

# Gog and Magog

## Part 1

### It Began With Crimea

It's important to note that the battle for the Ukraine that we are witnessing now is not an isolated, random event of European history. It is simply the continuation of Moscow's strategy to reverse the crumbling legacy of the Soviet Union, and it all started in Crimea. Media propaganda coverage has become a psy-op for our empathy and support. Over the past months all parties have been active in areas seeking to manipulate the public on their behalf.



There are only innocent victims in this war; there are **NO** innocent parties in the Ukraine War, least of all the U.S., Russia, and the Ukraine itself. Of course, I am not referring to the Ukraine citizens. The Ukraine has been a client state for the U.S. in its "bio-warfare" program. The U.S. Pentagon has invested approximately \$200-million yearly to do bio-weapons research. Even Tucker Carlson called out the fact that the U.S. is operating secret bio-labs on behalf of the U.S. Fact checkers kept trying to refute such reports that the Biden administration is responsible for such bio-weapons labs and contents in the Ukraine. Under President Obama, V.P. Joe Biden stole billions, and his son Hunter received \$50,000 a month salary as a member of the board of Burisma Energy. Hunter Biden knows nothing about energy or its development other than it was a payoff for the Biden crime family access to the Obama administration and the Ukraine's goal of becoming part of NATO.

The Obama/Biden administration was engaged in years of corruption and theft of the Ukrainian national treasury by exploiting the wedge division between Russia and Ukraine. That story covered the 8 years of the Obama/Biden (ObamBiden)

administration. The Ukraine for centuries was a “buffer” state of the former Soviet Union and the Federation of Russian States, which became killing fields for invading empires such as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reich of Adolph Hitler.

The late Zbigniew Brzezinski (former National Security Advisor to U.S. President Jimmy Carter), in his 1997 book *‘The Grand Chessboard,’* wrote that Ukraine is essential to Russian imperial ambitions:

*“Without Ukraine, Russia ceases to be a Eurasian empire.... However, if Moscow regains control over Ukraine, with its 52 million people and major resources as well as its access to the Black Sea, Russia automatically again regains the wherewithal to become a powerful imperial state, spanning Europe and Asia.”*

The geo-political parties are seeking public opinion to support their individual state agenda; even to the point they will go to great lengths in their attempts to deceive the citizenry of the world. That includes the risk of beginning World War III in the process to cover their crimes and to achieve global control of that part of the world.

Many analysts attribute the Russian invasion of Ukraine to geopolitics, which attempts to explain the behavior of states through the lens of geography.

Most of the western part of Russia sits on the Russian Plain, a vast mountain-free area that extends over 4,000,000 square kilometers (1.5 million square miles). Also called the East European Plain, the vast flatland presents Russia with an acute security problem: an enemy army invading from central or Eastern Europe would encounter few geographical obstacles to reach the Russian heartland. In other words, Russia, due to its geography, is especially difficult to defend.

Most of the former Warsaw Pact countries are now members of NATO. That leaves Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine, strategically located between Russia and the West, as the only eastern European countries left to serve as Russian buffer states. Some analysts argue that Russia’s perceived need for a buffer is the primary factor in Putin’s decision to invade Ukraine.

Historians one day will tell that World War III began on February 22, 2022. I will explain in this article how this date is significant in ways that few know or understand.

Closely intertwined with theories about empire-building and geopolitics is Putin’s obsession with extinguishing Ukrainian sovereignty. Putin contends that Ukraine has been part of Russia for centuries, and that its independence in August, 1991 was a historical mistake. Ukraine, he claims, does not have a right to exist.

Putin has repeatedly downplayed or negated Ukraine’s right to statehood and sovereignty:

- In 2008, Putin [told](#) William Burns, then the U.S. ambassador to Russia (now director of the CIA): *“Don’t you know that Ukraine is not even a real country? Part of it is really East European and part is really Russian.”*
- In July, 2021, Putin penned a 7,000-word essay — [“On the Historical Unity of Russians and Ukrainians”](#) — in which he expressed contempt for Ukrainian statehood, questioned the legitimacy of Ukraine’s borders and argued that modern-day Ukraine occupies *“the lands of historical Russia.”* He concluded: *“I am confident that true sovereignty of Ukraine is possible only in partnership with Russia.”*
- In February, 2022, just three days before he launched his invasion, Putin [asserted](#) that Ukraine was a fake state created by Vladimir Lenin, the founder of the Soviet Union: *“Modern Ukraine was entirely created by Russia or, to be more precise, by Bolshevik, Communist Russia. This process started practically right after the 1917 revolution, and Lenin and his associates did it in a way that was extremely harsh on Russia — by separating, severing what is historically Russian land.... Soviet Ukraine is the result of the Bolsheviks’ policy and can be rightfully called ‘Vladimir Lenin’s Ukraine.’ He was its creator and architect.”*

Ukraine’s political independence has been accompanied by a long-running feud with Russia over religious allegiance. In January 2019, in what was described as “the biggest rift in Christianity in centuries,” the Orthodox Church in Ukraine gained independence (autocephaly) from the Russian church. The Ukrainian church had been under the jurisdiction of the Moscow patriarchate since 1686. Its autonomy dealt a blow to the Russian church, which lost around one-fifth of the 150 million Orthodox Christians under its authority.

The Ukrainian government claimed that Moscow-backed churches in Ukraine were being used by the Kremlin to spread propaganda and to support Russian separatists in the eastern Donbas region. Putin wants the Ukrainian church to return to Moscow’s orbit, and has warned of “a heavy dispute, if not bloodshed” over any attempts to transfer ownership of church property.

The head of the Russian Orthodox Church, Patriarch Kirill of Moscow, has [declared](#) that Kyiv, where the Orthodox religion began, is comparable in terms of its historic importance to Jerusalem:

***“Ukraine is not on the periphery of our church. We call Kiev ‘the mother of all Russian cities’. For us Kiev is what Jerusalem is for many. Russian Orthodoxy began there, so under no circumstances can we abandon this historical and spiritual relationship. The whole unity of our Local Church is based on these spiritual ties.”***

On March 6, Kirill — a former KGB agent who is known as “Putin’s altar boy” due to his subservience to the Russian leader — publicly endorsed the invasion of Ukraine. In a sermon he repeated Putin’s claims that the Ukrainian government was carrying out “genocide” of Russians in Ukraine: “For eight years, the suppression, extermination of people has been underway in Donbass. Eight years of suffering and the entire world is silent.”

There is a spiritual dimension here that few in the West grasp or understand its significance in the present war we are witnessing. As I will explain below, Putin is the “Chief” Prince of Ezekiel 38, spoken of that will bring about the fulfillment of Ezekiel 38/39 War. That said, if you are a Bible-believing Christian, then I hope and pray that you are ready for the **“Harpazo”** or being snatched out of this realm. We are mere days to weeks preceding the Rapture of the Church.

On March 8, 2022, in a *‘The National Pulse’*, article raises serious questions about U.S. government activity in Ukraine, stretching back almost two decades. The news comes on the same day that Biden regime apparatchik Victoria Nuland told the U.S. Senate that the American government is concerned about biological research facilities falling into Russian hands as a result of the ongoing conflict in Eastern Europe. Originally posted on June 18th, 2010, the article "[Bio lab Opens in Ukraine](#)" details how Obama, while serving as an Illinois Senator, helped negotiate a deal to build a level-3 bio-safety lab in the Ukrainian city of Odessa. The article, which also highlighted the work of former Senator Dick Lugar, was additionally included in Issue No. 818 of the United States Air Force (USAF) Counterproliferation Center’s Outreach Journal.

Russia Tells the US: 'We Have Found Your Biological Weapons' | March 9, 2022 | The Director of the Information and Press Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Maria Vladimirovna Zakharova, told the United States on Wednesday, *"We have found your biological weapons!" "There was a statement made by the Deputy Secretary of State Victoria Nuland, leaving no doubt, will not give Washington a chance to be silent this time. In their attempts, while spilling blood, to find biological and chemical weapons throughout the world, we have found your own products. We have found your biological material. As it turns out it was all happening in Ukraine,"* RT, Russia state-affiliated media reported. Russia accused the U.S. of violations of the 1972 Biological Weapons Convention and covering it up.

**“As many as 30 biological laboratories' established in Ukraine actively cooperating with U.S. military, Russian Defense Ministry says --The US has "covered" Ukraine with a network of bio-laboratories linked to the Pentagon - Russian Defense Ministry”** | March 7, 2022 | The Ukrainian authorities have been urgently destroying pathogens studied at its laboratories linked to the U.S. Department of Defense, the Russian military claimed on Monday, adding that such activities hint at the military purposes of these studies. *“As many as 30 biological laboratories have been established in Ukraine that are actively cooperating with the U.S. military, the commander of the Russian radiological, chemical and biological defense force,”* Lieutenant General Igor Kirillov, said at a news briefing on Monday. The list of these

laboratories' partners includes the Pentagon's Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) and the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR) -- the largest biomedical research facility administered by the U.S. military -- the general added.

Many of these laboratories have been active since the 2014 coup d'état in Ukraine and their emergence in the country has coincided with a spike in infectious diseases in the region, including German measles, diphtheria and tuberculosis, the Russian military said. The U.S. military has used countries like China and the Ukraine to distance their bio-weapons research work while all along denying doing so.

**Flashback: US Embassy to Tbilisi transports frozen human blood and pathogens as diplomatic cargo for a secret US military program | June 14, 2019 |** The U.S Embassy to Tbilisi transports frozen human blood and pathogens as diplomatic cargo for a secret U.S. military program. Internal documents, implicating U.S. diplomats in the transportation of and experimenting on pathogens under diplomatic cover were leaked by Georgian insiders. According to these documents, **Pentagon scientists have been deployed to the Republic of Georgia and have been given diplomatic immunity to research deadly diseases and biting insects at the Lugar Center - the Pentagon bio-laboratory in Georgia's capital, Tbilisi.** This military facility is just one of the many Pentagon bio-laboratories in 25 countries across the world. They are funded by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) under a \$2.1 billion military program Cooperative Biological Engagement Program (CBEP), and are located in **former Soviet Union countries such as Georgia and Ukraine**, the Middle East, South East Asia and Africa... Local residents from the Alexeevka neighborhood, where the laboratory is located, complain that **dangerous chemicals are being secretly burnt at night and that hazardous waste is being emptied into the nearby river through the laboratory's pipes.**

### **UK and US Jointly Develop Biological Weapons**



### **By Vladimir Platov – New Eastern Outlook – 14.03.2022**

Documentary evidence of Washington's aggressive plans for developing and manufacturing biological weapons in secret U.S. biological laboratories in Ukraine, banned by international conventions, has been uncovered during the Russian special

operation to denazify and demilitarize Ukraine, and it is frankly horrifying! Although suspicions of such U.S. activities have already been repeatedly published by many media outlets and their verification and official confirmation of such criminal anti-human plans by Washington was one of the [goals](#) of Moscow's special operation to demilitarize Ukraine.

In this regard, the former weak position in bringing clarity to the exposure and suppression of such forthcoming U.S. crimes is highly surprising. First of all, the international community and international institutions should have long ago initiated an independent inspection of some 400 such secret Pentagon biological laboratories scattered around the world, whose location in specific countries is clearly linked to the theatres of future US military action against "adversaries."

The unconditional involvement of Britain, which has long collaborated with the US in the development of chemical and biological weapons, has also surprisingly been ignored in relation to such criminal plans.

Thus, the US Federal Contractor Registry shows that the Pentagon has spent more than \$70 billion in recent years alone on experiments with deadly viruses and nerve agents at the Porton Down military biological laboratory, which is located near Salisbury in Great Britain. The US Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), led by the US Department of Defense, has funded a number of defense projects at this so-called "Defense Science and Technology Laboratory" (DSTL) at Porton Down. These include experimental infection of primates with anthrax, Ebola, Marburg, Venezuelan equine encephalitis, western and eastern equine encephalitis viruses, and poisoning of animals with mustard gas and phosgene. It is well known that experiments with LSD have been "incapacitating" British troops during exercises. The testing of chemicals on humans, however, was not out of the ordinary for Porton Down. According to *El Pais*, in 1963 Porton Down staff decided to test the vulnerability of public infrastructure to chemical and biological attacks by spreading a bacterium on the London Underground, which was initially thought to be harmless but turned out to be quite capable of causing septicemia.

The DTRA has full access to all scientific and technical developments at the Porton Down "laboratory." Such experiments involving animals are considered secret in Great Britain and it is a criminal offence under Chapter 24 of the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act to reveal information about such experiments.

According to information received by the media, military experiments with chemical and biological weapons have increased at Porton Down in recent years. Thus, between 2005 and 2016, 122,000 animals were infected with deadly viruses or poisoned with chemicals. The "laboratory" uses mice, guinea pigs, rats, piglets, ferrets, sheep and monkeys in its research.



It is also known that British military “scientists” received funding from the DTRA to develop a chemical testing system from 2012 to 2017, with experiments on the effects of VX and VM poisoning agents being conducted at Porton Down in 2015.

In 2013, scientists from Porton Down sprayed gas on the London Underground, which the British government tried to keep quiet about and not tell its citizens. At the time, thousands of persons were gassed without their knowledge, and no one asked for their consent to take part in such barbaric “research” against their own people. Nevertheless, data about this is recorded in a British Home Office document, telling also about other programs conducted jointly by the United States and Britain.

Information about the UK’s Defense Science and Technology Laboratory (DSTL) testing of the chemical poison VX on guinea pigs was posted on the U.S. National Center for Biotechnology Information [website](#) on August 9, 2018. And on September 1, 2018, a report emerged on behalf of 10 more researchers at the DSTL about testing Bioscavenger, which is an effective delayed therapeutic intervention for VX chemical weapons poisoning. **The DSTL itself officially admitted in mid-2016 that they were producing the poisonous substance and testing it on animals.** The DTRA is a major foreign client of the UK’s DSTL. Between 2012 and 2017, British military scientists received \$39.7 million for the Pentagon’s chemical system testing program, and judging by the U.S. Federal Procurement System, the DSTL and DTRA collaboration continues.

The Porton Down secret laboratory has repeatedly been at the center of scandals involving human experimentation. Up to 20,000 people participated in litigation with the DSTL from 1949 to 1989. And in 2008, the UK Ministry of Defense paid 360 veterans £3 million without admitting responsibility.

According to ‘*The Guardian*’, in the late 2000s, the U.S. and Britain experimented with [biological weapons](#) in Afghanistan, using a specially bred fungus called fusarium oxysporum and pleospora papaveraceae to kill poppy crops. In 2000, the international NGO Sunshine Project published a report on the danger of this fungus infecting and killing not only coca, poppy and cannabis, but also other plants in environmentally sensitive areas of Asia and the New World. An indication of the dangers of such fungi is the fact that their use is banned in the U.S. According to the Sunshine Project report, genetically modified strains of the fungus have been bred in the U.S, which means that the deliverables can be classified as biological weapon.

Given this information alone, the extent of Britain’s involvement in the possible development with the U.S. of biological weapons already needs to be investigated in detail.

The State of Israel is itself deeply involved with the Ukraine war. With 200,000+ Jewish Ukrainians, concern was expressed months ago about how they could have been safely evacuated from the Ukraine. Putin and Naftali Bennett met in early March, 2022, and several Jewish sources were on record saying Naftali Bennett encouraged Zelensky to surrender.

Naftali Bennett didn't push Zelensky to 'surrender' to Putin, says top Ukraine adviser Mikhail Podolyak says Israel urged Moscow 'to assess events more adequately' amid reports premier suggested Ukrainian leader yield to significant concessions to end the Russian war. There is much that we do not know about this proposition supposedly suggested by Naftali Bennett that speaks of a double-cross between various groups orchestrating this war from those wanting to keep churning the historical and geopolitical regions of Eurasia. Keep this in mind as Putin has turned up the stakes in the Ukraine. In four decades of study of the larger protracted conflict, I believe Putin is about to get revenge by using his Ezekiel alliance as grounds for stealing and controlling the oil and gas energy fields of Israel known as the Leviathan oil field located off the Israeli coast.



Prime Minister Naftali Bennett (L), Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky (C), and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

A top adviser to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> that Israel did not push him to accept an offer from Russian President Vladimir Putin, said to require Kyiv to make significant concessions to end Russia's invasion.

Mikhail Podolyak tweeted that Prime Minister Naftali Bennett did not urge Ukraine to agree to the Russian demands, as was reported Friday by two Hebrew-language outlets. Bennett, Podolyak wrote, "*just as other conditional intermediary countries, does*



*NOT offer Ukraine to agree to any demands of the Russian Federation. This is impossible for military & political reasons,” he added.*

Podolyak said that Israel has urged Russia *“to assess the events more adequately.”*

Israel has been engaged in diplomatic efforts to try to end the war in Ukraine, with Bennett traveling to Moscow last Saturday for an hours-long meeting with Putin. He was the first foreign leader to sit down with the Russian president since the Russian invasion of Ukraine on February 24.

These behind-the-scene events are confirmation that Israel is deeply connected to this conflict and involved in ways the media is unable to make clear. In the end game, we have the earmarks of the upcoming Ezekiel 38 War. Make no mistake about it; while the fighting may be over Ukrainian soil, Israel is the truly larger issue of conflict. In this article I will cover as much of the real story as possible.

On March 19th 2014, Russian troops backed by unarmed volunteers stormed Ukraine’s naval headquarters in the Crimean port of Sevastopol and raised the Russian flag, as Moscow tightened its control of the Black Sea peninsula. The dramatic seizure came as Russia and the West dug in for a long confrontation over Moscow’s annexation of Crimea, with the United States and Europe looking for ways to increase pressure on a defiant Russian President, Vladimir Putin. Russian lawmakers raced to ratify a treaty making the Ukrainian region part of Russia by the end of the week, despite threats of further sanctions from Washington and Brussels. The Russian military moved swiftly to neutralize any threat of armed resistance in Crimea that could have become a threat to its access to the Black Sea ports and naval bases of Sevastopol.

There are various theories being positioned about Russia’s actions but the one which seems to hold significant merit is that Crimea was seized as a strategic location because it’s a warning from Russia in response to the increasing presence of the European Union on its borders. With Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania already part of the European Union, it leaves just Belarus, Ukraine and Turkey as the only remaining non EU European countries sharing a border with Russia (See below an illustration of the reach of the European Union member states). Notice the map states that Ukraine rejected EU Association. However, that president was removed in a coup and the new existing president of the Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, has made it his mantra to ensure Ukraine joins NATO, the European Union and cut trade with Russia. Now you can see why Russia has followed up its annexation of Crimea in 2014 with the recent invasion of Ukraine. Looking at the map below just imagine that Ukraine is now in blue. The European Union is obviously the biggest beneficiary of the fall of the iron curtain as it has simply gobbled up all those countries which were part of Moscow’s control.

FBI documents back up Putin’s claims that the Azov Battalion in Ukraine is indeed a Neo-Nazi group.

Putin claimed one of the reasons that Russia invaded Ukraine was to eliminate the Nazis in that country. Many in the media wondered what he was talking about. We identified the Azov battalion some time ago and even reported that some elements of that group showed up on January 6<sup>th</sup> at the Capitol. This group was shown on American TV and the announcers had no idea who they were, claiming these guys were getting ready for the Russian invasion.

The Azov Battalion is a paramilitary unit of the Ukrainian National Guard which is known for its association with neo-Nazi ideology and use of Nazi symbolism; and which is believed to have participated in training and radicalizing United States-based white supremacy organizations.



Many will point to the Bible and the Book of Ezekiel regarding prophecies about a last days invasion of the Middle East headed by a leader known as Rosh and that these movements by Russia are postures to facilitate the coming of its prophetic role in the end times. Rightly so, we are witness to the forthcoming of the Ezekiel 38 War!

## The Battle For Kiev, the Soul of the Ukraine

To be honest, that Russia would strike Ukraine was inevitable, it was just a matter of when. The more NATO and the European Union courted the idea of accepting Ukraine into its membership the more likely it would be that Russia would make a move to halt this reality, and on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Russia finally made its move.

By air, land, and sea, Russia launched a devastating attack on Ukraine, a European democracy of 44 million people, and now its forces are presently on the outskirts of the capital, Kyiv and days away from a final standoff. For months, President Vladimir Putin denied he would invade his neighbor, but then he tore up a peace deal, sending forces

across borders in Ukraine's north, east and south. As the number of dead climbs, he stands accused of shattering peace in Europe. What happens next could jeopardize the continent's entire security structure.

In several segments of my *"Blessed Hope"* series, I addressed the build-up of Russian military forces on Ukraine's borders and its access to sea lanes for shipment of its energy and agricultural products. As the war dragged on in the early days Putin did what was expected to do by sealing off the coastal region of the Ukraine.



Russian troops are closing in on Ukraine's capital, days after Russia's leader ordered a full-scale invasion from the north, east and south. In a pre-dawn TV address on 24 February, he declared Russia could not feel "safe, develop and exist" because of what he claimed was a constant threat from modern Ukraine. Airports and military headquarters were hit first then tanks and troops rolled into Ukraine from Russia, Russian-annexed Crimea and its ally Belarus. The real story is convoluted at best but the implications are so profound at this point to conclude otherwise that we are watching the beginning stages of the war predicted in the book of Ezekiel 38/39!

President Putin has frequently accused Ukraine of being taken over by extremists, ever since its pro-Russian president, Viktor Yanukovich, was ousted in 2014 after months of protests against his rule. Russia then retaliated by seizing the southern region of Crimea and triggering a rebellion in the east, backing separatists who have fought Ukrainian forces in a war that has claimed as many as 14,000+ lives.

Late in 2021, Russia began deploying large numbers of troops close to Ukraine's borders, while repeatedly denying it was going to attack. Then Mr. Putin scrapped a 2015 peace deal for the east and recognized areas under rebel control as independent.

In recent years, Putin repeatedly has claimed that the post-Cold War enlargement of NATO poses a threat to Russia, which has been left with no other choice than to defend itself. He also has accused the West of trying to encircle Russia. In fact, of the 14 countries that have borders with Russia, only five are NATO members. The borders of those five countries — Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Poland — are contiguous with only 5% of Russia's total borders.

Putin has claimed that NATO broke solemn promises it made in the 1990s that the alliance would not expand to the east. *“You promised us in the 1990s that NATO would not move an inch to the east. You brazenly cheated us,”* he said in during a press conference in December 2021. Mikhail Gorbachev, then president of the Soviet Union, countered that such promises were never made.

Putin recently issued three wildly unrealistic demands: NATO must withdraw its forces to its 1997 borders; NATO must not offer membership to other countries, including Finland, Sweden, Moldova or Georgia; NATO must provide written guarantees that Ukraine will never join the alliance.

Writing for Foreign Affairs, Russian historian Dmitri Trenin, in an essay — *“What Putin Really Wants in Ukraine”* — argued that Putin wants stop NATO expansion, not to annex more territory.

#### How much of Ukraine does Russia control?



In the days before the invasion, when up to 200,000 troops were near Ukraine's borders, Russia's public focus was purely on the eastern areas of Luhansk and Donetsk. By recognizing the separatist areas controlled by Russian proxies as independent, Mr. Putin was telling the world they were no longer part of Ukraine. Then he revealed that he supported their claims to far more Ukrainian territory. The self-styled people's republics cover little more than a third of the whole of Ukraine's Luhansk and Donetsk regions, but the rebels naturally coveted the rest as well.

NATO's defensive alliance has made clear there are no plans to send combat troops to Ukraine itself. So far, member states have sent weapons and field hospitals and the EU, for the first time in its history, is to buy and send arms and other equipment. NATO has deployed several thousand troops in the Baltic States and Poland and for the first time is activating part of its much larger rapid reaction force. NATO will not say where but some could go to Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Slovakia. At the same time, the West is targeting Russia's economy, financial institutions and individuals.



# The 2500 Year Old Prophecy

Ezekiel, (Hebrew, *Yehezqel*) is a prophet-priest of ancient Israel and the author of an Old Testament book that bears his name. Ezekiel's early oracles (from 592 B.C.) in Jerusalem were pronouncements of violence and destruction; his later statements addressed the hopes of the Israelites exiled in Babylon. The faith of Ezekiel in the ultimate establishment of a new covenant between God and the people of Israel has had profound influence on the post exile reconstruction and reorganization of Judaism.

Ezekiel's ministry was conducted in Jerusalem and Babylon in the first three decades of the 6th century BC. For Ezekiel and his people, these years were bitter ones because the remnant of the Israelite domain, the little state of Judah, was eliminated by the rising Babylonian empire under Nebuchadnezzar (reigned 605–562 BC). Jerusalem surrendered in 597 BC. Israelite resistance was nevertheless renewed, and in 587–586 the city was destroyed after a lengthy siege. In both debacles, and indeed again in 582, large numbers from the best elements of the surviving population were forcibly deported to Babylonia.

However, one of the most controversial prophecies given by Ezekiel comes in Ezekiel 38, a prophecy that historically has never been fulfilled. It is my opinion that we are about to witness the fulfillment of this prophecy. Not all of the reasons are related directly to the war in the Ukraine but are geo-politically related to Klaus Schwab and his World Economic Forum "Great Reset" as well as events tied to Daniel's Seventieth Week!

***"And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, chief prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal: and I will turn thee about, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full armour, a great company with buckler and shield, all of them handling swords: Persia, Cush, and Put with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his hordes; the house of Togarmah in the uttermost parts of the north, and all his hordes: even many peoples with thee. Be thou prepared, yea, prepare thyself, thou, and all thy companies that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them. After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, that is gathered out of many peoples, upon the mountains of Israel, which have been a continual waste: but it is brought forth out of the peoples, and they shall dwell securely, all of them. And thou shalt ascend, thou shalt come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy hordes, and many peoples with thee. Thus saith the Lord GOD: It shall come to pass in that day, that things shall come into thy mind, and thou shalt devise an evil device:"***



It's important to note that in some bible versions it leaves out the word "**Rosh**" instead translating it "*chief prince of Meshech, and Tubal*" because there is a debate as to whether "**Rosh**" is referencing a particular geographical location or whether as according to Strong's and other Bible reference books, it is a term to denote headship or leadership. It can be both a noun and an adjective.

The KJV translates Strong's H7218 in the following manner: head (349x), chief (91x), top (73x), beginning (14x), company (12x), captain (10x), sum (9x), first (6x), principal (5x), chapters (4x), rulers (2x), miscellaneous (23x).

Ezekiel mentioned that this prophecy would take place in the latter years at a time when Israel would be restored in their land as a nation. Since this prophecy is yet to be fulfilled many assume this has future prophetic significance especially when one considers that Israel was restored back to their land as a nation in 1948.

Nobody preached more about a coming war with Russia based on the book of Ezekiel during the 1990s, than Jack Van Impe, known as "*the walking Bible*", because of his almost supernatural ability to quote Scriptures from memory in a capacity that nobody else was able to do. Many of you will be familiar with his Bible prophecy TV program, "*Jack Van Impe Presents*" which is still continuing despite his death back in January, 2020.

## Where is the Land of Magog?

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Magog is a real nation occupying a territory known to Ezekiel and his readers in the 5th century BC. The evidence shows Magog refers to the ancient tribal groups that once occupied the area that now comprises Russia and modern Central Asia including several of the southern Islamic republics of *the Commonwealth of Independent States*.

Magog was the second son of Japheth, the son of Noah -(Genesis 10:2), and his descendants are often referred to by their Greek name, the Scythians. Magog's name appears in 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 1:5, Ezekiel 38:2, 39:6. One early reference to Magog was by Hesiod, father of Greek didactic poetry, a virtual contemporary of Ezekiel, who identified Magog with the Scythians and southern Russia (7th century BC).



Another major source on the ancient history of the Middle East is Flavius Josephus (*Antiquities of the Jews*) who clearly identified Magog as what is today Russia: “*Magog founded the Magogians, thus named after him, but who are by the Greeks called the Scythians.*” (Josephus, *Antiquities*, 1.123) He went on to say these people lived in the northern regions above the Caucasus mountains, settling north of the Black Sea.

The location and extent of Scythia varied over time, from the Altay Mountains region where Mongolia, China, Russia, and Kazakhstan come together, across southern Ukraine to the lower Danube river area, Bulgaria and Georgia near the black sea.

'Encyclopedia.com also weighs in by stating -

*"Scythia (Magog in Hebrew), ancient region of Eurasia, extending from the Danube river on the west to the borders of China on the east. The Scythians flourished from the 8th to the 4th cent. BC They spoke an Indo-Iranian language but had no system of writing. They were nomadic conquerors and skilled horsemen. They seem to be related to the Saka, another nomadic tribe that roamed the steppes of central Asia at about the same time. The so-called Royal Scyths established a kingdom in the eastern Crimea before the 9th century. BC They seem to have maintained themselves as a ruling class while others (probably native inhabitants) worked the grain fields. The Scythians are traditionally associated with the area between the Danube and the Don, but modern excavations in the Altai Mts., particularly at the site of Pazyryk, suggest that their origins were in Western Siberia (Russia) before they moved east into Southern Russia in the early 1st millennium BC. Scythian power was maintained in the 8th cent. BC in obscure warfare with the Cimmerians. In South Russia they were displaced (2nd or 1st century BC) by the related Sarmatians."*

The late prophecy researcher, Chuck Missler's also wrote extensively on this subject and stated,

*"We know the descendants of Magog by their Greek designation as the Scythians (depicted in their legends as descending from Scythes , the youngest of the three sons of Heracles, from sleeping with a half viper and half woman). The name Scythian designates a number of nomadic tribes from the Russian steppes, one group of which invaded the Near East in the 8th and 7th centuries B.C. After being repulsed from Media, many of the later Scyths settled in the fertile area of the Ukraine north of the Black*

*Sea. Other related tribes occupied the area to the east of the Caspian Sea. The ancient Greek historian Herodotus (5th century B.C) describes them living in Scythia (i.e., the territory north of the Black Sea). He describes Scythia as a square, 20 days journey (360 miles) on a side. It encompassed the lower reaches of the Dniester, Bug, Dnieper, and Don Rivers where they flow into the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov."*

Based on these pieces of research we can clearly see that Magog is a reference to the ancient Scythians, who gave rise to later descendants that settled along the eastern and northern areas of the Black Sea. The descendants of ancient Magog—the Scythians—were the original inhabitants of the plateau of central Asia, and later some of these people moved into the area north of the Black Sea. The homeland of ancient Scythians is inhabited today by the former Soviet republics of Kazakhstan, Kirghizia, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, and the Ukraine.

Few can understand let along try to make sense out of the Russian mindset today. Apart from the culture and economic ties linking the Ukraine and Russia it becomes hard to imagine an independent Ukraine today, under any circumstances. Russia has historically maintained satellite states surrounding it as barriers from invading empires. Hitler learned this lesson the hard way. I had two years of Russian History in college and the history of Russia; and the Russian Federation of states is a complex subject. As such the Ukraine War is a volatile situation that could lead to World War III in moments.

The City of London in the UK host an annual event called "*The Lord Mayors Show*"? Towards the head of this procession you will always see two stern but benevolent wicker giants. They are called Gog and Magog, the traditional guardians of the City of London, and they have been carried in the annual Lord Mayor's Show since the reign of Henry V during the early 1400s.

The Bible has a bit to say about Gog and Magog, but none of it casts them in the positive light that the City of London sees them in. Further the Bible also has a lot of negative things to say about Nephilim giants. How do you feel that terms closely associated with evil, and who oppose Israel in the end times as well as Jesus at the end of the Millennium, have been adopted as the guardians of the City of London?

Clyde Billington has written a series of three scholarly articles in a theological journal presenting extensive historical, geographical and toponymical evidence for why the word "Rosh" used by Ezekiel should be and is traced to the Russian people of today. He interacts with the leading commentaries and authorities of the day in his research and presentation to show that Rosh (Rash) is identified as a place that existed as early as 2600 B.C. in Egyptian inscriptions.

The place name Rosh (or its equivalent in the respective languages) is found at least twenty times in other ancient documents. It is found three times in the Septuagint (LXX),

ten times in Sargon's inscriptions, once in Assurbanipal's cylinder, once in Sennacherib's annals, and five times in Ugaritic tablets.



Billington traces the Rosh people from the earliest times in recorded history up to the days of Ezekiel, as they appear multiple times throughout this historical period. Clearly, Rosh or Tiras was a well-known place in Ezekiel's day. In the sixth century B.C., the time Ezekiel wrote his prophecy, several bands of the Rosh people lived in an area to the north of the Black Sea.

As we approach the eighth century, Billington cites a number of historical references showing that *"there is solid evidence linking one group of Rosh People to the Caucasus Mountains."* From the same general period of time, Billington notes: *"There is even one cuneiform document from the reign of the Assyrian King Sargon II (ruled 722-705 B.C.) which actually names all three peoples [Rosh, Meshech, Tubal] mentioned by Ezekiel 38–39."* Billington concludes this section of his historical studies as follows:

*"Therefore, there is irrefutable historical evidence for the existence of a people named Rosh/Rashu in 9th-7th century B.C. Assyrian sources. These same Assyrian sources also mention Meshech and Tubal whose names appear in conjunction with the name Rosh in Ezekiel 38–39. Clearly the Assyrians knew of the Rosh people, and so also did the prophet Ezekiel. It should be noted that Ezekiel wrote the Book of Ezekiel only about a 100 years later than extant Assyrian texts which mention the Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal peoples."*

## The Prince of Meshech, and Tubal

***"Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him." -(Ezekiel 38:1)***

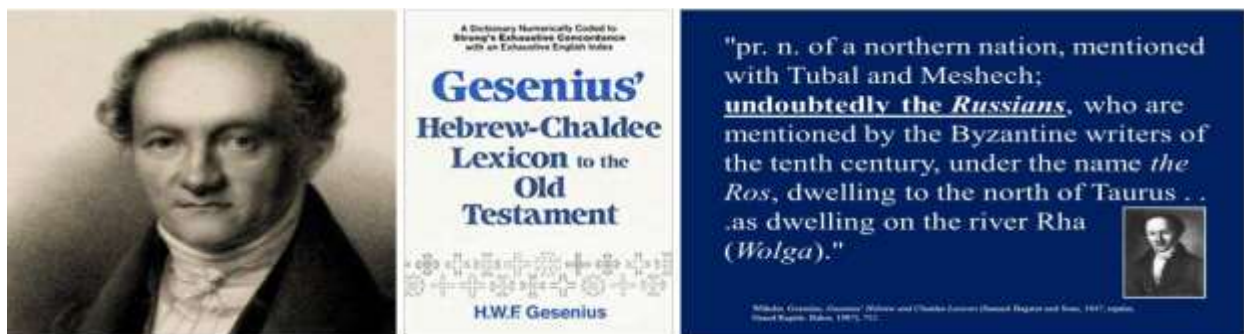


Meshech appears 10 times in the Hebrew Old Testament, including its first usage in the Table of Nations -(Genesis 10:2). In Genesis 10, Meshech is listed as a son of Japheth. The genealogical descent from Genesis 10 is repeated twice in 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 1:5,17). Other than references in Psalm 120:5 and Isaiah 66:19, the other occurrences of Meshech are all found in Ezekiel (27:13; 32:26; 38:2, 3; 39:1).

Meshech was the 6th son of Japheth and settled in the north eastern portion of Asia Minor. His posterity extended from the shores of the Black Sea along to the south of the Caucasus. He was the father of the Rossi and Moschi, who dispersed their colonies over a vast portion of Russian territory. All we know about Meshech from the Old Testament is that Meshech and his partners Javan and Tubal traded with the ancient city of Tyre, exporting slaves and vessels of bronze in exchange for Tyre's merchandise. That's all the Bible tells us about ancient Meshech.

'Tubal' or 'Tobal' settled beyond the Caspian and Black Seas in the eastern possessions of Russia, embracing a very large portion of these dominions. The name of this patriarch is still preserved in the river Tobal, which waters an immense tract of Russian territory; and the City of Tobalski in Russia is still a monument to him.

Wilhelm Gesenius, the world class Hebrew scholar, whose Hebrew Lexicon has never been surpassed, identified Meshech as Moscow, the capital of modern Russia. He identified Tubal as Tobolsk, the earliest province in Asiatic Russia to be colonized, and also the name of the city in which Peter the Great built the old fortress after the pattern of the Kremlin in Moscow. Gesenius states, "*that Meshech was founder of the Moschi, a barbarous people, who dwelt in the Moschian mountains.*" He went on to say that the Greek name "Moschi", derived from the Hebrew 'Meshech', is the source of the name for the city of Moscow. In discussing Tubal he said, "*Tubal is the son of Rapheth, founder of the Tibereni, a people dwelling on the Black Sea to the west of the Moschi.*" His conclusion was these people make up the modern Russian people.



The link of these ancient names to modern day Russia was first popularized in *the Scofield Study Bible*:

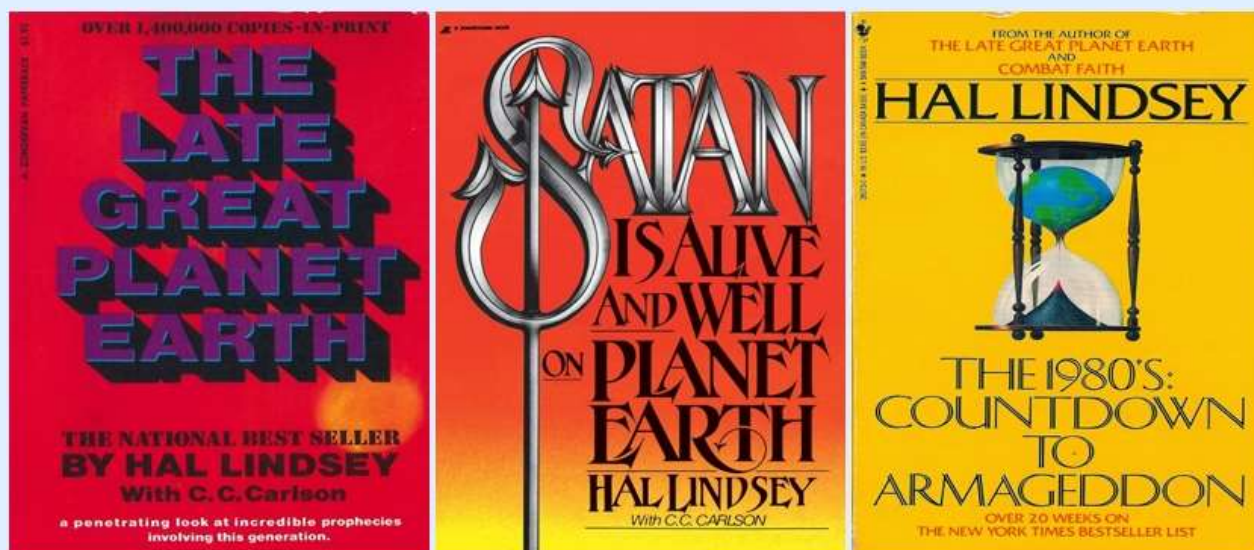
*"That the primary reference is to the Northern powers headed by Russia, all agree. The reference to Meshech and Tubal (Moscow and Tobolsk) is a clear mark of identification."*



But clearly in defense of the C.I. Scofield reference, it should be noted also that it is clear that Biblical scholars had already aligned with this belief much earlier.

In the 16th century, European scholars had already begun proposing the idea that the Muscovites had stemmed from Meshech. Sir Walter Raleigh (c. 1616) attributes this opinion to Philipp Melanchthon (1497–1560) and to Benito Arias Montano (1571), and it was also followed later by Jonathan Edwards (1703–1758). Moreover, according to a legend first appearing in the Kievan Synopsis (1674), Moscow (Moskva) was founded by King Mosokh son of Japheth (i.e. Meshech), and was named for him and his wife, Kva. In this legend, they are also said to have had a son, Ya, and daughter, Vuza, who gave their names to the nearby Yauza River. Also according to Archibald Sayce, Meshech can be identified with Muska, a name appearing in Assyrian inscriptions, and generally believed to refer to the Mushki.

#### FLASH BACK: REMEMBER THE LATE GREAT PLANET EARTH?



Whilst the idea of Russia playing a prophetic role in the last days was something which had been spoken about by many prophetic theologians during the previous centuries, it wasn't until the late 1970s that this idea was popularized into the mainstream. How many of you remember a man by the name of Hal Lindsey?

*The Late Great Planet Earth* is a best-selling 1970 book by Hal Lindsey with Carole C. Carlson, and first published by Zondervan Publishing. *The New York Times* declared it to be the bestselling nonfiction book of the 1970s. It was the first Christian prophecy book to be published by a secular publisher (*Bantam*, 1973) and sell many copies. The book was first featured on a primetime television special featuring Hal Lindsey in 1974 to 1975 with an audience of 17,000,000. Years later, it was adapted by Rolf Forsberg and Robert Amram into a 1978 film narrated by Orson Welles and released by *Pacific International Enterprises*. Lindsey and Carlson later published several sequels, including *Satan Is Alive and Well on Planet Earth* and *The 1980's: Countdown to*

Armageddon.

The book foretold a Soviet invasion of Israel (War of Gog and Magog) as well as predicting that the European Economic Community, which preceded the European Union, was destined (according to Biblical prophecy) to become a "United States of Europe", which in turn Lindsey says was destined to become a "Revived Roman Empire" ruled by the Antichrist. Lindsey wrote that he found little in the Bible that could represent the U.S., but he suggested that Ezekiel 38:13 could be speaking of the U.S. in part.

## Daniel Identifies Russia As An End Time Super Power

In Daniel 7, the prophet Daniel has a vision of four world powers represented in the vision as animals.

***"In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters. Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things. I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire." –(Daniel 7:1-9)***

The vast majority of all Bible commentaries and teaching material will tell you that the four beasts in Daniel's dream are the same four empires that are mentioned in Nebuchadnezzar's dream of an image in Daniel 2, namely Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome. Most of these commentaries were written decades ago, if not centuries ago, long before modern events began to fulfil these prophecies. It would have been impossible to identify these nations as we now can, as recently as one century ago which is likely the reason why they jumped to the conclusion that Daniel 7 was simply a retelling of Daniel 2.

However, we know that the four beasts of Daniels vision in Daniel 7 are modern day powers not ancient empires because at the time of the destruction of the fourth beast (the final world government) at the Second Coming of Christ, the previous three beast's kingdoms have a continuation as seen in Daniel 7:11-12. This verse sets the context for the interpretation rather than trying to interpret these beasts as being ancient empires.

*"As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time"*

All these beasts we see characterized as certain animal beasts are all representative of modern super-powers. What is more, it seems that these modern super-powers will be the big players present on the world stage going right up to the end of the age.

### **THIS IS WHAT IT BOILS DOWN TO**

What other evidence shows these are modern day powers? The Hebrew word "**qodam**" for the word "before" in Daniel 7:7 is the clincher here. A simple Hebrew word search of this word is "**qodam**" and Strong's Concordance word number H6925, is very instructive and can leave no doubt about what the text is showing us. The word "**qodam**", translated somewhat ambiguously in the King James Version and other translations as "before", but it does not mean before as in a previous time. Rather it actually means "in the presence of". And so a somewhat better rendering of the Daniel 7:7 text might be, and its meaning begins to clarify its meaning and intent.

***"After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts THAT WERE THERE IN IT'S PRESENCE; and it had ten horns."***

So all these beast powers we see in Daniel 7 were prophesied to be contemporaneous and in existence together at the same time. The first three (actually four), were seen by Daniel to be "*in the presence of*" the fourth beast of the New World Order. This fourth beast with the ten horns is a final global power of great strength soon to appear on the stage of world history.

We have spoken in the past about the first beast (the lion with eagles wings) as being representative of the Anglo American alliance where initially the Lion was the dominant but then the eagles wings were plucked and given self-independence, but what about the second beast in the vision. Which power does this represent? and are there any clues it provides for us to identify this end time power?

***"And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh."*** –(Daniel 7:5)





The Russian Bear is a national personification for Russia, used in cartoons and articles and dramatic plays at least since the 17th century, and relating alike to Tsarist Russia, the Soviet Union and the Russian Federation? It often was and is used by Westerners, to begin with especially in Britain and later also in the U.S., and not always in a flattering context, on occasion used to imply that Russia is “big, brutal and clumsy”.

The bear image was, however, on various occasions (especially in the 20th century) also taken up by Russians themselves. Having the teddy bear “Misha” as the mascot of the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games, boycotted by numerous countries due to the invasion of Afghanistan. Russia was evidently intended to counter the “big and brutal Russian Bear” image with a small, cuddly and smiling bear.

After the collapse of the Soviet Union, there was some support in the Russian Parliament for having a bear as the new Russian coat of arms with the proposers pointing out that “Russia is anyway identified in the world with the Bear”, though eventually it was the Tsarist coat of arms of the Double-headed eagle that was restored.



Later, the bear was taken up as the symbol of the *United Russia Party*, which dominates the political life in Russia since the early 2000s. Equating the bible reference to the bear as referring to Russia playing a prominent role during the end times is further supported by prophecies contained in the book of Ezekiel.

# The Last Testament of Peter the Great

One of the landmarks in the history of medieval Russia was through the leadership of the great Czar, Peter the Great, who before his death in 1725 had made Russia into the most powerful military nation within Europe. The Czar had shared the sentiments of many of the Russian politicians at that time, that it was vital within the interests of Moscow, to invade neighboring states in order to use them as a bulwark of defense against any outside invasion or threat. For years the Russians had repeatedly been attacked from the east by various powerful nomadic tribes, especially the Mongols and the Kazan Tatars. The leadership of Ivan IV had finally crushed Kazan Tatars, in doing so clearing the Volga all the way down to the Caspian Sea.



The Volga river became of extreme importance to Russian security as it gave them a better strategical and military position against other enemies to the east. Capture of the Volga river also allowed the Russian to intensify trading with Persia and India. Because the British and Dutch as the two commercial world powers relied heavily on trade with the east, the Russian position was that by increasing their influence in Asia, that they could counter balance the commercial western powers, and act as an intermediate commercial block between the eastern world and the western powers.

Under Peter the Great and his successors, all of the motives for the expansion of Russian power became focused as the nucleus of Russian foreign policy. The Great Northern war with Sweden in 1700-1721 opened the way for Russian annexation of the Baltic states and the expansion of power eastward, paved the way for Russia becoming not only a major force between the two commercial blocs of east and west, but also infiltrating the geography of these blocs.



At his death, Peter the Great left a protocol that would apparently shape the foreign policy of Moscow for hundreds of years to come. This protocol known as the Testament or secret will of Peter the Great is presently kept in the Romanoff archives in the Peterhof Palace in St Petersburg.



The 1890 Bohns Standard Library edition recording of the protocol:

✓ The Russian nation must be constantly on a war footing to keep the soldier warlike and in good condition. No rest must be allowed, except for the purpose of relieving the State's finances, recruiting the army, or bidding the favorable moment for attack. By these means peace is made subservient to war, and war to peace, in the interest of the aggrandizement and increasing prosperity of Russia.

✓ No opportunity must be lost of taking part in the affairs and disputes of Europe, especially in those of Germany, which is from its vicinity is one of the most direct interest to us.

✓ We must keep steadily extending our frontiers northward along the Baltic, and southward along the shores of the Euxine.

✓ We must progress as much as possible in the direction of Constantinople and India. He who can get possession of these places is the real ruler of the world. With this view we must provoke quarrels at one time with Turkey and at another with Persia. We must establish wharf's and cocks in the Euxine, and by degrees make ourselves the masters of that sea as well as the Baltic, which is a doubly important element in the success of our plan. We must hasten the downfall of Persia, push on into the Persian Gulf, and if possible re-establish the ancient commercial intercourse with the Levant through Syria, and force our way into the Indies, which are the storehouses of the world.

✓ When Sweden is ours, Persia is vanquished, Poland subjugated, Turkey conquered - when our armies are united and the Euxine and Baltic are in the possession of our ships. We must make use of one to annihilate the other; this done, we have only to destroy the remaining one by finding a pretext for a quarrel, the issue of which we cannot be doubtful, as Russia will then be already in absolute possession of the East, and of the best part of Europe.



When these countries are fully conquered, the rest of Europe must fall easily and without a struggle under our yoke. Thus Europe can and must be subjugated.

This protocol known as the Testament or secret will of Peter the Great has directed or guided all leaders of Russia since 1725, including President Putin. As such, Putin is driven to restore the greatness of the Russian Empire. Although some modern scholars may believe President Putin seeks parity with the world leaders, it is an inconsistent belief with the spirit of restoration of Russia as dominant power of Euro-Asia.

The map below clearly shows how much Russia has expanded as a territory since 1462 and is seeking to claw back strategic locations after the dissolution of the old Soviet Union empire during the early 1990s.



It must be said that the differences between Moscow's foreign policy approach now and that of Peter the Great is to a large extent influenced by the fact that Russia's foreign policy and strategic partnership are largely influenced by oil. During the eighteenth century, Peter the Great's plans for conquest were then based on religion and commerce.

## Oil: The Prophetic Hook

***"I will turn you around, put hooks in your jaws and bring you out with your whole army—your horses, your horsemen fully armed, and a great horde with large and small shields, all of them brandishing their swords. Persia, Cush[c] and Put will be with them, all with shields and helmets, also Gomer with all its troops, and Beth Togarmah from the far north with all its troops—the many nations with you. "Get ready; be prepared, you and all the hordes gathered about you, and take command of them. After many days you will be called to arms. In future years you will invade a land that has recovered from war, whose people were gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate. They had been brought out from the nations, and now all of them live in safety. You and all your troops and the many nations with you will go up, advancing like a storm; you will be like a cloud covering the land." –(Ezekiel 38:1-9)***

The conquest of Russia by any foreign power has always been difficult. With the exception of Genghis Khan, no power has ever been able to subdue it. It's just too big. Napoleon and Hitler both met their comeuppance trying.



Though part of the problem is its size, topography is also very much on Russia's side which is why the land mass of Ukraine is so significant. On Russia's southern and western frontier, the vast open flatlands of Ukraine and the extensive marsh-lands plus heavy forestation of Belarus tend to act as a buffer to aggression from the west.

In the south, nature also helps to provide a fortress. Sandwiched between the Black and Caspian seas is the Caucasus, a narrow corridor leading up into Russia, this passage is guarded by the vast Caucasus Mountains. If one wishes to invade Russia further east, the endless plains, deserts and mountains of Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan must first be conquered. However the Caucasus is also crucial to Russia's defenses, not just because of its location. It is also key to Russia's fuel supplies. In 1940 the French general Gamelen wrote,

*"Dependence on oil supplies from the Caucasus is the fundamental weakness of Russian economy. The Armed forces were totally dependent on this source also for their motorized agriculture. More than 90 percent of oil extraction and 80 percent of refinement was located in the Caucasus (primarily Baku). therefore, interruption of oil supplies on any large scale would have far-reaching consequences and could even result in the collapse of all the military, industrial and agricultural systems of Russia."*

Hitler was obsessed with the area, especially Azerbaijan's capital, Baku. He was convinced Germany needed the oil in the Caucasus and the farmland in the Ukraine to be self-sufficient and invulnerable. Indeed, if Hitler had controlled these two areas, Germany could have produced all its own fuel and food. Hitler, however, failed. While the Nazis made their way to Baku, the German 6th army was defeated at Stalingrad. His panzers never made it through the Caucasus Mountains. Some historians believe that, had Hitler made it to Baku, the war would have ended very differently.

Today, 20 percent of proven world gas reserves are within nations bordering the Caspian Sea, not including Russia. This area is expected to become a major area of oil and gas extraction, with oil production levels predicted to reach 4 billion barrels a day. Azerbaijan today has one of the largest known undeveloped offshore reserves in the world.

Ukraine holds the second-biggest known reserves — more than one trillion cubic meters — of natural gas in Europe after Russia. These reserves, under the Black Sea, are concentrated around the Crimean Peninsula. In addition, large deposits of shale gas have been discovered in eastern Ukraine, around Kharkiv and Donetsk.

In January 2013, Ukraine signed a 50-year, \$10 billion deal with Royal Dutch Shell to explore and drill for natural gas in eastern Ukraine. Later that year, Kyiv signed a 50-year, \$10 billion shale gas production-sharing agreement with the American energy company Chevron. Shell and Chevron pulled out of those deals after Russia annexed the Crimean Peninsula.

Some analysts believe Putin annexed Crimea to prevent Ukraine from becoming a major oil and gas provider to Europe and thereby challenge Russia's energy supremacy. Russia, they argue, was also worried that as Europe's second-largest petro state, Ukraine would have been granted fast-track membership to the EU and NATO.

According to this theory, Russia's invasion of Ukraine is aimed at forcing Kyiv to officially acknowledge Crimea as Russian, and recognize the separatist republics of Donetsk and Lugansk as independent states, so that Moscow can legally secure control over the natural resources in these areas; but there are more important issues at stake.

The Caucasus is the crossroads of Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Not only is there much fossil fuel in the Caucasus and in the Caspian Sea, but the area is also key to transporting oil and gas. This small area is receiving more and more of the world's attention. The little nation of Georgia occupies a crucial strategic location on the southern slopes of the Caucasus Mountains and the eastern shore of the Black Sea. Ukraine, on the northern shore of the Black Sea, is also key to controlling the Caucasus. In addition to housing Russia's Black Sea fleet and its continental ballistic missiles, Ukraine is a buffer state in defending Russia's south.





The allegiance of both Georgia and Ukraine is, in a way, crucial to the hegemonic plans for expansion of both the EU and Russia. Europe is desperate for a fuel supply that comes with no strings attached. It is especially desperate for gas. Unlike oil, which often travels in containers, the only real way to move gas is through pipelines. Europe gets some gas from the North Sea. Some it imports from North Africa. That is not enough. Europe needs to get most of its gas from the east. Currently it comes from Russia, but Russia has no qualms about pulling the plug on the West when the urge arises.

However, Europe has a number of projects underway to build pipelines directly from Europe to the Caucasus. Armenia has no diplomatic relations with Turkey, and is under a trade embargo from both Turkey and Azerbaijan, so no pipelines can travel through Armenia in the foreseeable future. All of these pipelines would have to travel through Georgia. It is the only possible route to get oil from the Caspian region to Europe without direct Russian or Iranian involvement. One can see why energy becomes such a powerful commodity that divides the powers of Europe and Russia.

With Russia now controlling Georgia, however, the bulk of Europe's gas must come from Russian-controlled territory or Iran. This is what is at stake in this little nation. Control of Georgia means control of the Caucasus. It means that Europe is forced to choose between Russia and the Middle East for its gas.

It is clear that the present leadership of Russia is even more fixated on oil and developments within the Middle East than previous administrations. Previous foreign policies of the Kremlin were largely dictated by a strategy which involved expansion of Russian influence both westward into Europe and eastward into the Indies. However, the world dynamic is changing. Since the fall of the iron curtain, Moscow has seen the European Union surely but steadily expand its presence into central and eastern Europe, swallowing up countries which were originally part of the Moscow's yoke under the Soviet Union.

The Russian invasion of Georgia in August 2008 was thus of paramount significance because of Georgia's strategic positioning as a bridge between the east and west in regards to the flow and distribution of oil. There are three key oil pipelines that run through Georgia. The biggest, designed to bypass Russia, is the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan pipeline (BTC), which transports about a million barrels of oil a day from the Caspian Sea through Georgia to the Mediterranean ports in Turkey. From there, the oil is sent to



Europe and other destinations around the world. The pipeline is of considerable strategic significance, as it is the only means by which countries in the region like Azerbaijan can get their oil into the international market without relying on Russia.



For these reasons, it is of enormous strategic benefit to Russia if it could reassert its dominance over Georgia, or merely has an opportunity to demonstrate to Turkmenistan and Azerbaijan that any means of getting their petroleum products to market independent of Russia may be unreliable. These issues were a key subtext to Russia's conflict with Georgia and Georgia's original desire to join NATO, although that desire is no longer possible given the sensitivity and wounds of the 2008 conflict.

We are now seeing the same issues with Ukraine. Since 2019 with Azerbaijan granting Ukraine exclusive conditions for oil supply and both presidents discussing joint capital investment projects and improvement of bilateral relations one can clearly see that if Russia retains control of Kiev then it will be a strategic move that will help to control the flow of oil and gas from the east to the west.

Russian leaders will probably acknowledge that whilst Europe has the money, and Asia the manpower, that it is the Middle East that has the energy. Energy is the trump card, and without energy Europe and Asia cannot survive. If Russia could align with Arab nations in securing the control of energy then its position would be secured against the moves by the West to isolate Moscow.

*"Russia has for ages mediated on the conquest of Asia, and India and China. Great Britain and the United States stand face to face with this Russian power; and these two sides will come into one final, awful struggle. We judge that the tide of Russian*

*conquest will flow on to the frontiers of China. The ascendance of Russia in the East and the revival of the Roman Empire in the West necessitates the meeting of these two opposing powers...We believe from the place assigned to Russia in the Word of God that her legions will sweep over the plains and mountains of Asia, and become more the dominant power over all the east until she falls forever on the mountains of Judah."* (John Philips, Exploring the Future).

## The Riddle of Russia and Islam

As mentioned earlier, the Jewish historian, Josephus, in his writings, mentioned that Magog founded the Magogians, called Scythians by the Greeks. The Scythians were a nomadic tribe who inhabited the ancient territory from Central Asia across the southern part of ancient Russia.

Today, this region encompasses part of the Ukraine, the Southern tip of Russia and the Islamic southern republics of the former Soviet Union such as Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, and possibly northern parts of Afghanistan. All of these nations that make up the land of Magog have one thing in common - Islam. Militant Islam has been on the rise in these countries since the fall of the Soviet Union, where Islam no longer has to be practiced secretly.

These nations are already united with Russia under the regional bloc of *the Commonwealth of Independent States* (CIS). Moscow struck deals with Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan to extend its bases till 2042 and 2032 respectively. It has announced an increase in troops in Tajikistan, its largest foreign base, from 5,900 to 9,000 soldiers by 2022. Russia has also renewed the fleet of its airbase at Kant, Kyrgyzstan where it has sent a dozen of new and modified versions of Su-25 fighter jets to replace older planes.



Using the principle of Biblical hermeneutics, many Bible prophecy experts will agree that this Islamic Jihad that includes Magog will also include Iran (Persia), Turkey (Togarmah), Libya (Put), Sudan and possibly Ethiopia (Cush). It is clear the common denominator with all these countries is the influence and power of Islam.

***"This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against you, Gog, chief prince of[b] Meshek and Tubal. I will turn you around, put hooks in your jaws and bring you out with your whole army—your horses, your horsemen fully armed, and a great horde with large and small shields, all of them brandishing their swords. Persia, Cush[c] and Put will be with them, all with shields and helmets, also Gomer with all its troops, and Beth Togarmah from the far north with all its troops—the many nations with you." Get ready; be prepared, you and all the hordes gathered about you, and take command of them. After many days you will be called to arms. In future years you will invade a land that has recovered from war, whose people were gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate. They had been brought out from the nations, and now all of them live in safety. You and all your troops and the many nations with you will go up, advancing like a storm; you will be like a cloud covering the land." -(Ezekiel 38:3-9)***

The Islamic connection of the Ezekiel 38 invasion force is inescapable but have you ever pondered on the question as to why would Russia and Islamic nations come together in Ezekiel 38? Historically there has been nothing about Russia whether under the imperialism of the Tsars or the communist Soviet Union which would find favor with an Islamic jihad. Whilst the Islamic nations have historically aligned with the Soviet Union during the Cold War this was simply geo-political tactical maneuvers since communism was perceived to be seen as the lesser evil than Zionism.

Whilst Vladimir Putin has stated on many occasions that Russia is a Christian nation, judging by its restrictions on Christian evangelism, it's clear that the country's core system of belief is still atheism. But whether some version of watered-down Christianity or atheism, Islam still sees both as a belief system of infidels which could not be accommodated under Islamic law.

#### **THE PARADOX OF THE EZEKIEL 38 ALLIANCE**

If an Islamic country is participating in a war to destroy Israel and recapture the Holy Land under Islamic rule and ensure the Temple Mount in Jerusalem is under Islamic control, how would it bode if an atheistic or orthodox 'Christian military power (depending on how one would define the primary religion of Russia) is also residing in Israel along with them. Would Islam not see this as a significant threat to their long interests in securing the protection of their jihad struggle?

The consequences of the Russian military in the Middle East would also not bode well for the Gulf states who rely on American presence for security and wealth through their economic relationships. Questions would arise as to the motive of Russia in the Middle East who could easily through strength of their military blackmail the surrounding Islamic nations into making concessions.

Islam was to a large extent controlled in the Soviet Union but has had a renaissance since its downfall in 1991, helped by oil money from the Middle East. This re-Islamization of Central Asia should worry the Russians. They are spending hundreds of



millions of dollars on a border security project, partly to avoid being demographically overwhelmed by Muslims. But Russia, too, has a large and growing Muslim population, and a non-Muslim population in marked decline. It is not impossible, if current trends continue, that Russia could either disintegrate completely or be majority Muslim within this century. Russia's non-Muslim population is declining, but numbers are rising in Muslim regions. Will the country called Russia still exist in the future? And if so, will it be the Russia of Pushkin or of Abdullah?



Paul Goble, an expert on minorities in the former Soviet Union has affirmed the trend of the exponential growth in Islam since the demise of the Soviet Union: Russia had about 300 mosques in 1991 and now there are at least 8,000, about half of which were built with money from abroad, especially from Turkey, Iran and Saudi Arabia. As of 2021, Muslims now account for one-fifth of the population with the Muslim community in Russia continuing to grow, having reached 25 million, according to the grand mufti of Russia, Sheikh Rawil Gaynetdin.

### **ANTI-ZIONISM - THE GLUE THAT HOLDS MOSCOW AND ISLAM TOGETHER**

If we look at *'Morals and Dogma' and the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry'*, author Albert Pike, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, Scottish Rite (Southern Jurisdiction, USA 1859-1888), clearly stated that a spiritual entity (demon) revealed to him that World War III would be between Islam and Zionism, Also consider that the 1903 published, *'Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion'*, a document purporting to describe a Jewish plan for global domination, originated in Russia and was a societal reflection of the deep mistrust that Russians held towards Jews.

Clearly one can see that the glue that could hold Russia and Islam together is anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism. The demonic vision that Albert Pike received about a future world war is seen in the Middle East.

**The NATO Response: Just Like the Merchants of Tarshish**





If the President of the Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, had been hoping that the western allies who he had been courting for NATO membership would come to his military rescue to help defend the country against Russian aggression, he now seems to be expressing frustration and betrayal. On numerous occasions since the Russian invasion began, Volodymyr Zelenskyy has accused America and the west of deserting the Ukraine at a time when there would have been a great opportunity to leverage off the expectation of future NATO membership.

Instead his cries for military support has largely been retranslated by the West into the form of economic sanctions against Russian financial institutions and closure of airspace to Russian airlines.

Based on statements by made by NATO military analysts, NATO simply does not have the will to directly confront Russia in a military operation. They have made token gestures such as sending more soldiers to beef up NATO countries that sit close to Russia such as Poland and Romani, but ultimately the West has been very careful not to engage Russia directly for fear of sparking a global conflict with massive global ramifications.

But here is the parallel. In Ezekiel 38, when Russia instigates a plan to usurp control of the Middle East that we see the same response by the western nations. A weak diplomatic protest against the invasion to annihilate the nation of Israel.

***"Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?"*** -(Ezekiel 38:13)



*The Merchants of Tarshish* are not part of the invading forces for they protest against Russia when she invades Israel. Tarshish in Ezekiel's day was in the farthest western regions of the known world at the time. It was wealthy and flourishing, exporting silver, iron, tin and lead through the seafaring Phoenicians -(Jeremiah 10:9; Ezekiel 27:12,25). This hints at it being Great Britain. Tarshish occupied the uttermost parts of the west. When God commanded Jonah to go preach to Nineveh, he headed to Tarshish, which was as far in the other direction as he could go (see Jonah 1:1-3).

Again it's interesting to note the symbolism of the young lions by Ezekiel because throughout most of its history, England has employed the crowned lion as the official heraldry symbol of the royal families. The lion appears on almost every coat of arms in the British royal line going back at least 700 years. It is also interesting to note that during World War II, the common imagery used as part of the call for men to arms was one with Britain represented as a male Lion with the young lions as representative of the British English speaking colonies such as Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the USA. That symbol exists to this day and no other empire had more young lions than Great Britain. The present young lions are the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and the Commonwealth. These young lion nations that came out of the British Empire have also for the most part been pro-Israel.

Britain's efforts towards the rebirth of Israel as a nation in 1948 through the Balfour Declaration, was followed by the United States which since the demise of Britain as a world power, inherited the role as the protector of Israel. Could it be that America is represented in Daniel 7:3 as the "eagle's wings"?

***"The first was like a lion, and it had the wings of an eagle. I watched until its wings were torn off and it was lifted from the ground so that it stood on two feet like a human being, and the mind of a human was given to it." -(Daniel 7:4)***

Note that the wings are first attached to the lion indicating co-operation, possibly a mother-daughter relationship. History shows that America descended from the British Isles and the connection between the lion and eagles wings can be interpreted as the Anglo American alliance that governed world politics during the mid-part of the twentieth century.

The United States of America was originally a colonial territory of Great Britain. But it

was plucked up from the British Empire when the citizens of the thirteen original American colonies wrote and signed The Declaration of Independence in 1776, declaring their independence and breaking away the British Crown - King George III. The fact that the wings were removed in Daniel's vision would clearly seem to refer to American independence and thereby strengthens the identification.

However there is a change in the relationship because the eagle's wings are not only plucked from the lion, but they are given a heart and made to stand. This probably refers to the establishment of America as a super power which mean that the reliance on the mother nation, Britain, was no longer needed. The loss of wings means the Lion no longer has the ability to fly referring to Britain losing her colonial and imperial power as America rises to supremacy. For a time there is equal cooperation, but after a time one power rises while the other wanes in influence.

So we can clearly see a parallel between what we are witnessing with the crisis in Ukraine and what will unfold with Israel in the future when her supposed strategic military partnerships and alliances will fail to rush to her defense in the midst of an invading swarm led by Russia. Instead the only form of resistance from the on looking allies will be diplomatic protest.

***"And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, chief prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal"*** -(Ezekiel 38:1-3)

Since Russian president, Vladimir Putin took power in 1999, he has established unrivalled dominance of both houses of parliament, reasserted control over the country's huge energy industry, forced the closure of the last independent national television network, strengthened Russia's ties to its former communist allies, and employed what he calls managed democracy. He has manipulated elections, silenced critics and gradually tightened his grip on the nation. Democratic ideals, such as freedom of speech, are rapidly eroding under Vladimir Putin's autocratic leadership. Putin has faced growing criticism for restricting democratic freedoms and concentrating his presidential powers. Once thought to be a growing capitalist ally, Russia is returning to its Soviet roots. **Putin is essentially a Mafia mob boss with possession of nuclear weapons.** Putin wanted to become a KGB agent as early as his elementary school days. He presents himself as a polished politician and is a skilled chess player in so many ways which deceive his opponents.

Putin is a former KGB officer, and reports estimate that one in every 4 officials in Putin's government has a background in the military or security services. Some critics have described Russia as being ruled by a "power-hungry mafia" of former KGB and military officers, who have grabbed "the nation by the throat." Sergei Mitrokhin, a former parliamentary leader and member of the Yabloko party, described recent events as "a step toward dictatorship." In an April 2005 speech, Putin lamented the demise of the Soviet Union, calling it the "greatest geopolitical catastrophe of the century." Putin has

also called on Israel to withdraw from all the occupied Arab lands back to the June 4, 1967 border. Putin has stressed necessity of a complete Israeli withdrawal from Golan Heights.

Growing anti-Semitism within Russia and Putin's questionable commitment to democratic reforms are lingering concerns. During the Soviet era more than a million Jews fled Russia to escape state-sponsored anti-Semitism, and in recent years, there has been a dramatic resurgence of anti-Jewish sentiment. The emergence of a new and very violent generation of ultra-nationalists and of extremist Islamist organizations as well as reports of several serious anti-Semitic incidents is cause for concern. A worsening of the domestic situation in Russia - economically, socially, and security-wise - could prompt a resurgence of anti-Semitism in the near future. Even more disturbing is a recent poll that reported that as many as one-third of Russians are in favor of officially restricting Jews and preventing them from holding any governmental or cultural positions.

Due to constitutionally mandated term limits, the Putin-Medvedev tandemocracy was the joint leadership of Russia between 2008 and 2012 when Vladimir Putin, who was constitutionally barred from serving a third consecutive term as president of Russia, assumed the role of prime minister under President Dmitry Medvedev. Putin was re-elected president in the 2012 election and Medvedev became his prime minister.

The linking of Putin to Gog is fascinating. Ezekiel 38-39 deals extensively with a leader called "Gog" who is from the "land of Magog." The word "**Gog**" literally means "high" or "supreme." It is a title similar in nuance to "Czar" or "Pharaoh." Magog is associated with the ancient people known as "Scythians" and the land occupied today north of the Black Sea.

Gog comes out of his place from the "far north" -(Ezekiel. 38:15). In the Bible, Israel as God's chosen people is consistently the centerpiece nation and other nations are referenced in relationship to Israel. On a map if you go straight north from Israel as far as you can go and still be in land mass, you will be in Russia. Gog is the leader of Russia and company. **Putin is a man consumed with restoring the "glory of Mother Russia."** He is possessed with power and remaining in office at whatever costs are incurred. Debate as to Putin being Gog is not merely an academic issue, and with two decades of Russian leadership he has been ruthless with perceived opponents threatening his political future, and may or may not be the Gog referenced 11 times in Ezekiel 38-39, but he clearly is "*Grotesque*" in the establishment of his Czar-like position. It is my personal view that Putin is Gog and the unfolding current events confirm it to be the case. He has a messianic role to play as I will explain below.

The KJV translates Strong's H7218 in the following manner: head (349x), chief (91x), top (73x), beginning (14x), company (12x), captain (10x), sum (9x), first (6x), principal (5x), chapters (4x), rulers (2x), miscellaneous (23x).



Ezekiel 38-39 portrays a great last day's alliance that will invade Israel under the leadership of **Gog**. Could Putin be the one who at the very end will lead Russia to its ultimate doom? Time will tell and few may agree with my view. In the big picture, there are many external factors that converge in the view that Putin has no competition as "**Gog**". Vladimir Putin only understands power in the hands of those willing to use it. That said, fear of the west and NATO to stand against Putin provides him the gratification of being able to threaten and intimidate his opponents.

## But Tidings Out of the East and Out of the North

***"But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many."*** –(Daniel 11:44)

The U.S., UK and EU have adopted sanctions aimed at freezing the assets of President Vladimir Putin and his foreign minister, Sergei Livor, in response to the war in Ukraine. They also plan to place sanctions on the Russian central bank and remove some of the country's lenders from the Swift global payments system, in addition to other economic sanctions. Other allies, including Japan, Canada, Australia and South Korea, have also adopted sanctions.

**Don't expect sanctions to affect Putin's actions.** Putin has a spiritual vision that directs and drives his actions. Putin has a spiritual destiny and believes in Saint Vlad of Russ that he is fulfilling that messianic role, or messenger. Putin was a Jewish convert to the Russian Orthodox Church and believes he is fulfilling a spiritual mission in advancing the Russian National goal of spreading the Greek or Russian Orthodox Church religion of the tenth century A.D. Saint Vlad of Russ is seen as the equivalent of the Apostle Paul in the Greek Orthodox Church.

Prince Vladimir was the first to embrace and choose the Heavenly Kingdom together with the Russian people. I say, *"with the people"* because there were separate individuals before his time who were joining themselves to the heavenly kingdom, like his grandmother Olga, Theodore and John – martyrs of Kiev, and others. But Vladimir was the first to set out on the path of the Cross along with his whole people. For him, this could not have been but related to a big inner struggle, a struggle that was spiritual and more intense than the one endured by the Serbian King Lazar and by the last Emperor of Russia. Those two, being raised Christian, only had to choose from two options – to stand firm or not on the established path of Christian self-sacrifice.

But at that time, the pagan Vladimir, a son of a man called "the wild leopard" had to decide on a completely new path, completely unknown in Russia until that time. That man who would not hold back from any earthly pleasures, who reached the limits of every looseness, debauchery, uncontrolled blood-thirstiness, thievery, violent vengeance – had to die with his old soul and start living with a new one. According to the words of Christ, *"He who loses his soul shall save it."* Choosing a spiritual death is

harder than choosing a bodily death, because the spiritual death which the lewd Prince of Kiev chose was not a temporal death which happens once, but a daily and multiple death, according to the words of the Apostle Paul, *“Brethren, I die daily!”* Accepting the Christian faith, Vladimir knew that he was choosing the hardest of the three available religions.

Chroniclers state that he pondered for a long time before he decided to accept one. He knew that the Christian religion is the path of the cross, and that the path of the cross means, first of all, a departure from one’s former foolish ways, a break with old habits, with one’s old soul. He also knew that it is not enough to drag Perun from the hills of Kiev and sink him into the Dniepr, but that he himself and each one of his subjects had to also cast out all idols from their soul. But woe, the idols of the Slavs, like all idols, were made up earthly gods, greatest vanities with most exalted names – deaf and numb agents of the earthly kingdom which chained people’s souls to the ground, promising only the earthly kingdom, the illusory fortune of the world which no man has ever seen with his eyes. Slavic idolatry, with its center in Kiev, made the Slavs the most savage people in Europe. As Vladimir was – a pagan, such were also the Russian Slavs: a savage herd of thieves, plunderers, gluttons, drunkards, destroyers. Their widows were burned alive at stake. They offered slaughtered children as sacrifice to the idols. They were fear and trembling of all cultured peoples, especially for Byzantium, the most cultured among them. Their greatest pleasure was the destruction of things they did not build, and plundering of what they did not earn. What sort of a force under the sun could have turned that savage herd into a people, tame them, give them rebirth, transform them, resurrect them, give them a holy soul instead of a bestial one? Only the force of Christ’s faith could have worked such a supernatural wonder among the Russians. It turned Vladimir the wolf into Vladimir the lamb. Having been a womanizer, Vladimir immediately dismissed his harem and started living wisely. Vladimir – the glutton and the drunk – started fasting, and fasting until exhaustion at that; that same Vladimir who mocked the Muslim faith for forbidding the consumption of pork and wine. Vladimir the blood-spiller started visiting hospitals and prisons, providing alms and comfort. Vladimir – a night owl and a party animal – started spending nights in tearful prayers, with bows and prostrations and in pondering God’s judgment and his soul.

Most Americans don’t realize this, but the Russians were and are actually offering to end the conflict if six major conditions are met...

- No NATO membership and a neutral position.
- Russian should be the second official language of Ukraine, with laws prohibiting it abolished.
- Recognize Crimea as Russian territory.
- Recognize the independence of Donetsk and Lugansk.
- Demilitarization of Ukraine and abandonment of weapons that could be a threat to the Kremlin.
- Banning of ultra-nationalist parties and organizations in Ukraine.

But you won't hear much about this on any of the networks or major cable news channels, will you?

And that is because it doesn't fit with the narrative that they are currently pushing.

Vladimir Putin is spiritually subsumed in this messianic mission of Saint Vlad of Rus and so the history of Russia macrocosmically represents the spiritual drama of Saint Vladimir, just like Vladimir micro-cosmically represents all of history of the baptized Holy Russia. The glorious days of early Russia are revered in that of Saint Vlad of Rus. The revision of Orthodox Christianity is a single goal, Kyiv and take it as a restoration of Christianity in Russia. He sees himself as the spiritual incarnation of Saint Vlad of Rus. Putin sees his destiny as the rebuilding of Christianity as that of Saint Vlad of Rus. Kyiv plays a huge role in Putin's restoration of Russian nationalism. There was a split or division in 2020 between the Russia Orthodox Church in Kyiv and the patriarch of Kyiv. Putin needs the capital of Kyiv to restore the primacy of Saint Vlad of Rus. Putin believes he is here for such a time as this to bring in the Russian kingdom.

Putin calls this [Kyiv] the third Rome, it is his secret mission to pull off while the world watches helplessly. People in the west think that Putin is crazy and because they do not understand him they do not know how to deal with him. You now know why Putin needs to control the Ukraine; it is for spiritual reasons, not political reasons. The world's secular leaders do not grasp the meaning of all this and its implications that over shadow the future. He will "burn the house down" [bring on a third world war] to fulfill his messianic mission of Saint Vlad of Rus. Putin is not affected by so-called sanctions. He has sought the support of China and we are at mere weeks before he will execute the plan of Ezekiel 38.

Putin as Gog will strike out at the Rothschild's, the Jesuit-Vatican, who are manipulating the world from the realm of the Antichrist and the Synagogue of Satan. The Rothschild's are running scared and that was recently noted in an address Nathan Rothschild gave that the world must destroy Putin or loses their new world order. Putin knows well that the Jesuit-controlled Vatican is the enemy of his vision, and that of Saint Vlad of Rus. This Satanic realm uses Freemasonry to provoke this war against Russia.

Most Americans do not know that Russia annually celebrates February 23<sup>rd</sup> as Defender of the Fatherland Day. The occasion dates back to the first years of the existence of the Russian Soviet Republic and the history of its withdrawal from the First World War. On January 28, 1918, Vladimir Lenin, Chairman of the Council of People's Commissars of the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic signed a decree "On Forced Recruitment into the Workers 'and Peasants' Red Army." On February 23, the Red Army began to accept volunteers into its ranks.

Since 1923, February 23<sup>rd</sup> has marked Red Army and Navy Day. In 1946-1992, the holiday was celebrated as Soviet Army and Navy Day. In 1993-1995, it was celebrated as the Day of Defenders of the Fatherland. In 1993-1995, it was celebrated as the Defenders of the Fatherland Day.

In 2006, the plural was removed from the name of the holiday, and it became Defender of the Fatherland Day.

In 2002, February 23<sup>rd</sup> was declared a non-working day for the first time (according to the new Labor Code of the Russian Federation signed by Russian President Vladimir Putin on December 30, 2001).

On Defender of the Fatherland Day, various ceremonies involving veterans are traditionally held, which among other things include laying flowers at war memorials. In the evening, celebratory gunfire and fireworks take place in Hero Cities (a Soviet honorary title awarded for outstanding heroism during World War II to 12 USSR cities and the Brest Fortress), for instance, in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Volgograd, Kerch, Murmansk, Novorossiysk, Sevastopol, Smolensk, and Tula, as well as in cities where the headquarters of military districts, fleets, combined arms armies, and the Caspian Flotilla are deployed. February 23<sup>rd</sup> is meant to honor military servicemen but it actually celebrates men on the whole, regardless of their age and profession.

Putin was also pegging his invasion of Ukraine to an historic date celebrated annually in Russia.

Putin's actual invasion occurred 2/23/2022, on a date carrying strong Russian history. Now you know the reason President Putin chose this date to launch his war against Ukraine.

Ezekiel 38 tells us that in the latter days, a group of armies from the "uttermost" north will orchestrate a massive sneak attack on Israel. At the time, Israel is said to be dwelling in relative security in a land without walls or bars. A shocking outcome awaits the enemy, as God breaks his silence and destroys the invading armies in a supernatural way. It's a miraculous rescue mission and it leaves our world and the Jewish people changed forever.

With all of what I have just shared here, these are spiritual symbolic signs and dates of what will be called the beginning of World War III. I can think of nothing greater in significance of God's deliverance of the Nation of Israel as this war continues.

**NEWS BRIEF: "Lithuania declares state of emergency; NATO calls a Virtual Summit", Gulf News, World, February 24, 2022**

*"Russian President Vladimir Putin announced Thursday a military operation in Ukraine to defend separatists in the east of the country. World leaders and the Ukrainian government have decried the 'full-scale attack' by Russia."*

*"NATO member Lithuania, which has borders with Russian ally Belarus and Russia's exclave of Kaliningrad on the Baltic Sea, has declared a state of emergency effective early Thursday afternoon due to the situation in Ukraine. "*



*"Lithuania also borders fellow NATO and European Union members Poland and Latvia."*

What will happen when Russian forces push from Ukraine into Latvia, and Lithuania, both NATO countries? Article 5 of the NATO Charter clearly states that an attack on one NATO country will be considered an attack on all.

If Putin conquers any of these smaller NATO countries while NATO stands by and does nothing, the Old World Global Order will instantly collapse.

The recent headlines read as follows: ["Putin Announces 'Special Military Operation for De-Militarization and De-Nazification of Ukraine'"](#), *Breitbart News*, 23 February 2022.

*"Russian President Vladimir Putin declared war on Ukraine in a surprise television announcement at roughly 6:00 a.m. Moscow time, 10:00 p.m. Eastern. The Russian dictator described the unprovoked attack as a "special military operation for the de-Militarization and de-Nazification of Ukraine."*

While Putin quietly ordered his forces to cross the Ukraine border on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, he did not publicly announce it until 6-am (Moscow Time), February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

And, as I noted, February 23 is very important to Russia every year! Putin is a superstitious bully and chose a precise but significant date for executing his war and reincarnation of fulfillment of the Testament of Vlad of Russ.

NEWS BRIEF: ["Russia to celebrate Defender of the Fatherland Day on Feb 23"](#), TASS News Service, 22 Feb 2022.

The U.S., EU, and NATO reflect their impotence through the use of sanctions, and in the case of Russia and the Federation, along with China and the BRICS system created years ago, for exchange of commerce and currency settlements. With China as the world's economic engine of the world, no nation can obstruct commercial activities, not to mention the fact that Russia is in the driver's seat for energy. This is a world event that human minds can never resolve to the satisfaction of the counter-parties. Only the Lord Himself will be able to provide the solution. Ezekiel 20 tells us why God is going to provide the solution. Be prepared for the Rapture is all that I can add to this scenario.

A "select" number of Russian banks will be removed from *the Swift international payments system* to "ensure that these banks are disconnected from the international financial system and harm their ability to operate globally", the U.S., UK, Canada and EU said in their joint statement last week. The banks are yet to be identified.

The U.S. has also imposed sanctions on two state-owned banks in Belarus, *Belinvestbank* and *Bank Dabrabyt*, in response to Minsk's participation in the Russian invasion. The question one has to ask is Vladimir Putin a madman considering the tremendous impact these sanctions and restrictions will have on the Russian economy? Surely he would have foreseen this response from the West. How would

Russia be able to survive for any sustainable period of time with such massive and far reaching sanctions?

The western powers are already aware that Putin has made sure Russia largely immune, at least in the short term. Over a decade, Kremlin policy has carefully reduced domestic public and private sector debt and allowed the central bank time to build a war chest of foreign assets large enough to shore up the country's finances for months, if not years. This means that the sanctions put in place over the past couple of days by the EU, U.S., UK, Japan and Canada are unlikely to have any significant effect on the Russian economy or its financial stability.

While banning Russia from Swift is a major impact on Russian financial capability, Putin already has the ace up his sleeve to counter this. China!. While the Swift payment systems transmits trillions of dollars' worth of deals every day, it is coming under pressure from a Chinese government-backed rival, Cips, which Russia could use to conduct its financial business deals supplemented by direct transactions with counterparties.



Now the world's largest economy, it doesn't take long to understand how China will provide support to its strategic ally and facilitate Russia weathering the financial storm that has erupted around its financial system. **The one thing the West would be unlikely to do is impose sanctions on China (because they are facilitating Russia via the back door) as this would be a sure way to destabilize and cripple the world economy which would come with massive negative consequences for Capitalism.**

This relationship between Russia and China again is the emergence of something prophetic because in Daniel 11:40-44 we see that while the Antichrist is pursuing an aggressive military policy of expanding his empire into north Africa that he will be startled of reports coming from the north and the east.

***"But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many."*** -(Daniel 11:44)

***"And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared."*** -(Revelation 16:12)

Could this be an alliance of a Russia (based on where you place Russia in the prophetic cycle) and China in a unified pact to wrestle global control away from the Antichrist? Time will tell.

### **FLASH BACK: THE FIRST DAY OF THE RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE**

On the 24th February 2022, the very day that Russia began their invasion of the Ukraine, nine Chinese aircraft entered Taiwan's air defense zone in violation of Taiwan's sovereignty as a nation. The number of aircraft involved was well off the last large-scale incursion, 39 Chinese aircraft which occurred the month before on January 23rd. The defense ministry of Taiwan said the latest mission involved eight Chinese J-16 fighters and one Y-8 reconnaissance aircraft, which flew over an area to the northeast of the Taiwan-controlled Pratas Islands at the top end of the South China Sea.

However it is not the scale of aircraft that was involved that was the issue this time, rather the timing. The timing of this in parallel to the Russian invasion of the Ukraine could be an indication that Russia and China have already strategized how they both collectively will de-stable the world and cause massive challenges for the West in having to focus on massive military threats on two different fronts, Europe and Asia.

The U.S. has now sent a delegation to Taiwan led by former Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman, Mike Mullen, amid fears that China could invade Taiwan during the Ukraine crisis.

The Russian Federation commands the world's second-most powerful military, behind only the United States, having spent an estimated \$61.7 billion US on defense in 2021, according to figures compiled by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute. Russia has almost 900,000 active military personnel to draw on in its war of aggression; 1,328 fighter aircraft, 478 helicopters and the Russian tanks rumbling towards the capital, Kyiv, are part of an overall armored corps of 31,000 vehicles. Also, the Russian Navy boasts 605 vessels, including 70 submarines, that can be deployed in the Black Sea, off the Ukrainian coast. It is of little wonder that Ezekiel was taken back by his vision when he compared their invasion of Israel to come as a "cloud".

***"Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee."*** –(Ezekiel 38:9

What we are witnessing is the material that Hollywood blockbusters are made from. You couldn't have laid out a better script. Push the world into a 2 year global covid-19 pandemic and wear out the population with the repetition of lockdown and then the return of some freedoms, back to lockdown and then rebound back towards freedom. Then, when there is more yardage to exploit in terms of the covid-19 pandemic all of a sudden announce sweeping changes to end all restrictions. No more face coverings, no more social distancing, no more mandates and no more pressure to take double jabs and boosters. And just when society is able to relax for the first time in 2 years as some sense of normality returns, a massive global tinderbox ignites as Russia decides that now is the time to invade Ukraine and instigate a global conflict with massive ramifications.

The question to be asked is whether the world is just a stage? Are these major events with such profound influences on nations and societies all down to random chance? Or is their intelligent design behind the conveyor belt of major impacting world events? Will the Russia-Ukraine crisis be another rung in the ladder moving us closer towards a one world government and if so how?

In 2022 we face the very real possibility that the map of Europe will have to be redrawn based on Russia's expansion westward in the assimilation of Ukraine. In "New Map" we explore the dynamics of why Russia is unlikely to leave Ukraine alone as an independent self-governing nation and this time will enforce the political structure of the nation in a way which will prevent the country from being able to apply for membership of NATO and the European Union.

But not only this, if Russia takes over Ukraine it will expand its presence southward. Bearing in mind that Syria is already a Russian vassal with Russia's military still present in the country it would mean that with the Ukraine and Crimea under Russian control the only nation standing in between Russia and Syria would be Turkey. And so we also explore the incredible possibility suggested by some political experts, that Russia could also eventually come into confrontation with Turkey in order to snuff out completely the ability of energy exports being transferred from Azerbaijan to Europe without Russian control.

If Russia was to get into an altercation with Turkey that ended in an extension of its geographical power this could mean Russia having a line of axis all the way from Moscow across Kiev and Istanbul down into Damascus. It would utterly control the whole of the direct northern hemisphere, north of Israel. Could this be the King of the North that Daniel alluded to in Daniel 11:40? This a fascinating geo-political and prophetic insight which will keep you hooked for ages.



## UKRAINE: CONFLICT AT THE CROSSROADS OF EUROPE AND RUSSIA

Ukraine has struggled to forge an independent path, torn between Europe and the United States in the West and its long-standing ties to Russia in the East. Ukraine has long played an important, yet sometimes overlooked, role in the global security order. Today, the country is on the front lines of a renewed great-power rivalry that many analysts say will dominate international relations in the decades ahead.

The conflict in Ukraine is viewed by some as part of a renewed geopolitical rivalry between western powers and Russia. A former Soviet republic, Ukraine has deep cultural, economic, and political bonds with Russia.

In 2014, Russia annexed Crimea, a part of Ukraine, and it is keen not to let the country become more aligned with Western institutions, chiefly NATO and the European Union. Now that Russia had succeeded in launching an attack; what can Ukraine possibly do?

## RUSSIA RISING

Russia, again, is on the move. The news headlines proclaim it. Georgia was first, then Ukraine and the invasion of Crimea. Meddling in the elections of the United States followed. For the fourth straight year, Forbes has ranked Vladimir Putin as the world's most powerful person - even above the president of the United States. Like it or not, the world has descended into a new Putin-led Cold War 2.0. As the storm clouds gather, America sleeps. Russian's hand in Syria and its closer ties to Iran are especially alarming to those who know Bible prophecy and the book of Ezekiel. Putin is poised right now on Israel's northern border - an ominous sign of our times. What does the Bible say about our troubling times?

## ARMAGEDDON OIL AND TERROR

John F Walvoord, one of the greatest of biblical prophecy experts believed that the ongoing crisis over oil power and control was plain to see during the Gulf War. With the development of "oil" politics, prophetic scholar Walvoord believed there would be new alignment of power with the United States and Russia losing their influence in the Middle East countries. The Armageddon battle would then be the result of the super powers attempting to regain influence and re-establish their balance of power.

Updating the work of renowned biblical scholar John F. Walvoord, who famously predicted current world events, Armageddon, Oil, and Terror offers shocking predictions on the future of terrorism, oil-based economics, and nuclear war in the Middle East. In all, Armageddon, Oil, and Terror sheds light on 12 events related to end-time prophecies that seem eerily close to coming true. Includes materials from lectures and discussions after 9/11 and incorporates vital, updated material from other Walvoord classics. It is as current as today's news . . . and every prediction rings true.

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