

**#2495** 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 754, **Smyrna Jews, (xiii), After the end of World War I, the Greeks were attempting to construct a Greek state equivalent to the land that was a part of the Byzantine Empire, and with Constantinople as its “great capital”, while King Constantine I was the King of Greece no less**

We are beginning to answer the significant question of why the Lord would place the *Greek Orthodox Church* in the role as *counterfeit* Christian ‘Smyrna Jews’ in fulfillment of Revelation 2:9, and through the event of the May 15, 1919, occupation of Smyrna.

**Key Understanding #1: The attempt to construct a Greek state equivalent to the land of ancient Greece and the Byzantine Empire. The most important fact surrounding the matter, aside from the fact that the occupation on May 15, 1919, was of Smyrna itself, is that the occupation of Smyrna after the end of World War I was a significant part of the agenda of the Greeks attempting to construct a Greek state that could be likened to a *second* Byzantine Empire, perhaps even having its capital at Constantinople. The Ottoman Empire ended the Byzantine Empire in 1453, and now with the end of the Ottoman Empire, the Great Idea and hope was to reconstruct a Greek state that would serve as a reminder of the Byzantine Empire.**



**Successful creation of the first Byzantine Empire begun by Roman Emperor Constantine I (Constantine the Great)**



**Unsuccessful attempt at a second Byzantine Empire under Greek King Constantine I (above)**



**Key Understanding #2: Two Constantine I's.** Furthermore, the King of Greece during this time was Constantine I. Therefore, Roman Emperor Constantine I (Constantine the Great) essentially established the *first* Byzantine Empire, with its capital at the newly built Constantinople, while a *second* Constantine I became a part of the story of the attempt by the Greeks to establish a post-World War I *second* Byzantine Empire-like Greek state with – like the Byzantine realm of old – its capital at Constantinople.



*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.*