

The Hammer and Sickle Nation

This article was written prior to the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, but is just as valid today as it was at that time.

It is no coincidence that the Soviet Union is identified with the hammer and sickle. The prophet Joel wrote of the coming Russian threat to the European States: *"Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great."* (JOEL 3:13). Jeremiah, in describing the eventual destruction of the U.S.S.R., declares: *"How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder..."* (JER 50:23). **How wonderfully God identifies the hammer and sickle.**

To the Gentile nations Joel wrote: *"Prepare war"* and a glance at the map of Europe



sufficient to refresh our minds as to the fulfilment of this and many other such remarkable prophecies. Just how far will the Iron Curtain extend? Parts of Asia are war-torn and in upheaval, and it is certain that

Communism is gaining in that area - nor is the end in sight. Let us at least acknowledge the fact that it is extending, and the reason: *"... for their wickedness is great."* Yes, the Gentile nations have failed to take hold of the Gospel of salvation, and God is bringing the northern aggressor upon them as chastisement.

"And many people with thee..."

Ezekiel wrote of this same occasion: *"Thou (Russia) 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."*

(EZEK 38:9). It is obvious as to the "many people". One European or Asian state after another is being annexed and imprisoned behind the Iron Curtain.

Literally millions from these nations have "disappeared" during and since World War II. Forced labour camps still exist, hundreds of thousands of families have been broken, and will remain broken as the Soviet purge of "Greater Babylon" continues.

"The merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee (Russia): Hast thou come to take a spoil?" (EZEK 38:13). We seem to be making that very challenge to

The Lord takes sides

Gog is the root of the name Magog. The oldest geographical records show that the whole northern portion of Europe was first occupied by Magog, Tubal and Meshech. The name Caucasus, relating to Russia, is derived from two Oriental words, Gog and Chasan, which means "Gog's fortified place."

Ezekiel 38:3 (R.V.) reads: *"Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, chief prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal."* Rosh in Hebrew means a prince or chief, but the word also conveys the idea of the country in regard to which the prince mentioned is then to exercise his authority.

The word Rosh is as much a place as is the case in regard to the other two names, Meshech and Tubal. Only Rosh, coming first, would indicate that the prince of Rosh (dictator of Russia) is to hold power and authority in regard to the other two, Meshech and Tubal, i.e. Moscow and Tobolsk.

It is worthy of note that God, knowing the end from the beginning, caused the prophet to refer not to the former Russian capital, St. Petersburg, but to the latter days capital, Meshech (Moscow).



The Communist ideology has taken deep root on the Continent since World War II and Asia is fast following suit. Anglo-Saxondom will yet stand alone to face the anti-God materialistic onslaught.

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Russia very often. The cold war has been a successful war as far as Russia is concerned.

We now ask: "Who is next?" The modern land of Tarshish ... a land of merchants, with *"all the young lions"*, is hardly in need of identification. On one hand, we have the British Commonwealth of Nations, the old lion, with the *"young lions"* eagerly in attendance, and on the other hand we see the "hammer and sickle" reaping relentlessly.

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