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Posted by: husbandoftheyear Aug 29 2006, 08:12 PM

Some say that history has a way of repeating itself.

- The history -

A long time ago in England, there was a very spoiled king, Henry 8th to be precise. He got what he wanted, when he wanted it, unfortunately, and too often to the detriment of others. England prospered and Henry was happy except for the fact that after well over a decade of marriage to Queen Catherine of Aragon, and after many miscarriages and stillbirths, Henry realized that she would never give birth to a living son and heir. Some may say she "neglected to fulfill her duties" as his queen. Now, Henry was never what you would call a devoted husband. In fact, he had many mistresses (but none that kept his attention for very long) and actually had other children out of wedlock - including a son. But this son couldn't rule.

What could have been just another affair changed the course of history when he happened upon a young woman, Anne Boleyn, the sister of one of his mistresses. He was instantly taken with the young woman as she had spirit - and brains. Amazingly, she refused to be anything to him but his wife! After a couple of years of Henry trying to persuade Anne to be his mistress, he realized that she wouldn't give in. So, lusting after Anne and realizing she was young enough to produce an heir, he set about to dethrone his wife, Catherine, and usher in a new woman. Now - you may think that an all-powerful king would be able to just put aside one wife for another, but Henry didn't want to simply seek a divorce. No, no! That would imply that there could have been some wrongdoing or at the very least lead to a very displeased Pope. He set out to have it annulled - as if the last fifteen years had never happened! How did he suppose to do it? Ah - that is where the real irony comes in!

Henry was a second son, and therefore never to be king. As such, Henry was schooled in the teachings of the Bible. Amazingly, he was being groomed for the church! It should be noted that he was, in fact, very well educated in the Good Book. Henry's brother, Arthur, was the firstborn as well as the first husband of Catherine of Aragon. Yes, the same Catherine of Aragon that would marry Henry, her brother-in-law. Catherine was very briefly married to Arthur, but after the wedding, he soon fell ill and died. Henry 7th, Arthur and Henry's father (and king), was determined to keep Catherine in the family to ensure the alliance with Spain. So he pushed Henry to marry Catherine, several years his elder.

In order for Henry to marry Catherine, technically his sister, a formal hearing was held to determine whether or not Catherine's marriage to Arthur was consummated. After all the "evidence" was presented along with Catherine's adamant denial of copulation, it was found that Catherine was indeed a virgin, and therefore, free to marry Henry. How could this matter? Well, over 15 years later, Henry would use Catherine's marriage to Arthur as a way of escape.

Most likely thankful of his knowledge of the Bible, Henry found a way to put away his wife "in the name of God." You may be interested to know where he found his evidence. It is Leviticus 20:21 "If a man takes his brother's wife, it is an unclean thing...they shall be childless."

If Henry wanted to appear just as much a victim in this whole ordeal as the Queen, Henry obviously couldn't be the one to begin accusations of the sinful relationship. He sent his right-hand man to plead with the Pope that God had cursed the royal marriage on the grounds that Henry and Catherine were, in the eyes of God, brother and sister. His evidence - no children! (He overlooked Mary, their daughter, as she was, unfortunately, not a son.) With the wheels set into

motion, Henry ran to Catherine all in a panic, tears streaming down his face, so distraught to tell his wife that "learned (intelligent) and pious" men were setting out to find their marriage invalid. Catherine was aghast and bewildered; remembering the embarrassing ordeal it had been to obtain the permission to marry Henry. Promising his love and support Henry bent on one knee as he forced more tears and told his wife, his "beloved wife", that if it was true, that their marriage was cursed by God, being the spirit-filled man that he was, that he would have to make amends and leave her lest the wrath of God continue. Cue more tears.

The battle was on! Catherine, not knowing that Henry was really at the heart of the matter hurriedly sent a note to the Holy Roman Emperor, who just happened to be her nephew, Charles, pleading for his help. He contacts the Pope, who has already told Henry's messenger that the marriage is legal, considering the dispensation for Henry to marry Catherine was signed and legitimized by none other than the Pope himself. Catherine learns that it is in fact, Henry behind the scandal and his reasoning. He wanted to marry another! He lovingly offers and pleads with her to retire to a nunnery and allow him to marry Anne. Catherine, being in love with her husband and refusing to be shamed, pleads her case when a Papal legate is sent to England to hear the trial. On June 21st, 3 weeks after the institution of the tribunal, Queen Catherine stood up from her throne, gracefully walked over to Henry's throne, and fell at Henry's feet. She kneeled and begged Henry not to divorce her and insisted she loved and served only him. Once again, she declared that she had never been intimate before they were married. Perhaps the next scene is even more powerful:

"When she had finished, Queen Catherine rose up, she swept her husband a low curtsy, and leaning on the arm of her gently-man usher, Griffeth Richards, moved slowly out of the court. The official court crier called after her - three times. At last her nervous usher ventured to say to her: 'Madam, ye be called again.' 'It matters not', replied the Queen, 'this is no indifferent [unprejudiced] court for me. I will not tarry.'

With all the grace and dignity as only a true queen could possess, she left the room as silence fell around her.

This committee refused to make a decision and submitted it to the Pope. He in turn finds the marriage entirely valid, and Henry is absolutely outraged. In a strange turn of events, or perhaps the last-ditch effort on Anne's part to be queen, she becomes Henry's mistress and quickly becomes pregnant. Knowing that the baby will be a boy, Henry had to think of a way to get the current wife out, the future wife in, and his coming son legitimized. He decides to split from the Holy Roman Church and begin a new church in which he is the leader. Not only would he become vastly wealthy by acquiring tithe, become a vessel of the deity on earth, he could do as he pleased with his wife and ignore the Pope's threats of excommunication. So, he divorced his wife of his own authority, was excommunicated, and married Anne.

Think we're done with Henry? Not yet! We're on to wife #2. This story is much, much shorter. Anne is pregnant. Henry is free of Catherine and the Pope. Life is good - that is - until Anne gives birth to a beautiful baby girl! Henry, not even allowing for the fact there would, in all likelihood be other children, is immediately outraged. He was so sure that the baby would be a son. The new marriage is on the rocks. Henry entertains mistresses. Anne pleads to be given another chance to which Henry does. She becomes pregnant again. The months that Anne was pregnant the second time were not nearly as happy as her first pregnancy, knowing that the King expects - or rather - demands a son this time. Unfortunately, Anne gives birth to a dead baby boy. The King, furious, that this is happening all over, decides it's time for a new wife.

So, how does one go about dethroning another queen? It was actually easier the second time around. Henry bribed and coerced men in the Queen's company to bear false witness and confess to having intimate relations with Anne. Those who didn't go along with Henry's plan were killed or exiled. Anne was tried in court for heresy and condemned to death. Henry begged her to admit her crimes so that he could pardon her and save her life. Being the proud woman she was, refused, and was beheaded. And Henry was again free to marry.

So what happened to Henry? He married again of course! Jane Seymour, his third wife, produced

a living son. She died shortly after and would be known as his "true and loving wife", his wife of less than 18 months. Henry died knowing his son was there to rule after him, not knowing that his son was soon to die. So who ruled? First, Mary, Henry's daughter by Catherine. After her, Elizabeth, Henry's daughter by Anne. Elizabeth would reign for the next forty years during what would be called the Golden Age. England prospered under her care. Henry was buried with his beloved wife, Jane, mother of his son, not realizing that it would be his daughter, not his son that would sit on the throne of England and would be the last of the Tudor monarchs.

- The similarities -

- The powerful man who gets what he wants
- The woman beside him who doesn't fulfill his needs
- The use of God's word for one's own ambition
- The martyrdom
- The woman refusing to be removed
- The sowing of seeds of doubt and lies
- The disposal of the spouse
- The entrance of a lady in waiting
- The end of a dynasty (oops - this one is yet to come!)

Posted by: Clay Aug 29 2006, 08:31 PM

that was good... thanks for sharing that...

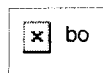
Posted by: princessdi Aug 29 2006, 09:07 PM

HOTY, That is one of my favorite world history stories!!!! Yes, I can just hear Mr. Barham's voice now.....

Posted by: husbandoftheyear Aug 29 2006, 09:36 PM

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
Posted by: sonshineonme Aug 29 2006, 10:10 PM

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t use to amaze me....but not, nothing surprises me anymore. 

Posted by: Lucyladye Aug 30 2006, 08:51 AM

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Posted by: princessdi Aug 30 2006, 09:35 AM

Yes, Lucy! Loved the movie!!!


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Posted by: inga Aug 30 2006, 11:48 AM

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Actually, considering what Danny has done and gotten away with **without ruling by "divine right" of kings** , I think he's definitely in the same category as the ... umhh .. 'more colorful' of the "divine right" kings ...

What would he have done/do if he **did** rule by "divine right"? Would you like to be within his line of sight?

Posted by: Barbara Kerr Aug 30 2006, 01:23 PM

QUOTE(husbandoftheyear @ Aug 29 2006, 09:12 PM)

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Posted by: missthg Aug 30 2006, 02:44 PM

I'll be putting this movie in my netflix que!

Posted by: husbandoftheyear Aug 30 2006, 03:56 PM

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have seen the movie a couple of times. The acting was pretty close to the attitudes of the characters...and if you're wondering - yes, they did call Anne, "Anne of a Thousand Days."

There are also a couple of really good books on the subject..."The other Boleyn Sister" (I think thats what it is called...Remember, Henry had a child with Mary Boleyn - Anne's older sister...) along with several from the same author I believe. I'll have to looke them up and get back to you.

Posted by: Truly Blonde Aug 30 2006, 04:07 PM

QUOTE(Johann @ Aug 30 2006, 12:23 PM)

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Posted by: Johann Aug 30 2006, 04:47 PM

QUOTE(Truly Blonde @ Aug 31 2006, 12:07 AM)

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Keep praying. . .

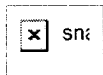
Posted by: Clay Aug 30 2006, 06:16 PM

QUOTE(Truly Blonde @ Aug 30 2006, 05:07 PM)

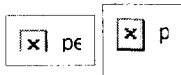
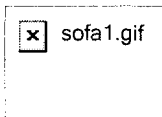
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Posted by: husbandoftheyear Aug 30 2006, 07:46 PM



Posted by: princessdi Aug 30 2006, 07:53 PM



Have some meaty bits, popcorn HOTY? We gots meat and veggie bits. Dippin' sauce?

Posted by: Johann Aug 31 2006, 02:00 AM

QUOTE(Clay @ Aug 31 2006, 02:16 AM)

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nor avoiding precautions...

Posted by: cottageK Sep 1 2006, 01:25 AM

QUOTE(Barbara Kerr @ Aug 30 2006, 01:23 PM)

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Wow! What a cliff hanger! What do you mean when you said, "...the end of the dynasty is here"? And how and by whom was Linda vindicated?.....Will anxiously wait to hear more from you on this subject.....whenever you are 'free' to do so.

Posted by: Observer Sep 1 2006, 03:39 AM

Yes, Barbara, I understand. But, some people go down fighting to the bitter end. I suspect that such is likely to happen. All is not over yet.

Posted by: Jewel50 Sep 3 2006, 06:43 AM

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Will be praying that God works this all out to His glory.

I am hoping this will be enough for those who have heard these stories and yet chalk it up to quote, "yes I have heard these stories but just chalk it up to a bad divorce". Personally I did not hear this one associate pastor make that comment but it was told to me by someone else..who by the way I dont really think believes it either. So will it be a public announcement type of vindication do you think? It should be since Danny publically tried to ruin Linda and her reputation.

Jewel

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