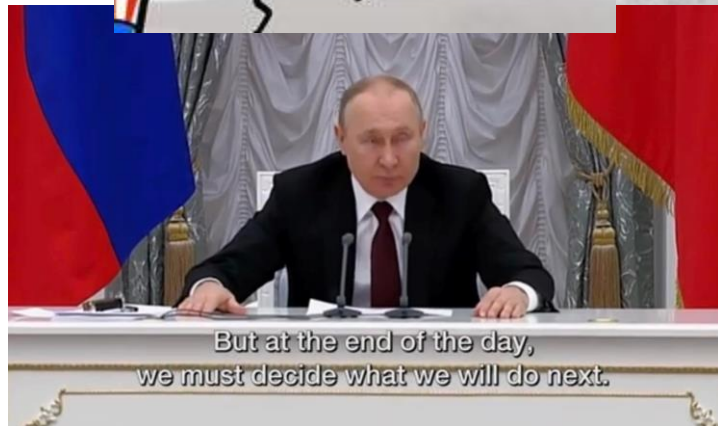


# PUTIN'S ROAD TO WAR



COLD  
WAR  
2.0!!!

The battle for Russia continues.



But at the end of the day,  
we must decide what we will do next.

The victory will be ours.





# Headlines:



Putin calls for “self-purification” of Russian Traitors.

Civilian Targets Under Heavy Fire as Ukraine War enters fourth week.

Chelsea's billionaire Russian owner slapped with sanctions that bar him from selling his \$3 billion soccer club.

US Inflation hits new 40-year high, surging 7.9%

Goldman Sachs is the 1st major Wall Street bank to pull out of Russia.

Individual Investors Pile Into Energy Stocks.

Biden’s blunders are mounting – every time he does something right, he follows it up by doing something foolish.

Inside Putin’s thousand-year war with the West.

Rising Gas prices keep rising.

“As the world watches the horror of Putin’s aggression across Ukraine, America’s enemies are watching to see how Biden responds. China, Iran, and North Korea smell blood in the water. How many times can we say it? Weakness only invites more aggression.”

# Headlines:

**Ukraine War Destruction Surpasses \$100 Billion, Presidential Adviser Estimates**

**Ukraine Presidential Adviser Says Only China Benefits From the War**

**Romania Welcomes Ukrainian Refugees**

**Biden finally acknowledges that Putin is a War Criminal.**

**Russia Denies Targeting Ukrainian Civilians. Videos Show Otherwise.**

**Russian Attack on Mariupol Hospital Killed Three, Injured 17, Mayor Says**

**House Passes Legislation to Ban Russian Oil Imports**

**Ukrainian Soldiers Say Goodbye, Head East**

**U.S. and U.K. Again Reject Calls for No-Fly Zone Over Ukraine**

**Russian strike hits theater in Mariupol sheltering "hundreds" of residents**



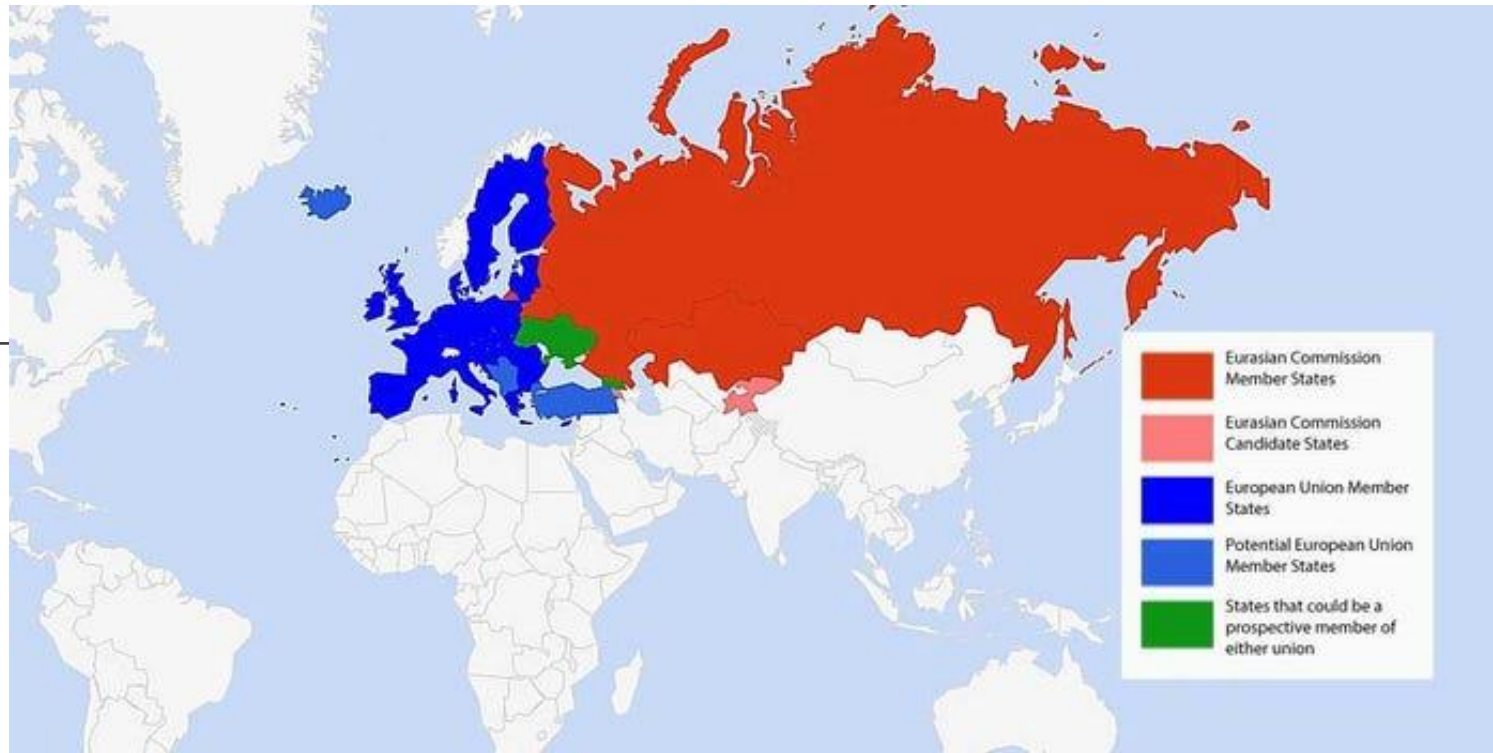
Joel Rosenberg (evangelical author/Middle East expert)

## 3 Things Every Christian Should Know About Putin, Ukraine, and the Coming War in Europe

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1. Ukraine is one of the most Christian countries in Europe — and Christians there urgently need our prayers. The prayers of the godly are more powerful than physical weapons of war, (James 5:16f).
2. Some 200,000 Jews still live in Ukraine — and they urgently need our prayers, too. (Genesis 12:1-3; Romans 10:1)
3. Putin believes Ukraine is Russian sovereign territory — that's why he's willing to ignite the biggest land war in Europe since World War II to get what he wants.





**“Russia without Ukraine is a country. Russia with Ukraine is an empire.”**

# Believers must live in light of the Prophesied future!



**The Russian  
Bear may  
growl, the  
Chinese Dragon  
may spew fire  
but soon and  
very soon we  
will hear the  
roar of the Lion  
of Judah!**

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

—Philippians 2:10-11

# How much should Christians prepare for potential food shortages, oil/gas crisis, rising inflation, etc?

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That question requires much prayer and wisdom from God. Only God knows the future! All of us must place our faith in Him (Proverbs 3:5-6). We should seek to apply biblical principles to every situation.

We need to be careful not to cast *sinful* judgment on another believer in matters of wisdom/preference. Good and godly saints will likely respond differently. In part, because we sometimes interpret the news differently (don't we?).

On one hand, no one wants to cry "Y2K!" On the other hand, we know Joseph prepared Egypt and the world for 7 years of famine (which God clearly revealed was coming).

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God,  
who gives generously to all without finding fault,  
and it will be given to you.

**James 1:5**

# \*\*\* Though Multi-Layered, Do Not Overcomplicate Russian Aggression or Putin's Global Ambitions. \*\*\*

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Dennis Prager summarized much of what I have been saying to family and friends.

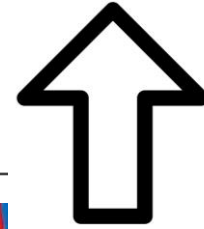
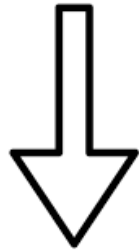




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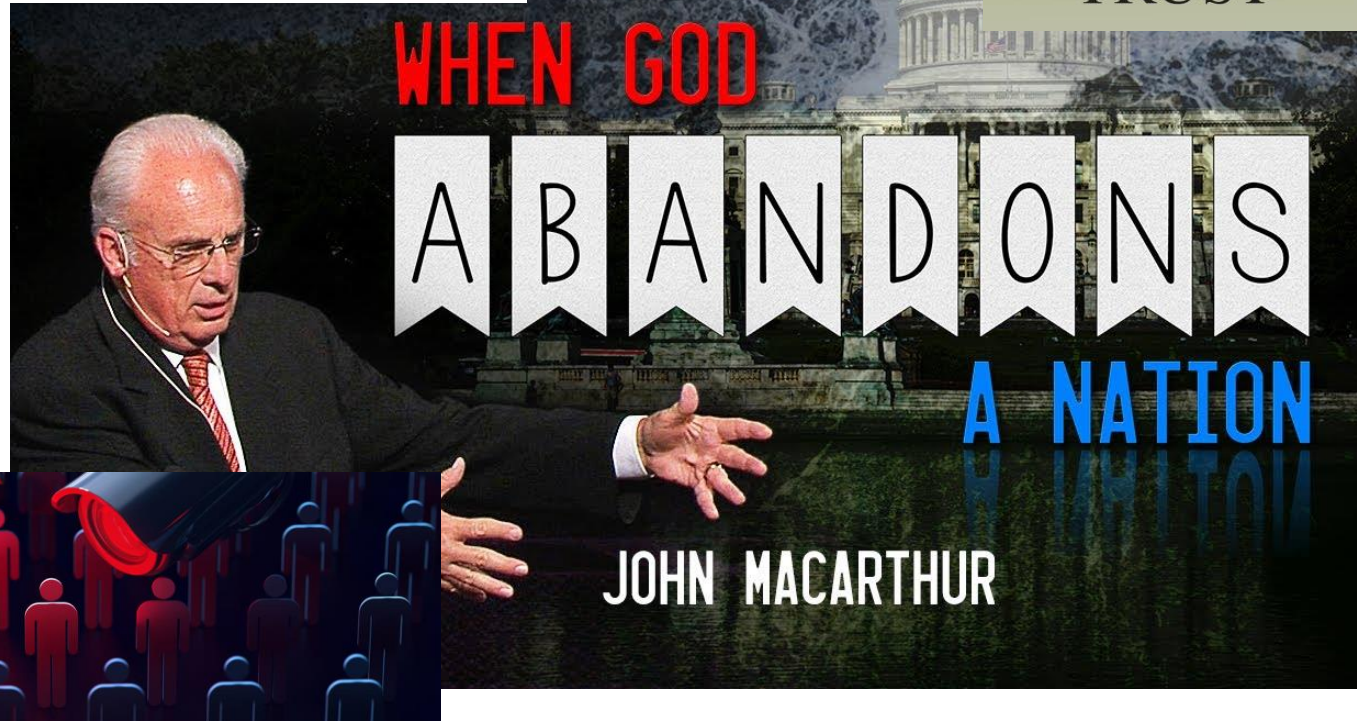
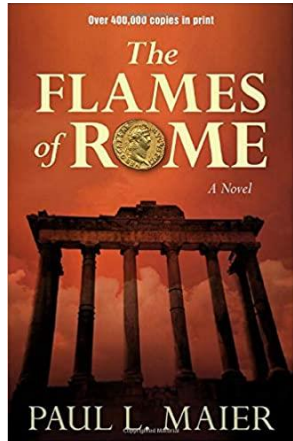
70+ years later,  
the West is in decline  
and the East is on the  
rise!?!

# THE DECLINE OF THE WEST



To understand “The Fall of Rome” and “the decline of the West” from a biblical perspective study Romans 1:18-32

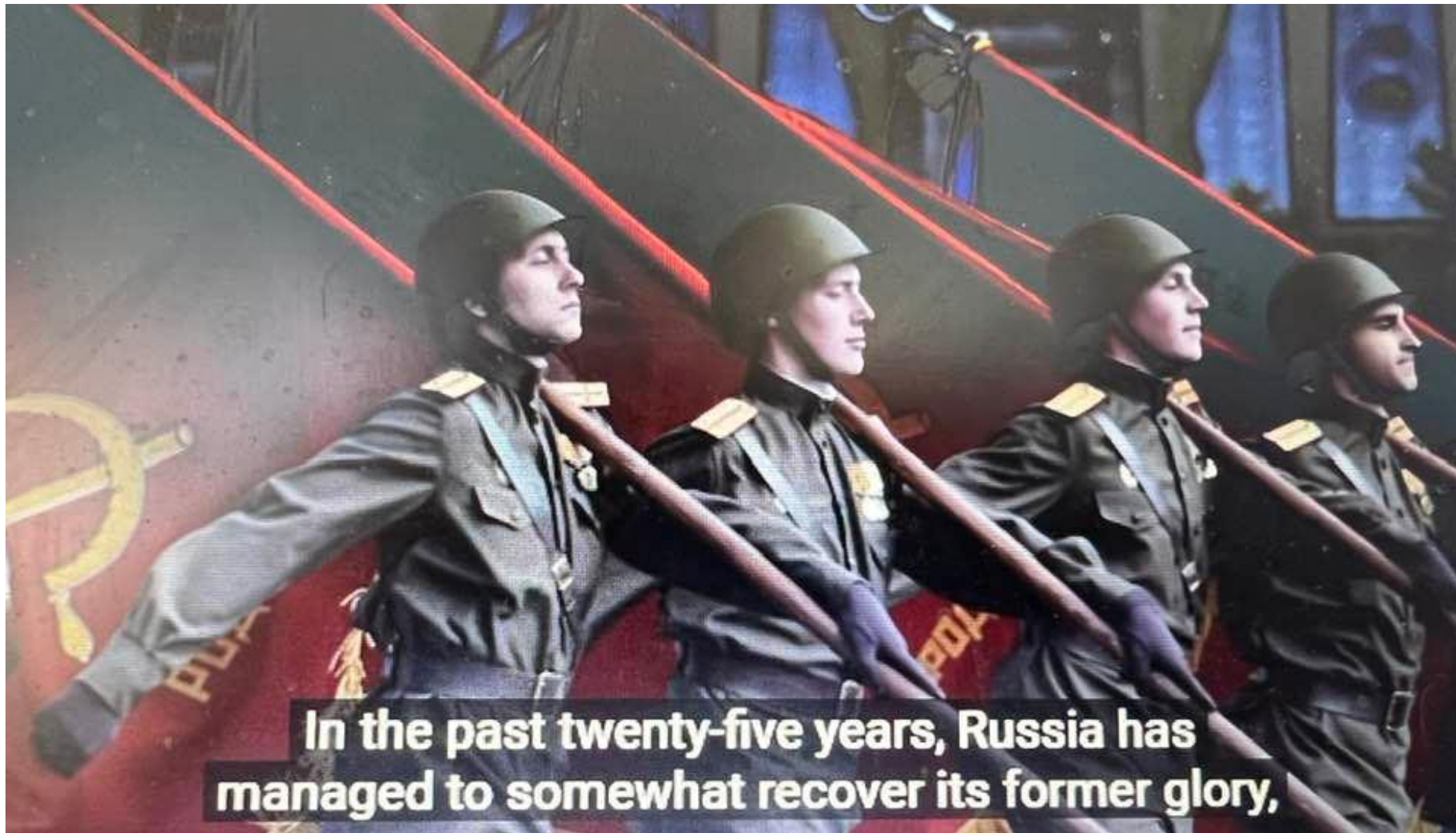
**IS THE BIBLE NOW  
HATE SPEECH?**



IN GOD WE  
**DON'T**  
TRUST





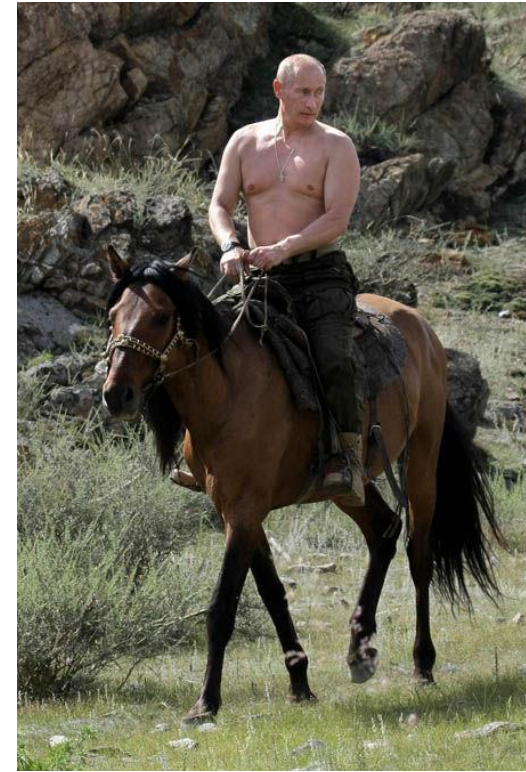


**In the past twenty-five years, Russia has managed to somewhat recover its former glory,**

# Vladimir Putin: the Ruthless Russian Ruler and War Criminal (2000-present)

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**Putin has been preoccupied with two things:  
Keeping power! (and restoring Russian glory days!)**





# Putin's net worth is estimated at over 100 billion dollars. 100,000,000,000

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“...if the rumors are true, the Black Sea 250 million dollar manse isn't Putin's only palace. He enjoys 20 palaces, four yachts, 58 aircraft, and a collection of watches worth £400,000.”

How did Putin come to amass so much geo-political power and earthly fortune?

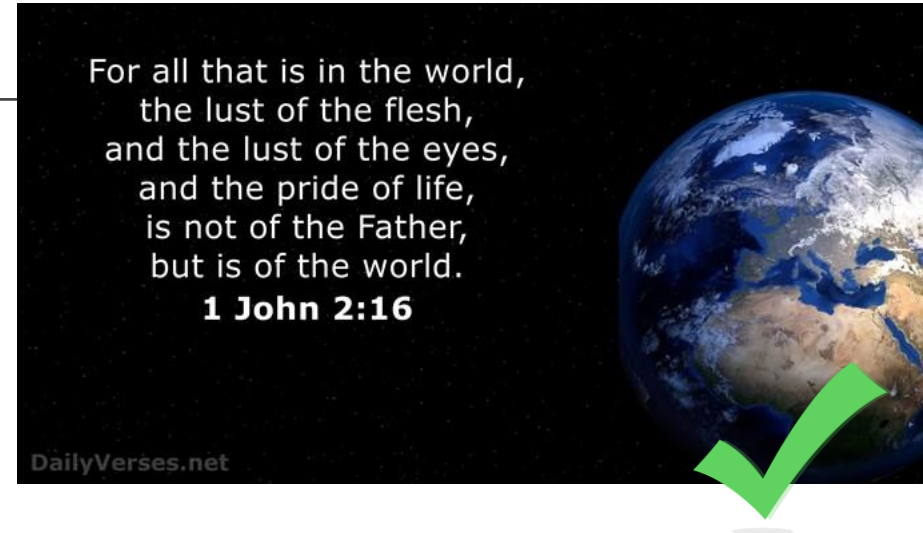
How did he come to have more influence than any Russian leader since Stalin?



# 1 Timothy 6:10



# 1 John 2:16



When godless men and women gain godless amounts of power and money this is what you get!

After the Soviet Union collapsed, *poverty* was widespread. “Russia's economy experienced a 40% GDP decline in the 1990s, and this led to an explosion of *crime*. In 1990, the number of registered crime was 1.84 million. This figure increased to 2.8 million in 1993.”

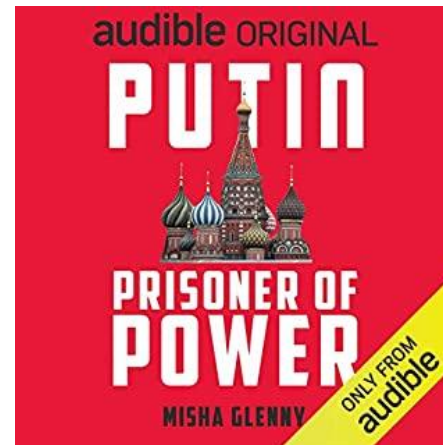
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During the Communist era, the Russian people enjoyed a measure of certainly, stability, and national pride (as a global superpower). After 70 years of “iron fist” Comrade rule, “gangster capitalism” filled the power vacuum. Crime and corruption became commonplace.

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The not so good (lawless) 1990's in many ways paved the way for a “law and order,” KGB man, to seize the Russian presidency (throne)! Someone who could perhaps re-establish a once proud empire! To really understand Putin's unexpected appointment to key positions of authority we need delve a bit deeper.





# The Russian Oligarchs and the post cold war 90's

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Following the fall of the Soviet Union, opportunistic men (the future Oligarchs) seized state assets and took advantage of “free enterprise” opportunities. Rich “businessmen” often needed protection (and for that many initially turned to the Russian Mafia).





The Russian mafia (*Krisha*) provided protection to wealthy “businessmen” for a percentage of a company's profits (similar to the Mexican cartel). (Protection for a Present)

One of the leading figures to emerge during this time period, Boris Berezovsky, made a fortune during the turbulent 90's. By 1997 *Forbes* magazine estimated his wealth at 3 billion dollars. Berezovsky (“the Godfather of the Oligarchs”) eventually purchased Russia's main television station, *Channel One*. As the Russian oligarchs increased personal wealth, often via “gangster capitalism,” some began to crave more political power. Berezovsky and friends had the assets (main TV station), money and power to bank role Boris Yeltsin's re-election campaign. In exchange, Russia's President handed over certain state companies (such as Russia's vast mineral wealth/oil). During his second term, as Yeltsin's popularity shrunk, Berezovsky and Dorenko (who owned the other major TV channel) envisioned finding a suitable replacement.. Someone that “they could control.” (per Misha Glenny). “Someone like Vladimir Putin.”

# Pivotal Putin events:

## 1998 Russian Financial Collapse

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Pivotal Putin moment:  
1999 Moscow Apartment Bombings: “Russia’s 9-11.”

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# Post Cold War 1.0

## 1991-1999

### *Russia experienced Economic decline*

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**1991-1999** During his 8 year tenure as President of the new *Russian Federation* Yeltsin tried to improve the financial situation via economic reform(s) but was unsuccessful.

**December 31, 1999-** "I want to beg forgiveness for your dreams that never came true. And also I'd like to beg forgiveness not to have justified your hopes." "Battered by booze, multiple heart attacks, and semi-open rebellion by a Russian military furious over NATO's muscle-flexing- Yeltsin abruptly and unexpectedly resigned."

#### **2000- Putin's Promise to Russia**

**"To restore Russian honor and dignity" at home and abroad.**

**Secretly he planned on holding onto power and to use it for self promotion and national glory!**



# 2000- A Pivotal Transfer of Power from Yeltsin to Putin.

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**“Putin’s Revenge:** Humiliated by the 1990’s, Russia’s Strongman is determined to win the Cold War 2.0. He may be Succeeding.”  
Politico- 12/16/16

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In the summer of 2000, the nuclear-powered submarine Kursk sank in an accident in the Barents Sea. Eventually all 118 personnel on board died. Putin was on holiday when this tragic accident happened. Putin was very detached and showed no empathy for his countrymen. To make things worse, Putin would not accept rescue help from nearby Western nations. As noted, Putin's pride is only matched by his ambition. Unlike their detached leader, the entire nation was glued to their television sets as various rescue efforts were attempted. During one, now infamous press conference, a grieving mother expressed her anger over Putin and the government's response was to inject this lady with a sedative to prevent her from further "embarrassing Putin" on camera.



# “I’ll make you an offer you can’t refuse.”

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After outmaneuvering his main rivals, Putin invited the other Oligarchs over for a “BBQ.”

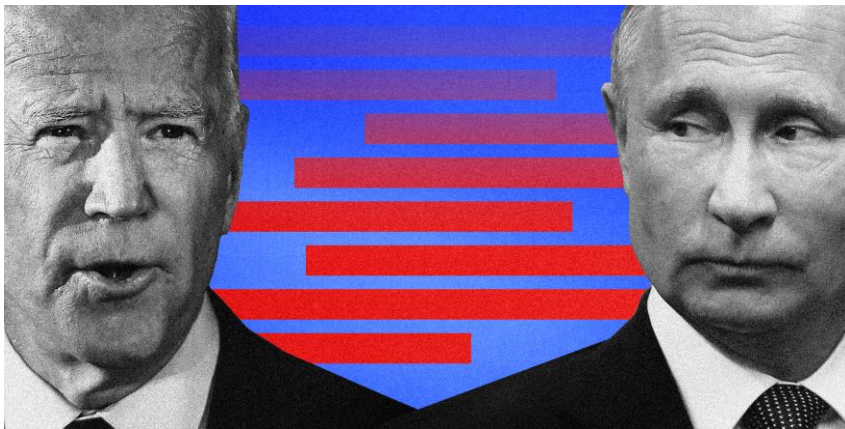
He tells them they can make money however they want- so long as they don’t get into politics or double cross him. “Otherwise, you will end up like Berezovsky.”



# Failing to Grasp Putin's (Sinister) Soul and underestimating his true (Global) Ambitions!

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President George W. Bush famously said he looked into Putin's eyes and "*was able to get a sense of his soul.*" Bush initially liked what he thought he saw (as did most of the Western powers).



# 2003

## The Queen hosts Putin

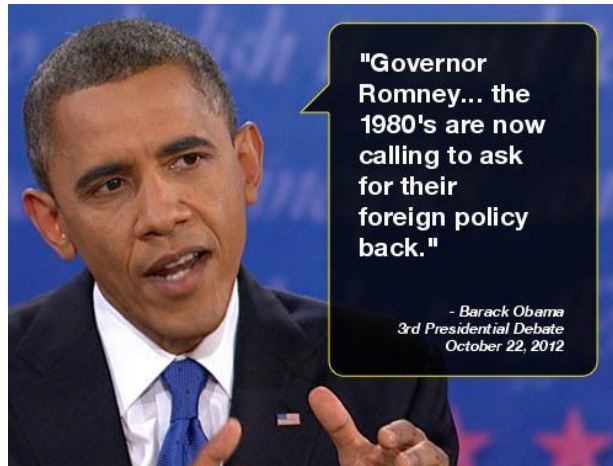
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Even a broken clock  
is right twice a day.



During the 2012 campaign Mitt Romney warned that “*Russia is America’s top geopolitical foe.*” In one debate Barack Obama replied, “the 1980’s are now calling to ask for their foreign policy back, because the Cold War’s been over for 20 years.”  
This dismissive view has allowed Putin to get Russia back in the global superpower race.



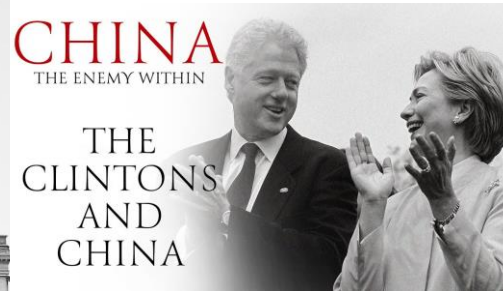


# 2001- Forging Key Alliances America's Enemies (such as China and later Libya and Iran).

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“In 2001, China and Russia signed the [Treaty of Good Neighborliness and Friendly Cooperation](#), the first pact between the two countries since 1950. China and Russia will ‘remain friends forever and never become enemies,’ the treaty said.” **This treaty was a sign of troubling things to come; (China entered in new trade agreements with Russia prior to the 2022 war with Ukraine/NATO).**

**DAILY WIRE series- Understanding the Chinese threat.**



# \$\$\$Russia fuels and heats much of Europe making Putin Billions of Dollars\$\$\$



## Gas pipelines to Europe

### Planned gas pipeline projects

- Existing
- To be built
- Nabucco West
- Trans Adriatic
- Trans Anatolian
- Blue Stream
- South Caucasus Expansion
- Southern Corridor

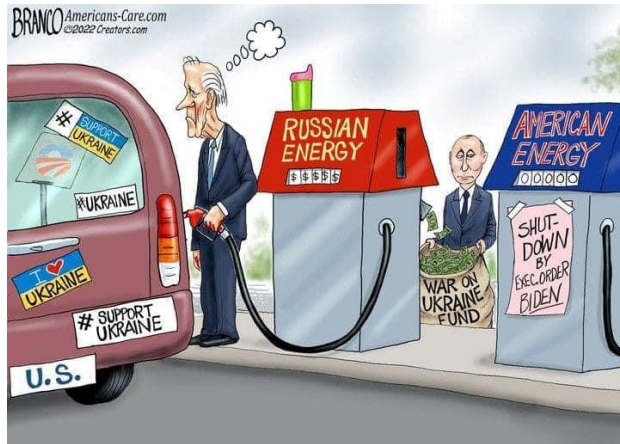


Source: Companies, World Energy Atlas

Staff, C. Inton, 12/02/2015

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Congratulations to US DOT Transportation Secretary nominee [@PeteButtigieg](#) ! We're looking forward to continue working with you to make transportation greener and more accessible to all Americans!





# Putin's "Invincible War!"

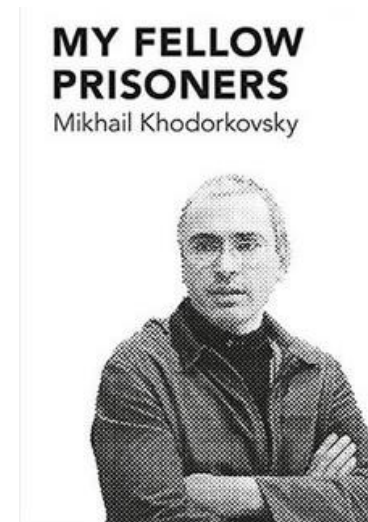
Throughout his bloody reign Putin has systematically eliminated personal and state enemies. The KGB/FSB and GRU are master's of *untraceable murders*. Time and time again Putin has sent those who oppose him a strong message: **"Cross me and there is no safe place for you on earth!"** The more Putin has gotten away with the more he has been emboldened. Putin shocked the West in 2018 when Russian assassins attempted to murdered a double agent on British soil.



# For 10 years Khodorkovsky was Putin's top prisoner.

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In 2003 Russian's richest man dared challenge Russian leaders to collectively address widespread corruption in a public format. In response, Putin arrested Russia's wealthiest Oligarch and sentenced him to a Siberian Prison (Khodorkovsky now lives in Europe- another exiled former Oligarch).



# 2004- Putin poisons Ukrainian leader

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2004- “Putin was furious when Washington/President Bush backed a popular, pro-Western movement.”

After winning the election Yushchenko's health began to fail. Ukraine's future President had been poisoned.

Pro-Russian candidate Yanukovich challenged the results. A Civil War in Ukraine nearly started.





## 2006- Nuclear Poisoning of Alexander Litvinenko (a British citizen). Murderous thugs attack Putin's vocal critic in England!

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"2006- The victim, an ex-colleague of Putin's in the FSB – turned vocal critic of Putin. Litvinenko, 44, was poisoned with **radioactive polonium-210** slipped into his tea." This murder of a British citizen was as "a mini act of nuclear terrorism" at a posh London hotel. *ALARM bells should have gone off everywhere in the West!* The Russian Bear is back!



*Traces of this nuclear weapon were eventually found everywhere!*

This illegal nuclear substance is so dangerous British authorities informed Litvinenko's family that his dead body could not be cremated for 20 years! Pathological Liar Putin (again) "denied involvement."



Keep in mind that many of Satan's most useful  
earthly pawns are/were  
Murderous, Pathological Liars!



You are of your father the devil, and you  
want to do the desires of your father.  
He was a murderer from the beginning,  
and does not stand in the truth because  
there is no truth in him. Whenever he  
speaks a lie, he speaks from his own  
nature for he is a liar and the  
father of lies. John 8:44

# 2015- Assassins kill (anti Putin) Russian on American soil in a Washington D.C. hotel.

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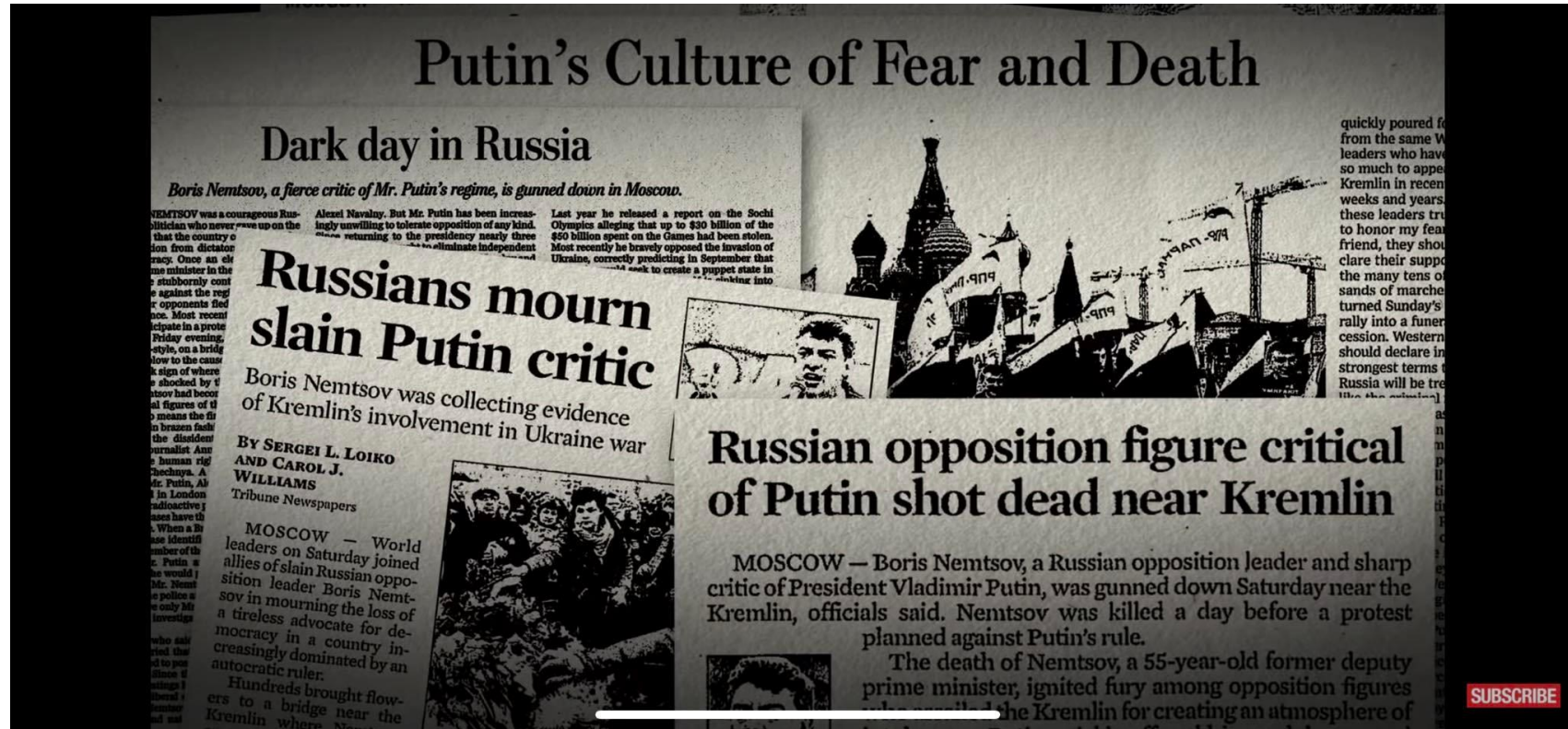
Former Russian media titan/Russian Press Secretary Mikhail Lesin's brutal murder, (he was beaten to death/fractured neck bone), took place just before he was slated to sit down for an interview with the US Justice Department. Some believe Putin intended to scare him (the beating went too far).

*Perhaps like the murder of  
Anti-Saudi (Muslim Brotherhood)  
Journalist, Jamal Khashoggi.*

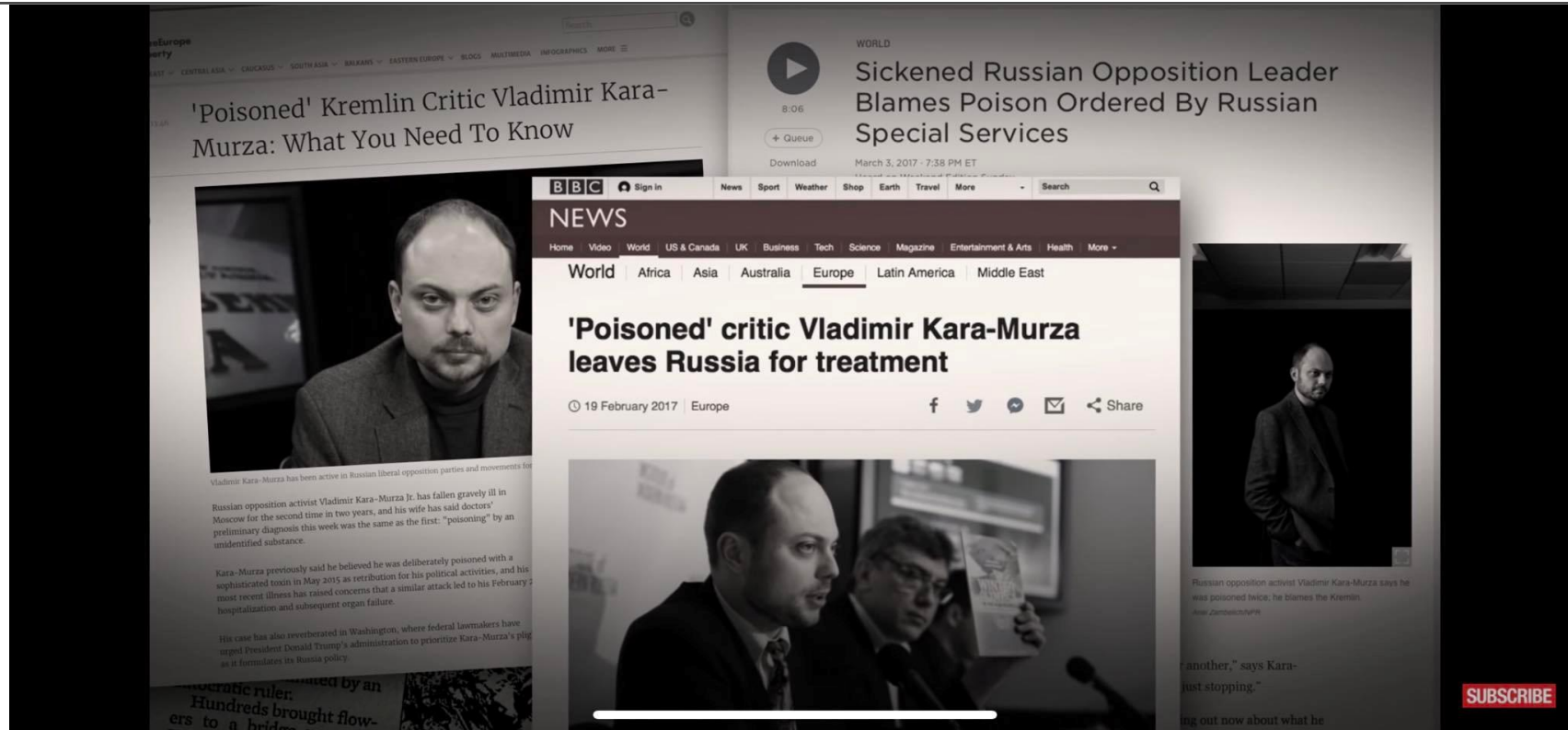




# Putin's bloody reign of terror should have been one sign that we're involved in a new Cold War



# If “so and so” cannot be bought, a Brutal Dictator simply eliminates the opposition!



MOSCOW — Boris A. ...

# Ex-tycoon from Russia found dead

Exiled and residing in Britain, the Putin foe had claimed to be a target. Police treat the cause as unexplained.

BY SERGEI L. LOIKO

MOSCOW — Boris Berezovsky, 67, an exiled Russian ex-tycoon who played a key

**BORIS BEREZOVSKY 1946-2013**

## Exiled Russian ex-tycoon who came to revile Putin

BY SERGEI L. LOIKO  
Tribune Newspapers

MOSCOW — Boris Berezovsky, an exiled Russian

interview.

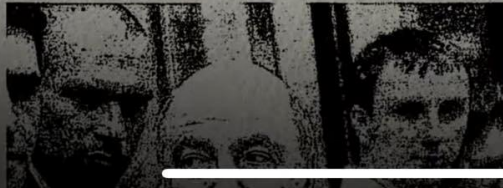
Shortly after Putin came to power, he distanced himself from most of Yeltsin's favorite oligarchs and de-



## Berezovsky, 67; self-exiled Russian tycoon who ran afoul of Putin

ad London.

A mathematician-turned-Mercedes dealer, Mr. Berezovsky amassed his wealth during Russia's chaotic privatization of state assets in the early 1990s. In return for backing former Russian President Boris Yeltsin, he gained political clout



quired by state corporations or cooperative tycoons, often at bargain prices.

In the UK, Mr. Berezovsky allied himself with an array of prominent Kremlin critics. Among them was ex-KGB agent Alexander Litvinenko, who fled with Mr. Berezovsky's

extradite on a wide variety of criminal charges — engineered his friend's death as a way of embarrassing the Kremlin and buttressing his refugee status.

Mr. Berezovsky, who considered Litvinenko a close friend, consistently denied the allegations.

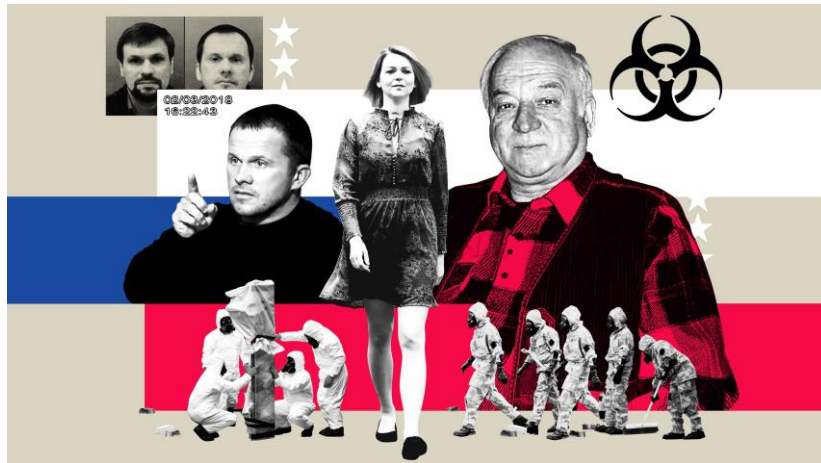
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# 2018- Dangerous Chemical Weapon attack by Putin on European soil.

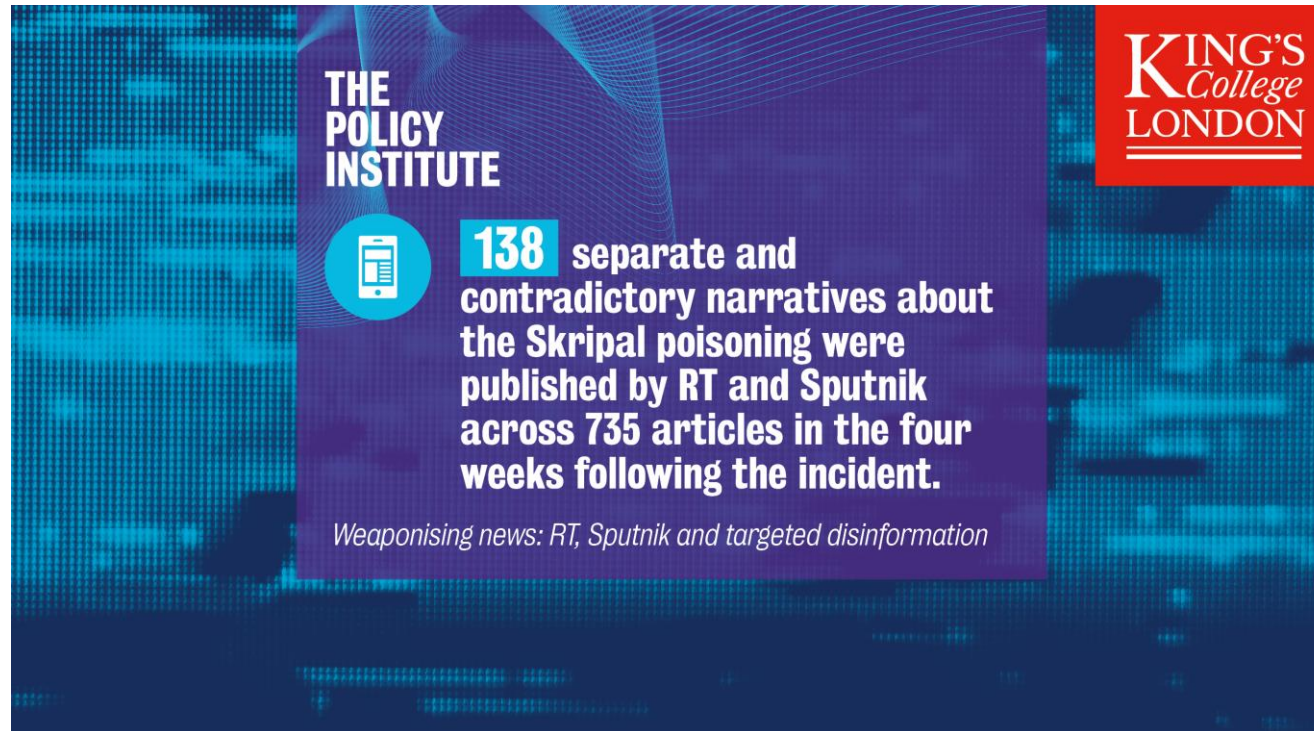
In 2018, in Salisbury, England the Kremlin went after a double agent (recently exchanged during a prisoner swap) using an “untraceable chemical weapon;” (a dangerous nerve agent).

**Putin’s provocation with the West is now quite purposeful.** When the sleepy West finally does something in response to Russian aggression, Putin presents himself as “the defender of the motherland.” The timing of this terribly reckless attack (many British citizens came into contact with this illegal bio-weapon) was right before the 2018 Presidential election (which Putin won by 77%).



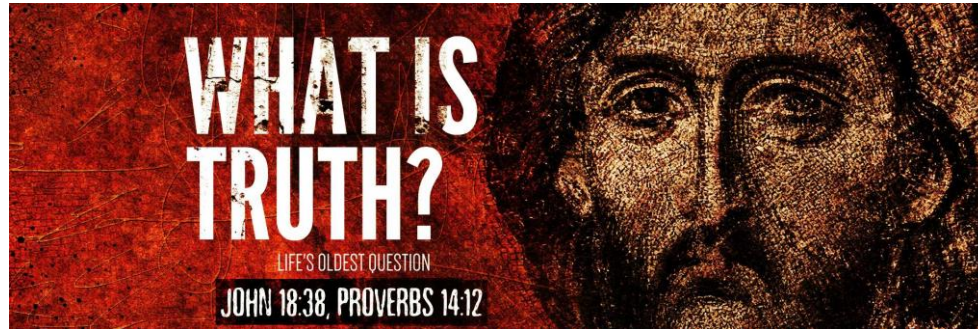
Putin is a master propagandist. Fake news stories surrounded the attempted assassination of this Russian defector on Western soil.

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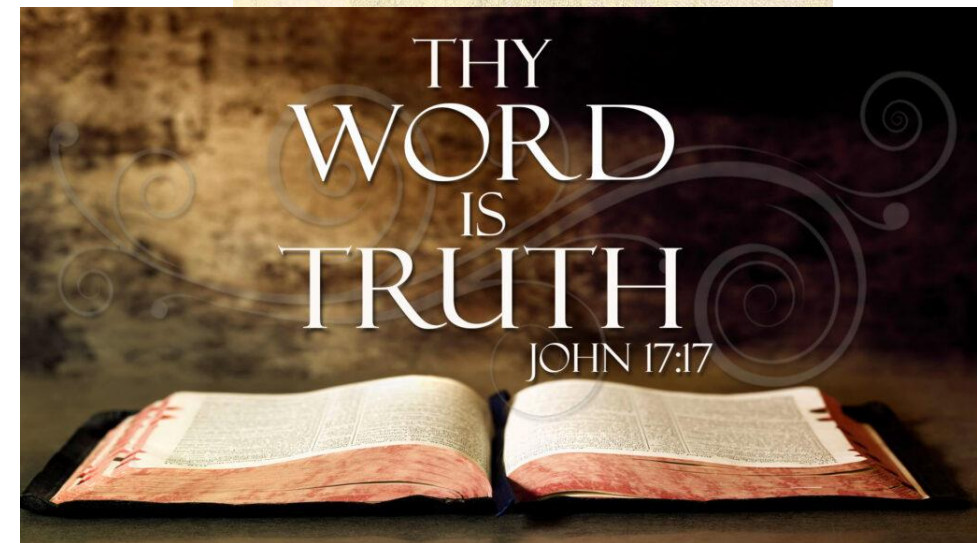
Practical Application: *With so much fake news, disinformation, deceitful “fake checking,” and neatly packaged lies Christians need to remember that they source we can trust is the Infallible Word of God (rightly interpreted) and the God of Truth.*

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**John 14:6**

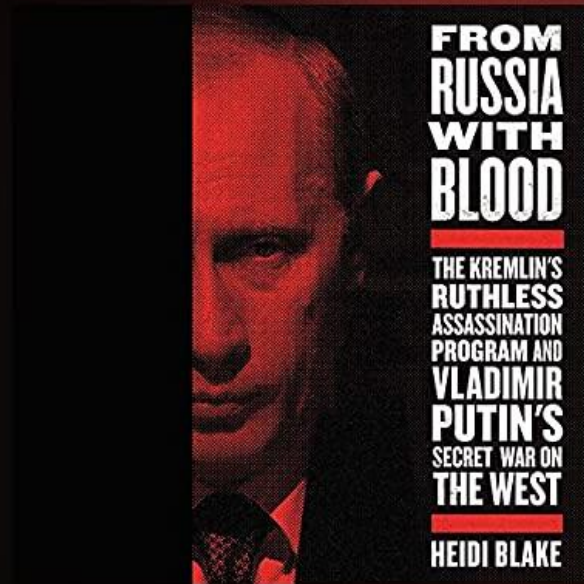
Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."





# Putin's True Colors





LISTENING ON

audible 

# Practical Application: Why is Putin hyper paranoid? (the unintended consequences of a guilty conscience).

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*The wicked flee when none pursueth.  
-Proverbs 28:1*



# Why Putin Will Not Leave Office Until He's Forcibly Removed or Chooses to Do So.

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**2008-** After two consecutive terms as President (8 years), the Russian Constitution requires that individual take one 4-year term off. Putin handed picked his successor and was then appointed Prime Minister. Putin remained the main man in his new position (surprise, surprise).

**2012f-** Putin was then elected to a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> term as President (in 2012 and in 2018).

**2021-Putin signs law allowing him to run for two more terms as Russian President (changing terms from 4 to 6 years)-** *This new law paves the way for Putin to run for two more presidential terms, potentially extending his rule until 2036 (when he is 83 years old).*



# Second Cold War



Putin's Cold War with the West includes: 1) Putin's assassins (GRU, FSB, mafia) murdering enemies, not only in Russia, but recently on Western soil. 2) Regular cyber attacks and more aggressive spy networks; 3) Coupes and Efforts to destabilize pro-Western nations; 4) Election Interference and Disinformation campaigns; 5) Key alliances with America's Enemies (CHINA, Syria/Iran). 6) Increased Military Aggression. Other actions: 7) Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 (Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur) attack. Plane shot down on July 17, 2014 while flying over eastern Ukraine. All 283 passengers and 15 crew were killed. Russia blamed for this attack.



# Putin has tried to build a strong Eur-Asian Economic Union (to counter the EU and America)

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# Putin's Military Aggression



# Are These the Last Days?

## 2 Timothy 3:1-5

<sup>1</sup>But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come.<sup>2</sup>For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,<sup>3</sup>unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,<sup>4</sup>traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God<sup>5</sup>having a form of godliness but denying its power; avoid such men as these.

We do not know! We do know we're in the later days but remember that there are "later days" in the "later days." Beware of "prophecy experts" who profiteer off well intentioned people.

Sign of the times- future Tribulation;

You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.

**Matthew 24:6-8 (NKJV)**

# 2008- Putin's War on (pro-West) Georgia

“After Georgia deported four suspected Russian spies in 2006, Russia began a full-scale diplomatic and economic war against Georgia, followed by the persecution of ethnic Georgians living in Russia.”





# 2014- Russia Briefly Invades Ukraine and Annexes Crimea. (Hitler annexed Sudetenland in 1938)

In 2014, Russia invaded and subsequently annexed the Crimean Peninsula from Ukraine. This event took place in the aftermath of the Revolution of Dignity and is part of the wider Russo-Ukrainian War.”



Crimea was transferred within the Soviet Union from Russia to Ukraine in 1954 by then leader Nikita Khrushchev (a Ukrainian). After the Soviet collapse in 1991, the peninsula and its mostly Russian population remained part of independent Ukraine, but has been a persistent bone of contention between Moscow and Kiev



# 2016- Russia Bombs Syria during Syrian Civil War on behalf of Bashar al-Assad Assad; (Syria's brutal Dictator).

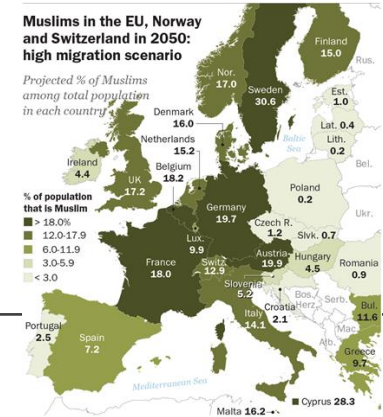
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Russia/Putin committed "War Crimes" in Syria but nothing ever really came of these bombings; (Russian air raids indiscriminately hit civilians and may have intentionally targeted hospitals). Assad used *chemical weapons* on his own people (President Obama claimed this would be his "red line"). Evil men often exploit weakness!



# War always Brings Mass Suffering...

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According to World Vision, “About 6.8 million Syrians became refugees and asylum-seekers, and another 6.7 million people are displaced within Syria. That’s 13.5 million Syrian...more than half of the country’s population....And about half of the people affected...are children.” With recent wars in Iraq, Syria, Libya, Yemen, and “the Arab Spring” Muslim refugees have made new homes in various places, including in many European nations, and in America. That’s a lecture for another time.





## We do not have time to get into Russia's military involvement in:

1991-93; War in Abkhazia.

1992- Transnistria War and the subsequent Civil War

1994-96; First Chechen War.

1999-2009; Second Chechen War

2008- Russo-Georgian War (Putin blames Bush/West)



# Putin has WARNING the West for years, but few have been listening.

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2007 Munich Conference- Putin lectured key foreign leaders claiming that America is imposing its natural interests on weak nations (many of which are former Russian states). “No one feels safe” because of American imperialism. Putin drew a line in the sand and basically said, “Enough is enough!”



enough is  
**enough**

# Putin views America as a Sinister Puppet Master- “Imposing Democracy” on Weak Nations- Making the World a Far Worse Place. We are in a 2<sup>nd</sup> COLD WAR with Russia on the precipice perhaps of WW III.

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Putin blames nearly every international crisis on America; especially geo-political uprisings in former Soviet Union states (like Georgia, Ukraine) and in the Middle East (Egypt/Libya).

When Secretary Clinton formed an international coalition during “the Arab Spring” in 2011 and helped eliminate brutal dictator Gaddafi (the Lion of Libby/and strong Russian ally), Putin viewed this as an indirect attack. **If I do not act the United States will remove me from power and will “control Russia” like a pawn as it did under Yeltsin in the 90’s.**





# Putin spent 50 billion dollars on the 2014 Sochi Olympics

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2014-15

“America purposefully rained  
on my big moment on the global stage...!”

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# PUTIN'S REVENGE



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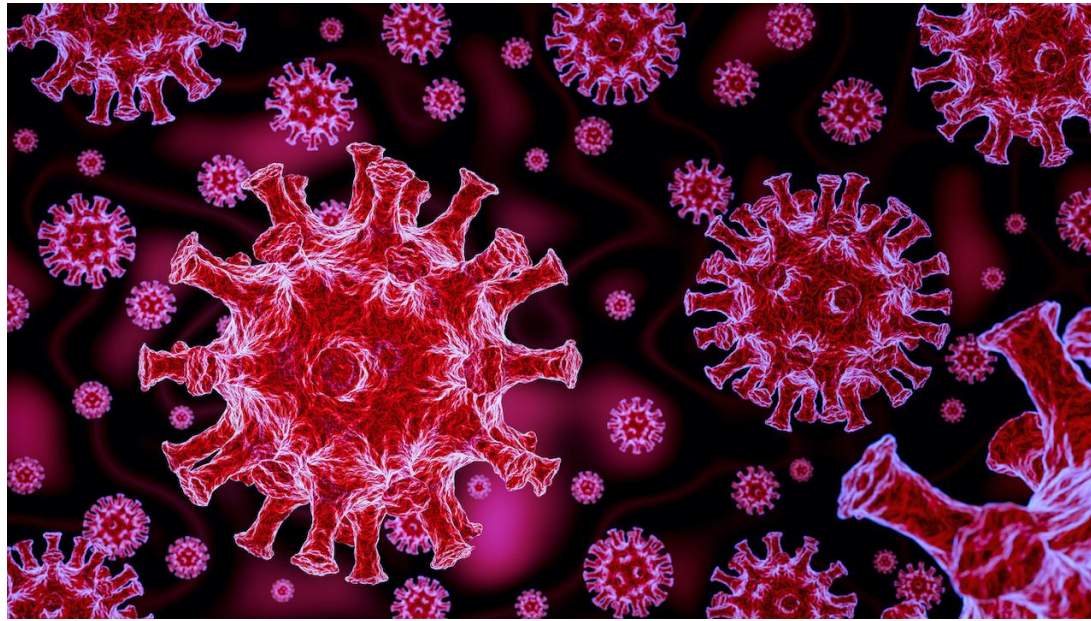
# American Weakness on Full Display in Biden's Disastrous Afghan Pull-Out

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8/16/21- "Biden's botched Afghan exit is a disaster at home and abroad long in the making-" CNN



Hyper-paranoid Putin did not disappoint during the Covid 19 pandemic. Self-quarantining for 2 years. The select few that did get to see him were required to quarantine in a special hotel for two weeks.



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Some scholars view Russia “as a democracy that is in the process of failing.” Others see it as “an authoritarian system that is in the process of succeeding.”





# Putin's Telling Demands



**2022**- “To prevent a military invasion of Ukraine, Putin issued demands that included de facto veto power over NATO expansion (which he greatly fears and despises) and the containment of NATO forces to countries that had been members prior to 1997. This would effectively remove the NATO security umbrella from E. and S. Europe as well as the Baltic states.” Western leaders flatly rejected Putin’s demands (understanding Putin’s intention are to restore the glory and might of the former Soviet Empire).

Undeterred, Putin ordered a full-scale invasion of Ukraine (which for some reason caught most of the world by surprise).



“We will demilitarize and de-nazify Ukraine.”

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# 2015-present; War in Donbas, Ukraine.

## 2022-present; Putin Invades- Ukraine WAR



Source: UK MoD / Institute for the Study of War (21:00 GMT, 9 March)

BBC





Yuri SmityukTASS via Getty Images

#### NEWS

## Russia Begins Full-Scale Invasion Into Ukraine, Putin Confirms 'Military Operation' Underway

By Ryan Saavedra

Feb 23, 2022 DailyWire.com

Russia has reportedly launched their full scale invasion into Ukraine during the early morning hours on Thursday, according to a top U.S. Senator.

Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL), Vice Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, tweeted, "The Russian invasion of Ukraine is now underway."

"In the hours to come, Russia will conduct strikes on air defense systems, move to cut off Kyiv from eastern Ukraine, [and] move to cut off Ukraine's military forces on the line of contact in the east to

“A picture is (sometimes) worth a thousand words.”

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*Nobody will forgive. Nobody will forget.  
This attack on Kharkiv is a war crime.*

**Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy**

Speaking after a deadly Russian strike on the main square of Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, on Tuesday, March 1.







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**I don't need a RIDE,**



**I need AMMUNITION**



## Refugees Fleeing Ukraine Now Represent Biggest Movement of People in Europe Since World War II







# Gatestone's Perspective on Biden/Ukraine/Putin

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- To induce Ukraine to give up the nuclear weapons inherited on the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the U.S., Great Britain and Russia agreed to provide assurances. If Washington were to allow Russia to gobble up the rest of Ukraine, it would tell non-nuclear states they must have nuclear arsenals because they cannot rely on the nuclear weapons powers for security.
- Biden's threats have been unpersuasive and so far Putin has not been persuaded.
- Biden immediately sanctioned the two regions but did not impose costs on the bad actor, Russia. He has promised further measures, but only after an invasion. Moreover, his sanctions are unlikely to be so severe as to force Putin to leave Ukraine. In fact, on the 15th of this month, Biden made it clear that sanctions would be less than regime-threatening.
- It is now time for the United States to remember the promises made—those in writing and those made informally.
- Putin, after all, will not stop at Ukraine.

## Owen Strachan

“Watching the New Evangelical Left back

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a) national borders

b) strong nationalism

c) martial courage

d) bold manhood

e) pushback against tyranny

is a sight to behold. All that represents “white supremacist Christian nationalism” in America is <checks notes> good overseas.

I may be behind, but I am doing my best to catch up!”



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# PRAY FOR UKRAINE



# Missionary Prayer Updates

US Embassy, Kyiv, Reported that in Chernihiv  
Russian forces killed 10 people while in line for bread

PLEASE PRAY FOR  
PASTOR IGOR & NATASHA

I have not heard from  
Pastor Igor today and I am  
concerned for him, his  
wife, and family. Please  
join with me in praying for  
him and his family.



# Missionary Prayer Updates

Pray for our brothers & sisters in Mariupol, it is under "constant shelling", with women and children killed, officials say.

- Pray for our student **Andrea T.** as he ministers in Mariupol
- Pray for a **ceasefire** agreed between Russia and Ukraine - to allow civilians to evacuate.

Proposed evacuation route from Mariupol





# Missionary Prayer Updates

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**URGENT PRAYER: 120 PEOPLE TRAPPED IN CHURCH BASEMENT IN MARIUPOL**



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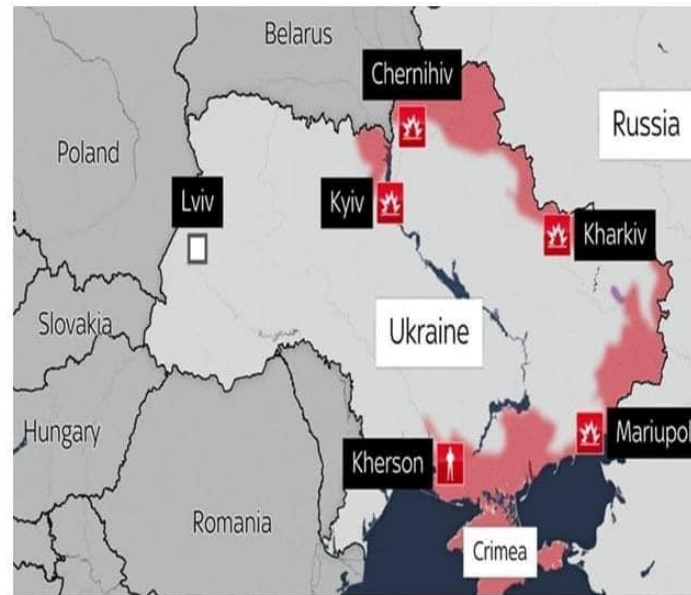
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## PLEASE PRAY FOR PASTOR IGOR & NATASHA



Greetings, we are fine. We sit in the basement most of the time. The air-raid siren sounds frequently. For the last two days the Russian army shelling has also been directed at our neighborhood. The day before yesterday a Russian plane completely bombed my children's school. Yesterday missiles hit our district of the city. Strong explosions were heard in the immediate vicinity. Several people died on the street who were not in shelter. Thank God for keeping us safe! We're hanging in there. Trusting in the Lord. Praying.

Pastor Igor & Natasha



Please pray for Chernihiv,  
for Ukraine!

# Missionary Prayer Updates

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR PASTOR OLEG IVANO-FRANKISK

Oleg's letter to me this evening:

Greg,

The last two days have been difficult, but they have brought much joy in ministering to those who in need today. We received aid from Germany (1500 kg) yesterday and today we have distributed everything. First, we distributed what was needed in our city, including distribution to individual families that we help. This morning the remaining aid was handed over to two more churches, which also help the refugees (they have about 50 people together). This morning, Maxim (GBS faculty member) and a group of believers from our church took aid to a dormitory located in the mountains (100 km from us), where 100 orphans are living (from several months to 12 years old). The orphans are from Kharkov. A group of brothers from our church went to L'viv today to meet another van with humanitarian aid from Germany. We hope to give it away as soon as soon as possible. As usual, at four o'clock we had a church prayer time with our members and with refugees who are staying at our church.

This evening 5 more new refugees came to our church. We expect more people tomorrow. Of those who came today, this is a young family, they have two children, they came from the city of Sumy. They are unbelievers, but they are in great need of help. Tomorrow we will have a service, we pray that people will come and hear the Gospel.

• Blessings, Oleg







'He delivered us from such a deadly peril,  
and he will deliver us. On him we have  
set our hope that he will deliver us again.'

**2 Corinthians 1:10**

READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR // M'CHEYNE

How does this all end?

What will Russia/China/Iran do next?

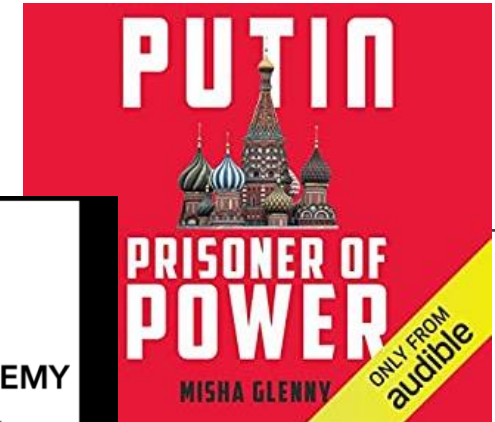
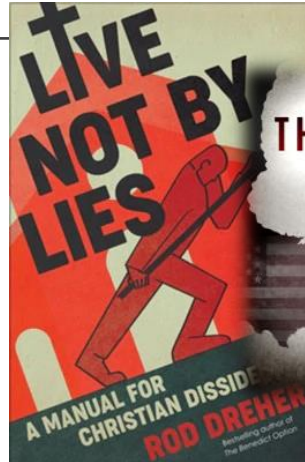
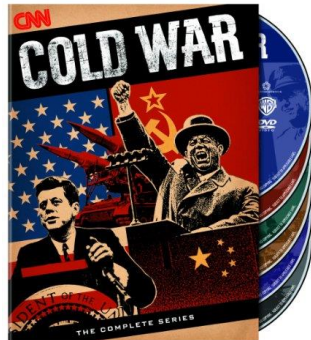
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Honestly, I do not know but this I can say with full certainty. *God is sovereign and good (Romans 8:28f); and in Him we trust! Let us press on in the Lord's strength and in the Savior's love, knowing the battle (ultimately) belongs to the Lord!*

Let's end our time singing one final song!

**Psalm 121- "He Will Keep You!"**

# Primary Sources (Not Including Countless Articles)





# **A Biblical, Heart-felt Prayer for Ukraine**

Daniel Boldea, Lake Country Bible Church, 2/27/21.

“Heavenly Father,

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You are God in times of peace, God in times of war.

You are God in times of joy, God in times of mourning and grief.

You have always been and will always be GOD!

We are overwhelmed by Your love and humbled that You, our Sovereign God, would even care to hear our prayers.

We are deserving of nothing but wrath but draw near as sons and daughters redeemed by the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

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We pray for those unable to leave, for the children sheltering in root cellars, for the orphans in Poltava that are in the basement and too afraid to be evacuated, for the elderly too weak to be moved, for the pastors serving their flocks during this time and refusing to flee, for those congregating under the threat of active fire, be with them, Lord. Strengthen them. May the Holy Spirit comfort them and grant them peace.

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May we be challenged by their example and draw closer to You, trusting You in every aspect of our lives! May we value each other, grow in our love for each other, and grow Your church in unity. As many before us stepped out in faith, Lord, we pray that You would move on our hearts to do the same.

With others unable to worship this morning in their churches, we do not take our freedom to congregate for granted. We thank You, Father, for this tremendous blessing!

I also pray for the students fleeing Ukraine through Romania. May they see the fruit of the Spirit in the believers ministering to them, and may they respond to the powerful message of the Gospel.

Please protect the church buildings. We pray that they would withstand this attack and that this too would serve as a testimony among non-believers in the communities...



Thank you for Your outpouring of love towards the people of Ukraine through individuals, ministries, and churches around the world!

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Father, sustain our brothers and sisters; may they persevere to the end of this turmoil. If You have decided to take some home during this time, please grant them love and grace to share the Gospel even with their torturer or executioner.

Father, keep them steadfast of mind and in perfect peace as they place their trust in You.

Whether in victory, defeat or with their final breath, may they be found proclaiming the Name above all names, the Name of our Lord Jesus.

For we are “persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

It is in Your Great Name we pray and in your Sovereign Plan we trust,

Amen.”