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John Knox and the Scottish Reformation

- 1509 Henry VIII becomes King of England.
- 1513 James IV of Scotland and 10,000 Scots are killed by the English forces of the Earl of Surrey at the Battle of Flodden Field. John Knox' father may have been among the dead.
- 1517 Martin Luther posts his 95 Theses.
- 1528 Scottish scholar Patrick Hamilton is executed at St. Andrews for affirming Luther's teaching.
- 1536 John Calvin publishes the first edition of *The Institutes of the Christian Religion* in Basel.
- 1543 Mary Queen of Scots is crowned at Stirling Castle (aged 9 months).
- 1546 Reformer George Wishart, a mentor of John Knox, is burned at the stake in St. Andrews, Scotland.
- 1547 John Knox joins Protestant insurgents at St. Andrews Castle and is captured by the French when the castle falls.
- 1548 Knox is a galley slave on a French ship.
Mary Queen of Scots sails to France.
- 1549 Knox is released and begins ministry in Berwick Upon Tweed, England.
- 1553 Marty Tudor becomes Queen of England.
John Knox is among approximately 800 English Protestants who emigrate to France, Germany, and Switzerland to escape persecution.
- 1555 Knox is pastor to the exiles in Frankfurt.
- 1556 Knox is pastor to the exiles in Geneva.
- 1558 Elizabeth I becomes Queen of England and the Marian exiles return to England as Protestantism is reinstated.

Mary Queen of Scots marries Francis, crown prince of France.

- 1559 Knox returns to Scotland.
Mary Queen of Scots becomes Queen of France and claims the throne of England and Ireland.
- 1560 Failed coup against Guise rule leads to massacre of Protestants at Amboise.
The Scottish Parliament establishes Protestantism in Scotland.
Knox and five colleagues write the *Book of Discipline* of the Church of Scotland.
Francis II, King of France, dies making Mary Queen of Scots a widow at age 18.
- 1561 Mary Queen of Scots returns to Scotland.
- 1562 Massacre of Protestants at Wassy instigated by the Duke of Guise, uncle of Mary Queen of Scots, igniting a series of civil wars in France.
- 1565 Mary Queen of Scots marries Henry Stuart, Lord Darnley (she is 22, he is 19).
- 1566 David Rizzio, secretary to Mary Queen of Scots, is murdered in the presence of the Queen.
Mary Queen of Scots' son is born (James VI of Scotland and James I of England).
- 1567 Mary Queen of Scots' husband is murdered and she is forced to abdicate.
James VI is crowned at Stirling (aged 13 months) with John Knox preaching the sermon. The Earl of Moray (James Stewart), Mary's half brother, becomes Regent and works closely with John Knox.
- 1568 Mary Queen of Scots flees to England where she lives under house arrest for the next 19 years.
- 1570 The Earl of Moray is assassinated by supporters of Mary Queen of Scots.
Elizabeth I of England is excommunicated by Pope Pius V.
- 1572 The St. Bartholomew Massacre begins in Paris with Guise family participation.
John Knox dies at home, probably from pneumonia.
- 1587 Mary Queen of Scots is executed for conspiring to murder Elizabeth I.

1602 James VI of Scotland becomes James I, King of England.