

**General Topics :: Things with Russia****Things with Russia - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/5/2 11:53**

I was reading over some news headlines and noticed how things seem to be happening very fast over in the Ukraine and Russia. I am not trying to say that I know all out war is about to happen but I do think emotions are very high and its clear people are dying, maybe a good time to come together and pray!

God bless
maryjane

Re: Things with Russia, on: 2014/5/2 12:53

Dear MJ,

it is VERY close,,,,as of 2 May 2014 1120 central time

as you know, 2 pro kiev Mi-8 helicopters were shot down near Slavyansk.....that city is in the northeast, with Russian majority Ukraine. Kiev's henchmen, are the neo Nazi Svoboda and "Right Sector", with US/NATO/EU all supporting them.... don't believe the mainstream media, they are OMITTING the truth....our country is supporting neo Nazi's. I know its fashionable to paint Putin as "neo" cold war 2.0.....not so.

There's also trouble begun anew in Odessa, which is a disturbing trend...if it keeps at this pace, it might be a week, (or less) before you see Russian forces move in, and lock down the eastern part, the Russian majority Ukraine.

if you want OTHER media outlets try

<http://rt.com/on-air/>

or zero hedge dot com.

pray is all in all, amen.

but remember "shrewd as snakes innocent as doves".....discernment, if it smells like Babylon, it probably is.

God love you, neil

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/5/2 13:11

Matthew 24:6-8 (NIV)

6 You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. 7 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of birth pains.

Re: Things with Russia - posted by Lordoitagain (), on: 2014/5/2 14:15

Several months ago when Putin started admonishing "the west" for our gross immorality he caught my attention. He was rebuking us for getting off of our moral foundation. At that time, one of Russia's Christian leaders made the statement that their years of atheism had taught them something.

After that I started reading "Russia's side of the story" on <http://voiceofrussia.com/> ... since then I have enjoyed reading the news from their perspective as compared to the junk that our news medias feed us. It actually has much less (practically none) of the offensive near-nudity that our news medias force feed a person.

When the majority of any nation turns toward Biblical standards of living they are much more credible than a nation like ours that is blatantly rejecting Biblical standards of living.

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I believe that the situation is exactly as Neil has presented it ... and not as our controlled media has presented it. Ever since Russia fussed at us for our blatant immorality, this corrupt USA has painted Russia as a bad guy. Knowing what I know about my own country, I can't believe that Russia is as much of a "bad guy" as the USA is painting it to be.

God will have his way in every whirlwind. Nations will rise and nations will fall (including the USA), but our hope is in the Lord!

Re: , on: 2014/5/2 15:15

I have to agree. I wonder if this situation in the Ukraine is as clear cut as the American press makes it out to be. While not trying to portray Putin as a saint, the Ukrainian situation is in Russia's front yard. Thus the Russians with a clear memory of World War II are very concerned about neo right wing activity out of Kiev. One can hardly blame them for gathering the troops on the Russian Ukrainian border.

Frankly this is a situation that is best left to the Russians and Ukrainians to solve. The United States really has no say so in a situation where the Ukraine and Russia are neighbor. Thus one cannot blame Putin for getting annoyed at the United States dictating policy in his front yard.

Think of it this way if we were having border skirmishes with Mexico, what we want Russia dictating policy to us. Or rather imposing economic sanctions on us because of a dispute we had with Mexico. If we view it from this perspective then we can see Russia's side of the story.

I did look at the website Voice of Russia. It is interesting to see the news from their perspective.

Another thing while there is an attempt to paint Putin as a bad guy. Our President is no saint either. The foreign policy of this administration has led to the slaughter of countless believers in Christ. Just look at Syria.

Of course these are my thoughts.

Bearnaster

Re: Things with Russia, on: 2014/5/2 15:21

1400 CST

just in from RT:

"38 people die after radicals set Trade Unions House on fire in Ukraine's Odessa"

https://twitter.com/RT_com/status/462302566190030849

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as I see it, within 24 hours to a week, you will see Russian forces entering the eastern half of Ukraine, because that was EXACTLY the red line Putin was referring to.

IN OTHER NEWS, and I can cite this for you, the US Obama administration in the last few days, showed its love for Israel by agreeing to ship those foul Islamic jihadi's in Syria state of the art, anti-armor TOW missiles and anti-aircraft shoulder held missiles for fighting against Syria's Assad regime.

do you think the Israeli's are stupid enough to buy that one? as you SUDDENLY have hundreds, if not thousands of some pretty potent weaponry that can be used against two of the most crucial parts of the Israeli defense Forces, its armored forces, and its Apache/Cobra helicopter forces.

oh yes, and of course we have our Secty of State Kerry calling Israel an "apartheid" state the other day....well, he did walk it back and apologize the next day.

pray that the US turns tail from this whole mess and error, because if you see footage of US forces going toe to toe again

not Russian forces in a "conventional" battle, pack up your car, and drive to the "relatives" in the country, because it WO
NT stay "conventional".

Re: , on: 2014/5/2 15:23

It is interesting the note that Putin did address the persecution of Christians in the Middle East. Our President has quite silent on this matter. Could it be that the foreign policy of his administration is that which is enabling the slaughter of those who follow Jesus. Again look at Syria.

So is Vladimir Putin this evil man the West makes him out to be. One has to wonder who the real evil leader is here?

My thoughts.

Bear.

Re: Things with Russia - posted by tbsounde2 (), on: 2014/5/2 16:29

So just because a nation or president of a nation supposedly sides with certain biblical principles more than others it makes it alright to disregard the sovereignty of a different nation by sending troops and annexing it??? Lest we forget history and what American pacifism brought to Europe and Asia by allowing evil dictators to reign free or how the Soviets would use the most underhanded tactics (hired thugs and riot starters and botched elections) to set up puppet governments that had only a mere facade of democracy (this is what produced the current regime in North Korea by the way). Once again I find myself having to ask you this question, where would you rather live: USA or Russia? I know the US has backslid in many ways from biblical principles but the fact of the matter is that we still are enjoying much of the blessings of our biblical roots. Russia on the other hand is still far more corrupt and unbiblical in many of the things they do no matter how much they may claim to uphold Christian principles. I am honestly shocked at the level of reasoning that I am seeing portrayed here which I find to be politically and conspiracy driven rather than logically or scripturally.

Re: , on: 2014/5/2 18:31

Then brother if we are going to be scriptural. Let the Russians and Ukrainians sort this out. Our citizenship is in a heavenly kingdom.

Bear

Re: - posted by tbsounde2 (), on: 2014/5/2 18:46

Hi bearmaster,

Then I would like to ask you and others a question: Nazi Germany and the holocaust, was it strictly a German issue to be solved by the German people or did we as Americans have a moral and biblical obligation to do something about it?

let me ask you this tbsounde2, on: 2014/5/2 18:55

two things.....are you aware that the muscle behind the NATO/EU/US installed govt, are all neo Nazi's? Svoboda and "Right Sector"..that's not "conspiracy theory".....that's fact, so, if we, the US throw our lot in with neo Nazi's, what does that make us?

Re: - posted by Lordoitagain (), on: 2014/5/2 19:12

Quote:

by tbsounde2 on 2014/5/2 16:29:37

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Here is a link from our media pointing out the fact that Putin stood up for traditional Christian values and condemned the downward trend of the west: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/jan/28/whos-godless-now-russia-says-its-us/?page=all>

You can read the same comments in Russian news sources. As for the rest of your accusations of Russia ... "disregard the sovereignty of a different nation by sending troops and annexing it" you are merely foaming out what your USA media sources are feeding you. Unless you were there and saw these things happening, you are only parroting what you are hearing and don't know if it is true.

THERE ARE ALWAYS TWO SIDES TO THE STORY.

If you look at media sources other than your own such as <http://voiceofrussia.com/> you will see that you are being fed a one-sided version of what you believe to be happening over there.

Quote:

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In all reality I am begging God to get me out of this country before it collapses. This short video of a landslide that happened in Baltimore MD this past Wednesday is an example of where we are as a nation:

<http://youtu.be/MrNluXrrHKY>

We are still enjoying great blessings that are the fruit of past revival movements in this country, but we are seeing a shift that will soon turn to a total collapse. I know that it is going to collapse because God is true to His routine. When His principles reign in a group of people, His blessings abound. When a group of people continues to spit in His Holy face, He endures it for a season hoping for repentance, but when it doesn't happen, His sovereign wrath comes down upon that group of people. That routine has repeated itself continuously throughout history. USA is no exception to the rule!

Quote:

Russia on the other hand is still far more corrupt and unbiblical in many of the things they do no matter how much they may claim to uphold Christian principles.

Again, is this first hand knowledge (have you been there lately?), or something you gathered from your biased news sources?

Re: let me ask you this tbsounde2 - posted by tbsounde2 (), on: 2014/5/2 19:26

Hi HezWelling,

I'm sorry to say, I think your answer pretty much sums up my point. Quite a broad brush to be using, no? I mean to say that all of the countries represented by NATO and the EU and also the US are neo Nazis???

Re: Tbsounde2, on: 2014/5/2 19:33

Brother our entry into WWII had nothing to do with the Jewish Holocaust. Rather it was the response of Roosevelt to the attack on Pearl Harbor. As a matter of fact most Americans were not aware of the German atrocities towards the Jews until after the war. And only because Eisenhower had those atrocities documented for posterity.

In the late 30's a ship full of Jewish refugees from Germany sought refuge in this great nation of ours. The moral obligation of America denied them refuge. The ship returned to Europe where most of the Jews were sent to death camps.

Brother when you speak of our moral obligation as a nation. Let me speak to you about Eritrea. This is a nation the US has diplomatic relations with. We have an embassy in Asmara the capital of Eritrea. Yet this nation has been silent on the 3000 Christians imprisoned in Eritrea in shipping containers and holes in the ground. Indeed our President has been silent on the issue of Christian persecution period. So much for our moral obligation.

Brother I am not trying to be sarcastic. But this is some of the ugly history of our great nation.

Bearnaster

'sums up your point"?, on: 2014/5/2 19:44

Svoboda and "Right Sector" are ultra nationalist fascists, operating in Western Ukraine. Their stated aim is to quote, "kill Russians, kill Jews". I am not making this up.

Nor am I making up the fact that our country supports them, with money, \$5 bln dollars in 10 years since the Orange revolution, via NGO's serving as cover for US govt activities.

Now if we provide support for neo Nazi's, WHAT does that make us?

You see, what I believe you fail to realize is this, this situation is just the kind, that can lead us all into WW3.

Now for you insulting my intelligence, by your "broad brush" snarky remark, you can have the last word, I don't bandy words with those who aren't intellectually adroit.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/5/2 19:50

I just wanted to add that in the latest Heart Cry newsletter this was reported : "the situation in the Ukraine is particularly severe. Riots in the streets have led to hundreds of casualties. The country is now split both politically and ethically. The conflict is deeper than can be seen or understood on the news there are spiritual powers behind the dictators and their imperialist desires. But despite the turmoil, the Gospel is being preached, and the Kingdom is growing."

Heart Cry has missionaries in the Ukraine and I just thought perhaps now is the time to be praying in all of this.

I don't know what is going to happen but I am praying and trusting in the LORD through this time. I know this very well maybe the birth pains as Greg mentioned in his post so spending time in prayer seems like a really good place to be.

God bless
maryjane

Re: - posted by tbsounde2 (), on: 2014/5/2 19:52

Hi Lorddoitagain,

Last I checked, Ukraine was well accepted and understood to be a sovereign and separate nation to Russia; the lines that draw their borders clearly understood and set in stone. It is international law and common sense that dictates that nations are to respect other nation's sovereignty. Imagine if Mexico or Canada decided to annex parts of our territory on the false pretense of "protecting it's citizens." Clearly this would not be acceptable, no two sides of the story needed here. Russia has no right to annex and take parts of other countries.

Also, I have heard from many different individuals who have previously lived in Russia and also frequently travel to Russia who clearly speak of the vast differences which are present in regards to the level of corruption and freedoms allotted between the Russia and the USA. So no mere "foaming" here.

Also, last I checked, Russia is actually rooted in the Orthodox Church. Need I say more?

Also, mudslides happen all over the world.

Re: - posted by tbsounde2 (), on: 2014/5/2 19:55

Thank you MaryJane for the encouraging report. A Calvary Chapel missionary to Ukraine actually came to speak a couple Sundays ago and I would like to confirm what you mentioned, that God IS WORKING in the midst of this difficulty! It was reported that many are seeing the impossibility of the situation and realizing and seeking God, hallelujah!

Re: - posted by Lorddoitagain (), on: 2014/5/2 20:08

Quote:

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I could continue to play "opinion volley" on this thread all night and tomorrow too, but it would be a pointless waste of time. What God is about to bring to pass will leave us all speechless regardless of how many rounds of "opinion volley" we won or lost.

Truly, Sister Maryjane has spoken wisdom. May we labor before the Lord with many amplifications of what Jesus taught us to pray: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven".

Re: , on: 2014/5/3 2:43

I briefly browsed through the thread. The discussion seems to be mainly political, ie about EU, US, Putin, WWII etc. So may I point you to what really matters and that is God's Word and His sovereign rule. Here is a link to an interesting article <http://www.crossroad.to/Excerpts/books/history/hand-of-God/1-hand.htm>

And here are some verses from His word:

For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God (Rom. 13v1)

My redeemer lives (Job 19:25)

The Ten Virgins: What It Means to Be Ready (Matthew 25:1-13)

So when all these things begin to happen, stand and look up, for your salvation is near!"(Luke 21:28)

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

(Hebrews 10:25)

Blessings, Markus

Re: , on: 2014/5/3 8:17

I am afraid that I one of those drawn to historical and political discussions. Having studied history with an emphasis on modern history from World War 2 up until the present, such discussions have an attraction to me. There is a brother in the forum, that if we allowed ourselves we could discuss World War 2 history from now until the Lord returns.

But we must always remember that history is His Story. and the greatest story is the redemptive work of Jesus Christ on the cross for sinners. As such world events should be viewed through the cross of Jesus Christ.

Regarding the Ukraine, this nation is known as the Bible Belt of Eastern Europe. During the Soviet occupation of this nation the Ukrainian evangelical church suffered much persecution. But they continued to endure and spread the gospel. After the fall of communism and the breakup of the Soviet Union, the Ukraine became the hub of evangelical activity. Mission groups such as the Slovak Gospel Association had their headquarters in the Ukraine. Gospel training centers and Bible schools were set up to train missionaries to go out into Eastern Europe and Russia. Gospel publishing houses were set up to print and distribute evangelical literature. Thus the Ukraine did earn the nickname, Bible Belt of Eastern Europe.

But where there is a flurry of evangelical activity and souls are being saved. The enemy is going to counterattack and silence the witness of a gospel centered people. This happened in Korea, which was once known as Jerusalem of the Pacific. Through the Japanese and later communist invasions which led to the split of North and South Korea, the gospel witness has been hindered.

Could this be what is happening in the Ukraine? Our struggle ultimately is not with flesh and blood. This is not a war that can be waged with freshly weapons. But this is ultimately a spiritual war that must be waged with prayer and the Word of God.

So indeed let us keep the Ukraine, especially the believers there, in our prayers.

Bearmaster

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/5/3 9:11

Greetings

I do like a good discussion on history and how the current affairs of our time play a part in the unfolding of HIS story. One of the reasons I appreciate Neil's perspective is because I know he has a heart for JESUS and for Israel. I always enjoy reading his insights and thoughts on these kinds of topics. One thing I know for sure is he is praying without ceasing on these matters.

It is interesting how far the roles have changed in some parts of the world they are embracing JESUS and dying so they can share the good news while here in this country (where we have all these freedoms) we have turned away from GOD. There are many here who profess a faith in CHRIST, they even attend church once a week but they are just as lost and deceived as the world. They do not truly know JESUS and have never truly encountered HIM for if they had we would not be in the place we are today as a nation with abortion, adultery, fornication, divorce, violence, homosexuality, etc.

I do want to continue to be in prayer for the Ukraine and the people in that country. I pray also for the leaders in our country that they might see their need for JESUS and repent. For me these things do indeed seem to be a sign of the times and a reminder to live in HIM daily, every moment of every day!

God bless
mj

Re: , on: 2014/5/4 11:18

I am trying to reframe from posting on temporal current events. But after Neil posted the report on the Ukraine Sliding in to Civil War. I see that Lorddoitagain is correct. There are two sides to the story.

The response that Chancellor Merkel got from President Obama to sit and talk face to face with Putin to attempt to defuse the Ukrainian situation is disturbing. Namely President Obama is not willing to listen to reason, even from our allies. But he seems hell bent on pursuing a course of a confrontation with Russia that would surely have disastrous results for his nation. Frankly I am more concerned about our President than Putin. I almost think the President would welcome a war with Russia and God have mercy on us should that happen.

All right speaking from a spiritual frame of mind. Russia could very well be God's instrument to bring our nation under His judgement. Russia could be God's instrument to bring the American church to repentance. Do I desire this. No. But looking at things as they are. I wonder.

May the remnant continue to be in much prayer as to the outcome of the Ukrainian crisis. Dear Lord, May your will be done. On earth as it is on heaven.

My thoughts.

Bearmaster.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/5/4 12:34

Greetings Bear

As I read the news this morning about Chancellor Merkle and then Neil's post I began to think is it possible that GOD is in fact using the situation to bring judgement on our nation. I do not understand the unwillingness of the president to come and talk face to face when so much is at stake.

I am praying as well for GOD'S will to be done. People are dying daily and it will only grow much worse. Let us pray for all those involved to see their need to turn to JESUS before it is too late!

God bless
mj

Re: Things with Russia - posted by narrowpath, on: 2014/5/4 13:37

I have been both to Russia and Ukraine a number of times on business and run agencies there. Both Russia and Ukraine have very corrupt governments and corrupt business practices. There is a lot of injustice on both sides. The orthodox church is powerful and sinister in both countries. I think it is a form of judgment.

Let us take MaryJane's advice to pray for the country.

Re: Things with Russia - posted by narrowpath, on: 2014/5/4 13:37

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Re: , on: 2014/5/4 14:21

Even at their best government are corrupt. That is because the whole world lives under the control of the evil one. But I do agree the situation in the Ukraine calls for much prayer on the part of the intercessors.

Blaine

getting worse, on: 2014/5/5 18:59

"US F-15 Intercepts Russian Strategic Bomber Near Guam"

The commander of U.S. air forces in the Pacific is reporting a significant increase in activities by Russian planes and ships in the region.

Gen. Herbert Carlisle linked that to the situation in the Ukraine. He said Russia was demonstrating its capabilities and gathering intelligence on U.S. military exercises.

Carlisle said there had been long-range Russian air patrols to the coast of California and a circumnavigation of the U.S. Pacific territory of Guam. He said a U.S. F-15 fighter jet intercepted a Russian strategic bomber that had flown to Guam.

He also reported a sharp increase in Russian air patrols around Japanese islands and Korea."

<http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2014-05-05/us-f-15-intercepts-russian-strategic-bomber-near-guam>

incisive commentary from Paul Craig Roberts

"Washington Intends Russia's Demise

Paul Craig Roberts

Washington has no intention of allowing the crisis in Ukraine to be resolved. Having failed to seize the country and evict Russia from its Black Sea naval base, Washington sees new opportunities in the crisis.

One is to restart the Cold War by forcing the Russian government to occupy the Russian-speaking areas of present day Ukraine where protesters are objecting to the stooge anti-Russian government installed in Kiev by the American coup. These areas of Ukraine are former constituent parts of Russia herself. They were attached to Ukraine by Soviet leaders in the 20th century when both Ukraine and Russia were part of the same country, the USSR.

Essentially, the protesters have established independent governments in the cities. The police and military units sent to suppress the protesters, called "terrorists" in the American fashion, for the most part have until now defected to the protesters.

With Obama's incompetent White House and State Department having botched Washington's takeover of Ukraine, Washington has been at work shifting the blame to Russia. According to Washington and its prostitute media, the protests are orchestrated by the Russian government and have no sincere basis. If Russia sends in military units to protect the Russian citizens in the former Russian territories, the act will be used by Washington to confirm Washington's propaganda of a Russian invasion (as in the case of Georgia), and Russia will be further demonized.

The Russian government is in a predicament. Moscow does not want financial responsibility for these territories but cannot stand aside and permit Russians to be put down by force. The Russian government has attempted to keep Ukraine intact, relying on the forthcoming elections in Ukraine to bring to office more realistic leaders than the stooges installed by Washington.

However, Washington does not want an election that might replace its stooges and return to cooperating with Russia to resolve the situation. There is a good chance that Washington will tell its stooges in Kiev to declare that the crisis brought to Ukraine by Russia prevents an election. Washington's NATO puppet states would back up this claim.

It is almost certain that despite the Russian government's hopes, the Russian government is faced with the continuation of both the crisis and Washington puppet government in Ukraine.

On May 1 Washington's former ambassador to Russia, now NATO's "second-in-command" but the person who, being American, calls the shots, has declared Russia to no longer be a partner but an enemy. The American, Alexander Vershbow, told journalists that NATO has given up on "drawing Moscow closer" and soon will deploy a large number of combat forces in Eastern Europe. Vershbow called this aggressive policy deployment of "defensive assets to the region."

rest of commentary:

<http://www.paulcraigroberts.org/2014/05/02/washington-intends-russias-demise-paul-craig-roberts/>

(btw...Mr Roberts was a member of President Reagan's administration)

Re: getting worse - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/5/5 19:33

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Agreed brother my visit to Ukraine when it was stable seemed unstable.