

# The Endtimes Are Now!

News headlines related to biblical prophecies about the end times

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## *The Russian Bear is on the Prowl*

When Communism collapsed in the old Soviet Union thirty years ago, many in the West naively assumed Russia was no longer a threat to world peace. For three decades America and its NATO partners have had to carry on a dangerous political “dance” with Russia’s political leaders. In the current climate of “political correctness”, many foolishly advocated peace through compromise, negotiation, and economic co-operation. They have assumed that if we are nice to other nations, they will reciprocate nicely as well. All of this tactic is based upon an unrealistic view of human nature. Unregenerate people are not naturally “nice” people. The Bible reminds us that “all have sinned and come short of the glory of God”

(Romans 3:23). As a result, “Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

(Romans 3:15-18) (thekingiscoming.com 2/25)

## *How Close Are We to The Rapture?*

**Israel Offers to Broker Peace Between Russia, Ukraine.** Israel, which has long maintained warm relations with both countries, has found itself walking a diplomatic tightrope in recent days between expressing support for Ukraine, while not outright condemning Russia’s actions. (israel365news.com 2/28)

**Europe Needs a Leader!**



With Angela Merkel gone, Europe

has a power vacuum. French president Emmanuel Macron, whose nation is currently serving a six-month term as presidency of the Council of the EU, is ambitious and driven but is often seen as working solely for France. Many of his European peers also distrust him (*Carnegie Europe*, February 10). One analyst noted Macron is the *de facto leader* of Europe: “While some EU member states are skeptical of Paris, the alternatives to French leadership are few.” Merkel’s successor, Olaf Scholz, has been a disappointment, even to many Germans. The lack of

strong and respected leadership generates national uncertainty and disrespect on the world stage. Historically, the rule of weak leaders is often followed by a backlash and a demand for a strong one. Bible prophecy indicates that a strong leader will emerge in Europe just before the end of the age. This individual, referred to as a “beast” in prophecy, will have strong ties to a worldwide false religion, direct a powerful political entity described as a mixture of “iron and clay,” and be supported by ten leaders just before the return of Jesus Christ (Daniel 2:40-45; Revelation 13 and 17) (twnews andprophecy.com

## **'Advisory Council' Proposed to Collect Data on Homeschoolers.**

Recently proposed legislation in the Maryland House of Delegates would create a deeply worrisome “advisory council” to watch over and gather data on homeschool families. This is precisely the sort of thing many homeschool parents wanted to avoid when they chose that path for their children in the first place. (prophecynews watch.com 2/17)

## **No Place to Hide - On the Path to Put Every Human in Facial Recognition.**

Companies like Clearview AI continue to create it and promote its use. “Clearview AI is telling investors it is on track to have 100 billion facial photos in its database within a year, enough to ensure ‘almost everyone in the world will be identifiable,’ according to a financial presentation from December obtained by The Washington Post,” the Post reported today. There are an estimated 7.9 billion people on the

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planet. The December presentation was part of an effort to obtain new funding from investors, so 100 billion facial images is more of a goal than a firm plan. However, the presentation said that Clearview has already racked up 10 billion images and is adding 1.5 billion images a month, the Post wrote. Clearview told investors it needs another \$50 million to hit its goal of 100 billion photos, the Post reported. (prophecynews watch 2/22)

## **Argentina Wildfires; Australia Floods; Iowa Tornadoes.**

The Iberá Wetlands, one of the largest eco-systems in the world has been fighting raging wildfires following two years of historic drought, threatening a biodiverse area that harbors many species on the verge of extinction. Rain and low temperatures over the weekend brought some relief to the area; however, the fires have destroyed more than 3 million acres

(1.3 million hectares) of farmland and forest—roughly the size of Connecticut.

Across the South Pacific, at least 10 people have been killed, and tens of thousands evacuated as heavy flooding continues in southeast Australia. The city of Brisbane saw 80% of its annual rainfall in just three days. (1440daily digest.com 3/2)

At least seven people were killed and a number of others injured after tornadoes ripped through central Iowa Saturday. Updated Tuesday an EF4 system with wind gusts above 160 mph, it marked the deadliest tornado in the state since 2008. The storms dropped baseball-sized hail in some areas. The outbreak was rare for early March—the state’s tornado season typically peaks in June. (1440dailydigest.com 3/7)



## International

### German

**Links to Israel is Growing.** Israel will buy three specially designed, German-made submarines, in a deal worth three billion euros (*Deutsche Welle*, January 20). The agreement, with delivery expected nine years from now, includes spare parts and a training simulator to be built in Israel. Germany will cover part of the cost of the project through a grant to Israel. While Israel has invested heavily in German imports, now Germany is investing heavily in Israel (*Deutschland.de*, December 30). In addition to the sub deal, a new accord between the two nations was recently signed that will bring

€850 million of German investment into Israeli industries, including defense companies. This accord has been years in the making. Many German high-tech and automobile manufacturing firms maintain research and development centers in Israel, and in 2021, several Israeli start-up companies collaborated with German firms. The relationship between the two countries appears to be deepening. (*twnews&prophecy.com* 2/11)

### Pentagon Admits To Running Bio-Weapons Labs In Ukraine; Worried They'll Fall Into Russian Hands.

Information that US-run bio labs in Ukraine were developing COVID-related diseases as part of a plan by Dr. Anthony Fauci to release a new pandemic on the world was

debunked by the mainstream media as "conspiracy theories" and "disinformation." Part of the conspiracy theories were proven true by testimony of Victoria Nuland, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs on March 8 before a Senate Committee hearing on Ukraine. She said that the US was working with Ukraine to prevent invading Russian forces from seizing biological research material. We are working with the Ukrainians on how they can prevent any of those research materials from falling into the hands of Russian forces should they approach. (*israel365news.com* 3/9)

## World-Wide Food Shortages

**Fertilizer Prices, Smaller Crops, Less Food.** The *Wall Street Journal* reports that rising fertilizer prices around the globe are impacting farmers everywhere (January 21, 2022). It is having a devastating effect in developing countries; no one seems immune. In Texas fertilizer prices have risen by more than 80% since last year (*KXXV News*, January 20). Fertilizer now makes up 30 to 35% of operating costs for farmers which is beginning to make crops too expensive for buyers. As a result, farmers are reducing the amount of crop they plant. Smaller crops mean smaller yields and, ultimately, less food for consumers. The *Wall Street Journal* highlights the scope of the crisis: In sub-Saharan Africa that could translate to 30 million metric tons less food produced, which the center says is equivalent to the food needs of 100 million people." Lower fertilizer use ultimately impacts food production, food quality, and food availability, raising the prospect of global hunger. Bible prophecy states that one of the signs of the coming end of the age will be famines and food scarcity. While some of this shortage will occur through droughts and war, some portion of these shortages could also be brought on by a lack of access to the chemicals that farmers have

long depended upon to vastly increase crop yields. We are told to watch for the signs of the end of the age (Mark 13:35-37), and one of the signs could be a decrease in food availability. (*twnews&prophecy.com* 2/11)

### Russia "Recommends" Fertilizer Makers to Halt all Exports.

Worse still, natural gas is required in the manufacturing process for most nitrogen/fertilizer products and so the recent surge in European natural gas prices to record highs will only exacerbate the cost of fertilizer. And with wheat prices already at all time highs...it's about to get really bad...not only among food producers, but soon, in your local grocery store once US consumers realize that food prices are about to double or triple. (*nationandstate.com* 3/4)

**Grain Exports Halted.** The nation of Hungary has halted all wheat exports as the world's wheat supply for 2022 - 2023 suddenly seems dire. With fertilizer exports blocked from Russia and natural gas pipelines shut down, global fertilizer production has collapsed. This means crops planted in the next few months will be both extremely expensive (triple the cost to produce) and quite scarce. (*naturalnews.com* 3/7)

## Putin's Jewish Connection

### Putin's Personal Jewish Connection: A Ray of Hope for the Jews in Ukraine.

As a former lieutenant colonel in the KGB, Putin is undoubtedly ruthless. But he is not known to be personally anti-Semitic. When he was a young child, he grew up in a very poor family. His parents were always out at work. He was fortunate that the next-door neighbor was a Hasidic Jewish family, and they always made sure to invite him over. They were kind to a child in a time and place when it was dangerous to do that. Anatoly Rakhlin was Putin's high school wrestling coach, a man he considered to be a father figure and at whose funeral he cried. Putin described the family in his auto-

biography as observant Jews who did not work on Saturdays, and the man would study the Bible and Talmud all day long. Once I even asked him what he was muttering. He explained to me what this book was and I was immediately interested. Putin's Jewish connection was not an anomaly limited to his childhood memories. In 2005 when Putin made an official visit to Israel, he visited his high school teacher, Mina Berliner who lived in Tel Aviv. He even bought her an apartment in the city when he heard she was living in poor conditions. Arkadi and Boris Rotenberg were his judo sparring partners under Coach Rakhlin, and remain his close friends to this day.

The Roterbergs are billionaire contractors, and the relationship is mutually beneficial with the Rotenberg brothers getting government contracts worth many billions of dollars. (*israel365news.com* 2/125)

Whether Putin feels friendly only to the Jews in his life, or about Jews in general, is unknown. Putin and Bennett of Israel have had meetings. Will he turn against Israel? Or will there be a new Russian President before fulfillment of the biblical prophecy that Russia will, at some point, lead an invasion and war against Israel?