It Might Be Today

THEY RIDE HORSES, DON'T THEY?

Every Sunday we present a prophecy update. We show how news and trends in the world corroborate centuries-old prophecies you read in the Bible.

A 2500 year-old passage in the Book of Ezekiel describes a coalition of nations that will, in the last days, invade Israel from the north. It presupposes that Israel, which at the time it was written was overrun by the Babylonian Empire, would again be a sovereign nation living in its ancient land. That alone is a remarkable prophecy - having been fulfilled in modern times, on May 14, 1948.

Some of the nations that will be involved in the invasion are listed by name. Russia seems to be the lead nation; also mentioned by name are Lybia and Turkey and Persia, which is modern Iran.

Regarding Russia as a lead nation, it was interesting to read on Reuters.com an article titled, *Russia's Putin says wants to build "Eurasian Union.*"

Excerpts:

Russia's Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said he wants to bring ex-Soviet states into a "Eurasian Union" in an article which outlined his first foreign policy initiative as he prepares to return to the Kremlin as the country's next president.

"We... are setting an ambitious goal - to achieve an even higher integration level in the Eurasian Union," Putin wrote in an article which will be published in Izvestia newspaper on October 4.

Putin said last month he would run in the March 2012 presidential election and his current public approval ratings show that he is set to win.

¹ http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/10/03/us-russia-putin-eurasian-idUSTRE7926ZD20111003

Putin, who once called the collapse of the USSR in 1991 "the greatest geopolitical catastrophe of the 20th century," said his new project would not resemble the Soviet Union.

"It would be naive to attempt to restore or copy something from the past. However, a stronger integration on a new political and economic basis and a new system of values is an imperative of our era," Putin wrote.

In an unrelated but bizarre report, TheMoscowNews.com posted a story titled, Sect Believes Putin is a Modern Day St. Paul.²

Excerpts:

A sect worshipping Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin has started up in the village of Bolshaya Yelnia near the Volga.

The sect was founded by a woman calling herself Mother Fotina, and she teaches that Putin was St Paul in his past life, and is now together with seven other reborn apostles fighting the antichrists...

"In his days in the KGB, Putin also did some rather unrighteous things. But once he became president, he was imbued with the Holy Spirit, and just like the apostle, he started heading his flock," she said.

It's not a stretch of the imagination at all to see how Russia could lead the coalition Ezekiel named.

The invasion Ezekiel foresaw also includes this description:

Ezekiel 38:15 Then you will come from your place out of the far north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army.

"Horses?" Really? Yep!

Check this out. On October 3rd CNN posted an article about the war in Afghanistan titled, 10 Years of War: Missles and Horses.³

Excerpts:

² http://themoscownews.com/politics/20110512/188660658.html

³ http://security.blogs.cnn.com/2011/10/03/war-in-afghanistan-started-with-cruise-missiles-stealth-bombers-and-horses/

... the high-tech air campaign [of the war in Afghanistan] was preceded by a very low-tech start to America's involvement... the so-called horse soldiers.

U.S. intelligence officers, and later U.S. special operations troops, rode on horseback into Afghanistan before the bombing to link up with the Taliban's worst enemies: the Northern Alliance, a loose-knit group of warlords who clashed with the Taliban ever since it took control of Afghanistan.

CNN photojournalist Mark Biello followed in their hoof steps in those early days of the... war on terror. "We came down through the mountains, we picked up the Northern Alliance from Uzbekistan, because they (the Americans) massed and came in through the north from Uzbekistan," Biello said recently. "No sleep, no power, the infrastructure is shot, you're on horseback, you're coming in with the troops..."

It's not at all strange to think that the invasion Ezekiel foresaw really will come on horseback.

The Russians are coming, and it will undoubtedly be on horseback - just like the Bible said.

Does anything need to happen before Jesus returns to resurrect and rapture the church? No. And that's why I like to end these updates by saying, Get ready, stay ready, keep looking up. **Ready or not, Jesus is coming!**