

1672 AD – ‘WILLIAM OF ORANGE IS ATTACKED BY FRANCE AND ENGLAND

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EVENTS IN 1672 AD¹

In **1670**, **William of Orange** travelled to **England** to urge **Charles II** to pay back part of the 2,797,859 guilder debt the House of Stuart owed the House of Orange. **Charles II** was unable to pay, but **William** agreed to reduce the amount owed to 1,800,000 guilders. **Charles II** found his nephew to be a dedicated Calvinist and patriotic Dutchman, and reconsidered his desire to show him the secret Treaty of Dover with **France**, directed at destroying the **Dutch Republic** and installing **William** as "sovereign" of a Dutch rump state. **William** found that the lifestyle of **Charles II** differed from his own, being more concerned with drinking, gambling, and cavorting with mistresses.

In **1671** it appeared a joint Anglo-French attack on the **Dutch Republic** was near. The Dutch states agonized over appointing **William** as either their military leader or their head of state: ‘stadholder’. Partly there was concern for **William’s** youth and inexperience, and partly it was concern that **William** might abolish the **Dutch Republic** and reclaim a kingdom.

In **1672** the Anglo-French fleet was disabled at the Battle of Solebay by the Dutch fleet.

France invaded and overran the states of **Gelderland** and **Utrecht**. **William** withdrew to **Holland** and ordered flooding to hold the French from further advance. An envoy arrived from **England** and offered to make **William** Prince of Holland in return for capitulation. **William** denied the offer of a royal crown and replied ‘We will defend to the last ditch’.

William made alliance with **Spain** and **Brandenburg**. He took his army around to threaten the French supply lines. The **French** defeated him two battles, but did not destroy his army.

In **1673** the Anglo-French fleet was defeated three times, forcing **Charles II** to end England’s involvement. According to the Treaty of Westminster, the **Dutch** returned **New Netherlands** (New York Colony in America) to the English. The French withdrew. The war was over.

¹ Source, Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_III_of_England

PROPHECY OF JEREMIAH 15 V 11

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William was a dedicated Calvinist, which means he had knowledge of the way of salvation and he swore by it. **God** was behind **William** because the Catholic Kings had no other justification to invade his land than they wanted to deny the people the freedom to govern themselves and to suppress the Protestant faith.

For most of his youth **William** was not trusted in circles of power in his own country. This was not any fault of **William**, but a perception his nefarious relatives might use **William** to overthrow the Republic, which turned out to be true.

Therefore, **William** was pressed in – not wanted in the Netherlands – and surrounded by powerful enemies outside his state too.

It is exceedingly rare for any man to refuse the invitation to take a royal crown. **Oliver Cromwell** was one who refused the invitation. The Puritan Parliamentarian said: ‘I will not rebuild Jericho’. **William** was another who refused the invitation. We presume it was for the same reason. He was looking to the interests of his people, not to his own interests.

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By **God’s** Providence **William** survived the conflict with his state and his army and his fleet intact. The territory of the **Dutch Republic** was also preserved.

‘you will be set free, it will be well for you’

After the successful conclusion of the conflict **William** was honored to be made stadholder by the Dutch states. It was a civil position, not a royal position. But **William** was able to use his new position to replace political opponents with his loyalists and secure his power.

‘do not entreat [the enemy]’

His enemies made **William** an offer few men could refuse. **William** made the noble and correct choice and showed his true colors as servant a loyal to his people, not a lord.

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William could not have foreseen the future turn of events. When **Charles II** died and **James** his brother became King of England, he was unpopular due to his Catholic faith.

James did not publically reveal his Catholic faith until **1673** when he refused to take the oath of the Test Act. (The oath required him to deny belief in transubstantiation in order to hold an office in the military.) In **1672** when **William** was given the chance to be Prince of Holland, he had no reason to suspect **James** would not be the next King of England.

Powerful parties in **England** would invite **William** to invade and claim the throne. And so, **William** refused to be crowned Prince of Holland, but by Providence, he was crowned King of England! He took the throne not by might, not by power, but because the spirit of the people of England were favorably disposed to invite him to be sovereign.

SPIRITUAL NUMBER ANALYSIS

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

PART ONE

Chapter **15** of Jeremiah is the **84th** chapter of The Prophets.

The spiritual number **84** means ‘Court of the LORD’

The Court of the LORD meets to judge some men for their unbelief and carnality (**James**) and to approve other men for their faith and holy lives (**William**). When we show forth Christian virtues in our lives it proves our hearts bow to the authority of God. If a man is a mocker and his life is a description of the sins of the flesh, it proves the Holy Spirit is not at work in him.

The patience of the saints is the grace by which we know if we make sacrifices for the sake of Christ’s name, he will remember our suffering and reward us in this life or the next. The sinner and reviler has no such faith and boldly transgresses, even without fear of punishment.

PART TWO

Jeremiah **15 v 11** is the **19,327th** verse in the whole Bible starting at Gen **1 v 1**.

The number **19,327 = 77 x 251**

The spiritual meaning of **77** is 'False Prophet'

The spiritual meaning of **251** is 'Evil Spirit Controls'

William found himself accused by powerful men on every side. His own people suspected he was a pawn of the Catholic powers: 'Evil Spirit Controls'. Those same Catholic powers judged his Calvinism as antagonistic to the Catholic Faith: 'False Prophet'.

It was the same with **Jesus Christ**. His own people rejected him. They said 'He has an evil spirit'. They said he was a false prophet teaching lies. But Christ proved himself by standing his ground and revealing through his stainless life and true prophecies that it was those who occupied the offices of the highest powers in the land who were deceived and enslaved to sin.

The Court of the Lord vindicated **Jesus Christ** and He was raised from the dead and seated in Heaven on the throne of David. Likewise those treacherous malefactors who sat on earthly thrones were judged: the Romans came and destroyed their city and burnt their temple.

PART THREE

Jeremiah **15 v 11** is the **1672nd** verse of The Prophets starting at Isaiah **1 v 1**.

The number **1672 = 88 x 19**

The spiritual meaning of **88** is 'Righteous Afflicted'

The spiritual meaning of **19** is 'Faith'

The Bible says that anyone who believes in the **Lord Jesus** will suffer: 'Righteous Afflicted'. Suffering for Christ is a badge of honor in Heaven – it is a testimony of 'Faith'

The whole world system is like a river flowing downhill into the salty sea. If a man is saved and renounces the things of the world he makes himself a rock in the river and feels the full force of the flow of the river against his spirit.

'For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake' (Phil. 1:29)

'Yea: and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.' (2 Tim. 3:12)