

**#523 The Rise of Michael the Archangel – The Romanov Dynasty began with *Michael Feodorovich Romanov* (Tsar Michael I) and ended with *Michael Alexandrovich Romanov* (Tsar Michael II)**

Tsar Nicholas II is considered to be the last Tsar of Russia, but actually, he abdicated his throne on March 15, 1917 (New Style), in favor of his brother, Michael Alexandrovich Romanov, who is sometimes called Tsar Michael II.

A part of the statement issued by Tsar Nicholas II follows:

*In agreement with the Imperial Duma We have thought it well to renounce the Throne of the Russian Empire and to lay down the supreme power. As We do not wish to part from Our beloved son, We transmit the succession to Our brother, the Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovich, and give Him Our blessing to mount the Throne of the Russian Empire. We direct Our brother to conduct the affairs of state in full and inviolable union with the representatives of the people in the legislative bodies on those principles which will be established by them, and on which He will take an inviolable oath.*

*In the name of Our dearly beloved homeland, We call on Our faithful sons of the fatherland to fulfill their sacred duty to the fatherland, to obey the tsar in the heavy moment of national trials, and to help Him, together with the representatives of the people, to guide the Russian Empire on the road to victory, welfare, and glory. May the Lord God help Russia!*

Mikhail Alexandrovich declined the offer, and was never formally crowned. Three centuries of Romanov rule came to an end the next day, March 16, 1917.



Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch  
of Russia (1878–1918)

**Key Understanding: *From Michael Romanov to Michael Romanov.* The significance of the name Michael in association with the Romanov Dynasty, Michael the Archangel, and the Time of Troubles is underscored by the fact that the Romanov Dynasty began with Michael Feodorovich Romanov, and ended with Michael Alexandrovich Romanov. There were no other Michaels in between. It would seem as if the blessings of God and the protection of Michael the Archangel surrounded the Romanov Dynasty at the beginning of its reign, symbolized through the ascension of Michael Feodorovich Romanov to the throne, but departed from the Romanov Dynasty at the end of its reign, symbolized by Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovich Romanov declining the throne, and by the immediate death of the Romanov empire. It seemed as if Michael the Archangel was shifting his allegiance from Third Rome Christian Autocracy to Fourth Rome Christian Democracy.**

***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.***

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