

1594 AD – CATHOLIC IRELAND REVOLTS AGAINST ENGLAND

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(Jeremiah **11 v 22**)

EVENTS IN 1594 AD

The **Nine Years' War** took place in Ireland from **1594** to **1603**. It was fought between the forces of Gaelic Irish chieftains **Hugh O'Neill, Hugh O'Donnell** and their allies, against English rule in Ireland. The war was fought in all parts of the country, but mainly in the northern province of Ulster. It ended in defeat for the Irish chieftains, which led to their exile in the Flight of the **Earls** and to the Plantation of Ulster.

The native Irish **Earls** did not want to be ruled by England. They were staunch **Catholics** who opposed **Protestants**. But ultimately, the war was about self-determination.

The English were brutal to any resistance to their authority. Irish chiefs who sent the English sheriffs off their land were hanged and their property was divided to others. Some alleged this policy was corrupted and Irish lords were persecuted for personal gain or patronage.

It was a major conflict. It was a prolonged drain on English finances which brought the country to near bankruptcy. At the height there were 18,000 English troops in Ireland. With the help of Spain the Irish were able to field 8,000 men, including Scottish mercenaries.

The Irish rebels scored early victories. After the English defeat at the Battle of Yellow Ford in **1598** uprisings took place all over the country. In Munster the English settlers fled for their lives. The Gaelic populace was favorable to the rebel cause but the English possessed the fortified towns and Irishmen descended from the Norman invaders (1169-71) stayed loyal.

In **1599** the English came with a large force. Initially they were ill-led and made little progress. Under a new commander they arranged alliances with locals and in **1600** won victories.

When **James I** came to the throne a peace was negotiated which banished the traditional Irish estates and Irish titles. All rebels were pardoned but required to swear loyalty to the Crown.

At least 30,000 Englishmen died, mostly from disease. Due to the English scorched-earth policy many Irishmen died of famine. The Irish lost 60,000 to 100,000 people over nine years.

PROPHECY OF JEREMIAH 11 V 22

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The English had achieved a Religious Settlement in **1559**. This resulted in peace between **Catholics** and **Protestants** in England in contrast to the bloody and prolonged wars of religion which erupted in Europe. (See our paper [1562 AD](#)).

The little Irish **Earl** in Ulster somehow persuaded himself he could fight all the power of England. It was a prideful and self-willed decision by a hot tempered tribal chief which resulted in much spilled blood and innocent victims.

According to the prophecy of Jeremiah, we know the LORD was against this Irish rebellion just as the LORD was against the Spanish war with England (see our paper [1588 AD](#)). Self-determination is not a justifiable cause of war, especially with a wise Queen over the land.

SPIRITUAL NUMBER ANALYSIS

For a mind that has wisdom please read on. See truth from another perspective.

PART ONE

Chapter **11** of Jeremiah is the **80th** chapter of The Prophets.

The spiritual number **80** means ‘Prayer’ or ‘Son of Man’

This **Irishman** did not put his trust in God, nor did he pray for divine intervention in his affairs. Blinded by religion and seething in lust for a royal domain of his own, he took up arms to achieve his ends. Back in England, **Elizabeth** did pray and acted with genuine concern for the welfare of Irish and English alike. As is often the case, he or she who prays wins the day.

PART TWO

Jeremiah **11 v 22** is the **19,249th** verse in the whole Bible starting at Gen **1 v 1**.

The number **19,249** = [**2183rd** prime]

The number **2183** = **37 x 59**

The spiritual meaning of **37** is 'Chosen Servant'

The spiritual meaning of **59** is 'Rich Oppressor'

The spiritual meaning of **2183** is 'Anarchy is Stirred Up by People Who Hate God'

The Irish **Earl** was merely a pawn in a bigger game. The Spanish supported the rebels not because they could win but because it caused injury to England. The Spanish were rich. Their conquests in America filled their coffers with gold. They were the 'Rich Oppressor' who hired a 'Chosen Servant' to stir up anarchy in someone else's country.

PART THREE

Jeremiah **11 v 22** is the **1594th** verse of The Prophets starting at Isaiah **1 v 1**.

The number **1594** = **2 x 797**

The spiritual meaning of **2** is 'Division'

The spiritual meaning of **797** is 'Fall of Jerusalem'

The **Catholic Pope** was the instigator in the war between England and Spain. He declared **Queen Elizabeth** illegitimate and urged her subjects not to obey her orders on pain of excommunication. He offered the **King of Spain** large sums of gold to war against England.

The Pope intended to cause the new blended religion of the **Church of England** to fail. Instead his effort to instigate wars of religion failed: the **Church of England** stands to this day. The Spanish lost the Armada and much blood and treasure. The English lost plenty resisting them. The Irish suffered huge losses. These are the painful lessons of religious wars.

When **Jesus** died he rose to Heaven and now sits on the eternal and all-powerful throne of God. Around his throne are innumerable angels to do his bidding. Why **Popes** and **Earls** and **Kings** not consider: the Heavenly Jerusalem will not be divided? Why do they not pray to the all-powerful God of the universe and leave their pleas on his altar? Why do they instigate and prosecute these wasteful and inhumane wars? The answer is because they are religious – not spiritual. They confess worldly allegiances to a religious figure – not to God Almighty – with whom they have to deal. The prophecy of **Isaiah 11 v 22** tells us God makes judgements and punishes according to justice. Men ought to fear God and flee religion. **Religion is Unbelief.**