



“...Let us run with patience the race that is set before us.” Hebrews 12:1

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The 17-Year Cycle & 3 Bears

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“And there before me was a second beast, which looked like a bear. It was raised up on one of its sides, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. It was told, ‘Get up and eat your fill of flesh!’.”

Daniel 7:5 (New Int'l Vers. ©1986)

The 3 Bears...

Parallels to 1999–2002

January 2008 - The stock market has recently topped in perfect alignment with the **17-Year Cycle** (October 11, 1990 = Major low; October 11, 2007 = Potential Major high) and there are many more applications of the **17-Year Cycle** that are yet to be discussed.

One of those has to do with the ‘rumbling bear’ in Russia and its link to the breakup of the Soviet Union in August 1991. As pointed out multiple times before, the emergence of the Soviet/Russian Bear has coincided with the emergence of a US Stock Market Bear many times before.

The same correlation is expected for 2008 - 2010... and there is now a *3rd Bear* added to the mix.

August - December 2008 is linked to the **17-Year Cycle** (August 2008 is **17 Years** from the breakup of the Soviet Union), the **28-Year War Cycle** (August - October 2001 + 7 Years) and numerous other cycles. The *Russian Bear* is expected to be coming out of hibernation by then.

The following are reprints of the October 2007 - January 2008 **INSIIDE Tracks**, which lay the groundwork for what is expected, leading into 2009 (when Russian, Iranian & nuclear cycles converge). The Jewish Year of 5769 - which corresponds to these cycles - begins in September 2008 and could time the early events in this cycle...

“09-27-07 - September 2007 may go down as a major turning point... or the first signs of a major turning point... in the Middle East. As the momentous Jewish Year of 5768 began, the following events occurred or came to light, almost all of which corroborate ongoing analysis and expectations for this time frame. While Israel is on the brink of war with Syria, talks of dividing Jerusalem suddenly escalated. To recap...

— N. Korea shipped suspected weapons - possibly nuclear - into Syria (remember that Syrian cycles began to converge in 2006 and were quickly validated by the Israeli/Lebanon conflict);

— Israeli warplanes violated Syrian airspace;

— Later reported that Israeli warplanes bombed installation in Syria after tracking cargo - thought to be nuclear-related - from N. Korean ship; In any other case, this would have triggered a massive outcry from Syria, Iran, Russia & the entire Arab Bloc at the UN.

— Benjamin Netanyahu (whose cycles make for intriguing speculation about his future in 2008) more or less confirmed that Israel did attack Syrian targets;

— Syria made no formal complaint to the UN; WHY NOT? (Don't forget that multiple intelligence reports tracked convoys of suspected WMDs moving from Iraq into Syria's Bekaa Valley just months before the US invasion in 2003.) The only conceivable explanation is that there is more at stake by Syria highlighting this attack... than by playing it down.

— Jane's Defense Weekly reported the Israeli airstrike was linked to a Syrian explosion in July. This explosion - originally explained by Syria as hot weather accidentally detonating a stockpile of explosives (???) - occurred while Iranian & Syrian scientists were attempting to mount chemical warheads, with VIX, Sarin and/or Mustard Gas, onto Scud missiles. Dozens of Iranian & Syrian scientists and weapons engineers were killed in the blast. [We are still waiting for Iran's President to assure us these chemical warheads were also merely for peaceful purposes.]

— Iran announced that it has over 200 missiles aimed at strategic targets all over Israel.

— Jewish newspapers reported that Ehud Olmert is prepared to hand over the keys to the store to Mahmoud Abbas in November conference;

— Reports that Jerusalem will be divided (exactly 40 years of testing from Israel's capture of Jerusalem in Six Days War of 1967) and East Jerusalem awarded as the capital for a future

Palestinian State;

— Another pro-Lebanese/anti-Syrian government minister is killed in Lebanon (8th anti-Syrian figure and 4th lawmaker from the majority assassinated since 2005); the result is that the pro-West president of Lebanon is rapidly losing his slim majority of supporters in Parliament... right before a new presidential election (coincidence??);

Pro-Syrian/Hezbollah 'influence' (control) over Lebanon remains intact.

— Fortunately, despite all the activity and inflammatory rhetoric by Iran, Iran's continued quest for a nuclear weapon and Iran's complicity with Syria's chemical weapons program - former President Carter assured listeners that Iran is not really a threat to Israel due to their distance. (Was Iran also not a threat to the US in 1979 due to their distance??);

— To keep the US in a reactionary mode, Iran's Ahmadinejad requested permission to lay a wreath at Ground Zero in New York City; Request denied;

— Ahmadinejad visited New York to address the UN General Assembly; this visit comes 2 years (720 degrees) from his Sept. 2005 visit when he first 'met with the hidden Imam' and then 'felt the entire Assembly bathed in light' while he was speaking.

— Ahmadinejad also visited and addressed Columbia University where he received mixed reactions, from laughing & jeering to standing ovations. Can you guess which footage will bombard the airwaves in Tehran, trying to convince the pro-West majority of Iran's citizens that the US actually loves Ahmadinejad? Propaganda like that could go a long way in quelling potential dissent in Iran. Mahmoud may have just pulled off a domestic P.R. coup with the willing assistance of American 'intelligencia'.

— Palestinian media reported that Iran gave the order to Hamas and Islamic Jihad to reduce Kassam rocket attacks against Israel during the month of Ramadan, in order to reduce the suffering of Arab citizens in Gaza. (Could Iran really be

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the guiding hand behind all the various terrorist groups? Nah... that couldn't be... could it?!? Let's see... Iran tells Hamas and Islamic Jihad what to do; those terrorist entities constantly attack Israel and Iran is 'no threat' to Israel. Sounds logical, doesn't it?)

— Actually, there is more that took place in September, so much of which reinforces the 'Iranian/Syrian Axis' against Israel... and the coming battle for Jerusalem. Remember, it was 720 years ago (2 revolutions of 360 degrees) that the Battle for the Kingdom of Jerusalem took place, culminating in 1291. 2006 - 2011 was projected to see the culminating phase in a new Battle for Jerusalem.

Follow the Money... & the Tech-Support

Let's look a little closer at this alliance... and what is probably a bigger guiding hand behind it. Russia has consistently supplied scientists and technical support to Iran's nuclear & weapon's programs; In June, Russia sold Syria MiG-31 fighter planes, alarming Israel. Throughout this time, Iran has supplied scientists and technical support to Syria's chemical & weapon's programs (dozens of which were purportedly killed in the July mishap);

Iran & Syria have a mutual protection pact with one another and Syria - for all intents and purposes - remains a satellite of Russia. Syria supplies everything possible to Hezbollah's weapons' and terrorism network. Iran, Syria & Hezbollah all opine for a world without Israel. Things are looking and sounding a lot like 1973. So, what's happening with Russia??

In September, Vladimir Putin dissolved Parliament & replaced the Prime Minister (just as Boris Yeltsin did w/Putin in 1999), potentially grooming a successor. These moves will probably have a dramatic impact on Russia's government in the coming years. To wind up September, Russia nixed the UN's plans for additional sanctions against Iran. Surprise?

Follow the Money... & the Oil

There is another alliance that warrants monitoring. It involves another very fiery, anti-

American leader teaming up with Iran & Syria. Venezuela has been a powerful force, convincing Syria to challenge Israel and/or America. In order to assist monetarily, Venezuela & Iran signed a petroleum agreement with Syria (Nov. 2006), providing money & support for building a major Syrian refinery.

In early-2006, Iran also convinced Syria not to follow Ghadafi's lead (abandoning WMD development) and promised economic and military support to Syria in case of an American attack; Last September (2006), Hugo Chavez paid a visit to Syria in which he praised Iran's President for his actions. And then, in January 2007, Hugo proclaimed that Venezuela will always "back Syria & Iran against US 'madmen'".

A Cord of Three (or 4 or 5) Strands

This new 'Axis' grows stronger by the day, but also waits patiently as the US battles an international crisis of confidence and a serious economic challenge at home (including the 6-year collapse of the Dollar, the sub-prime mortgage/housing debacle, skyrocketing oil prices, etc.) and enters the period when our two political parties will be so viciously attacking one another that they will not recognize the looming threat.

It was not long after the most contentious and hotly-debated election in US history (2000) - and after the outgoing administration did what they could to disrupt a smooth transition of power - that the events of Sept. 2001 took place. Could a new round of distractions yield similar results?

For now, there are two direct market applications to these developments. Both have one thing in common: OIL. The first has to do with Venezuela, Iran, Syria, Russia and other suppliers of oil to the West. They have the proverbial 'ace in the hole'. With Crude cycles peaking in January/February 2008, a lot could happen between now and then.

The 17-Year Cycle corroborates this. January 15/16, 2008 is exactly 17 years from the beginning of the bombardment of Iraq in 1991. Will something similar (perhaps the bombardment of Syria or Iran) occur this time around? (Prior to this, 11/9 - 11/19/07 holds a couple intriguing

parallels to 9/11 - 9/21/01.)

The second market application is also closely tied to the **17-Year Cycle** and to Oil... and to the Dollar demise. It will be discussed next month. IT."

The Mother Ship...

10-31-07 - Last month, we examined the growing conflict between Iran & Israel as well as developing relationships between Venezuela/Iran/Syria & Russia/Iran/Syria. Very little of this is new, other than Venezuela's entry into this mix. Instead, it is the escalating intensity of the relationships and frequency of antagonistic events that demand equally intense focus. Nowhere is this truer than in Russia...

A Premier by any other name...

Vladimir Putin might be pulling off the ultimate coup in Russia without a shot being fired... and with the blessing of many of her citizens (and the ignorance or naivete of the rest).

Several months ago (June 2007 **INSIIDE Track** - 5/29/07), I pointed out cycles in Russia - in particular the **17-Year Cycle** - that should create a monumental change in Russia's government between Aug. 2007 - Dec. 2008. Right on schedule, the seeds for that change have been sown... and the harvest is just a season away.

Putin hand-picked an obscure Russian politician - Viktor Zubkov - to fulfill the post of Prime

...Willing to Know the Whole Truth...

"But different men often see the same subject in different lights; and, therefore, I hope that it will not be thought disrespectful to those gentlemen, if, entertaining as I do opinions of a character very opposite to theirs, I shall speak forth my sentiments freely and without reserve.

This is no time for ceremony. The question before the House is one of awful moment to this country. For my own part I consider it as nothing less than a question of freedom or slavery; and in proportion to the magnitude of the subject ought to be the freedom of the debate. It is only in this way that we can hope to arrive at truth, and fulfill the great responsibility which we hold to God and our country.

Should I keep back my opinions at such a time, through fear of giving offense, I should consider myself as guilty of treason towards my country, and of an act of disloyalty towards the majesty of heaven, which I revere above all earthly kings.

Mr. President, it is natural to man to indulge in the illusions of hope. We are apt to shut our eyes against a painful truth, and listen to the song of that siren, till she transforms us into beasts. Is this the part of wise men, engaged in a great and arduous struggle for liberty? Are we disposed to be of the number of those who, having eyes, see not, and having ears, hear not, the things which so nearly concern their temporal salvation?

For my part, whatever anguish of spirit it may cost, I am willing to know the whole truth -- to know the worst and to provide for it. I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided; and that is the lamp of experience. I know of no way of judging of the future but by the past. And judging by the past, I wish to know what there has been in the conduct of the British ministry for the last ten years, to justify those hopes with which gentlemen have been pleased to solace themselves and the House?

...I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!"

Patrick Henry - March 23, 1775

Minister (just vacated by a sudden resignation) and likely step into the role of Premier when Putin's constitutionally-mandated, maximum time in office ends. He did this on Sept. 12th - the day before 5768 began.

... could actually be a Prime Minister

A few weeks later, Putin announced his intention to top his party's ticket - for elections in December - as the nominee for Prime Minister.

Though Prime Minister is CURRENTLY a lesser position, Putin has made some comments leading observers to believe he might try to switch that. It would be as if President Clinton in 2000 (or Bush, upon the completion of his second term) submitted his name to be the nominee for the House of Representatives in a Democratic stronghold district and knew that his party would control Congress AND appoint him Speaker of the House upon his election.

In this hypothetical scenario, he could then wait until after the election in November 2000 (or even until after Congress convenes in early January 2001, to make sure of his fate) and - just before the Executive transfer of power later in January - issue an Executive Order that the Speaker of the House was now the most powerful position in America and that the President and VP were a subordinate role. Is this really possible?

Other speculation has emerged as to whether Putin might step down before the end of his 2nd term (after being elected Prime Minister?), thereby making him eligible for being elected Premier a few months later (since he did not complete 2 **full** terms)... or he could make sure that Zubkov serves for a few months and then steps down (voluntarily or involuntarily, politically or physically), also enabling Putin to circumvent term limites.

Other corroborating signs are necessary to give this speculation credence. However, it is widely accepted that Putin played a similar game of politics with Boris Yeltsin in the late-1990's.

The difference is that he was the figure being groomed as a successor. Speculation has it that Putin offered Yeltsin the option of going away quietly and retiring comfortably (Dec. 1999) or

being brought up on multiple corruption charges and spending the rest of his days in a gulag. We know which 'door number' Yeltsin chose in this Soviet-style brand of 'Let's Make a Deal'.

Mr. Putin is a former KGB agent and we know that they (like the CIA) were masters in disinformation. So, why would things suddenly change now? In 6-12 months, we will know how this plays out (or is playing out). However, it is the ramifications of this that are so crucial to our ongoing discussion. Most of these are ultimately - directly or indirectly - linked to oil.

With their advanced technology on ultra-deep drilling techniques, Russia is reaping the rewards of decades of focused efforts on the most efficient and effective means of extracting oil from the Earth.

They are using this advantage to cultivate relationships with key nations, many of which have been alienated from/by America and the West. Vietnam

has already benefited and N. Korea could be next.

With Crude Oil approaching \$100/bbl, Russia - the world's 2nd largest oil producer and an exporter of 60-70% of her own oil - has been growing wealthier and wealthier - and consequently more powerful, since 1998.

Iran, the world's 4th largest oil producer and an exporter of over 50% of her own oil, has also been growing wealthier this decade. Much of the profits have been poured into military upgrades and related hobbies like nuclear development... financed by the West.

The problem is that Russia & Iran - although agreeing on common enemies & aspirations - do

"The word of the LORD came to me: "Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal; prophesy against him and say:

'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. **I will turn you around, put hooks in your jaws and bring you out with your whole army**—your horses, your horsemen fully armed, and a great horde with large and small shields, all of them brandishing their swords.

Persia, Cush and Put will be with them, all with shields and helmets, **also Gomer with all its troops, and Beth Togarmah from the far north with all its troops**—the many nations with you."

Ezekiel 38:1-6 (New Int'l Vers. ©1986)

not see eye to eye on diplomatic measures. Iran likes to take a much more intransigent stance on many issues.

The last 1-2 months reinforced this reality with Vladimir Putin nixing UN plans for more sanctions against Iran and then traveling to Tehran to propose a solution to the nuclear-development standoff.

Putin proposed that Iran use Russia - a tried and trusted ally - to do all the uranium enrichment for Iran's nuclear program. This would allow the West to monitor the level of enrichment and guarantee that it would be used for energy-generating purposes and not weapons development.

Putin went 'over Ahmadinejad's head' to the real leader of Iran - the Islamic Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei (who rarely meets with political leaders) - and is proclaiming to the West that '**Any attack on Iran is an attack on Russia**'. (See http://www.atimes.com/atimes/Middle_East/IJ26Ak06.html... and thank you to subscriber Richard R. for this article.) I don't think that statement needs any explanation. However, it might benefit from a review of some context...

About 3,000 years ago, diverse individuals - recognized in Israel as prophets of God - wrote about a coming period of time that would represent a form of culmination in Israel's history. They did not have the benefit of the internet to compare notes, some lived in different generations, and others lived in different countries (due to events like the Babylonian captivity of Israel). So, there was not collaboration among them.

They described this future time as being when Israel was re-inhabited after a long period of desolation, when Jerusalem would become the concern of the entire world, when Damascus would be decimated and when the leader of the nations in the far north would be drawn into an attack on Israel, even when he really didn't want to. The destruction of Damascus (see Zechariah 14 and Obadiah 18) is a near-perfect description of a nuclear strike. Coincidence?

Now, put it together with the recent Israeli strike on Syria's chemical - and possibly nuclear - weapons program and Russia's 'marriage' to Iran

(Persia) as well as the US Congress's intentional - but ridiculous - alienation of Turkey (Togarmah and part of ancient Magog), which may have been done for no other reason but to worsen conditions in Iraq.

Suddenly, you have the makings for a future (but not too distant future) alliance between Russia, Iran & Turkey against Israel with Syria recently crippled by a 'plague' (that has caused the victims' flesh to 'consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth' - Zechariah 14:12).

Is it all just a giant coincidence that these events are finally possible - and appearing imminent - at the exact same time in history???

In the next few weeks, the world will concern itself with Jerusalem. Another coincidence???

Goldilocks vs. the Three Bears

IN THIS CORNER... WEIGHING IN AT 60 MONTHS...IN THE RED, WHITE & BLUE TRUNKS... IS... GOLDBLOCKS (AKA The US bull market and happy-go-lucky economy).

LURKING BEHIND THIS CORNER... AND THAT CORNER... AND THAT CORNER... WEIGHING IN AT A COMBINED 3,000+ YEARS... IN THE RED AND RED AND RED TRUNKS... ARE... THE THREE BEARS.

While most of the talking heads assure the masses that the Goldilocks economy remains on track, it is as if they are in the middle of a boxing ring and **only** looking directly at **one** corner.

Each time they hear some growling coming from one of the other three corners, they take a step closer to the corner of their choosing - that of Goldilocks - and just start talking a little louder to drown out the warning signs.

The growling intensifies... and so does their focus on that **one** corner. Like the ostrich who sticks its head in the sand & pretends there is no danger, so do the talking heads ignore the looming & growing threats to America's national security... and economy.

Of course, this is the safest course for obvious reasons: Anyone who says otherwise is a 'pessimist' and an 'alarmist'. If those 'alarmists' turn out to be right, they will be castigated as instigators or opportunists ("How in the world can you profit from this problem with a clear conscience?") AND the crowd of cheerleaders will all wash their hands of their blind ignorance and say "How could anyone have anticipated a surprise event like this?"

The masses will accept that explanation - and band together to resent the few that kept their eyes open - and perpetuate the **Grand Illusion**.

In contrast, one of America's greatest patriots had a different approach to awareness. In his most famous speech, at a time when America was forced to acknowledge the looming threat to her very existence, Patrick Henry vocalized the convictions copied on page 2. [Page 4 of this **Report**]

It is amazing how many of the conditions to which he refers are prevalent today.

For many years, those involved in the Middle East Peace process could have asked the exact same thing of Yasser Arafat or Saddam Hussein ("I wish to know what there has been in the conduct...to justify those hopes with which gentlemen have been pleased to solace themselves and the House?")

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

From a cyclic standpoint, 2009 (-2011) draws together cycles related to Russia, Iran and nuclear development... as well as the Battle for the Kingdom of Jerusalem. I will explain the identity of the '3 Bears' next month. More to come... IT

Goldilocks & the 3 Bears...

11-30-07 - Last month, I revisited the topic of the 3 coinciding 'Bears' that are taking center stage (or center ring, in keeping with the boxing analogy used last month). This topic has actually been discussed before with the most intense focus being in the second half of 1999. Since many

conditions are beginning to resemble those in the late-1990's, it is important to revisit this topic.

In doing that, it also helps investors to pull back a bit and redirect the intense focus that is often placed on the upcoming quarterly results, monthly employment data or Federal Reserve meeting. While these events all have significance, their importance and application (when taken alone) pales by comparison to the bigger events unfolding around the globe.

Since many readers have joined our ranks since 2000, I will spend a little time reviewing some of what was stated back then (pre-2000), what was transpiring... and what followed shortly after. Though the parallels (to now) are not precise, they are similar enough to take notice and to consider in light of all that is unfolding...

Papa Bear...

Though one could debate which of the 'Three Bears' is the biggest or the leader ('Papa Bear'), I have chosen the one that has generated the most consistent 'noise' and fear over the past 50 or more years. It has also closely correlated to the emerging of another bear. The following are quotes from the July 1999 **Cycle of Time VII Special Report** that explain this unique interplay:

"ONE BEAR LEADS TO ANOTHER..."

Have you ever noticed the precise correlation of the 2 Bears? Why does the rise of the Russian Bear coincide so closely with a stock market Bear?

*The reason is simple. What one icon best represents capitalism in all its splendor? **The U.S. stock market...** particularly the blue chips -- the DJIA.*

*What one icon best represents the antithesis of capitalism and the epitome of Marxism/socialism? **The Russian Bear.***

When the Russian Bear is alive and well, so is the stock market bear. When the Russian Bear goes into hibernation, so does the stock market bear. It is that simple... in theory. If you find this a stretch, let me expound on the correlation

developed through the last decade...

One of the first hibernation phases of the Russian Bear came at the end of the Korean War in 1953. Up until this time, the market remained in the same range in which it had traded since 1929--1930. In 1953, a low was set and 1954 saw the first time the 1929 highs were exceeded as the DJIA began a 6-year, 170% meteoric rise.

This rise came to a screeching halt after Fidel Castro took control of Cuba & the realization grew that Russia had a satellite nation in our hemisphere.

The Russian Bear awoke and the DJIA bear took hold until a bottom in 1962.

The market set a low in 1962 and then rallied 90% through 1965. However, 1965 saw 190,000 combat troops enter Viet Nam...and the latest conflict between the US & the Soviet Bear took hold.

Between 1966 & 1972, several other conflicts played out between N. Korea & the US, the Soviets invading Czechoslovakia, the Russian-backed Arabs fighting the US-backed nation of Israel (for 6 whole days), & Cambodia.

Meanwhile, the market suffered until peace appeared on the horizon. 1972 saw the market rally back to the highs on hopes for peace. In early-1973, the Vietnam peace accords were signed.

Unfortunately, as it usually does, this event marked the end of peaceful expectations and the end of the stock market rally.

In 1973, the Arab-Israeli conflict escalated to new levels and the US was again pitted against the Soviet/Russian Bear. An oil embargo was enacted against the US for our support of Israel, and the market plummeted nearly 50% in less than two years.

Again, the Russian/Soviet Bear's emergence coincided with the stock market bear's awakening.

1974--1982 saw a mix of emotions ranging from the fall of Vietnam to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and resultant grain embargo against her. The market attempted on several occasions to penetrate existing highs, but could never follow through... until 1982/1983 as the market's progress was closely tied to the rise and fall of the USSR's leaders...

1982 saw the death of Leonid Brezhnev and the first surge in the current 17-year bull market. 1982 also saw the beginning of Ronald Reagan's military build-up -- which is often credited with the ultimate demise of the Soviet Bear. Early 1983 saw the first convincing break above the 1973 high in the DJIA.

However, Yuri Andropov (recognized for his hard line tactics and actions in decades past - including Soviet conquests in Hungary and elsewhere) rose to power.

The realization that the Soviet Bear was still awake contained the markets as the first wave rally in the Stock Market faltered. Consequently, what looked like a new Bear took hold.

Mr. Andropov died in 1984 -- and a secondary low occurred in the Stock Market...as both Bears were almost in slumber. (Both Mr. Gorbachev's and Mr. Yeltsin's rises to power were unfolding during this precise time.)

Constantine Chernyenko came to power and the first wave of the third wave rally faltered... but not for long. His quick demise paved the way for Mikhail Gorbachev who was a protégé of -- and #2 under -- Yuri Andropov. The U.S. Bear was put to sleep and a bull market in stocks (1st wave of 3rd wave) took off.

Though seeking reforms, Gorbachev had his grounding in the Communist Party and 1987 witnessed a fateful event. With Gorbachev's OK, Boris Yeltsin was stripped of his Moscow City Party Committee chairmanship after making statements against the ruling party.

This appeared as a return to old-line tactics,

though Gorbachev could not foresee the events that would make his, and Yeltsin's, paths cross again 4 years later.

This first rumbling from the near-sleeping Bear coincided with the threat of a Stock Market Bear in 1987 as the DJIA lost 40% in less than two months' time (after topping in August). Many nervous investors threw their stocks in the air and went running for cover. However, it turned out that this was the REM stage of the Bears' sleep... immediately before a deep slumber.

Fortunately, neither bear took hold. In retrospect, these events were violent because they were the last-gasp efforts of both Bears to re-establish control. It is more often the corrections in a bull market, rather than the impulse waves in a bear market, that are so sharp and devastating. This was definitely the case in 1987."

Corresponding analysis led to the conclusion - published in mid-1999 - that the final months of 1999 would be the most likely time for a major transition in Russia's government and the ouster of Boris Yeltsin. To review from July 1999:

"One year later, 360 days or degrees from the start of this upheaval, Mr. Yeltsin's ouster could reach fruition... or at least see its next important step taken. (Health issues also create a 'wild card' that could be played at any time as well.)..."

Sooner or later, one of these coup de'etats will take hold and have a very undesirable effect on Russia and the rest of the world.

August--December 1999 could be that time as it represents the first cycle of 360⁰ since diverse key cycles matured in late-1998. It will also be a time of turmoil as Russia prepares for the uncertainty of Y2K, having recently rejected assistance from the US (over the attack on Yugoslavia).

...Another cycle that may seem unrelated on the surface, but which will inevitably become a factor, is the multi-millennial cycle coming to fruition in Israel. The year 5760, which begins in September 1999, is the end of an undeniable

360-year cycle that has governed critical events in the life of Israel. The following year of 5761 - that encompasses most of 2001 AD - will be the start of a whole new 360-year cycle and could see equally dramatic events."

In mid-1999, Boris Yeltsin sacked Yevgeny Primakov, a precursor to Vladimir Putin's moves in 2007. In the second half of 1999, Boris Yeltsin appointed Putin in a surprise development.

Putin has recently mimicked this action, as well. As we know from history, Boris Yeltsin stepped down (many would say he was pushed out) in December 1999.

The stock market bear began two weeks later and 180 degrees from when much of this analysis was published. As explained in the following excerpt, the mid-1999 sightings (of the Russian Bear) were to be treated as a precursor to a future downturn...

"In mid-1998, the Russian economy was accelerating into the tank and more evidence of Russia selling missile technology to Iran (ancient Persia) emerged.

Early rumblings from the Russian Bear are best treated like the early-shadow sightings of Punxatawney Phil. They pose little immediate consequence, but are harbingers of profound future changes.

In July 1998, an IMF \$22+ billion loan was extended to Russia when Boris Yeltsin warned of a military coup.

More recently, in early-1999, Russia has been rebuffed several times in its attempt to gain more funding and keep its economic head above the water level.

How long before Russia realizes that the money tree has shed its leaves and a financial winter is beginning to take hold?

Efforts to gain funding have been complicated by the struggle in Yugoslavia and Boris Yeltsin is placed between the proverbial 'rock and a hard

place'.

Either he tries to appease the West in hopes of gaining IMF funding for Russia and is ultimately deposed by conservative forces that have been gaining strength and momentum for at least the last two years... OR... he stands firm in support of Serbia and Milosevic, is snubbed by the West, and sees Mother Russia go down the financial drain. Either way, Boris loses."

Although Russia now has her own source of funding (\$90.00/bbl crude), she is again being placed in a precarious position between her desire to still appease (and milk) the West for as long as possible while also wanting to strengthen her ties (and influence) to the Middle East.

The connections to Iran continue to be the strongest bond... and the most troubling. This, too, was addressed in 1999. Although, if I did not just tell you that, the following excerpt would sound like it was written for today:

"For those interested in an additional Biblical perspective, it is of added interest/concern that Russia has been closely aligning with Iran over the last few years. The "bear" mentioned in the book of Daniel (see opening verses) -- refers to the second world kingdom of Medo-Persia that followed Daniel's dream.

Persia is modern day Iran, but until this century also encompassed much of Saudi Arabia. With Russia backing Iran, it would truly take on the characteristics of a "bear" once again. This is a parallel to the early 1970's when Russia was backing the Arab coalition that attacked Israel on Yom Kippur in 1973... while the US was aiding Israel."

In conclusion, the Bears are rumbling. However, the most prominent cycles in Russia & Iran culminate in 2009 (-2011).

Meanwhile, the **17-Year Cycle** portends some dramatic changes in Russia, between now and Dec. 2008. So, this overall cycle has just begun. I will elaborate on all 3 of these awakening

Bears (Russia, Persia & Stock Market) next month. IT

Goldilocks & the 3 Bears II...

01-03-08 - As promised last month, I want to continue to elaborate on the awakening '3 Bears' (Russia, Iran & Stock Market) that could/should become apparent to the masses in 2008/2009.

Papa Bear II...

The month of December added more corroboration to the observation that the Russian Bear is awakening. I expect this initial awakening to be as subtle and stealthy as possible... but undeniable, nonetheless. In the past 30-60 days, Vladimir Putin has created multiple options for his desire to maintain control over Russia...

The first was taking the offer to be Prime Minister and to head the United Russia party that holds a large majority in Parliament. Since it was an act of Parliament that originally gave the President its current powers, an act of Parliament could reassign some (like heading the army) or all of those powers back to the Prime Minister.

Since Putin now heads the most powerful party in Parliament and is Prime Minister, it all lines up very nicely for him. It will probably just take a political crisis - real or contrived - to provide the justification and urgency for a move of this sort.

However, there is also a contingent plan in the works (in addition to the potential for his re-election IF/when the new President were to step down or become unable to fulfill his duties)...

In December, Vladimir Putin 'unexpectedly' revived merger talks with Belarus. This, if it materialized, would create a single state from the two former Soviet Republics. Belarus has various 'incentives' for a merger like this, including the Russian-based pipelines that bring Natural Gas to Belarus.

Drafts of the constitution that are being considered would - obviously - give the president of a unified country the power to rule over the current

individual governments.

Why desire to head just Russia when you can head 'Belarussia'... or whatever they decide to call it?

To repeat: 2008 (-2011) is **17 Years** from the breakup of the Soviet Union in 1991 and the subsequent development of the Commonwealth of Independent States (late-1991 - 1994). It would not surprise me a bit to see a new entity begin to develop in 2008 and continue building into 2011. The **17-Year Cycle** lives on!

With that in mind, it is important to note that the CIS is governed out of Minsk, Belarus and all of its Executive Secretaries have been from either Belarus or Russia. So, let's do the math...

The former Soviet Union is now the CIS.

The CIS is - for all intents and purposes - governed by Russia & Belarus.

Russia & Belarus are discussing a merger.

Vladimir Putin is the first in line to head this unified country... and by default, the entire CIS.

Any questions???

Mama Bear?...

The most significant union, however, is an unspoken and unwritten one (except in the Old Testament of the Bible) that grows stronger by the day. It could be viewed as a type of strategic partnership - like a marriage of nations - but is rapidly becoming a symbiotic relationship where each needs the other for survival.

This brings into focus the **2nd Bear** - the one first described in the book of Daniel and the one that brings the greatest consternation to the West.

Iran continues to pursue nuclear goals (allegedly for their energy needs), even while offering to share their electrical excess with the southern portion of Iraq. This was part of an interesting development during the month of October when major energy/electrical contracts in Iraq were awarded to China & Iran (China is another topic that must wait).

So, let's get this straight...

Iran continues to rationalize their nuclear development by stressing their energy needs even while sitting on enough oil to power their nation for decades to come. Of course, when you have an excess of energy and an abundance of oil, the logical thing on which to devote much of your budget and all of your dwindling political 'capital' would be nuclear energy.

This does not even address the practical questions like where Iran - one of the more seismically active regions in the world and the site of repeated MAJOR and deadly (to the tune of tens of thousands of lives lost) earthquakes on a 10-20 year basis - would position all these nuclear reactors.

Perhaps the real threat is a seismically-triggered, Chernobyl-like accident in an even more populous area of the world... in the not-too-distant future.

2009 is a MAJOR nuclear-related cycle (also involving Russia) - and a cycle for Iranian/American tensions.

2009 also falls in the midst of major earth-disturbance cycles.

Will a consequential crescendo - in this entire nuclear standoff - be seen in 2009?

This does NOT minimize the potential for initial flare-ups in the next 12 months. It does, however, show that they might only be precursors to a bigger 'event' in 2009. While current logic would focus attention on this involving Iran or Israel or even Syria, another intriguing pattern should not be ignored...

In 1993, immediately after a new US Administration took office, the first attack on the World Trade Center took place.

In 2001, immediately after a new US Administration took office, the second attack on the World Trade Center took place.

Is this an 8-year 'high-high-high' Cycle Progression - next focused on 2009 - forming in the USA?

2009 will usher in a new US Administration and coincides with nuclear and/or war events from

1979, 1949 & 1919 (30, 60 & 90 geometric years prior). There is still the outstanding question about the disappearance of Soviet, suitcase-sized nuclear bombs and the potential for dirty bombs used against the US.

Don't forget that Iran's foreign minister - sometimes referred to as the Henry Kissinger of Iran - had publicly stated that he believed George W. Bush's resolve to stay in Iraq and fight for their freedom was an 'aberration' in American politics... and that Iran was willing to wait him out and believed that his successor would return to America's habit of turning tail and running from the Middle East.

This adds some practical (not really 'cycle-related', per se) significance to the year of 2009.

So, Israel cycles converge in 2008 while Iranian/Russian/nuclear cycles begin to converge in 2009.

And, just as in 2000/2001, the Stock Market is likely to reflect these future events months in advance. This brings us to **Bear #3**, elaborated on the following page. IT

The Russian Bear is expected to keep rumbling in 2008. This process - of emerging back to the forefront of the geopolitical scene - should begin to accelerate in August 2008 and then really get going a little later in the year, when a very unique cycle comes into play (this will be discussed in the upcoming issues of INSIIDE Track).

This cycle links together dozens of important anniversaries that deal with political alignments and could pinpoint the biggest geopolitical surprise in 2008.

With respect to the markets, the Stock Market Bear has seen its first 'rumblings' but the biggest awakening could wait until late-2008 or 2009. Much more to come...IT

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