



From The North

There just seems to be so many unusual things going on in the world today and I am going to just point you in the direction of some of the things going on that may not be particularly interesting on the surface but should be watched.

When we talk about Nuclear War. Most people do not understand one of the key foundations of nuclear doctrine. No, it is not Mutually Assured Destruction but something that does not really grab headlines. When a Nation launches a first strike on another nation, Major Cities and industrial capacity are indeed on any target list but the first thing that Nuclear targeters will look at is to neutralize or otherwise degrade the target nations ability to retaliate from a first strike. So what kinds of things will they be looking at? Nuclear missile Silo's, Submarines, Airbases that launch nuclear capable Bombers. That is what both the Russians and Americas will target in any nuclear war. When they launch their missiles, they want to make sure that when the other guy can't launch back or does so with significantly diminished strength. It's why I talked about Mobile Missiles not long ago in Russia. Here is one of Russia's [Mobile Misslie Systems](#). Why are they mobile? To make them hard to find. You may be able to find most of them, but not all at any given time. Thus Russia has to keep the Americans (or Chinese) guessing about where their missiles are at any given time. This has enormous advantages for Russia in that she is by far the largest country in the world in terms of sheer land area. The more space, the harder it is to find these missiles that move around regularly into caves, mountains, underground facilities and other facilities designed to obscure them. Not only that but not all missiles that look like missiles are missiles, Dummy Rockets can be used to compel the enemy to 'waste' his nuclear missiles to destroy mock ups. This is one of the advantages of the Russian System. It is mobile and redundant and highly dispersible for indefinite periods of time. The Russians are **not** stupid. They plan for Nuclear war as though they are going to have to fight it. Granted, since the days of the old Soviet Union things have changed but with Putin at the Helm, you can be sure of this; Russia will maintain a strong and credible nuclear deterrent/first strike capability (despite what is written in treaties). Know this dear readers, Putin understands power better than any other modern politician. He knows how to use whatever 'levers' are at his persona disposal. He will use them without any kind of western style hypocrisy. He knows what he wants, will tell you up front and will let you know what he will do if he does not get what he wants and will use power to explain his position in a way that all fully understand. To Europe he has in the past said' "[Sergei Andreiovich.....cut off the gas, let them taste the cold, then they will talk](#)'

Putin is not the kind of man who is going to bluff you. If he says he is going to do it, unless he is fully convinced that you are holding a better hand AND knows that you are actually willing to

play it, he is going to carry out whatever threats he makes.

Focus Arctic.

The Coast Guard is preparing for a major spike in sea traffic in the arctic soon as Shell begins its drilling project in the Arctic. Right now [they have no capability in the Arctic](#). As you know, Putin has already laid claim to the Arctic and its oil and Gas resources in his typical Czar like bombast. While any tension between Russian and (ostensibly) western oil companies drilling in the Arctic have been carefully avoided in media reports, such tension is likely to exist and grow as time passes. Nevertheless at present, there really is little reason for any kind of genuine conflict in the arctic. Why not? It is in everyones interest to keep things peaceful... at least for the foreseeable future. The Arctic is not an issue that people talk about much as it lacks the excitement of a colored revolution or a Mexican Cartels latest killing spree.

*However, the Arctic also offers many opportunities. Some estimates claim that up to **13 percent of the world's undiscovered oil reserves** and almost one-third of the world's undiscovered natural gas reserves are located in the Arctic region. As ice continues to dissipate during the summer months, new shipping lanes have offered additional trade opportunities.*

For example, using the Northeast Passage along the Russian coast reduces a trip from Hamburg to Shanghai by almost 4,000 miles, cuts a week off delivery times, and saves approximately \$650,000 in fuel costs per ship. Unlike in the Gulf of Aden, there are no pirates operating in the Arctic. - [Heritage Foundation](#)

The good news is that Russia and the US are cooperating and even joining in on Joint Exercises in the Arctic. Soon Northern Eagle 2012 will kick off with Russia, Norway and the US participating.

Final planning conference of the Northern Eagle 2012 joint naval exercise finished in Murmansk. Representatives of Russian, Norwegian, and US navies agreed upon terms of the exercise and participating forces. - [Rusnavy.com](#)

But the harsh reality is that the Arctics geopolitical significance is only just now coming into view. Global warming is bringing in these new routes for shipping, Massive oil discoveries and other military considerations are going to make the Arctic a place to keep an eye on. Things such as undetermined Maritime 'borders' future accusations of 'slant' drilling (today probably not technologically feasible but later...) or 'border disputes' into another Geopolitical players oil find or using the arctic to project ones power or anger-retaliation for another's perceived misbehavior in another part of the globe. These are the threats I see over the next several years. For those of you who are looking for a map of current boundaries of arctic claims, they a map of them can be found [on this link](#). Click on over, it is pretty interesting.

So what does this mean and why am I talking about this? Well for a number of reasons, one is that the Lord asked me to. I had no intention of writing on it but the Lord put this in my mind a couple of times the past few days. Second I think that the Arctic will become a new source of oil for America that could help it reduce its dependency on fair-weather friends in the Middle East from whom we import a large part of our oil. Third Russia's aggressive entrance into the arctic is, in my view going to be problematic as the years drag on and oil is slowly 'depleted' in one or the others backyard. Presently Russia has been the dominant player in Arctic

oil extraction and that is not going to change in the near term. Finally, we must be aware that the high cost of arctic exploration and extraction requires a high enough market price to justify the costs of both producing but also of shipping the product to market.

But finally I write this because the North is important when one talks about the fall of Babylon.

Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard; publish, and conceal not: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces. For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein: they shall remove, they shall depart, both man and beast.

(Jer 50:2-3)

Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he goats before the flocks. For, lo, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country: and they shall set themselves in array against her; from thence she shall be taken: their arrows shall be as of a mighty expert man; none shall return in vain. And Chaldea shall be a spoil: all that spoil her shall be satisfied, saith the LORD. Because ye were glad, because ye rejoiced, O ye destroyers of mine heritage, because ye are grown fat as the heifer at grass, and bellow as bulls; Your mother shall be sore confounded; she that bare you shall be ashamed: behold, the hindermost of the nations shall be a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.

(Jer 50:8-12)

Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. They shall hold the bow and the lance: they are cruel, and will not shew mercy: their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses, every one put in array, like a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Babylon.

(Jer 50:41-42)

Therefore, behold, the days come, that I will do judgment upon the graven images of Babylon: and her whole land shall be confounded, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her. Then the heaven and the earth, and all that is therein, shall sing for Babylon: for the spoilers shall come unto her from the north, saith the LORD. As Babylon hath caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the earth.

(Jer 51:47-49)

For many these prophecies seem to only apply to Ancient Babylon alone. Granted, the Jews of Jeremiah's day probably thought so and for the most part they were correct. But as we who live in the last days know, these prophecies often had dual fulfillment or complete fulfillment only in the last days. How can we know that these prophecies were meant for last days Babylon as well? There is mentioned of an everlasting covenant (50:5) going into effect when they returned. Nothing like that happened upon the return of the Jews from Ancient Babylon. The returned Israelies would be without sin in those days (50:20) and that certainly is not the case. Ancient Bablon was not utterly destroyed suddenly but became the capital of one of Cyrus' Governorships (Satrap).

After taking Babylon, Cyrus the Great proclaimed himself "king of Babylon, king of Sumer and Akkad, king of the four corners of the world" in the famous Cyrus cylinder, an inscription deposited in the foundations of the Esagila temple dedicated to the chief Babylonian god, Marduk. The text of the cylinder denounces Nabonidus as impious and portrays the victorious Cyrus pleasing the god Marduk. - [Wikipedia](#)

Babylon is to be covered by the sea when she goes down (51:42). Finally, [the evidence as known does not point to Israel \(the 10 Tribes\) as being part of the return from Babylon](#) (50:4) but the Israel and Judah dwelling together appears to be an end time fulfillment. It is for these reasons that we need to think seriously about what Jeremiah is saying about Ancient Babylon and what it means to us in the last days.

*Behold, I am against thee, O thou most proud, saith the Lord GOD of hosts: for thy day is come, the time that I will visit thee. And the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up: and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him.
(Jer 50:31-32)*

Does the scriptures give us a hint as to whom will come against this Babylon? There are many similarities between this prophecy and that of John The Apostle in his Book of Revelation. You have Babylon being burned with fire, being hit by Plagues (50:13), God's chosen are told to come out of her (50:8)

*Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of **Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz**; appoint a captain against her; cause the horses to come up as the rough caterpillers. Prepare against her the nations with the kings of the **Medes**, the captains thereof, and all the rulers thereof, and all the land of his dominion. And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant. The mighty men of Babylon have forborn to fight, they have remained in their holds: their might hath failed; they became as women: they have burned her dwellingplaces; her bars are broken.
(Jer 51:27-30)*

Look at the whole passage, it leaves one very afraid for whomever this is referring to because God is going to take her out without the slightest pity or remorse. No one will be spared from God's holy wrath. Arrows mentioned in these passages clearly do not mean the kinds of bow and arrows that ancient warriors used but almost certainly refer to Missiles that will be fired on End Time Babylon.

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(Jer 50:9)*

This seems to indicate that whoever fires missiles at Babylon is going to hit their targets, **every last one**.

All of these judgment seem to stem from the fact that Babylon turned on the people of God, after the

flesh (Judah/Israel) and after the spirit (Church) even as America seems to slowly be doing now with a President who cannot seem to do enough to please Islam at the expense of many a dead Christian and whose antipathy to Christ is demonstrated in almost every move he makes. I think we will see more of the same and if there is any reason to think that Obama will get four more years, this is one. He may be used by God to bring America's rebellion against God to full fruition. America is going to turn on God in a way that will engender God's wrath as it has not been seen since Sodom And Gomorrah (50:40).

So I say to my readers, watch the north, watch what is going on in the Arctic and those nations that have the missile technology to take America out... permanently. That is what you want to keep your eyes on. Great evil is foretold on those who turn on God's people as America is slowly but surely doing now.

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