

#2490 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 749, **Smyrna Jews, (viii), The Sortie of Messolonghi**

Messolonghi. The town of Messolonghi is in western Greece. Messolonghi revolted against the Turks on May 20, 1821, and was a major stronghold of the Greek rebels in the Greek War of Independence. Its inhabitants successfully resisted a siege by Ottoman forces in 1822. The second siege started on April 15, 1825, by an army numbering 30,000 men that was later reinforced by another 10,000 men led by Ibrahim Pasha, son of Muhammad Ali Pasha of Egypt. After a year of relentless attacks by the Turks and the Egyptians, and facing starvation, the people of Messolonghi decided to flee from the beleaguered city on the night of April 10, 1826. At the time, there were 10,500 people in Messolonghi, 3,500 of which were armed. Very few people survived a betrayal of their plan. Due to the heroic stance of its inhabitants and their



subsequent massacre, the town of Messolonghi received the honorary title of Hierapolis (the Sacred City), unique among other Greek cities.



The event inspired a famous painting by Theodore Vryzakis titled *The Sortie of Messolonghi* (left). The word *sortie* refers to the *fleeing* of Messolonghi.

The painting depicts the Greeks as a Christian people throwing off the yoke of the rule of the Muslim Turks, with Jesus Christ and angels above.

Key Understanding: *The Sortie of Messolonghi points to the Christian ‘Smyrna’ Greeks. The Sortie of Messolonghi depicts the Greek people as the people of God in their attempts to overthrow the Ottoman Turks during the Greek War for Independence in the 1820’s. Likewise, then, the Greeks would still be the people of God – or, if it can be characterized as such (and it can be), Smyrna Christians, in accordance with the letter to the church in*

Smyrna in Revelation 2:8-11 – in their final attempts to reestablish a Greek state along the lines of the old Eastern Orthodox Byzantine Empire with the occupation of Smyrna on May 15, 1919. The point is that the Greeks were in the role of “Smyrna Christians” as they invaded and occupied Smyrna 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.



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