GOD’S FUTURE PLANS FOR RUSSIA

THE END OF THE BEGINNING

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RED SQUARE
This photo shows a part of Red Square in Russia. The ornate, multi spires belong to Basil Cathedral (and is now a museum.) On the right are the red walls of the Kremlin and under the clock tower is the burial building where Vladimir Lenin, the founder of the Red Revolution lies in state. He died in the early 1920’s.
Some years ago, I was again in Moscow, Russia, one of my favorite cities in Russia. I was there to film some of the short Y-LINE TV shows used by TBN on their vast network. The Soviet Government somehow let us into the Kremlin for several days. I stood within 100 feet of Putin’s office to talk about Jesus and His mercy to lost humanity.

I love Russia and find Red Square to be a delight - the beauty, the history, the pageantry are simply soul-stirring.

AND ALSO SHOCKING WHEN I THINK OF WHAT GOD HAS PLANNED FOR THAT NATION ONE DAY – AND I THINK IT’S NOT THAT FAR OFF.

Long ago, Ezekiel, while still a prisoner of Babylon, received God’s Word on what would happen eventually to Russia; he wrote the information down in the book of his name, Ezekiel. It was profound.

Ezekiel 38:1-7

And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, [2] Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, [3] And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: [4] And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: [5] Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: [6] Gomer,
and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all
his bands: and many people with thee. [7] Be thou prepared, and
prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto
thee, and be thou a guard unto them.

During the seven year Tribulation, the Antichrist will rule over most of
the world which will be divided into four basic regions:

- Jerusalem / Israel - the very center of everything
- The Kingdom to the North – Russia
- The Kingdom to the South - North Africa / Egypt
- The Kingdom to the West - probably the European Union

You will notice that Israel will be the very heart of everything.

God’s commitment to Israel if the Jews would be true to Him:

Ezekiel 36:7-10

Therefore thus saith the Lord God; I have lifted up mine hand, Surely
the heathen that are about you, they shall bear their shame. [8] But ye,
O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield
your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are at hand to come. [9] For,
behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and
sown: [10] And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel,
even all of it: and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be
builded...

Ezekiel 36:24

For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all
countries, and will bring you into your own land.

Politicians will not appreciate God’s intention; however, His Word is true
and binding. I believe Israel will have a very tough time early in the
Tribulation as the people buy into the lies of Antichrist:
Rev. 6:1-2

And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

[2] And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

This is the first seal broken from God’s scroll of judgment. It promises the arrival of Antichrist:
- a white horse - promising peace
- a bow, but no arrows
- Israelis, longing for peace at just about any price, will join his efforts

EZEKIEL’S VALLEY OF DRY BONES

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, [2] And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry. [3] And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest. [4] Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. [5] Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: [6] And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord. [7] So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. [8] And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them. [9] Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God; Come from the four
winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. [10]
So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them,
and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.
[11] Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house
of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we
are cut off for our parts. [12] Therefore prophesy and say unto them,
Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves,
and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the
land of Israel. [13] And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have
opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your
graves, [14] And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall
place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the Lord have
spoken it, and performed it, saith the Lord.

So though Israel will go through perilous times in the Millennium, all will
end well and the dry bones will live again.

RUSSIA’S LAST HURRAH

Satan will make one last lunge at Israel before God annihilates the
approaching amalgamation of:

Ezekiel 38:3-6
And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold I am against thee, O Gog, the
chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: [4] And I will turn thee back, and
put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army,
horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even
a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:
[5] Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and
helmet: [6] Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the
north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee.

Chapter 38 of Ezekiel clearly points out what God will do to Russia when
she and her allies attack the Holy Land:
And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against
the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in my
face. [19] For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken,
Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;
[20] So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the
beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and
all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my
presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places
shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. [21] And I will call for
a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord God:
every man's sword shall be against his brother. [22] And I will plead
against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him,
and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an
overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. [23] Thus
will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the
eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place
there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the
sea: and it shall stop the noses of the passengers: and there shall they
bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it The valley of
Hamon-gog. [12] And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying
of them, that they may cleanse the land. [13] Yea, all the people of the
land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I
shall be glorified, saith the Lord God.

Keep your eyes on Israel, to be sure - and Russia. It won’t be long until
God fulfills His will on all of the world.