## Scottish Reformation and Ovenanting History

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## Introduction

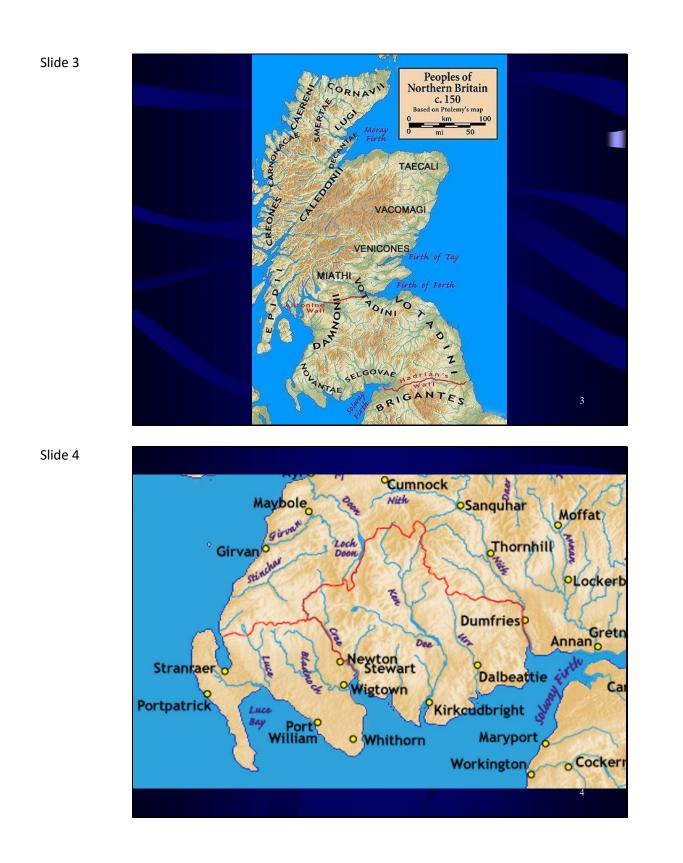
#### Why study this subject?

#### - God's Kingdom.

It's all about God working to bring glory to himself. How? Through getting men and women to live their lives in loving subjection to His wise and perfect rule.

#### - The future of the Church.

If we can see from our history how God, has achieved this in the past, then we will know what we need to ask him to do now so that we will see it happen again.





#### Pre Reformation Scotland

- Church in Scotland prior to 1500's Roman Catholic
  Worship services were conducted in Latin
  - Major issues regarding the person and work of Christ
  - Key issues regarding the way of salvation
  - Godless lifestyle of leadership
  - Scottish Church most corrupt in Europe

This was the same all over Europe

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## **GOD TOOK ACTION**

God raised up men across Europe to lead the reformation of His Church and the building of His Kingdom for His Glory.

> JohnWycliffe ~ 1320-1384 (English) John Huss ~ 1369 - 1414 (German) Desiderius Erasmus ~ 1466-1536 (Dutch) William Tyndale ~ 1484 -1536 (English) Martin Luther ~ 1483-1546 (German) Ulrich Zwingli ~ 1484-1531 (Swiss) John Calvin ~ 1509-1564 (French)

# The place of Scotland in the eternal plans of God

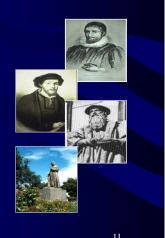
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# 1<sup>st</sup> Scottish Reformation 1520-1625

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#### Four key men whom God raised up

- Patrick Hamilton
- George Wishart
- John Knox
- Andrew Melville



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### Patrick Hamilton

The foundation layer and first Martyr

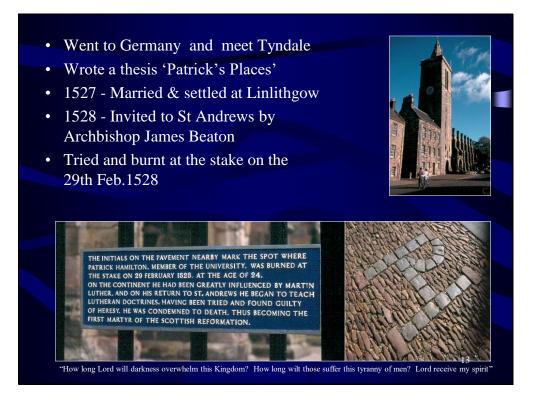
- Born 1503 into nobility mother cousin of King James IV
- Educated in Paris and Louvain
- Influenced by Luther
- 1524 At St. Andrews and attracts attention from the RC Church







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## George Wishart

The Reformation moves to the next stage

- Born 1513, educated in France
- Heard about Luther and Zwingli
- 1532 Teacher at Montrose
- 1538 Bristol Europe Cambridge
- 1544 Preaching in Dundee, Ayr, Dundee









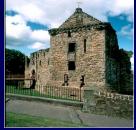
Assassination attempts
 Wightman, Montrose

Preaching in and around Edinburgh

• Arrest at Ormiston, near Edinburgh

• Taken to St Andrews, tried, hung and then burnt on the 1st March 1546

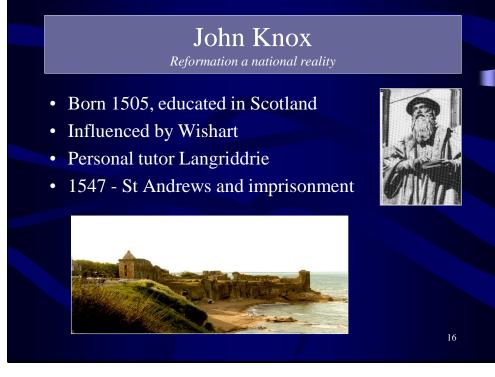






Cardinal David Beaton Wishart's judge and the scene of Wishart's execution

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- 1549 Freed and preached in Berwick, England at Cranmer's request
- 1553 Edward dies and Mary I (Bloody Mary), becomes Regent
- 1554 Knox under threat leaves for Europe back and forth
- 1558 Walter Mill put to death
- 1559 Knox returns and begins to preach throughout Scotland
- 1560 Regent Mary dies, Mary Queen of Scots becomes Queen Scots Confession of Faith ratified by pro-reformation Par. First Book of Discipline ratified by first GA.
- 1561 2<sup>nd</sup> GA Erastianism addressed
- 1567 Mary abdicates, infant James VI, pro-reform. Moray regent.

#### The result:-

- Worship is simplified, Evangelism
- Formal education established
- Care of the poor becomes an issue
- Parliament passing pro- reform legislation



1570 - Moray assassinated 1572 - Knox dies



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#### Andrew Melville

Who will govern the Church and How?

- Born 1545 and educated in Europe
- 1569 Professor of Hum. in Geneva
- 1572 Pro Episcopalian Morton is Regent Convention of Leith - Tulchan Bishops
- 1574 Principal of Glasgow University
- 1575 Leads GA in Church government debate Presbyterianism or Episcopalianism
- 1576 GA all Bishops must become a pastor
- 1578 GA 2nd Book of Discipline (Presbyterianism)
- 1578 James VI comes to the throne 'Divine Right of Kings'
- 1580 A National Covenant is signed
- 1584 Melville before the Privy Council
- 1584 Par. Passes the Black Acts
- 1584 1592 Confusion reigns in Church government.



#### The young Scottish Reformed Church

Under threat from Erastianism & Episcopalianism

- 1599 The Woeful Commission
- 1603 James VI crowned King James I of England.
  He believed in the 'Divine Right of Kings' The God given right of the king of the day to have authority over all states and subjects within his realm.
- 1605 Melville banished to the 'Tower' and then France.
- 1605 General Assembly postponed indefinitely by king.
- 1607 Appointment of perpetual moderators (Bishops).
- 1610 General Assembly, the 'Angelical Assembly', formally establishes Episcopalian Church government.
- 1612 Scottish Parliament ratifies the 1610 GA decision
- 1618 General Assembly adopts 'Five Articles of Perth'.
- 1621 Scottish Parliament ratifies the 1618 GA decision



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#### Move back to Rome

• Charles 1 gives the Cof E Archbishop of Canterbury William Laud the task of uniting the CofE and the CofS

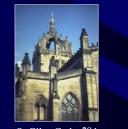
- 1636 Book of Canons
- 1637 Scottish Liturgy

• 1637 (13<sup>th</sup> July) Privy Council demands that all ministers get two copies of Liturgy within 15 days.

• 1637 (23<sup>rd</sup> July) Dean Hannay stands up in St Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh and began to read from the Liturgy



Archbishop Laud



St Giles Cathed al