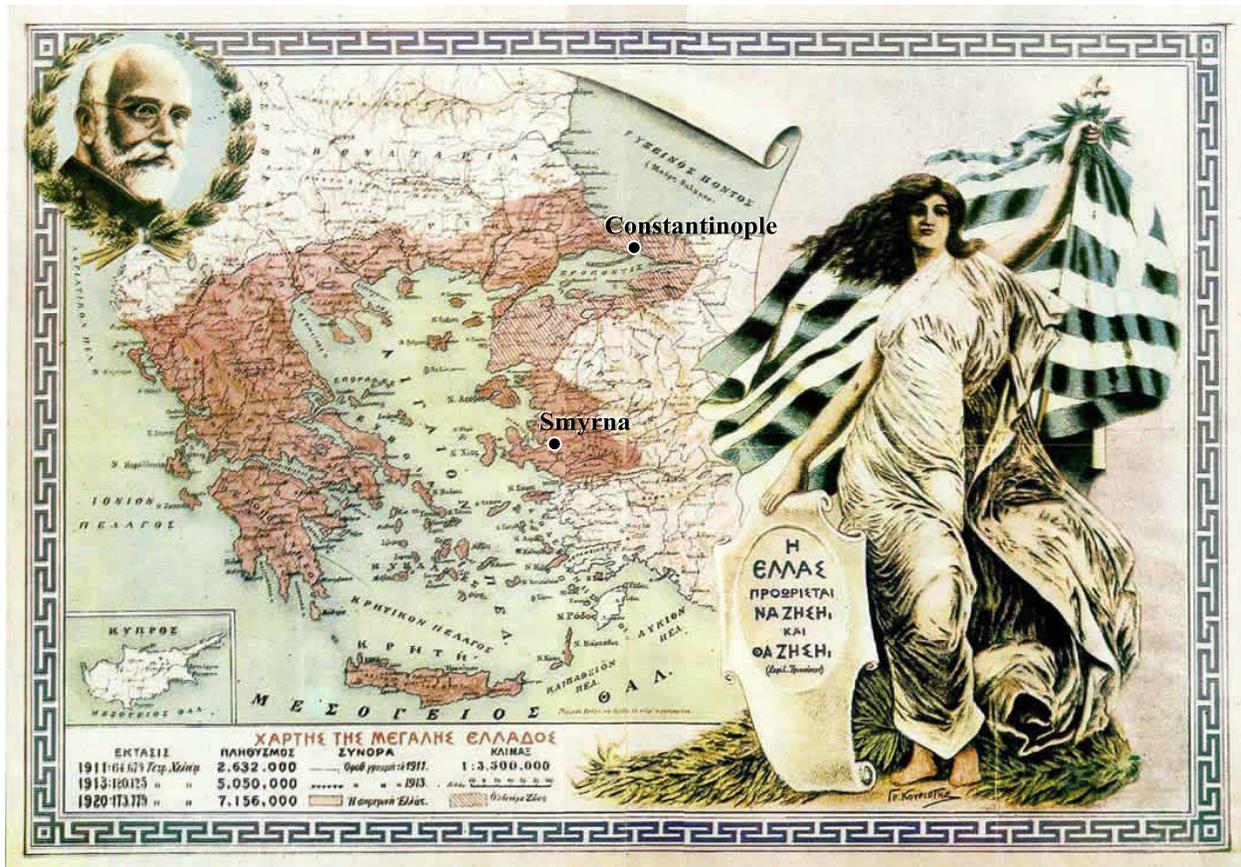


**#2489** The Yom Kippur War and the Abomination of Desolation – The post-World War II U.S. waxing great toward the South and toward the East as a *second* Syria/Antiochus IV Epiphanes, part 748, **Smyrna Jews, (vii), The Great Idea**

**The Great Idea.** Partly because of British promises, many Greeks hoped that with a collapse of the Ottoman Empire, Greece could implement what was called *The Great Idea*. The Great Idea had dominated the foreign policy and domestic politics of Greece from the time of the War for Independence in the 1820's through the pre-World War I Balkan Wars. It had the implied goal of reviving the Byzantine Empire by establishing a Greek state which would encompass the former Byzantine lands from the Ionian Sea to Asia Minor, from Thrace, Macedonia, and Epirus to the north, to Crete in the south. It would also include Constantinople (Istanbul to Ottomans) as its capital. A special focus was on Smyrna, in the western part of Asia Minor (Turkey today), because of its large Greek population.

*Below* is a Greek propaganda poster showing how much of Turkey the Greeks expected to get after World War I. Had these boundaries gone into effect, Greece would have gained all the land that belonged to the Byzantine Empire in the late thirteenth century, before the Ottoman Empire was birthed. A picture of the Greek prime minister, Eleftherios Venizelos, a strong proponent of The Great Idea, appears in the top left corner.



**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.*

