

Mind-Boggling Info #6
The Rise of Moscow and Ivan the Terrible

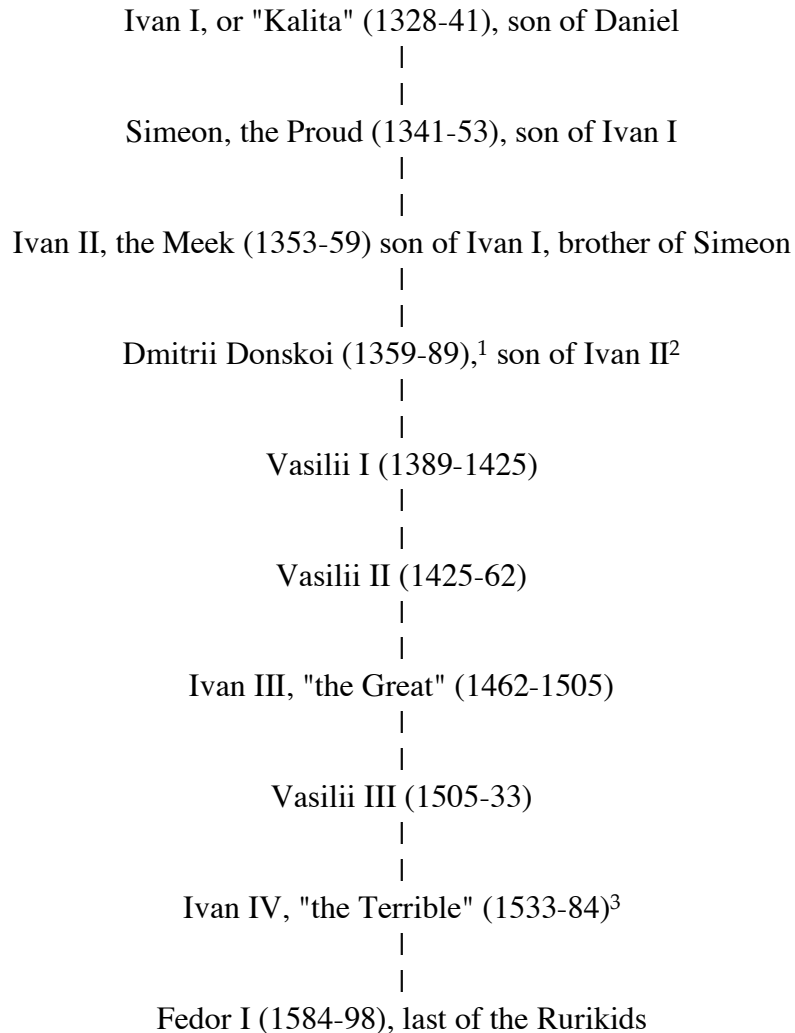
Concepts, People & Such

Khanate of Kazan'	Khanate of Astrakhan'	Khanate of Crimea
Lithuania (Poland-Lithuania)	Boyars (aristocracy)	Daniilovichi
<i>Oprichnina / zemshchina</i>	<i>Pomest'ia</i> (conditional estates)	Glinskii clan (Elena Glinskaia)
Zakhar'in clan (Anastasiia)	Prince Andrei Kurbskii	Aleksei Adashev
the priest Sil'vestr	Metropolitan Makarii	<i>Mestnichestvo</i> (precedence ranking)
Livonian War	Simeon Bekbulatovich	Ivan IV's son, Ivan

Excessive Chronology

1303	Death of Moscow prince Daniel (who had never been Grand Prince)
1304	Death of Grand Prince Andrei; begins struggle between Tver' and Moscow
1326 / 28	Metropolitan Peter moves from Vladimir to Moscow
1380	Battle of Kulikovo field: Dmitrii Donskoi defeats Mongols
1392	Moscow absorbs Suzdal & Nizhnii Novgorod
1425	Vasilii I dies, civil war begins with princes of Galich over succession
1425-62	Reign of Vasilii II, who begins to use title "sovereign" (<i>gosudar'</i> = <i>despotes</i>)
1439	Byzantine church tries to gain Rome's support against Turks at Council of Florence
1448	Russians select own Metropolitan (Jonah) without approval of Constantinople
1462-1505	Reign of Ivan III; uses title <i>tsar'</i> more and more frequently
1463	Moscow annexes lands of Yaroslavl'
1472	Ivan III marries Byzantine princess, Sofia Paleologue (niece of last Emperor)
1472-4	Moscow absorbs principalities of Perm and Rostov
1478	Moscow annexes Novogorod
1480	Stand on the Ugra (supposedly signals end of Mongol rule in Russia)
1485	Moscow conquers and annexes Tver'
1489	Moscow annexes Viatka
1498	First (?) coronation of a Grand Prince of Moscow
1510	Moscow annexes Pskov
1514	Muscovite forces take Smolensk (from Lithuanians)
1520-21	Muscovite annexation of Riazan'
1533-1547	Ivan IV's minority
1547	Ivan IV crowned "Tsar"
1552	Muscovite conquest of the Khanate of Kazan'
1553	Ivan's illness; some boyars won't pledge allegiance to his son
1546	Muscovite conquest of the Khanate of Astrakhan'
1558-83	Long, taxing, and unsuccessful Livonian War
1565	Ivan establishes the <i>oprichnina</i>
1581	Ivan IV kills his son in a domestic dispute
1582	Muscovite conquest of Siberian Khanate
1584	Ivan IV dies; his mentally unstable son Fedor becomes last Danilovich prince

**Muscovite Grand Princes / Tsars
from Ivan I to the end of the Rurikid Dynasty**



¹ Dmitrii gets designation "Donskoi" after his victory over the Mongols at Kulikovo (1380), just by the Don river.

² From this point forwards we see only direct succession from father to son (i.e., no more collateral succession, as in Kievan Rus'), although the idea of collateral succession was not yet dead and Vasilii II had to fight a major dynastic war to secure his succession.

³ Ivan IV's mother (and the wife of Vasilii III), Elena Glinskaia, served as regent for the young Ivan (1533-38).