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Update Extra

Further to our recent update on the proposed trilateral summit between the three 'strongmen' of the world – Trump, Putin and Xi Jinping – next week, 18-19th November, we thought we would provide some further information.

Historical comparisons
Some are comparing this meeting with the Yalta summit after the Second World War when Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin met to agree borders for the new post-war era and the establishment of the UN, etc. It is a different world today, but the comparison is worth noting.

Perhaps a good thing?
These three leaders, arguably the most powerful men in the world, have never formally met together before and in this sense, it could be said that their meeting together is a good thing. It is good for world leaders to talk together and iron out misunderstandings and talk through world issues that threaten their own nations and the peace of the world. Having said that, it is much more complicated for the following reasons.

Three old men
They are all in their latter years. None of them have fulfilled their geopolitical dreams for themselves, for their own nations and for their vision for a world system. All three of them hate to lose and be defeated. Each one is determined to end their political careers with great success behind them and to be applauded for the rest of their lives. A least two of them have no care for the people they lead and are quite prepared to sacrifice millions of lives to achieve their goals. Each one of them is realising that their time is short and things have to happen soon. Over the last few years Putin and Xi have purged from their own military and political infrastructure those they have disliked in order to retain power. Trump may want to do the same but is unable to as he does not carry the same unaccountable power. None of these leaders are known for their integrity and none of us would trust them with our futures and yet, from an earthly perspective our futures are affected by the decisions they individually make.

Xi and Putin against Trump
For years these two leaders have been planning the demise of the western world that the US has traditionally led. The level of what is called '*grey warfare*' that China and Russia have been and continue to activate against the West is at the highest level since the end of the Cold War. China's ambition is to be the greatest superpower of the world and dominate a new world order. Russia's ambition is to restore all the territory of the former Soviet Union. To accomplish their vision, they need to do all they can to weaken the US-led western system and they have both proved to be very successful in playing the long-game of deception to achieve their goals. Meanwhile the Western nations have remained passive and complacent to these threats for years.

Putin and Xi have made alliances with the fundamentalist Islamic world who also want to destabilise the Western world. They have been and continue to supply differing levels of support to the enemies of the US and Europe. The mid-term elections and the weakening of Trump as a '*lame duck*' President has emboldened them as it has for all of America's enemies. The split between the US and European western nations is also a great encouragement to them and a sign that if they continue in agreement toward this goal, then Europe will be broken down and overrun, the US will suffer increasingly from its own internal polarization and cease to be a world leader and hopefully become a socialist state.

Trump verses Putin and Xi

Trump is desperate to fulfil his personal ego. He has been humiliated through the recent mid-term elections in the US yet he still holds the 'trump' card when it comes to foreign policy. For many leaders, when the domestic situation becomes too difficult for them to control, they turn to the foreign scene in order to try and make a name for themselves. Trump has failed to meet his own goals in bringing peace to Ukraine or to bring Saudi Arabia into the Abraham Accords, even though he still has time. What sort of deal he really hopes to get from a direct face to face meeting with Putin and Xi is unclear but even geopolitically it is fraught with difficulty. Putin and Xi know that together they have the upper hand when it comes to doing a deal with Trump. They know his weaknesses and how to play on them. We still don't know what hold Putin seems to have over Trump. If this summit goes ahead, it really will be two against one before it has even begun.

Europe and the three old men

Europe does not speak with one voice. If it did then it would be present at this summit since its combined power could not be ignored. Europe is worried at what might be decided outside of their influence. It's absence at the table and lack of voice is exacerbated by the various elections that are coming up in the next two years which may well weaken any solidarity it currently has. Like the USA, Europe has a huge problem of internal polarization within its own nations. The migration issue is seriously threatening the national identity of its individual nations and the corporate sense of identity as Europe. Europe does not want to be at the mercy of these three old men but if something substantial emerges from this summit, it may just have to suffer and bear it.

The Spiritual picture

Rather than repeat what we have presented in previous updates and especially our paper – '*Considerations of a Third World War from a Historical and Spiritual perspective'* – we will summarise as follows: -

The 'ruler of this world' will look upon this summit with a great sense of opportunity. He already has Putin and Xi in his pocket, and we have sensed for some years that he has been working on Trump to put him there as well. You may remember a prayer alert we brought for Trump in a previous update some time ago because we sensed there was a great storm of spiritual disturbance that was attempting to envelope Trump in order to draw him firmly into the enemy's purposes. This summit could be a spiritual ambush to further that demonic ambition.

Overall picture

As yet there is no definitive statement by any of these leaders that the trilateral summit is going to happen. Nevertheless, they will all be in the same Asian Pacific Conference at the same time and have all expressed interest and stated certain objectives: For Russia it is the war with Ukraine; for Trump it is the Iran war, the Russia Ukraine war and de-nuclearization of the vast stockpiles the three nations possess; China has not said much but they are the hosts as the APEC conference will be held in their territory. If the final result is just a joint photo of the three leaders, then we know that the diplomatic work in the background has not produced enough agreement for a trilateral summit. However, if the summit does go ahead, then we know that sufficient background work has been done for some level of agreement to take place.

Suggested Prayer Direction

1. For the Lord's hand upon the mind of each leader – Proverbs 21:1
2. For the Lord's restraint upon the plans of the powers of darkness.
3. For the Lord's governance over the preparatory work of the teams of advisors from these three nations – China, USA, Russia.
4. For the Lord's protection upon Trump in particular - Trump is not yet in the same depth of darkness as Putin and Xi.
5. For the Lord to bring the counsel of the wicked to nothing and for the Lord's purposes to be established – Psalm 2
6. Continued prayer that thwarts the enemy's plan - For the church to be birthed amongst the unreached peoples and for the Lord to send labourers into the harvest fields.
7. Come Lord Jesus Come!

We hope you find this helpful
Richest blessings,
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