

Pre-Tribulation Rapture Precedes the Ezekiel 38/39 War

Part 4 Update

The geo-political situation in the Middle East has gone from unsettled to near chaos with the events of October 16th, further raising concern for the State of Israel. I'm sharing some of the views of this day-to-day saga. I'll have comments on the Turkey invasion of northeast Syria further below.

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"The U.S. surprise decision to announce that it would withdraw from an area along the Syrian border and enable a Turkish military operation into northern Syria raises many questions about long-term U.S. policy in the Middle East. It is also concerning to Jerusalem because both Iran, an enemy of Israel, and Turkey, which excoriates Israel regularly at international forums, appear to gain as the U.S. retreats."

"The U.S. decision to open the door for a Turkish invasion of eastern Syria is seen as a betrayal among U.S. partners on the ground in Syria, and particularly among many Kurds. Across the region it is also seen as the US, once again, letting down allies. This has been a refrain from Iraq to Egypt to the Gulf. US President Donald Trump said that although the Kurds fought alongside the US, eastern Syria was now the for "Turkey, Europe, Russia, Iran, Iraq, Russia" to deal with."

"The U.S. may appear to only be leaving a few border posts in Tel Abyad near the Turkish border. But the effect is felt all the way to the Gulf and Riyadh and down to Amman and Cairo. It's a message."

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"In the Gulf the feeling is already clear. Saudi Arabia cannot confront Iran after the September 14 attack on Abqaiq and its oil facilities. The UAE is seeking to end the Yemen conflict. Riyadh appears bogged down in Yemen with the forces it supports being dealt a blow by the Iranian-backed Houthis. Saudi's image has been harmed by the murder of former insider Jama Khashoggi in Istanbul last year."

“This then is the situation in the region. The U.S. wants to end the Afghan war, empowering Iran there as well. It wants to leave Syria. It may be asked to leave parts of Iraq by Iranian-backed parties in parliament. Turkey, once more close to Israel, is now one of the most vocal opponents of Israel in the region and is empowered by the U.S. move. It and its ally Qatar have worked with Hamas. Iran works with Hamas. Iran works with Turkey on Syria. On Iran's grand chessboard for its long-term strategy in the region, it sees another win.”

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“The U.S. decision to leave eastern Syria appears abrupt, not informing European allies or the SDF, or preparing the ground. It shows that the U.S. can make policy by tweet, as Trump has in the past. What does this mean for Jerusalem? It means that Washington's "deal of the century" and other plans are not clear. An erratic Washington, even one that appears more pro-Israel than previous administration, leaves more questions than answers. Israel's enemies exploit that kind of uncertainty. There is a feeling that while the U.S. supports Israel's actions in the region, Israel is also alone and not being consulted on regional strategy.”

“In the short term the plans by Ankara to move into eastern Syria, bit-by-bit, are clear. But the long term question is how Iran and Israel enemies may benefit. Russia will watch closely what is happening because its ally the Syrian regime doesn't want the U.S. to manage a Turkish takeover of eastern Syria.”

“Russia previously signed off on Turkey using the airspace over Afrin for a campaign there. But Russia is concerned about instability in Raqqa and other areas where there was previously ISIS presence. If the SDF fights Turkey there will be a power vacuum. Will Iran fill the vacuum? If it does it gives it more real estate in Syria to transfer weapons to Hezbollah and allies. Whoever fills that vacuum has leverage over the future of Syria and Iraq and security throughout the region. Israel is concerned and will watch closely.”

Although the number of U.S. troops being withdrawn only numbered around 50 or so, and mainly special operations forces, the image perception portends a much more profound message. Seth writes for *‘The Jerusalem Press’*. His October op-ed post was titled: **“Can Israel Trust the U.S. after Syria Withdrawal?”**

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(October 7, 2019 / JNS) Jewish and pro-Israel groups reacted unfavorably to U.S. President Donald Trump’s decision on Sunday evening to withdraw U.S. forces from northeast Syria, ahead of an expected invasion by Turkey against Kurdish forces.

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Minutes apart, Speaker Pelosi and Majority Leader McConnell call on Trump to reverse on Syria.

Pelosi: *“Decision... sends a dangerous message to Iran and Russia”*

McConnell: *“A precipitous withdrawal of U.S. forces from Syria would only benefit Russia, Iran, and the Assad regime”*

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“Allowing Turkey to invade Kurdish territory in northern Syria will result in thousands of Kurdish deaths, deprive millions of their rights, and will prevent Kurdish forces from battling ISIS and from continuing to detain the tens of thousands of ISIS fighters currently in their custody,” he added.

“This decision has created a dangerous and unstable situation in the Middle East, similar to Trump’s December 2018 decision to withdraw U.S. troops from Syria,” said Jewish Democratic Council of America chairman Ron Klein, a former Florida Democratic congressman, in a statement. *“What we said at the time remains true today—‘Trump’s withdrawal from Syria is a betrayal of our allies and a boon to our adversaries. It’s not ‘America First’ in any respect. Rather, it’s an ‘Iran and Russia First’ policy.’ ”*

The Republican Jewish Coalition did not respond to a request for comment.

“A U.S. troop withdrawal from Syria would embolden Iran’s hold on Syria, endangering Israel and U.S. interests. As Senator Lindsey Graham noted today, Iran’s power was enhanced when former President Obama withdrew U.S. troops from Iraq—and the same would happen in the event of a troop departure from Syria,” national president of the Zionist Organization of America Mort Klein told JNS.

“In addition to empowering Iran on Israel’s northwest border, the dangers of withdrawal include sending a message that the United States may be willing to abandon allies who are also a strong supporter of Israel; the danger that the Kurds may then ally with Iran; an ISIS resurgence that threatens the U.S. homeland; a potential escape of thousands of ISIS prisoners if their Kurdish guards need to turn their attention to fending off an attack from Turkey; and increased instability,” he explained. *“We hope that the president will reassess this situation.”*

Sarah Stern, founder and president of the Endowment for Middle East Truth, which houses the Kurdistan Project, told JNS: *“We already have seen, through Erdoğan’s brutal treatment of the Kurds in Afrin, that this is going to lead to a horrendous human massacre and possibly a genocide.”*

“On the foreign-policy level, we are not thinking of the future, but only the moment. Why would anyone want to ally themselves with us if we don’t remember who our friends have been?” posed Stern. *“I understand and fully appreciate what President Trump has done for Israel, but as the great sage Hillel once said, ‘If I am not for myself, who am I for? But if I am for myself, alone, what am I?’ ”*

The Syrian Democratic Forces echoed a sentiment of betrayal.

“Based on our confidence in the #U.S. efforts in the Security Mechanism agreement, we implemented all our commitments to remove military fortifications between Tal Abyad & Sere Kaniye, withdraw combat forces with heavy weapons, risking a security vacuum [sic] as a result of the agreement,” tweeted the official Twitter account of the Syrian Democratic Forces in a

thread, which warned that a U.S. withdrawal would undo victories against the Islamic State, including the release of tens of thousands of ISIS prisoners who are being held captive by the SDF and whom European countries have refused to take back despite such appeals from the United States.

Many fear that Israel could be adversely affected by the withdrawal.

“That Israel has always depended on itself to ensure its security has been a constant and it goes without saying that it has clearly looked at the various scenarios that may lie ahead,” B’nai B’rith International told JNS.

Turkey fired its first shots against the Kurds overnight by bombing a key supply route on the Syria Iraq border mere hours after President Trump orders US troops out, officials have confirmed.

Well, that didn't take long, less than 24 hours. Turkey is now officially at war in Syria with our now-former allies the Kurds, who were so instrumental in our fight against ISIS. Funny way to treat an ally, don't you think? This will go down as a very, very bad decision by President Trump, one that could possibly have a strong impact on the 2020 elections. An even worse decision by Trump is the invitation extended to Turkey president Recep Tayyip Erdogan to come and be a guest at the White House in November.

As God's protective Hand is pulled farther and farther away from America, the chaos and the craziness is being multiplied to a once-unimaginable level. Is this what it looks like when a nation is collapsing? That's what it looks like to me, and you don't need to be a prophet to see that.

Turkey confirmed it carried out strikes against Kurdish forces on the Syria-Iraq border overnight Monday:

FROM THE DAILY MAIL UK: The Turkish air force struck the Semalka Border Crossing in order to stop Kurdish forces resupplying along a route which links their territories in northern Iraq and Syria, two security officials said.

“One of the fundamental goals was to cut off the transit route between Iraq and Syria before the operation in Syria, a source told Reuters. “In this way, the group's support lines, including ammunition, are shut off.”

Video shot in the area overnight shows two large flashes against the horizon while the distant sound of fighter jets can be heard. It is thought this shows the crossing being destroyed.

It comes a day after Donald Trump agreed to withdraw US troops from Syria and hand control of regional security over to Turkey, which has vowed to create a 'peace corridor' along its border by wiping out 'terrorists'.

Trump also confirmed on Tuesday morning that he'd extended an invitation to the country's president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, to meet with him at the White House in November. In a tweet, Trump said Turkey was a *"good trading partner of the U.S."* and had been *"very good to deal with"*.

Turkey views the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces - America's key ally in the battle against ISIS - as a terror group and has previously outlined plans to strike a series of their strongholds along the border. Trump has been accused of a 'spineless' capitulation to Turkey over his pledge to withdraw troops - and on Tuesday denied that he had abandoned the Kurds to their fate.

He tweeted: *"We may be in the process of leaving Syria, but in no way have we abandoned the Kurds, who are special people and wonderful fighters. Likewise our relationship with Turkey, a NATO and Trading partner, has been very good."*

Trump defended his decision to withdraw troops from the region, despite it being met with fury and disgust by GOP lawmakers.

Shortly after announcing he'd extended an invitation to Erdogan, Trump tweeted that: *"Turkey already has a large Kurdish population and fully understands that while we only had 50 soldiers remaining in that section of Syria, and they have been removed, any unforced or unnecessary fighting by Turkey will be devastating to their economy and to their very fragile currency. We are helping the Kurds financially/weapons!"*

This comes after Senate Majority leader Mitch McConnell on Monday called the move 'a retreat' that 'would increase the risk that ISIS and other terrorist groups regroup'. South Carolina Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham, one of Trump's closest friends in Congress, also blasted him in a tweet, calling the move *"a stain on America's honor' and 'a disaster in the making.'* Graham said: *'The biggest lie being told by the administration [is] that ISIS is defeated.'*

Turkey has been involved in a decades-long conflict with Kurdish separatists as they demand their own state, which would fall largely on Turkish territory. Erdogan has been repeatedly accused of carrying out atrocities against Turkish Kurds.

As the Syrian conflict threatened to enter a deadly new phase: Iran, Turkey's regional ally, warned Ankara not to push ahead with its invasion and to 'respect' the territorial integrity of Syria. Turkey's vice-president said his country 'won't bow to threats' after Trump warned he will crash their economy if they do anything he deems 'off limits'. The Syrian government urged the Kurds to join with Assad's forces 'rather than plunge into the abyss' after being abandoned by the U.S. President Trump confirmed he will meet President Erdogan during a visit to the White House next month

Trump was accused of a 'spineless' capitulation to Turkey, Iran and Russia after suddenly agreeing to withdraw US troops during a call with Erdogan on Sunday which left the Defense Department 'blindsided'.

Turkey-Syria border: What does Trump's decision mean for the Kurds?

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The decision by U.S. President Donald Trump to pull back troops from northern Syria in the face of a likely Turkish offensive against Kurdish forces is a blow to American deterrent power in the Middle East. It is also a move that looks set to hasten the creation of a power vacuum, which a variety of Islamists will look forward to filling.

While it's too soon to know the full impact the move will have, it raises several potential scenarios, some of which would be deeply destructive for regional security.

The Pentagon was reportedly taken by surprise by the decision. Some of the fiercest criticism to Trump's sudden move came from the president's own Republican allies and those who had worked closely with him.

Sen. Lindsay Graham (R-S.C.) blasted the decision as shortsighted, impulsive and irresponsible in its treatment of the Kurds—a loyal U.S. ally—as well as wind up being a move that will prove beneficial to ISIS and Iran, the world's foremost state-backer of terrorism.

After receiving a rare rebuke from Republican allies, Trump responded with a tweet saying he would “obliterate” the Turkey economy if it does anything he considers to be “off limits.”

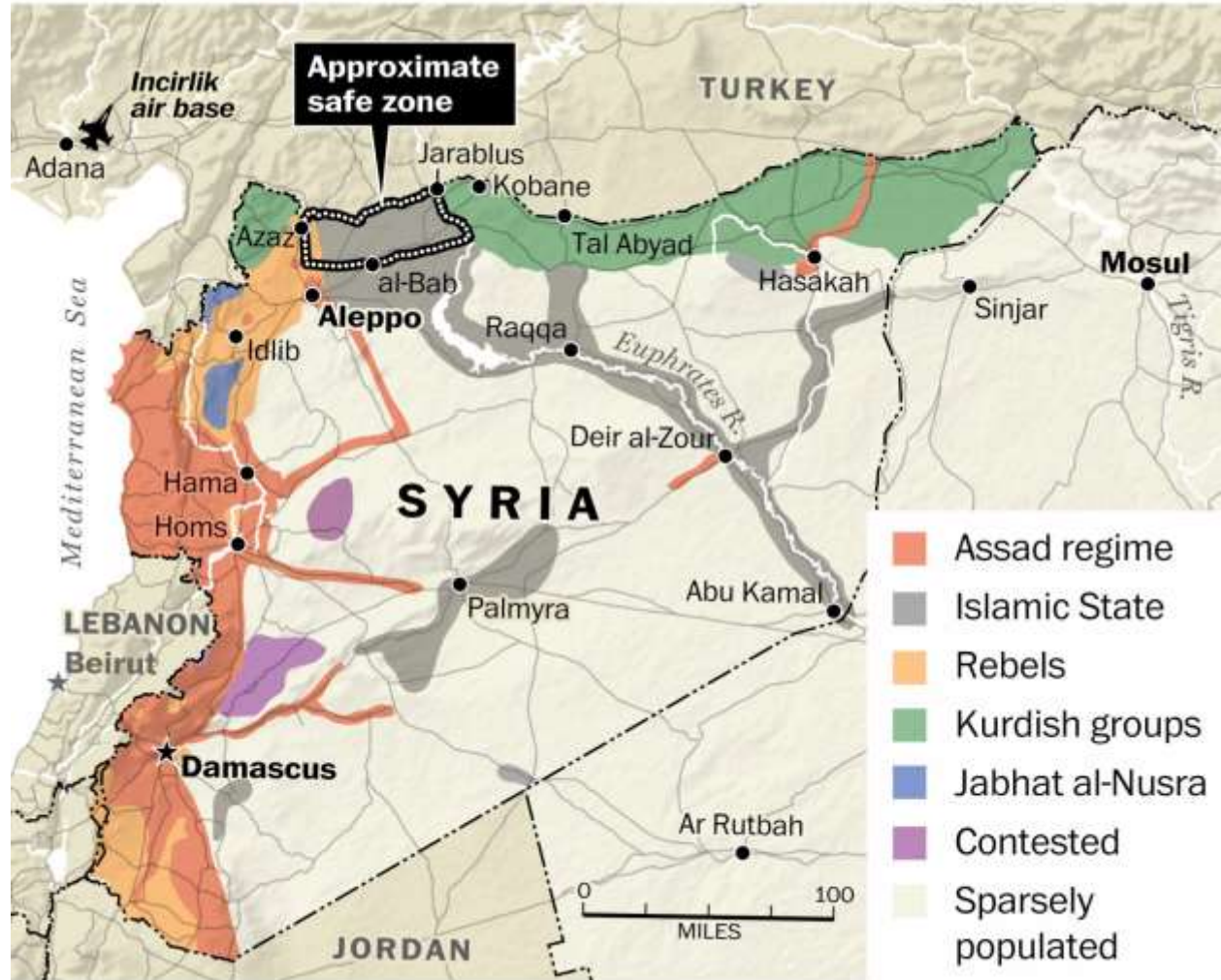
Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has been threatening to invade northern Syria in order to destroy Kurdish YPG forces, which are a central part of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF). The SDF has been a key U.S. partner on the ground in Syria, spearheading land operations against ISIS's caliphate, playing a key role in the caliphate's destruction and losing an estimated 11,000 fighters in the process.

Now, the SDF has been abandoned to the designs of an Islamist Turkey bent on starting a new war with the Kurds. Erdoğan wants his military to take over the SDF's area of operations—an area that includes the Al-Hawl refugee camp in northern Syria, which is crawling with ISIS loyalists, and which observers have warned would form the basis of an ISIS revival if the site stops being secured by the SDF.

Brett McGurk, a former presidential envoy who worked under Trump to help shape the campaign against ISIS in Syria, warned in a tweet on Monday that Turkey has “neither the

intent, desire, nor capacity to manage 60k detainees” in Al-Hawl. “Believing otherwise is a reckless gamble with our national security,” he stated.

As a result, the first two potential beneficiaries of Trump’s decision are Turkey and ISIS. A resurgent ISIS would destabilize the region, and a new Turkish-Kurdish conflict has the potential to create a new humanitarian disaster.

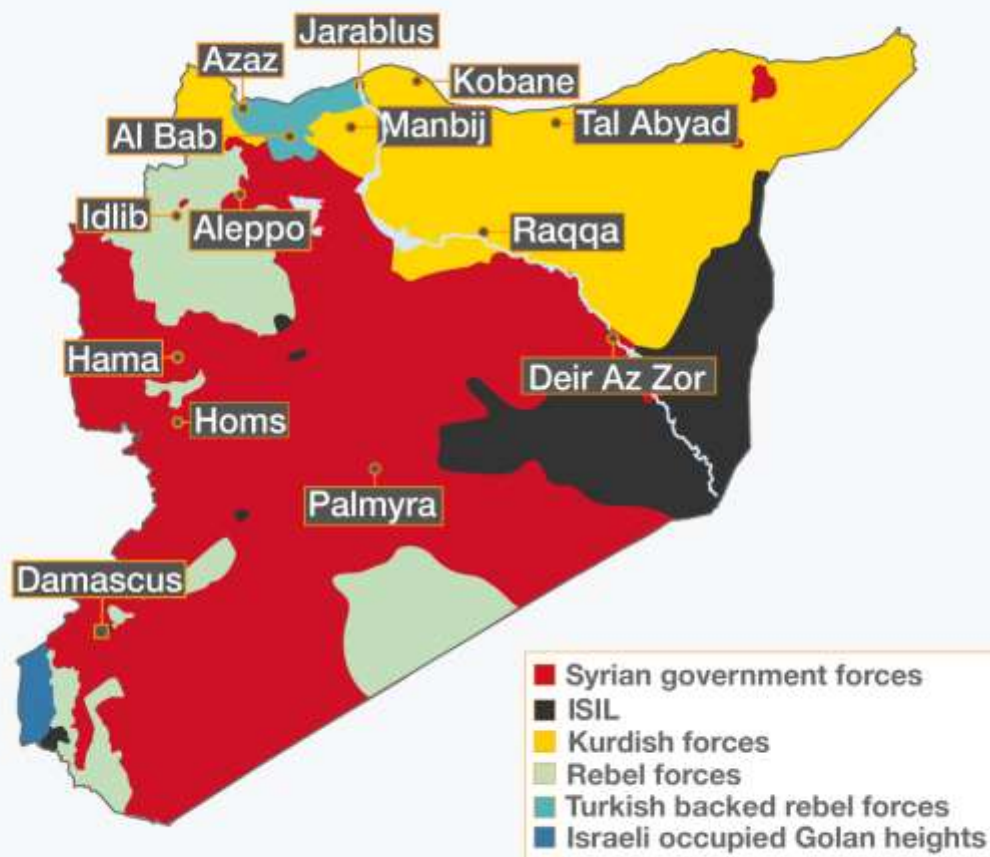


Sources: Institute for the Study of War, Hurriyet Daily News

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Note closely how Syria has become divided over the past ten years as a result of civil war and efforts to torpedo the \$5-billion dollar pipeline deal signed between Vladimir Putin and President Assad of Syria. One can see the problem that existed for President Trump and the risk of American treasury of life, equipment, and money. It isn't that President Trump wants to abandon the Kurds, they have had American support for some twenty years. The Kurds have fought for their independence, not just for a few years, but centuries. Turkey has attempted to obliterate them with little success. They will take a toll on the Turkey army and will go down fighting for their independence. This is another aspect of why God is going to intervene on the side of the God's people.

Syria: Who controls what?



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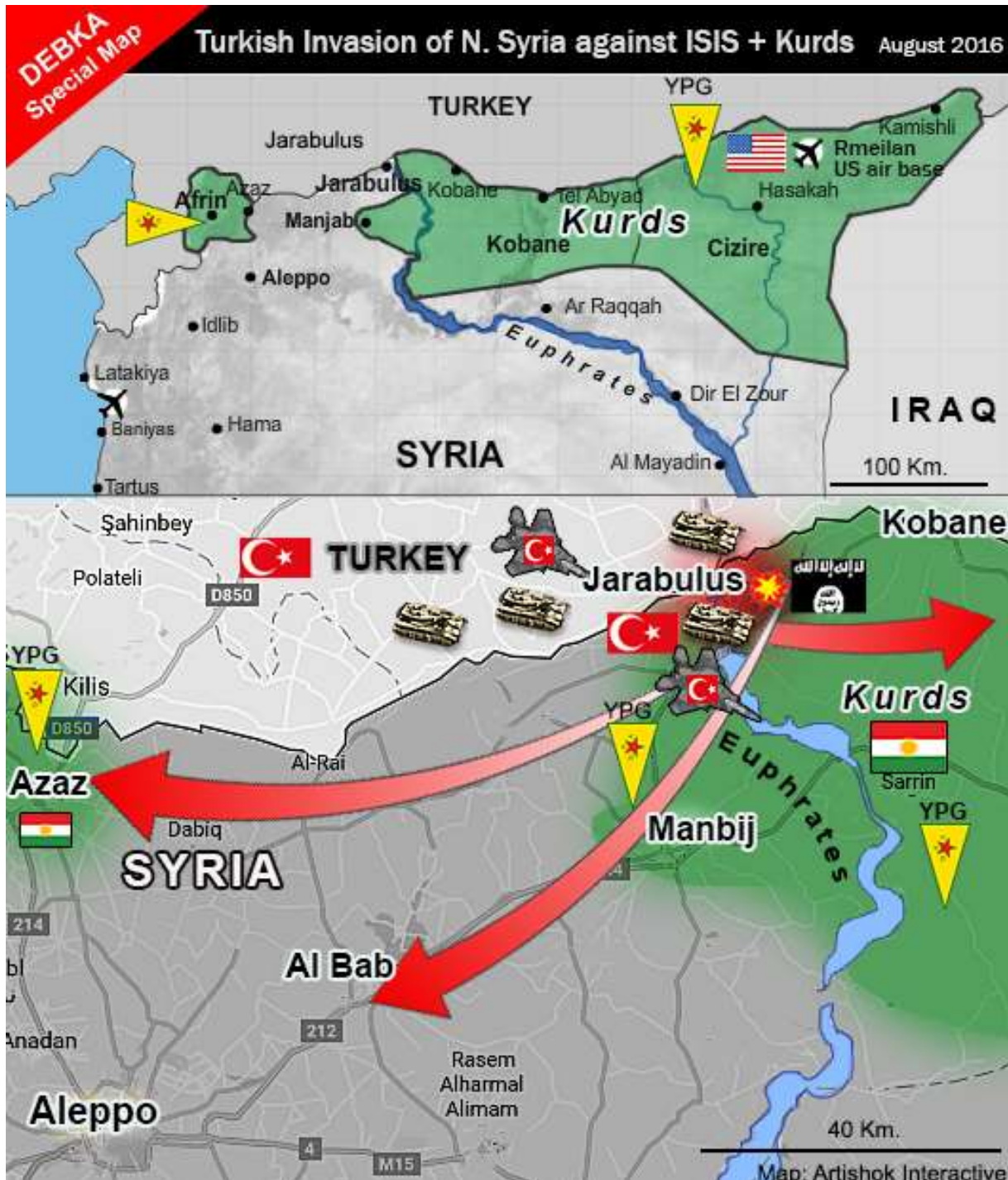
Countering the regional threat posed by Tehran

The Kurds in Syria, for their part, find themselves in the nightmare scenario of being fully abandoned to Turkey's whims and can be expected to make desperate efforts to find a new superpower friend.

That can only be Russia, which has demonstrated full loyalty to its clients, already maintains a powerful military presence in Syria and whose regional credibility has surpassed that of the United States, which is seen to be turning inwards, disengaging from the region and even betraying allies.

This doesn't mean, however, that Russia welcomes the move, as Moscow hasn't signaled approval of a Turkish incursion into Syrian territory. Its interest is in preserving the

regime sovereignty of Syrian President Bashar Assad and stabilizing the country. Turkey's plans would undermine those interests.

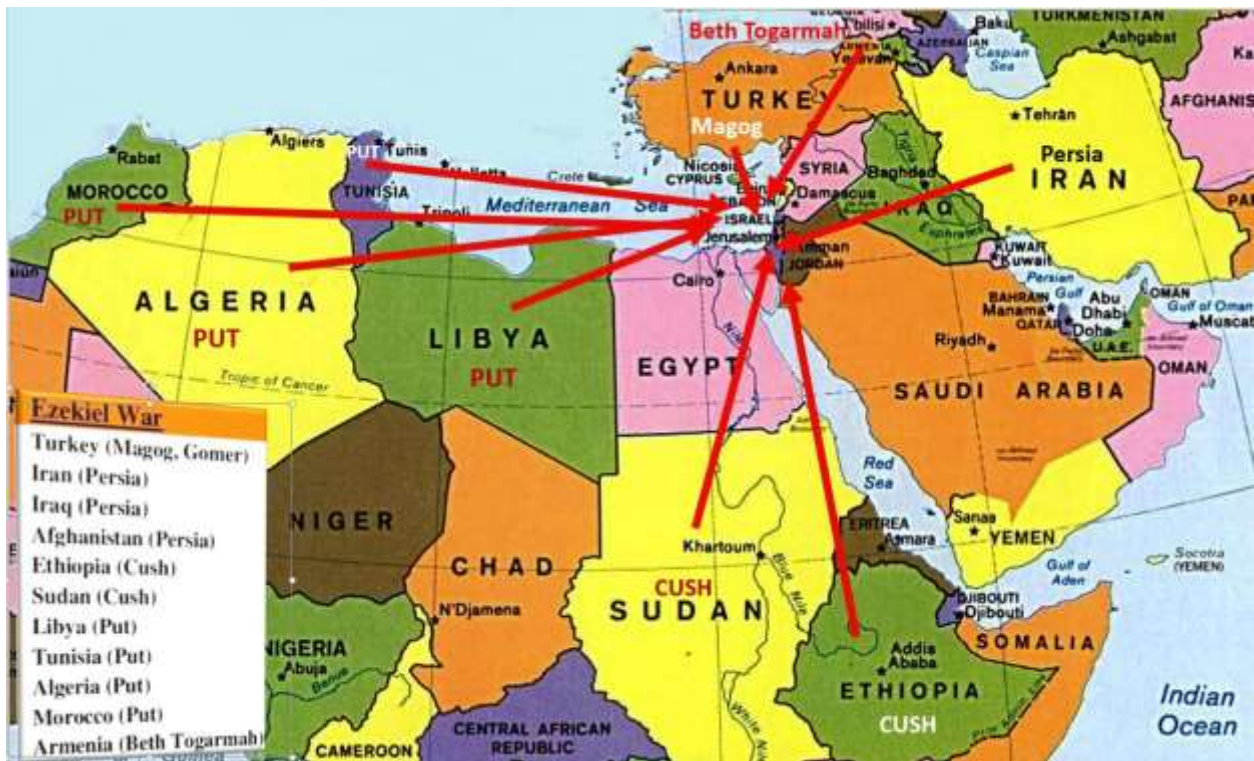


An additional beneficiary of the U.S. withdrawal is likely to be Iran. Iranian-backed militias are located to the south and east of Kurdish-controlled northern Syria, and these forces are likely to try to fill some of the vacuum left behind.

Iran is working to flood Syria with its proxy forces, and to build a continuous land corridor between Iraq and Syria. America's military presence in northern Syria—and the presence of pro-American Kurdish forces—helped block such efforts. Now that roadblock looks set to be lifted.

From a wider regional perspective, the Iranian regime has assessed that isolationism and adversity to risk-taking is driving Trump's agenda in the region, and it is this calculation that led the Iranians to dare strike Saudi Arabian oil facilities in September, using advanced cruise missiles and explosive drone swarms.

That attack, launched from Iranian territory according to U.S. intelligence sources, forms the most significant strike on Middle Eastern oil sites since the 1991 Gulf War and shook up the global oil market. As the map below shows the nations that participate in the Ezekiel 38/39 War, it is not a surprise for Turkey's military invasion of northeast Syria.



As the Iranians predicted, no military response followed.

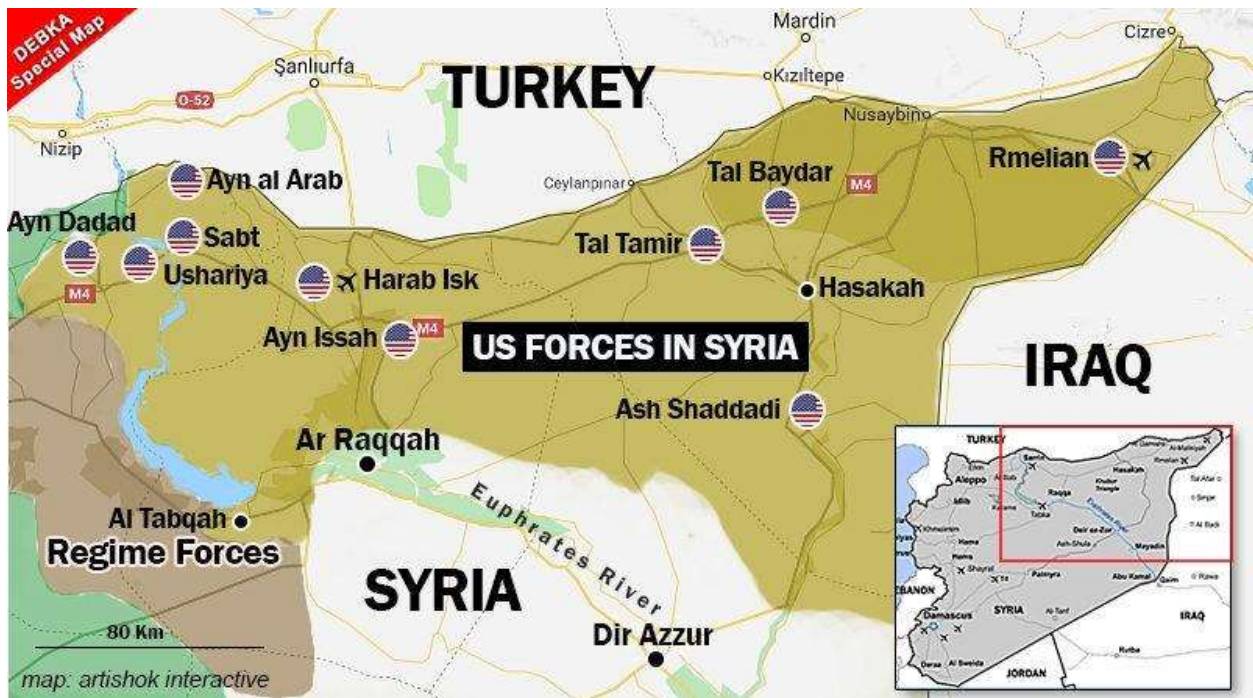
These developments have the potential to embolden Iran to hasten violations of what remains of the 2015 nuclear deal and restart its nuclear program.

In light of the above, Israel's military independence and freedom of maneuver is essential. Israel must be prepared to engage an Iran that is growing in confidence, and that is increasingly willing to use its own military forces to attack Israel and Sunni Arab states.

Israel must work with pragmatic Sunni powers in the region to counter the Iranian threat, based on the assumption that Trump is interested in militarily disengaging from the Middle East. Israel has been negotiating with Middle East state of Shiite powers.

The Israel Defense Forces is building itself up to be able to defeat any combination of enemies, with a combination of powerful offensive and defensive capabilities. Israel is continuing to develop its multi-layered air defense system, and building up its air, sea, and land forces. It recently received a chartered ship load of American munitions likely to be used in a war with Gaza-based terrorists.

As Iran continues to try and surround Israel with missile bases, terrorist staging areas and a variety of terror armies, Israel's ability to defend itself by itself may be put to the test in the not too distant future. The map below show where U.S. forces had been located in north-



east Syria was located the past several years. Their presence in Syria had been intended to aid the Syrian rebels, to obstruct or block the Putin pipeline by deception. If you study the previous maps on the pages above, one can see the U.S. presence was subject to being annihilated unless the President committed several divisions of regular army troops. The nation of Syria has been fracture into a number of factions.

I have followed the Syrian civil war for the past decade, particularly so when the conflict over the building of Putin's pipeline began and the alternative plan that the U.S. supported. President Trump's to withdraw 50 special operations troops will unfortunately be misunderstood by virtually everyone. President Trump was in a no-win situation, as the

aforementioned media reports. Criticism can be expected no matter what his decision would have been.

People familiar with the Bible and understand the existing chain-reaction series of events know that this is a spiritual war, being unfolded in the physical real-time in which God is bringing to a close 6,000 years of man's control.

I have noted that the reason for the fast approaching war of Ezekiel 38/39 is all about protecting God's name sake and to deliver Israel from the clutches of Gog and Magog [see map on page 11] alliance. The prophet Ezekiel gave us the words of God, no fewer than 54X that He will deliver Israel from the jaws of defeat. ***"Therefore ye shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations: for I will deliver my people out of your hand: and ye shall know that I am the LORD."*** -(Ezekiel 13:23).

"So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel." -(Ezekiel 39:7). This verse and the previous one are just two examples of 54 declarations expressing God's anger with His people. The Word of God is crystal clear here in the book of Ezekiel. It fully documents the reason for this War which is now in its early stages of process. ***"In their setting of their threshold by my thresholds, and their post by my posts, and the wall between me and them, they have even defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed: wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger."*** – Ezekiel 43:8).

Among President Trump's spiritual advisory team, is one Dr. Robert Jeffress, pastor of Dallas' First Baptist Church. Pastor Jeffress is a Bible scholar and understands the Bible prophecy of Ezekiel 38/39 correctly and the fact that President Trump referred to Dr. Jeffress as his personal pastor, leads me to believe that President Trump has listened to the advice of Dr. Jeffress and that of many of his military advisers who have warned him from what is coming. Many Pentagon leaders have warned President Trump on getting further bogged down in a Middle East war with Iran. The fact is the Pentagon has stated that the major enemy that the U.S. will likely have to face will be China. My thoughts are that President Trump has been warned away from getting engaged in another war in the Middle East. If I am correct on my observations, then this would explain the absence of the U.S. in aiding Israel in the Ezekiel 38/39 War. The war has really begun but it remains in the early stage of the bigger war. It certainly would confirm what the Bible has to say about ALL the nations of the world oppose Israel. As a student of history, identifying the cause of a war comes much later in documentation of the specifics.

This might be one of several reasons for the U.S. being absent from defending the State of Israel. There are economic and financial issues that could be instrumental in the absence of the U.S. from the Middle East. Zechariah 12:2-3 states: ***"I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem. 3On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make***

Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves. This passage states that “ALL” nations will oppose Israel. We are seeing prophecy being fulfilled nearly daily in the world. We are without question in the throws of the Last Days!

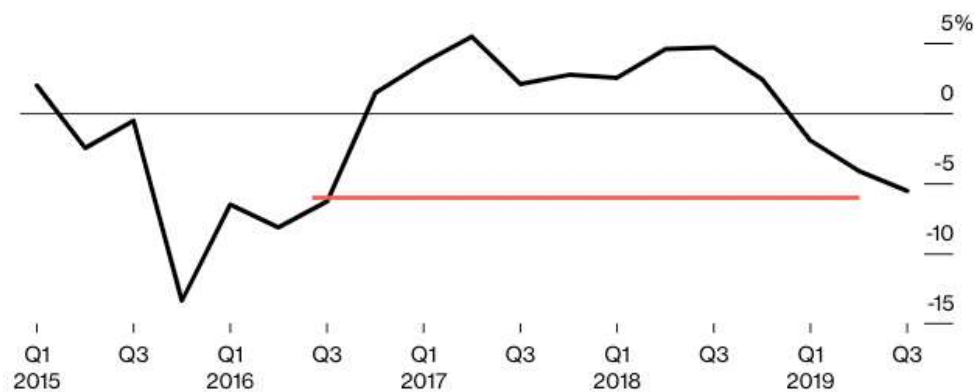
The global economic and financial markets are being stretched and shaken in ways that will indirectly affect our involvement on behalf of Israel.

As manufacturing plummets to the weakest levels since September 2009 and new export orders collapse, the US railroad industry has just seen carload volumes tumble to three-year lows, according to a weekly report from the Association of American Railroads (AAR), first reported by Bloomberg on Monday, October 7th, 2019. President Trump’s rhetoric about how great our economy is will shortly show the “emperor is without his clothes.”

The AAR's report showed a decline in carloads for 3Q19, down 5.5%, and one of the most significant drops in three years, indicating that the US economy continues to decelerate into year-end. Most of the shipment declines were seen in autos, coal, grain, chemicals, and consumer goods, but there was a small improvement in crude oil shipments.

Railroad Recession

U.S. rail carloads have declined from a year earlier for last three quarters



Source: Bloomberg Intelligence

Bloomberg blames the trade war between the US and China for the rail recession.

"What's quite clear is that we're not yet at a trough. Trains have not yet bottomed," said Ben Hartford, an analyst with Robert W. Baird & Co. "We need to have some clarity in trade policy."

The manufacturing recession is more widespread than the mid-cycle slowdowns in 2012 and 2015/16. The slowdown has been concentrated in manufacturing for well over a year, driven by a downturn in business investments in 2019.

The rail slowdown is a direct result of a manufacturing recession. As of last week, there is an indication that the downturn has spilled over into service sector output and employment. All the major railroads have instituted layoffs of train crews and maintenance facilities since as far back as February, 2019.

Now, *"there are no pockets of growth,"* said Bloomberg Intelligence analyst Lee Klaskow, who said a *"railroad recession"* could be imminent in a recent report. *"There's really nothing that's tapping me on the shoulder saying, 'Hey look at me. I'm going to be your next growth engine.'"*

Klaskow said, a rail recession isn't a sign that a full-blown recession is imminent, but as we said a little bit ago, the slowdown has spilled over into services and employment, which could mean a much broader slowdown is already here.

Class 8 orders crashed 71% in September, reaching 12,600 units. This makes September the 11th consecutive month of Year-over-Year order declines and the 9th consecutive month of orders below 20,000.

Class 8 orders, otherwise known as heavy-duty trucks, are often seen as a pulse on the US economy. That can also be said for rail. Rail car loadings have been on a decline over most of 2019. It was rail car loadings that confirmed my view that President Trump's boasting on the great economy was just propaganda. All manufacturers of tractor-trailer rigs were booming most of last year and the first six months of 2019, and it was as if the bottom fell out. Order cancellations began immediately.

The world financial crisis continues to reveal issues that manifest in ways that are alarming. For example over the same weekend Turkey said it would invade northeast Syria, the ATM's in Hong Kong were shut down for reasons not fully known. An even bigger event occurred when PMC, (not to be confused with PNC Bank, an American regional bank,) was closed by government regulators. PMC in India suddenly closed their doors due to financial issues, and was taken over by the government of India. 900,000 depositors lost all their savings. Thousands of crying customers were locked out at PMC branches in India, unable to access their account funds.

On Monday, October 7th, Bix Weir of "Road to Roota" in his daily post reported that the global financial system set a date for the collapse of the global banking system: The date mentioned was **Monday, October 14th, 2019**. You should keep as much of your assets in cash should this come true. Keep just enough in the bank to pay your bills. Bix said that this was unusual to set a date, but should be considered by anyone with assets in their bank. Bix reports daily on the corruption of the financial industry to his subscribers. He documents the corruption of the Fed, SEC, and other banking regulators on the abuse and corruption. He believes that gold and silver have been suppressed for years, and is in agreement with Gerald Celente about the pressure on the price of silver and gold. I have noted below Gerald Celente's 'Trends Journal' predictions for 2020.

The publisher of *'The Trends Journal'* came out with their major predictions of global economic and financial activities this past week. Gerald Celente is well-known reputable publisher of future trends. Gerald Celente just released his most important series of global forecasts ever for 2020!

The "Greatest Depression" – It's In The Numbers

October 9 - All around the world, as markets cool, political unrest heats up.

It's all part of the "Greatest Depression": when people lose everything and have nothing left to lose, they lose it... and the markets are losing it, too.

The global slowdown will accelerate and equity markets will decline. It's in the numbers...

Mergers and acquisitions have fallen 11 percent so far this year, as companies brace for periods of growing economic uncertainty.

To keep the cheap money flowing, more than 30 central banks around the globe have lowered their interest rates this year and dozens are expected to cut their rates again next quarter.

Last week, the Australian central bank dropped interest rates, already at their lowest in history, to a new low of 0.75 percent.

India also cut its rates again last week, bringing them down to 5.15 to 5.40 percent in hopes of propping up their slowing economy.

With auto and motorcycle sales dramatically down, consumer spending markedly slowing, and fears of a cash crunch, India's central bank tweeted out assurances that there will be "plenty of dough for depositor." They claimed the reports of bank instability were "rumors." [Editor note: The collapse of India's PMC is no rumor.]

China, the world's second-largest economy, posted its slowest economic growth since 1990. To date, government measures have failed to reverse the trend.

Refusing to aggressively lower rates, Chinese attempts to boost the economy with fiscal policy, such as infrastructure spending, have failed. Infrastructure investment is up only 4 percent from January to August compared with 20 percent only two years ago.

Moreover, Chinese private bond defaults are up 60 percent in the first eight months of the year.

Over in Europe, in addition to playing the monetary stimulus card, the European Central Bank's President Mario Draghi called for "unity," urging member states of the Eurozone to commit to fiscal spending.

However, numerous European nations, including Germany, which is slowing into recession, are opposing the ECB's stimulus mandate. They want to keep their budgets balanced and are not willing to drag their nation into debt.

On the bankster side, to boost fees lost because of low interest rates, down about 20 percent this year, banks increased their lending to corporations eager to borrow cheap money.

Thus, the \$250 Trillion global-debt bubble continues to swell.

1st TREND FORECAST:

Be it monetary or fiscal stimulus, it's becoming increasingly clear that neither measure – although they might temporarily boost sagging economies – will not reverse the oncoming Greatest Depression.

However, we forecast that U.S. equities have topped out and as the impeachment process against President Trump accelerates it will push them much lower.

Further, as economies continue to decline, social unrest will dramatically escalate as evidenced in nations from South America to Africa, from Asia to the Middle East, and from Europe...soon to the United States.

AMERICA: WE'RE NOT BUYING IT

Typically, consumer spending, accounting for some 70 percent of America's Gross Domestic Product, has been holding.

But now there's a slowdown in sight. It's up only 0.1 percent, the weakest it's been in 6 months.

Deep in debt, and with last week's data showing stagnant wage growth, "borrowing more to buy little" is now becoming the American way.

Can't afford those new Nike sneakers? Don't worry: You can buy them in just four easy installments! And no layaway necessary!

Financial tech startups now offer these payment plans as part of your speedy online checkout.

2nd TRENDPOST:

This Borrow More, Buy Little will be a growing trend and not only in the United States, but across developed nations. The tech startups offering these loans will be siphoning revenue from the credit card industry.

Trends are born, they grow, mature, reach old age, and die. The Borrow More, Buy Little trend has just been born.

To date, there are no dominant “PayPals” in this new sector. Identifying and investing in the hottest of these buy-on-installment startups will attract strong stock market attention.

You Can’t Drive a House

Car loans in the US, which were once a measure of the financial health of the middle class, are getting bigger and taking longer to pay off.

Roughly 33 percent of auto loans take at least 6 years to pay off, up from 10 percent a decade ago. With the average cost of a new car being \$34,000, in part due to safety features and computerization of the dashboard, more people will live in their cars rather than buying a house.

Not only will debt burdens escalate as wages decline, but also defaults will skyrocket when the Greatest Depression hits.

As for filling the gas tank, the US shale boom is finally slowing, although production is still significant and reaching its peak.

The decline is the result of operational mishaps, such as drilling too close to other wells and overestimating the amounts in tapped locations.

Despite less supply, there will also be less demand as the global economy continues to cool.

3rd TREND FORECAST:

As we go to press, oil prices continue to slump, with Brent Crude down to around \$58 a barrel. As the headwinds of the Greatest Depression approach, we forecast that, absent major war in the Middle East, oil prices will fall into the \$30 to \$40 range per barrel.

Skylines for Sale

From car sales to high-rises, the financial squeeze is being felt from bottom to top.

The average price of a Manhattan apartment fell to just under \$2 million, a 32 percent decline. Real estate agents attribute it to a state-transfer tax.

Yes, in part. However, we attribute it to stagnant wages and “real” inflation numbers, not the fake ones the government spews, and declining job opportunities that pay living wages.

Meanwhile, rents are astronomical in major coastal cities.

The median rent for a single-bedroom pad in the Big Apple is \$2,970 per month.

A “studio” rental in San Diego made headlines: This 200-square-foot stand-alone property was going for \$1,050 per month.

To be awarded this honor, the potential occupant needs a credit score upward of 650 and an income of at least 2.5 more than the monthly rent.

Despite what we forecast as a questionable future in real estate as the Greatest Depression looms, foreign institutions and pension funds are investing in commercial real estate in New York.

Low interest rates and shaky stocks make real estate appealing in a market in which a fifth of all government bonds yield zero, sometimes negative, interest.

And they're buying up these hyper-expensive commercial properties, despite being vacant for years, while big-name stores close their doors on Fifth Avenue and in other hot retail spots in the City.

Online, Not on Foot

Seeing the online future, the Blackstone Group (one of the largest private and alternative investment firms in the world) continues to buy up industrial warehouses across the US and Europe.

They just closed one of the biggest private real-estate deals in history, paying \$5.9 billion.

No more window shopping at brick-and-mortar storefronts. Warehouses are needed for retail goods bought online and delivered to your doorstep.

The future is in e-commerce.

4th TREND FORECAST:

Housing prices are also climbing in Europe, at approximately 4 percent per year. As cities become too expensive to live in, our Organic Growth Cities trend forecast (Trends Journal, July 2018) will strengthen.

Just last year alone, tens of thousands of mostly Millennials and Gen Xers moved from major cities, such as New York, Chicago, San Francisco, and Las Vegas, to the enduring, old-fashioned towns that once exemplified the hometown of the American Dream.

This will only intensify, particularly as crime rates rise when the Great Depression worsens, and more people escape to safer-haven towns and cities.

Don't Bank on Banking Jobs

To add insult to already shrinking bankster profit injury, HSBC has announced it will slash 10,000 jobs, eliminating over 4 percent of its workforce. This follows the 60,000 layoffs this year by Deutsche Bank, Barclays, Citigroup, and others.

The next decade looks grim for all banking staff in the branches, call centers, and corporate headquarters.

In addition to positions being dropped in the name of “redundancy,” analysts say advances in automation, such as chatbots, will cause an estimated 200,000 lost jobs over the next 10 years, the biggest reduction of jobs in banking history.

5th TRENDPOST:

As we go to press, Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell announced QE4, but wouldn't call a spade a spade.

“This is not QE. In no sense is this QE,” he said referring to the Fed's pumping in more cheap money in the troubled overnight lending markets.

Some two weeks ago, when the repo markets were short of cash and interest rates spiked from around 2 percent to 10 percent, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York said they would keep the money flowing until this Thursday, 10 October.

Then last week, when the overnight money junkies needed more monetary methadone, the New York Fed said they would keep the fix going till November as we reported last week in the Trends Journal.

Zero Hedge claims the real reason why the Fed is injecting more money into the system is that “the US has facing an avalanche of debt issuance and with China and Japan barely able to keep up, someone has to buy this debt. That someone: the Fed.”

The Fed's action and central banks money-pumping schemes will not save failing economic systems.

As we noted since they launched QE and zero interest rate policy following the Panic of '08, the data proves they only enriched the one percent at the expense of the workers of Slavelandia.

Just yesterday the Bank of International Settlements confirmed our analysis, writing that “the unprecedented growth in central banks' balance sheets since the financial crisis has had a negative impact on the way in which financial markets function.”

6th TREND FORECAST: \$3,000 To \$5,000 Gold

The more cheap money backed by nothing and printed on nothing that flows into the systems, the higher gold prices will spike.

The final point that I want to make in this update is that events are moving in the direction of the crisis “crunch” point. Iran has not taken a day off, but has gone to great lengths to harden its facilities by moving its missiles and heavy weaponry to underground mountain sites, largely impregnable from aerial bombardments. Now that Trump has shown his hand on

Syria, we can expect Iran to expand its outposts surrounding Israel and the failure of any opposition to check-mate Iran is a further invitation to advance its plan to drive Israel into the Mediterranean Sea. Iran is building sites in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, and grows stronger with the passing of every day.

The failure of Israel to form a new government has emboldened both Russia and Iran in their grand plan, which we shall simply call Ezekiel 38/39 War. Clearly, the step aside invitation to Turkey will be, tactically speaking, the worst decision that will lead to the Ezekiel 38/39 War. This is why I said, President Trump was facing a no-win outcome, with an all-U.S. equipped Turkey army. President Erdogan has a much larger issue in mind. This will be, or should be, of concern to Russian Prime Minister Putin, as Turkey's President is interested in forming a new "Ottoman" Empire and himself as the Caliph. Putin controls Erdogan, but the real question is for how long? At this point in time, he has no challengers to prevent him for driving all the way to Israel. This all suggests that no one is coming to the aide of Israel and we will not need to guess the outcome. God has made it crystal clear how this all turns out. Thus, at this point, we should be fully awake, alert, and at work. If you have loved ones, or friends that are unsaved, time is like the sand in the hourglass, running out! In 53 years, it has never looked this good for the Rapture of Bible-believing Christians.

There are other areas of concern; however, we have little information or lack verification to verify the substance. It is widely reported on the alternative news media on the Internet reporting the activation of the USMC Reserve component. The Presidential Directive wording is to the effect that the 40,000 members in the USMC Reserve are on notification of an impending call-up activation notice as to a: when and where needed basis. The USMC reports to the President directly. This is likely due to many threats on the lives of the President and his family members. When activated to active duty, their task will be assist civilian police in maintain law and order. This could lead to Marshall Law should law and order break down in cities where known groups are prominent. The White House is on a heightened alert status with increased security as a result of the call by California congresswoman Maxine Waters for the President to be assassination or arrested. The incitement rhetoric language coming from many of the DNC Party is regretful and alarming at the same time. Trevor Louden published this past February, a list of the socialists, known communists, holding office in the U.S. government.

Trevor Louden said, *"I've been asked to compile a list of socialists and communists in Congress. A friend of mine was challenged to name "even two socialists in Congress".* Altogether, if you add in Islamist connections I think about 100 members of the House of Representatives would struggle to pass a low-level background security check.. but guess what? There are no security checks in Congress.

Here's my list of 50 of the most obvious socialists in the House, with links to my website [Keywiki](#) for the backup evidence. Apologies to the many I've omitted. please email me at trevor.newzeal@gmail.com if you'd like to be included in future lists.

[Raul Grijalva](#) (D AZ) Has worked closely with the Communist Party USA since at least 1993. A self-described “Alinskyite.” Travelled to Cuba in 2015.

[Ami Bera](#) (D CA) Has used Communist Party USA campaign volunteers in 2010, 2014 and 2016. Also close to Democratic Socialists of America.

[Nancy Pelosi](#) (D CA) Very close to several key Communist Party USA allies in San Francisco in the 1970s and '80s. Also some involvement with Democratic Socialists of America.

[Barbara Lee](#) (D CA) Lee has been close to the Communist Party USA for decades. In the 1990s she was a leading member of the Communist Party spin-off Committees of Correspondence. Has been to Cuba more than 20 times.

[Ro Khanna](#) (D CA) Very close to Democratic Socialists of America.

[Salud Carbajal](#) (D CA) Long history with Democratic Socialists of America members.

[Judy Chu](#) (D CA) Was heavily involved with the now defunct pro-Beijing Communist Workers Party in the 1970s and '80s. Still works closely with former members today. China’s best friend in the US Congress.

[Raul Ruiz](#) (D CA) Worked closely with Workers World Party members in Massachusetts in the late 1990s.

[Karen Bass](#) (D CA) Was actively involved with the Marxist-Leninist group. Line of March in the 1980s. Still works closely with former members. Mentored by a leading Communist Party USA member. Also close to Democratic Socialists of America and some Freedom Road Socialist Organization members. Has been to Cuba at least 4 times.

[Maxine Waters](#) (D CA) Long history with the Communist Party USA. Also ties to some Communist Workers Party and Workers World Party fronts. Has employed staff members from Democratic Socialists of America and League of Revolutionary Struggle.

[Joe Courtney](#) (D CT) Has worked closely with several Communist Party USA leaders.

[Rosa DeLauro](#) (D CT) Has worked extremely closely with the Communist Party USA for many years. Travelled to Cuba in 2014.

[Jim Himes](#) (D CT) His 1988 thesis “The Sandinista Defense Committees and the Transformation of Political Culture in Nicaragua” was a sympathetic portrayal of Marxist government’s civilian spy network. Has worked closely with one Communist Party USA front group.

[Kathy Castor](#) (D FL) Has worked closely with Cuba and pro-Castro organizations to open US trade with the communist island.

[John Lewis](#) (D GA) Worked closely with the Communist Party USA and Socialist Party USA in the 1960s. In recent years has worked with Democratic Socialists of America members.

[Tulsi Gabbard](#) (D HI) Has worked with Democratic Socialists of America members through her political career. Ties to some Filipino-American “former communists”. Worked with Communist Party USA affiliated former Congressman Dennis Kucinich to defend Soviet-Russian puppet Syrian leader Bashar-al-Assad.

[Bobby Rush](#) (D IL) Former leader of the Maoist leaning Black Panther Party. Has worked closely with Communist Party USA and Democratic Socialists of America. Has travelled to Cuba twice

[Jesus “Chuy” Garcia](#) (D IL) has worked closely with the Communist Party USA for nearly 40 years.

[Danny Davis](#) (D IL) Was a member of Democratic Socialists of America in the mid-2000s. Has worked closely with the Communist Party USA since the 1980s. Also close to Committees of Correspondence in the 1990s.

[Jan Schakowsky](#) (D IL) Was a member of Democratic Socialists of America in the 1980s and has continued to work closely with the organization. Has also worked closely with some Communist Party USA members.

[Dave Loeb sack](#) (D IA) has worked closely with Socialist Party USA and Democratic Socialists of America members for many years.

[John Yarmuth](#) (D KY) has worked with Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism members. Travelled to Cuba in 2011.

[Jamie Raskin](#) (D MD) has worked closely with Democratic Socialists of America for many years.

[Jim McGovern](#) (D MA) has supported Latin American socialist and revolutionary groups for 20 years. has travelled to Cuba at least three times.

[Ayanna Pressley](#) (D MA) Has been endorsed by Democratic Socialists of America. Worked with Freedom Road Socialist Organization front groups and with the pro-Beijing Chinese Progressive Association in Boston.

[Andy Levin](#) (D MI) Close to Democratic Socialists of America for at least a decade.

[Rashida Tlaib](#) (D MI) Democratic Socialists of America member.

[Betty McCollum](#) (D MN) Close ties to communist Laos. Has worked with Democratic Socialists of America members. Traveled to Cuba in 2014.

[Ilhan Omar](#) (D MN) Supported by Democratic Socialists of America controlled groups Our Revolution and National Nurses United. Reportedly a self-described “democratic socialist”.

[Bennie Thompson](#) (D MS) Was close to the Communist Party USA for many years. Also supported one Communist Workers Party organization. Travelled to Cuba in 2000 and worked with Fidel Castro to train leftist American medical students in Cuba.

[William Lacy Clay](#) (D MO) Has worked with Communist Party USA fronts for many years.

[Greg Meeks](#) (D NY) Has travelled to Cuba at least 3 times. Was a strong supporter of Venezuelan dictator Hugo Chavez.

[Grace Meng](#) (D NY) Very close to the pro-Beijing Asian Americans for Equality. Was also active in a radical Korean-American organization.

[Nydia Velasquez](#) (D NY) Close ties to Democratic Socialists of America. Welcomed Fidel Castro to Harlem in 1995.

[Yvette Clarke](#) (D NY) Addressed a Workers World Party rally in 2005. Close ally of a prominent Democratic Socialists of America member. Travelled to Cuba in 2007.

[Jerry Nadler](#) (D NY) was a member of Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee in the 1970s and was involved with Democratic Socialists of America in the '80s and '90s.

[Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez](#) (D NY) member of Democratic Socialists of America.

[Jose Serrano](#) (D NY) Close ties to the Communist Party USA and Democratic Socialists of America. Was a strong supporter of Venezuelan dictator Hugo Chavez.

[G.K. Butterfield](#) (D NC) Some connection to Workers World Party and Freedom Road Socialist Organization. Also close to the “former” communist led Moral Monday’s movement.

[Marcy Kaptur](#) (D OH) Ties to Democratic Socialists of America. Travelled to Cuba in 2002.

[Earl Blumenauer](#) (D OR) Ties to Democratic Socialists of America.

[Steve Cohen](#) (D TN) Close ties to Memphis Socialist Party USA members. Travelled to Cuba in 2011.

[Sylvia Garcia](#) (D TX) Elected to the Texas state house with Communist Party USA support. Works closely with a major communist influenced organization.

[Eddie Bernice Johnson](#) (D TX) Long relationship with the Communist Party USA. Travelled to Cuba at least twice.

[Marc Veasey](#) (D TX) Very close relationship with the Communist Party USA.

[Lloyd Doggett](#) (D TX) Has been involved with Democratic Socialists of America since the 1980s.

[Pramila Jayapal](#) (D WA) Has been involved with Freedom Road Socialist Organization connected groups for many years.

[Mark Pocan](#) (D WI) Close to some Democratic Socialists of America activists. Long-time active supporter of Colombian revolutionary movements.

[Gwen Moore](#) (D WI) Has been mentored by leading Democratic Socialists of America and Communist Party USA members.

[Eleanor Holmes Norton](#) (D DC) Former Young Peoples Socialist League member. Long connection to Democratic Socialists of America.

For more information on socialists and communists in the US Congress watch my acclaimed 90 minute documentary [Enemies Within](#), or read my book [Enemies Within: communists, socialists and progressives in the US Congress](#).

This list should be alarming to every American who holds to the rule of law under the United States Constitution. Even if were just 10 members, there would be serious concern, but 50 and perhaps as many as 100 is simply alarming and of great concern. It was shocking to learn a few years ago that California long-term congress-lady Diane Feinstein's chauffeur was a Chinese spy, and drover her for the past twenty years.

All of this is an indicator of how close we are to being Raptured home. We are the Season of the Rapture; first through the events occurring in the Middle East region, as noted in the events above. I will do an update as needed, and given the unfolding events, I may do one update a week. Stay tuned and keep looking up!

Blessings,

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