

## 1453 AD – THE FALL OF CONSTANTINOPLE

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(Jeremiah 6 v 18)**

### HISTORY

The siege of **Constantinople** lasted 57 days and in the end the Ottomans were victorious over the much smaller number of defenders. A great number of Ottoman troops died in the attack on the walls – and so they were in a bitter and vengeful mood. **Mehmed II** gave his soldiers three days to pillage the city. What transpired according to eyewitnesses was a slaughter of all citizens except those who would fetch a price as slaves:

*"Nothing will ever equal the horror of this harrowing and terrible spectacle. People frightened by the shouting ran out of their houses and were cut down by the sword before they knew what was happening. And some were massacred in their houses where they tried to hide, and some in churches where they sought refuge.*

*The enraged Turkish soldiers . . . gave no quarter. When they had massacred and there was no longer any resistance, they were intent on pillage and roamed through the town stealing, disrobing, pillaging, killing, raping, taking captive men, women, children, old men, young men, monks, priests, people of all sorts and conditions . . . There were virgins who awoke from troubled sleep to find those brigands standing over them with bloody hands and faces full of abject fury. This medley of all nations, these frantic brutes stormed into their houses, dragged them, tore them, forced them, dishonored them, raped them at the cross-roads and made them submit to the most terrible outrages. It is even said that at the mere sight of them many girls were so stupefied that they almost gave up the ghost.*

*Old men of venerable appearance were dragged by their white hair and piteously beaten. Priests were led into captivity in batches, as well as reverend virgins, hermits and recluses who were dedicated to God alone and lived only for Him to whom they sacrificed themselves, who were dragged from their cells and others from the churches in which they had sought refuge, in spite of their weeping and sobs and their emaciated cheeks, to be made objects of scorn before being struck down. Tender children were*

*brutally snatched from their mothers' breasts and girls were pitilessly given up to strange and horrible unions, and a thousand other terrible things happened. . .*

*Temples were desecrated, ransacked and pillaged . . . sacred objects were scornfully flung aside, the holy icons and the holy vessels were desecrated. Ornaments were burned, broken in pieces or simply thrown into the streets. Saints' shrines were brutally violated in order to get out the remains which were then thrown to the wind. Chalices and cups for the celebration of the Mass were set aside for their orgies or broken or melted down or sold. Priests' garments embroidered with gold and set with pearls and gems were sold to the highest bidder and thrown into the fire to extract the gold. Immense numbers of sacred and profane books were flung on the fire or tom up and trampled. The majority, however, were sold at derisory prices, for a few pence. Saints' altars, tom from their foundations, were overturned. All the most holy hiding places were violated and broken in order to get out the holy treasures which they contained . . .*

*When Mehmed II saw the ravages, the destruction and the deserted houses and all that had perished and become ruins, then a great sadness took possession of him and he repented the pillage and all the destruction. Tears came to his eyes and sobbing he expressed his sadness. 'What a town this was! And we have allowed it to be destroyed!' His soul was full of sorrow. And in truth it was natural, so much did the horror of the situation exceed all limits."<sup>1</sup>*

## PROPHECY OF JEREMIAH 6 V 18

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Note: The KJV translation says ‘**O congregation know what is among them**’ and the NIV translation says ‘**O witnesses what will happen to them**’. The Hebrew of the last phrase according to our translation is: אֶת (his) אֲשֶׁר (Asher) בָּם: (in).

**Asher** is the son of Jacob who was blessed with wealth. Jacob said:

**“Asher’s food will be rich; he will provide delicacies for a king” (Gen. 49:20)**

**Byzantium** was a city that was rich indeed. But all the wealth was built up to give to **Mehmed**.

<sup>1</sup> An eyewitness account, which appears in the book by Routh, C. R. N. They Saw It Happen in Europe 1450-1600 (1965)

## **“Therefore hear, ye nations, and know”**

The Ottomans used [extra-large canon](#) designed especially for breaking down the walls of Constantinople. Therefore, for 57 days the people inside those walls heard the bellow of the giant guns and the smash and crash of cannon balls on their walls.

When the time came for Constantinople to fall – it was announced with loud noises – so the citizens would hear and know the fall of their city was from God. God had told Byzantium **‘To you I will be a Lion’** (Isaiah 29:2) – and now the deep growl and roar of the lion was heard!

The sin of the Emperors of Byzantium and the Church of Byzantium were piled to the heavens. Mehmed needn't cry. This judgment came from God. To be thrashed by a lion isn't pretty.

For background please read our papers: [431 AD](#) (Veneration of Mary Welcomed in the Byzantine Church), [525 AD](#) (Justinian Marries Theodora), [541 AD](#) (Plague of Justinian), and [1451 AD](#) (Mehmed the Conqueror).

## **SPIRITUAL NUMBER ANALYSIS**

For a mind that has wisdom please read on. See truth from another perspective.

### PART ONE

Jeremiah **6 v 18** is the **19,108<sup>th</sup>** verse in the whole Bible starting at Gen **1 v 1**.

The number **19,108 = 68 x 281**

The spiritual meaning of **68** is ‘Victorious Disciples’

The spiritual meaning of **281** means ‘Justice Denied’.

If there were people in **Byzantium** who mourned the sin of **Byzantium** – their personal righteousness did not save the city from destruction. Their personal righteousness did not even save their own flesh from destruction.

This is an important lesson because prophecy says in the Last Days there will be a great persecution of the sinful and idolatrous Christian churches. The cleansing will come from the LORD himself – when the children who inherited the clearest brightest light – the complete Bible in their own tongue – and have held it in their hands for hundreds of years - deny the

truth of the gospel. Rather than become servants of the poor they heap up wealth for themselves in the Last Days. **“You say ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and I do not need a thing. But you do not realise that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked.’”** (Rev. 3:17)

## PART TWO

Jeremiah 6 v 18 is the **1,453<sup>rd</sup>** verse of The Prophets starting at Isaiah 1 v 1.

The number **1,453** = [**231<sup>st</sup>** prime]

The spiritual meaning of **231** is ‘Genocide’

The spiritual meaning of **1453** is ‘No Mercy: Kill the Righteous and the Wicked’.

Here it is – laid down in the spiritual right in the number of the verse in The Prophets (Isaiah and Jeremiah combined) - which corresponds to the destruction of Byzantium in the Anno Domini timeline. In that year – 1453 – there was a genocide – a killing without regard to the righteousness or the wickedness of the person. Rich women and poor women were slaughtered. Drunks and profligates together with devoted monks and nuns. All killed.

The History of the Modern World – is laid out year by year – verse by verse – in The Prophets.

Fear the LORD – He is the Judge of All the Earth!

Everything is foretold – from the beginning to the end – in precise detail. If you know the meaning of the spiritual numbers.