

#2488 The Yom Kippur War and the Abomination of Desolation – The post-World War II U.S. waxing great toward the South and toward the East as a *second* Syria/Antiochus IV Epiphanes, part 747, **Smyrna Jews, (vi), Ancient Greece included Smyrna**



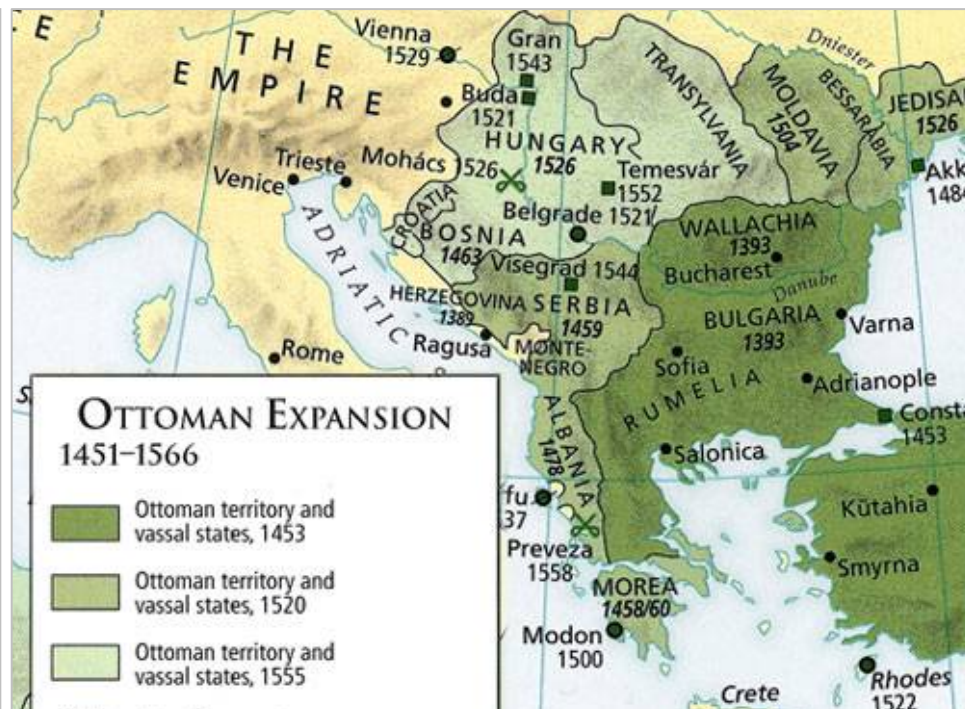
(left) **Greek civilization** arose along the shores of the Aegean and Ionian seas. Ancient Greece consisted chiefly of a peninsula that separated the two seas, nearby islands, and the coast of Asia Minor (now part of Turkey).



The Greek world, called *Hellas* by the Greeks, was united culturally, but never politically. It was not brought under a single government until it became part of the Roman Empire in the second century B.C.

Key Understanding: *Smyrna was a part of ancient Greece. The fact that Smyrna (modern day Izmir, Turkey) (i) was once a part of Ancient Greece, (ii) became a part of the Ottoman Empire (while still containing a large Greek population), and then (iii) ultimately became a part of the nation of Turkey after World War I and after the Greco-Turkish War of 1919-1922, plays a big part in the fulfillment of the prophecy surrounding the letter to the church in Smyrna in Revelation 2:8-11.*

After the fall of the Byzantine capital of Constantinople in 1453, which ended the Byzantine Empire, the Muslim Ottoman Turks commanded almost all of the area which composed Ancient Greece, including Smyrna, which had become a part of Ottoman territory a quarter century earlier. The Ottomans would rule over Smyrna for hundreds of years. The Greeks would occupy the city on May 15, 1919.





Revelation 2:8-10 (KJV) And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and **I KNOW THE BLASPHEMY OF THEM WHICH SAY THEY ARE JEWS, AND ARE NOT, BUT ARE THE SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN.**



10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.



(left) *School of Athens* by Raphael, 1511. (right) Detail of Plato and Aristotle from Raphael's *School of Athens*.

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