

**#512 The Rise of Michael the Archangel – *The Time of Troubles*, part 1, *The Time of Troubles* occurred between the *end* of the Rurik Dynasty and the *beginning* of the Romanov Dynasty**

As if most of Russia’s history hasn’t represented “a time of troubles,” there was one particular period of time that is expressly and widely labeled as such. ***The Time of Troubles* occurred in the time period between the 1598 *end* of the Rurik Dynasty and the 1613 *start* of the Romanov Dynasty.** In fact, the cause of *The Time of Troubles* can be traced to Ivan IV’s 1581 murder of his eldest son in a fit of rage [reference Unsealing #49], and the subsequent lack of a strong Rurik heir to the Russian throne. It led to the breakdown of the Tsar’s power in Russia. **Prophetically, it can be seen that the Lord ordained Ivan the Terrible’s murder of his own son to bring forth *The Time of Troubles* as a beginning episode in the fulfillment of Daniel 12:1.**

**The Two Russian Dynasties – Rurik (862-1598) and Romanov (1613-1917)**

There were only two dynasties in Russia’s history. The Rurik Dynasty lasted from 862-1598, and the Romanov Dynasty lasted from 1613-1917. (Prince Vladimir I of Kiev, who brought the Orthodox faith from the Byzantine Empire to Kiev in the 980’s, making it the spiritual center of the Orthodox faith in Russia for over three centuries before the rise of the Muscovites, was in the line of the Rurik Dynasty. Reference Unsealings #47–#48.) **The time in between the two dynasties of the Ruriks and the Romanovs is called *The Time of Troubles*.** Thus, an abbreviated list of rulers surrounding the story of *The Time of Troubles* would look like this:



Ivan the Terrible

**The *End* of the Rurik Dynasty (which began in 862 and developed into Kievan Rus)**

1533-1584 Ivan IV (Ivan the Terrible, also known as Ivan Grozny)  
1584-1598 Fyodor I (Feodor I, Theodore I)



***The Time of Troubles***

1598-1605 Boris Godunov  
1605-1605 Fyodor II  
1605-1606 False Dmitri, Usurper  
1606-1610 Vasily Shuisky  
1607-1610 False Dmitri II, Usurper  
1610-1612 Ladislav IV of Poland (ruling for King Sigismund III of Poland)

Ladislav IV

## The Beginning of the Romanov Dynasty (which lasted until 1917)

1613-1645 Michael Romanov

**Key Understanding:** *The Time of Troubles* in Russia in the early 1600's was a part of the fulfillment of Daniel 12:1.

*Daniel 12:1 (KJV) And at that time **SHALL MICHAEL** [the Archangel] **STAND UP**, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and **there shall be A TIME OF TROUBLE**, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.*



Tsar Michael Romanov

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Here is #512–Doc 2, for an easy-to-understand list of the rulers of **the Romanov Dynasty**.

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