

Conflict in Ukraine & Battle of Gog and Magog



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Why did Russia invade Ukraine?

- This was the idea of one man. It was driven by the ego and imperialist desires of Russian president Vladimir Putin. Russia's army did not want this invasion.
- Ukraine was once part of the Soviet Union, which Putin seeks to revive
- Ukraine has a minority Russian speaking population (17%) which Putin assumed would be welcoming to Russian troops and Russian governmental control
- Ukraine has great natural resources and therefore wealth potential (iron ore, titanium, natural gas, lithium, corn) that Putin wants to finance Russia
- Putin wants a land bridge to the warm-water port of Sevastopol in Crimea
- Putin wants to prevent the expansion of NATO and the West on his borders

Why invade now?

- The nations of the world, especially Russia and China, question America's leadership and military prowess after the disastrous departure of Afghanistan

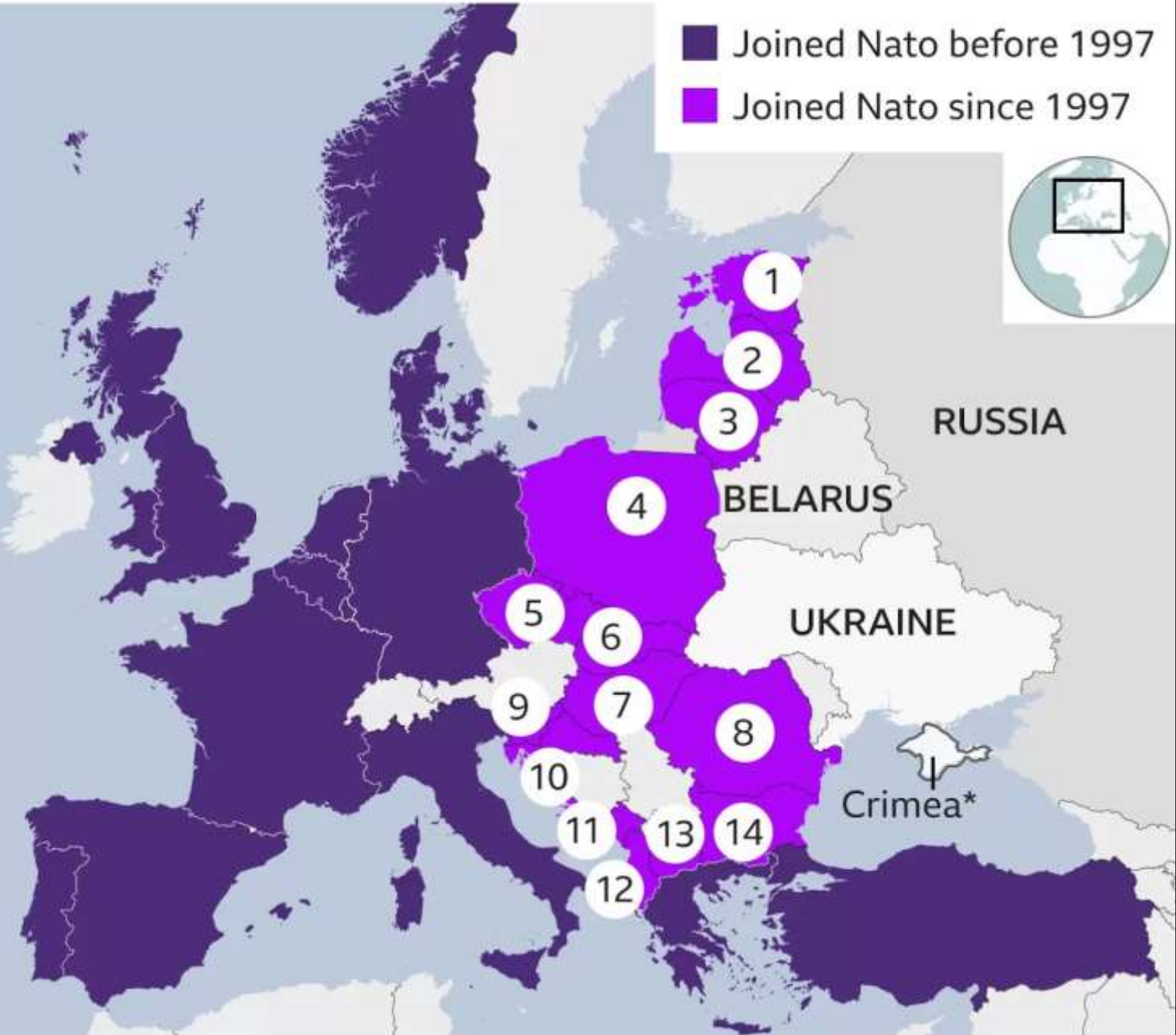
Ukraine was part of the Soviet Union until it declared independence in August 1991.



The **North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)**, also called the **North Atlantic Alliance**, is an intergovernmental military alliance between 28 European countries and 2 North American countries. Established in the aftermath of World War II, the organization implements the North Atlantic Treaty which was signed on 4 April 1949. (Wikipedia)



Nato's expansion since 1997



① Estonia	⑤ Czech Republic	⑨ Slovenia	⑬ North Macedonia
② Latvia	⑥ Slovakia	⑩ Croatia	⑭ Bulgaria
③ Lithuania	⑦ Hungary	⑪ Montenegro	
④ Poland	⑧ Romania	⑫ Albania	

*Russia annexed Crimea in 2014

BBC

Nato and extra US troops in Eastern Europe



Note: Some US troops are included in the Nato figures.



Hi Andy. How is the Ukraine issue impacting life in Romania?

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Hi Trey, thanks for asking. We watch as I am sure you guys are watching as well, our north border is the Ukraine border so being neighbors puts Romania in a dangerous position depending on what happens. We also have a large US military base and missile sites on the eastern side of the country. We watch and pray as we know any military attack on the Ukraine will bring great suffering and death and could also cross the border to us as well. Trusting our Lord in these unsettling times. Praying for you all, we love you guys.

From Andy McKnight

Ukraine leader Volodymyr Zelensky vows to hold fast as 2,000 civilian deaths blamed on Russia's invasion

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A defiant President Volodymyr Zelenskyy refused a U.S. evacuation offer and said he would remain in Kyiv. “The fight is here; **I need ammunition, not a ride,**” Zelenskyy told the U.S.

'Better to die than become a part of Russia': Kyiv residents dig in and wait

"If we surrender Kyiv, we will surrender Ukraine," one sheltering resident said. "It's better to die than become a part of Russia."

The sounds of explosions and shelling keep people nervous during the day and awake at night, forcing them to seek cover in bathrooms, basements and subway stations.

The city of 3 million remains under Ukraine's control. Still, a full assault could happen any minute as Russian ground forces close in on the capital.

Satellite images taken Monday showed a [Russian military convoy](#) that stretched for about 40 miles north of the capital. On Tuesday, [a television tower](#) was hit, killing five people. Earlier, the Russian Defense Ministry warned of strikes on military targets in Kyiv, the state-run news agency Tass reported.

Zavhorodnii has no combat experience and said he realizes he would be "cannon fodder" if he had to help defend the city. Still, he tried to join Ukraine's Territorial Defense Forces, the army's volunteer military units, but there is so much interest from Kyiv residents that he has not even been put on the waitlist.

"I am not even thinking about the scenario where I pick up arms and go fight, but if it is necessary, I will do it," he said. "If we surrender Kyiv, we will surrender Ukraine. ... It's better to die than become a part of Russia."

After a pause, he added: "Being a Ukrainian right now is to fight, to fight for our country."

Source: NBC News

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Russia-Ukraine Monitor Map

by Cen4infoRes

The Russia-Ukraine Monitor Map is a crowdsourced effort to map, document and verify information in order to provide reliable information for policymakers and journalists of the on-the-ground and online situation in and around Ukraine.

This map is created by the Centre For Information Resilience (<https://twitter.com/Cen4infoRes>) as part of a wider effort to tackle disinformation and promote transparent and verified information.

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Teen hacker Jack Sweeney goes from Elon Musk's jet to Russian oligarchs

By Yaron Steinbuch

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Jack Sweeney first gained notoriety for his account that keeps tabs on Elon Musk's private jet.

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Ukrainian vice prime minister

Jack Sweeney, the 19-year-old who ran afoul of Elon Musk for tracking his private jet on Twitter, has launched another account to monitor planes belonging to Russian oligarchs amid the invasion of Ukraine.

The tech-savvy college student told Bloomberg News that he launched Russian Oligarch Jets — @RUOligarchJets — after receiving requests as Washington and US allies announced crippling sanctions on Moscow and its elite.

"The aircrafts these oligarchs have are absolutely crazy," Sweeney told the news outlet, saying that Russia's wealthy travel in commercial-size planes like the Airbus A319 and Boeing 737.

<https://nypost.com/2022/03/01/teen-tracking-musks-jet-launches-account-to-follow-oligarchs-planes/>

Who Are the Jews of Ukraine?

350,000 Jews are served by 200 Chabad couples in 35 cities and towns

By David Margolin | February 27, 2022 10:26 AM



Ukraine has been under attack since the early morning of Feb. 24, and the country's entire population is in danger, including the 350,000 Jews who call it home. For many Jews around the world, the name Ukraine conjures images of the place their grandparents or ancestors fled in the late 1800s or early 1900s, or as a region where millions of Jews were murdered during the Holocaust. All this is of course true, but what is also true is that Ukraine has been an increasingly hospitable home for hundreds of thousands of Jews whose families lived in its towns and cities for centuries and remained there even after the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991.

Today, Ukraine boasts a thriving Jewish infrastructure that includes synagogues, mikvahs, a matzah bakery, Jewish schools and yeshivahs, and social services organizations. The first permanent post-Perestroika Chabad-Lubavitch emissaries to Ukraine arrived in 1990 to what was still the Soviet Union, and began leading the synagogues in Kharkov and Dnipro (Dnepropetrovsk until 2014) that had just been returned to the Jewish community by the authorities. Their work built on Chabad's deep roots in the region, including decades of underground Jewish activism throughout the Soviet era.

Today, 35 cities of all sizes throughout Ukraine are served by 200 Chabad emissary families. Often, the Chabad rabbis and their wives create the only Jewish infrastructure in the city. These emissaries do not only work with the Jewish communities in their own towns but reach out to dozens of smaller cities, towns and villages around them, arranging and running Jewish holiday programs and the like throughout the year.

PRAY FOR UKRAINE



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Russia-Ukraine updates: Russian units 'surrendering' without a fight as morale plummets: Pentagon

By Post Staff Report

March 1, 2022 | 2:38pm | Updated

Russian Marines reportedly rebelled and turned back warships to avoid assault on Ukraine beach

By lee brown

Terrified Russian Marines defied orders to storm a mine-filled Ukrainian beach — and instead forced their fleet of warships to turn around and flee, according to local reports.

Members of the 810th brigade of Russia's Marine force allegedly told Ukraine's *Dumskaya* paper that they had been ordered Monday to carry out an underwater assault on Luzanovsky beach in Odessa.

But at the last minute, "a real rebellion took place" and the crews managed to turn around their ships and flee the bay, according to the report also shared by the *Odessa Journal* Tuesday.

The "large group" of Russian warships "suddenly withdrew" just as Ukraine's military was about to "shoot back," retired Ukrainian diplomat Olexander Scherba also tweeted.

Plagued by poor morale as well as fuel and food shortages, some Russian troops in Ukraine have surrendered en masse or sabotaged their own vehicles to avoid fighting, a senior Pentagon official said on Tuesday.

Source: YWN

Some entire Russian units have laid down their arms without a fight after confronting a surprisingly stiff Ukrainian defense, the official said. A significant number of the Russian troops are young conscripts who are poorly trained and ill-prepared for the all-out assault. And in some cases, Russian troops have deliberately punched holes in their vehicles' gas tanks, presumably to avoid combat, the official said.

Ukrainian soldiers believe 'God is helping us' and report 'strange things are happening' to protect them, 'bullets are just passing us by, instead of hitting us,' pastor tells **ALL ISRAEL NEWS**

Pastor who served in Belarus says prayers of believers, are working, but adds many in Belarus are 'shocked' their government is helping Putin attack Ukraine

All Israel News Staff | March 1, 2022



What Ukrainian Christians Are Praying Now

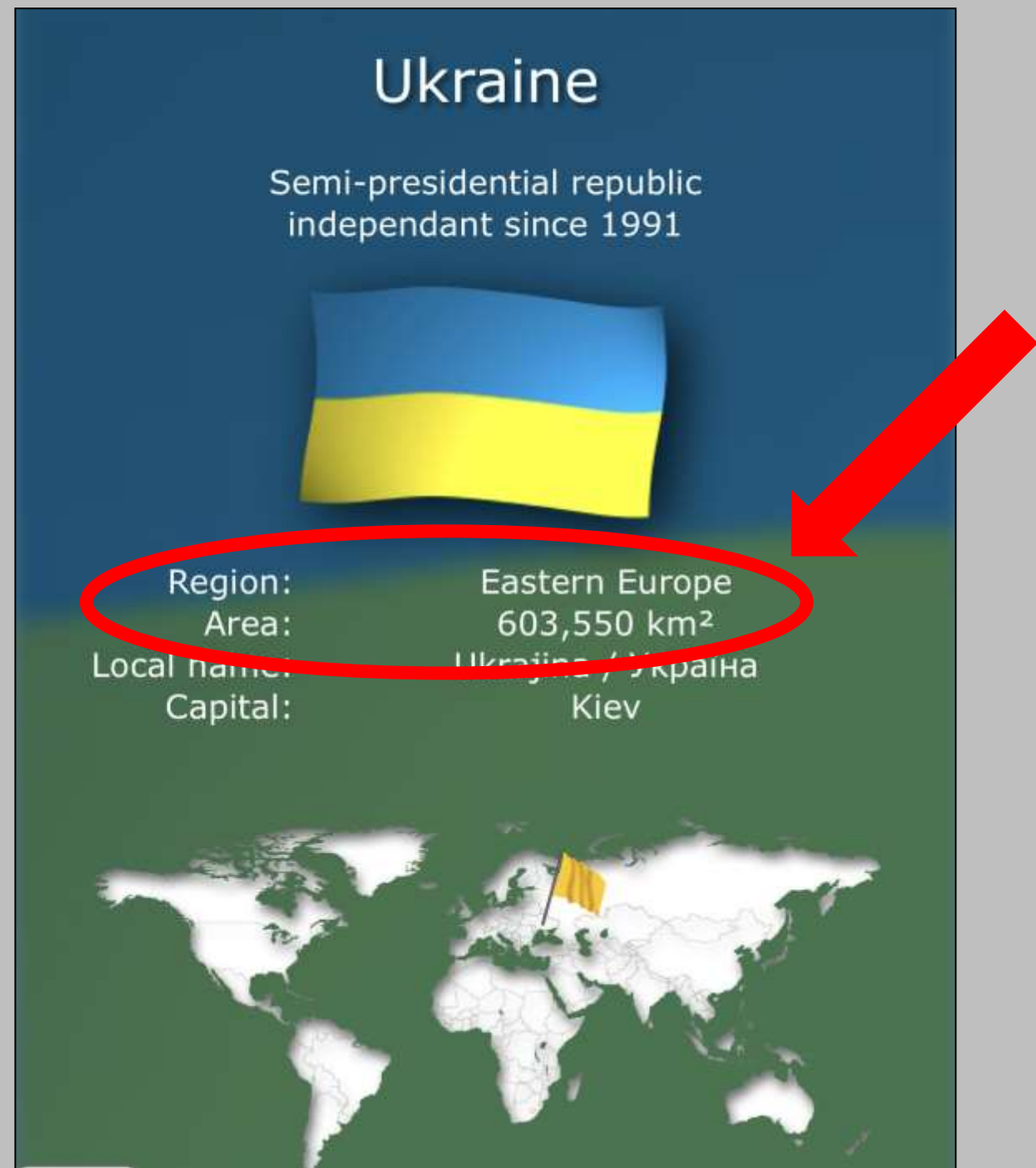
Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering. Examine me, O Lord, and try me; test my mind and my heart. For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes, and I have walked in Your truth. I do not sit with deceitful men, nor will I go with pretenders. I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked. I shall wash my hands in innocence, and I will go about Your altar, O Lord, that I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving and declare all Your wonders. O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. Do not take my soul away along with sinners, nor my life with men of bloodshed, in whose hands is a wicked scheme, and whose right hand is full of bribes. But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me. My foot stands on a level place; in the congregations I shall bless the Lord. Psalm 26:1-12



Torah Portion “Pekudei” This Week

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U.N. General Assembly in historic vote denounces Russia over Ukraine invasion

By Humeyra Pamuk and Jonathan Landay



TODAY!

UNITED NATIONS, March 2 (Reuters) - The United Nations General Assembly on Wednesday overwhelmingly voted to reprimand Russia for invading Ukraine and demanded that Moscow stop fighting and withdraw its military forces, an action that aims to diplomatically isolate Russia at the world body.

The resolution, supported by 141 of the assembly's 193 members, passed in a rare emergency session called by the U.N. Security Council while Ukrainian forces battled to defend the port of Kherson in the face of air strikes and a devastating bombardment that forced hundreds of thousands of people to flee.

The text of the resolution deplores Russia's "aggression against Ukraine." The last time the Security Council convened an emergency session of the General Assembly was in 1982, according to the U.N. website. [read more](#)

UN votes to condemn Russia's invasion of Ukraine and calls for withdrawal

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■ [Ukraine ambassador calls on UN to deplore Russian invasion - video](#)

The United Nations has voted overwhelmingly for [a resolution](#) deploping Russia's invasion of [Ukraine](#) and called for the immediate withdrawal of its forces, in a global expression of outrage that highlighted Russia's increasing isolation.

In an emergency session of the UN's general assembly, 141 of the 193 member states voted for the resolution, 35 abstained, and five voted against. The only countries to vote no in support of Moscow were Belarus, North Korea, Eritrea and Syria. Longstanding allies Cuba and Venezuela joined China in abstaining.

Where are Ukrainian refugees going?

The arrival of hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian refugees is straining humanitarian resources.

By Nicole Narea | @nicolennarea | Mar 2, 2022, 7:30am EST

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A woman hugs a girl as refugees from Ukraine wait for a transport at the Moldova-Ukrainian border's checkpoint near the town of Palanok on March 1. | Nikolay Doychinov/AFP via Getty Images

More than **677,000 Ukrainians** have already fled **Russia's war** on their country as of Tuesday, and that number is rising hourly.

"I have rarely seen such an incredibly fast-rising exodus of people — the largest within Europe since the Balkan wars," United Nations commissioner for refugees Filippo Grandi said during a **United Nations security council meeting** on Monday.

European governments and humanitarian organizations have been planning for their arrival for weeks, but the number of refugees has surpassed those expectations. The UN has projected that 4 million Ukrainian refugees could arrive in neighboring countries just in the coming weeks.

Such a heavy influx would be a "huge burden for receiving states and would no doubt stress reception systems and related resources," Grandi said.

So far, at least **280,000 Ukrainians** have gone to Poland, 94,000 to Hungary, 40,000 to Moldova, 34,000 to Romania, 30,000 to Slovakia, and tens of thousands to other European countries. A "sizeable number" have also gone to Russia, according to Grandi. Most of the refugees are women and children, including a growing number of unaccompanied children. Ukraine has conscripted men between the ages of 18 and 60 to fight, prohibiting them from leaving.

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THE UKRAINIAN EXODUS AT THE POLISH BORDER

The Russian invasion has forced hundreds of thousands to flee—while others are returning from across Europe to fight.

By Ed Caesar

March 2, 2022

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/dispatch/the-ukrainian-exodus-at-the-polish-border>

But there is also a counterflow. A stream of men is moving east, from Poland back into Ukraine. I met some of them at Medyka, the main border crossing near Przemyśl. Medyka has recently been the site of a large inflow of refugees, but was much quieter on the day I visited, because—I was told—more people are now being bused straight to transit centers, rather than waiting at the checkpoint itself. Mykhailo Kozlovskiy and Andrii Tsarenko are wide-shouldered Ukrainians who work as truck drivers around Europe. They are both in their mid-forties, and they each have a wife and two children in Ukraine. **Walking to the passport booth, Tsarenko said they were going back “to protect their families and their lands.” They planned to join up with a military group and fight the Russians.** Kozlovskiy said he had spent thirteen years in the Ukrainian Army. Tsarenko had two years’ military experience. They each carried two small bags.

Why are American military forces not involved inside Ukraine right now?

- Ukraine is not a member of NATO so America is not obligated by treaty to defend it
- Putin's next steps are unpredictable
- Russia has 6,000 nuclear warheads
- There is no overwhelming will to fight among America's leadership or public

Why is this attack not over yet?

- Poorly trained and poorly motivated Russian conscript soldiers
- Incorrect assumptions by Russian President Putin
- Poor military strategy by the Russian military, especially regarding supply lines
- Inspiring leadership by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy
- Bravery and patriotism by the Ukrainian people
- The slow pace of this attack provides more time for Ukraine to obtain weapons and dig in their defenses; also allows other nations to contribute

Money remains the firm constraint on the reserves. The Duma [planned expenditures](#) of just 279.4 million rubles (\$3.7 million) in 2014, 288.3 million in 2015 and 324.9 million in 2016 for reserve mobilization exercises. President Putin has repeatedly tasked the military to prioritize reservist mobilization, issuing orders to that effect in 2013, 2014, and 2015. He appears to be making limited headway with his own generals.

This may be a result of skepticism about major land warfare within the upper echelons of the military and Ministry of Defense. Former Russian senior officials and analysts interviewed by the RAND Corporation in 2017 [unanimously dismissed](#) the idea of orienting the Russian military on fighting major land wars with peer competitors. The decade of reform and modernization has enabled the military to capably conduct limited expeditionary operations, while modernization at the other end of the spectrum has secured Russia's strategic nuclear forces on land, in the air, and in naval bastions. Russia's military leaders seem to think the prospect of a major conventional war with NATO is highly unlikely.

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U.S. defense analysts and commentators have occasionally raised concerns about [America's inability to fight a long war](#). Yet without an operational reserve, Russia's forces would actually be more brittle than NATO's in a sustained conflict. Should Russia find itself in a major conventional war, it will fight with the military it has on hand. The Red Army's "hordes" are long gone and the current manpower system has not yet fashioned a credible replacement.

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How could this conflict end?

Scenario 1: Miracle on the Dnipro

(a city on the Dnieper River in central Ukraine)

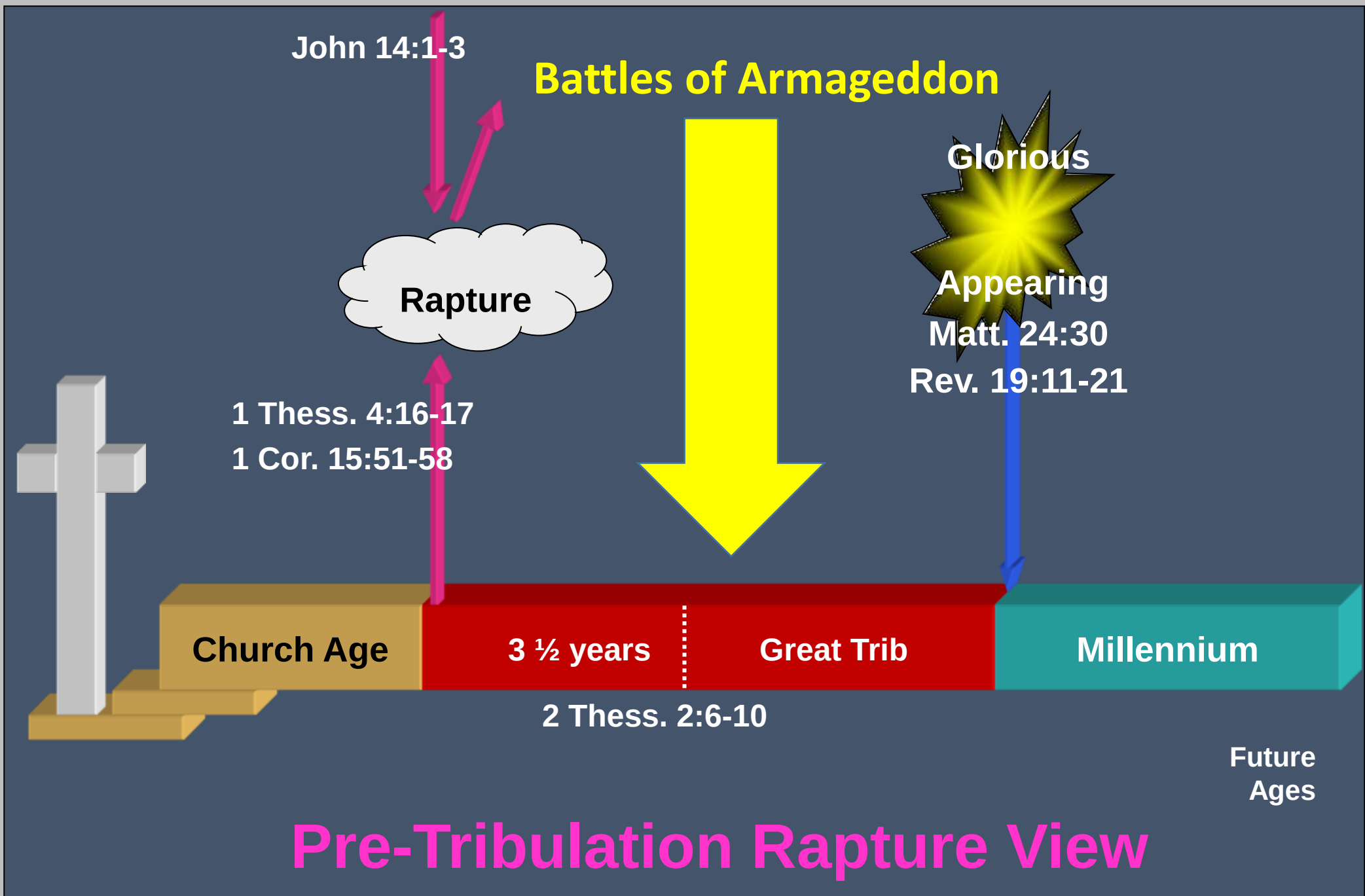
Scenario 2: A quagmire

Scenario 3: A new Iron Curtain

Scenario 4: A NATO-Russia war

Armageddon

A Series of Battles in the End Times



Bible Prophecy

Rabbi Pinchas Winston, a prolific end-of-days author, spoke about an imminent Gog and Magog War for several years.

“The advantage of looking at events from a perspective of prophecy is that you know what is going to happen. There is no question about what is going to happen. The only questions are when and how current events fit into the picture. And, of course, where you will be standing about God when it does happen.”

As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” And Jesus answered and said to them, “See to it that no one misleads you. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will mislead many. You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.”

Matthew 24:3-8

John the Apostle wrote, “And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs; for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty. (‘Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame.’) And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon.” Revelation 16:13-16

* “Armageddon” has become a general term that refers to the end of the world, not exclusively to the battle that takes place in the plain of Megiddo.

Har-Magedon Hill of Megiddo



Jezreel Valley, also known as the
Valley of Megiddo



Possible Timeline of Events

by Nathan E. Jones

1. The Rapture of the Church removes the Restrainer. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; 2 Thessalonians 2:6)
2. Israel subjugates her surrounding neighbors in fulfillment of Psalm 83.
3. The Gog-Magog Battle destroys the Russian and Muslim influence in the Middle East.
4. The Antichrist conquers what's left of the Middle East and makes a peace covenant with Israel to complete the Revived Roman Empire (Daniel 9:27).
5. Israel spends the seven years of the Tribulation burning the weapons.
6. Jesus returns at the end of the seven years to defeat His enemies at Armageddon resulting in Israel acknowledging that Jesus is God's Son.
7. Sheep/Goat Judgment as described by Jesus in Matthew 25:31-46
8. Millennial Kingdom of Jesus (Revelation 20:1-3)

<http://christinprophecy.org/articles/timing-gog-magog>

Ezekiel 36

“But you, O mountains of Israel, you will put forth your branches and bear your fruit for My people Israel; for they will soon come. For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you will be cultivated and sown. I will multiply men on you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities will be inhabited and the waste places will be rebuilt. I will multiply on you man and beast; and they will increase and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be inhabited as you were formerly and will treat you better than at the first. Thus you will know that I am the Lord. Yes, I will cause men—My people Israel—to walk on you and possess you, so that you will become their inheritance and never again bereave them of children.” Ezekiel 36:8-12

“Son of man, when the house of Israel was living in their own land, they defiled it by their ways and their deeds; their way before Me was like the uncleanness of a woman in her impurity. Therefore I poured out My wrath on them for the blood which they had shed on the land, because they had defiled it with their idols. Also I scattered them among the nations and they were dispersed throughout the lands. According to their ways and their deeds I judged them. When they came to the nations where they went, they profaned My holy name, because it was said of them, ‘These are the people of the Lord; yet they have come out of His land.’ But I had concern for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations where they went.”

Ezekiel 36:17-21

“Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went. I will vindicate the holiness of My great name which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord,” declares the Lord God, “when I prove Myself holy among you in their sight.”

Ezekiel 36:22-23

“For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God.”

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Ezekiel 37

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it was full of bones. He caused me to pass among them round about, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley; and lo, they were very dry. He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord God, You know.” Again He said to me, “Prophecy over these bones and say to them, ‘O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.’ Thus says the Lord God to these bones, ‘Behold, I will cause breath to enter you that you may come to life.’”

Ezekiel 37:1-5

““I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin and put breath in you that you may come alive; and you will know that I am the Lord.”” So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then He said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they come to life.” ’ ” So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. Ezekiel 37:6-10

Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel; behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished. We are completely cut off.’ Therefore prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people. I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the Lord, have spoken and done it,” declares the Lord.’ ” Ezekiel 37:11-14

“My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd; and they will walk in My ordinances and keep My statutes and observe them. They will live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons and their sons’ sons, forever; and David My servant will be their prince forever. I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will place them and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in their midst forever. My dwelling place also will be with them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people. And the nations will know that I am the Lord who sanctifies Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forever.” ’ ”

Ezekiel 37:24-28

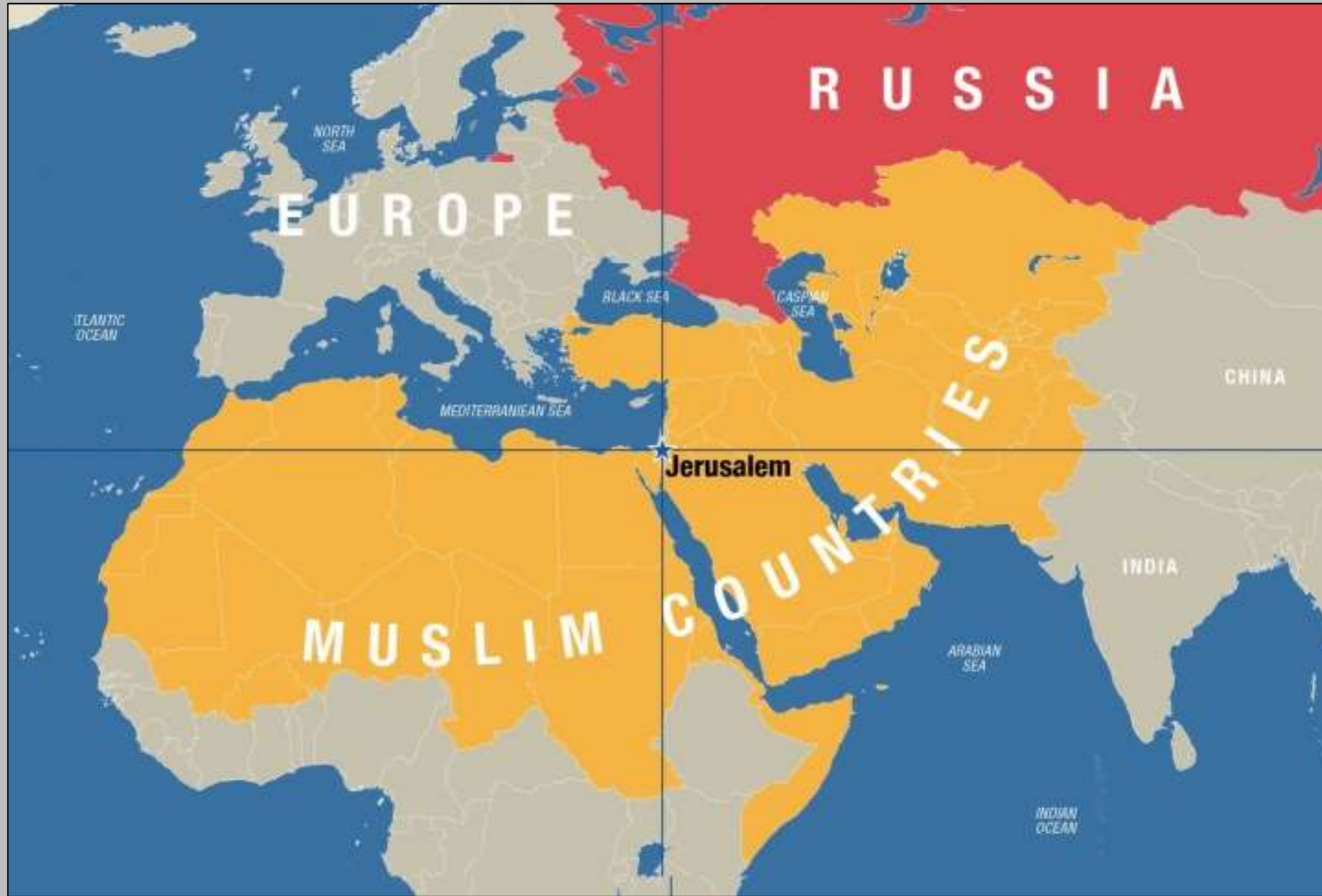
Ezekiel 38

And the word of the Lord came to me saying, “Son of man, set your face toward **Gog** of the land of **Magog**, the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him and say, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I am against you, O **Gog**, prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal. I will turn you about and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them splendidly attired, a great company with buckler and shield, all of them wielding swords; Persia, Ethiopia and Put with them, all of them with shield and helmet; Gomer with all its troops; Beth-Togarmah from the remote parts of the **north** with all its troops—many peoples with you.” Ezekiel 38:1-6

Another prophecy...

“Then the king of the South will grow strong, along with one of his princes who will gain ascendancy over him and obtain dominion; his domain will be a great dominion indeed. After some years they will form an alliance, and the daughter of the king of the South will come to the king of the North to carry out a peaceful arrangement. But she will not retain her position of power, nor will he remain with his power, but she will be given up, along with those who brought her in and the one who sired her as well as he who supported her in those times. Daniel 11:5-6

What is north of Jerusalem?



Important Names in Ezekiel

- Gog = The title of a person, leader (like King or Pharaoh or Czar). This is likely not a person's name.
- Magog = nation or alliance of nations

Who was Magog originally?

- The sons of Japheth were **Gomer** and **Magog** and Madai and Javan and **Tubal** and **Meshech** and Tiras. Genesis 10:2 (also 1 Chronicles 1:5)
- Gomer, Magog, Tubal and Meshech are grandsons of Noah, the sons of Japheth
- Later, the tribe of Magog settled north of the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea, the area of modern Russia
- Russia openly discusses their history as the Scythians (Greek name), a group also called the Magogites

The Magog Identity

by Chuck Missler

- Hesiod, "the father of Greek didactic poetry," identified Magog with the Scythians and southern Russia in the 7th century B.C. (Hesiod's writings precede the Book of Ezekiel.)
- Herodotus of Harlicarnassus, known as the "Father of History," wrote extensively about the descendants of Magog by their Greek name, the Scythians, in the 5th century B.C.
- Flavius Josephus records that Magogians were called "Scythians" by the Greeks.
- Philo, in the 1st century, identifies Magog with southern Russia.

Biblical History of the Nations in Ezekiel 38:1-6

- Now these are the records of the generations of Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah; and sons were born to them after the flood.

Genesis 10:1

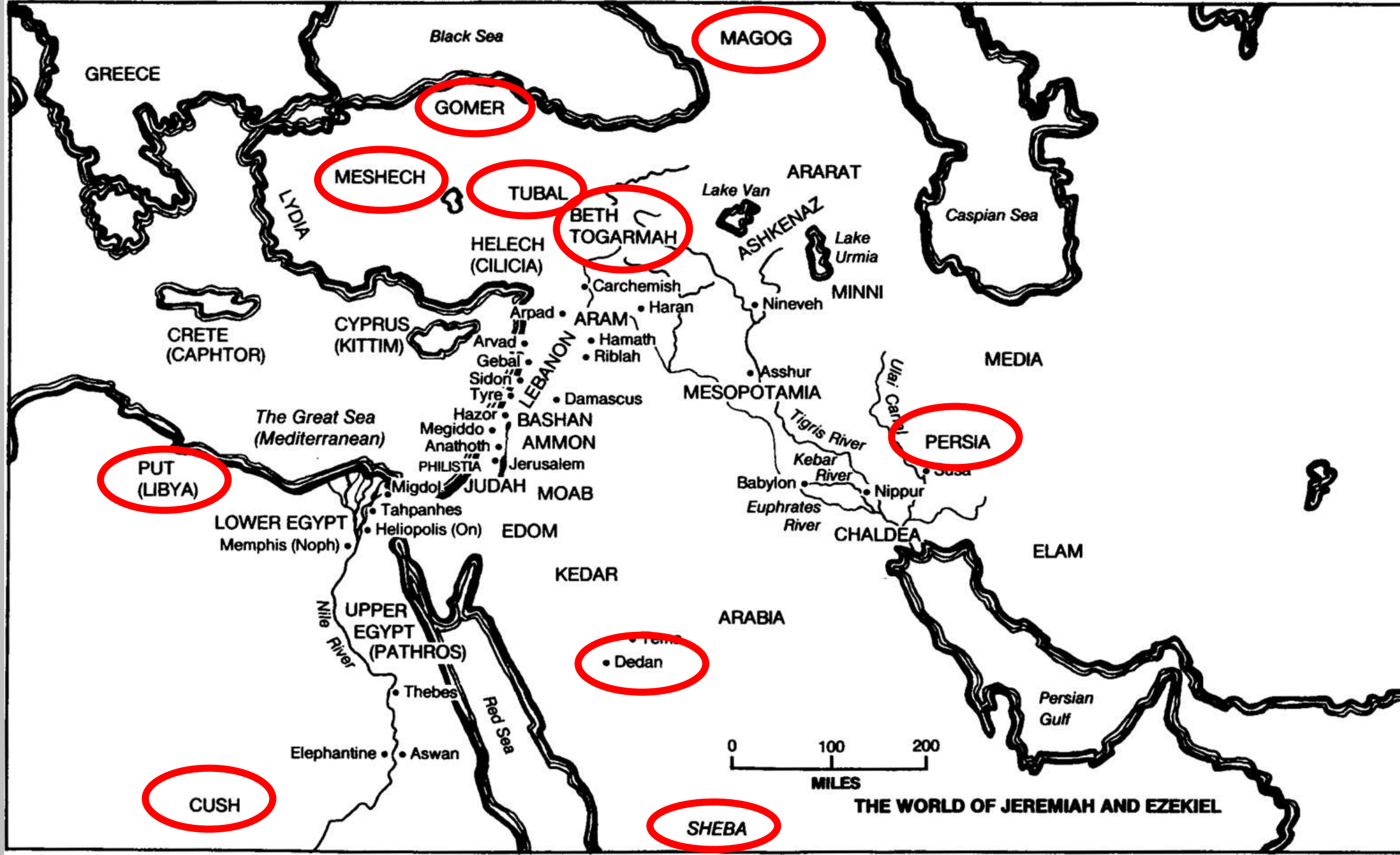
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- The sons of **Gomer** were Ashkenaz and Riphath and **Togarmah**. Genesis 10:3
 - Togarmah was a great-grandson of Noah
- The sons of Ham were **Cush** and Mizraim (modern Egypt) and **Put** and Canaan. Genesis 10:6
 - Gomer, Cush and Put were grandsons of Noah

The Modern Nations mentioned in Ezekiel 38:1-6

- **Magog** - Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan (and possibly Afghanistan)
- **Rosh** – could be “Russia” (BUT “rosh” is the Hebrew word for “head, leader”)
- **Meshech** - southern Russia and Ukraine and possibly the Republic of Georgia; Joel Rosenberg and C.I. Schofield say Meshech is modern Moscow
- **Tubal** – modern name “Tobal” is a river in Russia
- **Persia** - Iran (the nation’s new name since 1935)
- **Cush/Ethiopia** – modern Ethiopia and Sudan
- **Put** - Libya (and possibly Algeria and Tunisia in north Africa)
- **Gomer** - Turkey (and possibly Azerbaijan, Armenia)
- **Beth-Togarmah** – modern Armenia and Georgia



One glaring similarity among all the Gog-Magog invaders is that all but Russia claim their national religion to be Islam. Islamic religious fervor to destroy the Jewish people would unite the fractious Muslim nations into a coalition which has never existed in this form before. The obsessive drive for economic wealth would be the draw for Russia to join in and lead this doomed coalition.



“Be prepared, and prepare yourself, you and all your companies that are assembled about you, and be a guard for them. After many days you will be summoned; in the latter years you will come into the land that is restored from the sword, whose inhabitants have been gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel which had been a continual waste; but its people were brought out from the nations, and they are living securely, all of them. You will go up, you will come like a storm; you will be like a cloud covering the land, you and all your troops, and many peoples with you.” Ezekiel 38:7-9

‘Thus says the Lord God, “It will come about on that day, that thoughts will come into your mind and you will devise an evil plan, and you will say, ‘I will go up against the land of unwalled villages. I will go against those who are at rest, that live securely, all of them living without walls and having no bars or gates, to capture spoil and to seize plunder, to turn your hand against the waste places which are now inhabited, and against the people who are gathered from the nations, who have acquired cattle and goods, **who live at the center of the world.**’ Sheba and Dedan (modern Saudi Arabia) and the merchants of Tarshish (western Europe, possibly Spain or England) with all its villages will say to you, ‘Have you come to capture spoil? Have you assembled your company to seize plunder, to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to capture great spoil?’” Ezekiel 38:10-13

Gas Field Confirmed Off Coast of Israel



By **Ethan Bronner**

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JERUSALEM Exploratory drilling off Israel's northern coast this week has confirmed the existence of a major natural gas field — one of the world's largest offshore gas finds of the past decade — leading the country's infrastructure minister to call it “the most important energy news since the founding of the state.”

Houston-based [Noble Energy](#), which is working with several Israeli partner companies, said that the field, named Leviathan, [whose existence was suspected months ago](#), has at least 16 trillion cubic feet of gas at a likely market value of tens of billions of dollars and should turn Israel into an energy exporter.

Major oil reserve said found on Golan

Afek Oil and Gas confirms 'significant amounts' of liquid oil, but quality, quantity and cost-effectiveness of extraction still unknown

By **TOI STAFF**

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Heavy machinery for exploratory oil drilling on the Golan Heights at Oil Site 5. (Courtesy Afek Oil and Gas)

A company drilling for oil on the Golan Heights claims to have found “significant amounts” in the plateau.

“We’re talking about a layer 350 meters thick,” Yuval Bartov, chief geologist of Afek Oil and Gas, a subsidiary of the American company Genie Energy, told Channel 2.

The New York Times

Mrs. Meir Says Moses Made Israel Oil-Poor



June 11, 1973

“I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden wealth of secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who calls you by your name.” Isaiah 45:3

JERUSALEM, June 10 (AP) — “Let me tell you something that we Israelis have against Moses,” said Premier Golda Meir. “He took us 40 years through the desert in order to bring us to the one spot in the Middle East that has no oil.”

“Therefore prophesy, son of man, and say to **Gog**, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “On that day when My people Israel are living securely, will you not know it? You will come from your place out of the remote parts of the north (Russia), you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great assembly and a mighty army; and you will come up against My people Israel like a cloud to cover the land. It shall come about in the last days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me when I am sanctified through you before their eyes, O **Gog**.” ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Are you the one of whom I spoke in former days through My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days for many years that I would bring you against them? It will come about on that day, when **Gog** comes against the land of Israel,” declares the Lord God, “that My fury will mount up in My anger.” Ezekiel 38:14-18

“In My zeal and in My blazing wrath I declare that on that day there will surely be a great earthquake in the land of Israel. The fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all the creeping things that creep on the earth, and all the men who are on the face of the earth will shake at My presence; the mountains also will be thrown down, the steep pathways will collapse and every wall will fall to the ground. I will call for a sword against him on all My mountains,” declares the Lord God. “Every man’s sword will be against his brother. **With pestilence and with blood I will enter into judgment with him (Gog);** and I will rain on him and on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, a torrential rain, with hailstones, fire and brimstone. I will magnify Myself, sanctify Myself, and make Myself known in the sight of many nations; and they will know that I am the Lord.” ’ Ezekiel 38:19-23

Ezekiel 39

“And you, son of man, prophesy against **Gog** and say, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I am against you, O **Gog**, prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal; and I will turn you around, drive you on, take you up from the remotest parts of the **north** and bring you against the mountains of Israel. I will strike your bow from your left hand and dash down your arrows from your right hand. You will fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you; I will give you as food to every kind of predatory bird and beast of the field. You will fall on the open field; for it is I who have spoken,” declares the Lord God. Ezekiel 39:1-5

“And I will send fire upon **Magog** and those who inhabit the coastlands in safety; and they will know that I am the Lord. My holy name I will make known in the midst of My people Israel; and I will not let My holy name be profaned anymore. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Israel. Behold, it is coming and it shall be done,” declares the Lord God. “That is the day of which I have spoken.”
Ezekiel 39:6-8

“Then those who inhabit the cities of Israel will go out and make fires with the weapons and burn them, both shields and bucklers, bows and arrows, war clubs and spears, and for seven years they will make fires of them. They will not take wood from the field or gather firewood from the forests, for they will make fires with the weapons; and they will take the spoil of those who despoiled them and seize the plunder of those who plundered them,” declares the Lord God. “On that day I will give **Gog** a burial ground there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by east of the sea, and it will block off those who would pass by. So they will bury **Gog** there with all his horde, and they will call it the valley of **Hamon-Gog**.” Ezekiel 39:9-11

“For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them in order to cleanse the land. Even all the people of the land will bury them; and it will be to their renown on the day that I glorify Myself,” declares the Lord God. “They will set apart men who will constantly pass through the land, burying those who were passing through, even those left on the surface of the ground, in order to cleanse it. At the end of seven months they will make a search. As those who pass through the land pass through and anyone sees a man’s bone, then he will set up a marker by it until the buriers have buried it in the valley of **Hamon-Gog** (meaning “multitude of Gog”). And even the name of the city will be Hamonah. So they will cleanse the land.” ’ Ezekiel 39:12-16

“As for you, son of man, thus says the Lord God, ‘Speak to every kind of bird and to every beast of the field, “Assemble and come, gather from every side to My sacrifice which I am going to sacrifice for you, as a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, that you may eat flesh and drink blood. You will eat the flesh of mighty men and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, as though they were rams, lambs, goats and bulls, all of them fatlings of Bashan [Golan Heights]. So you will eat fat until you are glutted, and drink blood until you are drunk, from My sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. You will be glutted at My table with horses and charioteers, with mighty men and all the men of war,” declares the Lord God.” Ezekiel 39:17-20

“And I will set My glory among the nations; and all the nations will see My judgment which I have executed and My hand which I have laid on them. And the house of Israel will know that I am the Lord their God from that day onward. The nations will know that the house of Israel went into exile for their iniquity because they acted treacherously against Me, and I hid My face from them; so I gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and all of them fell by the sword. According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions I dealt with them, and I hid My face from them.” ’ Ezekiel 39:21-24

Therefore thus says the Lord God, “Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob and have mercy on the whole house of Israel; and I will be jealous for My holy name. They will forget their disgrace and all their treachery which they perpetrated against Me, when they live securely on their own land with no one to make them afraid. When I bring them back from the peoples and gather them from the lands of their enemies, then I shall be sanctified through them in the sight of the many nations. Then they will know that I am the Lord their God because I made them go into exile among the nations, and then gathered them again to their own land; and I will leave none of them there any longer. I will not hide My face from them any longer, for I will have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,” declares the Lord God. Ezekiel 39:25-29

What happens after the Millennial Kingdom?

When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, **Gog** and **Magog**, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. Revelation 20:7-10

What about “Gog and Magog” in Revelation 20?

- The question has been raised as to whether this war is the same one discussed in Ezekiel 38-39, where Gog and Magog are also mentioned (Ezek. 38:2).
- These are two different battles, for in the war of Ezekiel 38-39 the armies come primarily from the north and involve only a few nations of the earth. But the battle in Revelation 20:7-9 will involve all nations, so armies will come from all directions.
- Furthermore nothing in the context of Ezekiel 38-39 is similar to the battle in Revelation, as there is no mention of Satan or of millennial conditions. In Revelation 20:7 the context clearly places the battle at the end of the Millennium, whereas the Ezekiel battle takes place in connection with end-time events.

Gog and Magog II

- Why is the latter conflict called by the same name?
- Because the earlier conflict was so painful and destructive that for 1,000 years people anticipated another event and used the earlier name to describe what might be coming.
- Joel Rosenberg: Like calling World War II after World War I

Why the Russian alliance cannot yet invade Israel

1. Israel must be present in her land **DONE**

- “For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land.” Ezekiel 36:24

2. Israel must not only be present in her land, she must be prosperous in her land **DONE**

- I will multiply on you man and beast; and they will increase and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be inhabited as you were formerly and will treat you better than at the first. Thus you will know that I am the Lord. Ezekiel 36:11

3. Israel must be at peace in her land **NOT YET DONE**

- Thus says the Lord God, “It will come about on that day, that thoughts will come into your mind and you will devise an evil plan, and you will say, ‘I will go up against the land of unwallled villages. I will go against those who are at rest, that live securely, all of them living without walls and having no bars or gates, Ezekiel 38:10-11

When the Russian Alliance Will Invade Israel

This radical shift in Israel, when she will lower her defenses, will occur at the **beginning of the Tribulation** or just before it. At the time of the Rapture, the Antichrist will make a seven-year deal with Israel in which he will promise to protect the nation. Israel will become dependent upon the Antichrist, disarm her army, and devote all her energy to increasing her wealth. The nation will be defenseless against the northern coalition.

We do not know when Israel will make this pact with the Antichrist because we do not know when the Rapture will occur. **Matthew 24:36** makes that clear. However, we can be certain this army will come against Israel when the nation is present, prosperous, and peaceful in her land. The north's invasion of Israel is not going to happen in the immediate future, but perhaps sooner than we think.

How Israel Will Survive the Invasion

From a human perspective, there is no way Israel will overcome this assault. The nation's only hope will be God's intervention, and Russia will be blind to this prospect. Ezekiel describes the Lord's response to Russia's invasion this way: "It will come to pass at the same time, when Gog comes against the land of Israel," says the Lord God, "that My fury will show in My face. For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: "Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel"" (Ezekiel 38:18-19). Later in the chapter, there is a description of massive casualties among the northern coalition and a series of natural disasters. God will use the evil tendencies of the allied nations—their greed, their hatred, their bloodlust—to goad them into attacking Israel so that He can execute His judgment against them for their long history of opposition to the Jewish people. God's judgment will rain down in a series of disasters even more spectacular and catastrophic than the **plagues of ancient Egypt**.

Closing Thoughts on the current Ukraine conflict

- I do not think the current conflict is the Gog-Magog War
- I think this conflict is a foreshadowing of that future battle
 - Like COVID-19 lockdowns and vaccines are a foreshadowing of the future influence of the Antichrist and the Mark of the Beast
- God is showing us that He still reigns and still has a plan
- God's Word is true and reliable and accurate
- God's covenant with Israel is eternal and will not be broken

“Remember the former things long past, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, **declaring the end from the beginning**, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, ‘My purpose will be established, and **I will accomplish all My good pleasure**’” Isaiah 46:9-10