

#1190 The Patmos Revolution – The Ottoman Empire



The Ottoman Empire. The Ottoman Empire was a powerful world empire whose life extended from the 1300's through 1922. At its height, it controlled what is now Turkey, and parts of northern Africa, southwestern Asia, and southeastern Europe, including Greece. The Ottomans were nomadic Turkish tribes that migrated to the Middle East from central Asia. The term *Ottoman* comes from Osman (Osman I, pictured on the *left*), also called Othman, the founder and first sultan (ruler) of the empire.

Before the arrival of the Ottomans, the Byzantine Empire had occupied parts of Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey) and southeastern Europe for almost 1000 years. That empire ended in 1453, when the Ottomans conquered the Byzantine capital of Constantinople (and renamed it Istanbul). They made the city their capital. By the mid-1500's, the Ottomans ruled Asia Minor, the Balkans, and parts of northern Africa and present-day Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Syria. The Ottomans were Muslim in their religion and they spread Islam throughout the empire.

Mehmed II enters Constantinople with his army in 1453,
by Jean-Joseph Benjamin-Constant

The Ottoman Empire was at its most powerful in the 1500's and 1600's, slowly declining in power during its last 300 years. [The Greeks would declare their independence on March 25, 1821, but it would take several years to win the war.] When World War I began in 1914, the Ottoman Empire consisted of only Asia Minor, parts of southwestern Asia, and part of the Balkans. The Ottomans were defeated in World War I, and the empire came to an end in 1922, leaving as its remains the modern nation of Turkey.



Here is **#1190–Doc 1, a map of the Ottoman Empire in 1580.**

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Here is **#1190–Doc 2, a map showing that the Ottoman Empire was adjacent to the Holy Roman Empire in the 1600's.** [This same map is shown in Unsealing [#67](#).]

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Here is **#1190–Doc 3, which shows the Ottoman Empire from 1699-1791.**

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Here is #1190–Doc 4, which shows the diminished state of the Ottoman Empire around 1900.

Key Understanding: By this time (circa 1900), as can be seen from this map (#1190–Doc 4), Greece has extricated itself from Ottoman control, an extrication that can be traced back to the date of September 14, 1814, and the founding of the secret organization of the Friendly Company.

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Revelation 1:9 (KJV) I JOHN, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, WAS IN THE ISLE THAT IS CALLED PATMOS, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.



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