

1604 AD – ‘THE WINTER OF DISCONTENT’ IN ENGLAND

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(Jeremiah 12 v 9)

EVENTS IN 1604 AD

In **1603** James I became King of England. He was welcomed warmly. This did not last.

1604 was the first full year of the reign of **King James**.

No one in England was happy with affairs. **Catholics** were unhappy a convinced Protestant was the King. **Protestants** were not happy because attempts at further reform of the Church of England were stanching. The **Commoners** were unhappy because **King James** saw dissolved parliament whenever the people raised their voices to him to remedy their ills. The **Nobles** were divided by the usual jealousies and court intrigues to gain favor with the King. The **King** was not happy because the English could not be ruled – all camps and parties in England were sunk in the morass of discontent with their lot.

Parties were so discontent they were looking at radical solutions. The **Puritans** began to dream of taking the dangerous voyage to the new world. The **Catholics** began to plot to overthrow the **King** – this happened in **1605** but was caught in time¹. The **Commoners** began to wonder if the constitution of England should be revised to give them their rights – this eventually caused the **English Civil War 1642 – 1651** – which resulted in the execution of **King Charles** and for a short period of time a Republican form of government. The **King** was working at forcing the **Scots** to adopt the **Church of England**.

Everyone was discontent. Everyone saw the world was being against them. Everyone was looking at taking radical action to resolve their perceived grievances.

Everyone except the **Pilgrims** was wishing their enemies to die.

¹ The ‘Gunpowder Plot’ was a plan to literally blow up the House of Lords while King James was addressing them. An anonymous letter tipped off authorities. Sufficient gunpowder was found in the basement to do the job. The plan was to place King James’ daughter – who was a Catholic, on the throne.

PROPHECY OF JEREMIAH 12 V 9

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All the people of England saw themselves as an aggrieved party, a **speckled bird of prey** that all the other groups in England were gathering to destroy: **the birds of prey on every side are against her.**

Therefore each party wished the other parties destruction: **come ye, assemble all the beasts of the field, come to devour.**

Yet who owns the land? God. To whom do all parties owe their allegiance? To God. And so to whom were the parties complaining? God.

The land of England is rightly and justly **My heritage** says the LORD. Therefore all these parties contemplating violence on all the other parties are ALL guilty of plotting to destroy the heritage of God. Except the **Puritans** – who were looking for a way to escape, and not plotting evil against anyone.

Therefore God would give the **Puritans** pilgrims what they wished for: a new world in which they could worship God freely in the way their consciences dictate, live in peace with one another, and enjoy the fruit of the land for generations: **Those who sow in peace reap songs of joy.**

And God would give the rest of the English what they wished, a nine year **Civil War**: **come ye, assemble all the beasts of the field, come to devour.**

SPIRITUAL NUMBER ANALYSIS

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

PART ONE

Chapter **12** of Jeremiah is the **81st** chapter of The Prophets.

The spiritual number **81** means 'Holy Angels'

All the aggrieved parties saw themselves as the 'Holy Angels'. But they were guilty of murder. The LORD says '**If anyone hates his brother, he is guilty of murder**'.

PART TWO

Jeremiah **12 v 9** is the **19,259th** verse in the whole Bible starting at Gen **1 v 1**.

The number **19,259** = [**2184th** prime]

The number **2184** = **7 x 312**

The spiritual meaning of **7** is 'The End' or 'Time' or 'The Sword'

The spiritual meaning of **312** is 'Citizens Defrauded'

The spiritual meaning of **2184** is 'Cry for Retribution of Injustice'

When the interests of parties are so diametrically opposed, compromises like the **Religious Settlement** which **Elizabeth** designed will not please anyone. When the law of the land, in this case **King James**, is unmerciful and intransigent to negotiate improvements, the pain will be prolonged, not resolved, and ultimately lead to insurrection.

In the end after the nine year **Civil War** in England the result was diminished power of the **Royalty and Nobles**, increased power to the people, and freedom for people to worship according to their own preference in the land.

In hindsight, an improvement to the social contract could have been negotiated without the necessity of blood and war for nine years. A negotiated resolution did not happen because none of the parties had compassion on the other parties. They only saw their own interests. If only they had prayed for God's grace and wisdom the result might have been different.

PART THREE

Jeremiah **12 v 9** is the **1604th** verse of The Prophets starting at Isaiah **1 v 1**.

The number **1604 = 4 x 401**

The spiritual meaning of **4** is 'Division'

The spiritual meaning of **401** is 'Temple of David Rebuilt'

Elizabeth was a wise Queen (see our paper [1559 AD](#)). Not only did she listen to all the parties consulting her she tried her best to move in the direction of compromise and accommodation. If the **Religious Settlement** was a flawed resolution, at least the processes to achieve resolution and reconciliation were headed in the right direction. The reason **Elizabeth** had wisdom in the matter is **Elizabeth** had genuine Christian concern for all her subjects (see our paper [1603 AD](#)).

King James was a foolish King who turned the Elizabethan peace-making process around and used his power to foster only his own interests and those of his favorites. He made himself like King David – an absolute monarch who forced even the elders to bind themselves in loyalty to his own person: 'Temple of David Rebuilt'.