

#501 The Rise of Michael the Archangel – The City of Archangel, Russia

The dogma of Michael the Archangel permeated Russian war, politics, culture, and religion. This is reflected through the fact that . . .

Key Understanding: *Archangel, Russia.* One of Russia's major cities is Arkhangelsk, or Archangel, named after the Archangel Michael. Moreover, because of its unique location, Archangel would be connected with *war*.



Modern night view of the city of Archangel, Russia



Before we discuss Archangel and its connection with war, let's first look at a map in **#501–Doc 1** showing the location of five cities in Russia that are pertinent to our overall understanding and discussion – **Archangel** (Arkhangelsk, in the far north on the White Sea), **Moscow**, **Velikiy Novgorod** (northwest of Moscow), **St. Petersburg** (on the Baltic Sea), and **Murmansk** (even further north than Archangel, on the Barents Sea). The reason we are pointing out Novgorod, one of Russia's oldest cities, is because the Novgorodians in the 12th century established a monastery – **Archangel Michael Monastery** – in the far north of Russia in the estuary of the Northern Dvina River as it flows into the White Sea. The city of Archangel would be founded by Ivan the Terrible in 1584, named Novo-Kholmogory at first. In 1613, it was renamed Archangel for the nearby monastery. In the 1600's, Archangel was Russia's only seaport, but was ice-bound five to

six months of the year. Peter the Great then waged a successful campaign against the Swedes, garnering the land surrounding the Baltic Sea upon which St. Petersburg would be founded in 1703. St. Petersburg replaced Archangel as Russia's chief port.

Here is #501–Doc 1, which is a map showing the locations of the major cities of Russia (including the five cities mentioned *above*) and the cities of other former states of the Soviet Union. You will need to enlarge the map.

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***Daniel 12:1 (NIV) AT THAT TIME MICHAEL** [the Archangel], the great prince who protects your people, **WILL ARISE**. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered.*

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