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Why do countries fight one another? What makes leaders decide to embark on war or sign a peace treaty? What induces parents to send their children into battle? What is the main factor that contributes to victory or failure in armed warfare? Many books have been written about these and other historical riddles, in the hope of understanding, even in retrospect, how and what took place. However, few have attempted to project their implications into the future. With great courage and in language accessible to all, Prof. Passig examines the global conflicts that lie ahead in the first half of the 21st century, to identify the events that will take place in the Middle East around the year 2050.



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- Russia will re-conquer large parts of former Eastern Europe, including Poland and the Baltic States, as well as countries north of Turkey.
- The US and Russia will set out on a collision course that will climax around 2020.
- The world will experience a period of so-called "demographic winter": global population will reach some 9 to 10 billion and then drop to 5 or 6 billion near the end of the 21st century.
- The United States will invest massively in bolstering Turkey, intending for it to play a balancing role in the Middle East, and helping it regain its regional-superpower status.
- Most of the Arab countries in the first cycle of conflict with Israel will be defined as failing and Turkey will be asked to assist them.
- In 2020, the Israeli Army will conduct a maneuver deep inside Syrian territory at the end of which its troops will hold positions around, or even inside, Damascus.
- Near the end of the 2040s, Israel will sign peace accords with most of the confrontation states, through mainly Turkish mediation and guarantees.