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Last time out we looked at the machinations of the powers behind the thrones and the great moral collapse and degeneracy of our age. Somehow, through all of that our Great Republic has survived – due in large part to our economic resilience. But we cannot long survive without our moral foundations, beset as we are by forces that are bent on our transformation. Eventually our moral bankruptcy will reflect itself in our economy.

So Whence From Here ?

Former VP Dan Quayle laid it out straight back in 1999. Referring to Alan Greenspan, the former Fed Chairman he said, “Greenspan represents the big banks and internationalists”.¹ He was speaking directly of the former Fed chief’s relationship with, - let us say the interests, - of the global banking cartel that runs the people that run the world – both financial and political. We’re talking about the owners of the Federal Reserve and the Bank of England and the other central banks around the world. We’re talking about the Rothschilds and Rockefellers and the Warburgs who were the force behind the formation of the Federal Reserve back in 1913. RD Bradshaw refers them as a “closely knit team of conspirators”. They run the markets as easily as one would drive a car and always to their own advantage. They’ve built a team that includes the Federal Reserve and the Department of the Treasury and the City of London and likely large investment banks such as JP Morgan and Citibank among others. Bradshaw is not alone in concluding that the House of Rothschild “calls many / or most of the shots with the Federal Reserve and the US government”. Those are heady waters in which to be operating – and controlling.² So is it they that are dictating the current financial situation? Perhaps so! But the question is: To what end?

What we are witnessing is more than just a remaking of the economic order. It is an attempt to totally transform American / Western social order based on the principled of the 60’s Revolution. It never failed. It just went underground for awhile. Seemingly dormant during the free market hey day of the 80’s, it was really just solidifying its position in academia and the media, positioning itself to make another move to seize the culture. Remember how the 60’s radicals abhorred the free market system. Just listen to President Obama’s Czar of manufacturing, Ron Bloom. “Generally speaking we get the joke. We know the free market is nonsense. We know that the whole point is to game the system... We kind of agree with Mao that political power comes largely from the barrel of a gun.”³ [*This is the guy in charge of revitalizing our manufacturing base! I’m not making this up.*] This driving ethic had its root in the Communist inspired campus protests that tormented the decade of the 60’s condemning America on moral grounds. Charles Krauthammer explains. This is the manifestation of a “new left-liberal internationalism” that is “rooted in the conviction that America is so intrinsically flawed, so inherently and congenitally sinful that it cannot be trusted with... world power”. We have not the moral standing to hold the position we do.⁴ So the President has given the nod to increasing international control. Dick Morris and Eileen McGann point out that in the latest G-20 Conference the US agreed to submit their economic policies to the IMF for “comment and approval”: - to a board that includes such pillars of the free market as China, Russia and Saudi Arabia.⁵ But this move is just a symptom of the whole. It is Charles Krauthammer’s contention that it is the intention of the “current liberal ascendancy” that dominates “the media and the elite culture” in America to pursue a “course for decline” for the Republic. He tells us “Decline is a choice... America is in the position of deciding whether to abdicate or retain its dominance”. It has chosen to abdicate!

This state of affairs is even reflected in our foreign policy. Krauthammer refers to it as an “exercise in contraction” and the “demolition of the moral foundation of American dominance”. The President made a point of touring the world in ‘mea-culpa-mode’, proclaiming our guilt for past sins, sense of superiority, arrogance, and our “maltreatment” of indigenous peoples. He beat his breast for Hiroshima and Guantanamo, and for our “insufficient respect for the Muslim world”. America must never again be in a sole position of primacy. With the radical 60’s movement which spawned these ideas, the President is renouncing American primacy in favor of the ascendancy of a system of international control that must serve as the only and ultimate legitimate authority.⁶

In the process of this systemic transformation we must undergo possibly cataclysmic birth pangs. [And all with the approval / acquiescence of the international banking cartel that pulls the strings behind the scenes.] Those birth pangs will, in the eyes of many, manifest themselves in total financial systemic failure. It’s the contention of Hat Trick Letter editor Jim Willie for instance, that American financial structures broke back in 2007 without any “remote potential for repair and revival”. What’s worse is that the American people will be the last to realize the seriousness of their position. That’s why his forecast is for total

“systemic failure”. Willie points out that “Even the World Bank led by yet another Goldman Sachs pupil” is warning that the Dollar’s days are numbered.⁷ Vox Day – who back in 2002 predicted the collapse of the financial services industry and the bursting of the housing bubble, now says that we are on the threshold of the ‘Second Great Depression’. To Day, the current rally in the stock market is yet another bubble fed by the massive infusion of stimulus cash. The real economy is reflected in the high unemployment rates, increasing default rate and the worldwide fall in production. With the enormous growth in debt, he sees “no way of avoiding an economic contraction of massive proportions”. This coming depression – like the first one – will result in enormous changes in the structure and culture of the nation.⁸ Other experts are telling us that this could be set off, - in the very near term, - by a stock market crash – (they tell us the fundamentals are rife for such an event) – and “massive inflation”, in which we can look for the price of gold double over the next couple of years.⁹¹⁰ Economist Peter Schiff is looking for a giant devaluation of the US dollar, getting so bad that it could send gold to the \$5,000 mark.

So what would that look like? Our friend, the almost matchless futurist Gerald Celente with a string of predictive successes tells us it is likely to get pretty bad indeed. A collapsing dollar will cause the actual living conditions in America to deteriorate rapidly. Celente is willing to lay much of the blame on Goldman Sachs and their cronies, with their direct ties to the international banking elite. He’s looking for the “greatest depression” to descend on the global landscape, - made inevitable in the US by the creation of hundreds of billions of worthless dollars by the Federal Reserve. [*It’s just like somebody wants to collapse the dollar! Oh yeah...*] “Never before has so much phantom money been printed out of thin air, backed by nothing, producing practically nothing.” That’s why this very accurate forecaster is looking for the US to descend into the depths of ‘undevelopment’, - to the status of a Third World nation. By 2012 he sees: “Food riots, tax protests, farmer rebellions, student revolts, squatter diggings, homeless uprisings, tent cities, ghost malls, general strikes, bossnappings, kidnappings, industrial saboteurs, gang warfare, mob rule, terror”.¹¹ Celente’s writings – based on trends analysis – is echoed by the words of Pastor David Wilkerson, - who in March of 2009, - believed he heard of God. Now Pastor Wilkerson published a book back in 1973 that reads like today’s headlines, prophesying many of the trends we are seeing today. In this year’s word he wrote “An earth-shattering calamity is about to happen. It is going to be so frightening, we are all going to tremble – even the godliest among us... Major cities all across America will experience riots and blazing fires – such as we saw in Watts, Los Angeles, years ago,” he explains. “There will be riots and fires in cities worldwide. There will be looting – including Times Square, New York City. What we are experiencing now is not a recession, not even a depression. We are under God’s wrath. In Psalm 11 it is written, **‘If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?’**” As to the timing he wrote: “I do not know when these things will come to pass, but I know it is not far off”.¹²

With all that before us, it is good to remember God’s care for His people. Here are the words of Psalm 91:1-11. **“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.’ Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward of the wicked. Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; for He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.”**

IRAN, ISRAEL & THE NEXT PROPHETIC WAR – Part V

The Jews have been gathered from the nations, brought back to the land. The threat from her near neighbors is over. Israel has defeated Esau and Edom and Philistia and Syria et.al, and possessed the land given by the promise of God. The Palestinian problem is solved. Next will come a time of peace and perceived safety. It will however be a time of false peace and security.

Gog & Magog Cometh

Throughout this chapter we have been trying to establish an order of events. Using Isaiah 17, Amos 9, Jeremiah 24 and Ezekiel chapters 36-43, as well as other passages, we may have found such an order.

- The Jews begin to return to the land
- The prophesied war with Syria and the Palestinians
- Peace and a sense of security that follows that war
- The Gog / Magog invasion
- The completion of the Temple in Jerusalem

Beginning in chapter 38, Ezekiel reveals an amazing prophecy of the war to follow.

“Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, “Son of man, set your face against 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, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out.... Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them *with* shield and helmet; Gomer and all its troops; the house of

Togarmah from the far north and all its troops—many people are with you.... In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely. You will ascend, coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud, you and all your troops and many peoples with you. ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “On that day it shall come to pass that thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will make an evil plan: You will say, ‘I will go up against a land of unwalled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates’— to take plunder and to take booty, to stretch out your hand against the waste places that are again inhabited, and against a people gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land. Sheba, Dedan, the merchants of Tarshish, and all their young lions will say to you, ‘Have you come to take plunder? Have you gathered your army to take booty, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great plunder?’”’ (Ezek. 38:1-4, 5-6, 8-13)

These are the opening words of the 38th chapter of Ezekiel. They tell us much of a war to come, and leave us much in the way of mysteries to solve. The prophet is speaking here of an invasion by a coalition of nations that surround Israel, determined on her destruction. Let's begin to break it down.

First it identifies the nations that will invade Israel in the last days. Ezekiel uses the ancient names, but with diligence, most can be traced with a reasonable degree of certainty to their modern equivalents. It's important to do this in order to see the specificity of the Biblical prophecy. I rely on eminent Bible scholars Chuck Missler, Hal Lindsey and others to do the identification for us. Most scholars believe that Gog refers to the leader of the political / military alliance of invaders. 1 Chronicles 5:4, lists a Gog as one of the descendents of Reuben and Joel, and so related to Jacob. Perhaps there will be a connection there that we cannot yet see.¹³ The identity of Magog offers two candidates. The ancient Greek writer, Hesiod identified Magog as referring to the Scythians.¹⁴ The Jewish historian Josephus concurred in that appraisal.¹⁵ From there it is easy to trace the location of these Scythians. Archaeology has located that people in the areas east and north of the Black Sea, the Crimea and along the Don River. Chuck Missler further tells us that "...even the name "Caucasus" appears to have been derived from Gog-hasan, or "Gog's Fort".¹⁶ Therefore: Magog = Scythians = Russians. The first major player in the invasion is Russia...Well maybe its Turkey. The former Muslim and Palestinian terrorist-turned-prophecy writer, - Walid Shoebat, - makes an equally strong case that Magog refers to the modern day Turks. He identifies the Scythians or Lydians with their ancient homeland in Asia Minor or Turkey.^{17 18}

That controversy postponed, we now look to the allies! Meshech and Tubal were descendants of Japheth. Meshech becomes Muschki, referring to an area in modern Turkey. Tubal takes in parts of Turkey, Russia and Iran. Persia, of course, is Iran. Ethiopia (Cush) points to the Sudan, Put is equivalent to Libya. The descendants of Gomer, formerly from Turkey,¹⁹ eventually settled in the Rhine and Danube valleys. To this day, Armenians identify themselves as of "The House of Togarmah."²⁰ This would mean Turkey, again. What is the common denominator? It is that with one possible exception, the invading coalition is one of all Islamic nations. (And that itself may be an argument for the notion that Magog is Turkey...but I digress.) These nations would of course be most upset at Israel's vanquishing of their Islamic brothers in the previous war. And of course, Russia, though not Islamic itself, is most tied into these nations. Iran (Persia) is its most important ally / client-state in the Middle East. Many of the others are former Republics of the former Soviet Union, with strong surviving ties to Moscow. And Russia has historically been very jealous of any foreign inroads into that region; - both for energy and strategic reasons. That is some of the background behind the Russian conflict with the US / Israeli supported Republic of Georgia that broke out in the summer of 2008.

The next section of the passage deals with the timing of this war, - so we may not mistake it for any that has gone on before. To repeat Ezekiel 38:8, **"In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely.** This is **"the latter years"**. This prophecy written 2,600 years ago predicts both the return of the Jews, (who had not at that time been fully turned out of the Holy Land), and the fact that the invasion will happen at a time when they feel like they are living in safety. That time has not come yet. But it is reasonable to conclude that that would be the Israeli mindset once they had defeated Syria, the Palestinians, etc. As evidence for this possible order of events, it is important to note the nations that were not mentioned by Ezekiel: Syria, Egypt, Jordan, and names like Philistia, Edom and Esau, - which are ancient monikers for the Palestinians. This sense of security by Israel would only be heightened if the 7-year treaty outlined in Daniel, confirming their peace and safety, and guaranteed by the Antichrist, was in effect at the time.

Then beginning in verse 11, it tells how the coalition will come against **"...a land of unwalled villages...a peaceful people...without walls and having neither bars nor gates"**. This is an Israel fully at peace and expecting that they have achieved a permanent peace. The walls today are the security barriers that separate Jew and Palestinian, protecting the Israeli state from impending terror. After a war that ends the menace of terror and definitively destroys the terrorist threat, - such walls would no longer be necessary. At that point, there is no Palestinian terror. There is no Hezbollah across the border, - poised with its thousands of rockets, to strike at the first opportunity. Gone is the Syrian threat. Gone specifically, it would seem, is the

security fence. There are only “unwalled villages”. Israel’s victory over Syria and the Palestinians would certainly explain it. Remember the words of Obadiah 1:18. **“The house of Jacob shall be a fire, And the house of Joseph a flame; But the house of Esau shall be stubble; They shall kindle them and devour them, And no survivor shall remain of the house of Esau,” For the LORD has spoken.**” It seems that the prophet is saying very clearly, that there will not remain a Palestinian people to contend with Israel for the land.

Then comes this interesting passage beginning in Ezekiel 38:12, which gives the reasons for the attack and the reaction of the world to it. First, it says that the coalition has come specifically **“...to take plunder”**. Easy enough! If you recall, we talked about how Isaiah 17 which describes Israel’s destruction of its enemies, fuels a rage that leads them to attack. It tells us though that **“...God will rebuke them and they will flee far away...This is the portion of those that plunder us, and the lot of those who rob us”**. (Isaiah 17:13-14) Biblical scholars agree this passage is referring to the same war as Ezekiel 38. Interestingly, there’s that word plunder again. And then there are those potentially pregnant words of Ezekiel 38:13. **“Sheba, Dedan, the merchants of Tarshish, and all their young lions will say to you, ‘Have you come to take plunder?’”** Sheba and Dedan are in Saudi Arabia. But to whom does the phrase **“the merchants of Tarshish”** refer? The early meaning of Tarshish referred to Phoenicia and its trading posts in Spain. Later it came to mean, in the words of prophecy scholar Thomas Ice, “...the modern mercantile nations of Western Europe like Spain, Holland and Britain”.²¹ The reference to **“young lions”** intrigues many who’ve looked at this verse. The lion is of course the symbol of Great Britain and the British Empire. The **“young lion”** then could refer to Britain’s former colonies, ie. Canada, Australia and the United States. Dr. Ice concludes that the entire phrase may indeed refer to all of what we today call the West. [Winged lions were also the symbol of ancient Babylon. To many scholars, the West has come to represent the Babylonian World System, centered on the ‘Self’, - not God.] But why such an anemic response? Perhaps the US has been debilitated by the rapture. Perhaps America has been absorbed into the Revived Roman Empire and taken on their ethic. Perhaps the United States has been badly damaged by terror attacks and war. Perhaps some combination. In any case, if the US is referred to at all in prophecy, this passage seems the best bet to apply. However it is to happen, the invasion takes place, and there is little response from the rest of the world. But God is not through. And He has the final say!

AND HEEERE’S MAGOG...DA DA...DA DA DA

It’s been hard to see until now. According to Scripture, - Ezekiel 38 to be specific, - Turkey is supposed to be an integral part of a Last Days invasion of Israel. I’ve called it the Magog Alliance. [While many believe Russia to be the head of that future invasion, I do not. It’s all explained in my book, *The History of the Future*, available atpministry.com.] You see, Ezekiel 38:2 tells us Gog is **“of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Mashech and Tubal”**. So to what does that refer? The ancient Greek writer Hesiod clearly identified Magog with the Scythians as did Jewish / Roman historian Flavius Josephus. Consulting Assyrian sources, as well as the Greek historian Herodotus, we find that the Scythians or Lydians lived in what is called Anatolia and Asia Minor in modern day Turkey. Other nations Ezekiel names in this alliance; - Meshech, Tubal, Gomer and Beth Togarmah; - are all clearly traceable to either Turkey or the former Islamic Soviet Republics such as Uzbekistan, Tadjikistan, Kyrgyzstan Turkmenistan etc.^{22 23} Ezekiel’s Tubal likely refers to the Georgian capital Tbilisi, (pronounced Tuh-oooh-ball-ee-see), meaning “the land of Tubal”. Meshech is yet another region in Georgia.²⁴ That means that components of the alliance are clearly drawn from Turkey and the former Soviet Republics of the Black and Caspian Sea regions.²⁵ Ezekiel 38 also puts **“Persia, Ethiopia and Libya”** in the full alliance; - interestingly, Islamic countries all. Then in Jeremiah 51:27-28, God reveals just who will destroy the nations of the Magog invasion. **“Ararat, Minni and Ashkenaz”** as well as **“the kings of the Medes”**. Minni and Ararat are the Armenians and Ashkenaz refers to the Russians and Europeans.²⁶ The Russians can’t be part of the alliance that they are going to destroy. So what role for Russia then? I believe with Walid Shoebat – (though I wouldn’t die on that hill) – that Russia will serve as the **“king of the north”** (Daniel 11:40) that comes against Antichrist **“like a whirlwind”**. So Russia is the King of the North and what was southern Soviet Russia, (combined with Turkey) is the Muslim Magog Alliance.

But it’s been pretty hard to see how that would happen, - with Turkey being such a staunch ally of the West...that is until now. Over the last several years the Turks have made nice with Syria, Iraq and Iran, increasingly isolating themselves from former partner Israel. Turkish economic investment in Iran has reached a billion dollars and continues to grow.²⁷ What’s more worrisome are the increasing military ties. Now this is huge. According to DEBKA, the two countries have reached “military cooperation deals which promised Iran Turkish military intelligence and air force assistance” in the event of an Israeli attack against the nuke sites. DEBKA is reporting that Ankara will even pass along info on Israeli and even American preparations. That would be a complete about face from their former military ties with Israel and the US. But the Turkish military is no longer the force it was, being ‘eased out’ by the more pro-Muslim faction.²⁸ Thus enters Turkey into the future Magog Alliance. *It sure is neat to watch prophecy unfold before our eyes.*

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