

Perspective

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How Does South America Fit into Prophecy?

In the dark of night, 3:29 AM, January 3, the U.S. military initiated a precision mission to extract Nicolas Maduro from Caracas, Venezuela. Foxnews.com reported, “Joint Chiefs Gen. Dan Caine provided details Saturday on how the U.S. military and various intelligence agencies worked together to capture Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro, revealing that more than 150 aircraft were launched in close coordination in a mission called "Operation Absolute Resolve." It was a powerful display of brinkmanship on the part of President Trump and his leadership. The agility of the military of the United States was demonstrated once again, much like in Operation Midnight Hammer when Iran was targeted. Interestingly, the former Panama dictator, Manuel Noriega, was arrested due to his heavy involvement in drug trafficking, corruption, and human rights abuses, and it led to the U.S. invasion of Panama in December 1989. Noriega sought refuge in the Vatican Embassy and surrendered on January 3, 1990. He was brought to the U.S., and by trial he was found guilty and was incarcerated in an American prison for 20 years.

Colombian President, Gustavo Petro, has been put on notice by President Trump. Petro taunted him, as did Maduro, by releasing a statement saying, “Come get me, I am waiting for you.” Is the United States taking these South American dictators out because of drug trafficking? It is one of the reasons, but there is a much bigger picture to consider—just how does South America fit into Bible prophecy?

“Donroe Doctrine” for Western Hemisphere

There are two countries that have been strong supporters of Venezuela, Cuba and Nicaragua. Following the initial U.S. deployment in the Caribbean to attack suspected drug-running vessels and threats from Trump to Maduro, Cuba declared its “total and complete” support for Venezuela. Referring to President Gustavo Petro, Trump said that Columbia is "run by a sick man who likes making cocaine and selling it to the United States, and he’s not going to be doing it very long." The president said of Cuba, it is "ready to fall." When asked about possible U.S. military intervention in the country, he told a reporter, “It sounds good to me."

Both Russia and China strongly condemned the U.S. action in Venezuela, but why? Strategically, their military is always planning for the next war. During any hypothetical war, China and Russia must have use of military bases in the Western Hemisphere which they can control, such as Argentina, Venezuela, Bolivia, Chile, and elsewhere. This is necessary in order to locate Western satellites and to blind, jam or destroy them, and to impair combat operations communication by the United States, NATO, and its Asian allies.

The Monroe Doctrine is a keystone of U.S. foreign policy enunciated by President James Monroe before Congress in 1823. The United States set forth a policy to oppose European intrusion in the Western Hemisphere. President Trump sees the need to clean up the Western Hemisphere from Russian and Chinese meddling. Taking action in Venezuela was a part of what the president coined as the “Don-roe Doctrine.” The recent Panama Canal issue with China was a part of the current administration’s mindset to enforce that same doctrine. The “Donroe Doctrine” was busy on January 6th, with the seizure of the Russian-flagged oil tanker *Marinera* in the North Atlantic, followed by U.S. forces seizing a stateless dark-fleet tanker in the Caribbean region.

Jesus said in the Olivet Prophecy, “*And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.*” (Matthew 24:6). Are we not seeing this happen?

Columbia and Cuba may be next

As of 2026, several nations have developed missiles that achieve hypersonic speeds exceeding Mach 5 (approximately 6,174 km/h)—redefining modern warfare. Cuba lies around 90 miles from the coast of Florida and Venezuela is about 2,800 miles away. Having an enemy in close proximity is extremely dangerous in the event of a shooting war. Russia is offering Cuba military, energy, and economic support. Russia has been their primary supporter during the crisis they are suffering from since the American embargo. Inflation in Cuba runs at 500%. In World Report 2025 at hrw.org, it says, “The economic crisis in Cuba severely impacted the enjoyment of economic, social, and cultural rights as Cubans endured electricity blackouts, in some places for up to 20 hours a day, and acute shortages of food, medicine, and other essential items.”

Russian naval ships, frigates, and nuclear submarines, regularly transit the Western Hemisphere and dock in Cuba and Venezuela. John F. Kennedy’s presidency faced a defining moment in history during the Cuban

missile crisis in 1962. It was a critical faceoff which could have resulted in a major war between the U.S. and the then U.S.S.R. Soviet premier Nikita Khrushchev assumed that the United States would not take measures to prevent the installation of nuclear-armed missiles in Cuba.

Are you in the right camp?

Latin America countries stand out as powerhouses in the oil industry; Mexico, and Venezuela top the charts. These nations collectively contribute a good part of the region's oil output. Venezuela boasts the world's largest proven oil reserves, estimated at over 303 billion barrels, but its daily output is only 733,000 barrels, a significant decline from 1997 when their production stood above 3.4 million barrels per day. The Trump administration wants to ratchet up production so the wind-fall monetary profits for the national economy can benefit the Venezuelan people.

Mexico is a strong Petro-producer, pumping nearly 2 million barrels of oil a day. However, Mexico also has been the funnel of illegal drugs and migrants into the United States by Mexican drug cartels. Politico.com reported January 6, 2026 in an article titled, "'Mexico should indeed be concerned': Trump's threats rattle Mexican officials, businesses" says, "Trump's rhetoric, including his suggestion over the weekend that Washington may have to 'do something' about cartels that are 'running Mexico,' is reviving fears in Mexico City that the United States may act unilaterally against Mexico — particularly after the arrest of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro on Saturday."

Latin America ties to the EU will increase

Spain's history with Latin America dates back to the time of exploration of South America by Spanish conquistadors, who established colonies. These conquerors from Spain were instrumental in the spread of the Spanish culture and language in the Americas. Spain invests over €680 billion in the region, making South America key to their economy. Spain is the 2nd largest country for investments from South American companies. Spain is a part of both the European Union (EU) and NATO.

Politico.com published an article, "Poland's Tusk warns as Trump salivates over Greenland" which states, "Europe must unite or it's 'finished', Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk issued a dire warning about the future of Europe, saying the continent is 'finished' without unity, following a week that saw fractures in the stances of EU countries on foreign policy. Tusk, a pro-European centrist, wrote on social media Monday that Europe won't be taken 'seriously' if it is 'weak and divided: neither enemy nor ally.' 'It is already clear now. We must finally believe in our own strength, we must continue to arm ourselves, we must stay united like never before,' he said. 'One for all, and all for one. Otherwise, we are finished.'"

Look for Spain to play a greater role in the EU in the future. This is a result of its strong historical, cultural and current economic links with Latin America.

The EU will begin to speak with one voice, and act as one unit militarily. In March of 2025, EU Commission President, Ursula von der Leyen, unveiled her €800 billion "*ReArm Europe*" plan. Germany will likely take the lead in building up the EU military, as it is ranked 14 of 145 in the Global Firepower (GF) index. Poland ranks 21.

What is foretold in the Bible

Revelation 17 and 18 prophesy an end-time 10-king political, economic, and military empire which will have tentacles extending around the globe; that will include Latin America countries. This empire is compared to the ancient Babylonian Empire. It will exercise the same power over the entire world which Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar did 2,500 years ago. It will be an empire with great power swaying nearly all nations. Its sudden rise will occur after the fall of U.S. and Britain and the English-speaking peoples of the world.

Revelation 18:11-13 says, "*And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble; and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men.*"

China and the United States rush to corner the markets on vital rare-earth elements required for computers, lasers, robotics, and the future of AI. The key raw materials and products for industry in Latin America will of necessity be a part of the end-time Babylon, which the Bible calls the Beast (Revelation 13:11-18). The Bible predicts it will fall suddenly, within a relatively short period of time—its judgement comes in one hour (Revelation 18:10).