

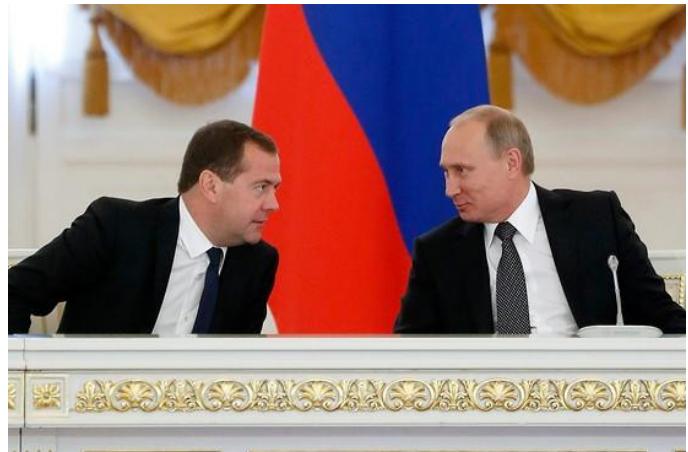
# Prophecy in Perspective

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## **Our Times - Prophecy in Current Events**

The threats of war and disease just keep coming. We are witnessing many amazing fulfillments of the prophetic warnings of the Bible for the latter days. The Ebola virus outbreak in western Africa is the worst in history. There are other diseases that are newly arising which indicate that the predicted pestilences that are to come upon the earth are already beginning. (Habakkuk 3:5; Matthew 24:7, Luke 21:11)

ISIS, which is much in the news, has spread its murderous and hate filled influence in many places in America and even Australia. Arrests in both Sydney, Australia and New York City of individuals who were planning to kill as many random people as well as returning military personal as possible have occurred in the past two days. President Barak Obama has been nearly paralyzed with indecision, but now is moving to action against ISIS in Iraq and Syria, but only in his typical confusing and somewhat disturbing ways. Meanwhile, Russia remains the primary threat to global security and peace. As the following articles show, Vladimir Putin is determined to dominate the world.



Russian President Vladimir Putin talked with Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev as they chaired a meeting of the State Council in Moscow on Thursday. *European Pressphoto Agency*

### **Putin Says He Could Have Troops Inside Poland 'in two days': Report**

Russian President Vladimir Putin has taken warlike rhetoric to a new level, threatening to send troops into a number of NATO countries, including Poland, an influential German newspaper reported Thursday.

"If I wanted, in two days I could have Russian troops not only in Kiev, but also in Riga, Vilnius, Tallinn, Warsaw and Bucharest," Mr. Putin allegedly told Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko and European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso in a private meeting, Munich's *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* reported.

The alleged threat echoes reports by several media outlets in early September of Mr. Putin saying to Mr. Barroso that he could "take Kiev in two weeks," if he wanted.

In another article in the Washington Times, Putin stated Russia will be greatly increasing their arms purchasing in the years ahead: "As space exploration continues, the issue of the use of non-nuclear strategic weapons is being studied, and so on and so on," he told officials in Moscow regarding the need for a 10-year arms-buying program, The New York Times reported. "A lot of threats are emerging. Recently, as you know, there was a decision made to expand NATO forces in Eastern Europe."

In recent months Russia christened a new top-secret nuclear submarine, the Severodvinsk, and announced a plan to have radar-evading ballistic missiles by 2021.

"By 2016, the share of new missile systems will reach nearly 60 percent, and by 2021 their share will increase to 98 percent," Col. Igor Yegorov, a defense ministry spokesman for the Strategic Missile Forces, said in July, the Russian news agency ITAR-TASS reported.

Mr. Putin added in Wednesday's meeting that Russia must make progress on a plan to reduce its reliance on foreign manufacturers to supply weapons and military components. Putin also stated: "I want to remind you that Russia is one of the leading nuclear powers." (Washington Times)

In the confusion of these latter days, our political leaders seem unable to interpret the times from a biblical standpoint. President Obama seems to view the world through the lens of the religion of Leftism and some vague and general beliefs of Islam. He has rejected God and the Bible in his presidency. America is seeing the consequences of this rejection in the darkness over the land through the invasion of illegal aliens, and the rise of Radical Islam in our midst.

By the way, Radical Islam is actually the literal interpretation of the Koran. Understand that this is the true Islam! Our President is down playing the threat and is, in my view, mocking America in behalf of Islam by publically playing golf at times when the fear and grief level are highest. These are clear statements to me as to where he stands. His refusal to state that we are at war with any form of Islam is another indication of a divided loyalty between America, which is under attack by Radical Islam (the genuine kind), and the Islamic religion of his father and childhood. A few moderate Muslims are clearly stating the real problems with Radical Islam and they do try to distance themselves from it. I would like to see more of this! Christians should clearly believe and state the differences between the god and religion of Islam and the God and doctrines of biblical Christianity. Yet it is imperative that we pray for Muslims and witness the love of Jesus Christ and His gospel of salvation through faith in Him.

I believe that the time is short and that the coming of the Lord to rapture His church to heaven is near. We do not know the date of His coming for us. But we need to watch for Him with lives that are surrendered to Him. We need to be the best possible witnesses for the Lord Jesus Christ in a world that wants to destroy all things holy. Satan is even now preparing for his takeover of the world through the many agents of his malevolent forces: Putin's version of Russia, Radical Islam's commitment to fulfill the letter of the Koran, promoters of redefining marriage and family, occultists, preachers who do not take prophecy seriously, and more, all combine to indicate that we are in the last days.

Jesus warned us what to watch for. Are you watching for the coming of the Lord and are you living for Him? Are you inviting people to come to know Jesus Christ as Savior? Are you getting your testimony on the right

track through your marriage, your job, your relationships, your church commitment, and your full surrender to the Lord? (Romans 12:1-2)

It is time for churches to form dedicated prayer circles to meet at designated times for the specific purposes of intercessory prayer for the lost, for America, for the hurting and abused of the world, and for preachers and ministries to get back to teaching Bible truth! And, prayer should be made for the coming of the Lord! (Revelation 22:20)

Jesus said: *For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows... Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up...*

***...Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh!***

***(Matthew 24:5-8, 42-44)***

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