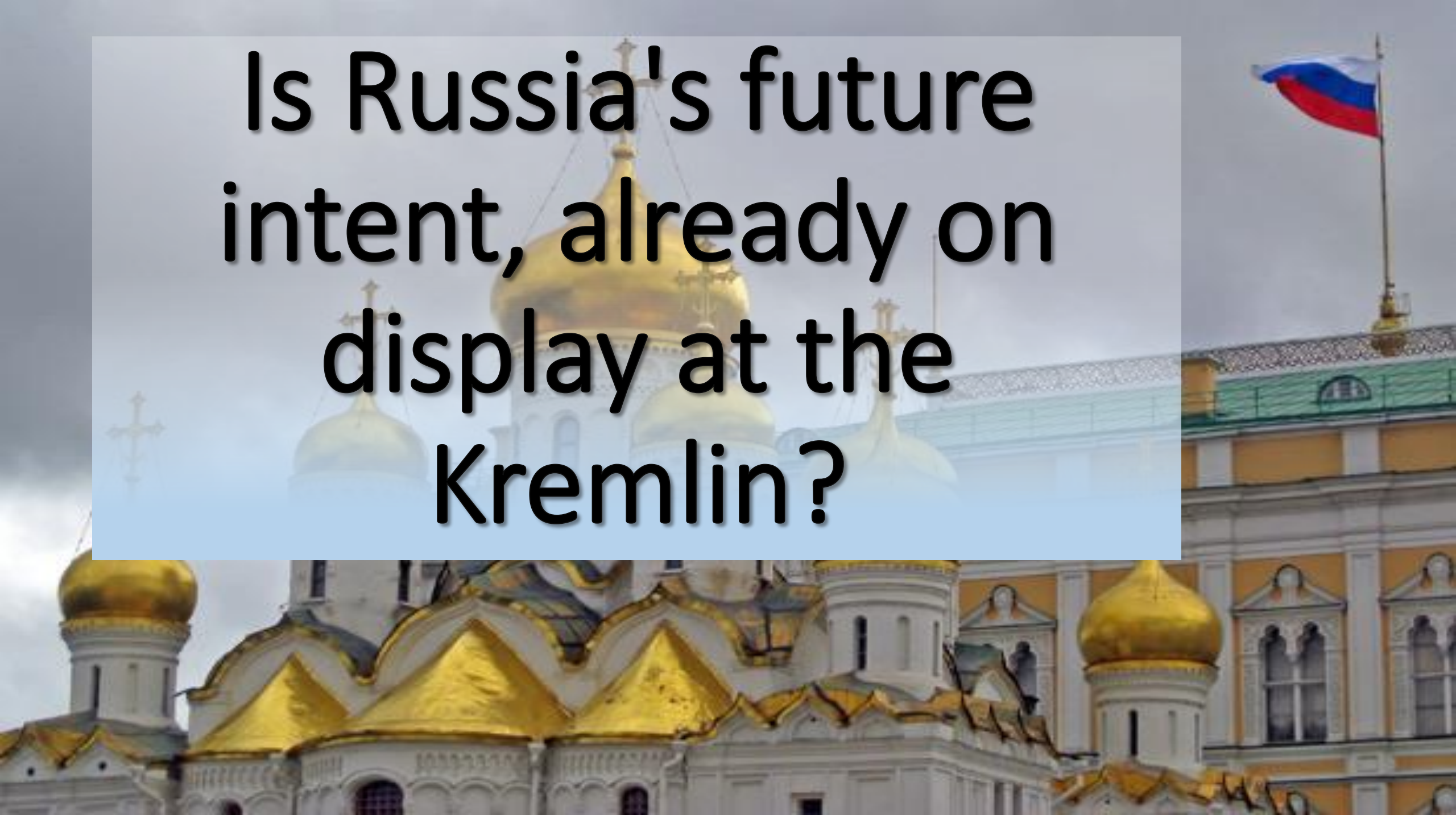


Is Russia's future
intent, already on
display at the
Kremlin?



A challenging question?

- Why mention Russia in connection with the Bible?
- What do we mean by 'Russia's intent'?
- What does it mean to me and you?

Why mention Russia in connection with the Bible?

*‘The future movements of **Russia** are notable signs of the times, **because they are predicted in the Scriptures of truth.** The **Russian** Autocracy in its plenitude, and on the verge of dissolution, **is the Image of Nebuchadnezzar** standing upon the Mountains of Israel, ready to be smitten by the Stone. When **Russia** makes its grand move for the building-up of its Image-empire then let the reader know that the end of all things, as at present constituted, is at hand’. (Elpis Israel 1850)*

Why does he mention Russia – is it
mentioned in the Bible?

Spain, Italy, Egypt, Israel, Jordan,
Nod, Assyria, Ethiopia, Libya etc.

But Russia?

Ezekiel Ch 38 v 1 - 2

Ezekiel 38:1-2 King James Version (KJV)

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Ezekiel 38:1-2 Wycliffe Bible (WYC)

38 And the word of the Lord was made to me, and he said,

² Thou, son of man, set thy face against Gog, and against the land of Magog, ...

Why different translations?

KJV Closest overall to the OT *Masoretic Text*, and the NT *Textus receptus* or *Majority Text* – original manuscripts

Prov 25 v 2

Some examples of poor translations - Ex 25 v 31 cp v 37 cp Ch 27 v 20

- Acts 7 v 38 (context v 36 Israel) – Did they build a ‘Church’ in the wilderness?
- Cp Deut 23 v 1-3
- Congregation OT = ‘ASSEMBLY FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES’ Church in NT = ‘ASSEMBLY OF PEOPLE FOR WORSHIP AND RELIGIOUS PURPOSES’
- Not a building, i.e. a ‘Church’, but a group of likeminded people !

Ezekiel Ch 38 v 1 – 2 ; Prophecy about Gog and Future Invasion of Israel

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Rosh - head, top, summit, or chief.

- Wilhelm Gesenius, who died in 1842, was considered by modern Hebrews scholars as one of the greatest Hebrew authorities in recent centuries. He unquestionably believed that **ROSH** in Ezekiel was a proper noun identifying **Russia**. I quote him:
- *“**Rosh** in Ezekiel is a proper name of a northern nation, mentioned with Meshech and Tubal; undoubtedly the **Russians**, who are mentioned by the Byzantine writers of the tenth century, under the name The **Ros**, dwelling to the north of the Taurus (Mtns)...and as dwelling on the Volga (river).”*

- Ivan Spector, in his book, ***Introduction of Russian History and Culture***, writes that the name **Rus** was another name for the great Kievan Empire. Kiev is a large city in **Russia**. Spector also writes that "eventually, the name **Ros** or **Rus** became the name of the entire area of modern **Russia**. Spector also quotes another historian goes so far as to say, *"The first reference to the **Russ**, the ancestors of the **Russian** rulers, is found in Ezekiel 38:2.*
- Another Assyrian inscription, written about 700 B.C. refers to an attack upon the Rashu of the land of **Rashu**. The land of **Rashu** is identified as being on the northern borders of Elam (ancient Persia, Iran), in the area north of the Black and Caspian seas.
- "... **Rhos** is the most ancient form under which history makes mention of the name **Russia**... From **Rhos** and Meshech (that is Rhossi and Moschi) of whom Ezekiel speaks, descended the **Russians** and Muscovites, nations of the greatest celebrity in European Scythia." Samuel Bochart, *Geographia Sacra seu Phaleg et Canaan*, 1646ad

What is the context of Ezekiel 38 ?

- Eze 1 - commenced writing in 5th year of Jehoiachin's captivity – approx. B.C 597.

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• Ezekiel 38 v 8 & 16

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- Eze 37 v 21-22 & 26 & 28
- Eze 39 v 1 – (same party as addressed in 38 v 1) & v 27 – 29
- The context then of Ch 37 (v 15 onwards), 38 & 39 of Ezekiel are clearly future and awaiting fulfillment at some point - yet to be.

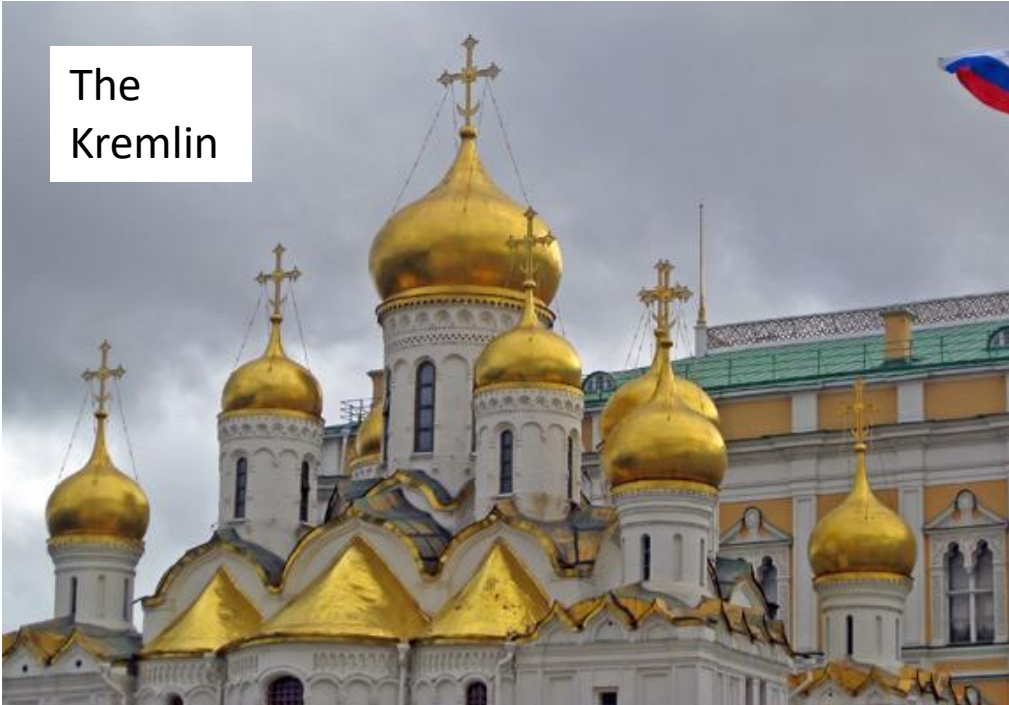
Summary so far

- Rosh in Ezekiel 38 is Russia.
- Russia and a confederacy as mentioned in Ch 38 will invade the land of Israel, at a future point, as detailed throughout the chapter.
- Yahweh, the God of Israel, will deliver the nation from the overwhelming conquest of Russia and its confederate nations, and will be sanctified, or made known as Holy, in the combined nation once more – *in the latter days*.

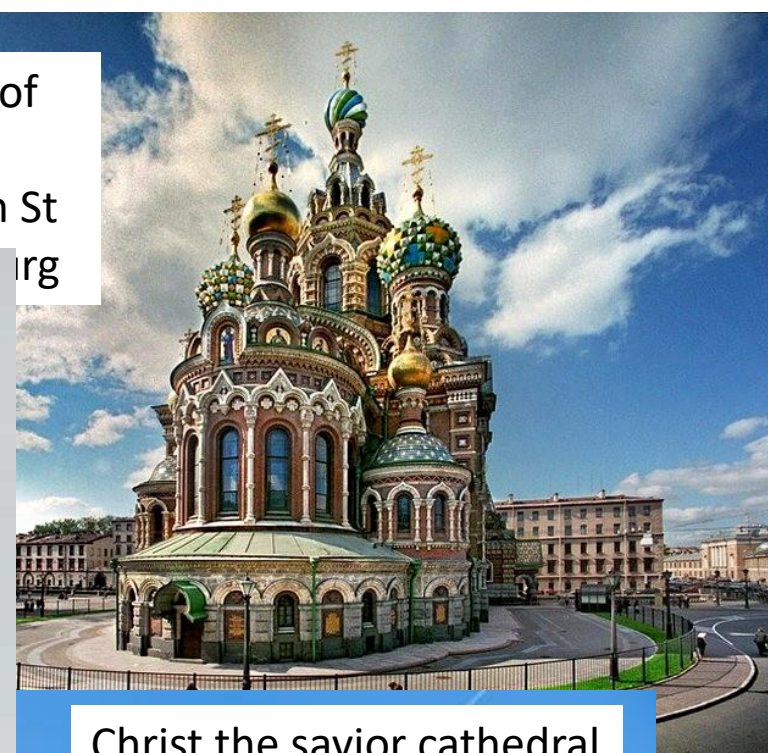
2) What do we mean by 'Russia's intent'?

The Churches of Russia

The
Kremlin



Church of
spilled
blood in St
Petersburg



Christ the savior cathedral
Moscow





Catherine the great – former empress of Russia.

The picture depicts her proposal to the Eastern question

‘The **Greek Plan** or **Greek Project** is an early solution to the [Eastern Question](#) which was advanced by [Catherine the Great](#) in the early 1780s. It envisaged the partition of the [Ottoman Empire](#) between the [Russian](#) and [Habsburg Empires](#) followed by the restoration of **the Byzantine Empire** centered in **Constantinople**.’

And

SO....

where

did it all

begin?



[B.C. 331 - 168]



Legs of Iron
ROME

[B.C. 168 - A.D. 476]

Feet of Iron & Clay
**DIVIDED NATIONS OF
WESTERN EUROPE**

The Latter days

DANIEL 4 V 15; 2 rings Iron & Brass - (clearly related as around 1 tree !!) preserving & promoting ancient Babylonian rites, worship and practice.

What religious system is split into 2 parts, continuing defiance against & blaspheming Gods truth?

Two Churches Emerge

- Church of Rome survived the fall of the Western Roman Empire.
- The head of the Church of Rome, the pope, became the strongest leader in Western Europe
- All Latin churches were united as the Roman Catholic Church

- Eastern Roman Empire becomes the Byzantine Empire
- Like the Roman Catholics, Byzantines developed their own form of Christianity.
- The Eastern Orthodox church was based on the Byzantine Empire's Greek heritage.

For an empathetic consideration of how both religions mirror Babylon's pagan worship, read Rev Alexander Hislop's book – the two Babylon's, which leaves you in no doubt as to which aspect of the tree of Babylon was preserved by **Iron** and **Brass** and is seen flourishing again, especially in just this last year as we will shortly see....

So a few questions, just to keep us on focus

What is the state religion of Russia?

- *Eastern (Greek) Orthodox Church*

So how is Russia connected to Daniels prophecy?

A little

Little horn's attributes;

orth.

'Fierce countenance'

'Mighty power'

'Shall destroy' = military force which conquers by power.

'By his Policy'

'Craft to prosper in his hand' = political and / or religious intrigue.

Arises out of 4 fold division of the Greek empire.



Attalus III

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Attalus III ([Greek](#): Ἀτταλος Γ΄) **Philometor Euergetes** (c. 170 BC – 133 BC) was the last [Attalid](#) king of [Pergamon](#), ruling from 138 BC to 133 BC.

He was the son of [Eumenes II](#) and wife [Stratonice of Pergamon](#) and the nephew of [Attalus II](#), whom he succeeded. Married to Berenice (?) (in [Greek](#) *Βερενίκη*), they were the parents of a daughter, Princess of Pergamum (it is assumed that this link is a daughter since Attalus III is noted as dying without leaving heirs), who was the mother of Berenice (?), married to [Deiotaros I Philoromaïos](#), King of [Galatia](#). "Philometor Euergetes" means "Loving-his-Mother, Benefactor" in Greek. He was so-called because of his close relationship with his mother Stratonice.

Attalus III had little interest in ruling Pergamon, devoting his time to studying [medicine](#), [botany](#), [gardening](#), and other pursuits. He had no male children or heirs of his own, and in his [will](#) he left the kingdom to the [Roman Republic](#)



The Rise of Rome (little horn of the goat – military power, as opposed to religious power – other little horn with eyes and mouth) – Dan 8 v 22 & Dan 11 v 36

While Alexander's great empire of the East had been disintegrating since his death in BC 323, a city in the West had been growing in power, until it had an empire beyond the borders of its own country.

In BC 338 Rome dissolved the Latin League and assumed control of central Italy. Within fifty years it had penetrated north into the Po Valley. Between BC 264 and 146 the Punic Wars saw the destruction of Carthage. **Subsequently the Aegean League was defeated and Corinth destroyed. So Roman rule began to impinge on Greek territory.**

During the reign of Ptolemy IV Philopator (BC 221-205), when the Roman war with Carthage was being fought, the Romans sought good relations with Egypt, and sent ambassadors to renew their ancient friendship, and convey magnificent presents to Ptolemy and his queen. **When Ptolemy IV (KOS) died, and was replaced by his child-son, they sent another embassy to offer help. The king's counsellors took the opportunity to place the boy under the guardianship of a powerful republic like Rome, as a protection against the designs of Antiochus III (KON) in the north.** This continued for nine years until Ptolemy was entitled, under Egyptian rule, to govern in his own right.

•[Roman Kingdom](#)

753–509 BC

•[Roman Republic](#)

509–27 BC

•[Roman Empire](#)

27 BC – AD 1453

[Principate](#)

[Western Empire](#)

[Dominate](#)

[Eastern Empire](#)

- The **Dominate** or late **Roman Empire** was the "[despotic](#)" later phase of imperial government
- In form, the Dominate is considered to be more authoritarian, less collegiate and more bureaucratic than the Principate from which it emerged.

But, although not actively involved, **Rome gained a position**

Little horn's attributes;

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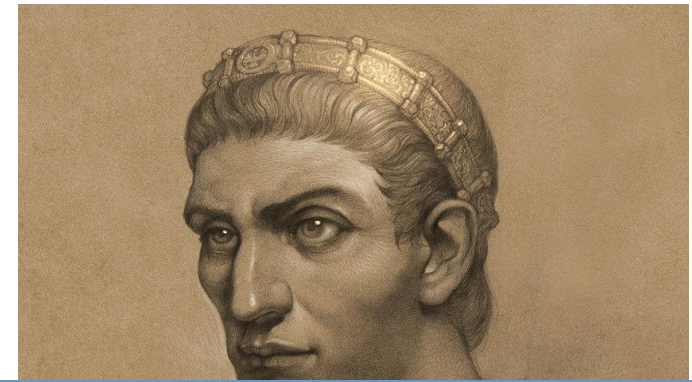
Arises out of 4 fold division of the Greek empire

prophecy in ch. 11:35-39)

The dividing of the Roman empire

In about AD 324, new developments occurred in the Roman Empire (that would ultimate in the re-appearance of the Kings of the North and South (Dan 11 v 40)) In that year Constantine established a new capital for his empire in the East: "During the later operations of

the war against Licinius, he had sufficient opportunity to contemplate, both as a soldier and as a statesman, the incomparable position of Byzantium; and to observe how strongly it was guarded by nature against a hostile attack, while it was accessible on every side to the benefits of commercial intercourse... (He) was not insensible to the ambition of founding a city which might perpetuate the glory of his own name" (*Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*). **Byzantium** was renamed **Constantinople**. At first in concert with Rome, it later became a thorn in the side of the Roman Bishop. An opposing system of religion to Roman Catholicism developed, until a great schism occurred between the Papacy in the west and the Greek Orthodox Patriarchy in the east.



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Byzantine Empire

- 324 CE: Emperor Constantine of Roman Empire built Byzantium/ Constantinople
- 476 CE: Western half of empire collapses; division between West/East
- In East, Constantinople is the capital (cosmopolitan, opulent, wealthy)
 - Involved in Mediterranean and Central Asian commerce
- Greek/Eastern Orthodox Christianity
 - Retain strength despite rapid growth of Islam
 - Spread culture and politics to parts of world that had not been controlled by any major civilization
 - Balkans, western Russia





Revelation 9 prophesies of the rise of Mahomet in the East. Born in Mecca about 570 AD, he was driven to Medina in 622 AD (the Moslem date for 1335 Moon-Calendar years — see notes Dan. 12:12). **Constantinople became embroiled in the "holy wars" that followed.** It was besieged by the Saracens in AD 668-675, and again in AD 715-718. But then the Sixth Angel sounded (Rev. 9:13) to introduce the up rise of the Ottoman Turk. **A significant period of 391 years (v. 15), dated from April 29, 1062, when Togrul Beg established himself in the Moslem world by his marriage to the Caliph's daughter. Thereafter, the "four angels" being "loosed from the great river Euphrates," directed the Moslem power to overspread and subdue the eastern third of the Roman Empire.**

Thus, *the territory of the King of the North became established as Turkish in 1453*; and in also controlling Palestine in 1509 and Egypt in 1517, Turkey displaced Rome as "the king."

3rd Rome – After Byzantium/Constantinople was sacked.



1) **Rome** – little horn, arose from Attalus 3rd, as a **military** power.

2) **Constantinople** – became **military** headquarters of Roman empire

3) **Moscow** – became new 'home' for remnant of Constantinople – and as per Ez 38 & Dan 11, resume the **military** power position at the time of the end or the latter days, as we shall shortly see.....

Daniel 11:33-45 dealing with demise of Grecian KON&KOS; rise of Rome ; rise of Constantinople – rise of Istanbul – rise of Moscow

³⁵ And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, **even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.(for the time of the end – Bro Thomas)**

³⁶ And the king (the power dwelling in Constantinople – Eastern leg of empire) shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

³⁷ Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.

³⁸ But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

³⁹ Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.

⁴⁰ **And at the time of the end** shall the king of the south push at him (the power occupying the territory of the old king of Constantinople, in our days – the remainder of the old Ottoman Turk empire): and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

⁴¹ He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

⁴² He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

⁴³ But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.

⁴⁴ But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.

⁴⁵ And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

Ezekiel 38 – dealing with Rosh / Russia

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.

⁸ **After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years** thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.

⁹ Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee.

¹⁵ And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:

¹⁶ And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

CH 39

Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

² And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:

³ And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.

⁴ Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.

⁵ Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God.

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Take Istanbul back, and become the second Rome once again !

The reappearance of the Kings of North and South

The time will come, however, for a re-appearance of the kings of North and South in a latter-day manifestation, to prepare the world scene for the final conflict (Dan. 11: 40-45).

Palestine fell to the Turks in 1509, when it was incorporated in the Turkish Empire by Selim IX, and remained so until 1917. Egypt, which fell to Arab world power in 640 AD, became Ottoman in 1517.

For a short period Napoleon's France achieved control of Egypt, but this then returned to the Turks. In 1832-3, the military pasha, Muhammed Ali revolted, and, but for Western interference, may have conquered Turkey itself. He was granted a hereditary Pashalik over Egypt. In 1879, Britain and France took joint-control, and in 1882, after a further revolt, Britain became the sole administrator.

In 1914-15, Egypt became a British Protectorate, until termination in 1954. So Britain became "king of the south".

Constantinople fell to the Ottomans in May 29, 1453, and still remains Turkish.

When Russia overruns Turkey, and controls all the territories of the Seleucid Northern Empire, she will become the "king of the north" of verse 40 and resume the position of the little horn of the goat, who will be broken without hand.

Contemporary evidence of Russia's 'is



Coat of arms of the double-headed eagle, formerly associated with the Byzantine Empire.



Byzantine emperors chair – where is it?

Moscow

Where was it?

Constantinople



Flag in Russian parliament building where ministers meet.



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ONCE WE SEE IT BEGIN, CHRISTS RETURN IS SURE....

SO, ARE WE SEEING THE RELIGIOUS EMPIRE BUILDING OF THE BANDS OF IRON (ROME) AND BRASS (GREECE) AND THE RESURGENCE OF THE KING OF THE NORTH, WITH HOSTILE INTENT?

Opinion: The Black Madonna and the Russian Problem



AMIR TAHERI

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Last month, when Vladimir Putin ordered that the Black Madonna of Kazan, the holiest icon of the Russian Orthodox Church, be flown over the Black Sea, many believed he wished to secure blessings for the Winter Olympics in Sochi.

It was the first time the icon, or rather a copy of it, since the original was stolen and possibly destroyed in 1904, was deployed to bless a peaceful enterprise. Over the centuries, the "Black Virgin" has been taken to battlefields to bless Russian armies fighting Swedish, Polish, Turkish, Persian, French and German invaders. Stalin sent it to Stalingrad in 1943 to ensure victory over the German invaders under Field Marshal Friedrich Paulus.

With Putin's troops in control of Crimea and threatening to move further into Ukraine, we now know that the icon was brought in to bless a military operation this time as well.

Putin appears strong because US President Barack Obama, accidentally cast as the leader of Western democracies, is weak. Putin is over-using the power Russia really doesn't have because Obama under-uses the power the US does have. As long as Obama prevents the US from playing the leadership role it has had since the end of World War II, Putin will see no reason why he should not pursue his dream of reviving the Soviet Empire wherever possible. In doing so he is acting within a tradition established since the 18th century, when Russia emerged as a power with a pathological fear of encirclement. That fear has always made Russia aggressive.

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Russian President Vladimir Putin is visiting Mount Athos in Greece to mark the 1,000-year presence of Russian Orthodox monks there. The Mount - actually a 335 sq km (130 sq mile) peninsula - may be the largest area in the world from which women, and female animals, are

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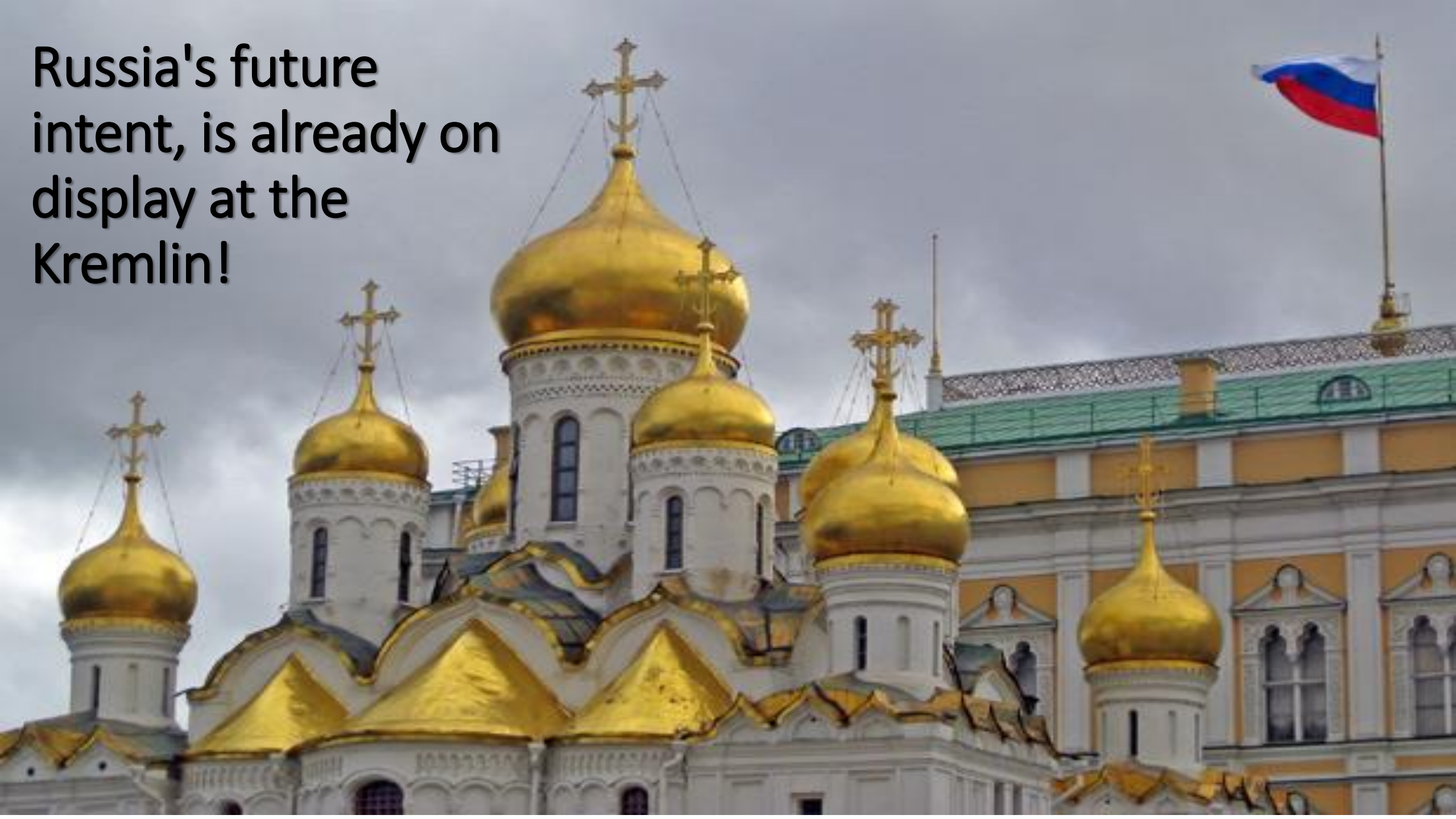
He is to come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he will enter into the countries, and overflow and pass over. And many countries shall be overthrown.

This is the career marked out for him; which neither France, nor England, nor the world combined can obstruct, or circumvent."

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