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Prayer Alert: Trilateral meeting between Trump, Xi Jinping and Putin November 18-19th

Thank you once again for your support to us. We are well. This update is a specific call for prayer for a trilateral meeting scheduled next week between Trump, Putin and Xi Jinping of China. It will be held alongside the Asia-Pacific summit in Shenzhen, China, scheduled next Wednesday and Thursday, November 18-19th.

In our February Update, we focused on emerging empires and the rise of the strong men in global politics to replace the old and decaying multinational summits of the past. We placed a picture of these three leaders carving up a globe between them. Up until this month, they have never met together as three leaders to discuss world issues. A plan has been put in place for them to meet next week to discuss, in Trump's words, various matters including ending the war with Iran. Russia and China have consistently backed the Iranian regime in their supply either of weapons or intelligence on US targets in the region: -

> *Trump told reporters he expected to meet Russian and Chinese leaders at an Asia-Pacific summit in Shenzhen, China, scheduled for November 18-19."Well, I'm going to be going to China," Trump said on Sunday, "and one of the meetings I think will be with President Putin and President Xi, and that'll be interesting." He added: "We'll talk a lot of things, including denuclearisation, but we'll be talking about a lot of things. We're trying to end the war in Iran."*
> (US President Donald Trump plans to meet Putin and Xi in China next week | Euronews)

All of these leaders have been facing real domestic issues and this will have a bearing on how they relate to one another and the manipulative efforts that will be made.

Xi Jinping
At the recent gathering of Communist Party's central committee many of its members were missing. This follows recent purges by Xi of his senior officials including generals, politicians and former government ministers. More than 100 senior military officers have been purged since 2022 and only two of the original seven members of China's top military command remain. The question is, is Xi consolidating power to make his hold stronger or is he losing it and taking desperate measures to stem the tide? There have also been rumours about his health and more rumours of an emerging coalition of committee members who want to curb his power before next year's October communist party congress.

Putin

The Russian economy is under increasing pressure due to both the cost of the war with Ukraine and also the direct effect of Ukrainian missile attacks on key infrastructure facilities that directly support the economy. The war is now hitting Russian citizens harder and harder. As with China, there seem to be ongoing purges of both government and military officials and one can ask the same question, is Putin losing it and reacting or is he simply consolidating power? It is difficult to know as is the case for all dictatorships, so much is kept in the dark.

Trump
Trump has been humiliated by the recent mid-term elections and there now seems to be increasing infighting within the top table of his administration. Yet he still holds the reins on foreign policy, and he wants to leave with a legacy of bringing peace to the world. He may either tone down his ambitions and run out his last two years or, now that he does not have to govern to win any other election, he may just let loose on the authority he does hold and make some very strange decisions on foreign policy.

Overall
If this summit goes ahead as planned, it could be very consequential – especially if these three leaders manage to agree about ending the war with Iran and '*other matters*' as Trump puts it. Spiritually it is very dangerous. James 3:16 reminds us that '*where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice*.' All these leaders have strong egos and it is selfish ambition that has got them to the places of power and authority they presently hold. They may all be coming to the end of their times in office and therefore desperate to achieve their stated goals. This makes it even more dangerous as they all carry great earthly power.

Prayer
Before these events take place, a lot of diplomatic preparation and meetings between the parties to agree agenda's and discuss positions will take place so that when the leaders meet, the latest matters can be agreed upon or not.

We have emphasised how much the enemy focuses upon earthly leaders who carry great authority over the masses. This gathering will be no exception – **it will be a great opportunity for the enemy to advance his cause. Yet, God is a restrainer of darkness,** and our prayer is for his restraining hand to be upon this event and similar ones until the fullness of the gentiles has come into place and then his restraining hand is lifted off. Please join us in prayer as the Lord leads you,

Many blessings
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