

JAMES I OF ENGLAND (JAMES IV OF SCOTLAND) 1566-1625

- 1566 (June 19) Born at Edinburgh Castle, only son of Mary, Queen of Scots and Lord Darnley (Henry Stuart), grandson of Margaret Tudor (Hen VIII sister)
- 1566 (March 9) David Rizzio, Mary's private secretary, murdered in the presence of Queen Mary, by a group that included Darnley
- 1567 (Feb. 10) explosion in the night, Darnley found dead at Kirk O'Field, Edinburgh
- 1567 (June) Mary imprisoned by Protestant rebels; forced to abdicate.
- 1567 (July 29) James, 13 mos, crowned King of Scots; coronation sermon John Knox
- 1568 Mary escaped; her troops defeated at the Battle of Langside, fled to England; Elizabeth, Elizabeth's "guest" for next 19 years. They never meet.
- 1582 James imprisoned in Ruthven castle for 10 months by Protestant earls due to James' close (intimate?) relationship with the Catholic Duke of Lennox
- 1583 (June) James freed, reestablished his royal authority
- 1586 Signed the Treaty of Berwick with England; securing English succession.
- 1587 Mary, Queen of Scots executed by Elizabeth I, James now Eliz' successor.
- 1589 Married Anne of Denmark, age 14; seven live children, three grow to adulthood.
- 1597 Wrote *Daemonologie*, the basis for Shakespeare's *Tragedy of Macbeth*
- 1603 (March 24) Queen Elizabeth dies; James proclaimed king in London.
- 1604 (October) Assumed the title "King of Great Britain"
- 1605 Gunpowder Plot; Catholic Guy Fawkes & others try to blow up whole Parliament.
- 1611 Completion of the Authorized King James Version of the Bible. (James planned)
- 1612 death of Prince of Wales, Henry. Now Charles becomes successor.
- 1615 Robert Carr/Frances Howard scandal. James dragged into it as Carr "friend"
- 1619 death of Queen Anne. James is devastated. New boyfriend: George Villiers.
- 1625 (March 27) dies, following a long series of illnesses. Son Charles I succeeds.