

Dylan Black

Lecture 17: Europe in the Wars of Religion II

Last class - French wars of religion (1562-1598)

Dutch Revolt (1566-1609)

AKA "80 years war"

- 1566-1609

- 1621-1648 ← end of 80 yrs war

Dutch - low countries

Spanish rulers

- Charles V - born in low country, not EXACTLY foreign, but not local

- Philip II - rules over Spanish side of Charles V

Causes of the Dutch Revolt

- Wealth, distance from overlord rules

- Not just religion or nationalism

- Financial crisis

- Spanish trying setting up new garrisons

- looks like bigger non-Dutch military presence

- Growth of Protestantism

Summer 1566 - Iconoclastic Fury

- Calvinists get fired up & need to purify

- Duke of Alba + Spanish army arrive in 1567

Council of Blood

- Try & execute those involved in Calvinist fury

Other Spanish problems in the 1560s

- Turkish threat
- Fears about the spread of heresy
- Closing off of Spanish society
- Problem of the Moriscos
 - Muslims in Granada
- Revolt in the alpujarras - 1568-71
- Personal dynastic issues
 - ↳ Don Carlos, prince of Asturias (1545-68)

Battle of Lepanto - 1571

- Western Europe teams up & stop Turks ~ Greece
- Don John of Austria
 - ↳ key general
 - ↳ half sister - Margaret of Parma, ruler of Low Country

William of Orange / William the Silent

- ↳ not a Calvinist at first, not a rebel
- ↳ Pushed into opposition, not a natural enemy

Return of the Sea Beggars (1572)

Spanish sacking of Antwerp

- Soldier's revolt

Pacification of Ghent - 8 November 1576

Union of Arras - Catholics (1579)

In response, Union of Utrecht - Calvinists (1579, later)

- ↳ Middle point - WAR

Alexander Farnese, Duke of Parma
- Congress met at the Middleburg

Act of Abjuration (1581)
- formal declaration of independence
- backing into republicanism
- can't find a total leader

Various forces at work in all 3 wars
- Religious (obv)
- Economic
 - taxes
 - new world silver
 - Atlantic trade
- Dynastic
- Proto-national
 - largely an effect
- Acting of key individuals

Anglo-Spanish War
Cold - 1571-1585
Elizabeth is funneling \$ to the Dutch
↳ spends first few years trying not to provoke Spain
Rttn of the Seven Beggars - result of Elizabeth's
decision to EUICP rem at Spain's request

Pope Pius V excommunicated in 1570
- bounty placed by CATHOLICS

Sir Francis Drake & privateering
- 1577-1580 - circumnavigation
 - same time as. Unsub of James & Uthred
 - Philip II takes over Portugal

Spain + Portugal united - 1580-1640

1584 - William of Orange murdered
- head of Dutch revolt decapitated

English enter Reformation openly - Treaty of Nonsuch
- 1585
- Goes from cold to hot

Babington Plot - 1586
- Elizabeth kills Mary Queen of Scots

Cádiz - Sir Francis Drake
- Singing the King of Spain's Beard