

Update from Pete & Pip - May 2026

The focus of this update builds upon the theme of regime change. Here we seek to join some dots and outline a strategy God might be unfolding to prevent another world war.

But first, WELCOME to those who are receiving this for the first time. To help you understand our framework of reference, the following points are foundational as we look at global events in the light of Jesus' return.

1. This age only continues because the great commission (GC) has not yet been completed.
2. Satan cannot stop the return of Jesus but he can delay it. What he fears the most is the completion of the GC since his own judgement is tied to it.

In the light of the last point, the following report from Mission News is one that the satanic halls of power fear the most! It is also one to encourage us as we adopt and pray for unreached people groups that we may never meet – prayer prepares the ground for harvest!

Another Mission Trip to the Hardest Places of Pakistan, the Sindh Province.

“Once again, by the grace of God, He made it possible for us to reach some of Pakistan’s most unreached and hardest places. During this recent mission trip, we travelled to the Sindh province and discovered new tribes living in complete spiritual darkness. These tribes worshiped trees, fire and ash, having never heard the name of Jesus Christ. They were truly lost, with no knowledge of the true and living God. They called the Meghwal. During a three-day mission trip, we visited 10 villages and with great burden and joy, preached the Gospel, focusing on the message of salvation through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The villagers listened attentively and with open hearts. It was evident that the Holy Spirit was at work among them. As we preached, an incredible moment occurred when the entire village stood up and publicly acknowledged their desire to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior. I then taught them that true faith requires obedience, and baptism is the first step after believing, as Jesus commanded. Then, I took some time to explain the purpose and symbolism of baptism. Moved by the truth, they immediately decided to be baptized. However, there was no baptismal pool available in the villages. Repeating the method we have used in previous remote areas, we dug a grave-sized pit, lined it with polyethylene plastic, and filled it with water. By God’s provision, we baptized the new believers that same day. Through this mission trip, God allowed us to plant five new churches. During this three-day outreach, our seven-person team travelled 818 miles into the desert, witnessing to 790 people across various tribes and groups. 180 received Christ - The response was beyond anything we could have expected.” (Source: Missions News by Final Frontiers Foundation, Inc.)

Regime change and a third world war

By now we are all familiar with the warnings of a third world war to the extent that for some, our ears may be dulled, yet the threat is real, tensions are real and trigger points remain. Modern weaponry as evidenced in current conflicts is frightening and no one

knows the degree of death and destruction it will incur, let alone the aftermath of such a global conflict. Whilst world leaders consider the possibility of such events, many national systems are preparing for such a time. One thing is clear, as evidenced in the first and second world wars, **global conflict is a satanic countermeasure against the progress of the Great Commission.**

The influence of rogue states toward a third world war

A 'rogue state' is a post-cold war term to describe nations that do not conform to international norms and policies and who are intent on using all means necessary, including war, to impose their dictatorial, religious or ideological viewpoint on the rest of the world.

The following are some examples of rogue states that have given most concern over the last years: - Russia, China, N Korea, Iran, Venezuela, Cuba and Syria. What is significant about these is that they have, or they had, an informal alliance of mutual support. Russia and China are central to this informal alliance with these other smaller nations positioning themselves to provide oil, opportunities for terrorist training, mercenary recruitment, drone provision and diplomatic support in return for a measure of diplomatic, military, intelligence and financial support.

Characteristics of these rogue states

- 3 have nuclear weaponry
- All persecute the church
- All have or had a strong dictatorial ruler
- All were engaged to varying degrees in the current 3 trigger points for a third world war: Russia/Ukraine, Iran/Israel, Taiwan/China.

As of a few months ago, the mutual support between this coalition of rogue states was intact, but now it is breaking up.

Does God break up military alliances that stand against his purpose?

Here is a historic and a future example: -

1. The Coalition Against Jerusalem (2 Chronicles 20)

The alliance: Moabites, Ammonites, and some Meunites formed a coalition to attack Judah during King Jehoshaphat's reign.

God's Intervention: Jehoshaphat and the whole nation sought the Lord and God, as an act of his mercy, caused confusion among the allied armies leading them to destroy one another without Judah needing to fight (2 Chronicles 20:22-23).

2. The Battle of Armageddon (Revelation 16:12-16)

The alliance: In the end times, a vast multinational alliance gathers at Armageddon to fight against God's people.

God's Intervention: Jesus returns, defeats these nations and establishes his Kingdom (Rev 19:11-21)

Is God doing something similar today to the Chronicles example but on a global scale?

Let's examine global events and their impacts upon these nations mainly since January 2026.

Syria: Assad's regime was a strong supporter of Russia. Assad fled to Moscow in December 2024. A new regime has replaced him and the nation remains unstable and far less cohesive. Russia initially lost its naval ports but is currently trying to regain them.

Iran: There has been something of a regime change from a theocracy to a military state run by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) since the war began in February. Recent accounts from the *'Iran Wire'* suggest growing internal fragmentation which could possibly lead to a further regime change. The US seems to be adopting an economic suppression approach to force further change by cutting of its oil exports. As an aside, to underscore the level of duplicity within the UN, a 54-nation UN panel has recently chosen the Iranian Islamic Republic to oversee a committee that shapes human rights policy. We mentioned the plight of the UN in the last update.

Venezuela: had a partial regime change in January. The impact of this is the oil, military and diplomatic support this nation used to give to Russia, China and Iran has finished.

Cuba: is suffering from the absence of free oil from Venezuela to fuel its economy. The current regime could soon collapse. China has established intelligence facilities in Cuba to monitor the USA – this positioning is now in doubt as the US gives increasing attention to the situation.

Russia – has **severe** economic problems as the war economy bites hard. Its military survives on Chinese electronic parts (as does NATO). There are plans to freeze the withdrawal of personal savings to uphold Russian banks. They are losing the war with Ukraine. Russia's Africa Core (formally the Wagner group) has been humiliated in Mali, as has their military in their war against Ukraine. There are strong signs of Russia's elites and influencers turning against the Putin regime, signalling a deepening weakness that could lead to regime or leadership change. Putin is already protecting himself against assassination or a coup.

China – Xi Jinping has averted any opposition to his regime by culling his top military brass and in so doing, has weakened the military's preparedness to launch a war over Taiwan. China is also facing a new coalition of Pacific states who have formed an alliance specifically to respond to the Chinese threat. China also seems to be hedging its bets regarding Russia as they could be seeing it as a bad horse to back. Trump's visit to China in the next week could be significant in that regard.

N Korea – Kim Jong-Un remains in power, yet his dependency on Russia could change with the failing Russian economy. In exchange for weapons and manpower, Pyongyang is believed to have received hard currency, energy supplies and critical military

technologies, helping the regime bypass international sanctions. Meanwhile the population experiences food shortages and inadequate nutrition.

CONCLUSION: Overall, the coalition of rogue states is being severely weakened. Is this the hand of God at work through geopolitical events to restrain a third world war so that the current surge of GC progress might continue?

This has certainly been our prayer and the prayer of others. It was prayer that moved the hand of God in the 2 Chronicles 20 example.

**An Immediate focus for Prayer –
President Trump’s visit to China this week.**

These are the two strong men who dominate world affairs.

There is a long list of points of tension between them.

Iran and Trade probably top their agenda alongside AI, Taiwan, Russia and Ukraine.

The US has serious concerns over China’s biological labs and the Chinese sleeper cells that have been discovered in the US. It is also concerned about its fentanyl exports.

China currently remains the primary source of fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances that are trafficked across American borders. The leading cause of death for Americans between 18-45 is fentanyl overdose. This addictive drug is responsible for nearly 70% of the United States 107,000+ drug overdose deaths in the past year. It is 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine.

Lord, we ask for your governance upon this summit. Lord, the sin is great, the arrogance is startling, but your mercy is greater. We ask for mercy to prevent a global war and for grace and mercy to be released across the world for the gospel to reach and be received among all remaining unreached people and for the fullness of the Gentiles to come in, and all Israel will be saved’ (Rom 11) for the completion of your purposes. Maranatha – come Lord Jesus.

May the Lord enrich and encourage you in your communion with Him and strengthen you daily in faith and prayer

Richest blessings

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