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We are now making the transition from The Cross of Jesus Christ vs. the Rights of Man to the closely related subject of St. Petersburg, the City of Three Names.

St. Petersburg, Russia, became known as the “City of Three Names” during the 20th Century. The three names of St. Petersburg in the past 100 years have been (1) St. Petersburg, (2) Petrograd, and (3) Leningrad.

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Petersburg was founded by Russian Tsar Peter the Great on May 27 (May 16, Old Style), 1703. It was built on the arm of the Baltic Sea called the Gulf of Finland, which reaches into Russia. For this reason, St. Petersburg was called a “window to Europe.”



The City of Three Names. St. Petersburg is thus the youngest (large) European city. It is the second largest city in Russia (behind Moscow), and the fourth largest city in Europe (behind Moscow, London, and Paris). Among cities with over 1 million in population, it is the northernmost city in the world. It stands on the 60th parallel that passes through Oslo, Norway, and Anchorage, Alaska. It is the most important Russian port on the Baltic.

Due to the events of World War I, St. Petersburg would become the “City of Three Names.” Its name was **St. Petersburg** from 1703-1914, serving as the capital of the Russian Empire for over 200 years. After Russia went to war against Germany in 1914, at the start of World War I, the name was changed to **Petrograd**. Russia’s officials chose this name, which means *Peter’s City* in Russian, to get rid of the German ending *burg*. Shortly after Lenin’s death on January 21, 1924, Petrograd’s name was changed to **Leningrad**, remaining as such until the Fall of the Soviet Union in 1991. Its name was then changed back to its initial and present name of St. Petersburg.

Key Understanding: *The city of three names.* Due to the events of World War I, the Russian city of St. Petersburg, named after the Apostle Peter, who denied the Lord three times, became the “City of Three Names.” The Lord’s reasons for this will become clear in the ensuing Unsealings.

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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