

#163 The World War I *Second* Ascension of America – The Fall of the Third Rome and the Rise of the Fourth Rome

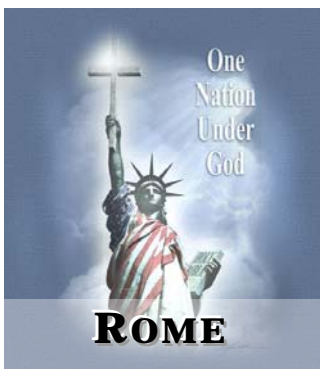
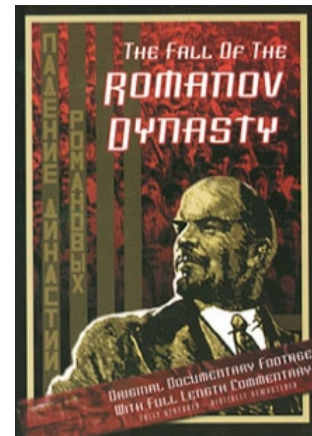
Key Understanding: *The fourth Rome.* The Third Rome, the Russian Eastern Orthodox Empire centered in Moscow, fell during World War I. America emerged from World War I with the position of the Fourth Rome.



The rise of the Third Rome. In Unsealing [#49 The Legs of Iron – Ivan IV, and Moscow as the Third Rome](#), we learned that Ivan IV (the Terrible) was the grandson of Ivan III (the Great) and Sophia. Thus Ivan the Terrible had Byzantine blood in him. He was the first to assume the actual title of Tsar of Russia, and he officially made Moscow the capital of Russia. When he was crowned the first Tsar of Russia in 1547, Ivan the Terrible proclaimed Moscow to be the Third Rome. “Two Romes fell. The third –

Moscow – stands. Never shall there be a fourth. Of the third Rome – the realm of Muscovy – I am henceforth the sole and absolute ruler.”

The fall of the Third Rome. The Third Rome of Ivan the Terrible did fall, with the fall of the Romanov dynasty during the course of World War I. To borrow from Ivan IV, “*Three Romes fell.*” The remainder of Ivan IV’s words would also fail to remain true, for there would be an ascension of a *Fourth Rome* to the west, the United States of America.



The rise of the Fourth Rome. With the extension of the Roman Empire at the end of World War I, *as the world was transitioning from the Daniel 2:40 Legs of Iron to the Daniel 2:41-43 Feet and Toes*, the question would arise as to why the Lord would deem America, the 8th, to be carrying the primary mantle of the Fourth Rome, vs. the atheistic USSR, the 7th, since the USSR clearly followed the Romanov Russian Empire in Russia. **The answer is that the mantle of the Fourth Rome had attached to it the Christian religion, as did the Second Rome (Constantinople and the Byzantine Empire), and the Third Rome (Moscow and the Russian Empire).**

Let’s continue forward with the understanding that the Lord was placing upon America – through the events and results of World War I – the mantle of the continuation of a Christian Rome.

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