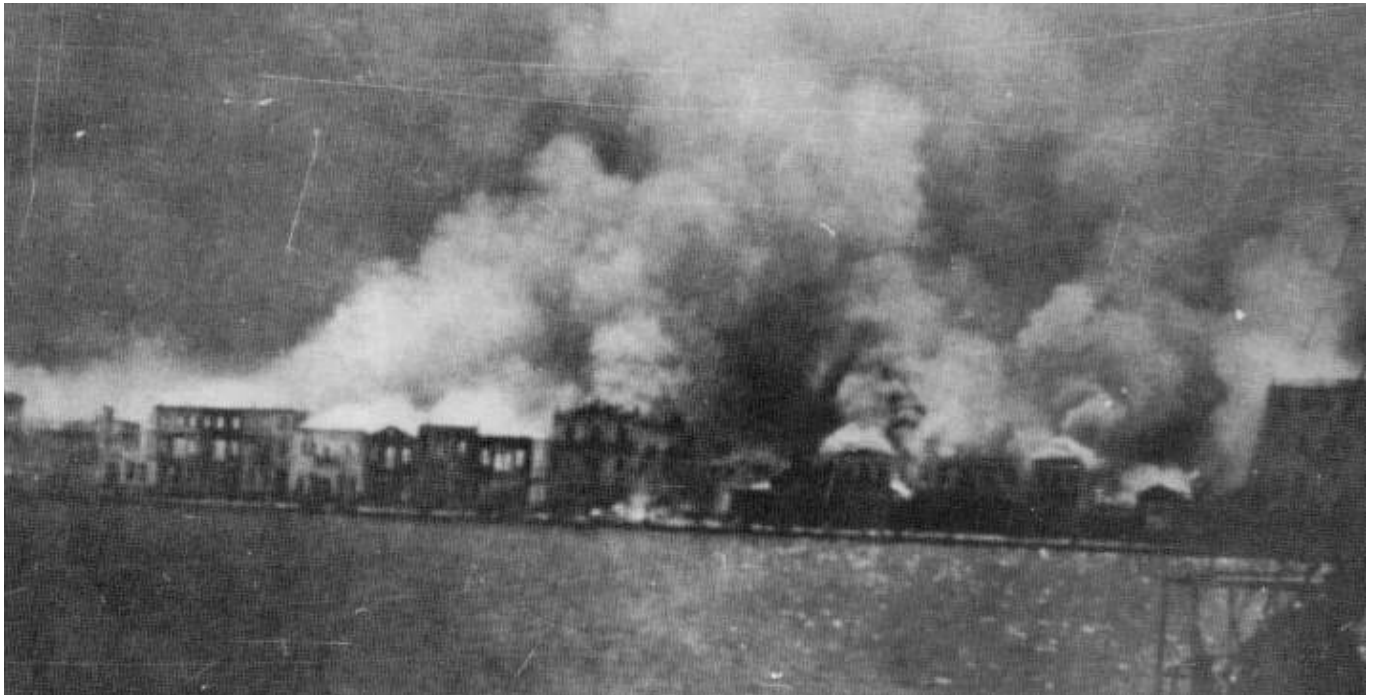


13Sept.1922 : The Burning of Smyrna and the Destruction of Eastern Christianity

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The **Great Fire of Smyrna** was a fire that destroyed much of the port city of [Smyrna](#) in September 1922. Eye-witness reports state that the fire began on 13 September 1922 and lasted for several days. It occurred four days after the Turkish forces under the leadership of Mustafa Kemal Pasha ("Ataturk") regained control of the city on 9 September 1922. The Burning of Smyrna marked the last chapter in the destruction and Genocide of Anatolian Greeks and of Eastern Christianity in Asia Minor.

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