## #524 The Rise of Michael the Archangel – Michael II represented the brief transition of Russia from 'Michael the Archangel' Autocracy to 'Michael the Archangel' Democracy

Since it was the *democratic* Provisional Government that replaced the *autocratic* Romanov Dynasty, and was in opposition to its return, it is as if Michael the Archangel shifted primary allegiance from supporting the Eastern Orthodox Russian people (under Third Rome Romanov *Autocracy* as the people of God), to supporting the mostly-Protestant American people (under Fourth Rome *Democracy* as the people of God).

Key Understanding #1: Kerensky insures there is no Michael II. Furthermore, Alexander Kerensky, who would lead the democratic Provisional Government that would soon replace tsarism in Russia, was directly responsible at the abdication of Tsar Nicholas II for insuring that Michael Alexandrovich (Michael II) did not continue the authoritative rule of the Romanov Dynasty.

Versions of events surrounding Michael II are varied, but here is the story according to Wikipedia (Mikhail Alexandrovich).

On 2 March (Julian calendar)/15 March (Gregorian calendar), 1917, Emperor Nicholas II under government pressure abdicated and announced,

We bequeath Our inheritance to Our brother the Grand Duke <u>Mikhail Alexandrovich</u> and give him Our Blessing on his accession to the throne.

Michael's accession to the throne *was* accepted by conservatives in the government. However the Attorney General Alexander Kerensky threatened revolution if that was to be the outcome. He and two lawyers drafted a renouncement manifesto for Michael to sign, which he duly did the following day (3 March/16 March 1917). The manifesto did not renounce the throne, but laid conditions on its acceptance. It stated,

I am firmly resolved to assume supreme power <u>only if such is the will of our great people</u>, who must now by universal suffrage and through their representatives in the Constituent Assembly establish a form of government and new fundamental laws of the Russian State.

Any hopes that Michael might be able to assume the throne were overtaken by events. It marked the end of the tsarist regime in Russia. The next year, Michael II was apparently murdered. The best source material seems to indicate that on June 12, 1918, Michael was ordered by a group of men to get out of the hotel in Perm where he lived. Then he and his secretary were taken by a car to the outskirts of town where they were shot and their bodies were burnt.

Daniel 12:1 (KJV) And at that time <u>SHALL MICHAEL</u> [the Archangel] <u>STAND UP</u>, the great prince which standeth for <u>THE CHILDREN OF THY PEOPLE</u>: and <u>there shall be A TIME OF TROUBLE</u>, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: <u>and</u> at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Key Understanding #2: From 'Michael the Archangel' <u>autocracy</u> to 'Michael the Archangel' <u>democracy</u>. The events surrounding Michael II were representing the brief transition of Russia from a 'Michael the Archangel' Autocratic Christian Third Rome to 'Michael the Archangel' <u>Democracy</u>. Remember, that brief stint of Kerensky democracy in Russia brought Woodrow Wilson and the United States into World War I, receiving the mantle as the <u>Democratic Christian</u> Fourth Rome.

