

Revelation 15 And 16:1-12, The Seventh Trumpet, The Vials



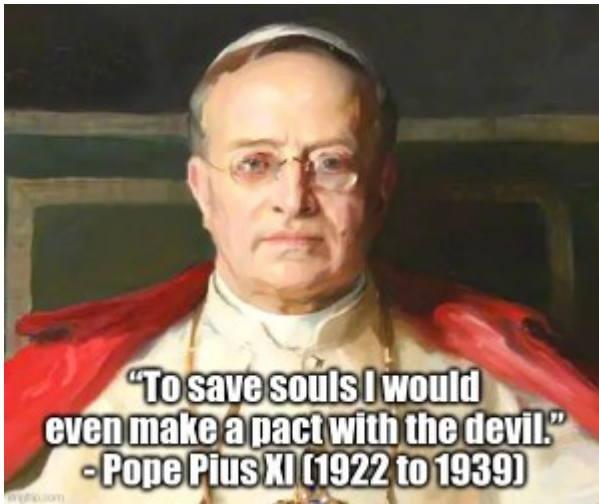
Era Of The French Revolution, A.D. 1789-1830.

The Great Artificial Famine of Ukraine in 1933



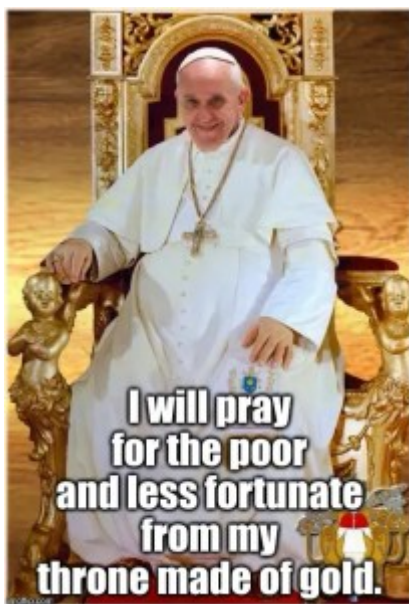
Ten million Ukrainians starved to death in the great artificial famine of 1933.

The Pope And The Devil



The Pope declared that God had arranged for him to meet and sign a pact with a man whom he (the Pope) knew was little better than a devil! The so-called "Vicar of Jesus Christ," should sign agreements with two men, Mussolini and Hitler, who were little better than devils!

[The Catholic Church And Economics](#)



Opposition of the Catholic church to capitalism has its roots in the Catholic consciousness of the fact that the feudal hegemony of the Catholic church was broken up by the combined power of capitalism and the Protestant Reformation.

[A View of Tucker Carlson's Interview with Vladimir Putin](#)



Before you get upset with me for telling you something that you may not like, please let me tell you why I think the way I do.

First of all, I lived in Russia from 1994 to 1997 in the cities of Novosibirsk in Siberia, [St. Petersburg](#), and [Murmansk in the Arctic Circle](#), to share the Gospel with the Russian people. And I visited one of the most remote places in the Russian Arctic, the [village of Teriberka](#). The Russians were very kind to me and I made lots of friends. It was fun learning to communicate in Russian and learning the customs and culture of the Russian people. Russians have a sense of humor just like Americans. They often use amusing sarcasm to make their point. They're a well-mannered people and sometimes corrected me on my manners, something I appreciated.

Besides Russians, I also met the peoples of all the 14 other republics of the former Soviet Union who lived in Russia. There were lots of ethnic Ukrainians in Russia including two sisters in Christ from Kiev, my partners in evangelism to the Russians. I can tell you at the time there was no natural enmity between Russians and Ukrainians, at least there wasn't until Putin came along. Russians and Ukrainians were like cousins, one big family. I couldn't tell them apart! All the Ukrainians in Russia speak the Russian language, and even in Ukraine 1/3 of Ukrainians speak only Russian.

At the time there was still a spiritual vacuum in Russia because of the demise of Communism. One lady told me Communism and the Soviet government was her god. She said it was as if her god had died when the Soviet Union broke apart. Many were disheartened. But because of that, they were open to hearing the Gospel! My [elderly friend from Moscow, Helen](#), one of the English-Russian interpreters to Japanese NHK journalists when they interviewed the first man to orbit the earth, Yuri Gagarin, appreciated all the Bible-based literature I gave her. I saw a lot of Russians come to know Jesus as their savior!

I also went to other former Soviet Republics, [Estonia where I lived for one month](#), Latvia for one week, and Lithuania for a couple of days. There's an ethnic Russian population in those former Soviet Republics, and they live in peace with each other. All the ethnic Russians had to learn the languages of those countries to earn a living there after the Soviet Union broke apart. Before that in Soviet times, they were allowed to do business speaking Russian. Now they are not!

Unlike Belarus and Ukraine then, there was a natural enmity between those

three Baltic nations and Russia! And why? Russian is not their language and they were forced to join the Soviet Union against their will.

I once passed through Belarus on my way from St. Petersburg to Poland, the land of my grandparents. Lukashenko was president of Belarus even then! I was surprised then (1976) to learn that not all of the Polish people like Russia. Much less now for sure.

I also passed through Ukraine by train from Novorossiysk, a city on the Black Sea, on my way back to St. Petersburg. Ukrainian immigration officials saw that I didn't have a visa for Ukraine, but my Russian friends talked them out of fining me! I was on a train line built during Soviet times. There were no borders then between Soviet Republics. The area of Ukraine I passed through is the Donbas region Putin annexed to Russia. I do not believe it was with the will of the people there.

Before I went to Russia when I lived in Japan, I met a young lady from Latvia in Tokyo. I knew she could speak Russian, and because I was studying the Russian language from NHK radio programs, I wanted to try out my Russian with her. I spoke to her some words in Russian and she immediately stopped me! "Russian is not my language," she said. But there's no doubt in my mind she understood what I said.

Once in Tallinn Estonia, I heard a lady scold a boy for standing on the park bench. At first, she spoke to him in Estonian, and because he didn't seem to understand her, she spoke in Russian and he got the point. That was in 1977. I'm sure Russian speakers in Estonia are less and less and all ethnic Russians in Estonia are Estonia speakers by now.

Of the 15 former Soviet Republics, only Ukrainians and Belorussians are Slavic peoples with a language very similar to Russian. It stands to reason they would get along with each other more. The other former Soviet peoples all have different languages, and those languages are not related to each other.

I'm telling you all this because I didn't know the attitudes of the people of these countries before I actually lived there, and therefore I'm assuming you may not know them either. It's one of the reasons why I was heartbroken over Putin's invasion of Ukraine! Not only Ukrainians, but the Russian people themselves are suffering and dying in this war! I only want the war to stop!

I also want you to know that I like Tucker Carlson. I appreciate his conservative views. I saw once a video an average New Yorker made when he saw Tucker Carlson fly fishing in Central Park New York City. Tucker was very cordial to him and answered all his questions. You can tell a lot about a person when you see how he treats others.

That being said, I was surprised Tucker went out of his way to give Putin an opportunity to spread his propaganda.

Putin, a former head of the KGB, is not to be trusted no matter what he says. I met lots of Russians on the island of Guam where I lived for 5 years. None

of them like Putin! They ALL call him a criminal! And they all support Ukrainian resistance to the Russian invasion! I know that for a fact. I had a Russian friend who attended my church in Guam, Alex from a town in southern Russia near Crimea and the Black Sea, and that's what he told me. And I met other Russians in Guam who agreed with him. Some of them actually fled from Russia to escape prosecution by Putin's government!

Putin is not merely just a criminal, he's a murderer of his OWN PEOPLE! The [1999 Moscow apartment bombings were a false flag operation](#) that brought him into power. Yeltsin appointed him to take over under the condition Putin would not prosecute the Yeltsin family for ripping off billions from the Russian government. They are ALL corrupt! And Tucker trusts that guy?! Incredible!

Putin is the aggressor. He invaded Ukraine. To justify him for the invasion is a great delusion. To think he's justified in what he's doing is spitting on all the graves of the ones that died in the war so far, the graves of BOTH Ukrainians AND Russians!!

Lydia from Kyiv was my evangelism partner in St. Petersburg and Murmansk. Wouldn't you think she knows the situation better than most Americans who never have been to Russia or Ukraine? This is what she wrote me:

From my relatives and acquaintances I know how strong and effective Russian propaganda is. I experienced friends who turned to enemies because they believed what was broadcast more than the people involved. But the truth is people from Donbas could travel all over Ukraine freely, speak Russian, and even get Ukrainian social benefits. Nobody was attacking them either in words or by deeds. You are smart man, but it seems to me you've caught some of that propaganda. Putin is a liar. And he used the same false accusations to attack other countries as well. You might've known that.

That video you posted about what was happening in 2013, before and after is not accurate, not true. The same twisted lies they fed and keep on feeding to Russians and anybody for that matter.

If someone in power is concerned that somebody's rights are violated (like ethnic Russians), why can't he do it the civil way: collect the evidence and go to international court with it?

Ukrainian independence is what Putin didn't like and you can get that message from his speeches before he started this inhuman war. By what can you justify the targeted bombing of a maternity hospital, and an orphanage, and the shootings of unarmed civilians?

Why do we have to run from our homes for dear lives to become refugees now?

Every day cities and towns are bombed. Every day something is destroyed in Kyiv and I check the news in the morning worried sick it might be our apartment building. I just pray for my parents, sister, and all my loved ones to be safe. Over 60 of my fellow Kievans were killed, four of them were children.

In Ukraine people of different nationalities live together peacefully and we don't want anyone's territory. We want to live in peace and choose our own course without anybody dictating to us what to do.

The sad truth is most Russians consider themselves superior to Ukrainians and any other nations as well.

I'm sorry if I sound overly emotional, I actually am and some of the thoughts are hard to put into words. I didn't want to offend you in any way, and I hope you'll come to the right conclusions.

Lydia apparently thought from something I posted on Facebook that I agreed with Putin's invasion of Ukraine. I never did. I made that clear to her in a reply.

If you have seen Tucker Carlson's interview with Vladimir Putin, how can you reconcile what he says with what Ukrainian Lydia says? You can't. I trust what Lydia says. She's fled Kyiv for her life with her daughter Diana and is now living in France.

Just because Biden supports the Ukrainian resistance against the Russian invasion does not mean Putin is wearing the white hat! We should not judge according to appearances! I don't support Biden or most of his policies, but neither do I justify Putin in his actions. I think the situation is deeper than most people realize.

My friend from Belarus, Yanek, another one of my evangelism partners in St. Petersburg and Murmansk Russia, believes Putin was tricked into invading Ukraine because he was given false information. He thought the war would be over in days. He apparently thought the Ukrainian people would welcome the Russian soldiers as liberators from Volodymyr Zelenskyy's "repressive" government! Whatever you may think about Zelenskyy and his government, you can see that was not the case!

My friend Russian friend Alex says the Orthodox Church fully supports Putin's invasion of Ukraine. I hear the Catholic Church is stronger than the Orthodox in Western Ukraine. Could the war really be all about a Jesuit / Vatican plan to destroy Russia? I believe Western Europe is controlled by the Vatican, and the Vatican has failed twice so far to conquer Russia through Napoleon and Hitler.

Contrary to what others are saying, I can't see how Putin can win this war. Even if he takes over Kyiv, it'll be like the Nazi takeover of Paris. Just like the French underground resistance was a thorn in Hitler's side, so would a Ukrainian underground resistance be to Putin. That's what I believe.

Historically Ukrainians have more reasons to not like Russians than vice versa. [Millions of Ukrainians starved to death from 1932-1933](#) because all the food from their farms was shipped to Russia!

I have lost friends over my view about Putin and the Russian invasion. Putin is feeding American conservatives what he knows they like and want to hear! But his only interest is money and power. He's not in it for the welfare of the Russian people.

I hope I don't lose you too, but this is how I see it based on what I know directly from my own experiences in that part of the world and what my Russian and Ukrainian friends tell me, and not what the media or American conservatives tell me. I too am an American conservative! But my allegiance

is first of all to God's Kingdom, the Lord Jesus, and the truth.

Decoding Putin's Interview with Tucker Carlson

The 7-minute video below is an interview with [Jack Barsky, a former KGB spy in America](#). He gives insights into Vladimir Putin's recent interview with Tucker Carlson about Putin's assertions about Ukraine, military support, and diplomatic strategies.

Here's a quote during the interview from Mr. Barsky:

Mr. Carlson sat through most of that interview like a middle school student. But at one point he should have been prepared to know that Putin was just lying. Putin was stating that the war was started by Nazis in the Ukraine in 2014. **That's a blatant lie!** In 2014 there was an uprising by the people to support the parliament's decision to get closer to the European Union. And then Putin's next step: He invaded Crimea.

Comment from a new friend on Facebook:

I was very impressed by what this man has to say about why the Republicans are embracing Putin.

Its all some kind of harebrained gambit to discredit the other political party. Tucker's logic for this is something like "If Biden and the Dems hate Putin, we will embrace him." Trump and others play this same game. The truth or what is right doesn't matter. The only thing that matters is if "our" team comes out on top. The underlying modus operandi is "Blow up all our institutions and our long-standing views on decency and manners, as well as what is right or wrong. If we are the creators of chaos, we can be the rulers when the whole thing collapses." I'm a bit of a liberal, but I have to say the Dems dosomething similar, but in an awkwardly opposite style. They just ignore any major problem that the Republicans want to fix. For example, Biden's inaction on the border and illegal immigration. Also, some Dems also champion new so-called "liberal" ideas, such as gender reassignment for adolescents that is widely unpopular and drives many Centrist and conservative voters away. The extremists on both sides are making headlines with radical views, and that makes it impossible to do the things that 80% of Americans need and want; repair bring our infrastructure up to date, put in place logical, practical, workable solutions to the border problems. solve the homeless crisis, make it possible to financially support your family if you work. (Thanks for listening to my rant ☐)

May the war between Russia and Ukraine end! In Jesus' Name!

Gog and Magog identified: Turkey, NOT Russia!



The erroneous belief that Russia is Magog can be traced back to a small group of 18th and 19th century theologians who wrote long before the primary evidence from the ancient Assyrian records was discovered, translated and made available to the public.

The Reality Behind the Russian Invasion of Ukraine: Rome Vs. Moscow



Biden supporting Ukraine and Zelinsky does not make Putin good. Putin was tricked to invade Ukraine to lead to the ultimate takeover of Russia by the Vatican.

My Views About the Russian Invasion of Ukraine



A building in Ukraine destroyed by the Russians.

Some of my conservative friends and *especially* Trump supporters have been seemingly justifying Putin's invasion of Ukraine. My friend Jim wrote:

Zelensky is a snake. He has been laundering money for years. He is used by the Deep State. That is why he is supported by the likes of HRC, Biden, Obama, Gates, Pelosi and all the rest. I do know that there are elements of the Ukrainian army who persecute and kill Ukrainian Russians.

Another friend named Mike wrote:

Any bets on who wins? \$100 on The Ukraine Government and The Faggot Zelinski going down. Putin is winning cuz God is using him to take out The Satanic Kazarian Mafia.

Why does Mike think the President of Ukraine is gay? Volodymyr Zelenskyy has a beautiful wife. From where does Mike and Jim get their information?

I told Mike I won't bet with him because I don't want to take his money. He told me that before the Ukrainian army started to take back what the Russian army conquered.

Before I go any further, let me state what I believe to be my qualifications for writing anything about the Russian / Ukrainian conflict: I lived in Russia from March 1994 to October 1997. I've been to the far eastern city of Khabarovsk. I lived in central Siberia in Akadem Gorodok close to Novosibirsk for 4 months. I've been to a few times to Moscow and walked the length of Red Square. I lived in St. Petersburg for two years. And I lived in the Arctic city of Murmansk Russia for 10 months. I love the Russian people! Living in Russia was one of the most fun experiences in my life making new friends and learning a new language. I got to the point I was comfortable on the streets of Russia alone. I could communicate with them in their own language. And I met not only ethnic Russians, I met people from all 15 republics of the former Soviet Union and can name them all from memory. How many Americans can do that? And I even met people from provinces within Russia such as Chechnya.

I considered them to be a kind and affectionate people. I loved to shake hands with the Russians because they are good hand-shakers. The Japanese are no good at it!

And I visited Russia's neighbors such as Finland, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. In 1997 I passed through Belarus and Ukraine by train, the very area of the fighting today, the Donbas region. I passed through Belarus on my way from St. Petersburg to Warsaw, Poland, and was not challenged to show my visa for Belarus. But on my way from the Black Sea area of Russia back to St. Petersburg, the train passed through Donbas Ukraine and Ukrainian border guards on the train asked me to show a visa for Ukraine. I didn't have one. My two Russian companions talked the Ukrainian border guards out of giving me a fine!

Of the 15 former Soviet Republics, only three of them speak Slavic languages, Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus. They are close ethnically. I always considered Russians and Ukrainians to be one big family. One-third of Ukrainians speak Russian. In the capital Kyiv the Russian language is predominant. I met many ethnic Ukrainians who live in Russia.

When I lived in Niigata Japan I used to visit Russian ships at port. The captain and the crew treated me and my friends as honored guests. Some of them were ethnic Ukrainians. One Ukrainian lady working on the ship told me half of the Russians are ethnic Ukrainians and half of the Ukrainians are ethnic Russians!

I have a close Ukrainian friend I knew in St. Petersburg. Her name is Lydia and I am still in contact with her. She and her daughter are now refugees in France. She tells me no place in Ukraine is safe.

I'm saying this because it disturbs me greatly what Russia is doing now in Ukraine. There have been countless war crimes. Innocent civilians, women, and children have been killed! And for what? To feed Vladimir Putin's territorial ambitions!

Historically Russia has always been a bully to its neighbors. In the restroom of a department store in Helsinki Finland I saw graffiti on the wall cursing Russians. In 1940, Finland lost part of its eastern territory in a war with the Soviet Union, and that area is now part of Russia. Russia didn't return it after the breakup of the Soviet Union.

The three Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania became *unwilling* members of the Soviet Union. Their languages are all different from each other and not similar to Russian. They have a strong national identity and are not friendly toward Russia. They all have an ethnic Russian population. The older generation of those countries learned to speak Russian because Russian was the language of education in the Soviet Union. But they refuse to speak it today to any Russian who is a resident of their country. While in Tallinn Estonia, I heard an Estonian lady scold a Russian boy for doing something she didn't like. At first, she spoke to him in Estonian, and when he didn't seem to understand it, she spoke in Russian telling him he needs to learn Estonian. This was a few years after the breakup of the Soviet Union. I

think all the ethnic Russians living in the Baltic countries are probably fluent in the languages of those countries today.

The only neighbor of Russia that likes Russia is Belarus. That's because the president, Lukashenko is a buddy of Putin. He was president of Belarus as long ago as when I lived in Russia in the 1990s! Boris Yeltsin was president of Russia when I was there. The world loved Yeltsin but the Russians considered him a drunk and a clown.

According to a documentary film I saw, Putin was appointed Yeltsin's successor because of a deal the Yeltsin family made with him. The Yeltsins were corrupt and stole billions from the Russian people. They placed Putin in power because Putin promised not to prosecute them later. They're all criminals, including Putin!

This documentary exposes Putin's crimes against the Russian people. You have to click on the "Watch on YouTube" link to see it. YouTube calls it "inappropriate or offensive to some audiences". The only people I can think of who would find it offensive are the Putin worshippers.

Putin came to power through the 1999 apartment bombings. It was a false flag FSB operation. Putin has the blood of his own people on his hands.

If you are new to this website, you should know I am no longer living in Japan. I moved to the US territory of Guam in 2018. There is a Russian community here. Every one of them will tell you that Vladimir Putin is a criminal. Many of them came to Guam for political asylum. One Russian man told me he would be arrested if he returned to Russia because he is a dissenter of Putin's policies.

My opinion: No matter what you think about Ukraine or its president or shady deals with the Biden family, Putin is the aggressor in his war in Ukraine. When I told my Ukrainian friend Lydia what my conservative friends were saying about Putin's justification for his so-called "special military operation", she got upset and told me I was listening to Russian propaganda! She said Russian propaganda is very strong.

Ukrainians have good historical reasons not to trust Russia. Moscow starved millions of Ukrainians to death in 1932-33. See:

<https://www.history.com/news/ukrainian-famine-stalin>

My friend Yanek from Belarus says he believes the West tricked Putin into invading Ukraine knowing that it would result in his downfall. By "the West" I am talking especially about America, Western Europe and NATO which I believe is run by a vast corporation called the "Holy See" the Whore of the Book of Revelation that rides the Beast, the Western nations. Their goal is to take over Russia and destroy Putin, they don't care how many Russians and Ukrainians die in the process.

Putin is toast. He was given false information to think the Ukrainian people would welcome the Russian army as liberators from the Nazis. The Ukrainian government is NOT run by Nazis according to my Ukrainian friend Lydia. The

only possible Nazis are a small army of only 2000 soldiers in Eastern Ukraine called the Azov regiment. Putin used the fear of Nazis to rally support for his war. Many Russians died by the Nazis in WW2. They call it the Great Patriotic War. St. Petersburg, Putin's hometown, is considered one of the hero cities of the Soviet Union for surviving a two-year siege by the German army. Putin used the historical hatred of Nazis to deceive the Russian people to support his invasion of Ukraine. He will not succeed. He is not fighting for his people. He's destroying them. He only cares about himself.

The Russians do not have the heart to fight against their Slavic cousins in Ukraine, and the Ukrainians are willing to fight to the death to defend their homeland. Doesn't that make sense to you folks who call the president of Ukraine a snake? He may be one but he's earned the respect of his people and the world by not running away when given the opportunity to do so. From what I can see, he's being a true leader to his people. I could be wrong about him, but that still doesn't justify Putin's aggression.

[The Ten Horns of the Books of Daniel and Revelation](#)



The Ten Horns of the Book of Revelation identified as 10 modern nations!

[Views of the Russian Invasion of Ukraine by a Christian Missionary Who Lived in Ukraine](#)



This post is in addition to the views of [Ukrainian Lydia about the Russian invasion of Ukraine](#) by missionaries friends, a married couple. The husband sent me two emails in response for my request to hear their views. I would rather hear from the people who are actually there than from a corporate news agency with hidden agenda. They have no reason to lie to me.

The first email

First of all, I want to give you a little background concerning ourselves and the time we've spent in this part of the world.

We have lived in Russia, Ukraine, and Eastern Europe for nearly 30 years, 18 of those in Ukraine. We lived behind the "Iron Curtain" for 4 years and made trips to the Soviet Union during that time, as well as living in Yugoslavia, Hungary, and Bulgaria. We spent 7 years in Russia.

So, if any of that makes a difference, here is our take on what's happening:

Putin is an absolute monster! Period!

Any defense of his actions is **extremely offensive to us, our friends, and the people of Ukraine.**

Timothy Snyder, a leading authority on Central European history and the Holocaust, says Putin's claim about "de-Nazification" is "grotesque" because he's trying to justify invading a democratic country – led by a Jewish president who lost relatives in the Holocaust – by claiming he's there to fight Nazis.

Snyder calls Putin's justification a variation of Hitler's Big Lie – a Nazi propagandist technique that insists that if a political leader repeats a colossal untruth enough, people will eventually believe it.

"Adolf Hitler had some public relations advice: Tell a lie so big that people will not believe that you would ever try to deceive them on such

a grand scale," Snyder wrote in an essay titled, "Putin's Hitler-like tricks and tactics in Ukraine."

By telling lies that Ukraine is run by Nazis bent on genocide, Putin is making a mockery of people who survived the Holocaust, says Snyder, author of "On Tyranny."

Snyder wrote a best seller book on the atrocities committed by the Germans and the Soviets in Ukraine's Bloodlands: Europe between Hitler and Stalin. I read the book as well as meeting Mr. Snyder.

I'm posting a chart (the one at the top of this article) sent to me by one of our Bible students who attended our classes for many years before his job took him to the United Arab Emirates. He is a Frenchman and has many fond memories of the years that he spent in Ukraine. I thought his chart would be helpful for you to understand the depth of pain that Russia has inflicted on Ukraine over the years and why the Ukrainians will fight to the death before allowing Russia to dominate them again.

Please look it over carefully, as the numbers are staggering.

So that's my take on the situation. Russia is destroying an innocent country before our very eyes, committing gross atrocities by bombing whole towns into rubble, and killing innocent people and children.

I could go on and on about this subject, but suffice it to say that there is absolutely no justification for Putin's invasion of Ukraine and I believe he should be tried for war crimes and Russia be made to pay for all the damage they've caused in Ukraine and withdraw all their troops for Ukraine, including Donbas and the Crimea.

The second email

I wanted to comment on what you wrote about your friend (who lives in Japan) not seeing eye-to-eye on the point of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

I beg to disagree with your friend, James. There is no such thing as surrendering to Putin. Surrendering would have meant that Zelensky would have been killed along with all members of his government and a puppet regime would have been installed in his place.

I'm not sure if your friend is a student of history or not, but if he is, let me remind him of the brutality of the Soviet Army. Wherever the Soviet Army captured territory one of the first orders of business was the raping of all the women in those areas. Berlin in particular was subjected to mass rape, but so weren't Poland, Romania, and Hungary. I've personally talked to people from those countries and they told me of how their grandparents hid in fear of the Russians.

I know the answer may be that rape is just a by-product of war, but if you do a little research about the subject, you'll see that the

Russians' conducted this on a massive scale.

Today's Russians invading Ukraine are cut from the same cloth, so to speak, in this regard.

I believe we can get too lost in conspiratorial thinking to the point that we see someone as evil as Putin as somehow standing up against the globalists.

There are many "Monday morning quarterbacks" out there, dissecting what the Ukrainians should have done, but how many of them were there? How many of them have lived in fear of what the Russians are capable of? Have they ever been subjected to mass starvation like Ukraine experienced in the 1932-33 famine, where more than 4 million of their countrymen died at the hands of their Soviet masters?

It's very easy to say they just should have given in to the Russian, but do those who make those judgements know the depth of Ukraine's feelings on the matter. At the time of the invasion, more than 80% of the Ukrainian population didn't want to be a part of Russia or have anything to do with them. Now, **since the war, those numbers have approached nearly 100%.**

To say that this was all Zelensky's doing is to discount the overwhelming sentiments of the Ukrainian population.

Let me point out that I was there, not only in Russia for seven years, but in Ukraine for 18. It would be like saying that I know better the picture on the ground in South Africa or anywhere else for that matter, than someone who has lived for an extended period of time in that country.

Putin is a liar and is being nurtured by his father, the father of lies.

Right up till the very invasion, Putin denied he was going to invade Ukraine. He denied that Russian troops were in Crimea in 2014, he denied that Russia was assisting the, so-called, separatists in the Donbas region, he denied that a Russian surface-to-air missile shot down the Malaysian plane, the Russians denied that they had participated in state run doping of their athletes in the Olympics, they denied that they have poisoned former agents abroad, and the list goes on-and-on.

To answer Biblically the question about whether or not Ukrainians should be fighting for their freedom, let's look at the book of wisdom, Ecclesiastes, to hear what Solomon said.

ECC.3:1 To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:

ECC.3:2 A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted;

ECC.3:3 A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up;

ECC.3:4 A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time

to dance;

ECC.3:5 A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones; A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing;

ECC.3:6 A time to gain, And a time to lose; A time to keep, And a time to throw away;

ECC.3:7 A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak;

ECC.3:8 A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace.

Throughout the Bible, we have wars happening and the people of God fighting the forces of evil.

David chose to fight Goliath and won. He didn't surrender to him. The little David, Ukraine, is fighting the mighty Goliath, Russia, and miraculously is winning. From all I can see, God is fighting with them.

When Jeremiah warned the Jews to "take upon them the yoke of Babylon", it was because God brought the Babylonians as His instrument of punishment to punish the Jewish people for their turning away from God and being joined to idols and other gods.

Ukraine, in contrast, is the most Christian country in Europe, with over 80% of their people professing faith in God.

I don't believe the Russian invasion is from God, but from the Devil. If that is the case, then Ukraine should fight.

I get worked up about this subject because it is dear to my heart. Putin has wrecked the lives of so many people. How can that be right?

I will leave this subject for now, but there is much more I could write about it.

[Is the War in Ukraine Part of the Great Collapse before the Great Reset?](#)



This is an excellent lecture about Russia and Ukraine from a Bible believer's perspective. The speaker is Dr. Peter Hammond, a missionary who has pioneered evangelistic outreaches in the war zones of Mozambique, Angola, and Sudan.

[Is the War in Ukraine Part of the Great Collapse before the Great Reset](#) from [Frontline Fellowship](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Below is a PowerPoint of the lecture. Just click on the down arrow in the left-hand bottom corner to see the entire presentation. If you don't see the PowerPoint when you read this message, please wait a few more seconds and it will load.



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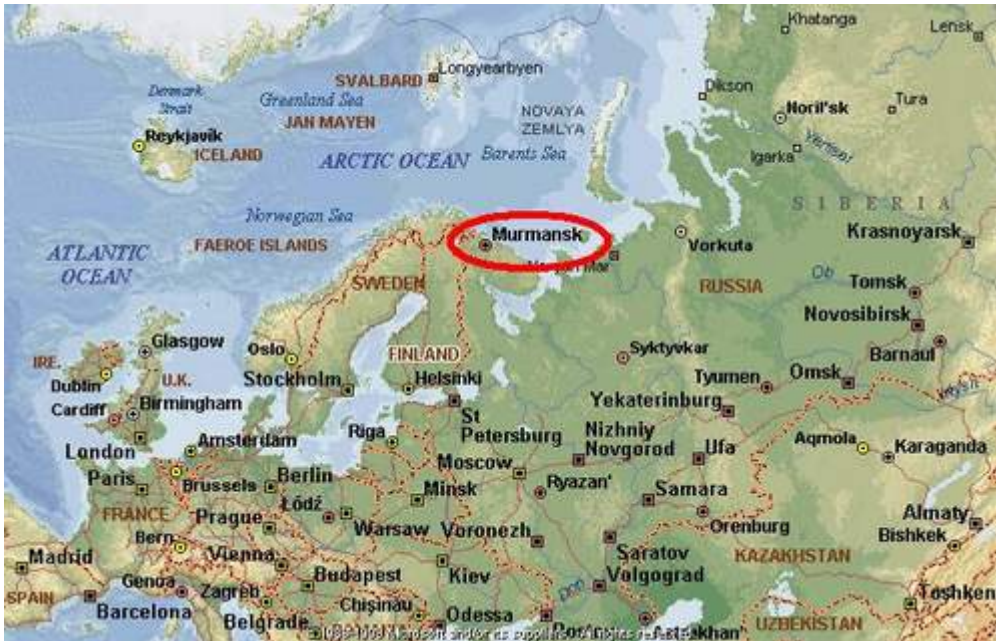
[Adventures in the Russian Arctic City of Murmansk](#)



I posted this article on my old website on kt70.com/~jamesjpn 20 years ago. It was hosted by my friend Kengo Tahaha for free. A few years ago he told me he would stop paying for the server. Only today, Dec. 9, 2020, I realized I hadn't copied it to this website.

"Murmansk (Russian: Мурманск, is a port city and the administrative center of Murmansk Oblast in the far northwest part of Russia. It sits on both slopes and banks of a modest ria or fjord, Kola Bay, an estuarine inlet of the Barents Sea. Its bulk is on the east bank of the inlet. It is in the north of the rounded Kola Peninsula which covers most of the oblast. The city is 108 kilometers (67 mi) from the border with Norway and 182 kilometers (113 mi) from the Finnish border. The city is named for the Murman Coast, which is in turn derived from an archaic term in Russian for "Norwegian". " – Quoted from Wikipedia

I visited the Russian city of Murmansk by train from St. Petersburg a total of ten times from 1995 to 1997. Murmansk is the largest city in the world that is north of the Arctic Circle. Though north of the Arctic Circle, the winters are relatively mild due to a warm ocean current that crosses the Atlantic from the Gulf of Mexico. There are nearly 24 hours of darkness from Dec. 2 to January 20 and 24 hours of daylight in June and July.



Murmansk (red circle drawn around it) is located on the Kolsky peninsula near the Arctic Ocean. You can see St. Petersburg is located about 1000 Kilometers to the south. Winters are long and summers very short with only about 14 really nice warm days. Anybody with any money at all goes down south for their summer vacations, often to the Black Sea.



Here you can see the relationship of the Kolsky peninsula with the rest of the world.



Murmansk in the summertime! The body of water in front is the Kolsky bay.
Lenin Street, Murmansk.



This is the main street of the town that runs past the train station. There's a large statue of Lenin still standing in a small park on this street.



What Murmansk usually looks like! Cold, drab, and dreary.



The poor lady in the photo has to stand outdoors all day to sell a bit of fish and beans to make a living! Let's think about her the next time we are tempted to complain how "bad off" we are!



March of 1996, Murmansk. I'm standing next to a park buried in snow.



Yana and Ruth. Ruth is a native of Murmansk who decided to become a follower of Jesus after receiving the Gospel from my fellow missionaries in Russia.



See, it's not cold all the time! A nice warm June day in Murmansk. July turns cold again with rainy weather with highs only 13 C or in the lower 50s F.



A man collecting beer bottles to resell to make a living. Unless the bottle is broken, it won't be lying on the ground for long in Russia. Some people even intentionally leave their bottles on the street for the poor to pick them up.



With Ukrainian Faithy just before boarding a train to go to Murmansk. It's a 36-hour train trip one way from St. Petersburg. I've been back and forth exactly 10 times which means I lived 25 days on that train!



The lady in the middle and her friend on the right was so glad to meet Faithy and me! She lost her business due to pressure from the Mafia.



With Inna Hairdresser and her friend Anna.



Ukrainian Lydia with children at an orphanage we visited.



Natasha from Monchigorsk with a Sami girl. The "Sami" people are the same as the Lapp people of northern Norway, Finland, and Sweden. They are reindeer herders. Once I saw a race with reindeers pulling sleighs around a track during a winter festival in Murmansk. It was fun but also very cold that day so I couldn't stay outside for more than 30 minutes without freezing.



Snezhana with Sergei. Sergei served as an Army Officer in the Soviet Army for 20 years. He says he doesn't believe in God. He does seem to believe in alcohol to help him overcome his problems. Poor guy! I really tried to help him. But no, he "knows too much" to believe in God, ha! However, he did laugh at my jokes.



Another proof that Russia and even the Russian Arctic is NOT cold all year round! Over 400,000 people live in Murmansk and the surrounding area.



During a festival in the central town square where we often distributed Gospel tracts. Once when a policeman asked what I was passing out, I told him it is religious literature and how glad I am I have the freedom now to preach the Gospel in his country! He agreed and said, "Ten years ago, I would have thrown you into prison!"



Again with Inna Hairdresser and her friend Anna.



Anna in the center with her friend the librarian on the right. This is at the entrance of a college dormitory. All the dorms in Russia seem to be co-ed. We visited this particular dorm frequently to share with the students the Message of God's Love and the Gospel and made many friends. Anna is Jewish. There wasn't a single time during the 3 and a half years I spent in Russia that a Russian Jew objected to me sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with them! They were all sweet people.



The Murmansk team of the summer of 1996! Left to right: Yanek, me, Swedish Teen, Andrew, and Angela.



At a top high school in Murmansk. This school is right on Lenin St. in the heart of town. The head of the English department invited me to speak in English to the students on a regular basis. She gave me the freedom to speak on any subject I chose, so of course, I chose Biblical subjects! There was no pay for this but they did give us lunch. There was never a time in the schools in Murmansk that I was forbidden to read from the Bible! – Something I can't even do in my own country (the US of A)!!! Actually, it is technically a no-no in Russia too, but Murmansk is so far away from Moscow

and nobody really cares what the central government says anymore. At least they didn't care when I was there from 1994 to 1997.



With Snezhana (her name means *snow flake* in Russian) and Natasha from Monchegorsk. The name of her city means "beautiful city". The name *Monchegorsk* is a combination of two words, the first from the Sami language and the second from Russian. I've never been there, but I can bet that the only thing beautiful there is the beautiful people who inhabit it, not the ugly drab Soviet-style architecture!



Three people trying to pull a refrigerator up a slope!



With a school principal of one of the schools in Murmansk. She wanted to take me on summer vacation to her home country of Belarus.



Belarussian Yanek with Natasha and friends.

[The Story of Helen of St. Petersburg, Russia](#)



How life changed for the average Russian after the fall of the Soviet Union.

[Adventures in St. Petersburg, Russia](#)



I lived in St. Petersburg, Russia, from August of 1994 to October of 1997. It was known as Leningrad during the time of the Soviet Union. Many people who don't live in St. Petersburg still call it Leningrad! At least they did during my stay in Russia. But I don't remember a resident of St. Petersburg refer to it by the Soviet name. They are proud of their pre-Soviet history when Peter the Great founded the city on the tributary of the Neva river – actually a wetland. The mosquitoes in the summertime are terrible!



Gostiny Dvor on Nevsky Prospect.

The photo is *Gostini Dvor* on the main street, Nevsky Prospect. In 1997 I spent over 2 whole hours looking for a weather thermometer but could not find one. The salespeople kept telling me to go to a pharmacy. I replied, "I'm not looking for a body thermometer! I want a weather thermometer." They replied, "Yes, but they also sell those at the pharmacy." Well, can you guess what happened when I posed the same question to the pharmacy people back then? They looked at me like I was nuts! "This is a drugstore, not a household appliance store!" "I know I know! But the main department store in town **TOLD me** to come to you!" And so I was bounced back and forth about 3 times before I finally gave up. A few weeks later I went back to my old neighborhood in Chicago and found what I was looking for in a Dollar Shop in a matter of minutes.



Nostalgic communist lady

The lady on the right is a nostalgic communist who is campaigning for the return of communism. Behind her are photos of Stalin, Lenin, and a contemporary politician named Zugannof. If you guessed by the sour look on her face that she doesn't like me, you're correct. She knows that I am a foreigner and a Christian missionary. I just smiled back at her and walked on.



A beggar in St. Petersburg

St. Petersburg is situated on a tributary, and so it is divided into several small islands that are linked by bridges and tunnels. Here is a typical beggar in Petrogradskaya Ostrov (Petersburg Island). It is hard to tell which beggars are really in need and who is faking. Some are professional beggars who actually pay the Mafia to beg on their turf. After a day's work of soliciting donations, they can relax in a fine restaurant eating a good meal. This is something I could not afford to do when I was there!



James and Helen

There was real poverty in St.Peterburg when I was there. I often visited a poor lady named Helen. Here I am with her in 1997. But though she was old and needy, she never begged. She taught English and got paid in groceries. Sometimes I would bring her food and gifts. Read [more about Helen](#), a former interpreter who helped in an interview with the famous Yuri Gagarin, the first man to be shot into space into orbit!



Giving a talk about the meaning of Easter in a school in St.Petersburg

Here is a picture of me and my friends in a school in St. Petersburg. It is close to Easter and I am giving a talk to the pupils on the meaning of Easter – the resurrection of Jesus Christ. I had the total support of the school teachers and principal to do so. Do you think I could get away with this in a public school in my homeland, the USA? Only deep somewhere in a rural area in the State of Indiana where the Amish live perhaps.



With Natasha Blond

Here I am with Natasha Blond in a park in front of a horse. Isn't she pretty? The horse was kinda pretty too. Her family name is not "Blond" but I named her that because of her real 100% natural blond hair, smooth as silk! You can tell that I really liked Natasha Blond! But alas, she was way too young for me.



Selling audio-visuals at an exhibition in St. Petersburg

In the photo is Russian Stephanie, American Nat, and me at the main exhibition hall in town. We are offering audio-visual teaching material for children. This is partly how we supported ourselves. The rest of the support came from donations from the headquarters of The Family and monthly donations from my faithful friends in Japan to whom I wrote monthly newsletters of my missionary activities in Russia.



Lydia with a women from Georgia

In the picture on the right is Lydia (right) talking to a lady from the former Soviet republic of Georgia. I don't know why in English we say "Georgia" because the correct pronunciation doesn't sound anything like the US state of Georgia. It sounds more like Gruzia. Lydia was a friend of the head of security at the main exhibition hall of St. Petersburg. He would let us inside for free when everyone else had to pay \$1.00. A dollar doesn't sound like much now but it sure did then! That was 5000 RUBLES!! It was nice to walk around with the head of security. This way the other guards would get to know us and leave us alone while we offered our teaching materials to the guests.



Lydia by a vendor of flowers

Here's Lydia again on a street by a vendor of flowers. Lydia is from Kiev, Ukraine. People often remarked that she spoke with an accent, unlike a Ukrainian. This is due to her learning English and being with missionaries from America. She married and has a one-year-old daughter named Diane.