

**Soul-Searing Info #7**  
**The Time of Troubles, or: A Cornucopia of Crises**

**Astounding Events of the "Time of Troubles"**

1581	Ivan IV kills his son in a domestic dispute
1584	Ivan IV dies; his mentally unstable son Fedor becomes last Danilovich prince
1591	Ivan IV's son by 7 <sup>th</sup> marriage, Dmitrii. (apparently) dies in an epileptic fit
1598	Tsar Fedor dies without heir, replaced by Boris Godunov (main regent for Fedor)
1601	Beginnings of disastrous crop failure & famine
1605	Tsar Boris Godunov dies suddenly; his son Fedor succeeds (for a moment)
1605	First False Dmitrii, who deposes & murders the luckless Fedor
1606	Outbreak of Bolotnikov rebellion
1606-1610	Vasilii Shuisky, a boyar, leads coup against False Dmitrii I
1606-7	Rebellion led by Ivan Bolotnikov
1610-1613	No Tsar: Shuisky deposed with appearance of False Dmitrii II. Seven Boyars offered crown to Pole Wladyslaw, but complications.
1613	Michael Romanov offered the throne by a <i>zemskii sobor</i>

**Various Stuff**

Boris Godunov	Vasilii Shuisky	Ivan Bolotnikov
Michael Romanov	False Dmitrii(s)	Pretenders
<i>zemskii sobor</i>	Cossacks	Boyars
service gentry	S. F. Platonov (historian)	

**"Tsars of Troubles" in Rapid Succession**

