

Ezekiel 38:10-23

Gog's plan

Shoa!

God's Nose-rings

Verse 10, *“this is what the Lord-like-no-other, The Self-Existent One, Who exists forever (Adonai Jehovah) has to say, ‘at the time of your attack, you will proceed according to a preconceived, mischievous plan, diabolical in nature; you will talk to yourself about how you will militarily harass a land defenseless, living safely and at peace, unable to match and fend against your own military might, for the purpose of pillaging, openly robbing and plundering...’”* Verse 14, *“for this reason, son of man, (you are My mouthpiece) speak and tell Gog, this is what the Lord of all lords, Who is Self-Existing eternally, has to say, ‘in the day when My people are living securely, will you not be fully aware (knowing well their vulnerability)’”?*

Still tough to envision, is it not? And yet, why should it be, knowing the diplomatic and trade ties between the two countries? How a nation like Russia could ever be so foolish as to consider war with a nation like Israel, for the purpose of taking a...a “*what*”(!)? Both nations are cash strapped and *economically challenged*, so what does a tiny, virtually insignificant little country like Israel possibly have that would ever satisfy the virtually unquenchable thirst of one as large as Russia’s? One would think that just the sheer cost of an assault on a scale akin to the one portrayed here, might far out weigh *negatively* any thing or, any benefit that might be gained from such a venture; particularly given the financial straits the Jews face right now. At six million, five hundred, sixty-two thousand square miles, what could a nation the size of Russia, with its vast resources, ever see in a nation like Israel, measuring only around 7.849 thousand square miles (indications are such that, or, they suggest that, Russia has far greater resources at its disposal, than Israel has space to live!)?

First off, we know that whereas *the Russian will not recognize the Hand of the Living God* in his activity—there will be no advance warnings, other than this prophetic reminder, *no evidence for him or the watching world* to suggest that God is pulling strings and shifting levers behind the scenes to maneuver him into place; *life will proceed as normal—all that he will attempt will be first and foremost per the instigation of the Almighty Himself*, although he and his allies will think that he does it of his own volition. They will not know that this impossible suicidal venture upon which they have secretly conspired and collaborated to embark is per the plan and will of God, more so than a matter of their own initiative. Still, the questions persist:

*What will be going on in the psyche of the Slav at this future time, in the end-times? What specifically might be **the bait or lures**, on which God will cause Gog to fixate, so that he will want to pillage and plunder, with so overwhelming a force of European, Islamic and North African allies (the incursion into Afganistan and into Georgian during*

the early '80's and '90's, respectively—countries much larger than Israel—required only Russia stand alone. Therefore, it is only rational to assume that, per the Hand and plan of Almighty God, *there will be something else troubling about Israel triggering this deadly response*, involving so many people in so confined a space. What will it be?)? Certainly not oil. At number seven in the world of oil production, it is rumored that a simple shift in accounting methods and procedures by all of the Soviets' major oil producers could conceivably shoot them into the number two spot, right behind Saudi Arabia (since the initial writing of this piece, that shift has apparently been made, as Russia now sits, it is said, at number three, behind the Saudis.). The “secret store house”, the one studied earlier containing the “buried, concealed treasures”? Could be, but, to date—true to its nature—no one knows what, or, where that is, much less the Russians (nevertheless, in light of what will be the inevitable outcome of this war, and in light of the Slav's inability to make full use of his own resources, it is quite likely that he is the “keeper” of the “*secret store house*” which God intends to open and with which He intends to pacify their needs.)!

To motivate the Russian to attack Israel, there are several strong possibilities God might use as rings in his nose (not the least of which is its shaky alliance with the world of Islam):

The Nose-ring of Deprivation

God gave him talent, a talent equal, no less, to that of those whom he considers his worse nemesis; God set him on top of a land filled with resources; like the talented oriental, who is a small people having few resources, God has given him the examples of his neighbors in the West, who he can plainly see and observe, but, who he cannot emulate; for, beyond things military, God has dealt to him as well the hand of deprivation, withholding from him the road to fullness and prosperity, in the midst of plenty—that, to the point of excess. The road is blocked to him; he cannot pass over, bypass it or travel on it, though it remains ever within plain sight. Left to his own devices—whether defined as wants or needs—his hunger can never be satisfied.

To the degree that Gog, in the land of Magog is a reference to modern day **Russia**, this prophecy portends several things: **1)** what we have here is **a people utterly despised by Adonai Jehovah**, with a hatred matched only by His hatred for Babylon the Great (as we shall see, when we consider **Rev. 17 & 18**) **2)** Russia today, in spite of its own vast resources, under developed and untapped, is still poised to operate only on a “take” or, “what's yours is mine, and I want it now” mentality,

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Interesting side note: a young man was featured this morning—Sunday, 05/01/05—on Robert Schuller's “Hour of Power” broadcast, I believe his name was given as **Andrei Danilenko**, an American born Russian. This man stated that he was part of a non-profit farming organization, sponsored in some way and/or sent out by Schuller's church, based in Russia, for the soul purpose of assisting the Russians as they **learn** to develop more effective and efficient farming methods, so that they could produce enough food to survive (which seems to suggest that Russian soil is, as is, fully capable of meeting the food needs of that nation's people; if one recalls correctly, it was either the Ukraine or Romania that was the nation's bread basket during the Soviet years). It seems, moreover, that as of 1991, the Soviets were headed for a real food crisis, simply because they have not yet **learned to manage** the business of farming so as to efficiently grow the food they need, to feed themselves, without heavy reliance on imports. As of 1993, according to

Schuller, 50% of Russian farmable land was untilled. If one recalls correctly, one of the problems they faced was brought on by improper application of fertilizers on tilled lands; they apparently do not have enough trained farmers either. Thus, it might be argued, that we have before us a near perfect illustration of the proverbial adages: *lack of vision, is a destroyer of any people and there is council and wisdom in the voices of many advisers (Proverbs 29:18; 11:14; 15:22)*. They are the product of a series, over centuries, of God-less, self-serving governments that never encourage 'vision' beyond what is good for the ruling elite. Worse than having no vision in general, they have never had a clear 'vision' of the Living God. All the council on which the people of the Rus hang and eek out their day-to-day existences revolves or has revolved around either one individual, or one group of individuals. Where the persons governed under these types of regimes have not been acclimated to thinking "outside the box" they have created, the want for vision can cause or occasion the death of virtually any culture. *In lieu of collapse, however, Russia's culture is being preserved intentionally by the hand of God, for the Wrath of God.*

3) not only have the Russians not been able to rise to the level of their potential (across the board) on the world stage heretofore, they are not likely to any time soon. **Fertilizer:** that's the operative term! If Russia is ever able to make full use of all its land in the production of its own food supply, it will need a good supply of fertilizers to bring that land to maximum fruition (as well as adequate training in its proper implementation). *Herein, then may well be one of the rings or lures that God will use to draw them into His trap.* If they can get control of Israel, which would also give them easy access to the Dead Sea, and its rich, valuable supply of mineral (or natural) salts—among which is enough **potash** to service the world's fertilizer need for 250 years—Russia's own needs would be settled for life. Moreover, mining the Dead Sea might be easier and more profitable than drilling for oil in the Siberian permafrost.

By holding them back, keeping them economically depressed; by not allowing them to excel, He has intentionally created within them a driving, throbbing hunger, so that, like a panic stricken monster held within the clutches of sheer desperation they will come—according to His scheduling—riding the horn of dilemma on a dual-crested wave of absolute delirium and determination, surfing into certain and unavoidable disaster.

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Indeed, **Russia's problems** since the Soviet break-up in 1991 has been described as "*vast and impervious*" to outside intervention; it is a country that cannot be delivered from its problems, even with foreign aid: though they have made up for it in a manner that might be described militarily as nothing short of "magnificently", they did lose the arms race and their status as a global superpower, due more to costs and financing, than to technology; the rubble collapsed in 1999; the government cannot collect enough taxes to stay afloat; life expectancy among Slavic men has dropped from 65 to 58—life is that tough in what should and could easily be a thriving economy; the nation's *population woes* (which never recovered from the millions slaughtered under Lenin, and Stalin during his and in WWII) have welcomed yet another in the form of a 400,000 head drop, in 1998 (making matters worst, President Putin has recently admitted that 15% of Russian women are infertile, while 75% cannot deliver a normal, healthy birth without complications.). It cannot even foot the bill to safeguard nuclear facilities simply abandoned, in countries it no longer controls, after the cold war days (the US is said to have had to step in to do that), or, provide compensation or employment so as to keep nuke technology and out-of-work nuke scientists from winding up in "bad company". Given this kind of a legacy, it should not, then, be hard to see **what a breeze it will be, or, has been for God to whet the Rosh's appetite against His people—*this remnant of a folk who saw themselves as more apt to be the employer of any god (or, God?), than to submit to any as servant.*** Their own insatiable need is killing them; but for the Robert Schuller initiative, that nation might literally be on the brink of starvation by now.

In this, one can be sure, it will not be for no good reason the Almighty will simply roll out of bed one heavenly morning and arbitrarily call for a danger of this magnitude against his people. The basis for His plan here will be the exploitability of the situations that be, so to speak. Russia has needs—dire needs as shown above; Russia has the means to a solid satisfaction of its own needs; Russia cannot connect the dots, or join the tails between its needs, and, its means and resources so as to foment a resolution *to* its needs. Furthermore, to the Arab world, Israel’s location on the Mediterranean has long been known for its favorable situation as an ideal shipping port for oil destined to points west on the Mediterranean and beyond.

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In addition, as of today (08/14/05), recent news reports relate the following, as regards **Russian and Mid Eastern oil reserves** and, the Israeli **Gaza pullout**: *all the easy oil, that is, that which is easily accessible, is almost depleted.* Russia and other oil producing nations are running, not out of oil but out of creative ways to tap into the remaining reserves, regardless of how much there is. Both **Russia and Israel are said to be cash strapped**. It is known that *Israel gets most of its crude from the Soviets*; it is not known how much, if any is obtained on credit. Assuming that at least some is, this could conceivably create a breakdown in diplomacy, should Israel default, thereby inducing or boosting the Russian incentive to invade Palestine (similar to the current Russo/Persian crisis over Iran’s missed payments to the Rus for nuclear reactor/power plant related services and equipment—as of 04/15-07, according to a Yahoo News article). Moreover, as Israel removes its settlers from **the Gaza Strip**, and as **Palestinians** celebrate and revel in their victory, they also make it plain that *they are not the least bit satisfied. They want all of Palestine, period, particularly the west bank*—home to 240,000 settlers.

Thus, between the Rus and the Arab (for better or for worse; good or bad; right, or, wrong), its wealth of resources which it cannot procure or manage prosperously is solid basis as to why a raid on the Jewish state would be in each of their own best interests, and it is, or it appears to be upon these facts that the Lord God will play, as He drives the Slav (at the forefront of the impending invasion) to resort to old tricks, to scratch his itch, in satisfaction of his want, at someone else’s expense. Moreover, for reasons to be brought out later, Russia will be the only place on plant earth during those days with so much to offer, in one place. Whoever controls it will be the most powerful people on earth. Thus, if the truth be known, then, it might be said that ultimately the purpose of the incursion into Israel by the Rus and company is not so much to ‘get’ something from Israel as it is to insure that what might be termed the “other half of the Jew equation” never unites with its own internal Jews, so as to take that from which it can neither benefit to the fullest, nor keep, indefinitely.

The Nose-ring of Anxiety

Without doubt, Russia’s prevailing deprivation and its evident valuable resources (potentially vulnerable), coalesce so as to leave it in a position most precarious. The nation’s predicament, as they survey and monitor continuously their situation, must to them be reminiscent of the latter days of their last tsarist regime, which yielded in a bloodbath and a bloody path leading to the world’s first fully functioning, bloodthirsty Marxist bolshevist regime, which in term wielded imperialist, global ambitions from its foundation. They cannot but be keenly aware that as they watch and observe things from

their perspective, other eyes, with gleaming beams, are ever watching, monitoring every aspect of her health and climate, from within and from without, as they await greedily her moment of optimum weakness (sure to come, if she does not act, reposition herself first). It might rightly be argued that her chief concern for the moment would (or, perhaps should) be the Eastern European Jews, the Ashkenazim.

From a one thousand year slumber of virtual insignificance and apparent, relative indifference, they arose to compete successfully with the Germans for a control of Poland that left even native Poles at the socio/economic bottom, only to loose when the deadly Nazi invaders snuffed out the wind of 3.5 million of their ranks; they seized control of Russia in a radical takeover, running the government for seven years, loosing all gains upon Lenin's death and Stalin's rise, as he quite literally killed Jew involvement in the Marxist/Leninist dream, along with them. With a huge presence and footprint in the U. S. (by virtue of control of major media markets and heavy indulgence in U. S. politics), they now control Jerusalem, but, what some analysts say they want, understandably, is Moscow. Just as Zion represents the ancestral homeland of the Semite, so Moscow represents the ancestral homeland of the Ashkenazim. It is here from whence the come, not Israel, for they are primarily descendants of the ancient Khazari; not the Jews.

Stalin purged the communist party and destroyed the Jewish elements of the Bolshevik consortium when he took office (following the death of Lenin, in 1924), by killing every one of the original Bolsheviks, including Trotsky. The communist party itself died, effectively, with the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. The closest reminder remaining of the old Bolshevik regime and school of thought is President Vladimir Putin, former head of the KGB (Cheka, which was the Bolsheviks' dreaded secret police—thus, on the other hand, communism is very much alive Russia!). Indicative of his authority, recent indications are such that there is a bit of unrest in today's Russian Federation due to Putin's tightening of the reigns and rollback, or threat to rollback, of the freedoms Russians have gained since the USSR collapse.