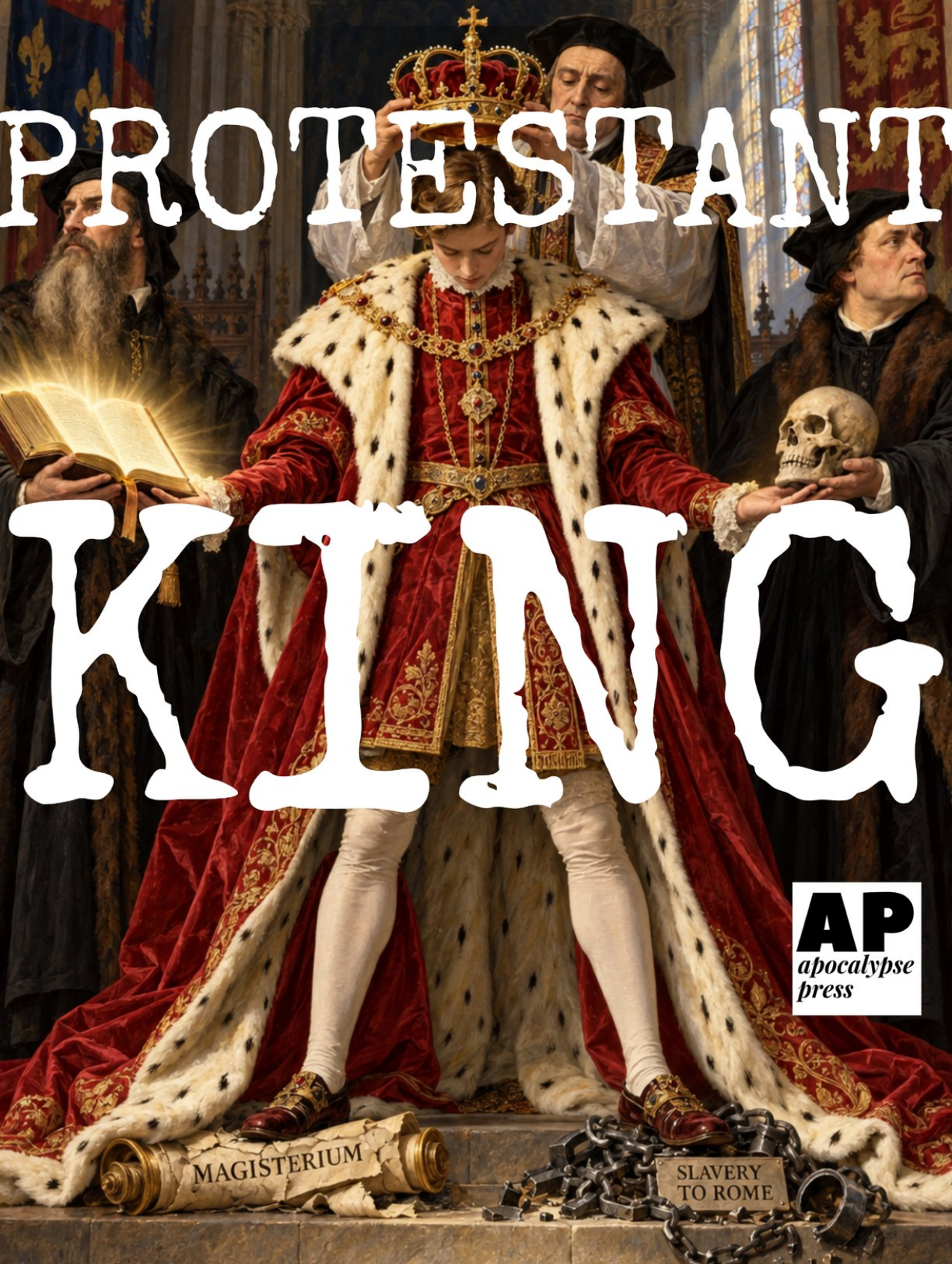


EDWARD PROTESTANT KING



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"THIRTY YEARS OF WAITING.
TWO QUEENS DISCARDED.
THE CURSE OF BROKEN
BLOOD FINALLY BROKEN."

FORASMUCH AS IT HATH
PLEASED ALMIGHTY GOD TO
SEND UNTO US A PRINCE,
THE MOST JOYFUL NEWS
THAT COULD COME UNTO
THIS REALM...



OCTOBER 12, 1537. TWELVE DAYS LATER, HIS
MOTHER WAS DEAD. BOUGHT WITH BLOOD
BEFORE HE EVER LEARNED TO SPEAK.



"YOU ARE SOLOMON, MY BOY. YOU
SHALL INHERIT MY TEMPLE."



A GOLDEN CAGE. EVERY BREATH
MEASURED, EVERY FLOOR SCRUBBED
LEST THE PLAGUE CLAIM THE KING'S
ONLY HOPE.



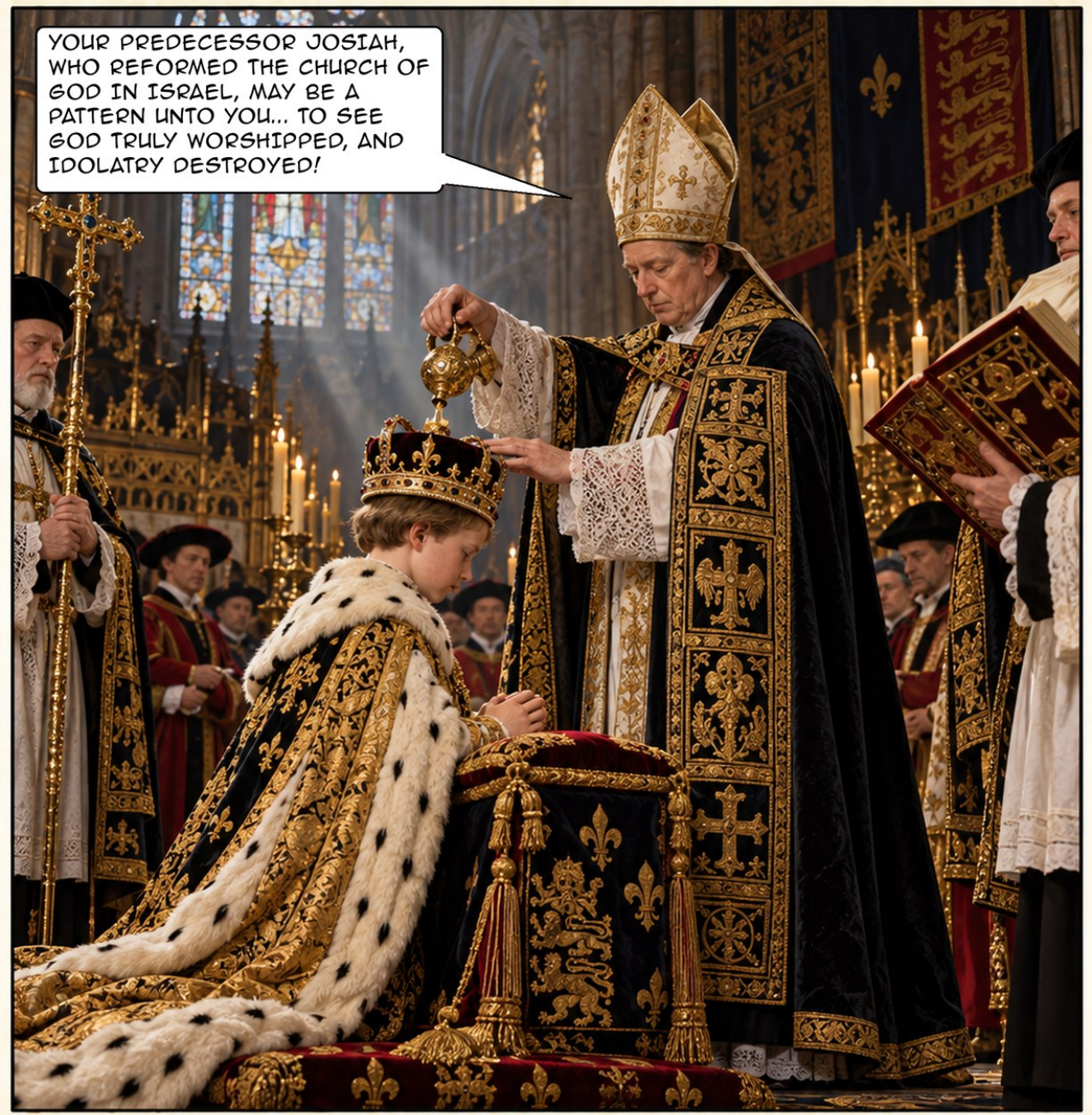
TRUTH IS THE
DAUGHTER OF TIME,
NOT OF AUTHORITY.



IN THE DARKNESS OF THE GOLDEN CAGE, A
SECRET SEED TOOK ROOT.



HENRY SOUGHT AN HEIR TO
PRESERVE HIS NAME. HE
UNKNOWINGLY BRED A REFORMER
WHO WOULD DISMANTLE HIS LEGACY.



YOUR PREDECESSOR JOSIAH,
WHO REFORMED THE CHURCH OF
GOD IN ISRAEL, MAY BE A
PATTERN UNTO YOU... TO SEE
GOD TRULY WORSHIPPED, AND
IDOLATRY DESTROYED!



NOT HENRY'S SOLOMON.
GOD'S JOSIAH.

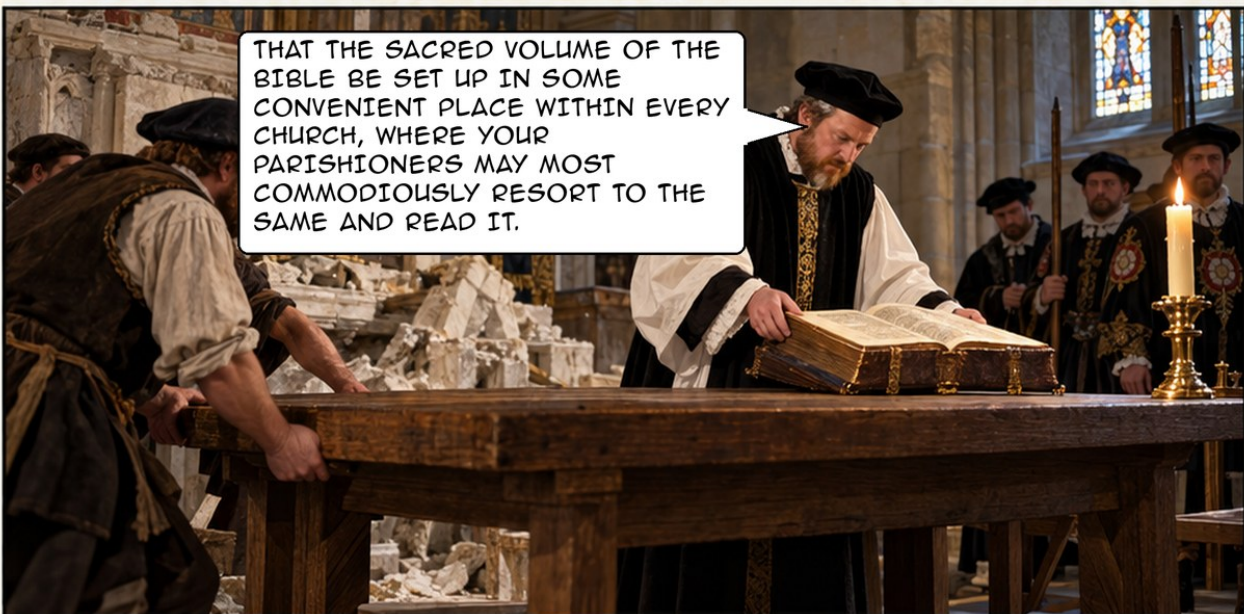
1547. THE ROYAL INJUNCTIONS.



THE IMAGES FALL. THE
CHANTRIES CLOSE. THE
MEDIEVAL VISUAL WORLD
ERASED IN WHITE LIME.



THAT THE SACRED VOLUME OF THE
BIBLE BE SET UP IN SOME
CONVENIENT PLACE WITHIN EVERY
CHURCH, WHERE YOUR
PARISHIONERS MAY MOST
COMMODIOUSLY RESORT TO THE
SAME AND READ IT.



THE OLD WORLD FIGHTS BACK.



WILL YOU HAVE THE
SACRAMENT IN AN
UNKNOWN TONGUE? YE
REQUIRE TO HAVE THE
POPISH MASS AGAIN...
WHICH IS NOTHING
ELSE BUT A PLAIN
MOCKERY OF CHRIST.



THE JOSIAH KING WILL SHOW NO MERCY
TO IDOLATRY.





TAKE HEED OF COVETOUSNESS, YE NOBLEMEN... FOR IF YOU SERVE GOD, HE WILL PRESERVE YOU; BUT IF YOU TURN TO IDOLATRY, HE WILL PLUCK YOU DOWN!



"WHERE GOOD ORDER IS WANTING, ALL THINGS GO TO RUIN... EXCEPT THE MAGISTRATE PERFORM HIS DUTY IN PUNISHING VICE AND ENCOURAGING VIRTUE, THE COMMONWEALTH CANNOT STAND."

NO SACRIFICE. NO ALTAR. A SPIRITUAL
FEAST OF REMEMBRANCE ALONE.



THE PEAK OF THE VISIBLE REVIVAL. THE APOSTOLIC
CHURCH RESTORED TO ENGLISH SOIL.



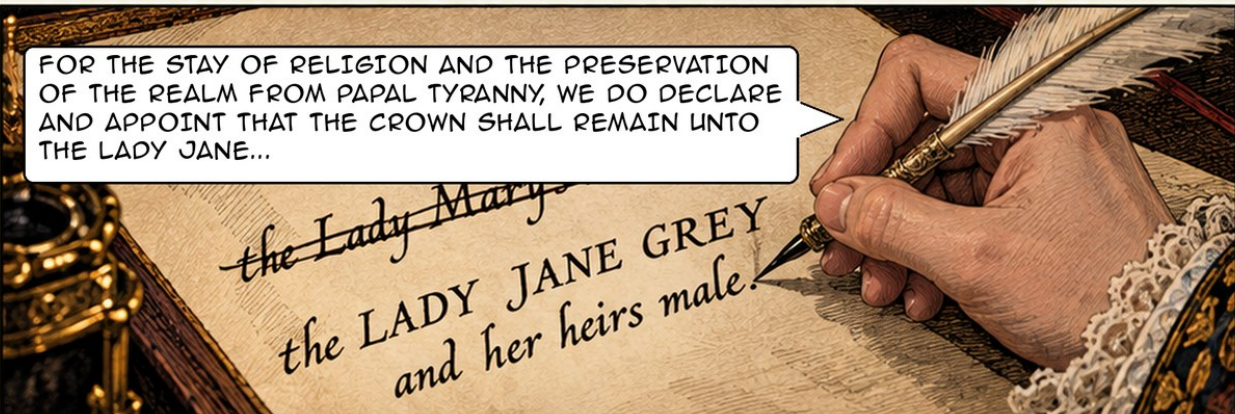
EARLY 1553. THE BREATH
OF THE JOSIAH KING
BEGINS TO FAIL.







DESPERATE MORTAL
HANDS TRYING TO WRITE
DIVINE GUARANTEES.

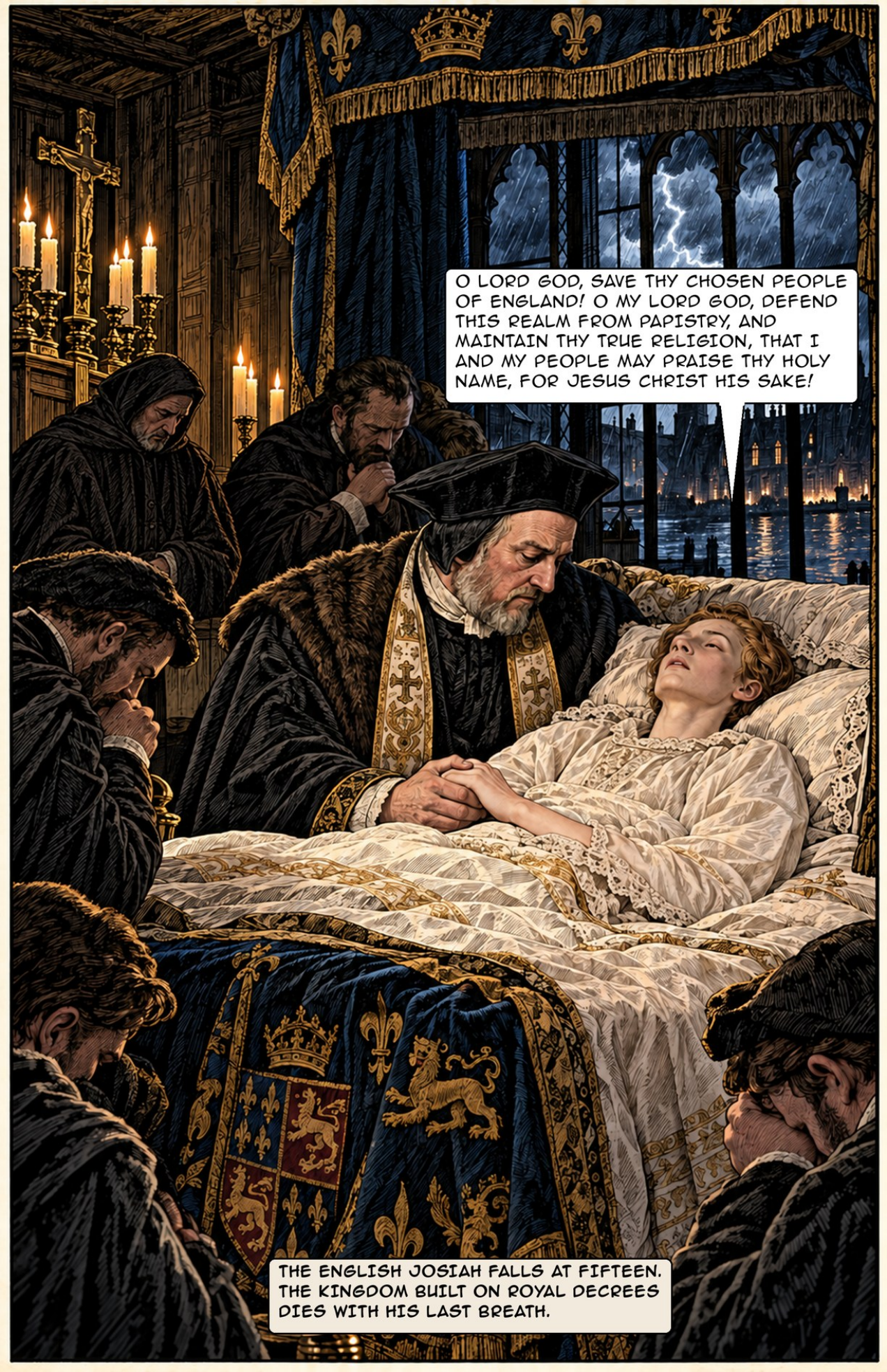


FOR THE STAY OF RELIGION AND THE PRESERVATION
OF THE REALM FROM PAPAL TYRANNY, WE DO DECLARE
AND APPOINT THAT THE CROWN SHALL REMAIN UNTO
THE LADY JANE...

~~the Lady Mary~~
the LADY JANE GREY
and her heirs male.



WE BUILD OUR TOWER ON SAND,
A KING'S DECREE CANNOT
PURCHASE GOD'S KINGDOM.



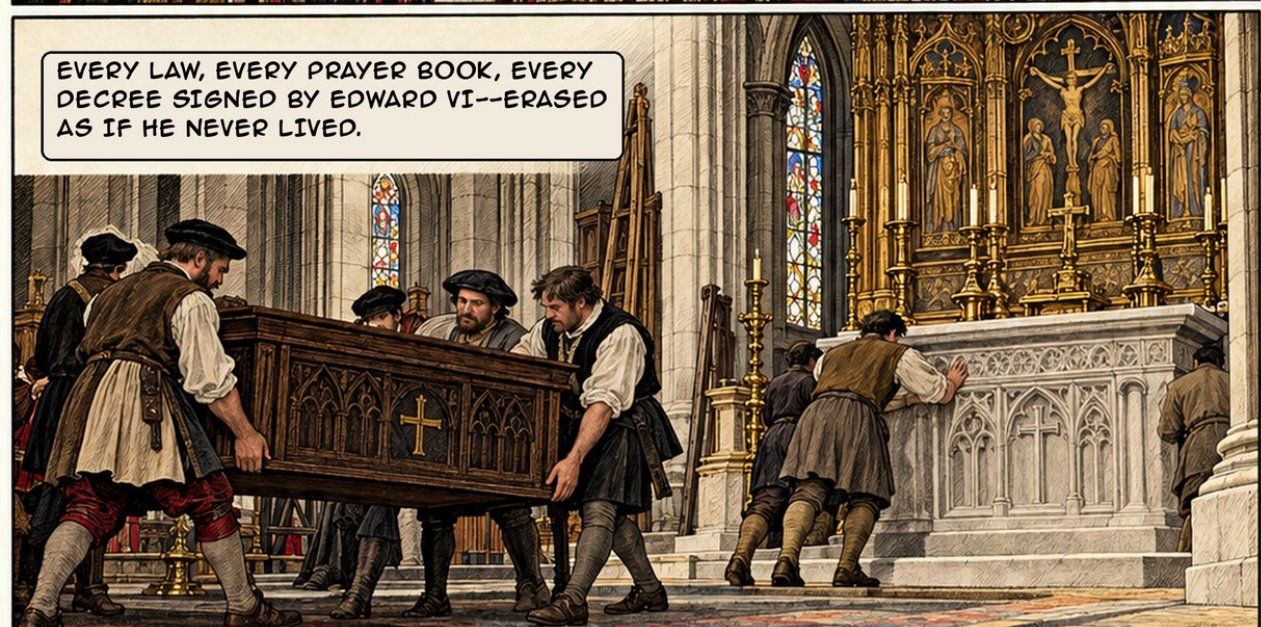
O LORD GOD, SAVE THY CHOSEN PEOPLE OF ENGLAND! O MY LORD GOD, DEFEND THIS REALM FROM PAPISTRY, AND MAINTAIN THY TRUE RELIGION, THAT I AND MY PEOPLE MAY PRAISE THY HOLY NAME, FOR JESUS CHRIST HIS SAKE!

THE ENGLISH JOSIAH FALLS AT FIFTEEN. THE KINGDOM BUILT ON ROYAL DECREES DIES WITH HIS LAST BREATH.

NINE DAYS. THAT WAS ALL EDWARD'S ROYAL LINE LASTED. LADY JANE GREY VANISHES INTO THE TOWER.



EVERY LAW, EVERY PRAYER BOOK, EVERY DECREE SIGNED BY EDWARD VI--ERASED AS IF HE NEVER LIVED.



THE POLITICAL PRINCES WHO CLAIMED THE GOSPEL FALL LIKE STRAW.









FORASMUCH AS MY HAND OFFENDED, WRITING
CONTRARY TO MY HEART, MY HAND SHALL FIRST BE
PUNISHED... THIS UNWORTHY RIGHT HAND!



THEY BURNED THE MEN WHO WROTE THE
BOOKS. BUT THEY COULD NOT BURN THE
SEED SCATTERED ON THE WIND.



THE REALM OF ROME FILLED THE
CATHEDRALS. THE REALM OF CHRIST
FILLED THE HEART.

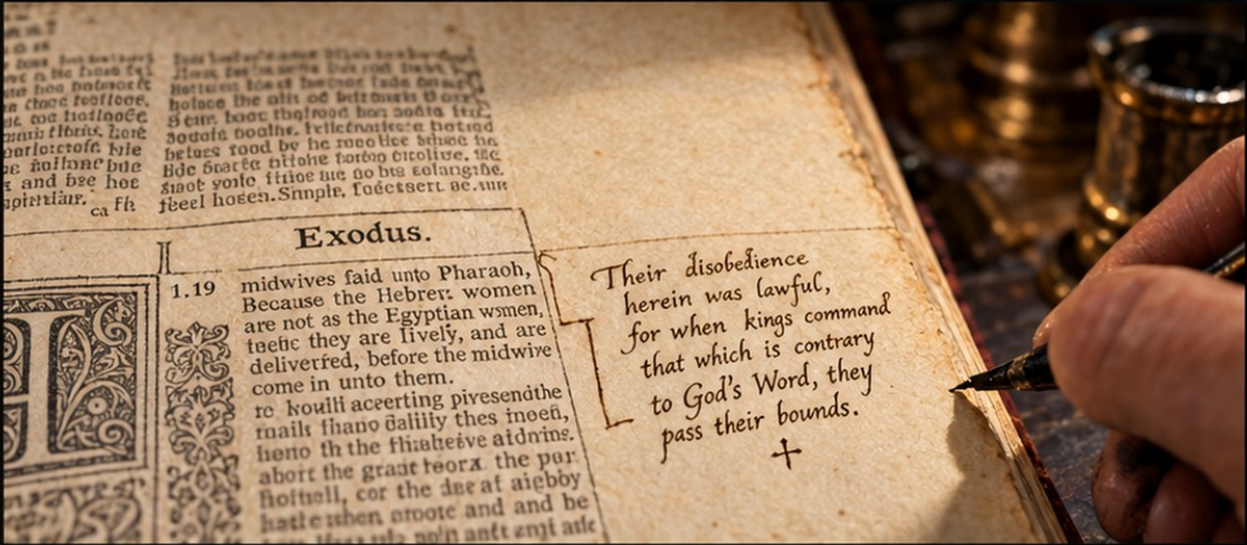


EXILE. THE BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY OF THE
ENGLISH CHURCH.



GOD TOOK AWAY THAT INNOCENT AND GODLY
PRINCE, KING EDWARD, FOR OUR
INGRATITUDE... BECAUSE WE PRAISED THE
LIGHT, BUT WALKED NOT IN THE LIGHT!





A large crowd of people in 16th-century attire is gathered in a city street, likely London. In the center, a woman with red hair, wearing an elaborate gold and white gown with a large ruff collar and a crown, sits atop a white horse. She is surrounded by soldiers and other figures in period dress. In the background, the city's architecture is visible, including a large cathedral with a dome.

THE PROTESTANT QUEEN
ARRIVES. THE EXILE ENDS... OR
SO MEN THOUGHT.

A woman in the same elaborate gown and crown as in the first panel is shown from the side, looking upwards. She is standing in a church, with her hand resting on a silver crucifix on an altar. The altar is covered with a white cloth featuring gold crosses. In the background, other people in period dress are visible, and the church's interior is lit by candles.

WE SHALL HAVE A
MIDDLE WAY. NO
PURITAN FANATICAL
ZEAL. ORDER, POLICY,
AND STATECRAFT.

A close-up shot of a man with a full brown beard and a black cap, looking off to the side with a serious expression. He is wearing a dark, fur-trimmed garment. In the background, other people in period dress are visible, including a woman in a white headscarf.

ELIZABETH BUILT A POLITICAL
COMPROMISE. SHE DID NOT
BRING BACK EDWARD'S
JOSIAH FIRE.



A CENTURY LATER, THE SEED
PLANTED BY A 15-YEAR-OLD BOY
ERUPTS FROM THE SOIL.



KINGS RISE AND BUILD THEIR MONUMENTS IN
STONE AND GOLD, BELIEVING THEIR
DYNASTIES WILL ENDURE FOREVER.



HENRY SOUGHT A SON TO SAVE HIS KINGDOM.
GOD GAVE ENGLAND A BOY TO SHOW THAT
KINGDOMS OF EARTH ARE DUST.



"THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AS IF A MAN
SHOULD CAST SEED INTO THE GROUND..."



"...AND SHOULD SLEEP, AND RISE
NIGHT AND DAY, AND THE SEED
SHOULD SPRING AND GROW UP, HE
KNOWETH NOT HOW."



THE CROWN OF HENRY ROTTED
WITH HIS BONES.



THE WORD OF THE LORD
ENDURETH FOREVER.







THE JOSIAH OF ENGLAND REIGNED FOR SIX SHORT YEARS. HIS LAWS WERE REPEALED; HIS BODY WAS LAID IN AN UNMARKED GRAVE BENEATH THE CHAPEL FLOOR.



YET HE ACHIEVED WHAT HIS FATHER NEVER COULD: HE BECAME AN INSTRUMENT OF THAT WHICH CANNOT BE DESTROYED.



THE GRASS WITHERETH,
THE FLOWER FADETH:

BUT THE WORD OF OUR GOD
SHALL STAND FOR EVER.

ISAIAH 40:8

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