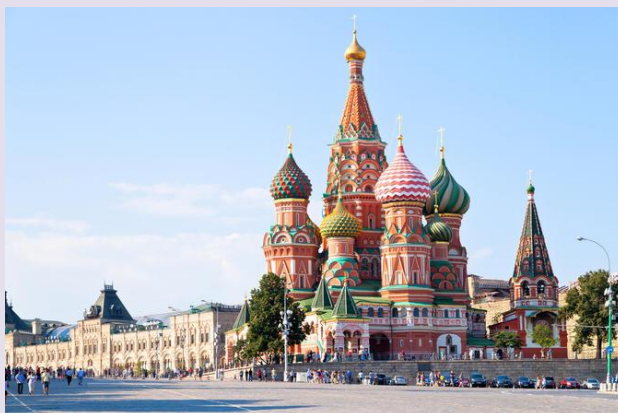


## PUTIN'S RUSSIA IN PROPHECY: NINEVEH (Nahum Chapter 1)



St. Basil's Cathedral, Moscow

### INTRODUCTION

**Russia** is prophetic **Assyria** – a nation located in the far north of the fertile crescent of ancient civilization. **Nineveh** was the capital of **Assyria** – founded by **Nimrod** – but built into a great walled city much later<sup>1</sup>.

History of the capitals of **Russia** and **Assyria** contain parallels:

- Both were capitals of empires located in the northern most part of their geography
- Both were located in plains which meant no natural protection from armies from all directions
- Both empires were paranoid of foreign invasion and relied on excessive military might as their defense
- Both experienced a 'fear of Jesus' moment of mass repentance inspired by their supreme ruler:
  - **Nineveh**: repented at the preaching of the prophet **Jonah** (see chapter 3)
  - **Kievan Rus**<sup>2</sup>: **Prince Vladamir** was baptised, his family and all of **Kievan Rus** (988 AD)

We will comment on other literary, historical, and prophetic connections as we go through the prophecy.

### SUMMARY OF OUR CONCLUSIONS

Studying the prophecy of **Nahum** we reach the following far-reaching and astounding conclusions:

- **Putin's Russia** will be one of the 'first figs' to fall in the Last Days – the first of the great powers to fall;
- **Putin's Russia** will fall because of judgment from the LORD Almighty for a long list of for vile crimes;
- **Russian Orthodox Church** will fall and NEVER RISE AGAIN;
- **Putin's Russia** will fall and NEVER RISE AGAIN;
- **Putin's Russia** will collapse more from the weight of profound internal corruption than any enemy;
- The final conqueror of **Russia** will be **Prophetic Babylon**<sup>3</sup>: not the **United States (Prophetic Ephraim)**<sup>4</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Moscow was also noted for its walls. The Tatars were not turned back until walls and 50 towers were erected to defend Moscow.

<sup>2</sup> Kiev was the original spiritual center of Eastern Orthodoxy for the Slavic peoples. Over time there was a split and the Russian Orthodox Church moved to Moscow under its own Patriarch distinct from Kiev. In 1480 Ivan the Great declared Moscow his capital.

## METHODOLOGY OF OUR STUDY

We will rely on all the usual historical-linguistic methods of Bible exegesis. We also will refer to the meanings of the Hebrew words in the Book of **Nahum** when translated from the numerical values of the Hebrew letters: we will use Gematria<sup>5</sup> meanings of Bible words. All three chapters of the Book of **Nahum** are translated from Hebrew letters to numerical values to Gematria meetings on our site: [Nahum 1](#), [Nahum 2](#), and [Nahum 3](#).

We will follow the Book of **Nahum** through verse by verse in order. Thus, the prophecy will unfold.

As we will see there is great emphasis in the Book of **Nahum** on establishing the precise identity of **Nineveh**, and great emphasis on enumerating the crimes of **Nineveh**. This is so we will not miss the prophetic identity in our own times. The Book of **Nahum** also describes in detail the weaknesses of **Nineveh** that lead to the fall.

We also learn in **Nahum** that the **Russia** being referred to is not to be confused with the **Soviet Union** (which also fell). **Nahum** writes the fall of the former state ought to have brought humility to **Putin**, but does not. The difference is after the **Soviet Union** fell, **Russia** revived. After **Putin's Russia** falls, there will be no revival.

## NAHUM CHAPTER 1 – VLADIMIR PUTIN'S RUSSIA

Chapter 1 pin-points **Vladimir Putin**, Commander in Chief of Russia, as the main focus of the prophecy.



Great Palace of Kremlin 2012

Before we begin: **Nahum** says when **Nineveh** falls, no one in the world will be sorry. By that point all will have suffered from the aggressive military dictator of **Russia**. The fall of **Nineveh** will be horrible. Yet, it has been over three millennia since Exodus. Why don't the rulers of the nations learn to fear the Lord God? Why do they bring the wrath of God against them? Their priests mislead them! **Putin** is not the only one to blame.

<sup>3</sup> Prophetic Babylon will not be any of the long established world nations in the Middle East or elsewhere. Prophetic Babylon will be a Last Days resurrection of Ancient Babylon similar in many features: its ruler claims the mantle 'King of Kings' ruler of the World; all who resist him in even small directives will be swiftly and brutally put to death. We can't be conclusive but the Islamic State could be the early stages of what becomes Prophetic Babylon. Please see our papers: [The Tents of Kedar](#) and [The End of Edom](#).

<sup>4</sup> For the prophetic identity of the United States see our papers: [The Ephraim of God](#) and [The Exile of Ephraim](#).

<sup>5</sup> If the reader is unfamiliar with the meanings of numbers in the Bible we provide these resources: [Introduction to God's Revelation](#); [Gematria Method](#); [List of Meanings of Bible Numbers 1 to 1200](#).

Verse 1 **The burden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.**

The word '**Nineveh**' means 'Abode of Ninus' or 'Fish Town'. The cuniform for **Nina** is a fish within a house. **Nina** was Goddess of Fish to Assyrians. This mythology derived from history. **Ninus** was the son of **Nimrod** who became the first King of **Asshur** and conquered **Babylon** with the help of **Nabonnebus**, King of **Arabia**. **Ninus** slew **Nabonnebus** and without any rival he reigned for over half a century. He died and according to his wishes, his wife **Semiramis** became ruler of **Assyria**. [Since her husband's name was **Ninus**, we presume she was known by the diminutive **Nina**]. This explains how the chief diety of **Nineveh**: **Nina** could be a female.

This makes sense if we look at modern **Russia**. The fish symbol has the universal meaning of Christians. (We are miraculous: we can breathe in the Living Water, faith in Jesus Christ). A house symbolizes a temple of religion. So **Nineveh** or 'Fish Town' is a place where Christians are tightly housed in a religion.

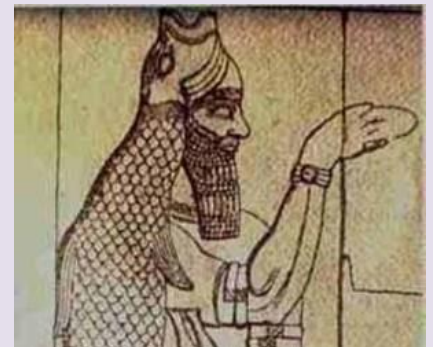
The tall rounded hat worn by the high priest of the Russian Orthodox Church looks like a fish head. Figuratively, the Patriarch is the **Goddess of the Fish**. (In case the reader does not know, in the Bible priests are cast in the female role as servants in a house (temple) for the benefit of the Lord (male) of the place. This is why they dress in gowns and wear lots of jewelry! The laws of the temple are nothing more than the marriage vows of the priests, the ketubah: rights and responsibilities of the bride and groom. The long shawl draping over the shoulders – a symbol of the flowing hair covering of women)



St. Basil's Cathedral Chapel – Icon of Semiramis



Patriarch Krill (Russian Orthodox)



Assyrian/Babylonian Fish Priest

We note from the iconography of **Semiramis** in St. Basil's Chapel in Moscow that she holds on her lap a male, fitting pictured in a diminished scale compared to her. In our prophecy, **Vladimir Putin** is the male figure: the ruler of the state who is the prized son of the **Goddess of the Fish** (Semiramis: Patriarch Krill); **Putin** has sworn to use his power to advance the Russian Orthodox religion.

**Putin** sees himself as a Defender of the Faith. This is genuine from the heart, not a crafty political alliance. Everywhere in his dwellings, even on his yacht he prominently displays icons of the Russian Orthodox Religion.

Without a doubt **Putin** has vowed to use Russian foreign policy as an instrument to advance the cause of Eastern Orthodoxy. Some of the quotes of **Putin** in relation to his religious duty:

*"We have nearly two million orthodox Christians in the Levant—Syria and Lebanon— and approximately five million Christians across Middle-East."*

*"It is morally incumbent upon Russia to change this terrible status quo in the Middle-East. Prepare for operation 'Salvation' and with God Almighty's aid, we shall cleanse Syria from Obama's ruthless terrorists."*<sup>6</sup>

**Putin** has a Messiah complex. He will not walk in the way **Jesus** commanded his followers. He will not emulate the historical **Jesus** in love for his neighbor. No, **Putin** has set himself in the role of the False Messiah: one who resorts to violence, intimidation, and aggression to achieve worldly ambitions.

In effect **Putin** is saying: *'Lord God, you are useless and powerless. I will replace you. I will become a God who gets things done – who makes and shapes the world into an image of my choosing.'*

The whole burden of **Nahum** is the Lord Almighty in Heaven refuting this False Messiah, exposing him for who he is, enumerating his crimes, and pronouncing judgment on him, his nation, and his vile **Mother Goddess**: the Russian Orthodox Church.

Another word for False Messiah is Anti-Christ. They always arise from the ashes of a post-Christian culture. There have been many Antichrists in the history of the world. Yes, we are saying **Vladimir Putin** is possessed by an Anti-Christ spirit. But the reader ought not to be over-awed by this. **Putin** is just one of many of them.<sup>7</sup>

For readers who are not familiar with the origins and seduction of man's religion in co-opting the Gospel of **Jesus Christ** we offer the following papers: [I Am Joseph](#) and [I Am The Sinner](#). This is an ancient device that the enemy of our souls has deployed over and over to deceive and ensnare believers in **Jehovah**.

Anyone who is familiar with how God has dealt with these man-made institutions of religion over the curve of history could predict how it will all end for the Russian Orthodox Church. But **Nahum** wrote down his words long before the nation of **Russia** was ever born. He revealed the foreknowledge of God in world affairs even in the Last Days of the Age in which we now live.

Verse 2 **God is jealous, and the LORD revenges; the LORD revenges, and is furious the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserves wrath for his enemies.**

This verse describes **Putin**. When **Turkey** shot down the SU-24 Russian bomber flying over its airspace **Putin** was enraged (he is the LORD) and promised revenge: *"if anyone thinks Russia's reaction will be limited to trade sanctions, they are deeply mistaken. We'll remind them again what they did: they will regret it."*

<sup>6</sup> <https://themarshallreport.wordpress.com/2015/10/15/breaking-news-putin-announces-defending-christians-against-obamas-terrorists-operation-salvation/>

<sup>7</sup> For more on Anti-Christ in modern history see our pages: [Mark](#) and [Luke](#).

In the same speech **Putin** mocked the religion of the **Turks**: "*probably Allah alone knows why they did it. And evidently Allah decided to punish the ruling clique in Turkey, by depriving it of any reason or logic.*"<sup>8</sup>

This is exactly what the LORD Almighty – the resurrected **Jesus Christ** in Heaven – does not want to see on earth: a man who proclaims to the world he is a Christian stoking conflict with other Abrahamic faiths. Islamic holy war was fueled for a half a millennium in reaction to un-Christian militaristic violent ways of the Crusaders. The agenda of **Putin** to use military force to straighten out the Middle East will have the exact opposite effect: it will put fire in the belly of jihadis and strengthen the will of the **Islamic State** to resist.

In case the reader is unfamiliar, **Jesus** tells us to pray for our enemies. Why? Because **Jehovah** promises to be the revenger and wreak a woe upon the persecutor: "**If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.**" (Deut. 32:41)

And so **Putin's** words deny the teaching of **Jesus Christ** who taught us to turn the other cheek and forgive those who persecute us. This makes **Putin** a False Teacher with a very large audience in the Middle East keenly listening. As such, **Putin** makes himself the enemy not of Muslims, but of the Holy God in Heaven in whose Name he flippantly speaks. Woe to him!

Verse 3 **The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.**

**Putin** has not been shy to inform nations near and far that **Russia** is '**great in power**'. He has stepped up flights of nuclear capable bombers across much of the globe, from Japan to Gibraltar, from Crete to California, and from the Baltic to the Black Sea.<sup>9</sup>

**Putin** sees nuclear weapons ('**the clouds**') being used in conventional conflicts. He has spoken about the possibility of using nuclear weapons in the fight with the **Islamic State** ('**the dust of his feet**').

**Putin** boasts that he is '**slow to anger**' because he resists using nuclear weapons. As an example, **Putin** says he considered putting the nuclear arm of his military on alert when he invaded Crimea. He uses this boast not to convince the world of his remarkable self-restraint, but to remind the world of his devastating weapons.

The mouth of **Putin** is straight out of the hymn book of **General Rabshakeh** who spoke on behalf of **Sennacherib King of Assyria**. He boasted to **Hezekiah** of his overwhelming power: "**Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad?**" "**Who among the gods could deliver their countries from my hand?**" (Isaiah 36:19-20)

**Hamath** (Hama) and **Arpad** (40 km north of Aleppo) are in **Syria**. History has come around and **Assyria** is making conquest in **Syria** again! Let the reader understand, **Russia's** target today is not Jerusalem in Israel. In his messianic zeal he wants to liberate the Middle East for Christians. This means war on jihadis. But he won't succeed. There will be a super-natural defeat (Isa. 37:36) because he made **Jesus Christ** in Heaven his enemy.

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-34993629>

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/may/28/nato-chief-says-russian-nuclear-threats-are-deeply-troubling-and-dangerous>

**Verse 4 He rebukes the sea, and makes it dry, and dries up all the rivers: Bashan languishes, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languishes.**

**Putin** is having remarkable influence everywhere: at home and abroad. Lately, the impact has been negative.

First, in his own homeland international sanctions (for his invasion of **Crimea** and phony war against **Ukraine**) are biting hard into the economy. '**Bashan**' means "fruitful". **Russia** is a big importer of fruit. With sanctions Russians aren't enjoying fruit in their diet like they used to. '**Camel**' means "garden-land". **Ukraine** has always been the bread-basket of **Russia**, supplying all kinds of agricultural commodities. Due to hostilities, this has been restricted. '**Lebanon**' means "whiteness". We suppose this is an illusion to the white robed priests of the Russian Orthodox faith: 'the mountains'. The conflict in **Ukraine** has pitted the **Ukrainian Orthodox** against the **Russian Orthodox**. Hatred and guns and bombs is not serving to advance the piety of the people! It is pushing them into the arms of lawlessness and violence. Thank you Mr. **Putin**!

Second, **Putin's** resort to military force to resolve political issues (example: **Ukraine**) has fueled the fires of **ultra-right nationalist parties** across **Europe**. Not that long ago **Europe** was a veritable paradise, a fruitful (**Bashan**) garden (**Carmel**) so to speak, where people passed across borders freely and nations got along amicably and co-operatively. **Germany** for example has had racial issues with migrant workers from Islamic countries (chiefly **Turkey**) for many decades. The influx of refugees from **Syria** combined with the strongman policies of **Putin** have resuscitated far-right populism. Some of the far-right political parties in Europe even receive funding in the form of loans from Russian banks.

Here is the vanity of **Putin's** religious mind-set. The priests of his religion have blessed him. He thinks he is safe from harm. He goes about his business blithely unaware the **Living God** is watching and judging his every move. All the actions of **Putin** having harmful effects in many countries are piling up the wrath of God against him, his nation, his church. The world is quick to denounce the barbarity of jihad bomb attacks against unsuspecting civilians. But how great will be the impact against civilians of **Putin's** actions when God judges?

**Verse 5 The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.**

The Bible says **Pharaoh's** dream began with him standing beside the Nile (Gen. 41:1). Here is the satanic heart in **Putin's** deception. To a False Messiah the ideal world is where everything is submitted to your will: flat like water. **Putin** has turned **Russia** into still waters. Not the slightest opposition is tolerated. No demonstrations are permitted. No independent media exists. Dissidents are thrown into jail. People disappear.

**Putin** has had difficulty with his '**mountains**' – the rich men who have become billionaires through political connections and organizational skill. But he has tamed them. **Mikhail Khodorkovsky** was ranked 16<sup>th</sup> on the Forbes list of the world's richest men. All that evaporated when he was charged with fraud and put in jail for nine years. In July 2014, a Hague court ruled the Russian government (**Putin**) deliberately bankrupted Yukos to seize its assets and ordered it to repay Yukos shareholders a sum of roughly \$50 billion.

**Putin** has also had difficulty with his '**hills**' – the popular voices in **Russia**. **2003** was the turning point. In the summer **Putin** pulled the plug on its only independent television network. In the Fall **Mikhail Khodorkovsky** was arrested. In December elections were held that European observers said were "free but not fair". Violations included ballot-stuffing, manipulations of early voting, and rewriting of protocols. Russian TV failed to provide equal time to opposition parties. Coverage of the ruling party was uniformly positive.<sup>10</sup>

With a majority in the upper and lower houses of parliament in his pocket, **Putin**, like so many dictators before him, took **Russia** from a democracy to a presidential republic without effective opposition.

As **Putin** has gathered power he has indulged his dark side: '**the earth is burned in his presence**'. When the newly-elected **Viktor Yushenko** of the **Ukraine** applied for membership in the European Community **Putin** responded by cutting off the supply of natural gas to the **Ukraine** in the middle of winter. Disputes over natural gas payments and deliveries to the **Ukraine** developed into a spiral of mistrust and spite. Natural gas flow to European nations was affected at times. All of it ultimately traces back to persons lifting their heads to oppose **Pharaoh** – something he cannot tolerate: all the world must be flat water before him.

**Verse 6 Who can stand before his indignation? And who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? His fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.**

It is no secret where the fire came from that was lit under **Putin**. As an intelligence officer in East Germany he saw mass demonstrations against Communism and the police state. He called the fall of **Soviet Russia** the '*greatest disaster of the twentieth century*' and made it his mission to return **Russia** to its former glory.

Any act, public or private, domestic or foreign, that hints at a threat to **Russia** seizes the soul of **Putin** with rage. **Nahum** emphasizes the degree to which **Putin** over-reacts to perceived threats with violent tendencies.

For example: Ukrainians occupied **Maidan** square in protest to perceived Russian interference in the desires of a majority of Ukrainians to improve trade relations with the **EU**. The **Maidan** protest led to political concessions to the faction in favor of stronger ties to the **EU**. In addition, Ukrainian Government repealed laws on minority languages – an act that stigmatized and penalized Russian speakers in **Crimea** and **Donetsk**.

The response of **Putin** was literally to hit back with guns, mortars, and artillery. To avoid the appearance of Russian aggression **Putin** supported domestic separatists in Eastern Ukraine by funnelling weapons and volunteers over the frontier. **Putin** took control of the entire **Crimea** by armed force.

This is **Putin**. A small spark gets the whole forest burning.

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<sup>10</sup> <http://imrussia.org/en/politics/615-russia-ten-years-without-a-parliament>

Verse 7 **The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knows them that trust in him.**

**Putin** has gained a reputation in the Middle East for straight shooting. Meaning, when he says he supports you, he does. And when he says he's against you, he is. This is in contrast to the United States, which deservedly has earned a reputation for switching allegiances and reneging on promises at its convenience.<sup>11</sup>

**Putin** has supported **President Assad** in **Syria** through fire and water. When **President Assad** over-reacted with heavy-handed violence in response to protesters – much along the lines of how **Putin** is wired – **Russia** did not veer from support. A quarter of a million people – mostly civilians have died in this civil war – **Putin** did not blink. **Syria** has used poison gas, siege warfare, indiscriminate barrel bombs, starvation, and other forms of barbaric warfare not condoned by the Geneva Convention – **Putin** stood by his ally.

Russians say all you need to understand about **Putin** is he is KGB. The reader might want to stop and think what that means. Hint: no conscience whatsoever concerning human suffering – not a drop of warm blood in those veins. But, in a twisted way, in the jungle of Middle East politics, that marks him as a reliable quantity.

Verse 8 **But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies.**

**Putin** is Pharaoh: he dreams of standing by the Nile, to behold his own reflection in the still waters.

**Putin** has achieved still waters in on the domestic side. Nothing moves without his approval. He has eliminated his enemies, stifled protest, and placed his cronies in positions of influence and power.

Recent events have created new enemies for **Putin** outside **Russia**. **Turkey** shot down a Russian bomber that flew for a short time over its frontier (after repeated warnings when it neared that territory). With lightning speed **Turkey** moved into **Putin's** cross-hairs as a rival and an enemy.

**Turkey** is no small foe. **Turkey** has the second largest armed force in NATO. **Turkey** is equipped with modern tanks, fighter jets, and military assistance of the United States. **Turkey** controls water access to the Black Sea and Mediterranean Sea for the Russian fleet. **Turkey** cannot be attacked without triggering Article 5 of NATO.

**Putin** does not rely on brute force. He is a martial arts master - an expert fighter. He will gauge his opponent's strengths and weaknesses and employ weapons fit for the task. **Putin** will study carefully like a night wolf and plot his revenge.

But here is the mystery. **Putin** will meet his match. The age-old rivalry between the **Ottomans** and the Russian will end. **Putin** will lose. Why? He ventures out of his native land and battles in the **Turk's** back yard.

<sup>11</sup> So many examples of slippery American policy in the Middle East: They set up Hussain in Iraq and supported his war on Iran. Then they toppled Hussain. They funded Al-Queda to fight the Russians in Afghanistan. Then they fought Al-Queda. Obama came to the Middle East and made speeches encouraging people to rise up against totalitarian governments. When the Arab Spring came the United States did not support those demonstrators. Not in Egypt. Not in Syria. Not in Tunisia. No one in the Middle East respects America. Thank you to all the US presidents since Jimmy Carter (this is not just Obama's legacy).



Verse 9 **What do you imagine against the LORD? He will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.**

Ancient **Assyria** was at the forefront of military technology. They were the first army to employ a corps of engineers. They used these to build siege engines, to bridge moats, and to tunnel under walls.

**Assyria** always employed an army much larger than required for defense. They became a militaristic society which relied on conscription to supply manpower for a gigantic war machine. This was fulfilled in World War II when the Soviet war machine was unparalleled in the history of the earth for numbers and firepower.

**Assyria** did not permit conquered peoples to rebuild after defeat: '**affliction shall not rise up the second time**'. One of their policies was to deport conquered people and absorb them in other parts of their empire.

The excessively harsh policies of the Assyrian empire became their downfall. It was inevitable vassal states would rise in revolt and not rest until the tyrannical Assyrian government was overthrown. We saw this in the fall of the **Soviet Union**.

Up to now we have seen only glimpses of when **Putin** exhibits the pure terror of the Assyrian king on his subjects. For example, he hasn't committed genocides and purges on a scale of **Stalin**. But he is capable of it.

Consolidation of **Russia** internally was a major undertaking for **Putin**. Sanctions have put stress on citizens and the entire architecture **Putin** built. What we know from Verse 9 is when opposition or enemies appear **Putin** will become more ruthless in his tactics.

Verse 10 **For while they be folded together as thorns, and while they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.**

The Spirit of the LORD now begins to reveal how all this will end for **Putin's Russia**.

**Putin** is like a thorn bush thriving in his native soil. But sanctions and the falling price of oil have put **Russia** in the undesirable position of needing to make allies.

**Russia** has made ally with **China** by agreeing to sell huge quantities of natural gas for much needed cash.

**Russia** has made ally with **Iran** who has supplied Hezbollah fighters to support **Assad** in **Syria**.

Can the reader imagine '**they be folded together as thorns**'? Suppose one took a branch full of thorns (**Putin's Russia**) and twisted it with another branch full of thorns (**Hezbollah / Iran**)? What would happen to your hands and your forearms if you tried to do that? You would be full of scratches and flowing with blood.

This is the deadly error. The branch off its tree now has no sap. It becomes tinder dry, ignites, and burns up.

As everyone knows Muslims don't drink wine but Russians are the most famous alcoholics on earth. Excessive drinking in Russia is so serious it shortens life expectancy by thirteen years compared to European men.<sup>12</sup>

What does '**while they are drunken as drunkards**' mean? **Russia** won't see alliance with **Iran / Hezbollah** as a trap. **Russia** will be as blind and stupid as a drunken man to the danger.

Here is flash news in case you missed it. The **Iranians** (and the **Saudis** and the **Qataris** and **Islamic State**) are students of prophecy. They have sat and meditated for hundreds of years on how the end times events will play out. Furthermore, they recognize the same prophets in the Bible we do. So although they won't advertise it, they study the Scriptures and seek in them their destiny according to God's plan.

The Russians under **Putin** are like the village drunk. They don't have fear of God. Their priests have put them in a spiritual stupor so **Putin** makes plans according to his own wisdom. He fights with his own strength. All the other poker players at the table called Middle East end time wars are wise to how the prophetic cards fall. **Russia** will push its pot into the game and be the loser. And no one will care: least of all the **Living God, Jesus Christ** who foretold through **Nahum** long ago that he will have his revenge on **Putin** and his vile **Church**.

So: '**they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry**'. **Russia** will chop off its thorn branches '**stubble**' be lured into the desert '**fully dry**' (Mesopotamia) and '**be devoured**' not far from her ancestral home – **Nineveh** – (Mosul, Iraq) and desert sands will cover her for 2,000 years just like they did the last time she was destroyed.

Oh! Look at this. **Turkey** is concentrating a military force just over its border in Northern **Iraq** not far from **Mosul**. And **Russia** is very upset about it. Isn't that curious?<sup>13</sup>

(Irony of ironies: the ancient arch-enemy of the Assyrians were the **Hittites**, located in the mountains of Anatolia, modern **Turkey**. The **Hittites** made alliance with **Egypt** {type of US} but the Assyrians subdued them. The **Hittites**, reinforced by Turkic migrations from the East, will win in the end. **Russia**, so embattled by **Mongols** and **Tartars**, enemies from the East, through all history, will finally lose to them once and for all.)

Verse 11 **There is one come out of thee: that imagines evil against the LORD, a wicked counsellor.**

Russia is famous for its secret services. Every dictator of Russia has relied on spies to keep tabs on people and to weed out persons that might be threats to their hegemony. This is a long and infamous trail.

Russia specializes in moles – highly placed agents near to power that provide invaluable insight into the affairs of both its allies and of its enemies.<sup>14</sup> This single espionage tactic of **Russia** keeps all her enemies sleepless.

The prophecy in Verse 11 tells us there is an agent ('**one come out of thee**') who is a double-agent ('**that imagines evil against the LORD**').

<sup>12</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alcohol\\_consumption\\_in\\_Russia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alcohol_consumption_in_Russia)

<sup>13</sup> <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-iraq-turkey-idUSKBN0TQ0SS20151207>

<sup>14</sup> For example the Cambridge Five: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cambridge\\_Spy\\_Ring](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cambridge_Spy_Ring)

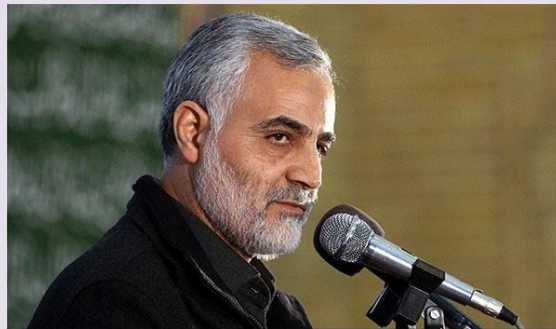
The prophecy in Verse 11 also says this agent is a Counsellor, meaning one that is privy to the inner counsels of Russia, but is 'a wicked counsellor'.

The author is going to take a stab at outing this agent. In the context of **Russia's** deep alliance with **Iran**, and **Russia's** mutual hatred with **Iran** for the US, is it not reasonable to assume the agent is a well-placed Iranian?

Such an agent would not be a Mullah or a religious man. The religious schools in **Iran** are cut off from outside influence, devoted to dry study for decades, and so rigorously applied to Islamic thought and ritual so as to exclude persons with ulterior motives to undermine the Iranian Revolution.

No, we would expect such a mole to be a man with concerns regarding worldly affairs. What is a more worldly affair, near and dear to Russia's heart, than military matters?

So, we will go out on a limb and say we believe **Russia's** mole is an Iranian military man. Who has been a more successful military man in **Iran** than General **Soleimani**? He is top commander of the Iranian military and chief of its elite Republican Guards. He is beloved by his warriors and all patriotic Iranians.



**Soleimani's** military career includes organizing resistance forces which wore down American forces in the Iraq wars. **Soleimani** would have been a perfect agent for **Russia** – achieving its goals of weakening America. How could **Soleimani** have been so successful without help? Isn't it likely his Russian handlers provided him with intelligence and assistance in his wars against their mutual Great Satan? And so he became trusted.

And when the Russian bomber was shot down over **Turkey**, who rescued the pilot? Yes, **Soleimani**, the Russian agent managed skillfully as always to rescue him. Such deeds do not go un-noticed or unrewarded.

But is **Soleimani** a Counsellor? Is he privy to the inner counsels of **Russia**? In August of 2015 he travelled to **Russia** despite a UN travel ban.<sup>15</sup> What for? To enter into the inner counsels of Russian strategy in the Middle East. To lay out a road map for **Russia** to co-operate with **Hezbollah** to prop up Bashar Al-Assad in **Syria**.

**Soleimani** is a double-agent. He doesn't care about **Russia**. He is very spiritually minded – something **Putin** wouldn't understand. He is not a typical carnal man Russian espionage employs. He is not theirs. That makes him 'a wicked'. **Soleimani** is God's agent, to do God's will, to bring **Russia** down.

<sup>15</sup> <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-russia-iran-soleimani-idUSKCN0QC1KM20150807>

Verse 12 **Thus says the LORD; Though they be quiet, and likewise many, yet thus shall they be cut down, when he shall pass through. Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more.**

**Turkey** is a Sunni nation. **Iran** is a Shia nation. Although **Turkey** is a great trading partner with **Iran** they are rivals in terms of religious loyalties and geo-political positions. They have been enemies for all of history.

**Turkey** has been at peace since World War I: '**Though they be quiet**'. **Iran** has been in constant war and struggle since 1980.

**Turkey** is populous 79 million: '**and likewise many**': twice the population of **Iran**.

Yet '**thus shall they be cut down when he shall pass through**'. This is the wish of both **Iran** and **Russia**.

**Turkey** is the cork that keeps the Russian fleet in the bottle of the Black Sea. **Turkey** is the alternate land route for natural gas exports to Europe that competes with Russian natural gas.

**Turkey** is the rival hanging over **Syria** that puts Russia's warm water port on the Mediterranean Sea at risk. **Turkey** also threatens to extend its borders into northern **Syria** and **Iraq**.

This is the tale **Soleimani** takes to the inner counsels of **Russia**. **Russia** bites, eats, and swallows whole. Sanctions have made Russia desperate for allies. They want to believe it. And **Putin** in his delusion of grandeur can't see how he can lose.

But it's a lie! Blood is thicker than water.

**Russia** is a Christian country and every Muslim knows the Christian world powers must fall or the Man of Lawlessness – the Muslim Caliph of the Last Days – cannot be revealed.

If **Turkey** fell to **Russia** – what would happen? **Putin** has declared he is the Protector of Christians in the Middle East. Is that what Muslims want? Christianity to be replanted and thrive and grow again? No!

It is a trap. And **Russia** has inserted her head (erect penis) into the noose. The Russian bomber deliberately violated Turkish airspace. **Russia** wants to tempt **Turkey** to come out and do battle in the desert of northern **Iraq**. It is going to happen. It won't trigger Article 5 of NATO – it will be a private war outside **Turkey**.

It will be a trap **Russia** does not escape: '**Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more**'.

And it will bring rejoicing to all the Muslims in the Middle East because another Christian crusader nation has gone to its grave and will no longer threaten them: '**Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more**'.

And somewhere in a desert foxhole in northern **Syria** the Caliph of the **Islamic State** is making tea and looking forward to his next visit with his secret friend.

Apples will be served: the forbidden fruit. **Soleimani's** favorite dish.

Verse 12 **For now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder.**

The defeat will be the end of **Putin**.

**Putin** will not hold on to power in Moscow: '**break his yoke**'. Who will replace him? Chaos.

**Russia** will be a like spinning gyroscope: '**the whirlwind**', that loses its center and flies apart into pieces.

The **Living God, Jesus Christ** will look down on **Putin** in his last hours and shout in his ears:

**God is jealous, and the LORD revenges; the LORD revenges, and is furious the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserves wrath for his enemies.**

**The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.**

**He rebukes the sea, and makes it dry, and dries up all the rivers: Bashan languishes, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languishes.**

**The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.**

**Who can stand before his indignation? And who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? His fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.**

**The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knows them that trust in him.**

**But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies.**

**What do ye imagine against the LORD? He will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.**

**For while they are folded together as thorns and while they are drunken as drunkards they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.**