

Pre-Tribulation Rapture Precedes the Ezekiel 38/39 War

Part 7 Update

On Friday March 18, 2019, both the Federal Reserve data webpages that release data on Repos and QE4 are DOWN!! You can't make this up! This is bull chips. This is another example of how the Fed rigs events. Because of computers all markets are rigged to whatever they want the public to believe.

Yet the clearest indication that something remains ominously broken with the repo market, came earlier today when ICAP reported that the day's first overnight general collateral repo traded at 2.04%/2.01%, both above the upper end of the Fed Fund rate corridor, and confirming that the liquidity shortage is persisting, which prompted us to note the unusually high demand for Fed funds

- 1) one day after an oversubscribed repo
- 2) one day after "Not A QE4" started
- 3) one day after a Fed president hinted strongly that a standing repo facility is coming

... the repo rate was still abnormally above Fed funds as repo market remains broken and banks refuse to lend to each other.

What is most concerning is that this is taking place as the Fed is now permanently increasing reserves again, which then begs the question: just why are banks so scared of lending money to each other – now that JPM's previously discussed reticence is also spreading to smaller banks – and choose to park their money with the Fed instead? What do they know that we don't? In my update #6, it was obvious that it is the Derivatives market that is sending everyone running for cover.

The problem is that everyone is vulnerable, from the CEO of a Fortune 1,000 company, or the salesman trying to get you financing for a \$40,000 Dodge Hemi or \$4,500 for a used 2000 Toyota driven exclusively by a retired lady. When the dominoes begin to fall pensioners will be devastated as General Electric recently cut retired pensions by 50%. Along with offering cash buyouts for anyone taking an early out, the golden years are turning out to be "fool's gold". Two years ago the Central States trucker's pension fund did what GE just did to some 20,000 retirees. All too often it is forgotten that most of the pension funds in the country are either underfunded or near bankruptcy. EAST ST. LOUIS, IL – Public safety concerns rising in East St. Louis after city leaders announce that a firehouse will be temporarily closing and multiple firefighters will be laid off.

East St. Louis city leaders say on November 1, Engine House 425 at 17th and Central will temporarily close, resulting in nine East St. Louis firefighters being laid off. The move will leave East St. Louis with just two firehouses and 34 firefighters.

“The concern is overall. Not only is it going to take longer to get to emergencies, we have fewer people. And this is a relatively busy city; there’s a lot going on,” said Brandon Walls, president of the East St. Louis Firefighters union.

The East St. Louis city manager and mayor say the moves are necessary because state revenues that would typically come to the city are being redirected by the state comptroller’s office to help fund the East St. Louis fire and police pensions. Illinois has been one of the worst states for financial issues.

We’re told the city has underfunded the pensions for years and they have a combined debt of nearly four million dollars. The city manager says a hiring freeze is also in place and that more cuts could soon be coming to other departments. Multiply that by hundreds and thousands of similar underfunded cities, state, private, corporate, pension funds that are depleting their pension funds or faced with insolvency. I did a pair of articles on the picture of the safety net of Social Security and the future is ominous beyond 2023-25.

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Peter Schiff said, *“I think silver’s price is going to go a lot higher.”* As far as the recent manipulation charges go, Peter said they do not vindicate all of the conspiracy theories alleging

that there has been a concerted effort by big banks to artificially suppress the price of gold in order to keep the fiat monetary system going.

“That’s not what these indictments showed. These are simple market manipulations in both directions where the goal was simply to make money. I mean, that is what’s happening here. They’re trying to rig the markets to make a profit. They’re not trying to stop the price of gold from going up. Sometimes they’re actually buying gold. They’re just trying to make money by having an unfair edge.”

Peter also pointed out that contrary to the assertions of the ‘RT’ report; gold prices haven’t been going down.

“First of all, you know, the price of gold went from under \$300 an ounce in 2001 to almost \$2,000 an ounce in 2011. So, if people were trying to suppress the price of gold, they were doing a pretty bad job because the price went way up.”

Of course, there was a correction and the price fell to around \$1,000, but it has since rallied about 50% since then.

“But yeah, I think the price should be a lot higher, but it’s not where it is because the manipulation. It’s a lack of understanding on the part of investors around the world of the real situation that’s going on economically. It’s too much trust in central banks and fiat money. But when that trust ultimately gives way — and it will — you’re going to see a rush to buy precious metals. It’s already happening now. The central banks are buying gold. It’s not going to be long before the investor class follows their lead.”

Peter was asked if we’re on our way to the destruction of the U.S. dollar. He said we’ve been on that path for a long time.

“In fact, it’s taking a lot longer than a lot of people might have thought, myself included. We’ve been able to keep this thing going. It’s a much bigger bubble. But yes, I mean if you could read the writing on the wall, it’s quite clear what’s going on. Most people are in denial, but those who aren’t are preparing. And even if you prepare too early, that’s fine because it’s much better than preparing too late, which means you’re not prepared at all.”

Rail traffic continues to decline at an alarming rate. Week 41 of 2019 shows same week total rail traffic (from same week one year ago) contracted according to the Association of American Railroads (AAR) traffic data. The economically intuitive sectors rolling averages remain in contraction - and declined further.

Analyst Opinion of the Rail Data

“We review this data set to understand the economy. The intuitive sectors (total carloads removing coal, grain, and petroleum) contracted 5.3 % year-over-year for this week. We

primarily use rolling averages to analyze the intuitive data due to weekly volatility - and the 4 week rolling year-over-year average for the intuitive sectors worsened from -5.0 % to -5.2 %."

When rail car-loadings contracts, it clearly suggests a slowing of the economy. Intermodal transport (containers or trailers on rail cars) growth was relatively strong until the beginning of 2019 - and now the year-to-date growth is deep in contraction. A lot of this is related to the China sanctions and tariffs issue.

This analysis is looking for clues in the rail data to show the direction of economic activity - and is not necessarily looking for clues of the profitability of the railroads. The weekly data is fairly noisy, and the best way to view it is to look at the rolling averages (carloads [including coal and grain] and intermodal combined).

**Percent current rolling average change from
the rolling average of one year ago -Trend Direction**

4 week rolling average -7.1 % worsening
13 week rolling average -5.7 % worsening
52 week rolling average -2.9 % worsening

A summary for this week from the AAR:

For this week, total U.S. weekly rail traffic was 510,820 carloads and intermodal units, down 7 percent compared with the same week last year.

Total carloads for the week ending October 12 were 243,807 carloads, down 7.5 percent compared with the same week in 2018, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 267,013 containers and trailers, down 6.6 percent compared to 2018.

Two of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2018. They were petroleum and petroleum products, up 912 carloads, to 12,717; and chemicals, up 439 carloads, to 30,855. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2018 included coal, down 12,263 carloads, to 73,902; metallic ores and metals, down 3,402 carloads, to 19,720; and motor vehicles and parts, down 2,305 carloads, to 15,295.

For the first 41 weeks of 2019, U.S. railroads reported cumulative volume of 10,355,081 carloads, down 4 percent from the same point last year; and 10,924,972 intermodal units, down 4.2 percent from last year. Total combined U.S. traffic for the first 41 weeks of 2019 was 21,280,053 carloads and intermodal units, a decrease of 4.1 percent compared to last year.

This Week	Carloads	Intermodal	Total
This week Year-over-Year	-7.5 %	-6.6 %	-7.0 %
-- Ignoring coal, grain & petroleum	-5.3 %		
Year Cumulative to Date	-4.0 %	-4.2 %	-4.1 %

Contrary to what the public is being told by the White House and government agencies, such data reported by Class-1 railroads to the Association of American Railroads, clearly indicate a deteriorating economy. President Trump has worn out the word “great” to describe his statements on how great the economy is doing. The other day, one of the oldest publications ‘*Family Circle*’ announced it was shutting down for good.

Hedge fund titan Ray Dalio believes it is too late for central banks to reverse a global slowdown. Dalio is warning that current conditions remind him of the Depression-era environment. He says the world is currently entering a “*great sag*” as the natural cycle of growth ends. Hedge fund owner Ray Dalio said the global business cycle is in a “*great sag*” and the world’s economy holds at least two parallels to the 1930s.

Speaking at a CNBC-moderated panel at the IMF and World Bank annual meetings in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, Dalio said, *and “it was now too late for central banks to make much difference as economies enter a natural downturn.”*

“This cycle is fading, we are now in the world in what I would call a ‘great sag’,” said Dalio, adding that monetary policy, and especially interest rate reductions, were unlikely to offer much stimulus. These were soft words masking a much deeper global depression that will lead to the “cashless society” and the Mark of the Beast. It is not likely that the world will escape a war breaking out in the Middle East, in order for the Rothschild’s to fulfill their agenda to replace the national banks of Iran and Syria with a Rothschild central bank.

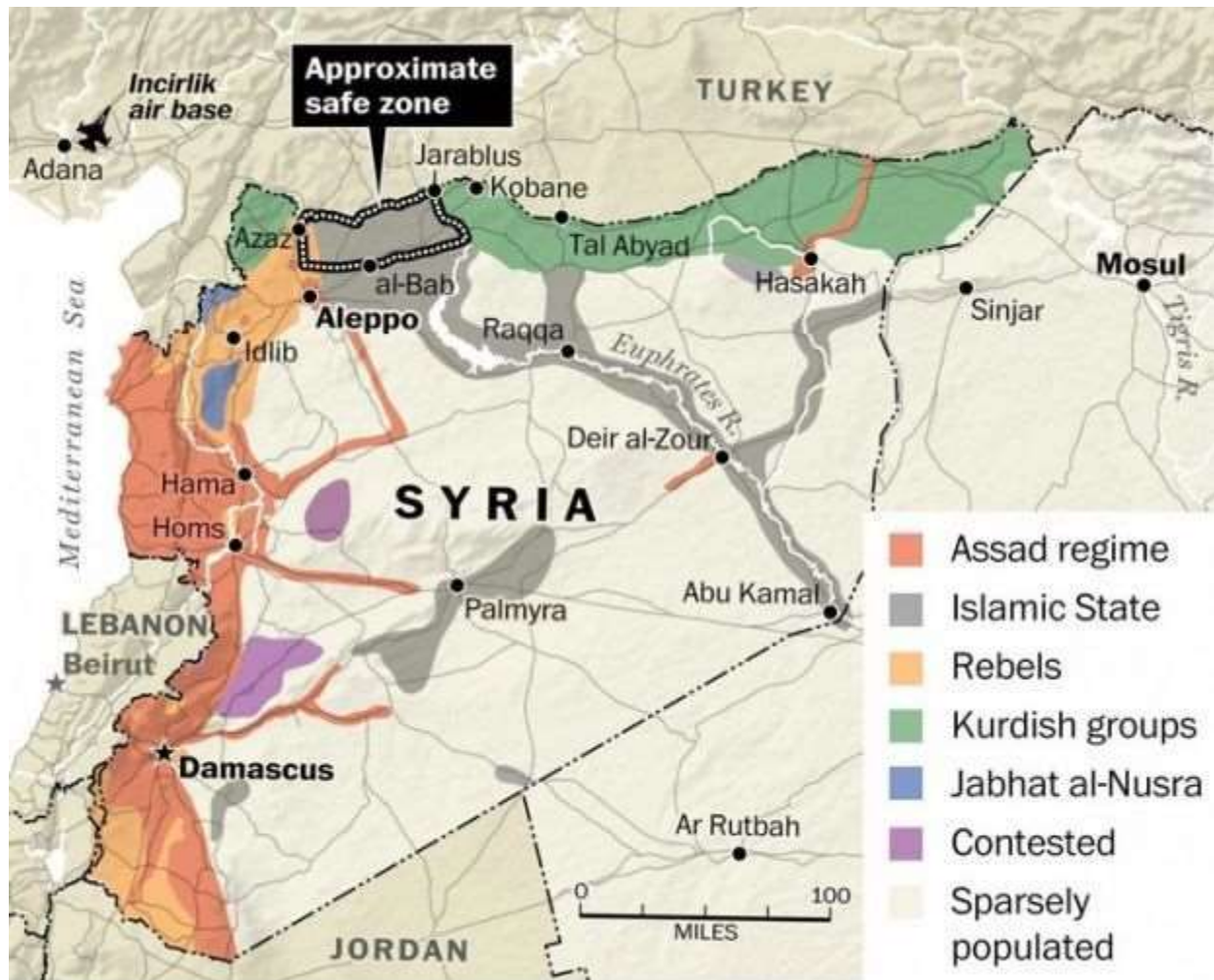
The U.S. media got yesterday's talks between U.S. Vice President Mike Pence and the Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan all wrong. Those talks were just a show to soothe the criticism against President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw U.S. troops from northeast Syria. Erdogan’s agenda is to restore the “Ottoman Empire” that reigned for 400 years! The President does not seem to understand ancient religious history.

The fake negotiations did not change the larger win-win-win-win plan or the facts on the ground. The Syrian Arab Army is replacing the Kurdish PKK/YPG troops at the border with Turkey. The armed PKK/YPG forces, which had deceptively renamed themselves "Syrian Democratic Forces" to win U.S. support, will be disbanded and integrated into the Syrian army. Those moves are sufficient to give Turkey the security guarantees it needs. They will prevent any further Turkish invasion.

The ‘*Washington Post*’ reports:

Turkey agreed Thursday to a cease-fire that would suspend its march into Syria and temporarily halt a week of vicious fighting with Kurdish forces, while allowing President Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s government to carve out a long-coveted buffer zone far beyond its borders.

The agreement, announced by Vice President Pence after hours of negotiations, appeared to hand Turkey’s leader most of what he sought when his military launched an assault on



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northeastern Syria just over a week ago: the expulsion of Syrian Kurdish militias from the border and the removal of a U.S. threat to impose sanctions on Turkey's vulnerable economy.

Note the two hot spots here that portend to be major flash points: 1. The U.S. Air Base at Incirlik, Turkey, where the U.S. Air Force holds 50 nuclear weapons in the form of gravity bombs; and, 2. Damascus proximity to the Israeli border less than 50 miles to the Golan Heights and overlooking northern Israel. Strategically both are inviting targets for Turkey or any adversary in this convoluted conflict region.

Pence said Turkey had agreed to pause its offensive for five days while the United States helped facilitate the withdrawal of -Kurdish-led forces, called the -Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), from a large swath of territory stretching from Turkey's border nearly 20 miles south into Syria. After the completion of the Kurdish withdrawal, Turkey's military operation, which began Oct. 9, would be "halted entirely," Pence said.

The *'New York Times'* falsely headlines: 'In 'Cave-In,' Trump Cease-Fire Cements Turkey's Gains in Syria'.

The cease-fire agreement reached with Turkey by Vice President Mike Pence amounts to a near-total victory for Turkey's president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who gains territory, pays little in penalties and appears to have outmaneuvered President Trump.

The best that can be said for the agreement is that it may stop the killing in the Kurdish enclave in northern Syria. But the cost for Kurds, longtime American allies in the fight against the Islamic State, is severe: Even Pentagon officials were mystified about where tens of thousands of displaced Kurds would go, as they moved south from the Turkey-Syria border as required by the deal — if they agree to go at all.

Military officials said they were stunned that the agreement essentially allowed Turkey to annex a portion of Syria, displace tens of thousands of Kurdish residents and wipe away years of counterterrorism gains against the Islamic State.

Retired Admiral William McRaven penned a shocking op-ed in The *'New York Times'* Thursday declaring that the United States is clearly under attack by our own president.

The former commander of US Special Operations Command explained that if an enemy wants to destroy their other side, they do so from "within and without." He meant that Trump is trying to undermine law enforcement, the Department of Justice, the State Department as well as a series of other American institutions. *"He has called the press the enemy of the American people and I will tell you, I've fought a lot of America's enemies. The press is not the enemy of the American people,"* McRaven told CNN's Jake Tapper.

He went on to say that Trump left the Kurdish people on the battlefield when the American military prides themselves on never leaving a soldier behind. The U.S. cannot *"allow Turkey to annex a portion of Syria"*. The U.S. does not own Syria. It is completely insane to think that it has the power to allow Turkey to annex parts of it.

Russia "promised that the PKK or YPG will not be on the other side of the border," Cavusoglu said in an interview with the BBC. *"If Russia, accompanied by the Syrian army, removes YPG elements from the region, we will not oppose this."* Even partisan Syrians opposed to its government recognize the ploy:

Rami Jarrah, Turkey's foreign minister once again reiterates that if Russia and the Syrian regime take over border areas they will not object, as long as the PYD are expelled. This has to be the easiest land grab opportunity Assad has had since the war started.

These moves have been planned all along. The Turkish invasion in northeast Syria was designed to give Trump a reason to withdraw U.S. troops. It was designed to push the Kurdish forces to finally submit to the Syrian government. Behind the scene Russia had already

organized the replacement of the Kurdish forces with Syrian government troops. It has coordinated the Syrian army moves with the U.S. military. Turkey had agreed that Syrian government control would be sufficient to alleviate its concern about a Kurdish guerilla and a Kurdish proto-state at its border. Any further Turkish invasion of Syria is thereby unnecessary.

The plan has everyone winning. Turkey will be free of a Kurdish threat. Syria regains its territory. The U.S. can leave without further trouble. Russia and Iran gain standing. The Kurds get taken care of.

The 'ceasefire' and the retreat of the armed Kurdish groups from the border, which is claimed to have been negotiated yesterday between Pence and Erdogan, had already been decided on before the U.S. announced its withdrawal from Syria.

As veteran reporter Elijah Magnier wrote yesterday, before the Turkish-U.S. negotiations happened:

Assad trusts that Russia will succeed in halting the Turkish advance and reduce its consequences, perhaps by asking the Kurds to pull back to a 30 km distance from the Turkish borders to satisfy President Erdogan's anxiety. That could also fit the Turkish-Syrian 1998 Adana agreement (5 km buffer zone rather than 30 km) and offer tranquility to all parties involved. Turkey wants to make sure the Kurdish YPG, the PKK Syrian branch, is disarmed and contained. Nothing seems difficult for Russia to manage, particularly when the most difficult objective has already been graciously offered: the US forces' withdrawal.

What Magnier describes is exactly what Pence and Erdogan agreed upon after he wrote it because it was - all along - part of the larger common plan.

Donald J. Trump said, *"This is a great day for civilization. I am proud of the United States for sticking by me in following a necessary, but somewhat unconventional, path. People have been trying to make this "Deal" for many years. Millions of lives will be saved. Congratulations to ALL!"*

The question is now if the U.S. will stick to the deal or if the pressure on President Trump will get so heavy that he needs to retreat from the common deal. The U.S. must move ALL its troops out of northeast Syria for the plot to succeed. Any residual U.S. force, even an unsustainable small one, will make the situation much more complicate.

That the U.S. media and pundits completely misread the situation is a symptom of a wider failure. As Anatol Lieven describes the mess of U.S. Middle Eastern strategy:

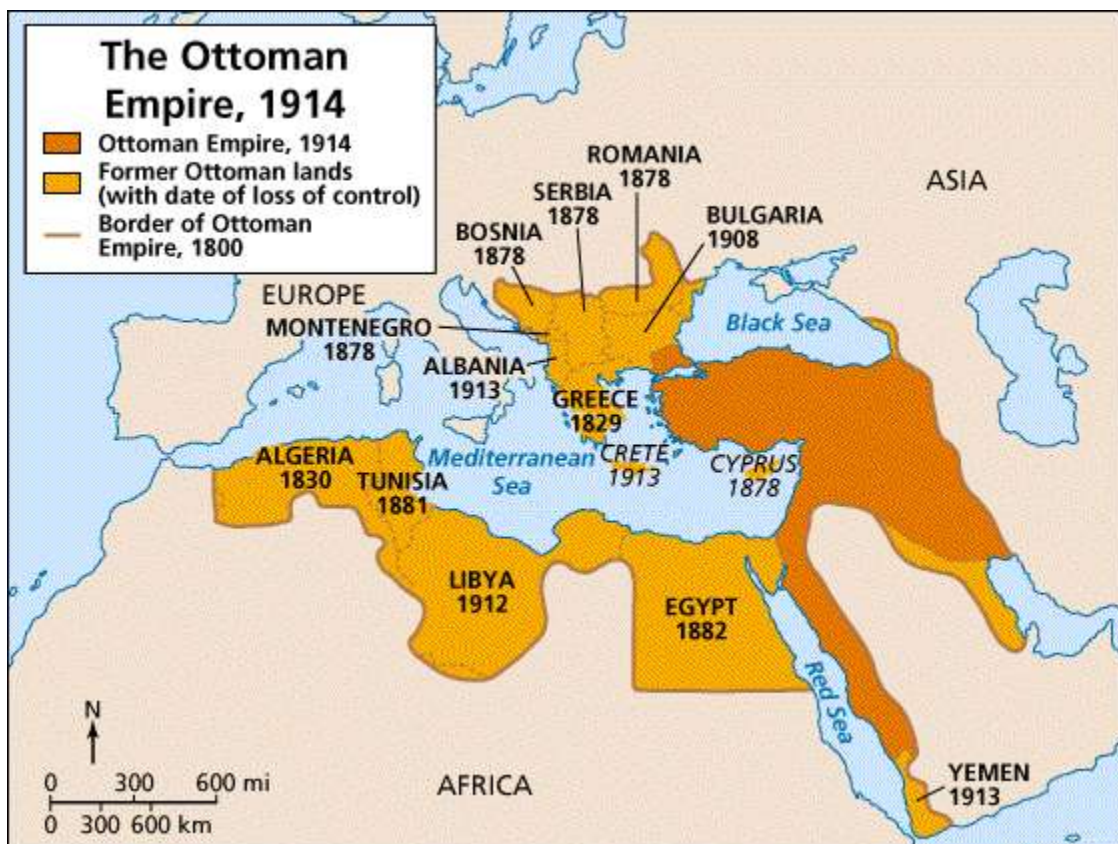
This pattern has its roots in the decay of the US political system and political establishment at home, including the power of lobbies and their money over US policy in key areas; the retreat of area studies in academia and think tanks, leading to sheer ignorance of some of the key countries with which the USA has to deal; the self-obsession, self-satisfaction

and ideological megalomania that in every dispute leads so much of the US establishment and media to cast the USA as a force of absolute good, and its opponents as absolutely evil; and the failure – linked to these three syndromes – to identify vital and secondary interests and choose between them.

Only a few pundits in the U.S. recognize reality. Stephen Walt:

“The bottom line: The solution to the situation in Syria is to acknowledge Assad’s victory and work with the other interested parties to stabilize the situation there. Unfortunately, that sensible if unsavory approach is anathema to the foreign-policy “Blob”—Democrats and Republicans alike—and its members are marshaling the usual tired arguments to explain why it’s all Trump’s fault and the United States should never have withdrawn a single soldier.

I am confident for now that the blob will be held off by Trump and that the Win4 plan will succeed. Erdogan will soon travel to Russia to discuss the next steps towards peace in Syria. The talks will be about a common plan to liberate the Jihadi controlled governorate of Idleb. That step may require a summit between the Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and Erdogan which Russia and Iran will help to facilitate.”

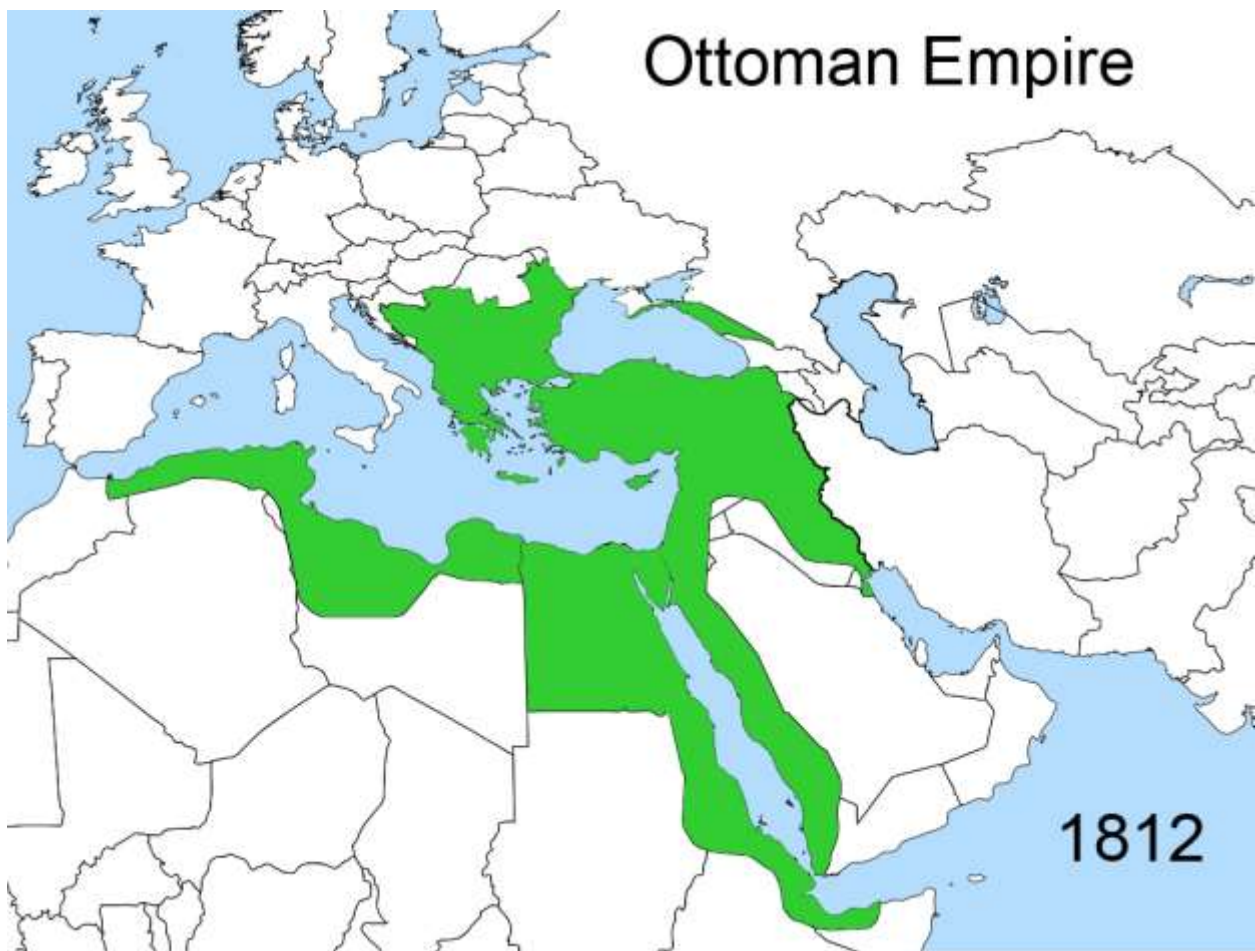


With the U.S. removed from the Syria scenario such steps towards peace will now be much easier some are saying. However, there are back channel sources saying that the U.S. is

not leaving the region. There are too many factions involved but Trump's decision to withdraw sets up Turkey to expose Turkey's real agenda and have Turkey ejected from NATO. Erdogan wants to establish Turkey as the center of a renewed "Ottoman Empire" as central to the Eurasian reason.

The Ottoman Empire fell in 1917 with the defeat of Germany in WW 1, and since the coup attempt on the Erdogan government three years ago resulted in the imprisonment and execution of thousands of secular Turks. With the collapse of Turkey, the British Home Secretary issued the Balfour Declaration. The Balfour Declaration was a public statement issued by the British government in 1917 during the First World War announcing support for the establishment of a "national home for the Jewish people" in Palestine, then an Ottoman region with a small minority Jewish population. It read:

His Majesty's government view with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country.



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This agenda of Erdogan to re-establish the “Ottoman Empire” has in his gun-sight the conquering of the present state of Israel. Erdogan has flooded Europe with a couple million Muslims and has threatened to release another 3-million more anytime soon. That is a given, and while it wanted to control the northeast portion of Syria is just a stepping stone to Jerusalem. If you think Israel is not on a high alert, you have totally misunderstood the stalemate between Benjamin Gantz and Benjamin Netanyahu. Talk in Israel today, October 18th, 2019 is that Benjamin Gantz is suggesting they share the Prime Minister position duties for six months in rotation at a time. Rabbi Kaduri’s prophecy has everyone awake in Israel, or with one eye open at night!

This is perhaps the most striking set of events of this ominous scenario for the coming Ezekiel 38/39 War that one could ever conceive of at a time when U.S. withdrawal from the region has created a short-lived vacuum of power. There is no doubt that Russia’s Putin has been looking at the regional chessboard and contemplating his next move. The hooks are already in the jaws of Gog and Magog!

The U.S. economy is on the verge of financial collapse, the world is in a state of hostility in areas that I have not even noted. The Middle East remains on the front burner for volatility leading to World War 3. It is exactly three weeks until “**Heshvan 10**” and the suspense is becoming gripping!

Blessings,

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Breaking News Saturday morning 10/19/2019:

Mazlum Abdi, the top commander of the U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Force, or SDF, said on Saturday that in violation of a ceasefire agreement Turkey is continuing its assault into northern Syria and blocking the SDF’s attempts to withdraw. Mazlum called on the Trump administration to intervene, arguing that the United States is not enforcing Turkish behavior in the ceasefire zone and revealing the SDF is not working with the Russia and the Syrian regime.