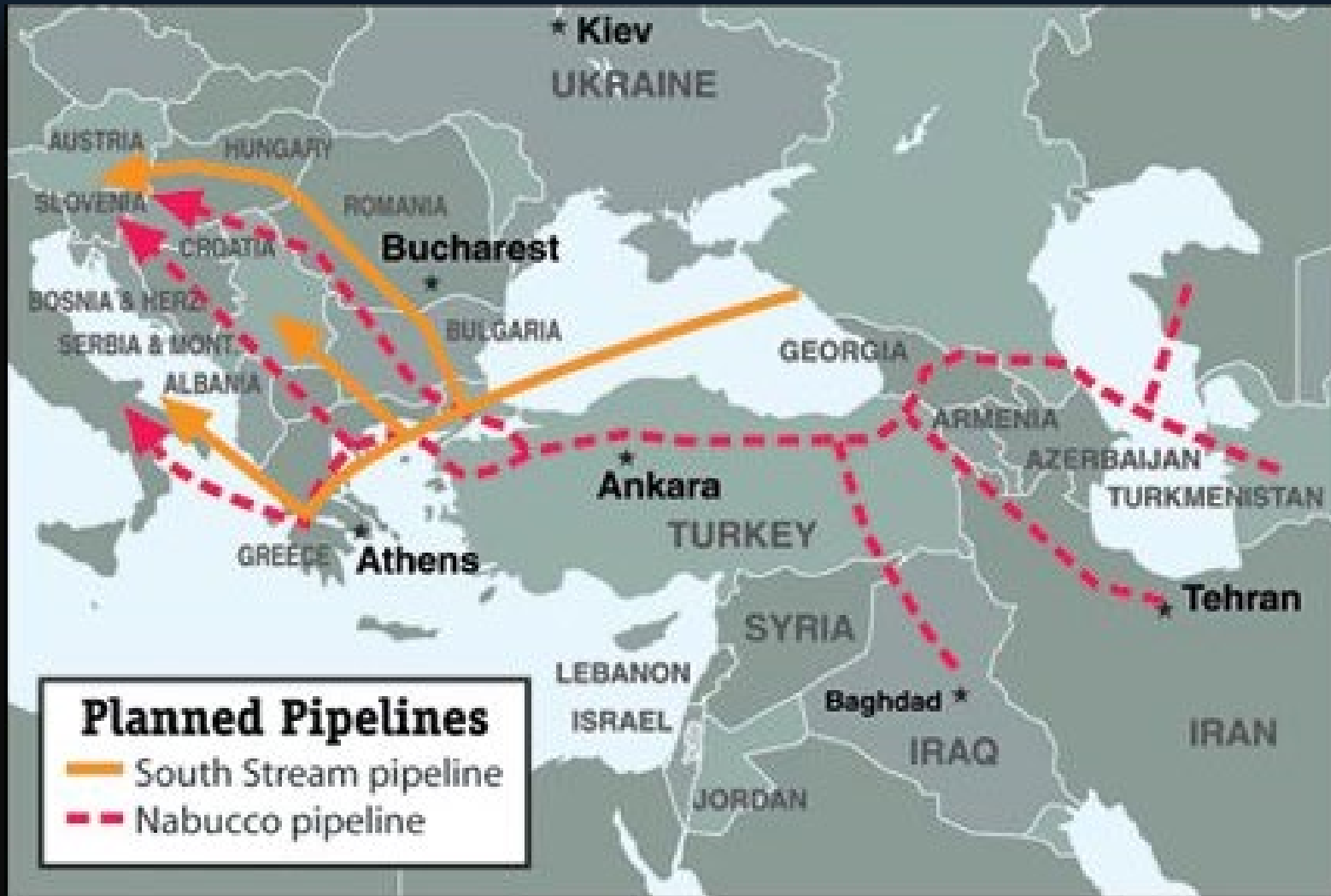
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❖ “We have now taken the Iraq issue on our agenda. We are now thinking about it. There may be a supply on the natural gas side from Iraq to Turkey,” Erdogan said, adding Barzani had promised to facilitate talks.

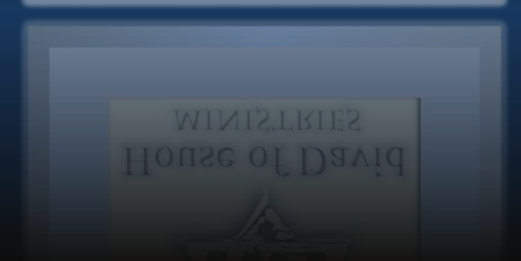
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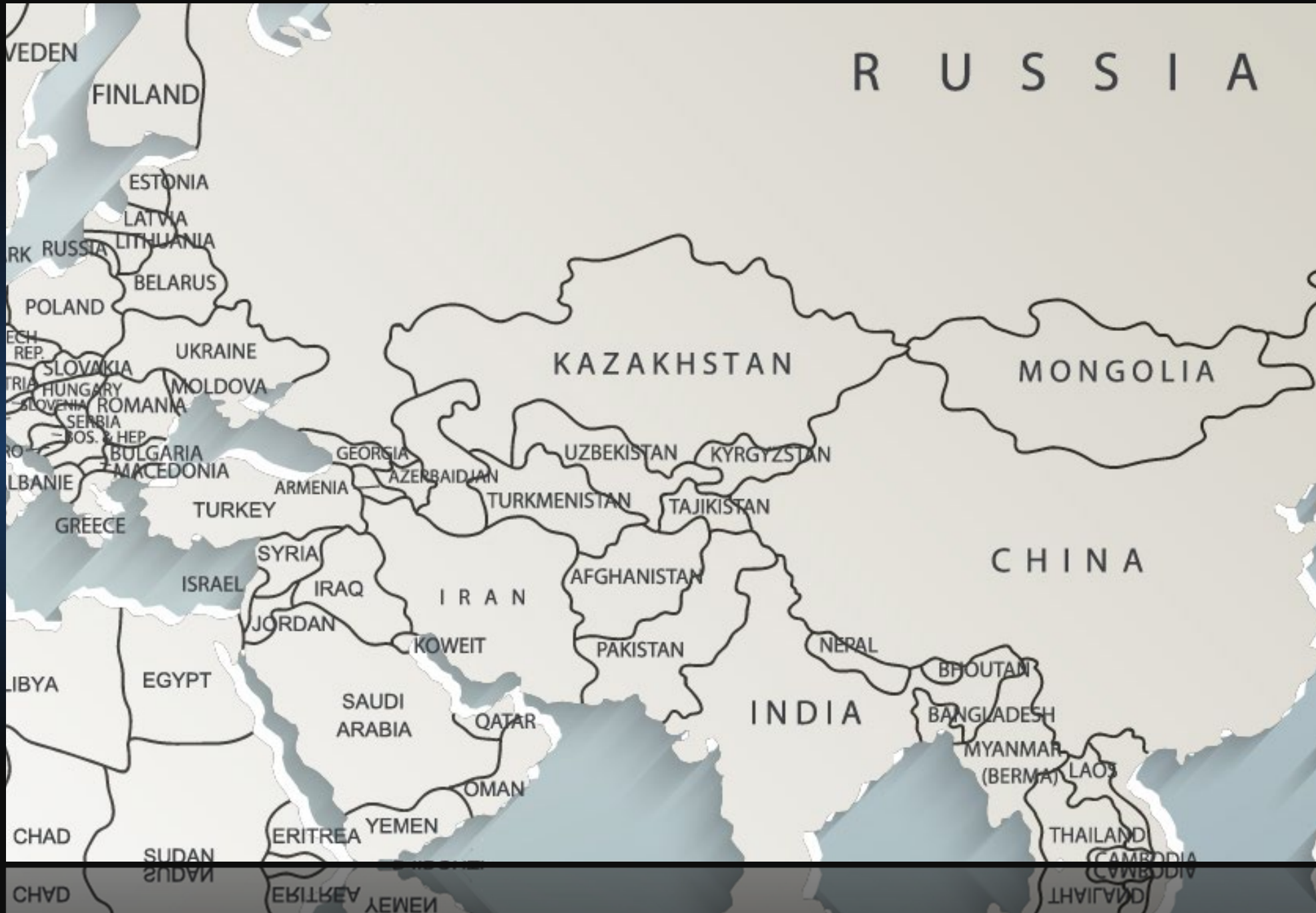


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Part 5
Russia & Israel





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Continuous Contact with Russia



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❖ “Under the leadership of Prime Minister Bennett, Israel is maintaining continuous contact with Russia and President Putin, as well as with Ukraine and President Zelensky,” he said. “We have one goal: to stop the war and prevent more suffering and victims.”

Vital Security Interests with Russia



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❖ “At the same time, Lapid continued, we have vital security interests vis-a-vis Russia on our northern border, and we are committed to the safety and security of hundreds of thousands of Jews and Israelis in Russia and Ukraine.”

Russia Controlling Syrian Border



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❖ “With Russia virtually controlling the Syrian border, it has allowed Israel to act against Iranian armaments in the area without retribution—a stance that could prove catastrophic if denied at any time. This unique situation has led to a delicate balancing act for the Israeli government.”

Israel May be Challenged in Syria



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❖ “The more this battle continues—and the need for actions and not just words will be expected by the United States vis-à-vis Israel—Jerusalem may be inclined to join a number of moves against Russia, including sanctions... or weakening diplomatic relations in some way,” he said. “This may cause Russia to challenge Israel’s ability to militarily fight from the air in Syria.”

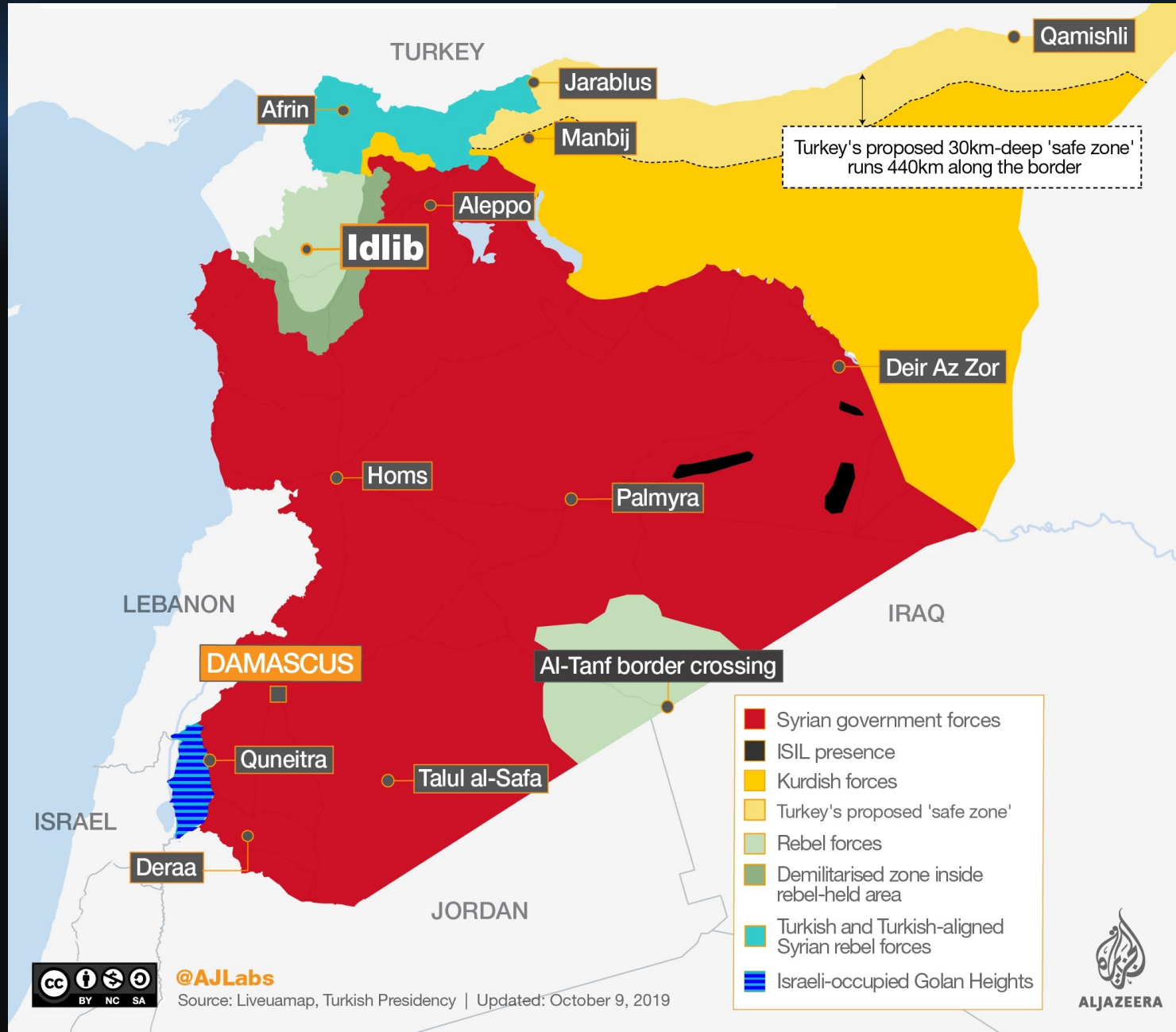
Israel Has a Border with Russia



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❖ Israel, Lapid said, has “liberal democratic values,” but also, he told the Jerusalem Post, other considerations. “We have a kind of border with Russia,” he said, by which he meant the northern border with Syria, where Russian diplomats and advisers have been increasingly entrenched since the beginning of the civil war in that nation.

Israel's Northern Border



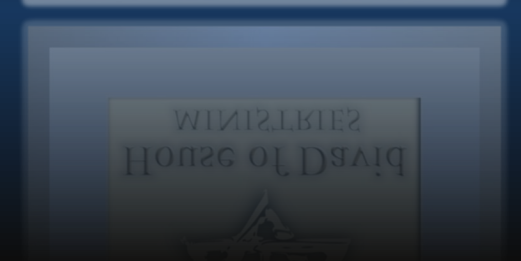
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Part 6

Saudi Arabia & UAE



Delisting the Houthis



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❖ The administration of President Joe Biden has formally delisted Yemen's Houthi movement as a "foreign terrorist organization" and "Specially Designated Global Terrorists."



A New Cold War Front



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❖ A new front of the Cold War has developed—strained relations between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia, UAE could impact American oil supply.



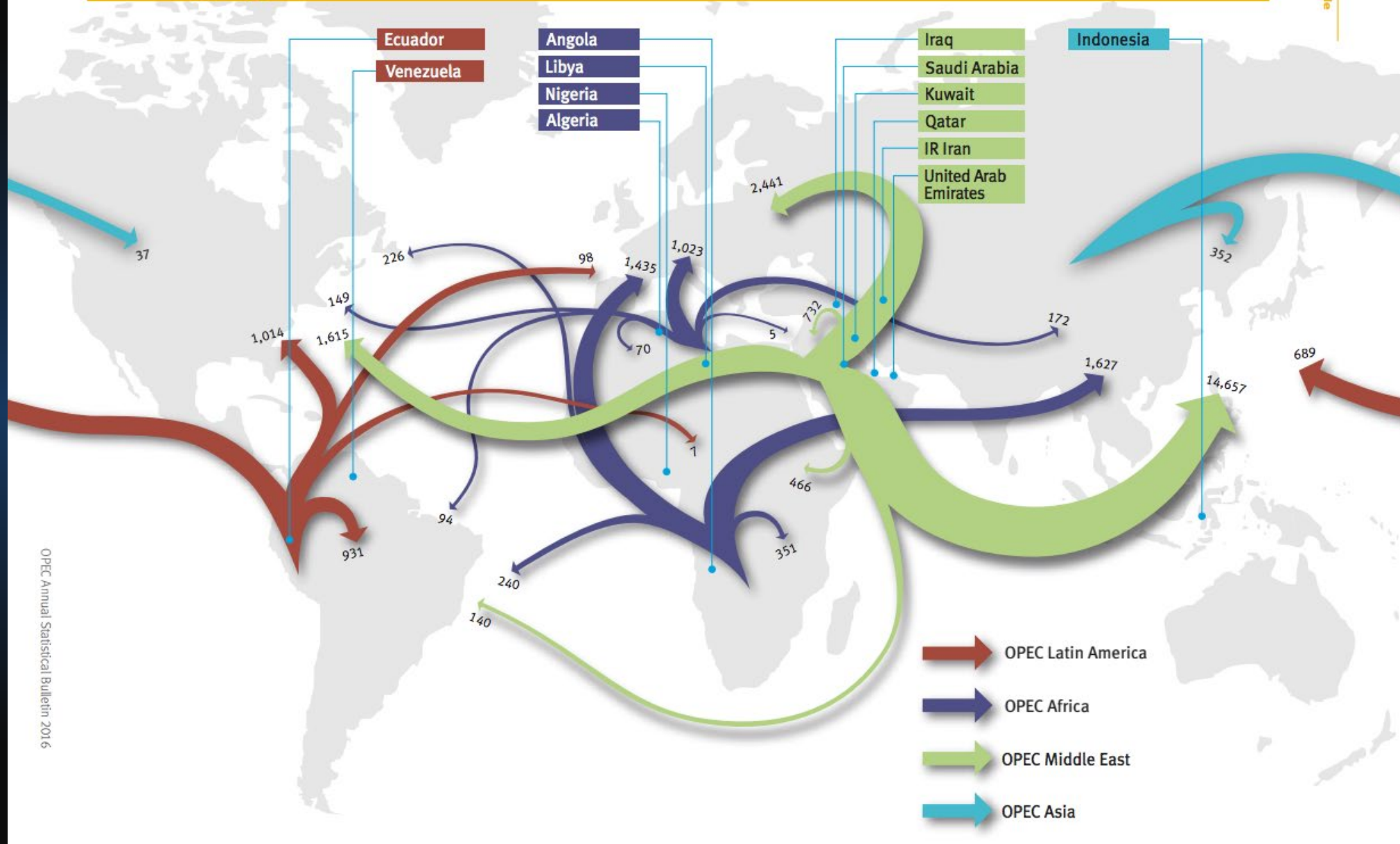
Attacks Against Saudi Arabia



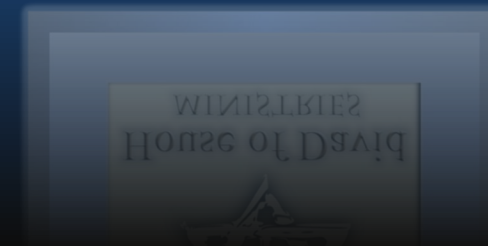
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- ❖ Yemen's Houthis said they launched attacks on Saudi energy facilities on Friday and the Saudi-led coalition said oil giant Aramco's petroleum products distribution station in Jeddah was hit, causing a fire in two storage tanks but no casualties.

Graph 5.9: OPEC Members' flows of crude and refined oil (1,000 b/d)



Part 7
Abraham Accords



Peace Treaties with Israel



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- ❖ The Abraham Accords are a series of treaties normalizing diplomatic relations between Israel, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Bahrain, Sudan, and Morocco, facilitated by the U.S. Administration between August and December 2020.

U.S. Selling Advanced Weapons



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- ❖ In a move widely seen as tied to the Abraham Accords, the U.S. agreed to sell advanced F35 warplanes to the UAE. This raised concerns among Israeli security officials that these planes could be used to threaten Israel in the future.

Palestinian Authority Outraged



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❖ The Palestinian Authority called the UAE-Israel agreement a total betrayal and attacked the UAE.



Treason, Abandonment, and Insult



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- ❖ According to a poll by the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research, 80-percent of Palestinians “describe their feelings towards [the Abraham Accords] as: treason, abandonment, and insult.”

Hamas Also Rejected Accords



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- ❖ Hamas reacted as expected, saying the agreement “served the Zionist narrative” and that Arab states should continue to engage in anti-normalization.

PROPORTION OF SHIAS BY COUNTRY

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10-25%

26-50%

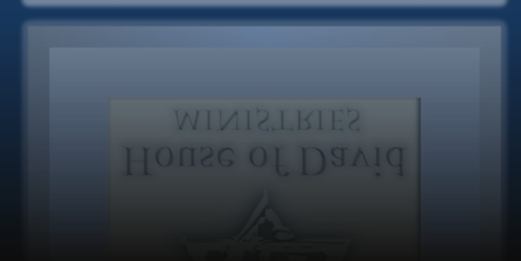
51-75%

76-100%



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Part 8
The Iran Nuclear Deal



Iran Securing Concessions



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❖ Russia's top representative at ongoing nuclear negotiations in Vienna said Iran already secured more concessions than Moscow and other powers expected. "There was no united front against Iran," he explained, implying that both Russia and China were inclined toward the Iranian position.

Russia & Iran are Natural Allies



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❖ “Iran is not an alien for us,” he asserted. “It is a neighbor with whom we want to develop an active trade and economic relations.” He described Russia and Iran as “natural allies.”



Israel's Time to Act is Now

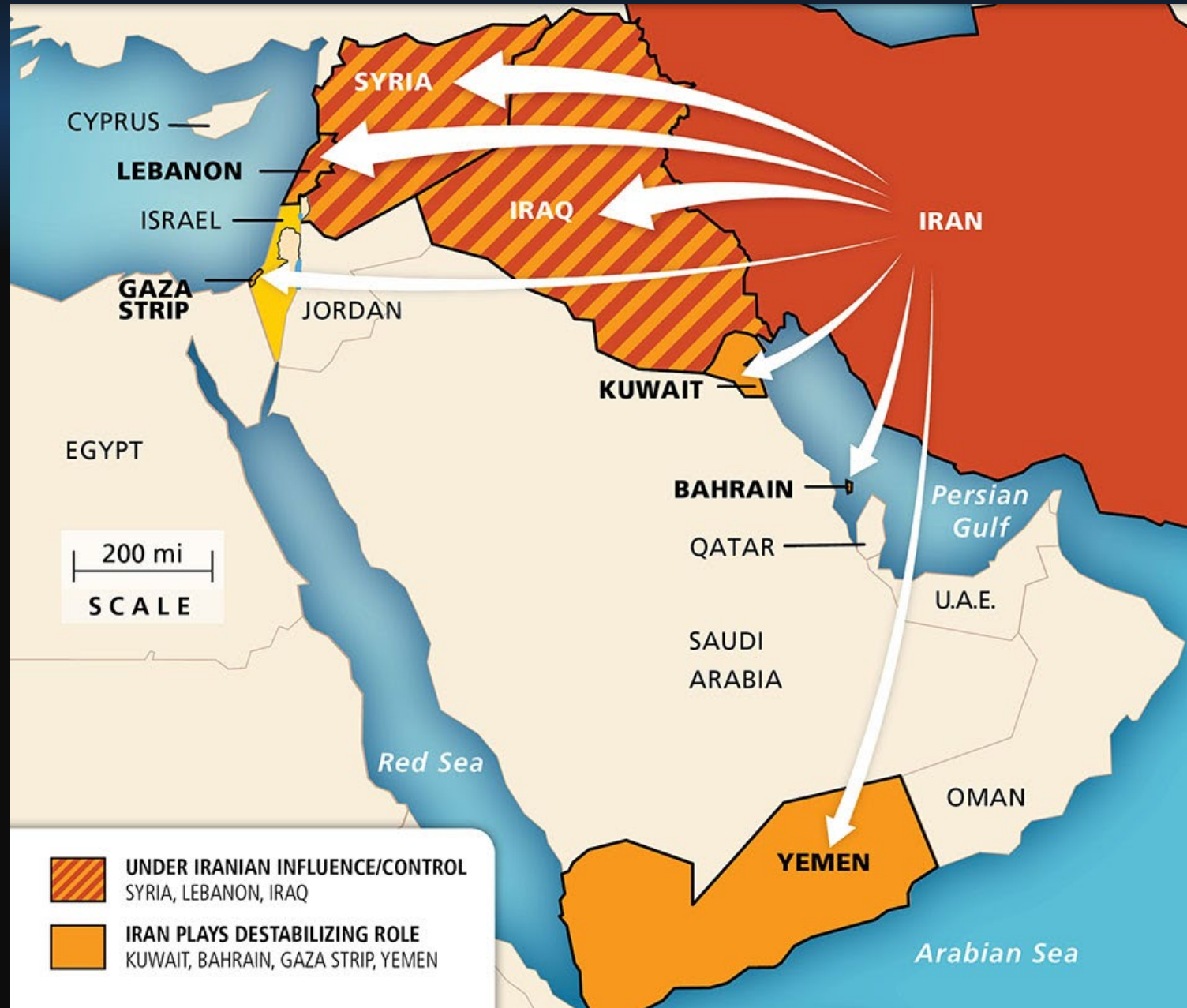


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❖ Israel's defense minister said on Monday that the time to act on Iran was now, before the ayatollahs' regime was protected by a "nuclear canopy."



Map of Iranian Proxies



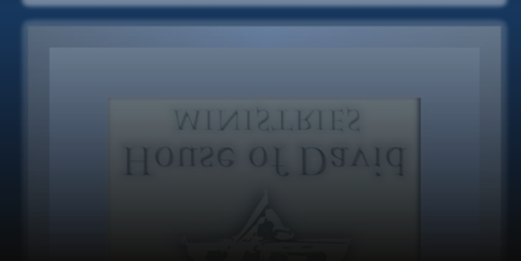
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Major Oil Fields of Arabian Basin



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Part 9
Gog of Magog





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Lars Checkpoint—Georgia



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The Gates of Hell—Turkmenistan



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Faith Sultan Mehmet Bridge—Turkey



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NATO's Eastward Expansion

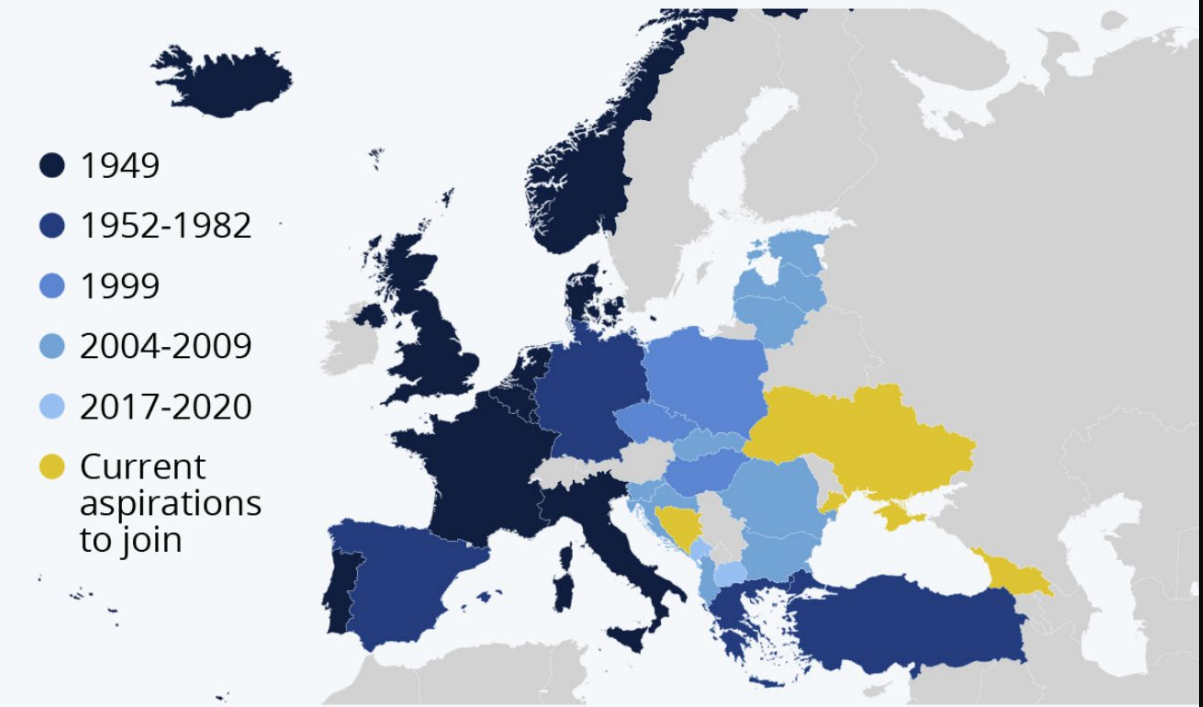


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How NATO Expanded Eastwards

European countries by year they joined NATO



Map excludes NATO members the United States and Canada

Source: Nato

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Damascus—Syria



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“Behold, Damascus will cease from being a city, and it will be a ruinous heap” (Isaiah 17:1-2).

“For they have consulted together with one consent; They form a confederacy against You: The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; Moab and the Hagrites; Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assyria also has joined with them; They have helped the children of Lot. Selah” (Psalm 83:5-8).

Vilna Gaon Prophecy



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❖ “When you hear that the Russians have captured the city of Crimea, you should know that the times of the Messiah have started, that his steps are being heard,” the Vilna Gaon told his followers just before his death in A.D. 1797.

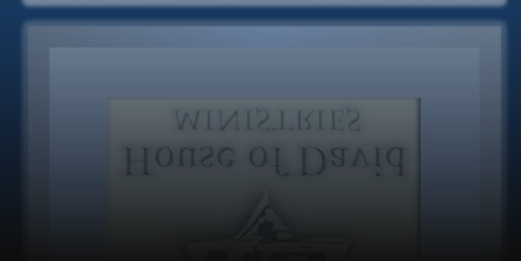
Yilna Gaon Prophecy



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❖ He continued: “And when you hear that the Russians have reached the city of Constantinople (today’s Istanbul), you should put on your Shabbat clothes and don’t take them off, because it means that the Messiah is about to come any minute.”

Part 10
Russia & Ukraine United





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Gog of the land of Magog



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✚ “Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him”

(Ezekiel 38:1-2).

A Great Company—Horses & Horsemen



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✂ “I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords.” (Ezekiel 38:4).

A Great Company—Horses & Horsemen



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| Strong's | Hebrew | English | Morphology |
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| 4031 [e] | הַמָּגוּג ham-mā-gō-wg̃. | of Magog | Art N-proper-fs |
| 5387 [e] | נָשִׂיא ne-sî | the prince | N-msc |
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Red, Yellow & Blue—The Colors of Magog



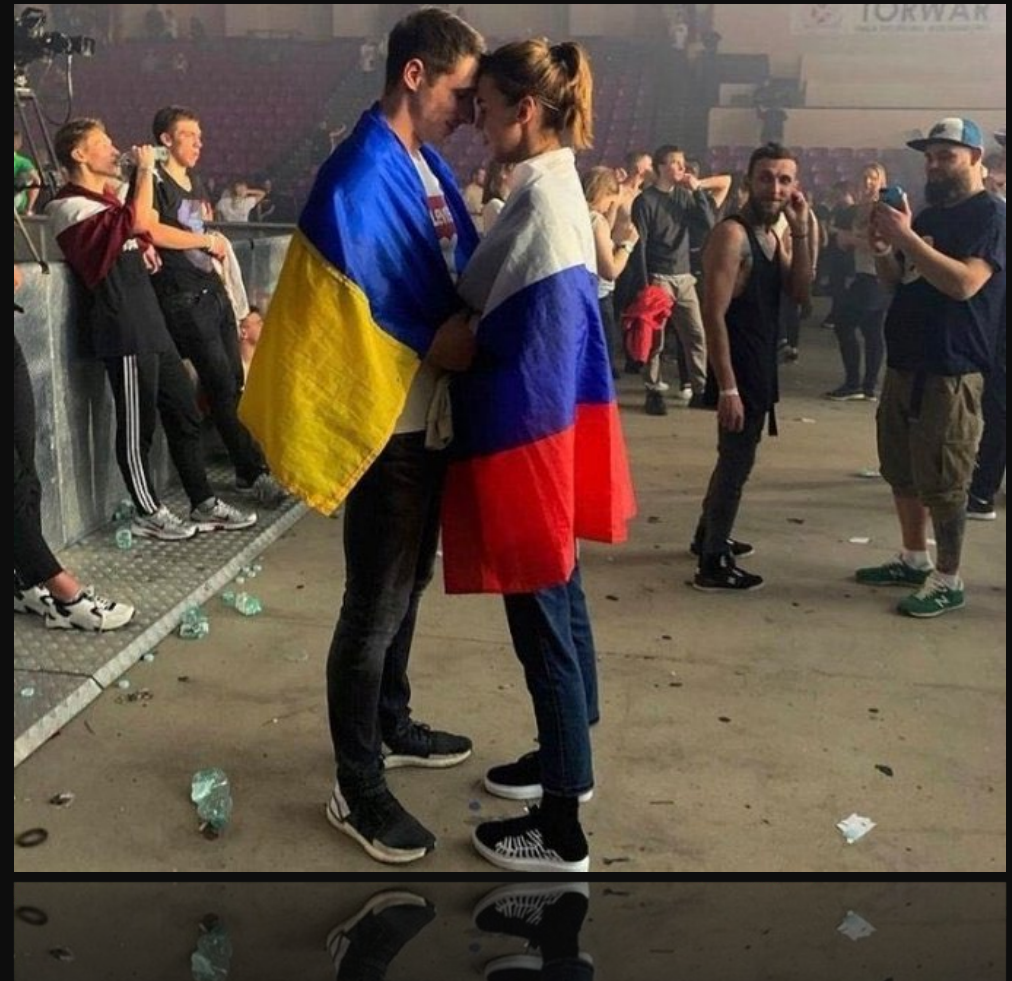
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α“And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of *fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow*; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone” (Revelation 9:17).

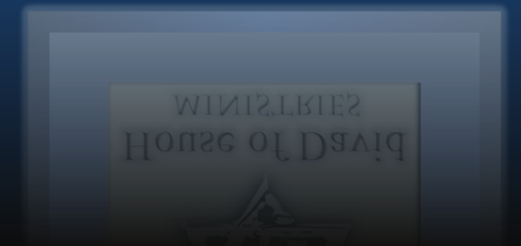
Russia & Ukraine Will Eventually Unite



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Part 11
One World Marxism



Karl Heinrich Marx



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❖ Karl Heinrich Marx FRSA (A.D. 1818–1883) was a German philosopher, critic of political economy, economist, historian, sociologist, political theorist, journalist and socialist revolutionary.

The Communist Manifesto



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❖ His best-known titles are the 1848 pamphlet *The Communist Manifesto* and the three-volume *Das Kapital* (A.D. 1867–1883).

THE COMMUNIST MANIFESTO



Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels

Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels

Theories About Society



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❖ Karl Marx's critical theories about society, economics, and politics, collectively understood as Marxism, hold that human societies develop through class conflict.



A Revolutionary Anti-Capitalist Program



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- ❖ “On the Jewish Question” is a work by Karl Marx, written in A.D. 1843, and first published in Paris in 1844.
- ❖ It was one of Marx’s first attempts to develop a materialist conception of history in support of a revolutionary anti-capitalist program.

Religions are Organs of the Bourgeois



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- ❖ In the Marxist–Leninist interpretation, all modern religions and churches are considered as “organs of bourgeois reaction” used for “the exploitation and the stupefaction of the working class.”

Religion—Opium of the People



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❖ Marks said: “Religious suffering is, at one and the same time, the expression of real suffering and a protest against real suffering. Religion is the sigh of the oppressed creature, the heart of a heartless world, and the soul of soulless conditions. It is the opium of the people.”

Obsessed with Satan



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- ❖ Marx was also obsessed with Satan and sought in every way possible to kill off God, and even organized religion.
- ❖ He had enormous sympathy for the Devil, and clearly, in some sense, believed in the Devil.

Introducing State Atheism



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- ❖ A number of Marxist–Leninist governments in the 20th century such as the Soviet Union after Vladimir Lenin and the People's Republic of China under Mao Zedong implemented rules introducing state atheism.

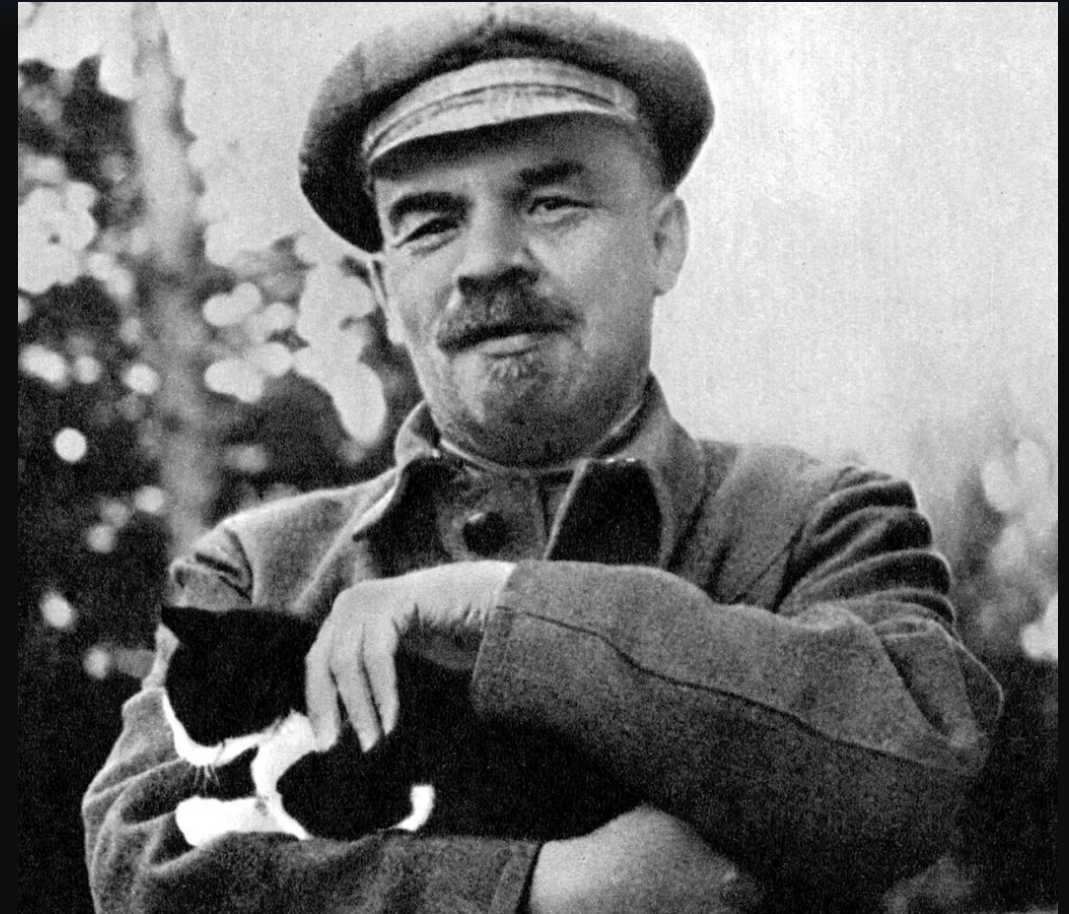
Lenin's View of Religion



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❖ Lenin said there's nothing more abominable than religion. Yeah, that any worship of divinity is a necrophilia.

□ <https://albertmohler.com/2021/02/10/paul-kengor>



The Mark of the Beast



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α “Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth... And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast... He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name” (Revelation 13:11-17).

The New World Order



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- ❖ Biden told a crowd of CEOs at the Business Roundtable's quarterly meeting on March 21. “There’s going to be a new world order out there, and we’ve got to lead it. And we’ve got to unite the rest of the free world in doing it.”

Global Marxism



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- ❖ The world will eventually unite under a global Marxist agenda (not Communist) that spiritualizes government and its inevitable one world leader—the Anti-Christ.
- ❖ The world *will* worship this one man and his Marxist system that provides for all their needs.

Prophetic Map

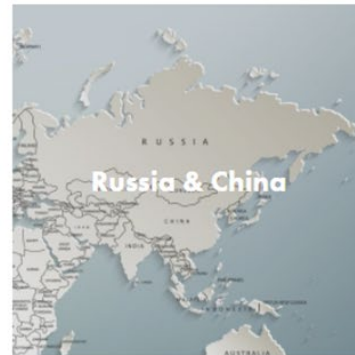


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Prophetic map

We are living in an unprecedented time, and Biblical prophecy appears to be unfolding before our very eyes. Jesus-Yeshua told us to be looking at Israel and the nations of the earth and how they treat the Jewish people. This page will track current events and articles, providing a collective resource that points us towards the return of Christ. Click on the regions below to discover more.



PROPHETIC MAP

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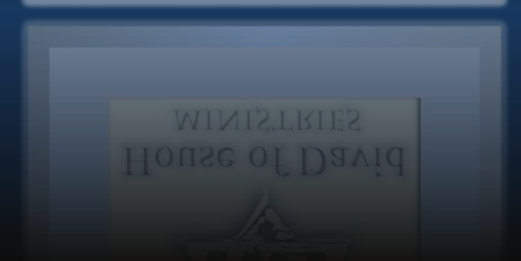


SAUDI, EGYPT, UAE DISTANCE THEMSELVES FROM BIDEN OVER IRAN DEAL, ARAB EXPERT WARNS

Mar 22, 2022

Middle Eastern pundits frequently "credit" former President Barack Obama with paving the way for the Abraham Accords by pushing through the Iran deal, thereby disenfranchising the Arab nations in the Middle East who, along with Israel, saw the deal as empowering the despotic Iranian regime. Rather than take his cue from this, President Biden has, from the moment he entered office, pursued a path to reinstate the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) at any cost. Not unexpectedly, this week, four Arab nations in the region responded by issuing a statement expressing displeasure over this path.

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