

1642 AD – ENGLISH CIVIL WAR – KING VERSUS COUNTRY

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EVENTS IN 1642 AD

King Charles I of **England** was antagonistic to **Parliament** and dissolved it for eleven years. The King heaped insult on this injury by instituting a quasi-Catholic reversion to sacraments in the **Anglican Church**. He made the Church more ceremonial replacing wooden communion tables with stone altars. Statutes were revived that fined **Puritans** for not attending Church.

Charles attempted to introduce the Book of Common Prayer to **Scotland**. This was violently resisted. In **1639 Charles** took armed forces to **Scotland**. In **1640 Charles** was defeated and the north of **England** occupied by Scottish forces. **Charles** agreed not to interfere with Scottish Presbyterian church and paid reparations to keep the Scots from pillaging.

In **1640** after the eleven year lapse, **Charles** recalled **Parliament** to raise money. The majority party in the **Parliament** took the opportunity to present **Charles** with grievances. **Charles** perceived the grievances as insolence and he dissolved the **Parliament** after two weeks. This was known as the 'Short Parliament'.

Charles summoned **Parliament** again – this was known as the 'Long Parliament'. **Parliament** discovered the King was advised by a member of the Privy Council to bring an army from **Ireland** to subdue **England**. **Parliament** passed the death sentence on the advisor – a senior nobleman - and the King, for fear of his family's safety, was forced to sign it.

Parliament passed a number of revenue bills and decreed a 'Protestation' that the true majority religion of England be recognized as **Protestant**. Fearing the imposition of **Protestant** religion, **Ireland** became agitated and disordered.

DRAINAGE-SCHEMES GONE WRONG

In **1642 Charles** arbitrarily imposed a scheme to build drainage ditches in a marshy area of Eastern England known as the Fens. This adversely affected thousands of people and swayed popular opinion in Eastern England against the Crown.

Charles left London for the north of the country. As the year wore on the **English** people took one side or the other in the dispute. Towns and cities declared their sympathies.

HOSTILITIES

The Royal Navy and most of the large cities sided with Parliament. **Charles** found support in the rural communities. **Charles** raised his royal standard and assembled an army. Likewise the Parliamentarians assembled forces in the tens of thousands.

In **1642** there were some skirmishes a couple larger battles. The results were inconclusive and so the war continued. **Ireland** sided with **Charles**. **Scotland** initially sided with the **Parliamentarians**.

In **1643** the **Royalists** gained some victories.

In **1645** the **Parliamentarians** reorganized their army and defeated **Charles** in two decisive battles. **Charles** turned himself over to the **Scots** and secretly negotiated a treaty promising church reform if they would intervene in **England** on his behalf. **Charles** was handed over to the **Parliamentarians** and put in prison.

In **1648** there were **Royalist** uprising across **England** and an invasion from **Scotland**. **Charles** was tried for treason due to secretly arranging foreign invasions.

In **1649** **Charles** was beheaded as a 'tyrant, traitor, murderer, and public enemy'.

PROPHECY OF JEREMIAH 14 V 3

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'The nobles sent...'

For a jest, the royalty sends their little people to fetch water from a ditch that is dry. In contempt they toy with the persons whose sacrifices permit them to continue in office.

'their insignificant servants...'

Here is the part **Charles** missed. **Parliament** in his days consisted of members elected by the landed gentry – in other words, individuals with modest pedigrees of aristocracy and individuals with significant land holdings or achievements. They were respectable gentlemen.

'to the waters...'

The fetching of water is a task for the lowest servant. Thus **Charles** demeans these public servants – just raise me some revenue – *fetch me some water* - so I can go on with my privileged lifestyle. Then – remove yourself from my sight – I despise you.

'they came to the ditches and found no water'

When the **Gentry** approached the **King** – *for water* - wishing to air some grievances, and receive at least a hearing of their concern – *they came to ditches and found no water* - he offered them nothing but indignity: he dissolved **Parliament** – he burned their house down.

'they returned with their jars empty'

When **Parliament** was recalled the second time – *they returned* - with a mean spirit of loathing to their house of meeting – no longer possessing respect for the **King** – *with their jars empty*.

'they were ashamed and confounded'

Then **Parliament** discovers the **King** is contemplating removing the freedoms they enjoy by bringing martial law to **England** via the Irish army. The Parliamentarians, all loyal Englishmen, are reach the shocking conclusion their **King** not only hates them – he seeks to destroy them.

'and covered their heads'

The **Parliamentarians** - *cover their heads* - with helmets. They prepare to fight for their country and save themselves from a greater tyranny and danger than they first imagined.

SPIRITUAL NUMBER ANALYSIS

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

PART ONE

Chapter **14** of Jeremiah is the **83nd** chapter of The Prophets.

The spiritual number **83** means 'Nations That Hate God'

What can we say about **England** in **1642**? The **King** despised his servants and heaped abuse on them. Hate for hate, the servants despised their **King** and gouged power away from him.

When a nation is full of venom and hatred; when the hand of every man is against his brother; then that nation is steeped in sin and rebellion to **God** at every level.

No man can say he loves **God** if he does not love his brother:

'He that says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness even until now.' (1 John 2:9)

'In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loves not his brother.' (1 John 3:10)

PART TWO

Jeremiah **14 v 3** is the **19,297th** verse in the whole Bible starting at Gen **1 v 1**.

The number **19,297 = 23 x 839**

The spiritual meaning of **23** is 'Death'

The spiritual meaning of **839** is 'Speak to the Dead You Are Alive'

The **839th** chapter is Ezekiel 37: "**The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou know. Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.**" (v 1-4)

The picture is a valley of death – covered in dry bones. The LORD says ‘prophesy to the dry bones’ and they live. But the factors of **19,297** are: ‘Death’(**23**) (to) ‘Speak to the Dead You Are Alive’(**839**). In other words, in **England**, in **1642**, **God** isn’t going to revive the faith. He is going to let ‘**the dead bury the dead**’. Such is the depth of their hatred for each other and for **God**, the wickedness like a fever must run its course. It will also be like this in the Last Days before **Christ** returns. The world will be so wicked, **God** will give it up.

PART THREE

Jeremiah **14 v 3** is the **1642th** verse of The Prophets starting at Isaiah **1 v 1**.

The number **1642 = 2 x 821**

The spiritual meaning of **2** is ‘Division’

The spiritual meaning of **821** is ‘Mother Goddess’

The patron of **England** is the Goddess **Britannia**. The ‘Mother Goddess’ (**Britain**) will be ‘Divided’ (Civil War).