

1618 AD – ‘THE THIRTY YEARS WAR BEGINS IN BOHEMIA’

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THE BOHEMIAN REVOLT

In 1555 the **Peace of Augsburg** ended war between **Protestant** and **Lutheran** Germans. The main terms were states could choose their religion according to their conscience. **Lutherans** living in **Catholic** states could practice their faith.

The situation became complicated by a third religion appearing, based on Calvinist theology, which had no protection or rights under the **Peace of Augsburg**. **Lutherans** were in the north of Germany, **Catholics** were south and west of the Rhine, and **Calvinists** were in pockets.

In 1608 the **Calvinists**, who were the most vulnerable, joined together in a League of Evangelical Union under the leadership of **Frederick IV**. In 1609 the **Catholics** banded together into the Catholic League. The storm clouds were gathering.

Matthias King of Bohemia did not have an heir. **Bohemia** was a **Calvinist** state. **Archduke Ferdinand of Austria**, educated by Jesuits, a staunch **Catholic**, was in line to succeed him.

In 1617 **Archduke Ferdinand II** was elected **King of Bohemia** in place of **Matthias**.

In 1618 **Ferdinand** ordered the cessation of building Protestant chapels on royal land. He sent representatives, four Catholic Lords and two Counts, to **Bohemia** to read a declaration of forfeiture of the property and titles of three **Calvinist** nobles. The nobles led the **Catholic** Lords out of the room, examined the Counts and learned they were responsible for the letter. Both Counts were thrown out a third storey window and seriously injured but lived.

In 1619 **Matthias** died and **Ferdinand** was elected Holy Roman Emperor.

In 1620 the **Catholics** won a battle which resulted in the plundering and pillaging of **Prague**. Twenty-seven nobles and citizens were tortured and executed in the Town Square. Twelve of their heads were impaled on hooks and hung from the Bridge as a warning.

The conflict which would eventually drag in **France**, **Spain**, **Sweden**, and **Denmark** had begun.

THE THIRTY YEAR WAR

The **Thirty Years' War** was a series of wars in Central Europe between **1618** and **1648**. It was one of the longest, most destructive conflicts in European history.

Initially a war between **Protestant** and **Catholic** states in the fragmenting **Holy Roman Empire**, it gradually developed into a more general conflict involving the great powers of Europe. It became less about religion and more a **France–Habsburg** rivalry for European dominance.

The **Thirty Years' War** saw the devastation of entire regions, with famine and disease significantly decreasing the population of the **German** and **Italian** states, the **Kingdom of Bohemia**, and the **Low Countries**.

The war bankrupted most of the combatant powers. Soldiers in armies looted or extorted tribute, which imposed severe hardships on the inhabitants of occupied territories.

FINANCING OF EUROPEAN WARS

Jews played the role of financiers of European wars. **Christians** were prohibited from charging interest but **Jews** were not. *De facto*, the Jewish money lenders enjoyed a monopoly and therefore could extract higher rents than a free market might offer. Due to their secret networks and dealings **Jews** were able to discretely borrow from one party and lend to another party that might not be on speaking terms.

In **1592** Pope Clement declared "*All the world suffers the usury of the Jews, their monopolies and deceit*". Not all **Jews** were rich bankers. Most **Jews** lived in slums and dire poverty.

But **Jews** who were in money lending were famously wealthy. Among them was Josce of Gloucester, a Jewish financier who funded Richard de Clare's conquest of Ireland in **1170**, and Aaron of Lincoln, presumably the wealthiest individual in 12th-century Britain, who left an estate of about £100,000. Also notable was Vivelin of Strasbourg, one of the wealthiest persons in Europe in the early 14th century, who lent 340,000 florins to Edward III of England on the eve of the Hundred Years' War, in **1339**.

By the 16th century, Jewish financiers became increasingly connected to rulers and courts. Josef Goldschmidt of Frankfurt became the most important Jewish businessman of his era, not only trading with the Fuggers and Imhoffs, but also with the nobility and the Church. In the

early 17th century the **Habsburgs** employed the services of Jacob Bassevi of Prague, Joseph Pincherle of Gorizia, and Moses and Jacob Marburger of Gradisca.

PROPHECY OF JEREMIAH 13 V 6

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The state of spiritual affairs was about to be exposed. Although the **Lutherans**, the **Catholics**, and the **Calvinists** all professed to honor **God** and his son **Jesus Christ**, in reality none of the grace of our **Lord Jesus**, symbolized by the linen undergarment, adhered to any of them.

These states were behaving in a purely carnal worldly way with interest only in the possession of lands and the hegemony of religions. After thirty years of conflict, figuratively, after digging out the girdle, nothing would be left of it.

A spiritual relationship with **Jesus Christ** is possible in the privacy of your home. It is an invention of religions that Christians must gather in buildings under the authority of priests. All three of the religions in this war perverted the grace of our **Lord Jesus** and turned his Kingdom of believers over into the hands of nobles and religious men.

God was demonstrating through these events that **His Spirit** was in the process of leaving the nations of **Europe** and gracing **England** and **America**. (See our paper [1613 AD](#)).

SPIRITUAL NUMBER ANALYSIS

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

PART ONE

Chapter **13** of Jeremiah is the **82nd** chapter of The Prophets.

The spiritual number **82** means 'Throne of God'

The result of the **Wars of Religion** in the 16th, 17th, and even 18th century was the rejection by intellectuals of the basic premises of **Christianity**: that the **Bible** was inspired truth; that **Jesus** was divine; that there is a supernatural; there is a judgment of human souls; there is an afterlife. These wars nurtured 'Rebellion'(**13**) to the 'Throne of God'(**82**).

The three religions involved in the **Thirty Years War** messed their bed. These wars were so destructive the human conscience was duty bound to seek other solutions for organizing society. These wars promoted: **Enlightenment** – elevation of human reason above divine revelation; **Capitalism** – the elevation of profit motive above divine charity; **Communism** – the destruction of property ownership and individual human rights under the protection of law; and **Fascism** – tyranny of dictators who marshal all resources to pursue an imperial agenda.

PART TWO

Jeremiah **13 v 6** is the **19,273rd** verse in the whole Bible starting at Gen **1 v 1**.

The number **19,273** = [2186th prime]

The number **2186** = **2 x 1093**

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

The spiritual meaning of **1093** is 'Gentiles Circumcised: Christ Died for Nothing'

The spiritual meaning of **2186** is 'Gospel Rejected: Religion is Lawlessness'

The spiritual meaning of **19,273** is 'Founding of Post-Christian Society'

This supports what we have been saying.

PART THREE

Jeremiah **13 v 6** is the **1618th** verse of The Prophets starting at Isaiah **1 v 1**.

The number **1618** = **2 x 809**

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

The spiritual meaning of **809** is 'Table of Money Lenders Overturned'

Jesus went into the Temple and overturned the tables of the money changers. '**And he taught, saying unto them, 'Is it not written: My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? But ye have made it a den of thieves.'** (Mark 11:17)

In **1618 'My House'** – the temple of Christian worship - is the Christian nations. But the rulers of the Christian nations have invited the money-changers back into the house. And so, rather than the Christian nations praying to God for peace, reconciliation, forgiveness, and grace with which to resolve disputes, they borrow money to wage wars of destruction and kill each other.

It wasn't the fault of Jews for money-changing. It was the fault of the rulers who invited them into the Lord's house so they could fulfill their lawless desires.

The pox of debt was a plague on the royal houses and nations of Europe. It is a curse which remains to this day. The piper will one day be paid – the price? Loss of sovereign rule.

The case of Greece shows what happens to nations who cannot pay their debts. The creditors dictate how the country will be run, essentially usurping control and authority over its affairs.