

## 1676 AD – NATIVES ATTACK THE PURITANS: GOD SAVES THEM

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### EVENTS IN 1676 AD<sup>1</sup>

The war between **Chief Metacom** and the **Puritans** was the single greatest calamity to occur in seventeenth century **New England**. It is considered to be the deadliest war in the history of European settlement in North America in proportion to the population. In little more than a year, twelve of the region's towns were destroyed and many more damaged, the colony's economy was all but ruined, and its population was decimated, losing one-tenth of all men of military service age. More than half of New England's towns were attacked by natives.

It all started in **1621** when **Chief Massasoit** made a peace treaty with the **Mayflower Pilgrims**. **Chief Massasoit** honored the alliance and was neutral in the **1636 Pequot war**.

If not for the generosity of **Chief Massasoit** the **Pilgrims** would have never survived. **Squanto**, a native interpreter who resided with the **Wampanoag** tribe, taught the **Pilgrims** how to catch eel and grow corn. **Chief Massasoit** gave food to the colonists during the first winter when supplies brought from England were insufficient.<sup>2</sup>

**Chief Massasoit** was diplomatic and had appeased the encroaching colonists by selling tracts of land. However, at some point the Plymouth Colony made a law forbidding trade with **Wampanoags**. **Chief Wamsutta** continued his father's ways and sold some land to the colonists. The colonists arrested **Chief Wamsutta** – even though he was not in their jurisdiction. On the trip back from jail **Chief Wamsutta** mysteriously died on a river bank.

In **1662**, **Metacom** became **Chief of the Wampanoag**. The peace was uneasy. **Chief Metacom** believed his brother **Chief Wamsutta** was murdered by the colonists.

In **1671**, the colonists got word **Chief Metacom** was arranging alliances with the **Iroquois**. The colonists threatened him they would force him to surrender his guns.

<sup>1</sup> Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/KingPhilip%27s\\_War](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/KingPhilip%27s_War)

<sup>2</sup> Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thanksgiving\\_\(United\\_States\)#Harvest\\_festival\\_observed\\_by\\_the\\_Pilgrims\\_at\\_Plymouth](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thanksgiving_(United_States)#Harvest_festival_observed_by_the_Pilgrims_at_Plymouth)

In 1675, officials in **Plymouth Colony** hanged three **Wampanoags** for the murder of a Christianized native. **Chief Massasoit** had forbidden members of his tribe to convert to Christianity. **Chief Metacom** may have believed the **Massachusetts Bay Colony** intruded on the internal affairs of the **Wampanoag** in this matter.

Other accounts say the Christian native that was killed worked as an interpreter for the colonists and he was assassinated because **Chief Metacom** learned he had revealed to the colonists **Chief Metacom**'s negotiations with the **Iroquois**.

In 1676, **Chief Metacom** formed an alliance of Indian tribes and launched an assault on colonial towns throughout the region. **Chief Metacom** enjoyed victories in the first year, but the Native American alliance began to unravel. By the end of the conflict, the **Wampanoags** and their allies were almost completely destroyed. **Chief Metacom** anticipated defeat and returned to his ancestral home at Mt. Hope, where he was killed while walking in the forest.

#### PROPHECY OF JEREMIAH 15 V 15

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**‘revenge me of my persecutors’**

**Chief Metacom** suffered wrongs and perceived wrongs. But none of the wrongs or even the perceived wrongs justified a war of annihilation. He departed from the diplomatic ways of his father, and perpetrated mass murder and mayhem on many innocent people. The needless suffering of the **Puritans** was avenged on **Chief Metacom** and his tribe.

**Chief Metacom** was at fault in this conflict on two important points: he broke the alliance by negotiating with the enemies of the **Massachusetts Bay Colony**, and he attacked them without provocation (of a sufficient merit to be a justifiable *casus belli*). It is frequently the case that the nation who attacks unsuspecting neighbors is held guilty for the conflict.

**Chief Metacom** did not have the grace to endure longsuffering at the hands of the colonists, neither had he the wisdom to renegotiate the treaty on terms acceptable to both parties. Therefore, he could not breathe the prayer which Jeremiah 15 v 15 expresses. The **Puritans** no doubt were praying these very words to **God**. And He heard them, and delivered them.

## 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 **84<sup>th</sup>** chapter of The Prophets.

The spiritual number **84** means 'Court of the LORD'

The Court of the LORD in Heaven sits and rules over all affairs of men of every tribe, tongue, and people and renders justice and recompense. **Chief Metacom** was at fault and he paid the price by losing his life and destroying his tribe.

**Chief Metacom** also betrayed the wider community of native tribes by creating a perception in the minds of colonists that no natives could be trusted to keep their alliance. The conquest of **America** became a succession of Indian wars in which American governments broke their agreements and viciously wiped out native peoples. In contrast, in **Canada** the sovereign government made lasting treaties with some of the same native tribes which continue to this day.

### PART TWO

Jeremiah **15 v 15** is the **19,331<sup>st</sup>** verse in the whole Bible starting at Gen **1 v 1**.

The number **19,331 = 13 x 1478** [**236<sup>th</sup>** prime]

The spiritual meaning of **13** is 'Rebellion'

The spiritual meaning of **236** is 'High Priest Abandons Flock'

The spiritual meaning of **1478** is 'King Breaks Covenant: People Perish'

If your party is at fault, there is no use praying to **God** to save yourself. **Jesus Christ** is the High Priest in Heaven. In matters of armed conflicts, **Jesus Christ** intercedes on behalf of those who are wronged – there is no preference because one party are native Indians and the other party are **Puritan** believers. The Bible says '**Shall not the Judge of All the Earth do right?**'

**Chief Metacomet** broke his covenant, his alliance with the **Massachusetts Bay Colony**. He started a war instead of negotiating adjustments to the Treaty. Therefore, **God** could not intercede on behalf of **Chief Metacomet** in the conflict – 'High Priest Abandons Flock' – because he was wrong in what he did.

**God** is not always on the side of a nation of Christians just because they believe in Him. In this instance **God** was on their side because they were the ones who were persecuted unjustly.

### PART THREE

Jeremiah **15 v 4** is the **1676<sup>th</sup>** verse of The Prophets starting at Isaiah **1 v 1**.

The number **1676 = 4 x 419**

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

The spiritual meaning of **419** is 'Scheme to Harm Workers'

Why was **Chief Massasoit** blessed with concern for other human beings who were foreigners in distress who had migrated to his land? Why was **Chief Massasoit** blessed with a spirit of wisdom to enable him to make a treaty with the foreigners? Why was **Chief Massasoit** blessed with the spiritual gift of long-suffering to empower him to keep the peace, even during times when the pressure of the expanding colonies caused him trouble?

It should give people who call themselves 'Christians' pause to consider that **God** has dispersed gifts to all peoples on earth. Christians are not exceptional in this way. We are just as terrible sinners as people who aren't saved and don't know the LORD. It should humble us when we see Christian virtues expressed in the lives of so-called 'savages'!

Why was **Chief Metacomet** so filled with hatred and genocide? Why did he exhibit none of the spiritual gifts or charity that his father displayed? Why did he resort to an extreme measure when a more considered approach would have yielded better results for all parties?

The **Puritan** community in the **Massachusetts Bay Colony** was in covenant with **God** (see our paper [1630 AD](#)). The sworn enemy of **God, Satan** makes it his business to oppose the work of **God** on earth. Therefore we can surmise that the maniacal plot of **Chief Metacomet** to destroy the **Massachusetts Bay Colony** was inspired by **Satan**: 'Scheme to Harm Workers'.