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Russia-Ukraine Prophetic Analysis: Gog, Magog End Times or Babylon Falling?

Christian media and prophecy preachers are full of the usual end times narrative: Putin and Russia are Gog and Rosh and Magog. I offer another prophetic perspective of our times for your consideration: Babylon is Falling!

In 1970 Zondervan published the first edition of the book that would take the record for the most printed copies in history apart from the Bible: 60 million copies of Hal Lindsey's "The Late Great Planet Earth". It helped revolutionize the world changing "Jesus People" movement revival out of California and became the standard by which the great charismatic movement and evangelical church building movement interpreted the "signs of the times". It has been the standard narrative of all "mainstream" eschatology interpretation ever since.

Central to this narrative is identifying the key evil coalition and leader of that coalition of nations that Ezekiel 38 would describe as invading Israel leading to Armageddon. Who is Gog, Magog, Rosh, Tubal, Gomer? etc. Hal Lindsey was adamant this evil world power would be a Russian leader (Gog) and a Russian led army that would invade Israel from the north. (I still have my old copy of this book from the 1970's....chapter 5 page 48 "Russia is a Gog")

For the last 50 years the evangelical church prophetic leadership has been desperately looking for the end times, the destruction of 2/3ds of Jews and Israel at Armageddon but needed a powerful Russia (Rosh, Magog) and a powerful Russian leader (Gog) to start the whole world towards apocalypse and destruction so the church can be Raptured out of here and Jesus returns.

When 1991 happened with the collapse of Communism, and a democratic Russia and a China ditching communist economics and go full on capitalist money power the whole end time narrative seemed totally lost. So most charismatic churches just stopped preaching end times and got seriously busy with wealth and prosperity preaching and Jesus as coach to achieve your career goals.

Then came 24th February 2022 and the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Finally a militant Russia (Rosh, Magog) and a great evil genius leader (Putin) as Gog. Now it's time to resurrect all the old good news about end times, Israel, Armageddon etc. I have seen an absolute explosion of Youtube preaching this narrative everywhere. America, UK, South Africa.....the great excitement! Finally Armageddon is back.

This month's premier South African Christian glossy magazine Joy/Juig has a premier full color presentation of this end times scenario titled "Russia: Descendants of Magog". So Russia and a coalition of nations will come together to invade Israel. It

will be led by "Gog" I quote:

"The leader of the Alliance: We read in Ezekiel 38:2-3 that his name is Gog...Gog (Antichrist) means head or chief...It describes the Antichrist. Under his leadership Russia (Rosh) will co-operate to attack Israel. Gog is the leader of the armies that will invade the land of Israel."

This comes with a menacing picture of Vlad Putin (Gog, Antichrist) and his history as KGB agent. Now here is the amazing part. There is provided a list of countries supposedly described by Ezekiel 38 that will form this coalition of armies that Vlad Putin will lead to invade Israel. Prominent among those coalition of nations will be the European Union and especially Germany (Gomer).

Now I want you to pause for a moment and try to somehow imagine that regardless of the war in Europe where every nation is sanctioning Putin and Russia and every one of those EU nations providing weapons and money to support Ukraine.....somehow the evil Antichrist Vlad Putin manages to convince all of Europe, Hey folks let's all forget about the destruction of Ukraine, how about joining me and we all go and invade Israel. Anybody want to join me in that great crusade?

And never mind the fact that Russia was hardly able and struggled to mobilize enough troops and weapons to just cross its own borders into Ukraine and even that was almost more than they were capable of. Now you think they want to somehow mobilize their limited army (and they don't have the ships or the fleet or the resources) to take on a nuclear armed Israeli army of 600,000 men and women....and Germany is just happy to join Putin to kill another 6 million Jews for a Holocaust 2.0?

This is all just plain nonsense. It is on the same par as the evangelical "flat earth" believers because they can give you all sorts of scriptures about the earth standing still and the sun rising and setting and the "four corners of the earth" and why all this means that scripture makes it plain that the earth is flat and 620 astronauts from all nations who have been to space are all lying and scripture is true and everyone else are liars.

No scripture is true. You just have not done what scripture says you must do....

"Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Tim. 2:15). And 2 chapters after this verse of Paul's letter to Timothy he tells him when you come to me bring my cloak and books and parchments with you. (2 Tim. 4:13). If you want to be approved by God as to how you rightly divide the word of truth...then you need to study....books! And if you did that you would quickly see that "rosh" in Hebrew has nothing to do with Russia even if it might sound the same and if you cannot do Hebrew studies then rely on an evangelical Semitic languages scholar like Dr. Michael Heiser to show you why the whole Gog, Magog, Rosh interpretation as Russia is totally false!

So now let me give you another interpretation of the prophetic meaning of the world geo-political and economic crisis we are in.....and which I believe the book of Revelation warned us is coming.

Before I do let me just say this about Ezekiel 38 and the invasion of Israel and Gog, Magog. In my book "The Radical Gospel of the Kingdom" I go to great lengths to

rightly divide the word of truth to show you: - That invasion has already happened in 37 BC and the whole extended war scenario ending with the battle of Armageddon on 70 AD with the destruction of Jerusalem has already all happened. So I am not going here to even try to answer the bad theology here....but just want you to face the truth of how ridiculous this narrative has been for 50 years and will be for another 50 years.

The "Babylon has Fallen" Narrative

Make no mistake, something highly critical to the future of the Kingdom of God on earth and prophecy fulfillment is happening right now. And the image of what is happening is given in Revelation 18. "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen..." repeated twice "is fallen, is fallen.." Because Babylon the Great fell in 539 BC to Cyrus the Mede and leader of the Medo-Persian coalition but Babylon will once again appear on earth in the later days to dominate the world and will fall again a second time. In our time!

Rev. 18 describes 4 things which will happen...

- 1) Babylon is Falling (verse 2)
- 2) The kings of the earth who have fornicated with her are weeping (verse 9)
- 3) The merchants of the earth are weeping and wailing for the incredible destruction of wealth and commerce (verses 11-15)
- 4) The saints on earth and the hosts of heaven are rejoicing for liberation of planet earth has come. (verse 18)

This chapter 18:10 of Revelation is a direct and ongoing fulfillment of the prophecy of Jeremiah 50:46. And if you read the great judgments of Babylon and the description of the great city in Jeremiah 50&51 you see it is only partly fulfilled in the ancient fall of Babylon but will be completely fulfilled in a Babylon world power to come as described in Revelation 18.

There is a very intriguing insinuation in Revelation about the fall of Babylon that refers back to the original fall of Babylon. In Revelation 16:12 it says this...

"And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates and the water thereof was dried up that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared."

I'm going to interpret this for you with a little history lesson from the fall of Babylon so you can see a modern day application.

Babylon was built on both sides of the river Euphrates with high impregnable walls that could not be breached. The walls went right to the water. And the river ran through the city providing a constant source of water for the inhabitants should they be besieged.

Babylon was brought down by the might of two ancient powers who formed an alliance. The Medes and the Persians. The leader of the alliance army was Cyrus the Mede. When he came to Babylon with his army he saw the problem he faced...the city walls. He came up with a solution. He stopped up the river Euphrates up stream and then marched into the city unopposed on the dry river bed.

Daniel told us of that night when the king of Babylon was holding a party thinking they were all safe....and then came the writing on the wall...this night you are finished. Isaiah had prophesied in Isaiah 45 about Cyrus as God's instrument of destruction that would take down Babylon....200 years before the time.

Daniel had a dream about the coming change in world powers after the fall of Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar also had a dream, the famous statue of gold, silver, brass and iron standing for the four coming world empires. But in Daniel's dream he also had a dream but in his dream the empires were shown as animals (Daniel 7). Babylon was shown as a lion with wings of an eagle. The empire that takes down Babylon was seen as a Bear!

Ok so how does all this work?

If Revelation is saying that there will once again be world hegemon a second Babylon in the earth and if it says there is coming a "drying of the river Euphrates by the kings of the east" and if it says that Babylon will fall....then if we use the same image that Daniel saw as the empire that takes down Babylon is a Bear....then what can we make of all this on the world stage today?

Here is my narrative interpretation of the world situation:

The lion with wings of an eagle is the joint world economic and military powers centered around the City of London (the Lion) and New York as the economic power of Babylon and Washington DC as the political and military power of the world (the Eagle)

That Revelation 18:2 says these powers have become "the habitation of devils and the hold of every foul spirit and the cage of every unclean and hateful bird" That America and Britain have not always been inhabited by these foul spirits is a truth. They have been responsible for evangelizing the world and blessing the world with technology and ensuring peace and prosperity in many places of the world.

But I don't recognize America anymore as the nation I grew to love as young kid from South Africa in the 1960's or college in early 1970's. And a majority of American evangelical Christians will agree with me. I personally believe the turning point was the assassination of John Kennedy in 1963. Something very evil took hold of the deep state of America....it became a nest for foul spirits. The wars and destruction and cultural degradation that followed changed the very character of that great nation. The same for Britain, except their cultural and moral collapse was a century earlier.

What Revelation is saying is there is going to be a stopping of the river of supply that modern Babylon relies on to protect it behind its military walls. I believe that river that gives it life is.....money. Dollars and Pounds and Euros. The "marks of the Beast that you cannot buy or sell unless you have the marks and are part of the empire exchange infrastructure. The banking and finance nexus and the means of international finance exchange...the dollar finance/SWIFT system is the river Euphrates of modern day Babylon.

When Russia invaded Ukraine the West (Babylon) said you cannot buy or sell, we have taken away your national reserves of dollars and we have cut you off from

international financial trading.....Russia turned around and said we don't want your dollars and we don't need your financial trading system. We have the real life blood of nations the real source of wealth.....food, energy, minerals. And we will stop that flow. Now watch that flow dry up and leave the Babylon world system bankrupted.

For Russia this has become far more than a Ukraine invasion. If you want to know what the Russian objective is on this war it is not the invasion of Europe or of Israel. Sergei Lavrov the Foreign Minister said it clearly as follows and I quote from a Russia Today newspaper article of 11 April 2022.....

Russia seeks to end US-dominated world order – Lavrov

Washington acts based on ad-hoc rules that violate international law, foreign minister Lavrov claims.

Russia's military action in Ukraine is meant to put an end to the US-dominated world order, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov has explained. Washington has been seeking supremacy by imposing ad-hoc rules and violating international law, he claimed, in an interview aired by Russian television on Monday.

He was referring to America's attempts to impose its own so-called “rules-based international order,” which have met with strong resistance from Moscow and China.

“Our special military operation is meant to put an end to the unabashed expansion [of NATO] and the unabashed drive towards full domination by the US and its Western subjects on the world stage,” Lavrov told Rossiya 24 news channel.

“This domination is built on gross violations of international law and under some rules, which they are now hyping so much and which they make up on a case-by-case basis,” he added.

Make no mistake this is a fight to the finish for both Russia and America/Europe. The Russian bear has been poked and aroused and will now as scripture says "arise and eat much flesh". (Daniel 7:5)

My narrative? This is the Medo-Persian bear (Russia and China) coming to take apart America-Britain-Europe world Babylon power. The Cyrus figure here is Putin. The river that will dry up is when nations led by Russia, China, India and other Asian African nations find out they don't need dollars or euros to trade because Russia and China have an alternate financial system they can use.

To see if my narrative is right there will be signs of the times of Babylon's coming fall. Look for....

- Nations so steeped in dollar and euro bond debt that they can choose either to pay their dollar debts or they can buy food and energy but they can't do both. So they decide to default of billions of dollar debt and sign up on the new Russia-China financial system. The dollar debt free Jubilee is coming! (That is \$313 trillion of dollar denominated world debt bondage off the people of the world!)

- Look for higher and higher inflation figures as more and more dollars buy fewer and fewer goods. It means the dollar is losing its power. And when that is feared the rush out of the dollar will turn into a flood....and the Euphrates runs dry.
- Look for when the store shelves in America are empty and Amazon is not delivering so regularly anymore (because China is not sending goods for useless dollars) and the American tax payer starts asking why are we squandering trillions on a military and foreign wars when our national infrastructure is falling apart? And who actually are being sanctioned here America or Russia?
- Look for a political bloodbath in November when the crazy leftists that are destroying the America most citizens grew up in and turf out the woke mob in Washington and decide America is not the policeman of the world, its time to rebuild the nations middle class, the nations industry, the nation's moral principles.

I can give you lots more signs of the coming of Babylon's fall. But you get the picture. There is an incredibly difficult time ahead. Especially for those that Revelation says will weep and wail when this corrupt world system falls.

But when we get through to the other side the saints will rejoice because after Babylon falls then history tells us that the Israelites were free to rebuild Jerusalem and the Temple.

My narrative? When Babylon falls in Rev. 18...this is followed by the rise of the Kingdom of God in the earth and the building of the New Jerusalem as the Tabernacle of God in the earth. The coming of the Parousia the Presence of the Lord the glory of the Lord in all the earth is coming. (Rev. 20-22) So rejoice saints!

Does Russia/Europe/Germany uniting under Vlad Putin's leadership to invade Israel still make any prophetic or practical sense to you?