

The King of the North





THE KING OF THE NORTH

“The Son of man comes to settle the celebrated “Eastern Question,” which becomes a knot too difficult for the horns of the Gentiles to untie; and which their swords even are not sharp enough to sever.....the signs given of the times of this notable crisis are not in Ursa Major, or Orion’s belt.....but in the Political Aerial of the European world”

[HERALD 1860 page 242]

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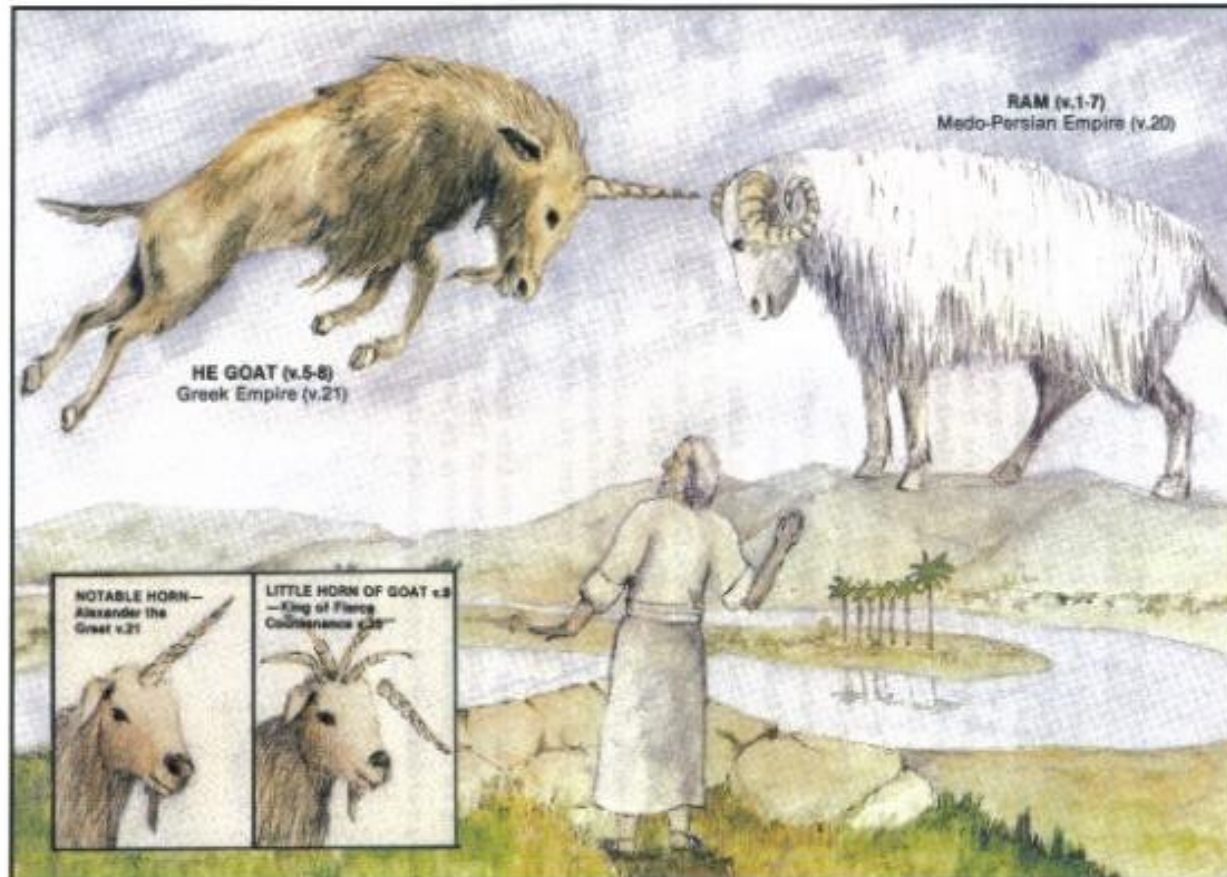
The King of the North:-

1. Prophesied in Daniel
2. Identified in Scripture
3. Historical Development
4. His Mission and the Extent of his dominion
5. His Character
6. Signs of activity today

1. Prophecies of the King of the North

DEVELOPMENT OF THE LITTLE HORN OF THE GOAT

Daniel 8



Daniel 8

The Persian Ram

*“Then I lifted up mine eyes,
and saw, and, behold, there
stood before the river a ram
which had two horns....v3*

*I saw the ram pushing
westward, and northward,
and southward; so that no
beasts might stand before
him...” v4*



Daniel 8

The “He Goat” (Greece)

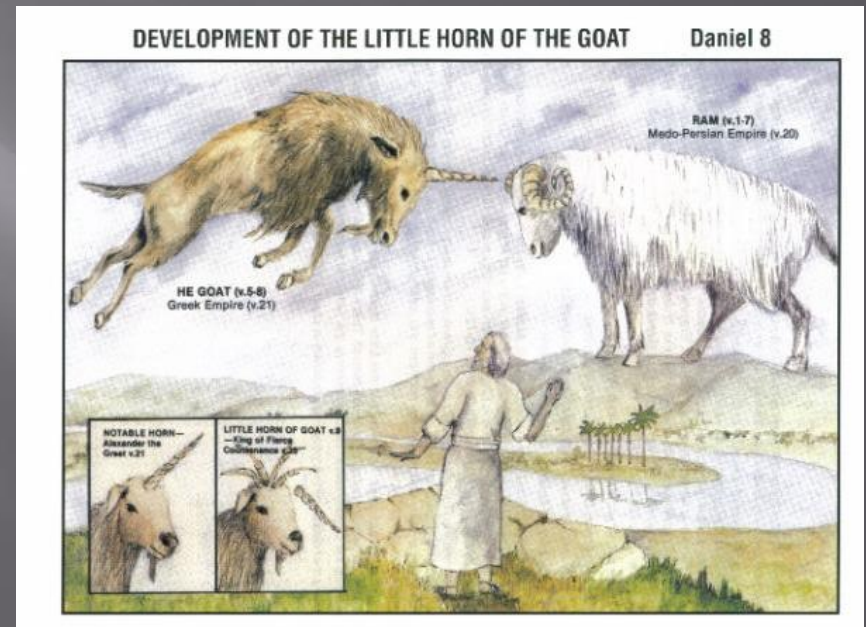
“And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.” v5



Daniel 8

The Ram and He Goat

“And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.” v7



Daniel 8

The Notable Horn (Alexander)

“Therefore 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.” v8



Daniel 8

The “Little Horn” (ROME)

“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.”

v9



Daniel 8

Power of the “Little Horn”

“And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.

Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.” v10-11



Daniel 8

Provides details of:

- (a) 4 Horns, and
- (b) A Little Horn (Rome)

Daniel 11

Treats of 2 of the 4 Horns:-

- ▣ Seleucids (Northern Horn – King of the North)
- ▣ Ptolemy's (Southern Horn – King of the South)

Daniel 11



The History prophesied in Daniel chpt 11

- ▣ Struggle between Kings of North & Kings of South for ascendancy in the Holy Land
- ▣ Hostility reached a climax in reign of Antiochus Epiphanes (polluted the Temple, etc)
- ▣ Maccabees conquered with “a little help”
- ▣ (Transgressors were ripening - **Dan 8:23**)

The History prophesied in Daniel chpt 1 1

- ▣ “Iron Men of Italy” began to be a distinct power to the north of Judah by progressive incorporation of the provinces of the northern horn
- ▣ The Northern Horn disappeared “for a long series of ages” by the substitution of the Roman power in its place.
- ▣ Northern Horn was absorbed into the Roman Empire (*‘Romano Greek Babylonian’* or *‘Latino Greek Babylonian’*)

The History prophesied in Daniel chpt 11

- ▣ By the absorption of the northern kingdom into the Roman Empire, a union was formed between it and the Graeco-Babylonian power of the Selucidae
- ▣ The territory of the king of the North was subject to Rome – and (later) Constantinople

The History prophesied in Daniel chpt 11

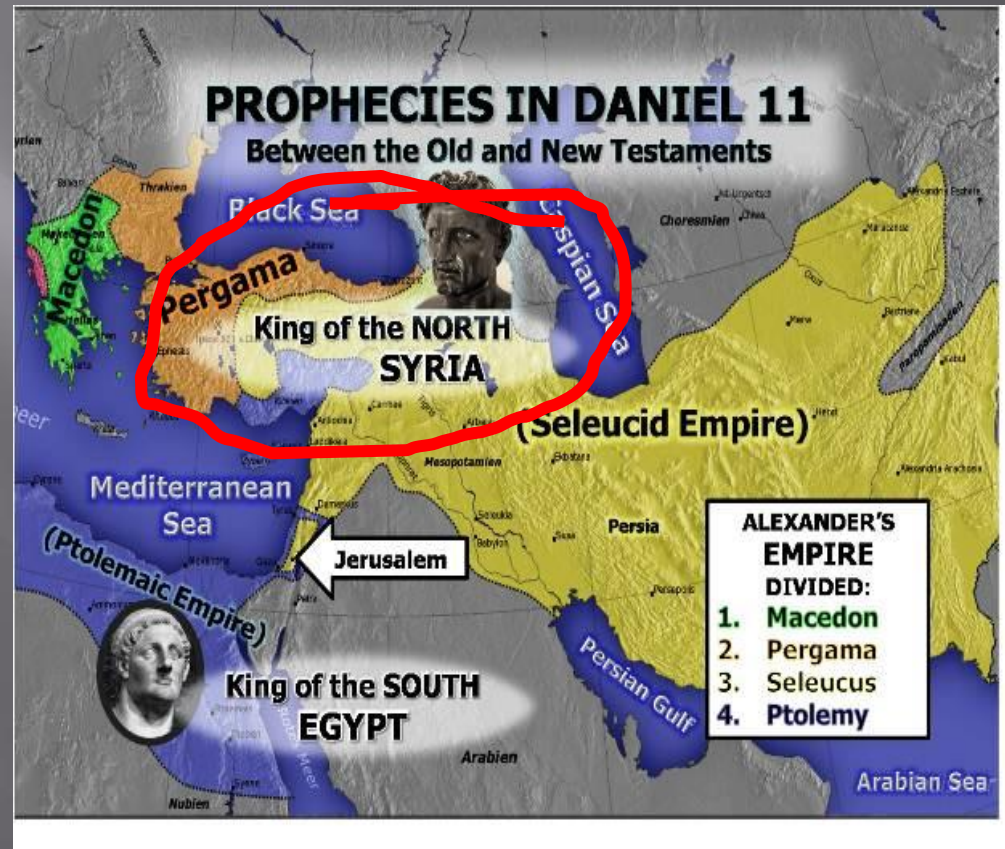
The Kingdom of Pergamos

- ▣ Attalus king of Pergamos died in BC 138.
- ▣ He had made a will by which he appointed the Roman people his heirs
- ▣ *“Let the Roman people inherit all my effects”*
- ▣ They were not slow to take possession

[Eureka]

The History prophesied in Daniel chpt 11

The territory of the
king of the North –
(Constantinople)



The History prophesied in Daniel chpt 11

- ▣ The Little Horn is representative of powers on certain territories – *not of races*
 - Pagan Romans
 - Catholic Greeks
 - Moslem Turks
 - Greek Catholic Russians

- ▣ The power that rules in Constantinople and plants its standard in Assyria is the Little Horn of the Assyro-Macedonian Horn of the Goat

The History of the Little Horn

- ▣ Began its career by crucifying “the Prince of the Host” (**Dan 8:11**)
- ▣ Destroying Jerusalem and the Temple (**v11**)
- ▣ Sets up a god in Rome whom his fathers knew not (Papal system) (**Dan: 11:37**)
- ▣ Ends by standing up against Michael, the Prince of Princes, who brings him to his end. (**Dan 8:25**)

Exposition of Daniel

“If these things be apprehended, the reader will be prepared to read the destiny of Russia and the nations in the solution of the Eastern Question; for, the working out of it out is the manifestation of the Gogian Image, or Latino-Greek Babylonian power in consummation for its signal and final overthrow by the hand of the Deity”

Summary – Dan 11

1. Pushing of the Ram westward against Greece v1
2. The Power of Alexander and the division of his Empire v3-4
3. The wars and policy of the Kings of the North and South as far as they compromised the land of Israel and the Jews v5-35
4. The Little Horn of the Goat (Rome) establishing its dominion over the territories of the northern and southern horns of the Goat and Holy Land v36-39

Historical Development – Dan 11

5. Re-emergence of the southern and northern Horns of the Goat upon their ancient territories (the Little Horn and the King of the North coalesce) v40
6. Invasion of the Holy Land by king of the North v41-45
7. Final Destruction at the hand of Michael the great prince of Israel v45

Re-emergence of the southern and Northern Horns

Illustration (example) of the Goat's Horn

- ▣ Piece cut out of Goat's Horn
- ▣ Attached to a spring

[Elpis Israel page405]

Re-emergence of the southern and Northern Horns

Pressure applied:-

The piece would be brought down to a level with the surface of the Horn

Represent = the Assyro-Macedonian kingdom under the Selucidae

Re-emergence of the southern and Northern Horns

Remove pressure:-

The piece would extend to length of the spring (i.e. the Little Horn of the Goat)

Represent = the power which prevails from the conquest of Assyro-Macedonia BC65 until “*the time of the end*”.

Re-emergence of the southern and Northern Horns

Pressure afterwards applied:-

The piece is brought down to the level of the surface of the horn – for by pressure the horn is merged into it.

Represents = the merging of the Little Horn power of Constantinople into the Assyro-Macedonian, or Russian, Horn of the Goat in the time of the end.

Re-emergence of the southern and Northern Horns

“In the time of the end, the Horn of the North in its enmity against Israel, plays a similar part to that it did of old by the hand of Antiochus Epiphanes in the days of Judas Maccabaeus”

Re-emergence of the southern and Northern Horns

“And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.”
(Dan.11:40)

So how do we pin point who the King of the North is?

2. The King of the North identified



The King of the North identified

*“And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of
Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and
prophecy against him,*

*And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am
against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and
Tubal:” (Ezekiel 38:1-3)*

The King of the North identified

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against thee, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and
Tubal:” (Ezekiel 38:1-3 Revised Version)*

The King of the North identified

Ros is the most ancient form under which history makes mention of the name of RUSSIA

Ros and Mosc denote the nations of Russia and Moscovy

“It is credible that from Rhos and Mesech descended the Russians and Moscovites, nations of the greatest celebrity in European Scythia”

[Sacred Geography – Bochart]

The King of the North identified

The river Tobol gives name to the City Tobolium, or Tobolski – the metropolis of the region of Siberia

The King of the North identified

Gog: -

- ▣ A proper name
- ▣ The prophet speaks of Gog, not as a people, but as an Emperor (an autocrat)
- ▣ Gog: “*a roof*” (English and Hebrew Bible Students Concordance) or “*one at the top*”

The King of the North identified

Gog

“one at the top”

“to be elevated”

“to rise up”



The King of the North identified

Ros	Russia
Meshech	Moscow
Tubal	Tobolski

The King of the North identified

“Thus the 3 denominations (Ros, Meshech and Tubal) point out with equal capacity and conciseness, those widely extended regions, which at the present day, we denominate THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE”

[J.Thomas]

Ezekiel 38 and Daniel 11 – a comparison

EZEKEIL 38	DANIEL 11
1. Gog is Prince of Ros, Mechech and Tubal – therefore king of the north geographically	Daniel gives details of the KING OF THE NORTH
2. Gog is to invade the land of Israel “from the north parts” and in “ <i>the latter days</i> ”	The King of the North is to enter the same country at the same time
3. The Libyans and Ethiopians belong to Gog’s army	The Libyans and Ethiopians are “ <i>at the steps</i> ” of the King of the North.
4. Hostile tidings come to Gog from Sheba and Dedan eastward	“ <i>Tidings out of the east and out of the north</i> ” troubles the King of the North
5. Gog is to “ <i>fall upon the mountains of Israel</i> ”	The King of the North “ <i>comes to his end</i> ” there “ <i>with none to help him</i> ”
6. Gog encounters the Adonai Yahweh in battle on the mountains of Israel	The King of the North contends with Michael the great prince

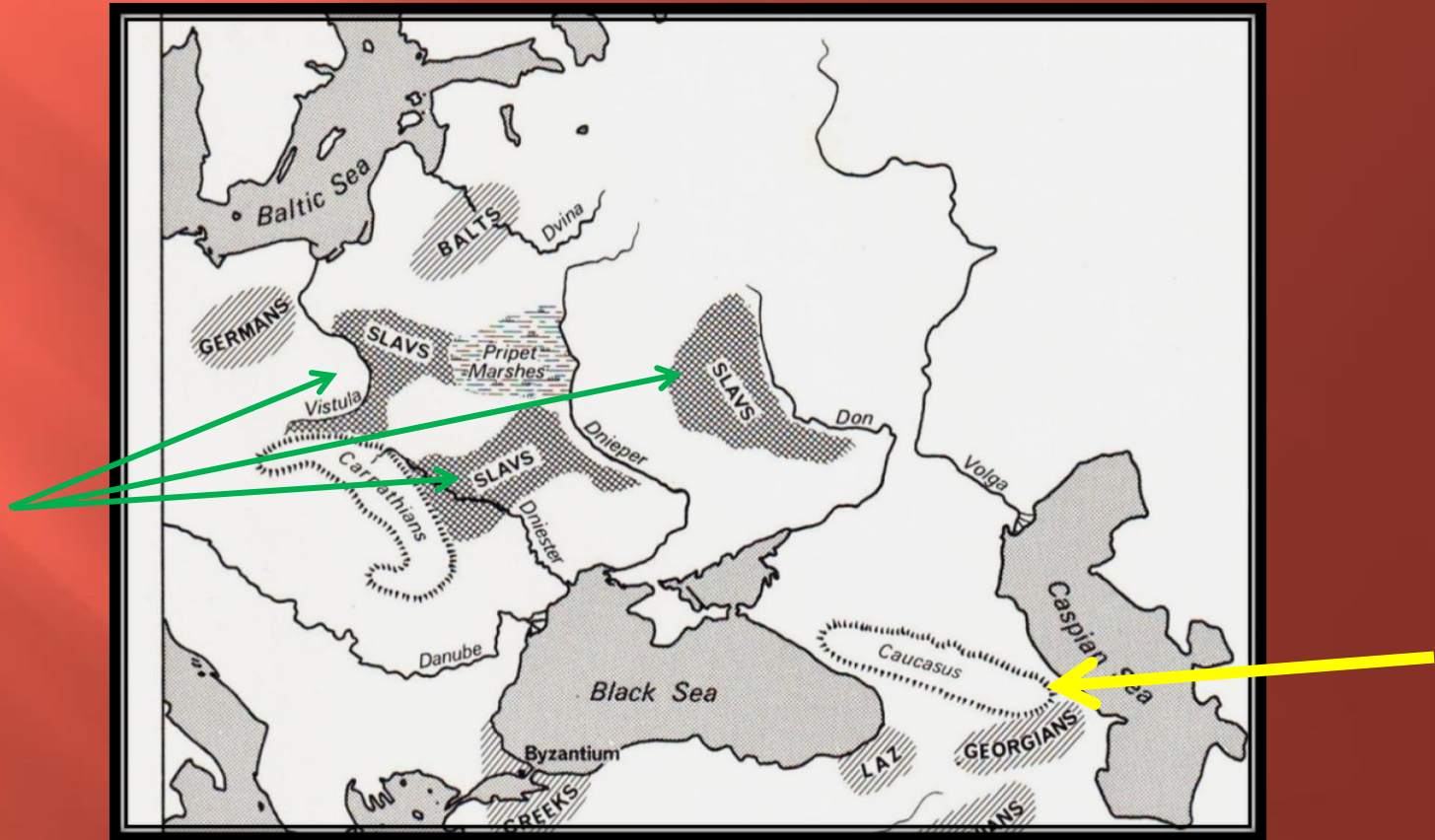
3. The Growth of Russia



Historical Developments

Slavs by 800BC – origins unknown

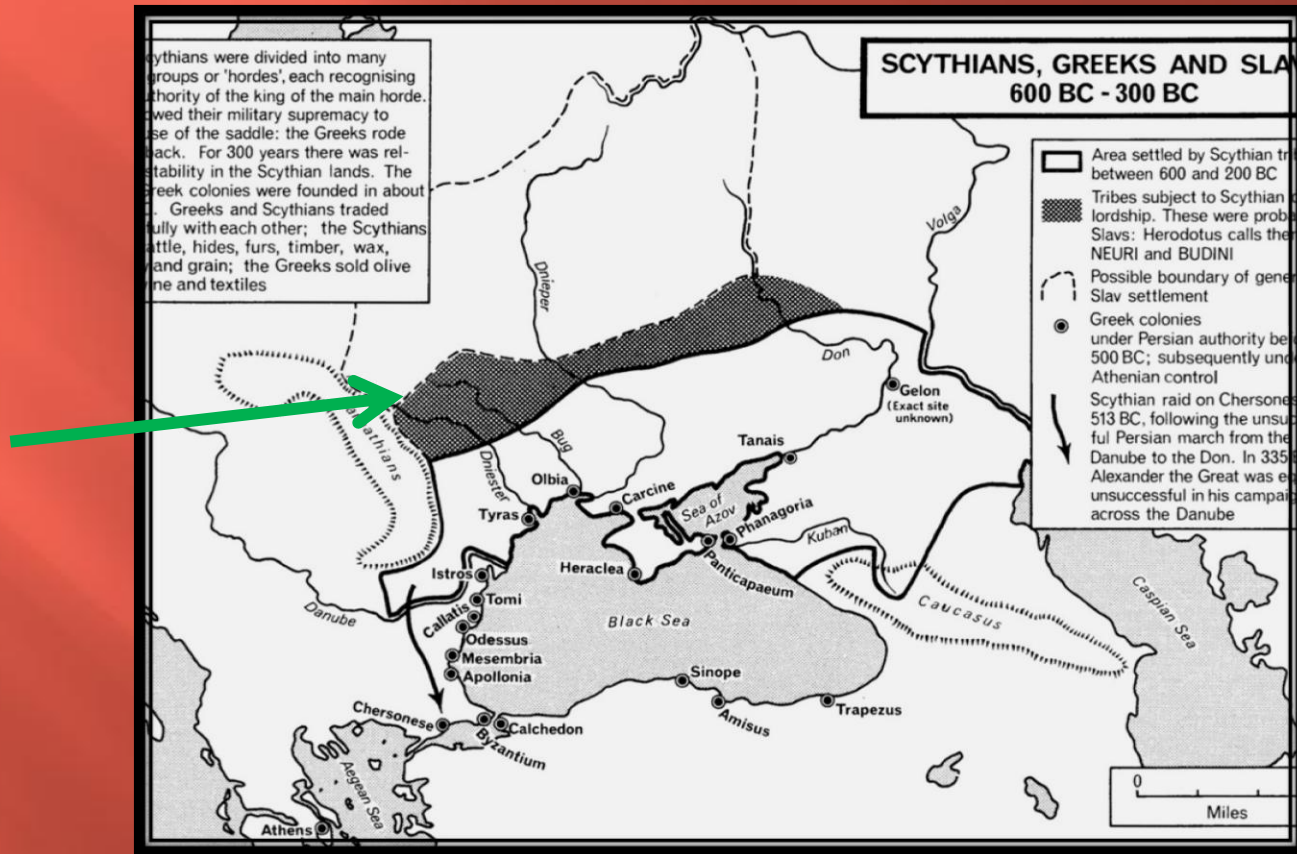
Possibly they came from the Caucasus



Historical Developments

600 BC – 300BC

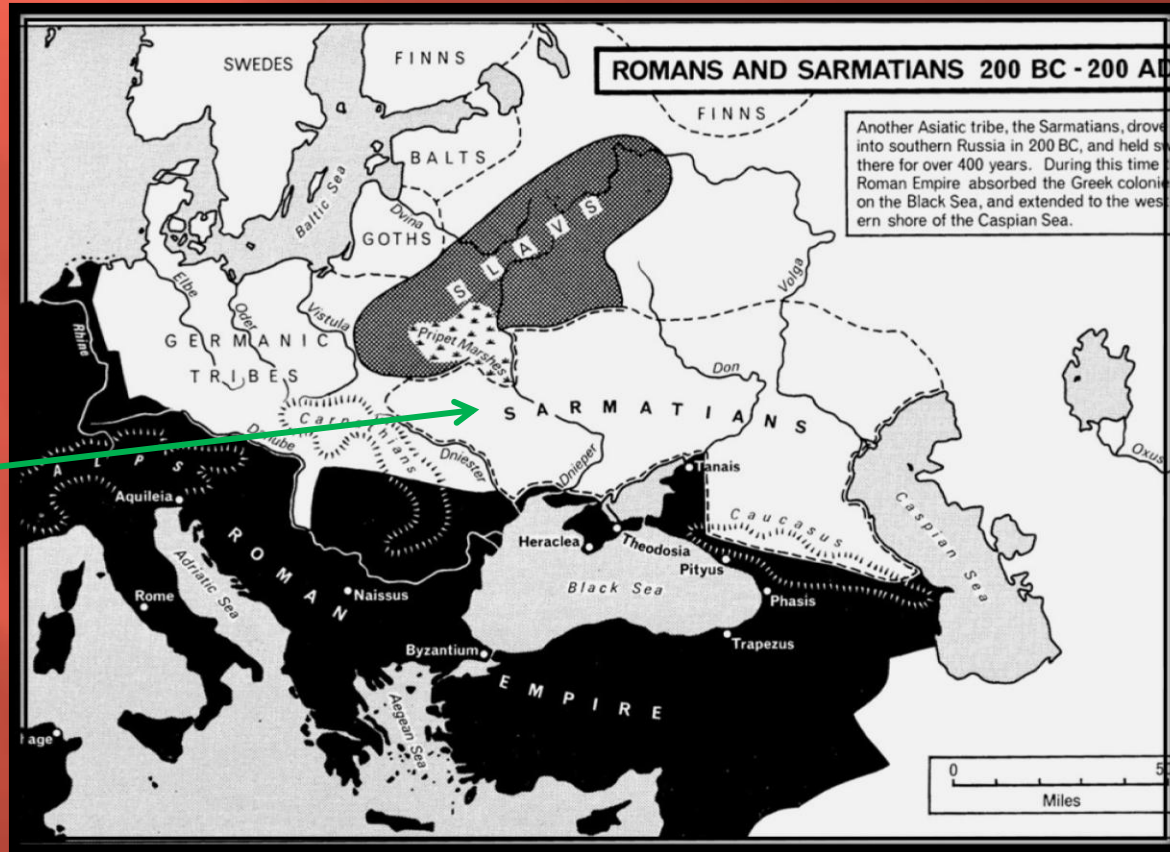
Tribes subject to Scythian over-lordship



Historical Developments

Sarmatians 200 BC - 200 AD

Drove into southern Russia - held sway 400 years



Historical Developments

Triumph of the Goths 200 – 400 AD

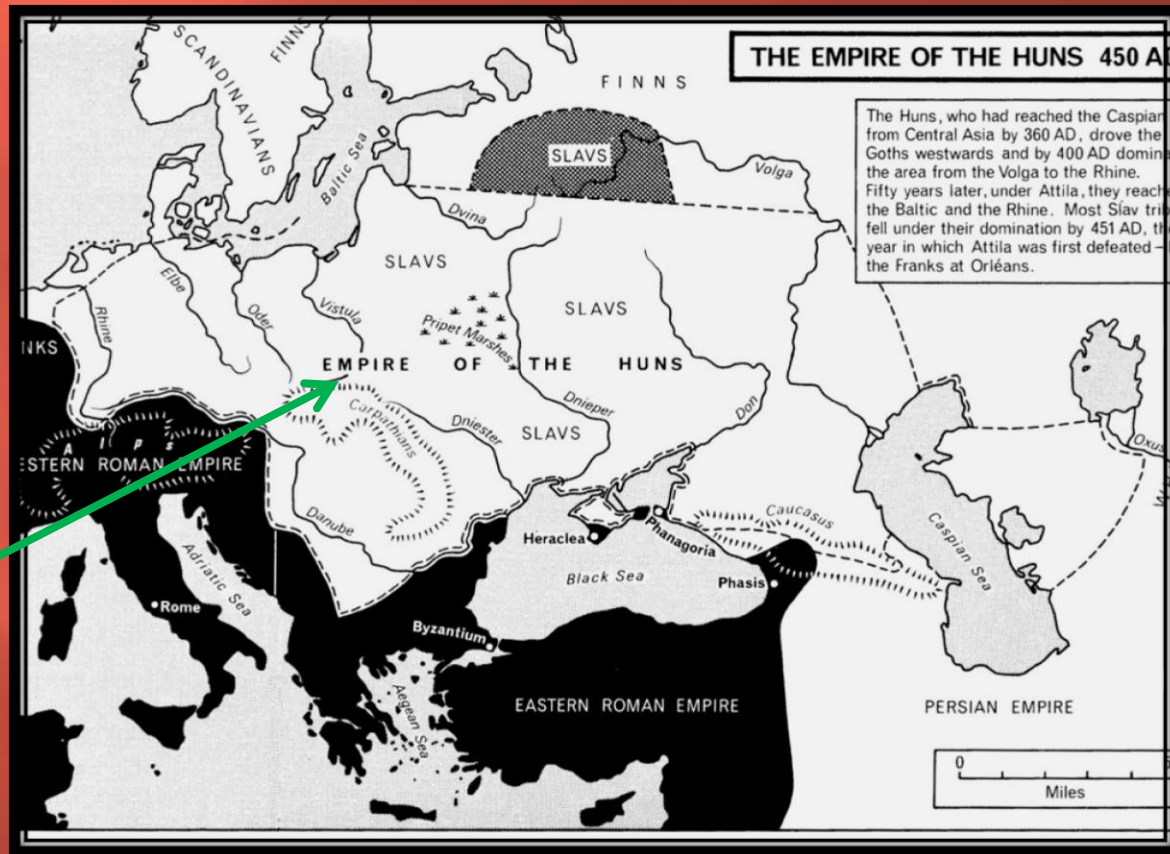
Defeated Sarmatians & extended rule to Black Sea – Goths converted to Christianity
(Slavs recognised their over lordship)



Historical Developments

Empire of the Huns 450 AD

Drove Goths westwards – dominated from Volga to Rhine



Historical Developments

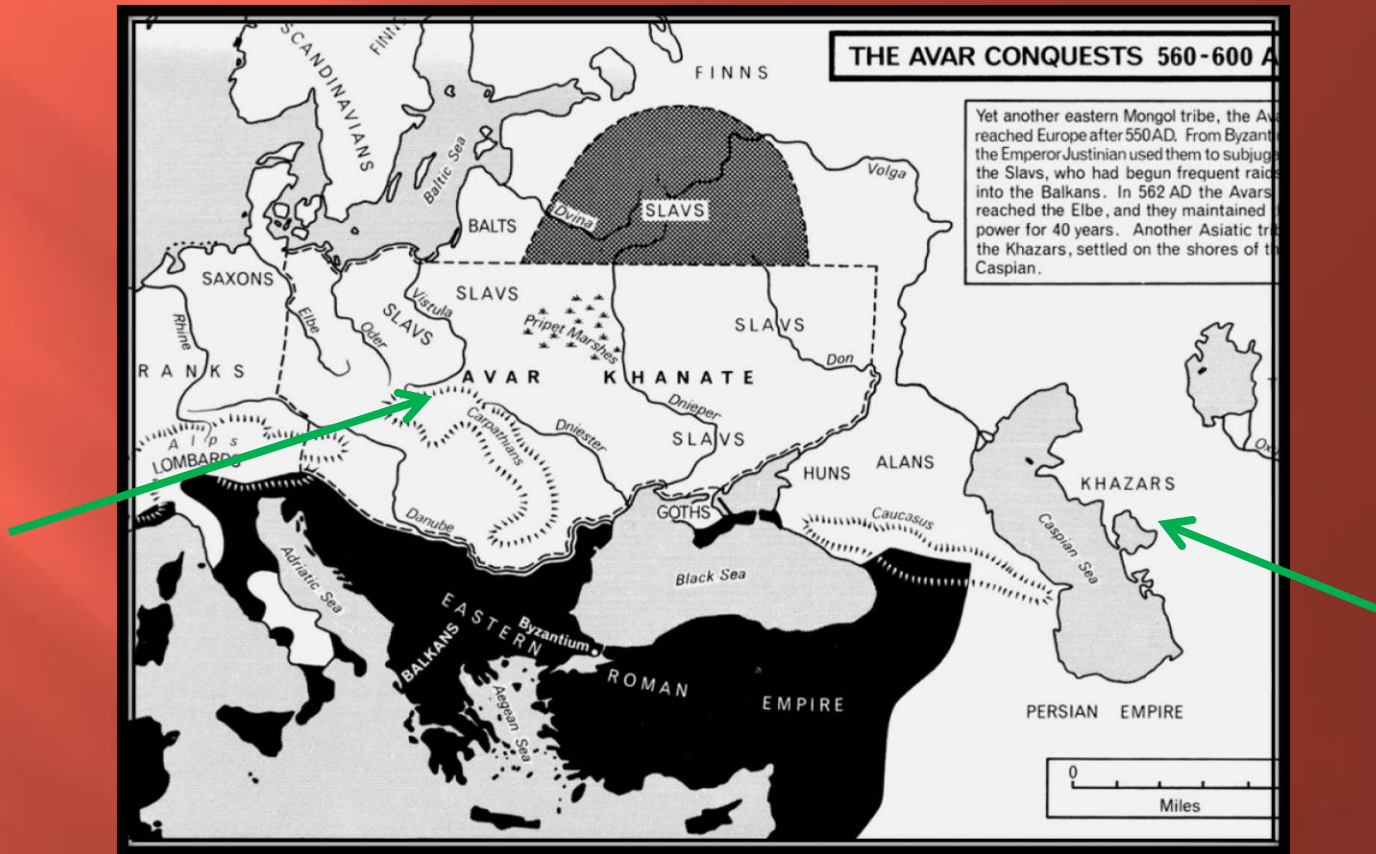
Between 450 & 480 AD strength of Huns waned
Slavs expanded



Historical Developments

Avars (eastern Mongol tribe) reached Europe 550AD)

Khazars (Asiatic tribe) settled on shores of Caspian



Historical Developments

605AD – Slavs threw off Avar control



Historical Developments

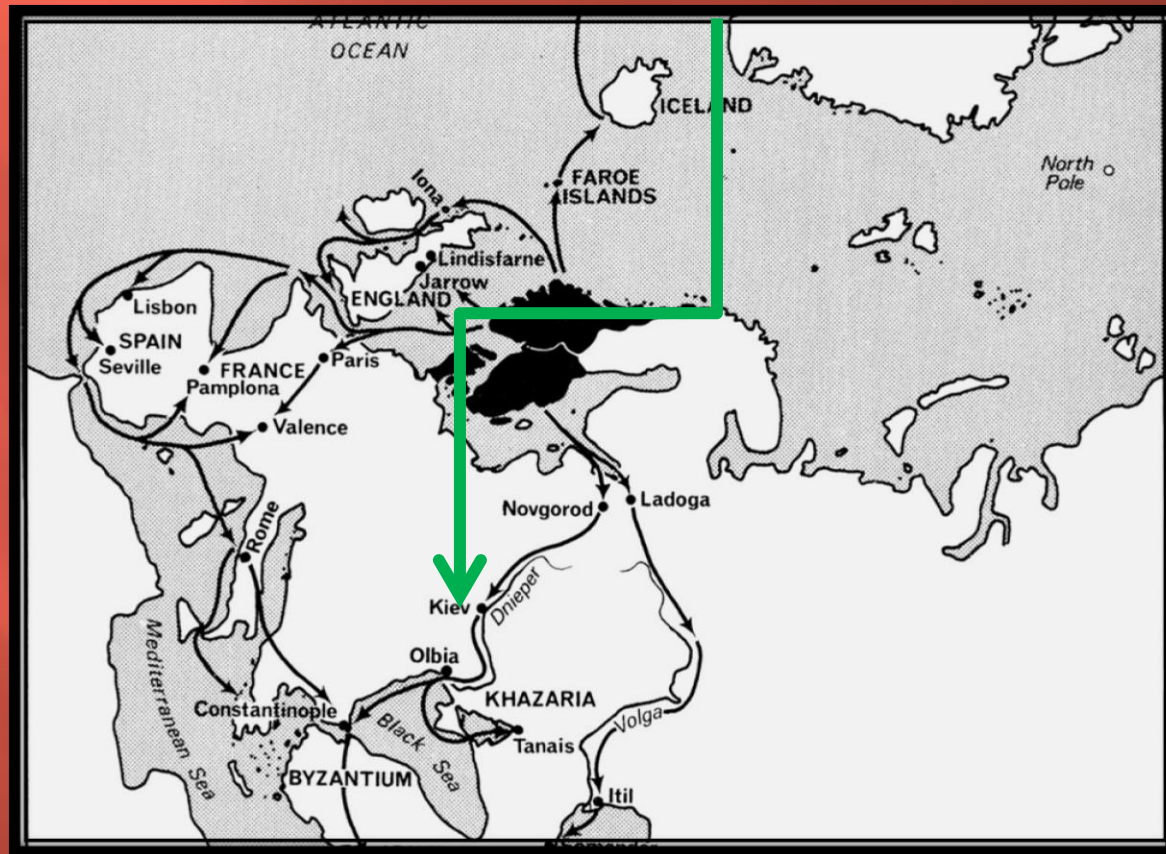
By 650AD Khazar rule had spread from Oxus to Dniester



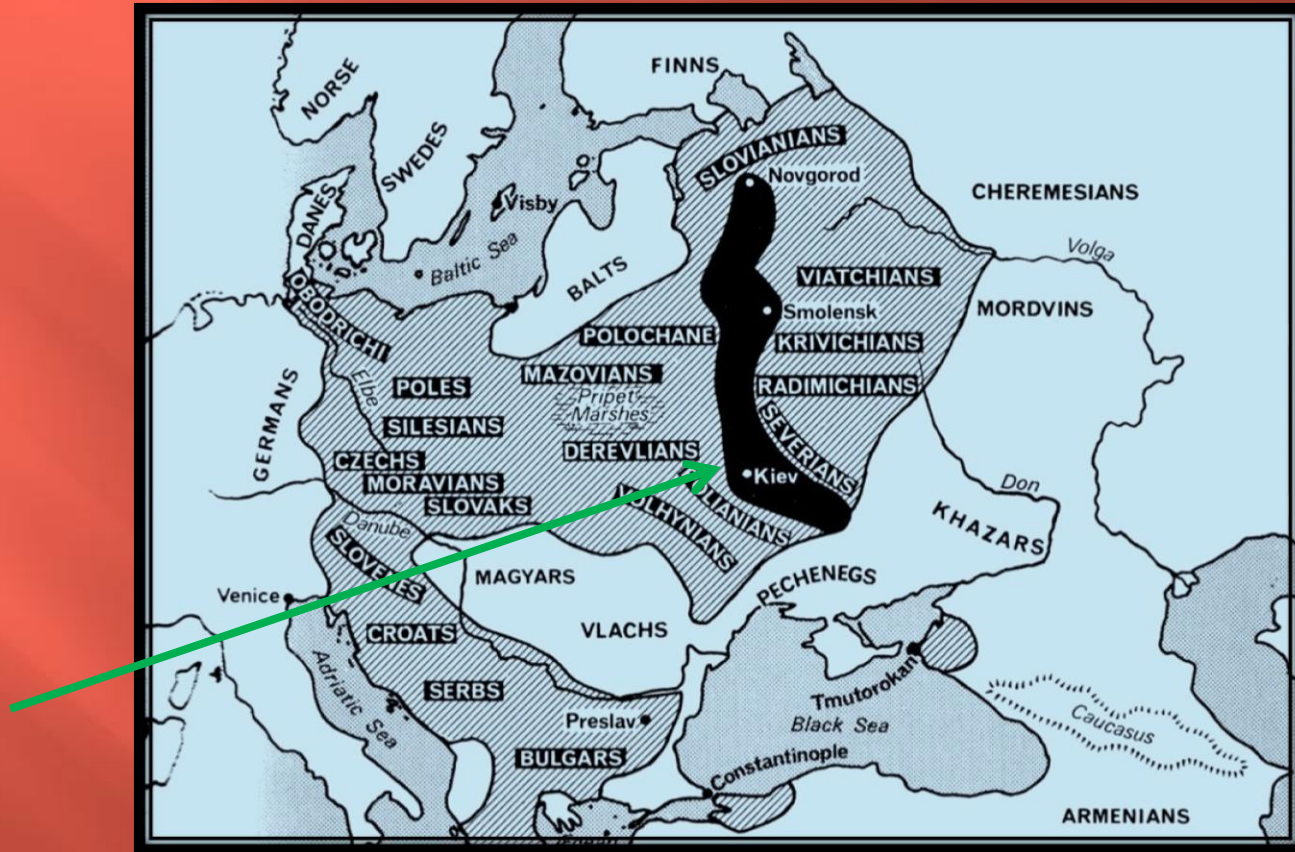
Historical Developments

800-1000AD – Scandinavian Migrations

Vikings penetrated the Slav lands to Kiev



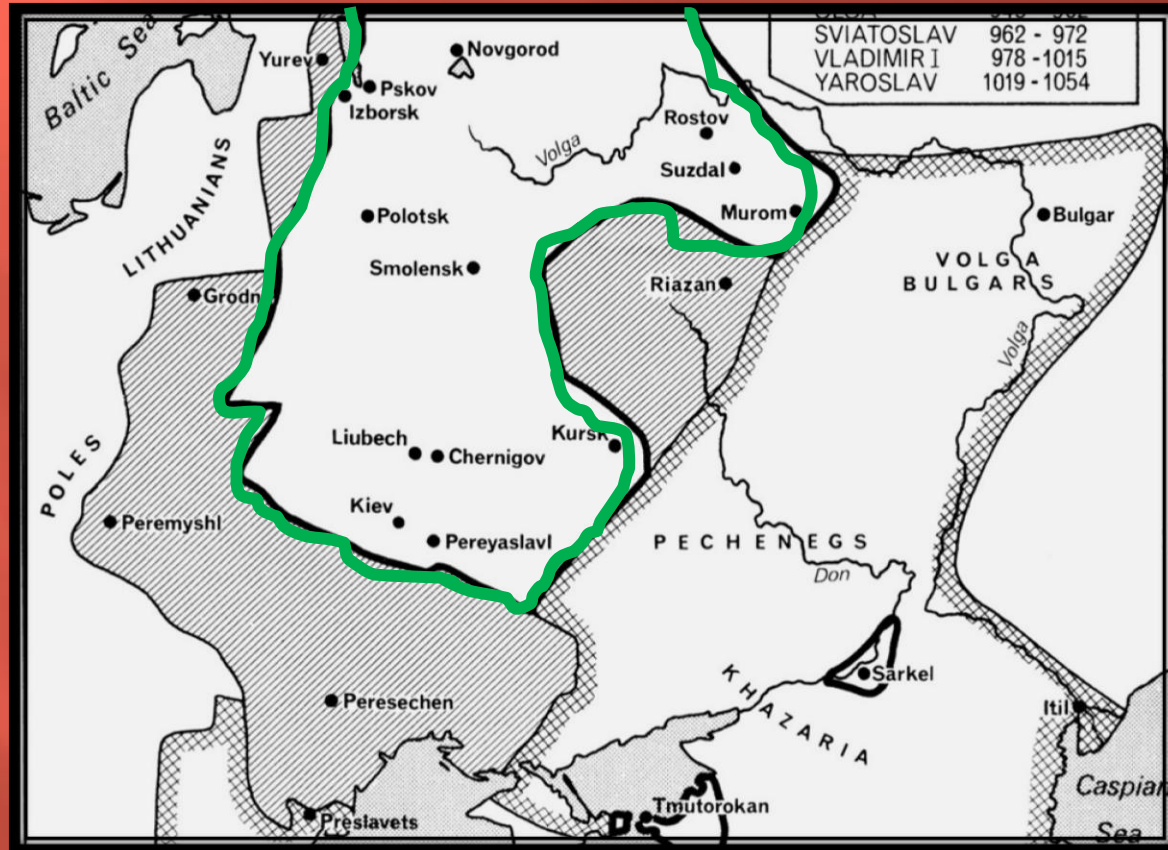
Historical Developments – Emergence of Russia



Slavs & Norsemen by 880AD

Dominated the Slavs – moulded them into a coherent federation “**Kievan Rus**” – beginning of Russian national consciousness.

Historical Developments



Kievan Russia 880-1054

Ruled by the Norseman Rurik – their rule was unified & expansionist – adopted Christianity – First Russian legal code compiled

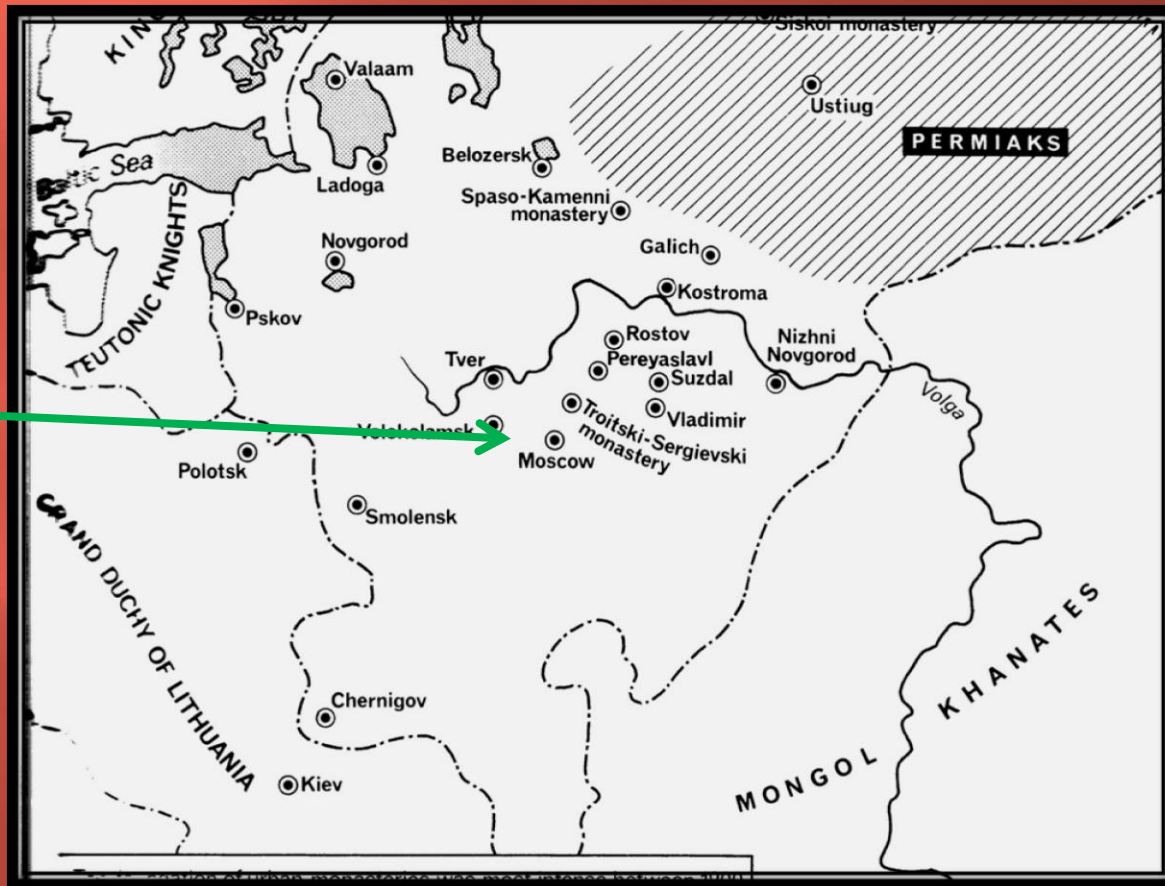
Historical Developments



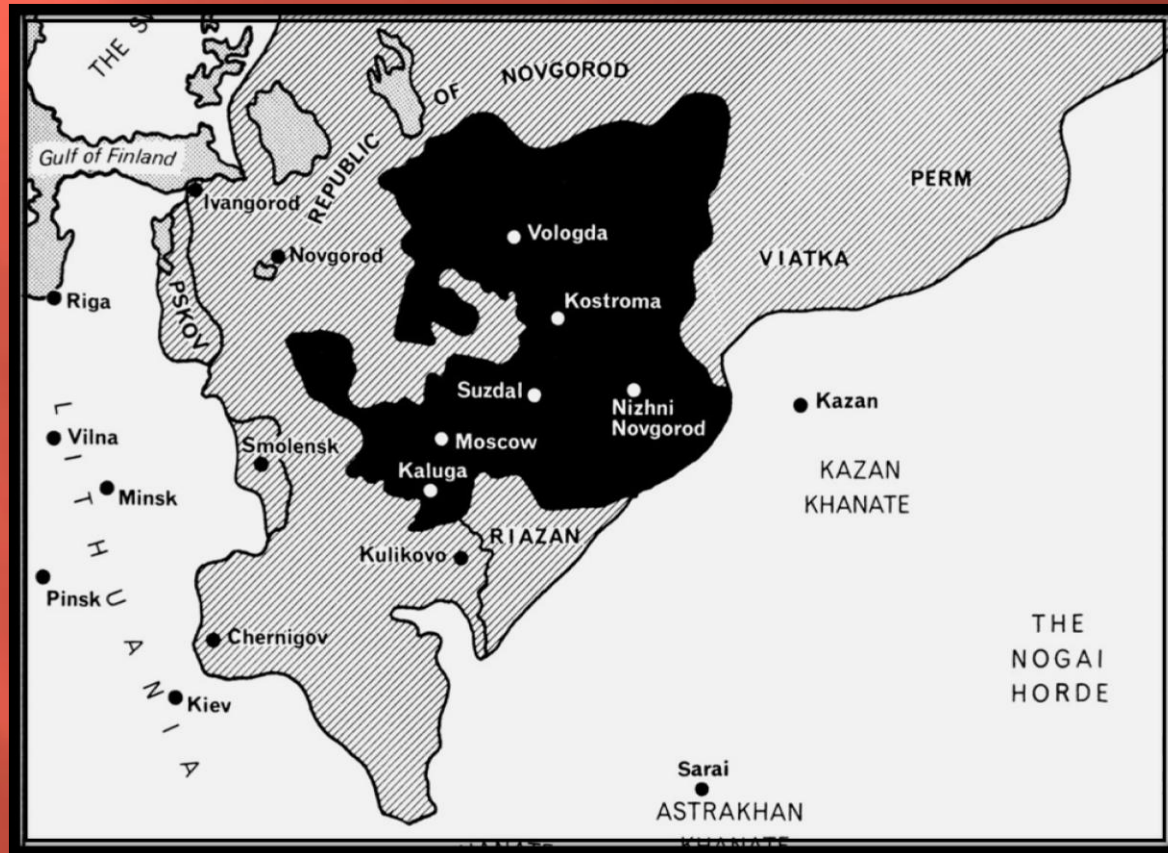
By 1000AD Russians (Serbs & Bulgars) were converted to Eastern Orthodox Catholicism (Croats & Poles to Roman Catholicism)

Historical Developments

1200–1600AD – Growth of Russian Monasticism
[NB – Moscow]



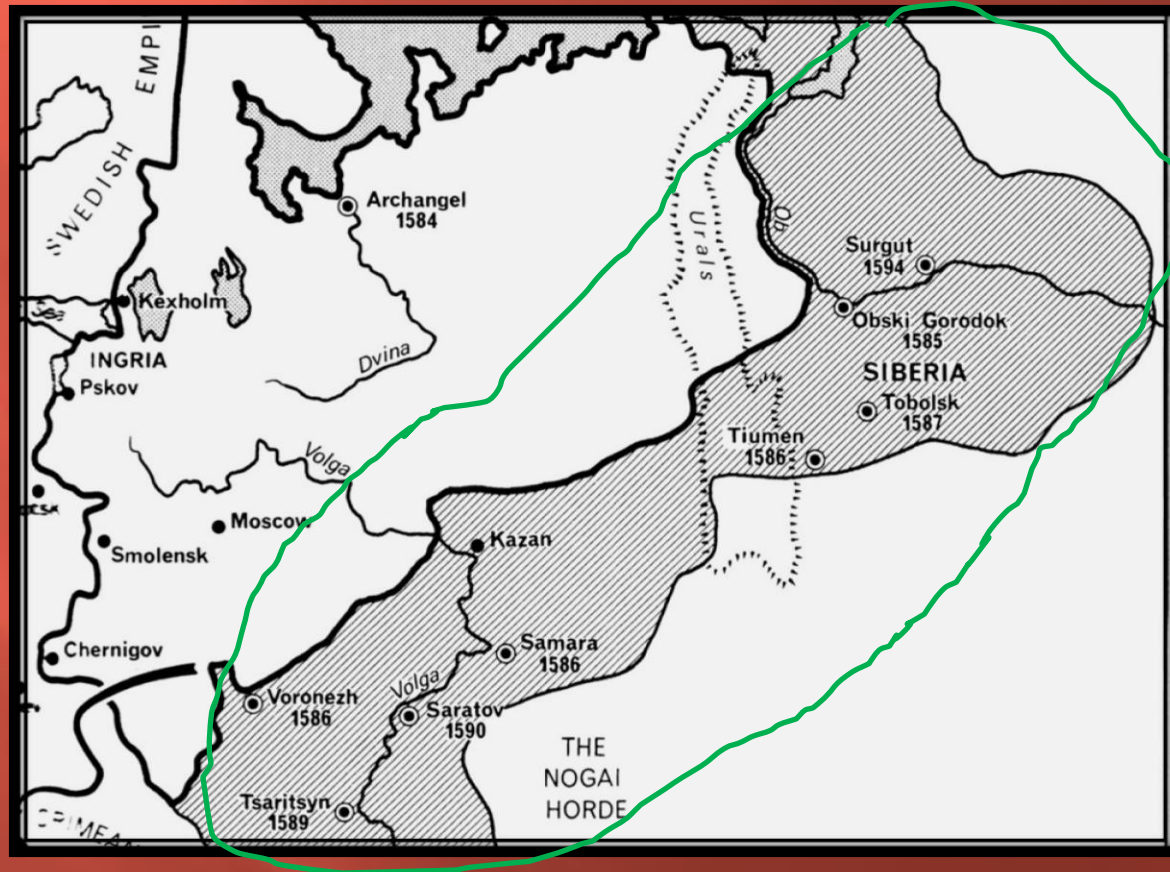
Rise of Meshech



Town of Moscow first prominent in **1147AD**
Between 1260 & 1533 the Principalities fell under
its control

Founding of Tobolsk – Expansion of Russia 1533-1598

Tobolsk was founded in 1587



Russian Expansion

1640-1667 – Western Expansion

1478-1710 – Eastern Expansion

(1700-1721) – Swedish territory conquered under Peter the Great

1762-1796 – Expansion under Catherine the Great

1772-1795 – Annexations of Poland

1820-1917 – Russia reached furthest western extent under Alexander 1

4. The Mission and Extent of the King of the North's Dominion



The Mission and Extent of the King of the North

“And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:

Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:

Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee.” (Ezekiel 38:4-6)

“Many People with thee”

BIBLICAL REFERENCE	GEOGRAPHICAL AREA
Ros	Russia
Meshech	Moscow
Tubal	Tobolski
Magogue	Central Europe
Persia	Iran
Ethiopia	Ethiopia
Libya	Libya
Gomer	France
Torgamah	Caucasus regions

“Magog”

“The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.”

(Genesis 10:2)

“Magog”

Josephus identifies Magog with the Scythians:

“Magog founded those that were from him.. Were named Magogites, but also are by the Greeks called Scythians”

Herodotus:

“those dwelling from the shores of the Baltic to the river Don (i.e Central Europe” – (covering Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary)

“Magog”

Magog - Supposed by many to be the father of the Scythians and Tartars, or Tatars, as the word should be written; and in great Tartary many names are still found which bear such a striking resemblance to the Gog and Magog of the Scriptures, as to leave little doubt of their identity.

Tubal - Some think he was the father of the Iberians, and that a part at least of Spain was peopled by him and his descendants; and that Meshech, who is generally in Scripture joined with him, was the founder of the Cappadocians, from whom proceeded the Muscovites.

“Many People with thee”

BIBLICAL REFERENCE	GEOGRAPHICAL AREA
Magogue	Central Europe – region extending from the Ros, or Russia, comprehending Walachi (SE Europe – a vassal state of the Ottoman Empire – present day <u>Rumania</u>); <u>Hungary</u> and <u>Germany</u> .
Persia	Iran
Ethiopia	Ethiopia
Libya	Libya
Gomer	(from the Galatae or Gauls) – France, Belgium, Switzerland
Torgamah	Caucasus regions <u>Russia and Independent Tartary</u> (region with indefinite boundaries in E. Europe and Asia inhabited by Bulgars until overrun by the Tartars (Tartars = member of Mongoloid people who under Genghis Khan established a vast and powerful state in Central Asia until conquered by Russia in 1552)

Extent of Gogue's Dominion

“The names of countries furnished by Ezekiel ...will lead to a conception of the general extent (of the territory under the King of the North). Besides “all the Russias,” it will take in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Prussia, Austria, Turkey, Persia, Tatory, Greece, the Romans Africa and Egypt”

[Exposition of Daniel page 86]

Extent of Gog's Dominion



Extent of Gog's Dominion

“A Czar of Russia will be both Emperor of Germany and Autocrat of All the Russias”

(as yet no Emperor of Russia has been also Emperor of Germany)

The Mission of the King of the North

“After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.

Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee.” (Eze.38:8-9)

The Mission of the King of the North

“And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwallled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,

To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.” (v11-12)

The Mission of the King of the North

“He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.”

(Dan 11:41-43)

The Mission of the King of the North

“Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him.....Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, he is a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who enlargeth his desire as hell, and is as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people....Woe to him that increaseth that which is not his!to him that ladeth himself with thick clay!” (Hab.2:2-6)

The Mission of the King of the North

“O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.

I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few.” (Isaiah 10:5-7)

5. The Character of the King of the North

Characteristics of the ancient Assyrian:

- ▣ *Ruthless Brutality*
- ▣ *Efficient fighting machine*
- ▣ *Essentially a military people*
- ▣ *Pitiless torture and destruction*

5. The Character of the King of the North

“But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.”

(Dan 11:44)

5. The Character of the King of the North

“I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.” (Joel 3:2-3)

5. The Character of the King of the North

“For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.” (Zech.14:2)

6. Signs Today



6. Signs Today

- ▣ Building up of Russia's military
- ▣ Crisis in Ukraine
- ▣ Putin – a man with a mission

6. Signs Today

“The future movements of Russia are notable signs of the times, because they are predicted in the Scriptures of truth. The Russian Autocracy in its plenitude, and on the verge of dissolution, is the Image of Nebuchadnezzar, standing on the Mountains of Israel, ready to be smitten by the Stone.”

(Elpis Israel – Preface)

6. Signs Today

“When Russia makes its grand move for the building up of its Image-empire then let the reader know that the end of all things as at present constituted is at hand.”

{Ibid}



6. Signs Today

“On the verge of dissolution”

“And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.”

(Dan 11:45)

6. Signs Today

“On the verge of dissolution”

“...at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, that my fury shall come up in my face.....

Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:

And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.

Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee....” (**Ezek 38: 18 and 39:1-4**)

6. Signs Today

“The long-expected, but stealthy advent of the King of Israel will be on the verge of becoming a fact; and salvation will be to those who not only looked for it, but have trimmed their lamps by believing the gospel of the kingdom unto the obedience of faith, and the performance thereof in “fruits meet for repentance.”

{Ibid}

