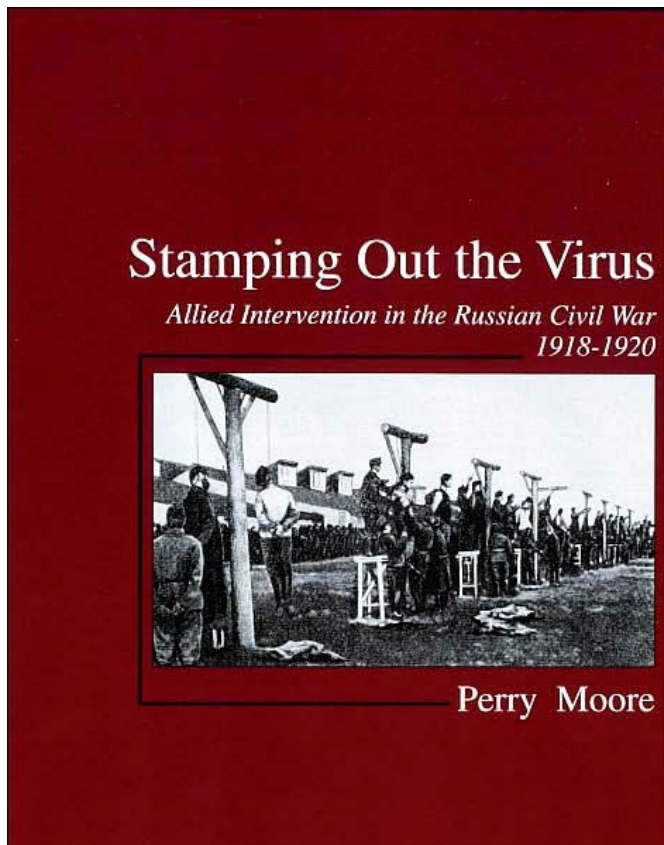


## #502 The Rise of Michael the Archangel – Archangel in the Russian Civil War, part 1, Foreign Nations supporting the Whites occupy Archangel

From 1918-1920 during the Russian Civil War, the city of Archangel chose *White*, resisting the *Red* Bolsheviks. Furthermore, Archangel was a stronghold of the anti-Bolshevik White Army which was supported by the military intervention of Entente forces (the Allies who were fighting against the Central powers of the German Empire, the Austrian-Hungarian Empire, and the Ottoman Empire).

Here is the story. During the Russian Civil War, armies of intervention from fourteen foreign countries actually backed the White Army. The countries were Britain, France, the United States, Japan, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Poland, Latvia, Finland, Estonia, Yugoslavia, Romania, Lithuania, and Turkey.



In late 1917 and early 1918, during the time when Russia was still technically in World War I but entirely weakened, the United States, France, and Great Britain were debating what action might be taken to prevent stores of supplies in Russia from falling into German hands. In February 1918, before the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk was signed by the Bolsheviks on March 3, 1918, which withdrew Russia from the war and gave away Russian lands to the Germans, the decision was made to land a small combined allied force at Murmansk. This was with the consent of the local Bolshevik government, and was accomplished in March. After the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk, the Allies made a decision independent of the Red Bolsheviks to enlarge this force and to extend the area of its control. The Bolshevik Russian government protested on June 28, but on July 7, the Murmansk Regional Council proclaimed the area independent, inviting the force to remain.

The Allies willingly agreed. The British and French were already contemplating support for the White counterrevolutionaries that might overthrow the Bolsheviks, repudiate the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk, and put Russia back in the war.

**On August 2, 1918, another combined force of the Allies occupied Archangel. When the counterrevolutionary *Whites* proclaimed an independent republican government of the north, the Allied commanders at Murmansk and Archangel gave it quiet support.**

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Bolshevik prisoners under the custody of U.S. troops in Archangel

**Key Understanding:** *Foreign nations supporting the whites occupy Archangel. In a remarkable quirk of history, troops from foreign nations – including the United States and Great Britain – occupied Archangel during the Russian Civil War, and supported the White Army against the Red Army Bolsheviks.*

*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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