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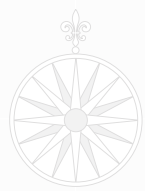
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PERILOUS BIRTH OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

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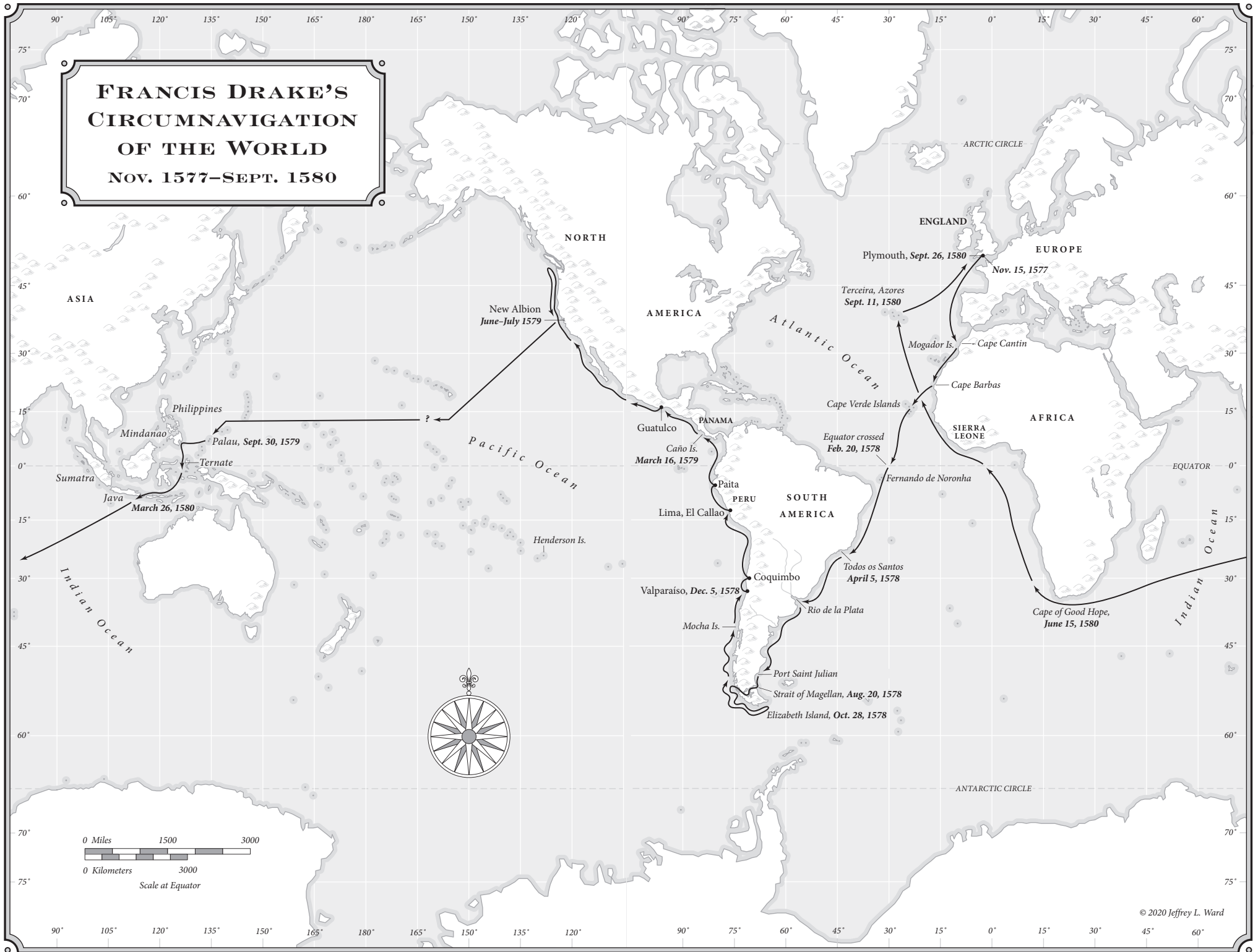
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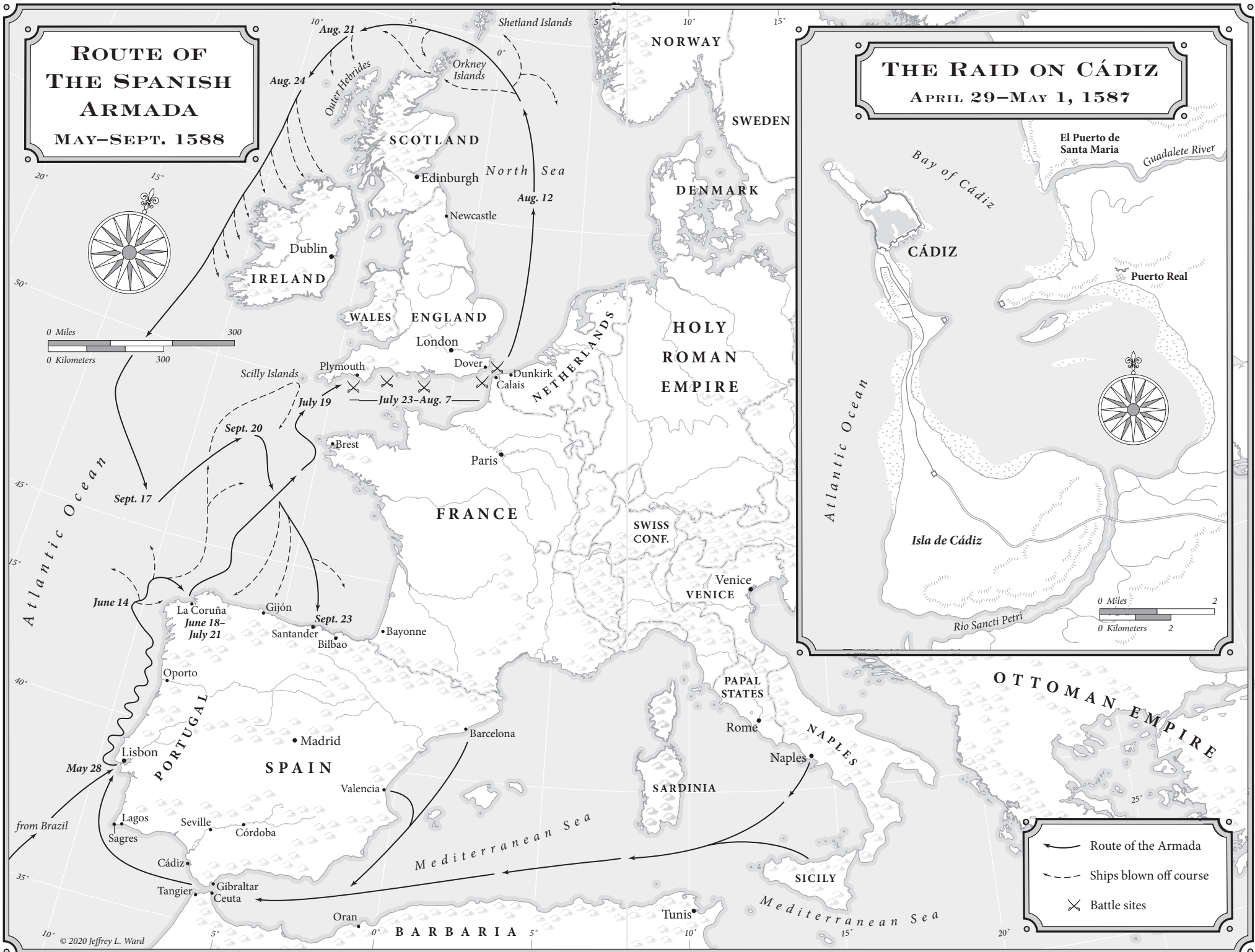
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Principal Characters

England

Burroughs, William (1536–1599). Naval commander. Hanged ten masters of pirate ships in 1583. Vice admiral during Francis Drake's raid on Cádiz in 1587. Tried and acquitted on charges of mutiny.

Carder, Peter. Escaped ship's boy who claimed to walk across Brazil before catching a boat to England.

Cecil, William, Baron Burghley (1520–1598). Queen Elizabeth's chief minister. Appointed Lord High Treasurer in 1572. Died in his London home in 1598.

Dee, John (1527–1608). Mathematician, astronomer, astrologer, alchemist. Influential adviser to Queen Elizabeth. Formulated the concept of the "British Empire."

Devereux, Robert, 2nd Earl of Essex (1565–1601). Late-life intimate of Queen Elizabeth. When he ran afoul of her, she had him executed.

Doughty, Thomas. Nobleman. Mutineer. Condemned to death by Drake in Port Saint Julian, Argentina, 1578.

Drake, Sir Francis (1540–1596). Eldest of twelve sons of Edmund Drake. Second cousin of Sir John Hawkins, with whom he sold

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slaves in the Caribbean. Led the first successful circumnavigation, 1577–1580. Vice admiral of the English fleet during the Armada period. Died of dysentery and buried at sea near Portobello, Panama, in January 1596.

Drake, John. Francis Drake's nephew.

Dudley, Robert, Earl of Leicester (1532–1588). Fifth son of John Dudley, the executed Duke of Northumberland. Suspected of murdering his first wife, Amy Robsart.

Elizabeth I (1533–1603). Daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, his second wife.

Fletcher, Francis. Drake's chaplain during the circumnavigation, maintained a journal of the voyage, which formed the basis of *The World Encompassed by Sir Francis Drake*.

Frobisher, Sir Martin (1539–1595). Navigator. Led three voyages to the New World. Commanded *Triumph* in Battle of the Spanish Armada. Died at Plymouth.

Hawkins, Sir John (1532–1595). Privateer, slaver, Drake's mentor. Treasurer of the navy. Commanded *Victory* in Armada battle. Knighted. Died off Puerto Rico during a campaign with Drake.

Howard, Charles, Second Baron Effingham (1536–1624). Eldest son of William Howard. Appointed Lord High Admiral of England, 1585. Led the English fleet against the Armada in 1588. Fought in the Battle of Gravelines.

Mary I (1516–1558). The sole surviving child of Henry VIII and Katherine of Aragon, his first wife. Married King Philip of Spain in 1554. Died childless in London.

Newman, Mary (m. 1569, d. 1583). Francis Drake's first wife.

Norreys, Sir John (1547–1597). Military commander involved in the notorious massacre of Scots at Rathlin Island. Knighted by Leicester. Led unsuccessful campaign with Drake to install Dom António, the Portuguese pretender to the throne, in 1589.

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Oxenham, John. First non-Spanish explorer to traverse the Isthmus of Panama (1575). Fought with Drake against the Spanish in two early campaigns in Central America, captured by the Spanish in 1578, executed in Lima on September 30, 1580.

Pretty, Francis. Drake's gentleman-at-arms.

Sydenham, Elizabeth (1540–1596). Francis Drake's second wife.

Walsingham, Sir Francis (1532–1590). Queen Elizabeth's spymaster and minister. Knighted in 1577. Died in London deeply in debt.

Scotland

James VI of Scotland (1566–1625). Son of Mary, Queen of Scots. Succeeded Queen Elizabeth.

Mary, Queen of Scots (1542–1587). Only surviving legitimate child of James V of Scotland, who died six days after she was born. Heir presumptive to English crown as a descendant of Henry VIII's elder sister, Margaret. She fled Scotland in 1568, and was detained by Elizabeth I for nineteen years until she was executed.

Spain

de Antón, San Juan. Captain of *Cacafuego*, captured by Drake off Brazil.

de Figueroa, Gómez Suárez, Fifth Count de Feria (1520–1571). The Duke of Feria, as he was later known, served as Philip's representative in England from 1557 to 1559.

de Mendoza, Bernardino (1540–1604). Spanish ambassador and spy to London from 1578 to 1584.

de Zúñiga-Sotomayor, Alonso Pérez de Guzmán y, 7th Duke of Medina Sidonia (1550–1615). Commander of the Spanish Armada that was to attack the south of England in 1588.

Farnese, Alexander, Duke of Parma (1545–1592). His mother was King Philip's half sister. Failed to carry out a planned rendezvous with Medina Sidonia during the battle of the Spanish Armada.

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Philip II of Spain (1527–1598). Philip the Prudent ascended to the throne after his father, Charles V, Emperor of the Holy Empire, abdicated in 1556. At various times, he was king of Spain, Portugal, Naples, Sicily, England, and Ireland. He died at the Palace of El Escorial.

Vatican

Gregory XIII (1502–1585). Pope 1572–1585. A reformer who tried to discourage the spread of Protestantism by founding new colleges for priests. He celebrated the massacre of the Protestant Huguenots in Paris in 1572 with a mass in Rome.

Pius V (1504–1572). Pope 1566–1572. Excommunicated Elizabeth I on February 25, 1570.

Sixtus V (1520–1590). Pope 1585–1590. Although fond of Elizabeth, he renewed the excommunication and promised to grant Philip II a generous subsidy after the Spanish Armada arrived in England.