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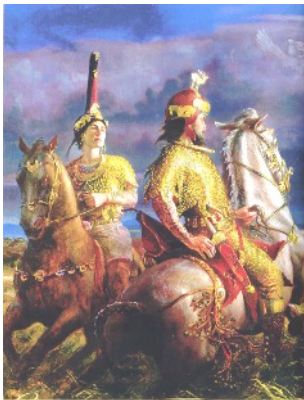
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## Origins of the Russian People

The "present day Russians Ukrainians; and Belarusians-[are] the ancestors of the eastern Slavs" (The Making of Modern Russia, Lionel Kochan, John Keep, p.2). There was one original group called the Slavs, but then they all split into three groups, "by AD 800, three main geographical and linguistic divisions had arisen; the *East Slavs inhabiting a large part of European Russia*, the South Slavs who settled in the Balkan Peninsula, and the West Slavs who settled in what is now Poland, Czechoslovakia and East Germany" (*History Of Poland* Mieczyslaw Kasprzyk Chapter one, emphasis added). Where did these Eastern Slavic people come from?

It has long been generally understood by many Russian academics that much of their population is descended from a branch of the Scythians. A famous Russian poet, Alexander Blok, for example, noted such in one of his poems, *The Scythians* (Blok 1970 : 161). Also, Russian historian Alekseyev, in his work, *In Search Of Our Ancestors*, writes that the Russians are a branch of the Scythians (Alekseyev 1972 : 297).



**The Scythians** as we know originated between the Black and the Caspian Seas. They were a "nomadic" people who come from "the steppe from the Carpathians to the Don" (*Encyclopaedia Britannica*, Vol. 25, page 526).

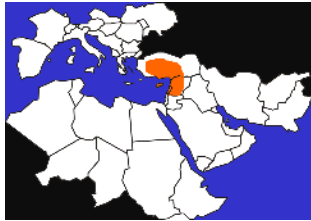
When did the Scythians arrive in the area of the Black Sea? "The Scythians did not become a recognizable national entity much before the **eighth century B. C.** ...**By the seventh century they established themselves firmly in southern Russia ...Assyrian documents [place their appearance there] in the time of King Sargon (722-705 B.C.)** a date which closely corresponds with that of the establishment of the first group of Scythians in southern Russia" (Scythians Talbot Rice, pp.19-20, 44, emphasis added). But wait! How can the Slavs be the Scythians when we have proved that the Scythians are actually the Israelites of the lost ten Tribes? The Slavic people were a "Branch of the Scythians." The Scythians had a lot of tribes that the Greeks called Scythians, **but racially were not Scythians at all.** They just joined the Scythians, and became known as Scythians. Colonel J.C. Gawler's book *Our Scythian Ancestors* supplies the answer:

"Scythia proper, then, in the times of Herodotus (book iv. cap. 101) is described as lying between the Danube and the Don. The Scythian nation was made up of *various tribes having different names, though all are classed under one general name. Herodotus distinguishes, moreover, between tribes belonging to the Scythian nation, and tribes living among them having Scythian habits, but who were not Scythians by tradition or language. This distinction is not drawn by all writers.*

"The ancient Greeks," says Strabo, (book i. ii. 27) "classed all the northern nations with which they were familiar under the one name of Scythians, or according to Homer, Nomades."

"Strabo (book vii. iii. 9) seems to account for this by again *pointing out how diverse races inhabiting those parts were all classed by the Greek writers under the name of Scythians.* "Ephorus, in the fourth book of his history, which is entitled 'of Europe,' concludes by saying that *there is a great difference in the manner of life, both of the Sauromatae (a mixed race, Herod. iv. 110-117) and the other Scythians;* for while some of them are exceedingly morose, and are indeed cannibals (see Herod. iv. 106) others abstain even from the flesh of animals. (See Strabo, xvi. ii. 37, regarding superstitious innovations-abstinence from meat, &c.,- among the followers of Moses.)" (p.3, emphasis mine). One of The peoples of the mixed race who were Not Scythian, but were classified, or grouped together with the Scythians were the Slavic peoples! But the origins of these peoples goes even farther than this? How did these peoples end up in the Carpathian mountains.

### The Mitanni Empire



The Mitanni Kingdom was situated in Northern Syria between Assyria and Palestine. It was a "Major kingdom between 1500 and 1300 B.C." (Holman's Bible Dictionary, under Mitanni). The time this kingdom ruled was the time between Moses and Gideon of the book of Judges. Who were these people? **Dr Cowley suggests that these Mitanni are direct descendants of Midian (Bristowe 1971 : 12). Abraham's descendants through Keturah.**

The descendants of Abraham through Keturah settled in the region of the Caucasus, both north and south of the mountain range (Gen 25 : 1-6). After multiplying greatly, they came pouring down into Anatolia and northern Mesopotamia, being known at that time as the Hurrians (Cottrell 1975 : 178). One branch of Hurrians became known as the Mitanni and their rulers the Maryanni. They were evidently named after their forefather Midian. But not just Midian, **but Ishmael as well.**

The Ishmaelites with the Midianites "formed a tribal league" (cf Judges 8:22-24)" JFB, p.52 Holman's Bible Dictionary, p.961 says they became "interrelated" with Midian ***You notice in the Bible that Midianites and Ishmaelites are used interchangeably,*** see Gen 37:25, 28 and Judges 8:22-24. So when the Bible talks about Midian, it is also talking about Ishmael. They became one and the same people! These people lived in the Land of Midian that was right up against the land of Palestine to the east.. These people dwelt in "Syria, Midian and Moab," and are **"clearly DISTINGUISHED FROM THE DESCENDANTS OF JOKTAN WHO PEOPLED THE ARABIAN PENINSULA"** (The Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible, under "Ishmaelites," p.749, emphasis mine).

The Bible even shows that the Ishmaelites, "...settled from Havilah to Shur, which is opposite of Egypt, in the direction of ASSYRIA..." (Gen 25:18 NRSV).

The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible writes that when the Assyrians and the Babylonians conquered the Middle East they found the people of Ishmael North of Arabia **dwelling near Assyria**, see under articles "Ishmael and Kedar." Notice, that secular as well as Biblical evidence shows that Ishmael and Midian dwelt in the same area as the Mitanni Empire!

This empire occupied "northern Mesopotamia and Asia Minor traversed Syria and had several Jordanian settlements. *Palestine is 'Hurru' in New Kingdom documents of Egypt*" (A.H. Gardiner, "Ancient Egyptian Onomastica", 1947, 3 vols., I, pages 181-187)

The Mitanni empire then fell because of Gideon's war with them and God defeating them through a miracle, see Judges 6-8. Then the Mitanni people settled for a time in Assyria (Gayre

1973 : 20-21) which was merely the linking up of "contiguous" peoples (ibid). These contiguous peoples were the Scythians and all its related and unrelated tribes that the Greeks all named Scythians.

The 'Aryans' of Mitanni were called by the Greeks Mattienoi ...Of them Field notes that "nothing more is heard of them; they disappear in unknown India" (Field 1970 : 152; Also see Encyclopaedia Britannica under article "Mitanni"). These Aryans were part of the invasion of India and established Hinduism in that country. Is it any wonder that the word "Brahmins" means "sons of Abraham"?

These peoples "spoke the Aryan/Iranian tongue" (White, True Origins of the peoples of Eastern Europe., Chapter 2). The Indo-Aryans are also called "Indo-Europeans," and the Russian language, and the Mittanni are considered both part of the "Satern" language of the Indo-Europeans, see <http://www.armenianhighland.com/homeland/chronicle120.html> and a chart at

<http://www.georgetown.edu/cball/oe/oe-ie.html>



Where did these Aryan Mitanni go? Pliny wrote of the Matiani as moving into *southern Russia* over the Caucasus (Pliny Bk vi .sec 18).

"Mitanni/KHURRI became the East Slavic (Russian)... **Kievans** (who traced their ancestry to **KHORIV** per the ("Russian Primary Chronicle"). (Edwin M. Yamauchi, 1982: 23; History Research Projects, "Nations of Central Asia and the Middle East", copyright 1994, 2001; Suppiluliuma: Sattiwara Treaty, "PD" no. I, 22-5, rev. 14-21, trans.Liverani (1990: 82). KHURRI, KHORIV, are the Kievans of Russia!

Keep writes: "The most dynamic eastern Slav groups were those living in the area of the middle Dnieper on the border between forest and steppe [southern Russia]" (The Making of Modern Russia, p.2). These are the ones who created the "Kiev Rus" empire in the 9th century A.D. After the fall of "Kiev Rus" these same Eastern Slavs chose "...Moscow ...as nucleus of the future Russia" (ibid, p.11).

In Conclusion Craig White writes that the Midianites-Ishmaelites are the modern day peoples of "White Russians (Byelorussians)" (The Lost Races of the Ancient World, Craig White).

### The Prophecy of Ishmael

In the Bible, God promised Abraham and Hagar that Ishmael would become a **great nation**: "And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction.

" And he will be a **wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him**; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren





["defying all his kinsman]" (James Moffatt Transl)]....And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and *will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly*; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation...(Gen 16:11-12;17:20).



Now, the brother of Ishmael was Isaac, and his descendants are the Modern-day peoples of the United States and the British Commonwealth of Nations. The prophecies of Genesis are for the end time. The birthright blessings of Isaac, Esau, and Ishmael all have the same time element to them. *And the rise of Russia is in exact sequence to Britain and America. Russia's rise to world power actually began before World War II, It began back in the Great European Colonial Expansion of the 17th thru the 20th centuries with the Russian Empire and Russian Revolution.*

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**Expansion of Russia**-Before Russia, peoples had moved and empires had spread across Asia by way of the steppe, the grassland that stretches from Mongolia all the way to Hungary. When the Tsars began moving East, however, it was not by way of the steppe, but through the heavy forest, the *taiga*, that lay north of it. This was less dramatic, but more thorough. By the end of the 17th century, Russia was already at the Pacific Ocean. The 18th century saw less in the way of gains in Central Asia, but substantial progress against Poland, Sweden, and Turkey in Europe and vast territories -- Alaska -- acquired in America. **Vitus Bering** (1680-1741), although Danish, scouted for Russia the Strait, the Sea, and the island that are now all named for him. Eventually, a Russian settlement even appeared for a while on the coast of California -- though "Ft. Russ" later got corrupted into "Ft. Ross," and the area was conceded to Spain.

The 19th century began with the gain of Poland and Finland, and progress in the Caucasus. Soon, after all the years of circling around, the Central Asian steppe was absorbed. After mid-century, the Russian border was then dramatically pushed south and the Moslem states of Turkestan were steadily reduced in a march that to the British always looked directed at India, as perhaps it was. About the same time, Alaska was cut lose, sold to the United States, and lands were also being wrested from China, especially north and east of the Amur River, which gave Russia a secure, year-round Pacific port at Vladivostok.

**Russian Revolution & Communist Russia**-As mentioned in the prophecy above, Did Ishmael defy his brother Isaac, The U.S.A and the British? *The Cold war, Communism against capitalism, was a perfect example of this!* Don't you think that something like the Cold War, that put all nations on alert for potential nuclear war, would be mentioned in the pages of the Bible? Something as life threatening as this on a global scale as the Cold War should be mentioned.

To defy someone or country is to, "confront or resist boldly; to dare" (Webster's Dictionary, p.43)

"**Cold War**, term used to describe the post-World War II struggle between the United States and its allies and the (USSR) and its allies. During the Cold War period, which lasted from the mid-1940's until the end of the 1980's, international politics were heavily shaped by the intense rivalry between these two great blocs of power and the political ideologies they represented: democracy and capitalism in the case of the United States and its allies, and Communism in the case of the Soviet bloc. The principal allies of the United States [Manasseh] during the Cold War

included *Britain*, [Ephraim] *France* [Reuben], *West Germany* [Judah], *Japan*, and *Canada* [Ephraim]. On the Soviet side were many of the countries of Eastern Europe—including Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, East Germany, and Romania—and, during parts of the Cold War, Cuba and China " (Microsoft Encarta article "Cold War," emphasis added).



Also, because of the Soviet threat, NATO was created which also includes the Scandinavian countries, which are also part of the Ten tribes of Israel! And in **resistance** to NATO, the Soviets created the Warsaw pact. This also produced the great arms race of the accumulation Nuclear weapons.

During this time of the Cold War , the Soviets resisted the spread of capitalism by setting up Russian satellites along eastern Europe. And when the "Marshall Plan was invented to help Europe recover by the aid of the United States, the "Russians would not participate, nor did they allow their satellites [Eastern European countries dominated by Communist Russia] to do so. Instead they bitterly attacked the plan ...To handle the Marshall plan the *Russians replied by organizing their own half of Europe in Comecon*, a Council of Mutual Economic Assistance...[it was] a denunciation of what it termed a 'frankly predatory and expansionist course ...to establish world supremacy of American imperialism'" (History of the world, pp .939-940, emphasis added). Do you see Ishmael resisting his brothers, defying them on every front, Militarily and Economically? This is prophecy fulfilled to the letter.

A "**Free Man**"- God said that Ishmael would be like a "wild man." Or a "Free Man" (Ferrar Fenton Translation). What does God mean here that Ishmael and his descendants, when they receive their birthright would become "free men"?

The Apostle Paul called himself the "Prisoner" of the Lord. A prisoner of Jesus Christ, see Ephesians 3:1; 4:1; 2 Tim 1:8; Philemon 1:1, 9. Paul was subject to Jesus Christ and his obedience to him. For Ishmael to be "free," that means he was the **complete opposite of what Paul or any follower of Jesus Christ was and is**. Adam Clarke's Commentary p.186 writes of Ishmael: "God himself has sent them out free — he has loosed them from all political restraint." They were not subject to God's laws and Kingdom. What is the exact opposite of a believer in Jesus Christ? **AN ATHEIST!** The Soviet Union was the biggest Communist Atheistic Empire the world has ever seen. They were free from God, Atheists, not subject under the laws of God! A Red Army officer who defected to the United States said: "You know in Russia we teach that religion is the opiate of the people and that there is no God ...and *that Atheist Moscow is the Capital of the world* [not Jerusalem]" (Thomas Foster, *When Russia Attacks America*, pp .65-66, emphasis added).

Another quote that Communism was: "...to instigate a worldwide *system of man-made law and order outside of God's laws and of Jesus Christ* as shown by Matthew Haberson as early as 1828" (The Ascendancy of Russia,p .257, emphasis added). Ishmael was teaching its people that they were "Free" from God, because there was no God. Communism was predicted by God through Ishmael centuries in advance!

Another meaning for the prophecy of Ishmael in the "original Hebrew, which runs literally, "he shall before the faces of all his brethren," i.e., (according to the idiom above explained, in which "*before the face*" denotes the east), *the habitation of his posterity shall be "to the east" of the settlements of Abraham's' other descendants* ...These prophecies found their accomplishment in the fact of the sons of Ishmael being located, generally speaking to the *east of the other descendants of Abraham, whether of Sara or of Ketuah.*" (McClintock and Strong, *Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological, and Ecclesiastical Literature*, (Vol. I:339). **Who dwells exactly**

**east of Britain, Scandinavian and other Israelite European countries, as well as North America where Abraham's descendants live? Russia!**

### **The Ishmael Myth of the Arabs**



Many Arabs today claim to be descendant of Ishmael Abraham's son. Is this true? McClintock and Strongs a well known Encyclopaedia of Religion comments: "There is a prevalent notion that the Arabs, both of the south and the north, are descended from Ishmael; and the passage Gen 16:12 ...is often cited as if it were a prediction of that national independence which, upon the whole, the Arabs have maintained more than any other people. But this supposition ...is founded on a misconception of the original Hebrew ...these prophecies found their accomplishment in the fact that the sons of Ishmael being located ...EAST OF THE OTHER DESCENDANTS OF ABRAHAM whether by Sarah or by Keturah. But the idea of the southern Arabs being of the posterity of Ishmael is ENTIRELY WITHOUT FOUNDATION, and it seems to have originated in the tradition invented by Arab vanity

that they, as well as the Jews, are of the seed of Abraham-a vanity which besides disfiguring and falsifying the whole history of the patriarch and his son Ishmael, has transferred the scene of it from Palestine to Mecca ...The vast tracts of the country known to us under the name Arabia gradually became **peopled by a variety of Tribes in different lineage**" (Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological, and Ecclesiastical Literature, I:339, emphasis mine).

Robert Morey writes: "Most standard reference works on Islam REJECT the Arab claim to Abrahamic descent. ...[The] Encyclopaedia of Islam traces the Arabs to non-Abrahamic origins. Even the Dictionary of Islam questions the whole idea that the Arabs are descendants of Ishmael" (Islamic Invasion p.24, emphasis mine).

Warraq writes: "As for the Historian, the Arabs are NO MORE descendants of Abraham, then the French are of Francus, son of Hector" (Why ...p.131, emphasis mine).

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**Josephus mentioned that one of Abraham's great-grandsons joined with the Assyrians.** ("Antiquities", book I, ch. xv § 1.) His name was Asshur, the son of Dedan, the son of Jokshan. Jokshan was the son of Abraham. See Genesis 25:3. "And Jokshan begat Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim." From Sheba have come the Swabian Germans. From Letushim are descended the Lettish people along the Baltic. **Is it any surprise that we find in Psalm 83:1-8 we find the Ishmaelites with "Asshur" in a "confederacy," meaning the United States of EUROPE, the ten nation combine called the Beast?**

Why is it in Daniel 11:40-45 we find this beast in which the ISHMAELITES ARE A PART OF going against the "KING OF THE SOUTH" which are the Arab nations, that are south of Palestine? **The Arabs are NOT part of the peoples of Ishmael.**

One more note. How can the Arabs be descendants of Ishmael, for when Ishmael was born the **ARABS ALREADY EXISTED!**

The Arabians are actually the descendants of Joktan, and partly of Cush, see Gen 10:7, 26-30; 1 Chron 1:20-23.

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Unger's Bible Handbook says, Seba is connected with South Arabia and is mentioned in the Assyrian inscriptions in the 8th century B.C. Havilah was ancestor to a people in central and southern Arabia partly Cushite and partly Semitic Joktanite..." (pp.53, 56).

The New Bible Commentary Says: "In so far as they can be identified Joktan and his descendants seemed to have lived in southern Arabia" (p.68).

Morey writes: "Nowhere in the Koran does it state that Ishmael is the progenitor of the Arab race. Since it is not taught in the Koran, it cannot be a true Islamic belief ...Arabian literature has its own version of prehistoric times, but its entirely legendary" (Britannica, vol. 2:176)..."



**Joktan:** "The pure Arabs are those who claim to be descended from Joktan or Qahtan, whom the present Arabs regard as their principle founder ...The 'Arabu 'l-Musta'ribah, the mixed Arabs, claim to be descended from Ishmael ..they boast as much as the Jews of being reckoned the children of Abraham. This circumstance will account for the preference with which they uniformly regard this branch of their pedigree, and for the many romantic legends they have grafted upon it ...The Arabs, in their version of Ishmael's history, have

mixed a great deal of romance with the narrative of Scripture."

"Muhammad was not informed about the family of Abraham." (**En cyclopedia of Islam**) **I:184. See also pages 544-546.**

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In the Qur'an, "Gen. 21.17-21 ...are identified with Mecca." (**The Concise Encyclopaedia of Islam, p. 193**).



It also states that the Southern Arabs come from Qahtan, not Ishmael (p. 48). See also:

The Encyclopaedia of Religion, Vol. 7, pg. 296 where the connection between the Midianites and the Ishamelites is noted.

The Shorter Encyclopaedia of Islam, pgs. 178-179.

A Popular Dictionary of Islam, p. 127.

### What's Next for Russia?



Now, with the collapse of the Soviet Empire, what role does Russia have in prophecy?

**Psalm 83-** Psalm 83 is a statement made by David of the enemies of Israel in his day, but it is also "...the *past* confederacy with the future one" (Bullinger's Companion Bible, p.802, emphasis his). Bullinger also points out: "the tenfold confederation of enemies in vv.6-9 followed by the sevenfold destruction in vv.10-12 ...the past confederacy with the *future one* of the '*ten kingdoms*' [of the beast power] and the same divine destruction [God's wrath]" (ibid, p.802, emphasis added).

Unger's Bible Handbook as well writes: "The nations foes of the writer's day, foreshadow the final coalition and its complete overthrow; 9-18" (p.284).

Obadiah in his prophetic book of the end times that talk's about the Kingdom being YHWH's in the end v.21, says that Edom is in a "confederacy" v.7. And in Psalm 83 we find the "confederacy" and the "Tabernacles of Edom," vv.5-6.

Obviously Psalm 83 lists the nations that will confederate together against Israel in this end time called the Beast of Bible Prophecy.

"For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head.

"They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

"They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

"For they have consulted together with one consent: they are **confederate against thee:**

"The tabernacles of Edom, and the **Ishmaelites**; of Moab, and the Hagarenes;

"Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre;

"**Assur also is joined with them:** they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah" (vv.2-8)

Ishmael is in this list of enemies against Israel. According to Bible prophecy Ishmael, i.e. **Russia will join Europe and form the Beast of Prophecy.** "Asshur is also joined with them" (v.8). "Assyria may be the *dark power behind the 'front line'* [of the] *coalition states*" (New Bible Commentary, p.540, emphasis added). Germany is end time Assyria who will head this end time Beast of prophecy, go to [Germany in Prophecy](#) for full details!

## Russia & The Roman Empire

Russia during the days of the Czars, was modelled after the Roman Empire. "...since the ruler was a semi-divine figure who owed account only to God. This new elevated concept of monarchy found expression in the adoption by Muscovy [Moscow] of the Byzantine double-eagle symbol of authority, occasionally used of the appellation tsar (=Caesar),...*the main source of inspiration was Byzantine* ...the Church exalted the autocrat for fulfilling God's purpose as embodied in '**Holy Rus**' ...'the tsar is in nature like unto all men, *but in authority he is like unto God himself.*'" (John Keep, Making of Modern Russia, pp.27-28, emphasis added). Russia even called itself the "third Rome," it was also a "Church and State" run government, like the Holy Roman Empire.

Russia is Eventually becoming more and more a part of Europe. This is the mood of the day in developing a new Europe.

### NEW RUSSIA-EUROPE ALLIANCE DEVELOPING

**"For the first time ever," Russia and the western European nations are considering "cooperation in the security and defence fields," according to official Russian sources.** Dr. Javier Solana, high representative of the EU for common foreign and security policy, and former secretary general of NATO, exhibited "visible interest" in a close working relationship between the Russian military and the planned EU rapid reaction force during his recent meeting with top Russian officials in Moscow. **Solana described Russian-European relations as "strategic," and developing "satisfactorily."**



The report was carried by the Voice of Russia World Service, the official broadcasting service of the Russian government. On April 6, the defence ministers of the EU member nations meeting at the organization's headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, also **called for Russian participation in the planned European force.** Solana's confidence in the future of Russian/EU relations was echoed by Chancellor Schroeder.

Schroeder has recently stated that Russia is a "key factor" in European stability. He also stated that both Germany and NATO must develop a "long range security partnership" with Moscow. Schroeder's remarks are particularly significant since Germany is the strongest economy in Europe, as well as one of the leading nations of NATO and the EU. **Germany's stakes are particularly high in Russia, since Berlin is both Russia's largest trading partner and investor.**

A few days before the current meeting with Putin, Schroeder described Russia as Germany's "strategic partner," and said their nations "see many international problems eye to eye," according to Moscow. Schroeder made similar statements during a meeting with Putin in June. At that time, Schroeder called for Russia to be included "in a system of European security." Schroeder has also declared that "Russia is playing a key role in guaranteeing lasting security and stability in Europe."

In addition to defence considerations, **economic and financial negotiations figure prominently in the talks.** Moscow and Berlin are **expected to reach an agreement providing for part of Russia's \$2bn debt to Germany to be exchanged for shares of Russian enterprises in which German corporations have already invested money.** At present, some 2,000 German firms are operating in Russia.

**Russian and western European relations have been growing steadily closer for some time, but especially within the last year.** In November, the EU and Russia signed an agreement providing for substantial mutual technical cooperation. In October, Moscow and Brussels signed an agreement that some observers say paved the way for Russian participation in EU military affairs. It was at the October meeting between officials from Moscow and Brussels that the sides signed **an agreement providing for substantial EU dependence upon Russia as a major energy supplier.** Russian oil and gas are to flow to western Europe, while Europe is to assist in the extraction of those resources.

Europe is counting on Russia becoming its energy supplier at prices "more stable" than presently available through traditional Mideast sources. A number of European politicians at the time of the signing of the agreement between Russia and the EU viewed the accord as possibly turning into an "element" that could eventually lead to a greater degree of "political closeness," according to Moscow. In a March statement, the Russian Foreign Ministry expressed its desire that "no more iron curtains" separate Russia from the rest of Europe. (WorldNetDaily)

Russia is by means of history and culture a European country. But it will take a long time for her to stabilize the politic and economic system. One day Russia should be a EU member, but not too soon.

*Holger Schaefer, Germany*

Russia should join the EU and should be welcomed with open arms. They don't have control over their economy and organized crime as of yet, but once they are able to stabilize the situation there they should be allowed in for the future stability and peace in Europe.

*John Pappas, USA*

"The signing in May, 1997, of the NATO-Russia Founding Act and the subsequent creation of the Permanent Joint Council that codify NATO's cooperation with Russia should ease tensions over Moscow's bitter opposition to NATO enlargement and, hopefully, form the basis of an enduring NATO-Russia relationship. The signing of the Act does not mean, however, that a difference of policy and outlook between NATO and Russia will automatically disappear, particularly on the on the future enlargement of NATO. The Russian national security concept, adopted last December and signed by President Yeltsin, explicitly states that Russia believes NATO enlargement threatens its national security. In Yeltsin's terminology, a Cold Peace could be the result.

An enlargement that infringes further on the Russian sense of insecurity and isolation carries enormous risks. ***Therefore, the main task of NATO security planners, as we approach the twenty-first century, is to find a place for Russia in Europe as was done for Germany in the post-Second World War period.*** (NATO ENLARGEMENT - THE WAY AHEAD, by Colonel Alain Pellerin, OMM, CD (Retd) - Executive Director, emphasis added).

Russia in 1997 signed a NATO-Russia founding Act that brings the countries in closer alliance together. Go to this web site for Details at [Russia-NATO Relations](#)

"Pope John Paul II is the most charismatic pope in history; a man revered, respected and worshipped by hundreds of millions. As a Slav, rising from the ranks, elected to a dizzying position at the pinnacle of power, he wields much more weight than any single world leader, more weight, in fact, than quite a number of them taken together. In an unprecedented, history-making meeting, Mikhail Gorbachev visited the pope in the Vatican prior to meeting George Bush off Malta. *Gorbachev in talking about a "common European home," has himself called for a United Europe "from the Atlantic to the Urals"* (the pope's own words—and **remember the Urals are far to the east of Moscow!**)...." (GTA, "United States of Europe"

When?, emphasis added). There is no doubt, Russia will join Europe and become part of the Beast of Prophecy!

This Beast power will eventually bring the European peoples of the House of Israel into slavery and captivity, unless our peoples repent and return to the faith in Jesus Christ, and to the obedience to his law.

"Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he [Assyrian-Beast Power] lightly afflicted the *land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali*, and afterward did more grievously *afflict her by the way of the sea*, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations." (Isaiah 9:2). Modern-day Zebulun and Naphtali are Holland and Sweden. Russia and Germany by "the way of the sea" are practically neighbours to the Scandinavian countries, including Britain!

Though NATO is still functioning, NATO will either kick out the Israelitish Nations, or NATO will collapse altogether, and a new European military force will take over. God says to Jacob, "all your allies have forgotten you, they care nothing for you" (Jer 30:14 Moffatt Transl). Great events are going to happen in world affairs very very soon!

### Russia Holding Israel Captive

At the second coming of Christ, we read of Midian (Ishmael): "A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigionoth ["erring ones" (Young's Literal Translation)...I saw the tents ["dwellers" JFB Commentary p.634] of Cushan in ["under," *ibid*, p.634] affliction: and the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble" (Habakkuk 1, 7). Cushan and Midian most commentaries say, are one and the same: "...equivalent to Midian part of Arabia ...Moses Midianite wife is called an Ethiopian (Hebrew Cushite)..." (JFB Commentary, p.634). Who are these people who are in affliction in the land of Midian (Ishmael) when he comes?

"Thou wentest forth for the salvation of *thy people*, even for salvation with *thine anointed*; thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, by discovering the foundation unto the neck." (v.13). The time of Great affliction is the time of Jacob's trouble, see also Obadiah 13. "...they came out as a whirlwind to *scatter me*: their rejoicing was as to devour the poor secretly. " When I heard, my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice: rottenness entered into my bones, and *I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble: when he cometh up unto the people, he will invade them with his troops*" (v.14,16).

"**to scatter me--Israel**, with whom Habakkuk identifies himself (compare Hab 1:12). **rejoicing - to devour the poor secretly** - "The poor" means the *Israelites*, for whom in their helpless state the foe lurks *in his lair, like a wild beast*, [Russian Bear] to pounce on and *devour* (Psalm 10:9; 17:12)" (*Ibid.*, p.635). Russia is ready to devour the people of Israel when he joins this beast power.

V.16 "...*that he may cut them off*" [CALVIN]. The *Hebrew* for "invade" means, *to rush upon, or to attack and cut off with congregated troops.*" (*Ibid*, p.635). Just like the quote from Psalm 83. The motive of this confederacy, which includes the Ishmaelites, is to "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation;" (Psalm 83:4). The "day of Trouble" is the time of "Jacob's Trouble" Jer 30:7. or the "Great Tribulation" Matthew 24:21; Daniel 12:1

### Ishmael Repents

Russia will be subject to God's wrath for their disobedience to him Hab 3:8-12. Afterward however, God will give them a chance to repent, and they do. In Isaiah 60 we read: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.



" For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

" And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

" Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.

" Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.

" The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall show forth the praises of the LORD.

***" All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory.***

And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee.

" Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought.

" For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted.

***"The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel"*** (vv.1-7, 10-12,14).

**"Midian**--east of the Elanitic branch of the Red Sea, and stretching northward along Mount Seir. **Associated with the Ishmaelites in traffic** (Gen 37:25-28).

**Ephah**--part of Midian, east of the Dead Sea.

**Kedar**-- in the south of Arabia-Deserta, or north of Arabia-Petræa; they traded in flocks

**Nebaioth**--son of Ishmael, as was Kedar. Father of the Nabatheans in Arabia-Petræa.

**minister**--by coming up as an acceptable sacrifice. " (JFB, p.749, emphasis added). The people that warred against Israel, will repent for what they have done, and will minister to his people, and turn to Almighty God. But first, some terrible times ahead. We do not have to go through these times, if only the nations would repent and turn to Almighty God. Let's pray that God can grant us that miracle!



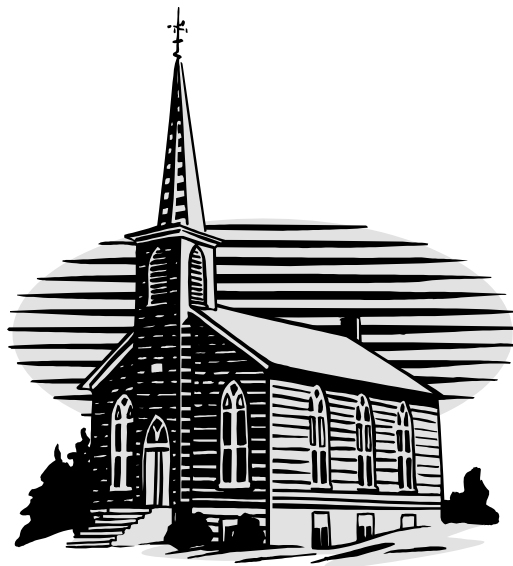
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