

#281 St. Petersburg, the City of Three Names – Did the Lord ordain that St. Petersburg be named after St. Peter of the Sword, or after St. Peter of the Cross?

St. Petersburg, Russia, became known as the “City of Three Names.” The three names of St. Petersburg were (1) St. Petersburg, (2) Petrograd, and (3) Leningrad.

St. Petersburg was named after St. Peter. In 1703, Russian Tsar Peter the Great founded St. Petersburg and named it after the Apostle Peter, after whom Peter the Great himself was named. Remember, the Russian Empire was a Russian *Orthodox Church* Empire, and thus it would not have been unusual to have a strong religious attachment to the naming of a city. In fact, a city of 400,000 even further north in Russia is named Archangel, after Michael the Archangel.



Peter the Great, with a sword



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Key Understanding and Question: *St. Petersburg of the sword, or St. Petersburg of the cross?* When Tsar Peter the Great founded and named St. Petersburg, Russia, was the Lord ordaining that its prophetic history and purpose be reflective of St. Peter of the Sword and the Three Denials, or reflective of St. Peter of the Cross? [The verses *below* are from Unsealing [#278](#).]

John 18:10-11: Peter drawing the Sword to keep Jesus from going to the Cross

John 18:10-11 (KJV) THEN SIMON PETER HAVING A SWORD DREW IT, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear.

The servant's name was Malchus.

11 Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?



The Apostle Peter with a sword

John 13:37-38: Peter would draw the Sword for Jesus, but not go to the Cross for Jesus

John 13:37-38 (KJV) Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake.

*38 Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **THE COCK SHALL NOT CROW, TILL THOU HAST DENIED ME THRICE.***

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