

## 525 AD – JUSTINIAN MARRIES THEODORA

**“Because ye have said,  
We have made a covenant with death,  
and with hell are we at agreement;  
when the overflowing scourge shall pass through  
it shall not come unto us:  
for we have made lies our refuge,  
and under falsehood have we hid ourselves” (Isaiah 28:15)**

### HISTORY

Justinian was the illegitimate son of an unknown father. By his name some suppose he was conceived in incestuous lust between his mother Vigilante and her brother Justin. Justin was an illiterate man who rose from being a peasant to prominence through military exploits. Therefore, neither Justin nor Justinian were of noble race nor pious. Procopius the historian describes Justinian as cruel, venal, prodigal and incompetent.

Theodora was born in Cyprus. Her father was a bear trainer in the hippodrome. Her mother was a dancer and an actress. Theodora followed her sister and worked in a Constantinople brothel serving low status customers. She was also an actress and performed sleazy public entertainment exhibitions. At 16 she traveled to Africa as companion of a Syrian officer.

While in Africa she met Patriarch Timothy III and she converted to Miaphysite Christianity. She returned to Constantinople and met Justinian through a mutual friend Antonnia who became the wife of Belarius a notable Byzantine general. She became Justinian's mistress.

Justinian wanted to marry Theodora. According to a law of Constantine's time high government officials were prohibited from marrying actresses. In advanced age Justin repealed the law and married Theodora. Theodora had already conceived a daughter who was treated by Justinian as a legitimate heir although no one can prove who the father of the daughter was.

## THE POWER OF THEODORA

Theodora became co-regent with Justinian. In itself, this reduced the authority of the Emperor and opposed the will of God which was for women to submit to men as head of the home. Justinian never had a father. He was raised in a home where the woman was the main authority figure. It was natural for Justinian to choose a dominant and manipulative woman to become the head of their home. Theodora was all of that.

Should anyone doubt who was the head of the house look at the events surrounding the Nika riots. Justinian was intending to flee the city by ship but on the dock Theodora imposed her will and ordered Justinian to resolve the issue or die in the capital. Justinian resolved the issue by drawing the crowds into the hippodrome under false pretenses then massacring them all with soldiers.

As a woman of the most base level of moral scruples she was ill-suited to be the moral guide for a supposedly Christian home. But due to her co-regent status Theodora was able to impose her ungodly preferences upon the entire Empire.

She had laws passed that destroyed Judeo-Christian teachings and foundations of Christian society. She expanded the rights of women in divorce and property ownership, instituted the death penalty for rape, forbid the killing of a wife guilty of adultery, et cetera. Readers might have different opinions on these matters. However, the purpose of this paper is to expose God's opinions by lining up historical events with the prophecies of Isaiah. The LORD already settled many family matters in laws in the Old Testament and reinforced the authority of the husband in the home in the New Testament. Theodora was using her power to un-do God's laws.

Theodora inserted her authority into church matters and influenced clerical appointments. She took sides in theological debates within the Empire and rescued clergy upon whom anathema had been pronounced. She even actively politicked against senior appointment that her husband supported.

The marriage of a Christian Emperor to such a woman was profoundly misguided. God described their marriage as 'a covenant with death' and an agreement with hell. In 525 they married. In 541 a severe plague hit Constantinople which killed 10,000 people daily. Selah.

## SPIRITUAL NUMBER ANALYSIS

For a mind that has wisdom read on and learn the truth on another level.

Isaiah 28:15 is the **18,180<sup>th</sup>** verse in Scripture.

The number **18,180 = 20 x 909**

The spiritual meaning of **20** is 'Distress'

The spiritual meaning of **909** means 'She Obeys No One Accepts No Correction'.

The 909<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the Bible is Zephaniah 3 where it is written:

**She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the LORD; she drew not near to her God.**

**Her princes within her *are* roaring lions; her judges *are* evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow.**

**Her prophets *are* light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary they have done violence to the law.**

**The just LORD *is* in the midst thereof; he will not do iniquity: every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame.**

**I have cut off the nations: their towers are desolate; I made their streets waste, that none passes by: their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there is none inhabitant.**

