Vladimir Lenin’s health was destroyed by the strain of the Russian Revolution and the ensuing Russian Civil War (between the Red Army and the White Army, a subject of great prophetic significance which we will soon be addressing in more detail). In May 1922, Lenin suffered a stroke. Shortly before his stroke, he had appointed Joseph Stalin general secretary of the Russian Communist Party, the party of the Bolsheviks. Before long, Lenin had serious doubts about Stalin, who seemed to be reaching out for purely personal power. On December 30, 1922, the Bolshevik Communist government finally officially established the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the USSR. The USSR at first consisted of four union republics – the Russian Republic (Russia), Byelorussia (Belarus, or White Russia), Transcaucasia, and Ukraine. [Three of those four would dismember the USSR on December 8-10, 1991.]

During that month of December 1922, Lenin had suffered a second stroke. In January 1923, Lenin warned that Stalin was “too rude” and lacked the talents necessary for party leadership. Lenin wrote that he planned to remove Stalin as party secretary. On March 9, 1923, Lenin had a third stroke and lost his ability to speak clearly. From this time on, he required constant care. His illness kept him from appointing a new party secretary. **Lenin died of a brain hemorrhage on January 21, 1924.** The government preserved his body through a special process. Lenin’s tomb, in Moscow’s Red Square, became one of the country’s most honored monuments. Joseph Stalin, after a power struggle with Leon Trotsky and others, went on to rule the Soviet Union as dictator from 1929 to 1953.

**Key Understanding: The death of V. I. Lenin came in 1924.**
The key verse for when we complete the understanding of why V. I. Lenin died in 1924 is Genesis 19:24. But, we have several more Unsealings before the picture is complete.

*Genesis 19:24 (KJV)*

*THEN THE LORD RAINED UPON SODOM and upon Gomorrah BRIMSTONE AND FIRE FROM THE LORD OUT OF HEAVEN;*