

# The Blessed Hope!

***“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;” –(Titus 2:13)***

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The report that follows is another incremental twist of events which surely will certainly prove to be a factor in the coming Ezekiel 38/39 War in which the Gog-Magog alliance attacks Israel and usher in the Rapture of the Bride of Christ.

The U.S. military is supplying Ukraine with hundreds of thousands of artillery rounds pulled from stockpiles based in Israel, according to the *‘New York Times’*. The Pentagon is reportedly “scrambling” to find munitions as Ukrainian forces continue to exhaust their arsenal.

The Pentagon has drawn from a *“vast but little-known stockpile of American ammunition in Israel to help meet Ukraine’s dire need for artillery shells,”* the *‘Times’* reported on Tuesday, citing multiple unnamed Israeli and American officials. While it’s unclear when the deal was struck, Israel has agreed to allow Washington to source some 300,000 155-millimeter rounds from warehouses on its territory.

*“About half of the 300,000 rounds destined for Ukraine have already been shipped to Europe and will eventually be delivered through Poland,”* the *‘Times’* added.

Though the stockpile in Israel is intended for use in America’s Middle East conflicts, several of which continue on a simmer, the Pentagon has been forced to seek new weapons supplies as Ukrainian troops reportedly blow through around 90,000 shells per month – twice the rate produced by the United States and Europe combined.

The United States has sent or authorized the shipment of just over one million 155-millimeter rounds to Ukraine since the conflict with Russia kicked off last February. *“A sizable portion”* of that has been pulled from existing inventories in South Korea and Israel, a senior U.S. official told the *‘Times’*, though he did not specify the total sourced from each.

While Israeli officials *“initially expressed concerns”* about the plan to draw from stocks in their own country, believing it could suggest Israel is *“complicit in arming Ukraine,”* the government ultimately agreed on the condition that the Pentagon replenishes the armaments. Washington has additionally pledged to *“immediately ship ammunition in a severe emergency,”* the *‘Times’* said.

Israel maintains ties with both Ukraine and Russia, and has sought to walk a diplomatic tight-rope between the two conflicting states since fighting erupted last year. Though it has offered to help broker peace talks and provided several rounds of humanitarian aid to Kiev, Israel has largely refused to join its Western allies in arming Ukraine or sanctioning the Russian economy, fearing such hostile actions could harm relations with Moscow. There is reason to doubt that statement is not true!

Not only that, I question why 300,000 rounds are stored on Israeli real estate. The 155mm round is the standard high explosive round used by American-made M109 Paladin self-propelled 155mm howitzer. This is the Israeli self-propelled weapon of choice. A U.S. field artillery battery contains 6 of the M109s, and a field artillery battalion contains 18 M109s in three gun batteries of 6 M109s. TOE specifications tells that a M109 holds 37 basic HE or high explosive rounds with a standard sustained rate of fire of 1 round per minute.

What I am getting at here is what is the logic or rationale for 300,000 155mm HE rounds being stored on Israeli soil. Each M109 Paladin is supplied by a tracked M992 vehicle that carries a re-supply of approximately 100 155mm rounds. A U.S. Armored Division has two battalions of the M109 Paladin, consisting of 36 of the M109 variants. A third battalion in an Armored Division today is equipped with Rocket Launchers instead of the self-propelled Paladin's. I am not at liberty to say a lot more but this mention of 300,000 155mm HE rounds on Israeli soil is a major leak of strategic information and will not go by President Putin and his general staff.

Under President Joe Biden, the US has authorized some \$25 billion in direct military aid to Kiev, recently agreeing to send 50 Bradley infantry fighting vehicles and a range of other weapons in its latest **\$3 billion arms package**. Ukrainian officials have continued to clamor for additional gear, however, and are now urging Washington and its European allies to send main battle tanks and better air defenses, among other weapons. While the U.S. has so far declined demands for tanks, military leaders from the 'Ukraine Defense Contact Group,' which includes NATO members, will meet at Germany's Ramstein Air Base on Friday to discuss the possible shipment of heavier arms.

In the last Blessed Hope #134. I suggested three high watch (**January 25, March 23, and April 1, 2023**) dates for the Rapture. The second and third dates were based upon God's Biblical Calendar for the month of Nisan. On God's calendar, Nisan 1 begins the Biblical year 5783 on March 23rd. The Jewish world follows and begins their secular calendar on Tishri 1 back in the fall on September 26 of 2022. That is a six-month difference, but often misunderstood.

This year 2023 the month of Nisan begins on Thursday, **March 23, 2023** and ends on Friday, **April 21, 2023**. I have been inclined to dismiss the January 25<sup>th</sup> date, which is only a week away from my writing this. I say that based upon the above announcement about U.S.155mm artillery munitions being transferred by the U.S. from Israel to the Ukraine thru Poland. President Putin is no fool and as it becomes increasingly more

significant as it becomes common knowledge of Israeli secret involvement in providing assistance to the Zelensky regime. This is the third of fourth recent report revealed of Israeli assisting the Ukraine through circuitous use of third party nations to transfer Israeli intelligence, technology, aide and weapons.

Russia made it clear to Germany days ago that if Germany gave Leopard tanks to the Ukraine, it would consider this a violation of the Germany surrender agreement in 1945, and that it was a red line which would be reason for Russia to attack Germany. The Zelensky regime has been begging for NATO/US to donate modern tanks, such as the Leopard and U.S. Abrams. The Pentagon has refused to provide the Abrams M1A, and M2A versions. The problem today is the Ukrainian army burns through ammunition so fast that U.S. stock-piles have been virtually depleted during the past eleven months. The U.S. has borrowed from its inventories in South Korea and U.S. forces in CONUS. It has been reported that the UK is sending Zelensky 14 of its Challenger II tanks.

The following Scriptures describe God's execution of His vengeance upon Israel before the Rapture of the Bride of Christ and His Church in the same time frame. Take a close look at Luke 21:20-24:

***<sup>20</sup>“And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies (Gog & Magog), then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. <sup>21</sup>Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter there into. <sup>22</sup>For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written (In Isaiah & Ezekiel) may be fulfilled. <sup>23</sup>But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress (Tribulation) in the land, and wrath upon this people.” <sup>24</sup>And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.”***

When we examine the following paragraph of Luke 21:25-28, there is more emphasis on the return of Christ to rescue Israel as well as deliverance of the Bride of Christ. I will explain more in a bit about how important hermeneutics is this nuanced emphasis.

***<sup>25</sup>“And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the (increased solar flare activity) stars; and upon the earth distress of nations (geo-political unrest), with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; <sup>26</sup>Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a (the Rapture image call to come up to heaven) cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>And when these things begin to come to pass (the desolation of Jerusalem by the armies of Gog & Magog), then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.”***

The “**Son of Man**” coming in the clouds is also mentioned in Acts 1:9, 11. Jesus was received into heaven by a cloud; He will return in the same way. This speaks about the

end of the age when the Christian dispensation has drawn to a close and when all nations have had the opportunity to hear the gospel.

We see that verse 25 begins a new paragraph concluded in verse 28. It speaks about the near future of those Christians who were living in or around Jerusalem. This prophecy saved many lives for it warned about the destruction the Roman armies would wreak upon this city and the many people who would be killed. "**Desolation**" (*erēmōsis*) here refers to the destruction of the temple and its defilement by the Romans. The inhabitants would know these things were soon to happen when they saw the Romans laying siege to the city. The scene depicted in this account accurately describes what happened when the Roman armies destroyed Jerusalem in 70 A.D. Many Christians fled to Pella to the east of Jerusalem and escaped many of the atrocities of that war.

The Jewish people of that time had not received a similar warning. In 70 A.D. they persisted to the last, expecting divine deliverance for their holy city and temple. Despite Scripture having one meaning it can have multiple significances or applications; this is particularly true regarding prophecy concerning Jesus Christ. An excellent example of this is Psalm 22, which is referring to David but the significance of the passage refers to Christ on the cross. Biblical interpretation has historically often led to division and forming different denominations. This is the essence of hermeneutics in theological education. Hermeneutics is both an art and a science to gather the full meaning of a word, passage, paragraph, or chapter of any book of the Bible. The context becomes critical in gleaning meaning as well as application.

Everyone reads the Bible with some basic assumptions about how the Bible best speaks. For example, these are the types of questions that people are often thinking of:

- What did this mean when it was written?
- What did the author intend for this to mean?
- How have people interpreted this passage throughout history?
- What does this passage mean for me?

Interpreting the Bible can be hard work and there are a variety of approaches to how the Bible should be read and understood. Learning and understanding the Hebrew system of **PaRDeS** has been a vital asset for me over the past forty years. The word **PaRDeS** is also an acronym for a very ancient form of Biblical **interpretation**. The word **PaRDeS** is written with four letters, [ פ ( P ), ר ( R ), ד ( D ) and ס ( S )]. We could then write this word as **PaRDeS**. Each of these letters represents one word, **P'shat**, **Remez**, **D'rash** and **Sod**. Its Hebrew translation means "paradise" or "Eden" or "garden".

The word **p'shat** means "plain" and represents the plain simple meaning of the text. The word **remez** means "hint" and represents an implied meaning of the text which usually has a deeper meaning. The word **d'rash** means "searching" and represents the meaning of the text that must be found buried in the text. The word **sod** means "hidden" and represents a hidden meaning that is drawn out from the text. When using these four

methods or levels of Biblical interpretation it is important to remember that the first method, the *p'shat*, can never be removed or changed with one of the other methods.

It is not unusual for an author to write a passage with multiple meanings but it is impossible for the interpreter to uncover these multiple meanings. The only person that can uncover a multiple meaning of the passage is the author. For communication to be possible there can only be one meaning. Ultimately the objective meaning of the Bible is in the mind of God, who uses human authors to write an objective book. The meaning we want to uncover is not beneath the Scripture (in the mystics mind), behind the Scripture (in authors unexpressed intention), or beyond the Scripture (in God's mind) but IN the Scriptural writings itself. We need to look at the Bible Scriptures themselves to find out their full meaning.

Any Christian living in the city was to flee when the city was besieged. Those who lived in the countryside of Judea would not profit by fleeing to the city. The present tense verbs in this verse ("*let them flee*," "*let them depart*," and "*let them not go in*") refer to the time when the people saw the Romans marching to Jerusalem, not after the armies had surrounded the city. The Christian's refuge at that time was not to be in fortified cities but in the power of the Spirit.

In verse 22 Jesus gives the reason for this destruction: "***these times*** (literally "days" [*hēmerai*]) ***of vengeance are to fulfill all the things that are written in the Scriptures.***" One of these Scriptures is Hosea 9:7 where Israel is to be punished for her sins. They who rejected Jesus (Jesus was one in the line of prophets whom sinful Israelis killed) were now to be punished in the Roman war of the first century (see 20:9-19; 13:34).

The first part of verse 23 describes the difficulty (the Greek word is *ouai*) young, expectant or nursing mothers would experience when the Roman armies marched on Jerusalem. "***Those days***" refers to the extended period of time during which the armies surrounded the city, trying to force its inhabitants to surrender, and then overrunning it and killing many. The last part of this verse gives the reason for the difficulty these women would experience. "***For (gar) there shall be great distress (anankē) upon this land (gē) and wrath (orgē) upon this people.***" The Greek article "this" is used with "land" and "people" and refers to the inhabitants of Judea and Jerusalem. The use of the article in this way justifies the word "this" in translation. The situation would be so great and the siege so long and thorough that even women would suffer. This wrath was God's judgment, as noted above.

In verse 24, more details of this oppressive time are given. Many people will fall by the "***edge (mouth) of the sword.***" The Greek word *stomati* (mouth) is a figure of speech and refers to the edge of the sword, that part which first enters the flesh of human bodies. "***To fall by the mouth of the sword***" could also mean "***to die by war.***" Both the word meaning *mouth* and *sword* are singular. Many other people will be carried away captive into all the nations. Similar judgment occurred in earlier episodes in Israel's history: the destruction of northern Israel in 722 B.C. and that of Judea about

587 B.C. A similar thing would happen to Jerusalem. Foreign governments would occupy the city until the **"times of the Gentiles be fulfilled"** a unique clause, occurring only once here in the New Testament. A similar clause is found in Romans 11:25: **"the fullness of the Gentiles be come in."** Though the words in both places are not exactly identical, the ideas conveyed by them are strikingly similar. **"The times of the Gentiles"** refers to the entire time period between the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple, and the beginning of the times of the end when the Lord will return. These words separate the prophecy of Jesus concerning ruin of the city and the temple from the eschatological portion of the prophecy. Up to this point Jesus' words referred to the fall of Jerusalem. In the following verse there begins a short prophetic description of the end times before the return of Jesus.

Verse 25 focuses in upon the very end times. Two particular scenes are spoken of here: what will happen in the heavens and what will happen on the earth. These **"happenings"** in the sun, moon, and stars are called **"signs."** Here the word **"signs"** means these things will convey something significant, something of the nature of a portent - especially something momentous or calamitous. By them people will know judgment is coming. In at least two other places, language using the sun, moon, and stars conveys the message that God will judge evil. Ezekiel 32:1ff. concern God's judgment of Babylon. At the same time, nations will have **"distress"** (*sunochē*) and **"perplexity"** (*en aporia*) over the tumult of the oceans. Some scholars see **"the sea and the waves roaring"** as symbolic of the unrest among the peoples of the world. Strangely enough this is a perfect description of what exists in much of the world today. Between the hoax of an alleged virus, stolen elections in a number of countries, the WEF "Global Reset", and the grinding down of Ukraine in a futile war that was preventable in 2014 had the corrupt Ukraine government kept its part of the Minsk Treaty; and that is just for starters of unrest and instability.

Verse 26 states that the distress of people will cause men to faint (*apopsuchontōn*). **"Fear"** and **"foreboding"** (*prosdokia*) cause this fainting. This word for **"faint"** occurs only once here in the Scriptures, including the Greek translation of the Old Testament. It shows how distressful these times will be. It can also mean **"to die,"** since its literal meaning is **"to stop breathing."** But the cause (*gar* translated "for" introduces this clause at the end of the verse) of all this fear comes from the **"shaking of the powers of heaven."** What is especially notable about this is there is a lot of discussion about cosmic energy related to coronal mass ejection events. These are events in which a large cloud of energetic and highly magnetized plasma erupts from the solar corona into space, causing radio and magnetic disturbances on the earth.

After the signs which verse 26 talks about, the **"Son of Man"** will make His appearance. **"Then"** (*tote*) can also mean "after" or "next." **"Shall they see"** refers to the people of the nation just mentioned in the preceding verse and to their impending judgment which begins with Jesus' appearance.

The coming of the **"Son of Man"** in judgment is one of the ways this title is used in the Gospels. In other words, one of the things Jesus will do is to judge the world, and the

name **"Son of Man"** depicts Jesus in this role. His coming is depicted in terms of a conquering king when He makes His appearance at the end of a victory. Jesus will be accompanied by great power and glory.

Verse 28 is very interesting, until now, this passage has focused on **"they,"** the nations. But this verse changes to the Church, **"you."** The signs and the impending judgment of the **"Son of Man"** are not **"bad news"** for the Christian. Instead, the signs mean **"redemption."** Attention is brought to the clause, **"when these things begin to come to pass,"** by a particular Greek construction called a 'genitive absolute' found fairly frequently in Luke and Acts. For those unfamiliar with Greek a 'genitive absolute' consists of a participle and often a noun both in the genitive case. **"These things"** refers to the signs mentioned above. It is **"when these things begin to happen"** that the Christian can anticipate His deliverance.

These words tell us that the time when these signs happen cover a somewhat prolonged, or at least an indefinite, period. Indefinite in the sense that no one knows precisely when Jesus will come. These signs herald a blessed time of deliverance from all the judgments which Jesus will bring upon the nations. **"Redemption"** (*apolutrōsis*) is the word used in Greco-Roman culture to describe a conquering army's victory over oppressors and the subsequent releasing of captives. It is the word in Romans 3:24 describing what Christ's death and resurrection have accomplished for the Christian. **"Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."**

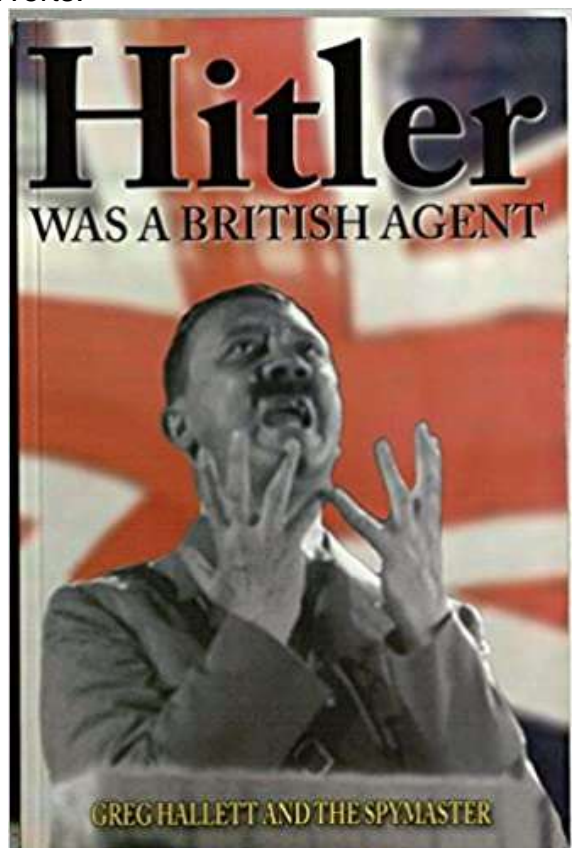
Over the past ten years we have been anticipating Ezekiel 38/39 and Isaiah 17:1-2 as somewhat of a puzzle of sorts in pondering what signs or indicators that would heighten our watch for what would precipitate these events occurring. With that said, it is not too far of a stretch to think Russia could react to Israel's getting into the fray that has approached the one-year mark come February 24<sup>th</sup>.

The U.S. and NATO continue to support the Nazi Zelensky regime, with no desire to negotiate a truce or peace treaty. Ukraine will collapse and result in a partitioning of the former state. Poland has its eyes on reclaiming portions of the western portion that it lost after World War II. Russia will claim provinces in the eastern area of Ukraine, which by the way were originally part of Russia. At least a third of the Ukrainian Army has been killed or seriously wounded, and those losses cannot be sustained.

Unless you are a student of history, you are unaware that this war has deep religious undercurrents and meaning. When the Schism of the Catholic Church occurred in 1054 A.D. a number of Crusades were initiated by Rome to destroy the Orthodox Church which ultimately fled from Constantinople to Moscow, Russia. There were nine major Crusades between 1096 A.D. and 1578 A.D. Not all of them were about the recapture of Jerusalem and the Holy Land from the Muslim world, and so to make a very long story short, Rome's thorn in its claim to be the Vicar of Christ has been hampered for over a thousand years from asserting the "Two keys of Temporal and Spiritual power of Heaven and Earth."

These two keys are enshrined on the Papal flag pictured on the page nine below. Two major world wars have been waged to destroy Russia using Germany as the aggressor. The Vatican and the Rothschild's planned and orchestrated WWI and WWII long before the wars were actually executed. The Masonic Order, infiltrated with Jesuits, and Crypto-Jews planned each of the big wars from the halls of the Tavistock Institute in London, UK.

Most of what we were taught in public school about WWII is bovine excrement and wrong. This is the consequence of the victors get to write the narrative to suit their purposes. Gregg Hallett and The Spymaster reveal how Adolf Hitler was groomed (being an alleged grandson of Lionel N. Rothschild's), deconstructed and then controlled via his Tavistock psy-ops conditioning (those 'missing years' spent in Ireland (?) and Britain from February, 1912 to April, 1913) and by double agents in his coterie. The usual suspects are the high ranking, death- and blood-cultish Judeo-Masons, closely intertwined - quite literally - with British (and European) aristocracy/royalty and the Rothschild & Sons & Co. criminal syndicate, with their power-junkie, wannabe minions in tow (cf. British Israelism). The author confirms the Royal family were all homo and bi-sexual perverts.



The content of the book clearly drew its share of critics simply because it answers so many unanswered questions of history. The author went deep into the family background of Hitler's relatives, siblings, and extended living members as well. Adolf does seem to have had helpers in the corridors of power influential enough to arrange



inexplicably light verdicts for his having stormed a session of the Bayernbund in September 1921 (spent 1 month out of 3 in jail) and participation in the Beer Hall Putsch of 1923 (he served a little over 8 months instead of customary 5 years), not the least thanks to the likes of Judge Georg Neithardt (Gay Knightheart), who ruled in both court cases.

The case can be made that the Papacy since the Schism of 1054 A.D. has been obsessed with the destruction of the Orthodox Church, which has been under the protectorate of Russia. Europe is predominantly Roman Catholic, and without any separation of church and state, is captive to the wishes of the Vatican. It is hard to believe that the present war in the Ukraine will not end in a nuclear exchange between Russia and the UK, Western Europe, and the U.S. Having majored in History during college and Church History in seminary has provided me a wealth of knowledge about Rome's need to assert its temporal and spiritual authority over humanity. The Papacy takes Matthew 16:13-19 as its authority, and will do whatever necessary to restore that power of its two keys tied with the red cord, the link binding these two powers!



**Philip Kraske** on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 posted an article entitled: [The War in Ukraine Will End with a Bang -- Soon](#)

Amidst indignant reactions to ex-Chancellor [Angela Merkel's revelations](#) about the Minsk accords, worry about Americans “advising” Ukrainians *en situ*, and the back-and-forth of battle lines, it’s easy to forget what the Ukraine War is all about: the struggle of the United States to maintain its status as the world’s only superpower. More exactly, America’s attempt to suppress China as a rival superpower is the center of this tragedy. China, allied with its back-door gas station Russia, is a nearly unbeatable foe. China’s seaports can easily be cut off if container ships are threatened against docking there. Its back door is another matter. So those hard-eyed folks in Washington, obsessed with the [Wolfowitz Doctrine](#), need to eliminate or take over Russia. That is the sine qua non of the American strategy. Without this step, the strategy falls apart.

And the step needs to be taken quickly; already the confrontation with China is picking up momentum.

Hence the Ukraine War. As President Biden [ad-libbed](#) himself, “[*Putin*] cannot remain in power.” He later [walked back](#) the comment, but the slip obviously reflects thinking in the Oval Office. The nice way to remove him is to cause a Russian defeat in Ukraine and the resignation — or worse — of its president, replaced (neocons hope) by a pliable drunk like Boris Yeltsin. I would imagine that foreign-policy blobbers long ago convinced themselves that they would really, actually, in their heart-of-hearts prefer to do things this way. Because the other way is not nice.

Not nice at all: the other option is a nuclear attack. Invasion of Russia won’t do the trick. Russians would see it coming a mile off. And they wouldn’t stand for a conventional war on their territory because they know they would lose. Nor would they stand for another Yeltsin, nor a foreign ruler that broke the country into ten pieces. Long before the Yankees got to within a HIMARS-throw of Moscow, Russia would resort to nuclear weapons.

The savants of Washington know this, as they have always known that Russia could not possibly lose a conventional war against Ukraine: a table-flat country, on its border, with a third the population, and no real war-making resources other than an actor-president who — credit where credit is due — could sell sand in the Sahara. I would give him his [bust](#) in the halls of Congress just for sheer chutzpah.

A conventional attack being impossible, Washington needs a war right on Russia’s border to use as cover, as an excuse, for a nuclear attack. If you doubt that their determination, remember that this reckless gambit in international affairs has been built through four administrations of neocons, who: 1) scrapped the relevant arms-control treaties; 2) overthrew a democratically-elected regime on Russia’s border; 3) pulled Europe apart from Russia, wrecking the European economy; and 4) literally destroyed the NordStream pipeline to make sure that the wreck stayed wrecked. I would imagine that even among older practitioners of U.S. foreign policy — Kissinger, Baker and their

lot — those measures must have raised a few eyebrows. Biden's crew is like fifteen-year-olds let loose in the foreign-policy candy store.

There are two ways, as I see it, of the war provoking a nuclear crisis: if the United States and/or NATO enter the war, or if, somehow, the Ukrainians mount a chemical- or biological-weapon attack against Russia, perhaps a dirty bomb. In either case, a crisis explodes, threats are made, and the U.S. has an excuse to unleash a nuclear attack on Russia — maybe with just a minimum of tactical nukes to impose a surrender, for only God and the CIA know what the Americans can actually do.

The point is to have a credible excuse for a first strike; without the Ukraine War, credibility would have been problematic — or at least more problematic; I have no doubt that, in a pinch, the same agile novelists who gave us the Kennedy Assassination and 9-11 could come up with a vivid tale. Whatever it is, the public will accept it, for they have been carefully cultivated by media stories about Russia: how Putin has turned into a dictator, how the LGBT community is persecuted, how Russian men fled the country to avoid conscription, and especially, repeatedly, poundingly like the drumming on a heavy-metal tune, that *Vladimir Putin is a madman, a megalomaniac*.

When the first images of blasted-out Moscow appear, President Biden will explain to a frightened world his heart-wrenching decision to strike first: the covers of Siberian rocket silos had been removed, the radio traffic was unmistakable, humint and e-lint confirmed suspicions, the Russian military brass had all suddenly slipped away to command centers around the country, and the crowning touch: President Putin's recent mental state was "extremely concerning." His statement need be but the merest window-dressing; the public, though appalled, will breathe a sigh of relief to know that this madman is no more.

President Biden would never do such a thing? This foggy-headed grandfather might be fully against World War III, but his foreign-policy team has by now taken the measure of him and knows exactly what to say in order to panic him into acting. He, as a Roman Catholic takes his orders from Pope Francis through the CIA and Barack Obama.

The foreign-policy crew fears a nuclear response from Putin? Hardly. They seem to have taken the Russian's measure as well, and come away satisfied. Putin didn't react when: 1) NATO expanded again and again; 2) Washington staged the coup d'etat in Kiev; 3) Washington (the only real suspect, either hands-on or not) sabotaged the NordStream 2 pipeline; and 4) when Washington assisted the Ukrainian government's attack on the Donbass. Indeed, Putin waited through *eight years* of this violence to finally invade, having exhausted every other possibility to avoid war, and even then launched not a war but a lame "special military operation."

Add all of this to the neocons' wishful thinking that once Russia is out of the way, China will be a piece of cake that they will eat deliciously smacking their lips; and a nuclear first strike easily crosses into their realm of the feasible. Hitler and Napoleon would understand.

How strange that the drive to conquer Russia returns again and again in history; it is the West's recurring nightmare, and it will be this time as well — though this aspect of the Ukraine story is strictly ignored by our slovenly mainstream media. So I leave the last word to Argentine writer [Jorge Luis Borges](#), who said, *“The past is indestructible; sooner or later everything comes back around, and one of the things that come back around is the project to abolish the past.”*

President Vladimir Putin is the protectorate of the Russian Orthodox Church and he sees the U.S. as Satan's agent to destroy the Orthodox faith. He accepted this mantle before the Russian citizens in the Ukraine were being persecuted by Zelensky.



***“Here’s something you must understand. We were not given any opportunity to act differently.”*** -Vladimir Putin

**The plan to engage Russia militarily is a tacit admission that the United States can no longer maintain its global dominance through economic or political means alone.** After exhaustive analysis and debate, western elites have settled on a course of action aimed at dividing the world into warring blocs in order to prosecute a war on Russia and China. The ultimate strategic objective of the current policy is to tighten the grip of western elites on the levers of global power and to prevent the dissolution of the “rules-based international order.” But after 11 months of nonstop warfare in Ukraine, the U.S.-backed western coalition finds itself in a worse position than when it began. Aside from the fact that the economic sanctions have severely impacted Washington’s closest

European allies, the West's control of Ukraine has plunged the economy into a protracted slump, destroyed much of the country's critical infrastructure and annihilated a sizable portion of the Ukrainian Army.

More importantly, **Ukrainian forces are now suffering unsustainable casualties on the battlefield which is laying the groundwork for the inevitable splintering of the state. Whatever the outcome of the conflict may be, one thing is certain: Ukraine will no longer exist as a viable, independent, contiguous state.**



Commentator Mike Whitney stated that one of the biggest surprises of the current war, is simply the lack of preparedness on part of the U.S. **One would assume that if the foreign policy mandarins decided to “lock horns” with the world’s biggest nuclear superpower, they would have done the necessary planning and preparation to ensure success. Clearly, that hasn’t happened.** U.S. policymakers seem surprised by the fact that the economic sanctions backfired and actually strengthened Russia’s economic situation. They also failed to anticipate that the vast majority of countries would not only ignore the sanctions but proactively explore options for “ditching the dollar” in their business transactions and in the sale of critical resources.

We see the same incompetence in the provision of lethal weapons to Ukraine. How do we explain the fact that the NATO nations have been frantically scraping the bottom of the barrel to find weapons for Ukraine? **Did our leaders really start a war with Russia**



**not knowing whether they had sufficient supplies of weapons and ammo to fight the enemy? That appears to be the case.**

And were our leaders so sure that the conflict would be a low-intensity insurgency that **they never planned for a full-blown, combined-arms, ground war?** Once again, this appears to be true.

These aren't trivial mistakes. The level of incompetence in the planning of this war is beyond anything we've ever seen before. It appears that **all the preparation was focused on provoking a Russian invasion, not on the developments that would happen soon afterwards.** What's clear, is that the Pentagon never "gamed out" the actual war itself or the conflict as it is presently unfolding. Otherwise, how does one explain these glaring errors in judgement:

1. They never thought the sanctions would backfire
2. They never thought they'd run out of weapons and ammo
3. They never thought Russia's oil receipts would skyrocket
4. They never thought that the majority of countries would maintain normal relations with Russia
5. They never figured they'd actually need a coherent military strategy for fighting a ground war in eastern Europe.

Is there anything they got right?  
Not that we can see.



The "Rules-Based Order" in one photo.

Take a look at this excerpt from an interview with ex-Brigade General Erich Vad who served as Angela Merkel's policy advisor from 2006 to 2013:

**Question**– You too have been attacked for calling for negotiations.

**Brigade General Erich Vad**– *“Yes, as did the Inspector General of the German Armed Forces, General Eberhard Zorn, who, like me, **warned against overestimating the Ukrainians’ regionally limited offensives in the summer months.** Military experts – who know what’s going on among the secret services, what it’s like on the ground and what war really means – are largely excluded from the discourse. They don’t fit in with media opinion-forming. We are largely experiencing a media synchronization that I have never experienced in the Federal Republic...”*

*“**Military operations must always be coupled with attempts to bring about political solutions. The one-dimensionality of current foreign policy is hard to bear. She is very heavily focused on weapons. The main task of foreign policy is and remains diplomacy,** reconciliation of interests, understanding and conflict management. I miss that here. I’m glad that we finally have a foreign minister in Germany, but it’s not enough to just use war rhetoric and walk around in Kyiv or Donbass with a helmet and flak jacket. This is too little....”*

**Brigade General Erich Vad**– *“Then the question arises again as to what should happen with the deliveries of the tanks at all. To take over the Crimea or the Donbass, the Martens and Leopards are not enough. In eastern Ukraine, in the Bakhmut area, the **Russians are clearly advancing. They will probably have completely conquered the Donbass before long. One only has to consider the numerical superiority of the Russians over Ukraine.** Russia can mobilize up to two million reservists. The West can send 100 Martens and 100 Leopards there, they don’t change anything in the overall military situation. And the all-important question is how to end such a conflict with a warlike nuclear power – mind you, the most powerful nuclear power in the world! – wants to survive without going into a third world war....”*

*You can continue to wear down the Russians, which means hundreds of thousands of deaths, but on both sides. And it means further destruction of Ukraine. What is left of this country? It will be leveled to the ground. Ultimately, that is no longer an option for Ukraine either. **The key to solving the conflict does not lie in Kyiv, nor does it lie in Berlin, Brussels or Paris, it lies in Washington and Moscow....** A broader front for peace must be built in Washington.... Otherwise we wake up one morning and we’re in the middle of World War III.” ([“Erich Vad: “What are the War Aims”](#))*

Let’s summarize:

1. The media is “overestimating the (effect of) Ukrainians’ regionally limited offensives”. In short, **the Ukrainians are losing the war.**
2. **The Russians are winning the war.** (“The Russians are clearly advancing. They will probably have completely conquered the Donbass before long.”)

3. **Weapons alone will not change the outcome of the war.** (“the martens and leopards are not enough.”)
4. **There is no evidence that the west has clearly defined strategic objectives.** (“Do you want to achieve a willingness to negotiate with the deliveries of the tanks? Do you want to reconquer Donbas or Crimea? Or do you want to defeat Russia completely? There is no realistic end state definition. And **without an overall political and strategic concept, arms deliveries are pure militarism...Military operations must always be coupled with attempts to bring about political solutions.**”)

This is not just an indictment of the way the war is being conducted, but of the strategic objectives which remain murky and poorly-defined. NATO is being led around by the nose by Washington, but Washington has no idea what it wants to achieve. **“Weakening Russia” is not a coherent military strategy. It is, in fact, an aspirational phantasm nurtured by hawkish neocons playing armchair generals.** But that is why we are in the predicament we are today, because the policy is in the hands of deranged fantasists. Does anyone seriously believe that the Ukrainian army will recover the territories in east Ukraine that have been annexed by Russia?

No, no serious person believes that. And, yet, the illusion that the “plucky Ukrainians are winning” persists, even while the casualties mount, the carnage increases and millions of Ukrainians flee the country. It’s beyond belief.

I follow closely the analysis of this war by military experts, former Marine Major Scott Ritter, and Army Lt. Col. Douglas MacGregor, who frequently are interviewed on the major news sites and have every few days provided a realistic assessment analysis to present the truth concerning the Ukraine war.

Remember the Powell Doctrine? “The Powell Doctrine states that a list of questions all have to be answered affirmatively before military action is taken by the United States:

1. **Is a vital national security interest threatened?**
2. **Do we have a clear attainable objective?**
3. Have the risks and costs been fully and frankly analyzed?
4. Have all other non-violent policy means been fully exhausted?
5. **Is there a plausible exit strategy to avoid endless entanglement?**
6. Have the consequences of our action been fully considered?
7. **Is the action supported by the American people?**
8. **Do we have genuine broad international support?**

The former Secretary of Defense Colin Powell developed his Doctrine to avoid any future Vietnam’s. And while the Biden administration has not yet committed U.S. combat troops to Ukraine, we think it’s only a matter of time. After all, the media is already beating the war drums while demonizing all-things Russia. That is traditionally how they prepare the public for war. (*“Russophobia ... is all about dehumanizing one’s opponents*



*to make killing more acceptable (and destroying) all the mental restraints that keep men from barbarism.” -Gilbert Doctorow)*

Meanwhile, the U.S continues to pump Ukraine full of weapons while the Pentagon has begun training Ukrainian servicemen in Germany and Oklahoma. It looks like **the decision has already been made to embroil the U.S. in another conflict for which there is no vital national security interest and no clear path to victory.** In other words, the Powell Doctrine has been shrugged off and **replaced with another lunatic neocon plan aimed at dragging Russia into a bloody “Afghanistan-type” quagmire that will drain its resources and prevent it from blocking U.S. expansion into Central Asia.**

And how is the neocon plan working so far?

Here’s what Lt.-Colonel Douglas MacGregor said in a recent interview:

***“There are now 540,000 Russian troops stationed around the outskirts of Ukraine preparing to launch a major offensive that I think will probably end the war in Ukraine. 540,000 Russian troops, 1,000 rocket artillery systems, 5,000 armored fighting vehicles including at least 1,500 tanks, hundreds and hundreds of tactical ballistic missiles. Ukraine is now going to experience war on a scale we haven’t seen since 1945.”***



And if that wasn’t bleak enough, here’s more comments from a recent video with Alexander Mercouris and Alex Christoforou:

**Alex Christoforou– “There is just a general panic that is gripping the Ukrainian military, NATO and the west. ... The Russians have been masterful in concealing their fighting forces ...so you have 500,000 thousand military (combat troops) waiting in the wings which leaves Ukraine wondering, “What do we do? We’re bogged down in this Bakhmut-Soledar area when these 500,000 Russian troops could be planning to hit us from any direction and we have no idea where the attack is going to come from?”**

**Alexander Mercouris– “You are exactly right. The Russians have completely gained the strategic initiative. They’re keeping everyone guessing, and to increase the sense of panic in Kiev even more, a Russian general Sulukov has just visited the Russian grouping in Belarus which is growing in size all the time... Does that mean the Russians are planning to advance south from Belarus? We don’t actually know.... But there is this enormous buildup taking place on every front on an order of magnitude greater than anything we’ve seen before. Not just hundreds of thousands of troops deployed, but hundreds of tanks...infantry fighting vehicles, ammunition, artillery pieces...and it’s building up on an enormous scale ...and the fighting in Donbass in the last couple of weeks has been the work of two bodies that are not part of the regular Russian army (The Wagner Group and the Donbas Militia) The main force of the Russian army which has been building up in extraordinary numbers, has not yet been committed to the battle to any great extent. So, I think everybody is expecting that some big blow is coming. No one knows for sure where it will happen. I don’t know (but) the Russians have managed again to keep it all extraordinarily secret. ... No one knows what they are going to do, but what we can see is these vast numbers of forces gathering around Ukraine where they Ukrainians are obviously panicking (because it looks like something is going to hit on a huge scale (but) I don’t know where it will come from.” ([“Russia’s next move, keeps collective west guessing”](#)), Alex Christoforou and Alexander**

Bottom line: While Washington and its NATO allies do not have a coherent strategy for winning the war in Ukraine, it’s clear, the Russians do. In the four months since Putin ordered his partial mobilization, 300,000 additional reservists have joined their units on the battlefield or along Ukraine’s northern perimeter. **The stage is now set for a conventional ground war the likes of which no one in Washington ever anticipated. We expect that the outcome of this conflict will reshape Europe’s outdated security architecture and force a realignment that will mark the end of the unipolar era.**

The doctrine of papal supremacy conflicted with the view of the Eastern church that considered the pope as only one of the five patriarchs of the Christian Church, alongside the Patriarchates of Alexandria, Antioch, Constantinople and Jerusalem. In 1054 differences in custom, creed, and practice spurred Pope Leo IX to send a delegation to the Patriarch of Constantinople, which ended in mutual excommunication and an East–West Schism that has lasted until the present day.

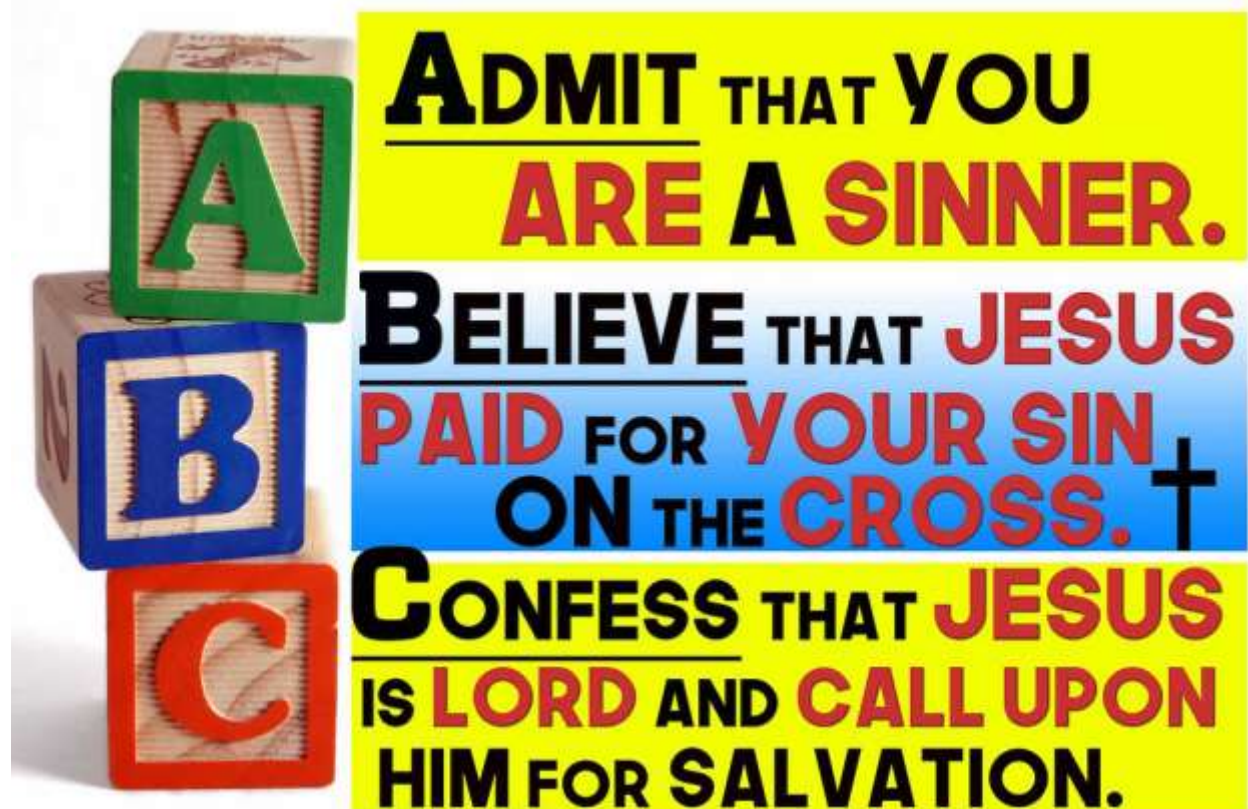
As it turns out, Russia is on the right side of history here and President Putin knows well the history of his country and the forces behind wanting to split Russia into many

smaller states and bring it under the umbrella of the Vatican State. I believe he has shown great restraint to what is an obvious plan to destroy Russia. However, that does not mean he is weak or afraid to protect his country or his faith!

To wrap up this Blessed Hope, I do believe the explosive news about Israel's involvement by aiding and assisting the U.S./NATO is not going to go un-noticed for too much longer. The chance of the Rapture occurring in less than 70 days becomes a real possibility. The 'New York Times' article has raised the potential reason for the Gog-Magog alliance to go after Israel.

***"Look Up, Your Redemption is Nigh!"***

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The clock is running down and when the call comes to "Come up hither" the door will close and those left behind are likely to die for their faith in the final "Seven Weeks of Daniel 9:24-27!"