



Daniel Talk 5

"At the end of the days"

Chapters 11 and 12

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- Daniel 11 and 12 are part of his third vision, given in 3rd year of Cyrus.
- In the first verse of chapter 11, Gabriel recapitulates how he strengthened Darius the Mede (alias Cyrus) before going on to explain the succession of Persian kings.
- The three kings were Cambyses, Gomates and Darius Hystaspes.

Darius Hystaspes King of Persia

B.C.522 – 486

Carved on the rock-face at Behistun is an awe-inspiring portrait of the Persian king, Darius I.



The fourth King of Persia: - Xerxes

- B.C.485 - 465, probably the Ahasuerus who married Esther.
- Had great wealth. Commenced an immense naval and military expedition against Greece.
- Several Persian kings not mentioned in the Biblical text.

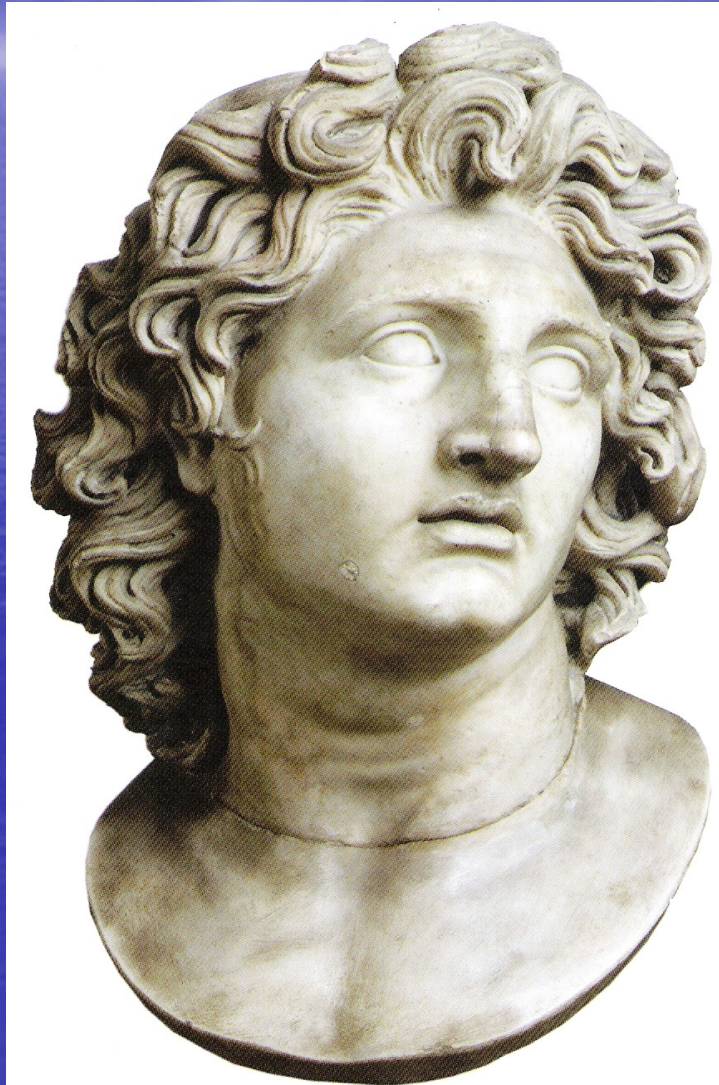
Replica of a Persian trireme – three banks of oarsmen – but could not carry enough fresh water for them!



Alexander – “a mighty king”

- King of Greece B.C.336-323.
- Defeated Persians at the river Granicus and in Issus, and went on to India.
- Died when 33 years old.
- It is said that he wept after defeating Persia because there were no more worlds to conquer.

A marble head of Alexander the Great



Alexander – a mosaic from Issus



Divided Greek Empire

- Alexander had no descendant to inherit his throne.
- Four of his generals fought for 20 years over who would rule:
 - Cassander occupied Greece.
 - Lysimachus had Asia Minor.
 - Ptolemy had Egypt.
 - Seleucus had Syria.

Divided Greek Empire

- After a further 20 years fighting the four were reduced to two:
 - The kings of the North and the South.
- The prophecies of what happened to these two empires (Ptolemaic and Seleucid) would have helped, comforted and warned the Jews living through these times, from B.C.300 to the time of Christ.

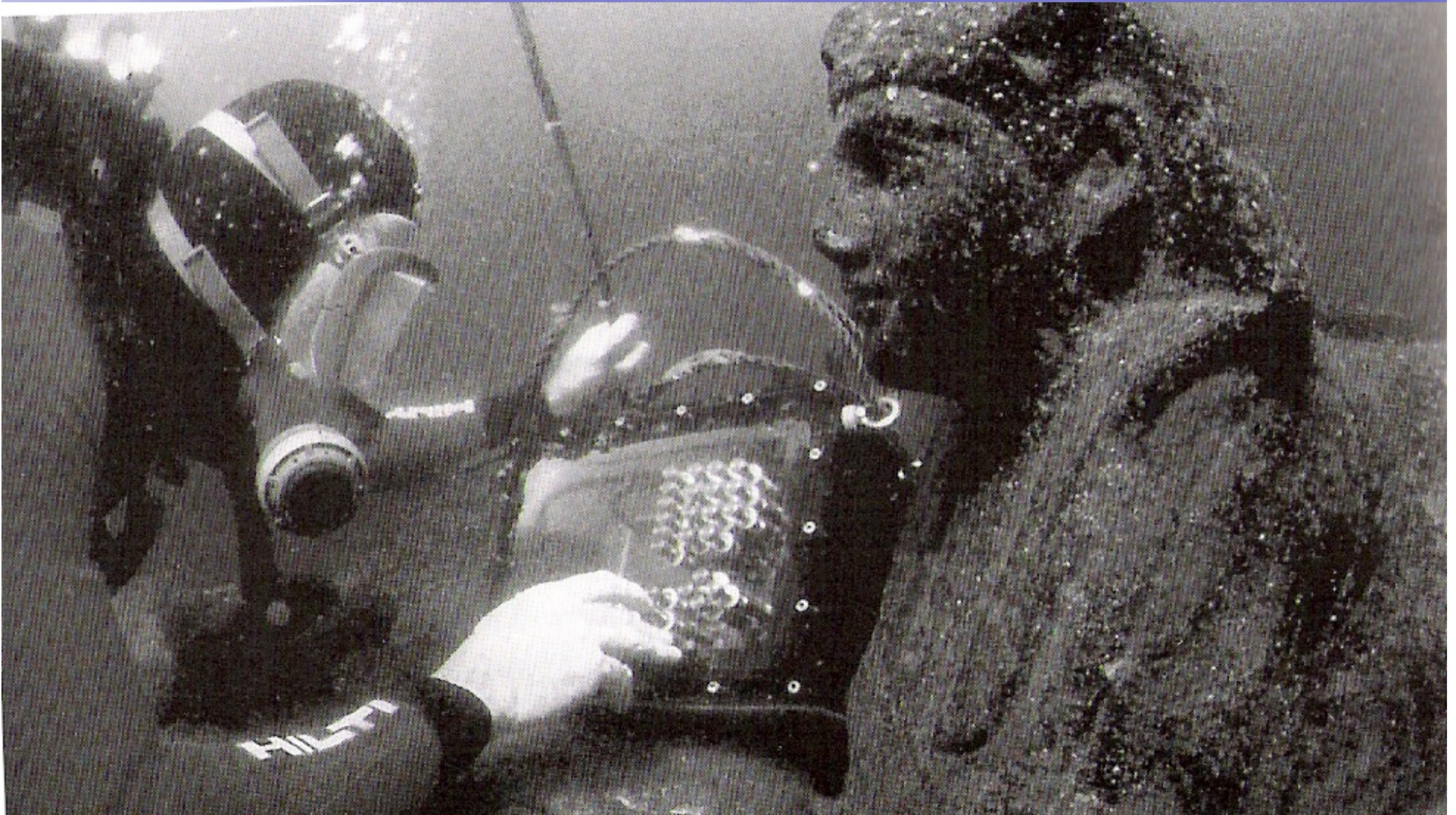
The Hellenistic civilisation: between the Old and New Testaments B.C.300 - Christ

- Alexander founded many cities, including Alexandria in Egypt.
- He encouraged assimilation, and his soldiers took local women as wives.
- Greek became a common language from India to Spain.
- Religion, pottery, sculpture, coinage and architecture were similar throughout the area.
- The rising power of Rome overwhelmed the Hellenistic civilisation, but the culture continued.

Greek coin showing Pharos, the lighthouse at Alexandria



Diver at the submerged port of Alexandria with a sphinx - like statue



Temple of the Greek god Zeus at Athens, begun by Antiochus IV (Epiphanes) B.C.174 -165



The Kings of the North and the South

- First mention of the Roman power in verse 14: “the robbers of thy people”, ..“who would fall” (ultimately).
- The reign of Antiochus Epiphanes (a King of the North) is minutely detailed in verses 21-31.
- He waged war on Egypt against Ptolemy Philometer, the contemporary King of the South.

Antiochus Epiphanes

- Palestine, lying between the warring Kings, suffered terribly. The prince of the covenant, Onias the High Priest, was killed.
- Antiochus “ worked deceitfully” (verse 23) and by intrigues peacefully obtained possession of the best areas of Egypt.
- Philometer was then defeated in battle in Egypt (verses 25,26).

Antiochus places the abomination that desolates the Temple

- Returning to Antioch (in Syria), Antiochus sacked Jerusalem (verses 27,28).
- Ships of Chittim, Greek ships but with Roman ambassadors on board, prevented him from overwhelming the Ptolemies at Alexandria.
- On his way back, Antiochus entered into alliance with unfaithful Jews (verse 30) and destroyed Jerusalem.
- He stopped sacrifices and placed an idol image of Jupiter Olympius in the Temple (verses 31,32).

The recent visit of President Putin to the Middle East – Echoes of the deceit of Antichus Epiphanes?

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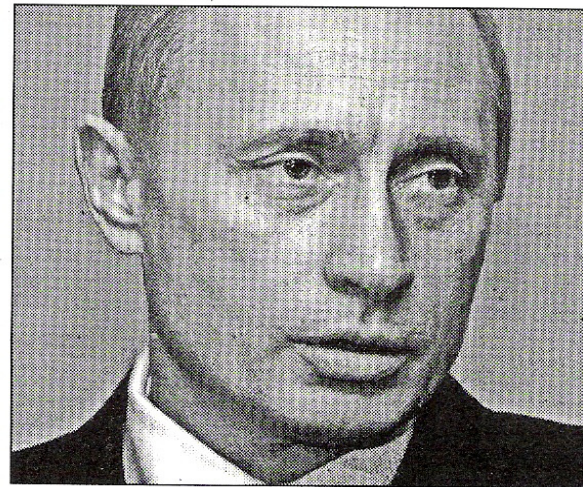
Little horn of the goat diplomacy in the Middle East

Nigel Bernard

This article considers the recent visit of President Putin to the Middle East. The Little Horn Prophecy of Daniel 8 and a passage in Daniel 11 relating to Antiochus IV Epiphanes are used to provide Scriptural insight to this visit.

IN DANIEL 8 it is written: "the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven. And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land" (vv. 8,9). The "little horn" represents the Roman power which was later to dominate the "pleasant land" of Israel.

Yet the little horn power will also be in existence when Christ returns, for "he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand" (v. 25). This power, operating to its "south" and "east", will be a latter-day version of the Eastern part of the Roman Empire. When Russia invades the Middle East, occupying *en route* what became the capital of the Eastern Roman Empire, Constantinople, it will be



Russian President Vladimir Putin, who visited the Middle East in April 2005.

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Middle East peace conference should be held in Moscow later in the year. This was welcomed by the Palestinians, but was met with a cool response from Israel, the next country he visited.

The Maccabees revolt against Antiochus

- The Maccabean brothers were “holpen with a little help”, (verse 33) and began to be successful in their fight against the Grecian defilement.
- They experienced a fiery trial that purged them (verse 35).
- They contended for liberty to worship God according to their conscience.
- From these Chasidim (“pious ones”) came the Pharisees .

Portrait of Judas Maccabeus



Fulfilment of Ezekiel's 430 "days"

- Ezekiel 4:1-8: the Prophet lies 390 days on one side for the iniquity of Israel.
- And 40 days on his other side for the iniquity of Judah.
- 430 "days of years" from the destruction of the Temple in B.C.586 brings us to B.C.156 when Judas Maccabeus took control of Jerusalem.

An alternative view of verse 30-35: a Roman application

- The ships of Chittim are the Romans.
- They desecrate the Temple in A.D.70.
- Later, in A.D.135, Hadrian places a temple to Jupiter on the site of Herod's temple.
- Verses 32-35 would apply to Christians who have acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah.

Two desecrations of the Temple

- The context of verses 30-35 can be interpreted either way.
- Believers from both epochs can derive comfort and stimulus from the prophecy.
- Jesus said that the disciples would SEE the abomination (Roman).
- The abomination spoken of in Daniel 12:11 cannot refer to Antiochus Epiphanes' because the daily sacrifices were only suspended then, not abolished.

THE KING (Daniel 11:36)

- Verse 40 implies he exists right up to the time of the end, i.e. for more than 2000 years.
- He is not an individual, but a power, or a kingdom.
- He should be identifiable with the “king of fierce countenance” of chapter 8:23 -25, and also Isaiah 30:3 and Deut. 28:49.

THE KING (Daniel 11:36)

- The same as the little horn growing out of one of the four horns of the goat.
- He is a phase of the Roman power.
- Rome took Greece in 145 B.C.
- Rome suppressed the "holy" and abolished the daily sacrifice in A.D.70.
- It became "christian" under Constantine: the "King" changed his gods.

THE KING (Daniel 11:36-39)

- Verse 36 indicates supreme power, and also religious dominance.
- He would magnify himself against God, which the Papacy has done and will continue to do until the “indignation” is accomplished. See also 2 Thess.2:3.
- Verse 37 says he will change his gods, and have a celibate priesthood.

The Papacy: part of the "King" power



ger, who has taken the name Benedict XVI, salutes the waiting crowds in St Peter's Square yesterday after being elected as the 265th Pope in the fourth ballot of cardinals. He was a close confidant of John Paul II, his pred

zinger, 78, elected in record time ■ Jubilant pilgrims hail Benedict XVI

"He will magnify himself against God": Pope Benedict's beliefs

established a Greek college in Calabria. In Egypt a body of Copts, with their patriarch, entered into unity with the Catholic bishops.

Reunion with the Orthodox churches was an ambition of Pope John Paul's reign which was left unfulfilled. He named St Cyril and St Methodius as new co-patrons of Europe along with St Benedict, and called the Eastern churches the "other lung" of Christianity. The Pope is very familiar with Eastern churches and, 40 years ago, was delighted when, at a service during the Second Vatican Council, a reading from the Gospel was proclaimed in Greek.

In his first public address after Mass last Wednesday with the cardinals who elected him, Pope Benedict

give up his resistance efforts."

Despite question marks over Ratzinger's wartime conduct, the main obstacle to his prospects in the conclave — the assembly of cardinals to elect the new pope — is the conservative stance he has adopted as guardian of Catholic orthodoxy since John Paul named him to head the congregation for the doctrine of the faith in 1981.

His condemnations are legion — of women priests, married priests, dissident theologians and homosexuals, whom he has declared to be suffering from an "objective disorder".

He upset many Jews with a statement in 1987 that Jewish history and scripture reach fulfilment only in Christ — a position denounced by critics as

"theological anti-semitism". He made more enemies among other religions in 2000, when he signed a document, *Domini Iesus*, in which he argued: "Only in the Catholic church is there eternal salvation".

Some of his staunchest critics are in Germany. A recent poll in *Der Spiegel*, the news magazine, showed opponents of a Ratzinger papacy outnumbered supporters by 36% to 29%.

As one western cardinal who was in two minds about him put it: "He would probably be a great pope, but I have no idea how I would explain his election back home."

One liberal theologian, when asked what he thought of a Ratzinger papacy, was more direct: "It fills me with horror."

THE KING (Daniel 11:38)

- “God of forces” – “god of guardians” (Bro. Thomas), i.e. “Saints” who are supposed to protect the believers and their churches.
- Wealth and great riches have accrued to the Roman Catholic Church over the centuries. See Revelation 18.

A recent letter to "The Times" on the death of John Paul II

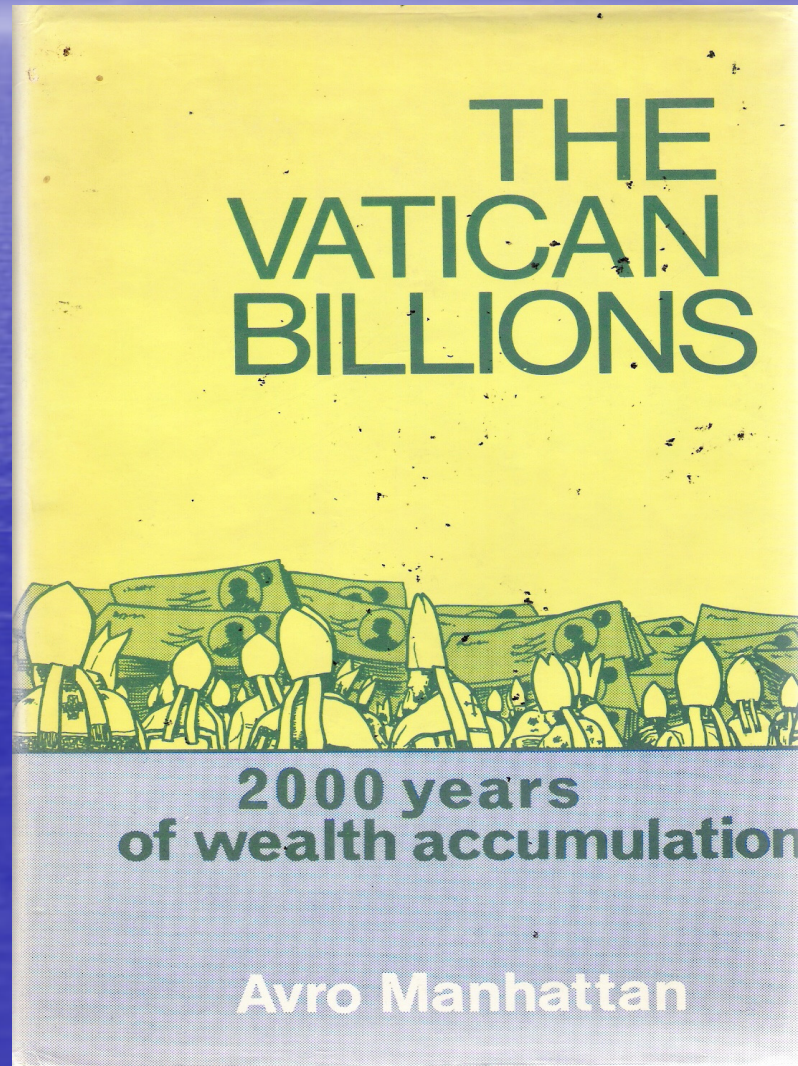
From Mr Albert Wallace

Sir, The Catholic Church is the longest-running, most powerful, global business in history ... and probably the richest.

Now that the chairman and chief operating officer has departed this Earth, it will be the threat to this business that will be uppermost in the minds of the remaining powers seeking a new leader, not how to sustain the simple message of Christ, who didn't need a (bricks and mortar) church to deliver His message, and rode to his own death on a borrowed donkey.

Yours faithfully,
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Avro Manhattan's book about the fabulous wealth of the Papal System



THE KING (Daniel 11:39): his religious and political power

- “the most strong holds with a strange god” = “bazaars of guardians”. Brother Thomas sees these as the churches and cathedrals of christendom.
- “Strange god”: the change of religion under Constantine.
- “Cause them to rule over many”: many nations under the influence of Rome.
- “Divide the land for gain”: the parishes and dioceses OR could be the Ottoman power in the Holy Land.

"The time of the end"

- The "end" is defined by the other uses of the phrase: 7:26; 8:19; 11:35; 12:2,4,6 and 9.
- It is the time of Christ's return, the resurrection and the judgement (of the saints and of the nations).
- The kings of the North and South have reappeared.

The reappearance of the kings of the North and South

- A situation similar to what existed before the abomination of desolation must exist at the time of the end.
- A sizeable Jewish population must be in the land (the Turkish Ottoman Empire prevented this).
- The king of the South is Egypt or whatever power controls it. (Britain up to 1954, then Russia and now U.S.A.)

The reappearance of the king of the North

- The king of the North is Turkey, Syria and the rest of the territory of the Seleucid Empire.
- In 1917, the Ottoman Turks were the “King”, and Britain and the Allies “pushed at him” to remove him from Palestine.
- Many Brethren believe that Russia and her allies (Ezekiel 38) will become the King of the North when they occupy Turkey prior to invading Israel and the Middle East.

Reasons for believing Gog and his allies are the future King of the North.

- **Gog**
- From uttermost parts of the north
- Comes against the mountains of Israel
- In the latter days
- Ethiopia and Libya with them
- Smitten on the mountains of Israel
- **King of the North**
- From the north
- Enters the glorious land and the glorious holy mountain
- At the time of the end
- Libyans and Ethiopians at his steps
- Comes to his end and none shall help him

Russia is re-arming and Putin wants her to be a world power again



Condoleezza Rice, the US secretary of state, talks to President Putin during their meeting in the Kremlin

Rice attacks Putin over the Kremlin's build-up of power

By NICK ALLEN
IN MOSCOW

CONDOLEEZZA Rice, the American secretary of state, criticised her Moscow host, President Putin, yesterday, accusing the Kremlin of amassing too much power. On her first visit to Russia since taking over as the leading United States diplomat Ms Rice issued a plea for more "democratic development" and protection for the country's beleaguered independent press.

"There shouldn't be so much concentration of power just in the presidency," she told a Moscow radio station. "There needs to be an independent media so that the Russian people can debate and decide together the democratic future of Russia."

Recent moves that have strengthened Mr Putin's hand - such as the abolition of regional elections, increased pressure on the media, and the trial of the oil tycoon, Mikhail Khodorkovsky, in a tax fraud case many see as nakedly political.

It was important that Mr Putin step down as president in 2008 when his second term ends, as specified in the constitution, and not seek a third term, Ms Rice said. Moscow has been buzzing with speculation this year that the Russian leader will amend the constitution to cling on to power.

Ms Rice denied during her radio interview that America was "exporting democracy" to former Soviet republics that Russia regards as in its sphere of influence.

erode Russia's status in the region and was interested chiefly in standing up for the right to choose democracy, Ms Rice said, referring to recent changes in the political leadership of Georgia, Ukraine and Kyrgyzstan.

Washington has been accused in Russia of orchestrating revolutions in the three countries bordering Russia in order to install pro-Western leaders.

Miss Rice sent a bluntly-worded warning to President Alexander Lukashenko of Belarus yesterday when she said that it was "time for a change to come" to his authoritarian regime.

She said that the peaceful uprisings elsewhere were not impossible in Belarus, which she described as "the last true dictatorship in the

Putin's links to Arabs cast shadow over visit to Israel

By TIM BUTCHER
IN JERUSALEM

THE historic visit to Israel of Russian president Vladimir Putin yesterday was overshadowed by a row over Moscow's links with Iran and Syria, two of the most implacable enemies of the Jewish state.

Mr Putin sought to reassure Ariel Sharon, Israel's prime minister, that his country's sale of nuclear components to Teheran and anti-aircraft missiles to Damascus would not change the balance of power in the Middle East.

But the Israeli government said Russia's links with Iran in particular were a "cause for concern" and, in what was seen as a snub for Mr Putin, flatly rejected his offer to host a Middle East peace conference in Moscow.

Iran's growing nuclear capability has led to suggestions that Israel is preparing a unilateral military strike,

similar to its 1981 attack on Saddam Hussein's nascent nuclear programme.

Concern has been raised by the announcement this week that America, Israel's close military partner, will provide it with 100 bunker-buster bombs, well-suited for attacking Iranian nuclear facilities.

The row overshadowed the first visit to Israel by a Russian leader, after decades of hostility over Russia's support for Arab regimes, most notably Egypt and Syria.

The trip also underscored improved relations between the two countries. Since the end of the Cold War more than a million Russian Jews have emigrated to Israel, making it the largest single source of Israeli citizens.

Russian language newspapers are widely sold in Israel and numerous Russian language channels are available on television.

Mr Sharon, whose parents

were born in Russia before moving to Israel in an earlier wave of migration, greeted Mr Putin in his mother tongue, telling him he should "feel among brothers".

The Russian leader, who staged an unscheduled visit to the Wailing Wall, the sacred Jewish shrine in Jerusalem's Old City, was also welcomed to Jerusalem by a full military guard of honour.

But while on the surface the visit appeared cordial, the issue of Syria and Iran soured the atmosphere.

At a press conference, Mr Putin was forced to address the Syrian missile sales. "The system we are going to supply to Syria is short-range and poses no threat whatsoever to Israeli territory," he said.

On the nuclear issue, he said that Russia was part of an international diplomatic effort to ensure Iran uses its nuclear technology only for "peaceful means".

Daily Telegraph: is a Russian Dictator emerging in the same way as Hitler?



Look back at Weimar – and start to worry about Russia

In an amateurish sort of way, I am a Russophile. It was reading *War and Peace* as a schoolboy that convinced me I should study history at university. My favourite film is still the Soviet-era adaptation of Tolstoy's masterpiece. Throughout my twenties, I was a Dostoevsky devotee. Even today, I can think of few pleasures to match reading the short stories of Chekhov. And then there is the music: for me, Shostakovich's chilling, haunting piano quintet will always be the signature tune of the 20th century. Yet it was always possible to love Russia and to hate the



Niall
Ferguson

satellites, Putin has not hesitated to play the separatist card. He has sought to encourage Abkhazia to secede from Georgia. In Moldova, he has favoured autonomy for the enclave of Transnistria. When eastern Ukrainians started talking about dividing the country in two rather than concede victory to Yushchenko, you didn't need a degree in Kremlinology to know who was feeding them their lines.

This is where the resemblance between Russia now and Germany in the 1930s seems especially apt. Back then, it was possible for Hitler to point to large German

The King of the North invades the Middle East

- Like a whirlwind, and with many ships
- With chariots and horsemen
- Jordan escapes
- Egypt is conquered as Russia has old scores to settle over the Aswan Dam
- Takes Jerusalem

Ukraine could sink Russian fleet

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Victory for Yushchenko may mean Moscow will be asked to withdraw its navy from Sevastopol, writes **Jeremy Page**

IF THERE is one good reason why Russia is battling to keep Ukraine in its strategic orbit, it is floating in the tranquil waters of the Crimean port of Sevastopol.

Russia's southern fleet has used this deep-water harbour as a base to patrol the Black Sea and beyond ever since Catherine the Great annexed Crimea in 1783.

Even after Ukraine won independence from the Soviet Union, the fleet maintained its presence here — after splitting its ships with the new Ukrainian navy — and hatched a deal to rent the port until 2017.

Russia now fears it will have to withdraw the fleet for good if Viktor Yushchenko, the opposition leader who advocates joining Nato and the EU, wins the re-run of the presidential election on December 26.

It is a prospect that most Russians find hard to stomach — a final humiliation in their own backyard after the arrival of US troops in Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and Georgia, and Nato warplanes in Lithuania this year.

It is also a key reason why Moscow might support Ukraine's Russian-speaking

southern and eastern regions seeking autonomy — or even independence — from Ukraine should Mr Yushchenko become president.

"We used to have the most modern, most powerful fleet in the world here," said Mikhail Prokofiev, 64, who served in the Black Sea fleet for 28 years.

"Even Turkey's navy is more powerful than ours today. And if Yushchenko wins, the Black Sea fleet might leave altogether. I cannot believe it."

Mr Yushchenko, anxious not to antagonise Ukraine's main trade partner and energy supplier, has promised not to review the deal with Moscow before 2017. "The Russians have no grounds to worry. Our position is clear, consistent and responsible," he said.

But the Kremlin, wary of mixed messages from Kiev under the outgoing President, Leonid Kuchma, has already drawn up contingency plans. This year Sergei Ivanov, the Russian Defence Minister, announced plans to start building a new naval base in 2005 at the southern Russian port of Novorossiysk.

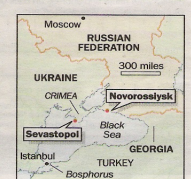
He insisted that the Black Sea fleet would remain in

Sevastopol, for which Moscow paid \$6.4 million (£3.3 million) in rent in 2003 and is expected to pay \$12 million this year. "Two bases are always better than one," he said.

His announcement nonetheless caused an outcry in Russia. "It takes decades, even centuries, to create a fleet's infrastructure," said Admiral Eduard Baltin, commander of the Black Sea fleet from 1993-96.

"Due to physical and geographic conditions in Novorossiysk, there is no room for a base there. And there never will be. The Black Sea fleet is vital if Russia is not to lose its influence in the region."

The problem is that Russia's section of the Black Sea coast



There shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel



The tsunami strikes Koh Raya, south of Phuket in Thailand

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It is the biggest natural disaster for decades. Yet scientists feared such a catastrophe was looming. So why were there no warnings? A special report into the Asian tsunami that claimed more than 120,000 lives

island of Sumatra, where the
sea bed is always slowly
moving.

The vast slab of ocean floor
known as the Indian tectonic
plate grinds against the Burma
plate, being forced down-
wards into the Earth's molten

Studies of coral atolls had
shown clusters of giant earth-
quakes in the region occurring
about every 230 years. The
last cluster had begun in 1797
and ended in 1861.

When such big undersea
earthquakes do strike, giant

In 2003, one Australian
expert at an international meet-
ing on tsunamis had pushed
for a warning system in the
Indian Ocean. He feared that
disaster was not far off.

Just three weeks ago Dr
Kerry Sieh, an American

earthquake off Sumatra might
be only a few years away. It
could, he said, lift the ocean
floor up to 6ft, causing a
"large tsunami and substantial
changes to the coastal environ-
ments of the islands".

It sounded rather abstract
and as experts agreed, the

to take much notice. To many
Indonesians, and the many
foreigners who travel to Asia,
the warnings — if they even
saw them — probably seemed
overblown.

They knew that the region
was prone to volcanic activity
and to quakes, but most were
localised affairs. Every day
there were minor tremors that
barely registered or else went
unnoticed.

So when Bayu Pranata, the
local geophysics officer in
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“I will be known in the eyes of many nations” (Ezekiel 38:23)

- **“So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel.”**
- **“So the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God from that day and forward.”**
- **“The heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity.”**

Many Brethren think that the resurrection precedes the demise of the king of the North

- Chapter 12:1: "At that time".
- The Son of Man in Ezekiel 38:1 may represent Jesus and the Saints.
- Psalm 149:5-9 says that the Saints have the honour to execute the judgement written.

Who is Michael?

- An important angel / archangel: 10:3,21 and also Jude 9.
- Rev 12:7: Michael is symbolic.
- This Michael is the one who looks after the Jewish people, if we are to be consistent.
- Heb. 2:5 says the angels are not in charge as they are at the present time. So when do Jesus and the saints take over?
- When this happens, could Jesus take over the role of Michael?

Those responsible to God will rise

- Verse 2: "MANY shall awake".
- Isaiah 26:14: "They shall NOT rise".
- Psalm 49:20: "Man that is in honour and UNDERSTANDETH NOT is like the beasts that perish."
- Acts 24:25: "...Judgement to come, Felix trembled."
- There is also to be a NATIONAL RESURRECTION OF ISRAEL as foretold in Ezekiel 37 and Hosea 13:14.

The New Heavens

- Verse 3.
- Malachi 4:2: "The sun of righteousness shall arise with healing in his beams."
- The stars are the work of God's fingers, as will be the glorified saints, both Jew and Gentile.
- They turn many to righteousness (Jude 3 and James 5:20).

Daniel 12

- Verse 4: "Knowledge shall increase and many shall run to and fro."
- Verse 5: Two angels either side of the Tigris: they figuratively guide the saints in their pilgrimage.
- Verse 6: "How long?" - the cry of all true saints down the ages.

The answer to “How long?”

- Given by the man clothed in linen (10:5) who is the man of the one Spirit – Jesus and the saints – on whose behalf all these things happen.
- He confirmed, by raising his hands to heaven, that there would be a time, times, and an half, before the power to scatter the holy people (Jews and the Saints) would be finished.
- One “time” is a divine year of 360 days, which before the Flood was the length of a year.

The answer to “How long?”

- $3\frac{1}{2}$ years (times) = $3\frac{1}{2} \times 360$ days
= 1260 days
- On the day/year principle, this is 1260 years.
- Rome is the subject of the judgements of this extended vision of Daniel's.
- Papacy came to be acknowledged by the “Decree of the Emperor Phocas”
A.D.607–610.

The answer to "How long?"

- $610 + 1260 \text{ years} = \text{A.D.}1870$, when the Pope no longer ruled the Papal States, and finally ceased to persecute the Saints.
- The Mosque of Omar, the Moslem abomination standing in the Holy Place, was started in A.D.638.
- $638 + 1260 \text{ years} = \text{A.D.}1898$ when Zionist Jews urged the re-settlement of Palestine because of persecution and pogroms.
- In A.D. 688 the Mosque of Omar was completed.
- $688 + 1260 \text{ years} = \text{A.D.}1948$ when the State of Israel was reborn, a place where Jews could have a home and security .

Daniel does not understand

- The words were to be sealed until the time of the end.
- More details were revealed by Jesus in the Book of Revelation.
- Many would be purified and made white, and tried (1 Peter 1:22: the trial of our faith).
- The wise would understand (Matt.24:15).

The 1290 and 1335 days

- “From the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away [A.D.70] and the abomination that maketh desolate set up [A.D.608]”, the Papacy has oppressed both natural and spiritual Israel.
- Several significant terminal points can be identified.

Fulfilments of the 1290 days

- End of temporal power of the Papacy in 1870 + 30 years = 1900 Zionist Congress in London.
- A.D.533: Decree of Emperor Justinian that the Roman Bishop was the Head of the Church – add 1290 = A.D.1823 when Greeks obtained independence from Ottoman rule.
- A.D. 627: Jerusalem taken by Arabs – add 1290 = 1917 when the city was freed from the Turks.

The 1335 days

- No clear starting point given.
- But it terminates with a blessing – the resurrection and the setting up of the kingdom?
- Daniel would “rest” in the grave.
- “But stand [resurrection means “to stand again”] in his lot”. This is his inheritance or portion in Israel. Revelation 20:6 says “Blessed is he that hath PART in the first resurrection”.

Daniel “the man greatly beloved”

- He was faithful.
- Constant.
- Prayerful.
- Supportive of his friends.
- Had a reputation for doing his work well.
- A student of prophecy and the signs of his times.
- MAY WE BE LIKE HIM AND STAND WITH HIM IN THE DAY OF BLESSING!