



Ivan the Great was the grand duke of Moscow (Moscovy). He began his campaign of conquering neighboring states by launching a war against Novgorod, a prosperous republic with a long history (pictured). He subjected many other neighboring states to his rule, and later also changed the government of Moscow itself to an autocratic rule, stripping away the rights of the lesser magistrates throughout his territories. He freed his lands from attacks from warlike Tartar and Kazan khans (Mohammedan rulers), but lived peaceably with the Mohammedan rulers of the Crimea and Turkey. After his first wife died, he married a princess from the line of the imperial throne of Constantinople (Constantinople had fallen when Ivan was only a youth). "Orthodox canonists were [already] inclined regard the Moscovite grand dukes as successors of the Byzantine emperors." Hence, the Russian rulers after this time came to be called emperors and were given the title of tsar, or czar (caesar). (Encyclopedia Britannica, 1943)



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