

Chapter 1 : War of Kings - Wikipedia

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Every nationalism is shaped by an ideology. The Church of England gave impetus to British hegemony. Capitalism is the backbone of American democracy. The Japanese language pushed that society to the acme of modern age. Yes, but not always so. A close examination of modern Igbo politics shows a consistent consistency when it comes to who is to be crowned the Eze or Igwe of his community; then personal and communal allegiances are tested to the limit. The more he craves progress the harder he clings to certain beliefs and practices that utterly defeat his end. In his ambivalence he stigmatises his fellow as Osu only to shed bitter tears when marginalised by his Other at Abuja. He stoutly defends his liberty as republican but tends to succumb to the temptation of bringing others under his kingly yoke, a prospect that readily galls him were the reversal ever suggested. Here is the thesis of this nationalist debate: This school of thought makes it abundantly clear that at some point in Igbo history they were ruled by kings. Words like Eze King , Lolo queen , Oparaeze first son of the king, prince , Adaeze first daughter of the king, princess , Obieze palace , Okwaeze throne and Okpueze crown , constitute a unique royal register so complete and indigenous that to neglect or deny them would be a calculated travesty. Here is the antithesis of the debate: Traditional Igbo society, another instance could be found among the Ewe of Ghana, did not conform to pattern as it was ruled by priests rather than kings. Religiously, however, it applies to the chief-priest of any particular deity. For example, the chief-priest of Amadioha is called Ezeamadioha. With the advent of Christianity there was perceptible confusion in the use of this title for Igbo speakers as the gospel must be interpreted from English before consumption. The above contradictions are not without their political implications. It confers on the holder cultural duties without the trappings of power. I think that is what Dr. Ikedife tried very hard to avoid. It becomes necessary to make this elaborate explanation, perhaps, to establish that being a Chief in Igbo land is not synonymous with being an Eze. And being an Eze is also not synonymous with being a King as the latter does not exist. It could be so elsewhere but certainly not in Igbo land. This debate is not about being a Chief in Igbo land, none queries that. It is also not about being an Eze as we know that this institution is part of the government of the day. What this piece attempts to prove or disprove is the case for kingship in the political or secular sense. This article is an intellectual inquest into the Igbo political history with a view to vigorously debating the opposing views. Coming to terms with these facts will help us understand our place in the political timetable of the twenty-first century and, by so doing, stand a better chance of understanding the demand by South African Igbos for an Eze. We can conclusively prove that kings once walked the sandy paths of Igbo land by shining light on our history and migratory patterns. A small part of Igbo land was ruled by kings while the overwhelming majority remained democratic republic. Surrounded by hostile and bellicose monarchs it is hardly surprising that certain clans had monarchy forced on them as vassals. One such group is the Igbo kingdom of Osomari ruled by the Atamanya. The Osomari kingdom has its list of kings, granted that their influence was less than those of Nri kings Nri also had an Igala origin directly connected with the coronation of monarchs in other kingdoms, according to Basden and Isichei. The Arochuku people were also ruled by a monarch called Eze Aro. A mix of Igbo, Ibibio and Akpa, this kingdom owed its emergence to the slave trade as it is strategically located as half-way station between the Igbo interior and the slave port of Calabar. The Aro kingdom was brought to an abrupt end early in the 20th century when the British overran it in and destroyed its terrible Long Juju Ibini Ukpabi as a necessary step to halting the trade in human being. But the highest number of Igbo principalities ruled by kings occurred along the Niger River, giving rise to the Onitsha, Aboh, Oguta, Ikwerre and Ekpeye kingdoms. This took place in the 16th and 17th centuries. By this period the great Benin Kingdom, western neighbour to the Igbo, experienced internal upheavals. Oral tradition has it that Chima and Esumai, sons of Oba Ozolua, c. This explains why Umuezechima remains prominent in Onitsha today. Esumai, however, continued downstream establishing the following kingdoms: Ossisa, Ashaka and Aboh Aboh later became prominent trading guns for slaves. This is the kingdom Olaudah Equiano called

Oye-Eboe in his narrative. The Oguta kingdom founded in by the same Benin exiles led by Ogwuara is ruled by the Obi, just like Onitsha. Ekpeye and Ikwerre kingdoms ruled by Ezes came into existence as a result of this epochal journey instituted by Chima and company. Igbo kingdoms west of the Niger were Asaba and Agbor. As tributaries they fell with the mother Benin Empire in the 19th century to the British pacification campaign. Certain misconceptions must be corrected here. Patriarchal Igbo society is named after a common male ancestor, for which reason family, kindred, village, town and clan bear the prefix, Umu Children of. Land ownership uncompromisingly follows this genealogical model. Whatever place name Igbo land throws up has a replica in Ikwerre, Ekpeye and Ndoni: Another point is that the upstarts who migrated from Benin had Igbo roots. I have researched extensively and my findings are that the Edo Benin gods of Osanobua, Olokun or Ovia were never worshipped among the Ikwerre, Ekpeye or Ndoni. A people never forget the gods of their ancestors no matter where, remember. Thirdly, the Ikwerre, Ekpeye and Ndoni traditional calendar is the same as Igbo calendar where the week is made up of four market days, namely, Eke, Orio, Afoh and Nkwo. All the pre-Igbo Holocaust literary works written by the famous Elechi Amadi, a great son of Ikwerre, bear references to traditional Igbo calendar. Just as their names and actions attest, the great Chima and his fellow travelers must have had strong Igbo roots to look eastward when life in Benin proved uncomfortable. The very fact that he and Esumai were sons of Oba Ozolua suggests two things. A similar scenario played out in the Bonny kingdom where the Igbo-born King Jaja fled on failing to seize the throne. Also note that this breakaway group did not settle on virgin territories but among established indigenous Igbo populations who easily absorbed them and their monarchical tendencies. We shift attention from our history and migratory patterns to Igbo religion and political system. The Igbo believe that all peoples are created by a single creator whom they call Chineke God the creator. Chineke is also called Chukwu. This belief predates Biblical monogenesis that also looks at creation from a single source. Chineke is first in their pantheon as Supreme King. Aside this sole King, the Igbo recognise no other. Anything that occurs, for which no visible explanation is forthcoming, is attributed either to Him or His eternal enemy Ekwensu, i. Certain actions such as murder, theft and adultery are esteemed offences against God, as well as against man—should the actual sinner escape, his descendants must bear the burden. This is suggested in the underlying ideas concerning sacrifice and in the practice of circumcising. The language also bears several interesting parallel with the Hebrew idiom. This means that Igbo Judaism created the only democratic-theocracy in Black Africa over four thousand years ago. This is a society ruled by mutual consent after wide consultation with every free born male. Like the Judges who ruled in the Old Testament, chief-priests, elders and titled men officiated in traditional Igbo government as no provision was made for secular king. The Igbo abhor the rule of one man, just as their core values seriously reject unilateralism. Democratic-theocracy remained the order of the day till the beginning of the 20th century when in response to administrative challenges the British appointed Warrant Chiefs, an unfortunate mistake that led to bitter disputes, endless petitions and revolts. This was a society, according to Chinua Achebe, that believed in balancing power with responsibilities without which destruction becomes the sad epitaph. Conscious of the corrupting influence of absolute power the Igbo in their political thoughts and practices resisted the concentration of power on one man even when neighbouring societies experimented with kingship. From our past we now make sense of the present. In particular, our general insecurity in the 21st century has prioritised survival above other considerations. But the extent to which we can effectively respond to our insecurity is greatly limited by our membership of the Nigerian federation. This limitation forces an inward looking process for ways and means. To get to the truth we must meet Didi Oguguo, a young man with a quick mind from Umuonyeali-Ugo of Mbieri who doubled as the deputy leader of the non-violent Biafran National Congress in South Africa. It was from him that I first heard of Economic Biafra. At an international conference in , Orion Hotel Johannesburg, this intrepid drew a thunderous applause when he said his organization was working hard to develop a Biafran Shopping Mall as the Chinese are doing all over Africa. This Biafran mall will be leased to Igbos and other Nigerians in need of economic emancipation. By so doing, none who took the six-hour flight to the Southern Hemisphere will have an excuse for standing in the street. Abridged, below, is his account of events during the historic visit of our leaders including, but not limited to, Dr. Ohaneze Ndigbo South Africa was formed in in response to the

socio-economic challenges confronting our people in South Africa. Inauguration precludes the crowning of an Eze or Igwe, a decision arrived at after elaborate and wide consultation. Ikedife and Ndieze refused but decided to honour the invitation of the legal Ohaneze. The next obstacle came as a court notice from the Johannesburg High Court notifying the legal Ohaneze of an impending order interdicting Dr. This notice was instituted by the breakaway faction and served on the 24th of October, two days to inauguration. The legal Ohaneze responded with an urgent counter-interdiction which the same court granted it in addition to costs in the region of R50, fifty thousand rands against the breakaway faction, on Saturday, 25th of October. This paves the way for the delegates to enter South Africa unhindered for the inauguration. In Igbo culture, the Ofo staff is never bestowed or received in foreign lands. You must come home to Igbo land for such investiture. This was an answer that did not go down well with the leadership of the small breakaway faction who spurned two attempts by Dr.

**Chapter 2 : Prelude to 70 Weeks of Daniel 2: Cyrus Cylinder | This Side of the Whirlwind**

*Prelude to King is the introductory novel that showcases Taja Maynie's enigmatic writing style and imagination in ways that will engage the senses of all readers. A.*

The premier web site of Edo speaking people. I am grateful to the organizers of this symposium, especially Prof. Flora Edouwaye Kaplan, for giving me an opportunity to address this gathering of distinguished scholars. Kaplan asked if I would like to address this gathering on Benin Kingship, I wondered what I would tell scholars who may have made years of research into various aspects of that subject. I am not an academic and I have not done any research into Benin Kingship. During that period, I listened to stories told to us by professional storytellers as we were growing up in the palace. With that scanty credential, it was great relief when Prof. But having only ten minutes to speak I am afraid, one cannot do justice to this institution that has more than one thousand years of history behind it. We will therefore go straight to the point. I have broken the topic into two parts, namely: Before they departed, He asked each one to take along a talent or a gift. Among the talents were wealth, knowledge wisdom and an old snail shell. One of the sons chose wealth, another knowledge, and another wisdom. When the youngest was to choose, only the old snail shell and a couple of nondescript items were left. As he wondered which to take, a hornbill emerged and whispered to him to choose the dirty, old snail shell. What would he do with an old snail shell? They set forth on their journey, each in his boat. They arrived at their destination and found it was water. The boats could not berth. As he did so, the water solidified: God named the land EDO and made him king over it. The other brothers could not find a place to anchor their boats and settle down. They offered part of their talents to their younger brother in exchange for a place to settle. Thus the Oba of EDO became owner of all land on earth. To this day, a snail shell containing medicinal earth forms an important and integral part of the coronation rituals of the Oba of Benin. The story we have just heard is told and retold to every royal child. The respected Benin historian, Jacob U. Egharevba named 15 Ogisos who ruled over Benin. Some have even said that the entire people of Benin come from Ife. The controversy is not whether or not the relationship did exist. There are anthropological and folkloric evidence that prove the existence beyond a doubt. Songs and rituals are still performed today in both Benin and Ife which eulogise it. In Benin, the story is told with nostalgia; in Ife, with euphoria and pride and belief that the Ooni of Ife is the father of the Oba of Benin. The origin of your dynasty and ours Today is really a very good day for us in Ife and its environs because since you left in AD, we have come to know that your dynasty has performed wonderfully well. As we have mentioned briefly during our historic visit to your domain not too long ago, we said that we were there to pat you on the back for a job well done Now, my son and brother, long may you reign. But in his reply, the Oba of Benin tacitly rejected that submission. In the prelude to his main speech, he said: The question then is: The Oba said, inter alia: He is believed to be the father of the principal rulers of Yorubaland, the father of Oranmiyan who was the the father of EWEKA 1 of Benin and who was the founder and the first Alafin of Oyo Kingdom; Ife traditional history says Oduduwa descended from heaven in a like manner to the Edo account. Some modern historians say that the great Oduduwa was a fugitive from the Moslems of the Middle-east and that he came to settle in what is present -day Ile-Ife. It was after the demise of his father and when, in the interregnum, Evian, and later his son Ogiamien, tried to assume the kingship, that those who knew that Ekaladerhan was still alive organized a search party to fetch him. It was this search party that emerged at Ile-Ife and discovered Ekaladerhan, known then to the people of Ile-Ife as Oduduwa and already enjoying the status of a King. It also will not be the last time. But this is probably the first time the Benin-Ife connection and the origin of Oduduwa have been discussed out of the realm of myths, esoterica and magic. The story we have just told will rattle some established legends and beliefs. Those who hold primordial beliefs may even feel that such beliefs are threatened or challenged. But the time has come for chroniclers to tell stories about Africa dispassionately if African history is to survive the often hard and harsh scrutiny of modern assessors. Let me now discuss some attributes or qualities of Benin Kingship. As has been shown, monarchical system of administration has lasted about one thousand years in Benin. During that period, a special relationship built on primordial norms and

usage, developed between the people and the king. He is the spiritual and temporal head. He is held in great reverence and only referred to in absolute terms. It is a taboo to pronounce his name. The adoption of the name "Leopard " in reference to the king is a metaphoric expression which is intended to show the similarity between the King and the King of the Forest. Both inspire fearsomeness and awe. Thus it is not said " the King is asleep: Kingship in Benin has some basic similarities with the same institution in Britain and some European countries, especially in the mode of ascension to the throne. This is strictly by the principle of primogeniture although, in Benin, unlike Britain and Europe, to the exclusion of the female child. Ladies and gentlemen, I thank you for your attention. The issue is not that of supremacy. It is giving accurate account of historical incidents. This site is best viewed with OR.

## Chapter 3 : Prelude to the Battle of Clontarf

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Opening Shots[ edit ] In the aftermath of the Secret Invasion storyline, Black Bolt and the Inhumans return to the Kree for their right to lineage as rulers. The first issue sets up this conflict and shows an attack at the wedding of Ronan the Accuser and Crystal - a betrothal arranged by the Inhuman king, Black Bolt, to unite the two races, resolve ancient hostilities and for common defense against mutual enemies. War of Kings main series[ edit ] Vulcan then embarks on an ambitious plan to conquer the rest of the universe. Gladiator takes on Black Bolt and is able to defeat him with some help from White Noise. Ronan also falls as he tries to help Crystal. Gladiator says that they have made their statement, and the Imperial Guard leave. Gladiator and the Guard face off against the new batch of Nova Centurions whom they quickly defeat. Gladiator quickly leaves, though he clearly shows his dislike for his cousin and her presence. Gladiator walks a fine line in doing his duty for an emperor he personally dislikes while still protecting Lilandra from his wrath. He is taken out of the fight by Rocket Raccoon , aided by Marvel Girl , until he sees through their trick. He quickly defeats the rest of their team and recaptures Lilandra before she can escape. She pleads with him again but another Guard interrupts her and demands that Gladiator do as the Emperor ordered and kill Lilandra and the others. In the next issue, Lilandra is killed by Darkhawk - Razor. Gladiator goes crazy and begins to attack all of his enemies. Black Bolt has the final strike and seemingly kills Vulcan. Just as Lockjaw and Crystal escape, their ship blows up and both kings are seemingly killed. Also, the explosion from the ship has literally made a hole in the fabric of space and time. This rift is actually the event that Starhawk in Guardians of the Galaxy was trying to prevent. After millennia of dormancy, only Darkhawk and Talon are left, and their job now is to return the balance to the universe. Unfortunately for Chris, Talon has liedâ€”when Chris accesses the memories in his armor, he concludes that the Fraternity of Raptors are the bad guys A new identity for the armor, "Razor," emerges and takes control. Talon and Razor then recover the Cosmic Control Rod from Catastrophus, stopping briefly for Talon to implant a suggestion in the gestating Annihilus. Talon then appears to Vulcan , telling him that the Fraternity was created in order to keep the Imperium strong. Nova and some more experienced centurions rescue Robbie and take Strontian and Ravenous into custody. Neither group has any success.

**Chapter 4 : War of the Five Kings - A Wiki of Ice and Fire**

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Chapter 2 Prelude to Power: Yet he was, first and last, king of Aragon and count of Barcelona: It was these lands his men had first to restore after the catastrophe that brought him prematurely to power, these lands he had first to govern. And it was people of these lands who chiefly settled the conquered domains and whose problems continued to occupy the Conqueror. The conquests helped solve some of these problems, to be sure, while creating new ones; but to understand the institutional [24] evolution of his peoples one must think of James above all in his original peninsular lands. These were cohesive, expansive, yet lightly governed lands. The Christian peasants and knights, spilling down from their upland refuges, had clung to their kings and counts who first defended them against the Moors and then led them on victorious and rewarding campaigns to the west and south. Throughout the twelfth century almost everyone fought or supported men who fought; and almost everyone prospered from fighting on the frontiers or beyond, or from tribute paid by weakened Moorish leaders. Success in this struggle promoted economic and demographic growth in broadly similar patterns: But this expansion had rendered obsolete the old structures of power. The militant alliance of count or king with fighting barons of the old domains was weakened as military danger receded after By there were fewer great lords in Catalonia than there had been a century before, but many more of the lesser lords. The old counties and viscounties had been dramatically reduced in number as the domain of Barcelona expanded and an aggressive class of hereditary castellans, hungering for new outlets and rewards, was left to exploit the peasantry in increasingly onerous ways or to fight among themselves. Yet there too the peace of the late twelfth century had aroused discontent in the fighting classes. James I was not spared these difficulties -- far from it -- but he was not long oppressed by them, nor was he obliged to invent their solutions. For he was fortunate in his ancestors -- even, one may suggest, in his dissolute father -- in some ways that historians have been slow to appreciate. It is well known that his long reign was marked by significant evolution in institutions, administration, and law. What is less well known is that the social and institutional order and disorder of James the Conqueror were largely determined by more fundamental changes that had occurred in the two generations before his accession. It was in the time of Alfonso II I in Catalonia, that the newly expanded realms of Aragon and Catalonia came to be administered as political units. The process is especially clear in Catalonia; but even in Aragon we can see this monarch seeking, in his grants of charters, to reduce customary differences between the uplands and the Aragonese "Extremadura. In the same period, the coinages of Barcelona and Jaca superseded other local moneys to become the national currencies of Catalonia and Aragon. It was also then that these newly defined realms were endowed with territorial administrations. In Catalonia, at least, this was something more than a reform. The barons who complained of encroachments on their jurisdiction had no illusions about the change, but historians have underestimated its novelty because the agents who carried it out -- vicars, bailiffs, and merini -- bore the same titles as in the past. Moreover, [26] the statutes of peace which specified their powers were formally analogous to the old Peace and Truce -- from which, in Catalonia at least, they derived. But the reality was new. Toward efforts were launched to remodel the old secular vicariate in Catalonia. Chosen from among lesser knights without ties to the castellan lineages and now firmly subordinated to the count-king, these vicars became the first efficient agents of local administration in Catalonia. By the thirteenth century their functions were becoming territorial as their powers expanded from police to fiscal and military supervision. This development coincided with other symptomatic changes in Catalonia: Alfonso reacted vigorously against the pretensions of third- and fourth-generation castellans to exploit their strongholds independently. A series of suits and after show the king insisting on power of access to castles, and drawing on his archives to prove his claims. In support of this effort the curial scribes Ramon de Caldes and Guillem de Bassa undertook the classification of conventions and oaths that led to the compilation of the Liber feudorum maior, the earliest surviving register of the Crown of Aragon. Simultaneously the same two scribes sought to establish a direct management of fiscal domains, requiring

bailiffs to render account at regular intervals and keeping record of accounts in duplicate originals and registers preserved in a new fiscal archive. One need not exaggerate the effectiveness of these innovations to grasp their significance. Royal finance remained dynastic and itinerant, without treasury or budget. The courtiers who supervised vicars and bailiffs remained untitled and omniscient. They were trying to organize local administrations without central ones, or at any rate without two central ones; for it is characteristic of Alfonso II and Peter II that they regarded their court as a single entity serving and [27] representing both realms. But the political theory of the Usatges of Barcelona and of peace legislation in Catalonia and Aragon, together with territorial consolidation in both lands, required the delegation and specialization of powers that would progressively and inevitably be institutionalized. Thus while the old curial title of "seneschal" became hereditary and honorific in the Montcada family, and remained so in the thirteenth century, ministerial functions in diplomacy, justice, and finance passed to enterprising and affluent knights, businessmen, and Jews, but especially to secular clerks and scribes through whose labors professional literacy became indispensable to government. In this sense Ramon de Caldes and his associates were not so much reformers as founders of public administration in Catalonia. These institutional tendencies sat poorly with the military elite of Old Catalonia, the one social element of that land that had ceased to prosper in the later twelfth century. As time passed, the great conquests of Ramon Berenguer IV faded into memories. Alfonso II did not lack energy, but his campaigns in Navarre and Occitania were hardly productive of spoils. In Aragon dissatisfaction with the slackened pace of the Reconquest may perhaps be discerned in the apparition of a pseudo-Alfonso the Battler toward This affair may have helped to revive designs against Valencia and Majorca in ; and while these campaigns had no immediate military success, they resulted in the formula of partition treaty of Cazola that determined the thirteenth-century peninsular conquests. Alfonso II persisted in his dream of conquering Valencia, but he was less given to mobilizing his warriors than to perambulating his domains in leisurely tours. In fact, the events of the s had hastened a profound change in the structure of power in Catalonia. Influenced by his prelates, the king ceased to share the exploitative ethos of his baronage, substituting a political conception of territorial [28] order for the traditional dynamic of expansionist aggression. While the count of Urgel might be persuaded to institute a Peace and Truce for his lands in conformity with the statutes of Fondarella, it was more difficult to win compliance from the lesser barons and knights organized for the very kinds of violence prohibited by the statutes. Nor were these men educated for such compliance. The prelates urged all the magnates to ratify the statutes under oath, but there is no evidence that these campaigns met with much success. The political effect of the statutes was therefore to drive a wedge between those magnates who felt an overriding loyalty to the king and those who felt threatened by the Peace. This issue precipitated the first constitutional conflict in Catalonian history. The struggle has been overlooked by historians, for it seldom reached the battlefield and is poorly documented; yet it lasted for a quarter of a century and exerted a powerful influence on the rise of legislation and taxation in Catalonia. The early phases of the conflict are especially obscure. It seems that some barons claimed exemption from the statutes of Fondarella on the grounds that they had not consented or sworn to them. A more formidable opposition arose from the allegation that the statutes were in conflict with the Usatges. The statutes should not derogate from the Usatges in respect to procedures over the possession of castles, the magnates insisted among other things in at Gerona. The king accepted this point in order to secure confirmation of the program of Fondarella, together with additions relative to enforcement. This must have been a stormy session, which satisfied no one. It was followed by an even stormier assembly at Barcelona, where Alfonso was forced to give up his Peace and Truce entirely. This text was published at Barbastro in November , apparently without general consultation, and with an address extended, [29] for the first time, to the "good men and people of the cities and towns" of Catalonia. Meanwhile the struggle had spread to other fronts. For the barons to contend that their lordships were immune from the Peace was to encourage the king to expand his own claims of lordship and overlordship. Although these wars remain poorly understood, they cannot have been animated solely by political grudges. At Barcelona in , then more emphatically at Cervera in , the barons set about once again to amend the statutes so as to exempt from the Peace the men and animals of lords not personally commended to the king. Although by this time the royal vicars had gained full control of enforcement of the peace, their

sphere of operation had been reduced in practice to the comital-royal domains. In the barons spoke of the "Peace and Truce of the lord-king" as if the peace had become a seignorial institution. The conflict was further complicated -- and enlarged -- by fiscal issues. Like the barons, the kings suffered from the constriction of military opportunity. Alfonso II retained a costly entourage, and his son tended to extravagance. But royal fiscal resources were limited to ordinary revenues and occasional tallages from or upon men of their domains, and to tolls and the proceeds of coinage; they lacked the right of northern European lords to levy aids on fiefs. In Alfonso made the Peace of Fondarella the occasion for imposing a general tax on Catalonia. This imposition, first called *bovaticum* Catalan *bovatge* in an account of about , cannot have been successful. This promise, which in any case may have been jettisoned with the other statutes of Gerona, did not bind his successor Peter II, who imposed the *bovatge* anew at his accession. Meanwhile Alfonso II had attempted to manipulate the silver coinage of Barcelona for profit, and Peter imposed a "redemption of the money" to compensate for his confirmation of the coinage in . These taxes, coupled with other novel exactions, deepened the existing unrest and led to a new confrontation between the king and his magnates. The details of this encounter, too, are poorly recorded. All we know is that, by an act attributed to him in March at Gerona, Peter II solemnly renounced the new taxes, retaining only customary impositions on his own domains. He promised to reserve appointments of vicars for knights of Catalonia who were to be chosen "with the counsel of great and wise men of the land"; the vicars must swear to govern lawfully. Peter also promised to maintain the coinage of Barcelona stable for his lifetime, and to refrain from exacting ransoms of the coinage or of the peace. In fact, the articles on vicars and *bovatge* in were probably patterned on baronial petitions first accepted at Gerona in . But there is no evidence that the charter of Gerona was ever promulgated, let alone observed. Ever more urgently in need of money, Peter not only imposed a new money-tax on both of his lands in November but also debased the coinage of Barcelona without notice in . The instituted peace, however truncated, survived baronial dissidence to become the basis of a new political order in Catalonia. To some of these courts representative townsmen were summoned for the first time. But his most audacious innovation was to devise a form of taxation adequate to the enlarged needs of the new principality. Territorial in basis, levied by paid collectors, his taxes became his major source of new income. Peter capitalized on precedent by calling some of his impositions *bovatges* or *monedatges*; and it was a consequence of his reign that the *bovatge* came to be admitted as a customary accession-tax in Catalonia. The king overcame the unpopularity of these levies by invoking the "urgent necessity of the Saracen war" or the expenses of the crusade . In theory, if not yet entirely in disposition, these were the first public subsidies in Catalonian history. The political experience of Aragon in these years is more difficult to grasp. Tenurial custom, having been regulated with the barons in the earlier twelfth century, remained on the whole more favorable to the king. Peter II seems to have employed his early ceremonial courts to confirm the traditional aristocratic consensus founded on common military interests. There too, however, fiscal problems arose. James I recalled that his father had alienated most of some seven hundred "honors" in Aragon , evidently for short-term financial advantage. As early as the manipulation of the coinage of Jaca caused a reaction that produced the famous papal [32] admonition *Quanto personam tuam* in . And when Peter attempted to impose the *monedaje* in , there is said to have been concerted protest in Aragon.



above document, line l mentions God calling King Cyrus by name. The king is so impressed or motivated, according to lines j through p, he returns captured slaves and artifacts to their lands of origin. For this and other reasons, it is widely accepted the Cyrus Cylinder is referring to King Cyrus and the Jews. He may have released other tribes and people, but the king was likely soft-pedaling the forcing of his hand. As always with any document, ancient or otherwise, truth is relative to personal interpretation.

**Chapter 6 : The Worlds of Alfonso The Learned and James the Conqueror**

*Prelude to King Kong Lyrics: Here's one with your father's moustache, your old cookie jar / Rubbers, sneakers, galoshes, belt buckles and book covers / With the name of your high school neatly.*

Prelude Sentence Examples Obviously his remark was merely a prelude to a lecture. The foe which threatened Judah has become the chastiser of Ethiopia and Assyria ii. This song forms a prelude to the chapters that follow. The episode forms the prelude to family rivalries. This victory was to be the prelude to new dangers: As now, it was usually a prelude to lovemaking. It is true, nevertheless, that love as a prelude to marriage finds only a small place in Japanese ethics. Such a charge as prelude to the advance of a great infantry bayonet attack must have swept the exhausted Prussians down the hill like sheep, but the opportunity passed, and the gunners finding their position untenable, limbered up, not without severe losses, and retired to a second position in rear. The only two points on which he departed from the orthodox Lutheran faith of his day were the requirement of regeneration as the sine qua non of the true theologian, and the expectation of the conversion of the Jews and the fall of Papacy as the prelude of the triumph of the church. At the same time they are not treated as mere tales for children, for Livy never forgets the dignity that belongs to them as the prelude to the great epic of Rome, and as consecrated by the faith of generations. Thus the book of Genesis represents the result of efforts to systematize the earliest history, and to make it a worthy prelude to the Mosaic legislation which formed the charter of Summary. The treaties of Blois occasioned a vast amount of diplomacy, and projects of marriage between Claude of France and Charles of Austria, which came to nothing but served as a prelude to the later quarrels between Bourbons and Habsburgs. The retractation imposed upon Cardinal de Noailles, and his replacement in the archbishopric of Paris by Vintimille, an unequivocal Molinist, excited among the populace a very violent agitation against the court of Rome and the Jesuits, the prelude to a united Fronde of the Sorbonne and the parlement. In the demand for the reinstatement of the dismissed ministers were found the means of humiliation, and the prelude to the dethronement, of the king. The critical investigation of these records is the indispensable prelude to all serious biblical study, and hasty or sweeping deductions from monumental or archaeological evidence, or versions compiled promiscuously from materials of distinct origin, are alike hazardous. His reconquest of Babylon in may, in particular, have seemed the prelude to the Messianic age Wellhausen, Gesch. On the other hand is the mass of toiling Israelites, whose oppressed condition is a prelude to the later dissensions 1 Kings v. In January with the princess Marie Clotilde of Savoy, daughter of Victor Emmanuel, a prelude to the war for the liberation of Italy. The events of , though favourable to America, were but a prelude to the real struggle to come. Before, however, dealing with the relations between the British and the Boers subsequent to brief reference may be made to affairs in which other powers were concerned; affairs which were the prelude to the era of expansion associated with the career of Cecil Rhodes. With all these precautions the best seed time is often missed, and this usually proves the prelude to a scanty crop, or to a late and disastrous harvest. The Flemings, however, soon wearying of the oppressive administration of the French governor, Jacques de Chtillon, and the recrudescence of patrician domination, rose and overwhelmed the French chivalry at Courtrai a prelude to the coming disasters of the Hundred Years War. The failure of the war, which intensified popular hatred of the Austrian queen, involved the king; and the invasion of the Tuileries on the 10th of June was but the prelude to the conspiracy which resulted, on the 10th of August, in the capture of the palace and the "suspension" of royalty by the Legislative Assembly until the convocation of a national convention in September. But there is no historical continuity between the two situations, and the immediate prelude to the achievements of Saul and Jonathan is lost. This change was a prelude to the more or less complete subjection of the papacy to French influence which took place in the following century at the period of the " Babylonish Captivity," the violent reaction personified by Boniface VIII. This brilliant feat of arms was the prelude to peace negotiations, which led to a lengthy exchange of diplomatic notes. The two parts were separated by the Reichstag; the second, which was the necessary prelude to the other, was passed in Astrolatry was, in Egypt, the prelude to astronomy. This was the first time that the voice of Demosthenes himself had been heard on the public concerns of Athens, and the

utterance was a worthy prelude to the career of a statesman. Seems to show that it was the prelude to the Canaanite wars. These simple elementary ideas were eminently capable of development and investigation, and were not only true but the prelude to further truth; while those they superseded defied inquiry by their vagueness and obscurity. Once before he had used that logic, and it had been a prelude to a fiasco. Paid him at Althorp, his Northamptonshire seat, in , being the prelude to his recall into the royal counsels. The story of Vortigern and Rowena takes its final form in the *Historia Britonum*; and Merlin makes his first appearance in the prelude to the Arthur legend. The excerpt includes a description of the fall of the angels. At the end of he went to Padua, to take his degree in canon and civil law, a necessary prelude in Savoy at that time to distinction in a civil career. But this concession was illusory, and as the statute prevented Jews from engaging in finance - the only occupation which had been open to them - it was a prelude to their expulsion in The antinomies with which it concludes are more naturally taken as a prelude to the discussion of the Sophistes than as an unnecessary retreatment of the doctrine of the one and the many in a more negative form. The important T Lents of and at Grenoble were a prelude to a still more important apostolate in Paris, "the theatre of the world," as St Vincent de Paul calls it. This incident caused a considerable sensation, and was the prelude to a long crisis in Hungarian affairs, during which the emperor-king, while quick to repair the unfortunate impression produced by his momentary pique, held inflexibly to his resolve in the matter of the common army. The bloody tragedies which disfigured the end of his reign bear sad witness to this; they were a fit prelude to that period during the course of which, as Gregory of Tours said, barbarism was let loose.

**Chapter 7 : Prelude to Berlin**

*England's King Edward the Confessor was dead. With no heir to the throne, Edward's right-hand man, Earl Harold, Duke William of Normandy and Harald Hardrada, the Viking King of Norway, made plans to take the crown.*

Prelude to Revolution to - The Proclamation of , signed by King George III of England, prohibits any English settlement west of the Appalachian mountains and requires those already settled in those regions to return east in an attempt to ease tensions with Native Americans. This act increases the duties on imported sugar and other items such as textiles, coffee, wines and indigo dye. It doubles the duties on foreign goods reshipped from England to the colonies and also forbids the import of foreign rum and French wines. A court is established in Halifax, Nova Scotia, that will have jurisdiction over all of the American colonies in trade matters. This act threatens to destabilize the entire colonial economy of both the industrial North and agricultural South, thus uniting the colonists against it. Thus for the first time in the year old history of the British colonies in America, the Americans will pay tax not to their own local legislatures in America, but directly to England. Under the Stamp Act, all printed materials are taxed, including; newspapers, pamphlets, bills, legal documents, licenses, almanacs, dice and playing cards. The American colonists quickly unite in opposition, led by the most influential segments of colonial society - lawyers, publishers, land owners, ship builders and merchants - who are most affected by the Act, which is scheduled to go into effect on November 1. Its members use violence and intimidation to eventually force all of the British stamp agents to resign and also stop many American merchants from ordering British trade goods. The petition requests the repeal of the Stamp Act and the Acts of In New York City, violence breaks out as a mob burns the royal governor in effigy, harasses British troops, then loots houses. Also in December, the American boycott of English imports spreads, as over Boston merchants join the movement. The violence erupts as a result of the continuing refusal of New York colonists to comply with the Quartering Act. In December, the New York legislature is suspended by the English Crown after once again voting to refuse to comply with the Act. Items taxed include imports such as paper, tea, glass, lead and paints. The Act also establishes a colonial board of customs commissioners in Boston. In October, Bostonians decide to reinstate a boycott of English luxury items. The letter is sent to assemblies throughout the colonies and also instructs them on the methods the Massachusetts general court is using to oppose the Townshend Acts. Hillsborough also orders the governor of Massachusetts to dissolve the general court if the Massachusetts assembly does not revoke the letter. In June, a customs official is locked up in the cabin of the Liberty, a sloop owned by John Hancock. Imported wine is then unloaded illegally into Boston without payment of duties. After threats of violence from Bostonians, the customs officials escape to an island off Boston, then request the intervention of British troops. In September, at a town meeting in Boston, residents are urged to arm themselves. Later in September, English warships sail into Boston Harbor, then two regiments of English infantry land in Boston and set up permanent residence to keep order. The Virginia Resolves oppose taxation without representation, the British opposition to the circular letters, and British plans to possibly send American agitators to England for trial. Ten days later, the Royal governor of Virginia dissolves the House of Burgesses. However, its members meet the next day in a Williamsburg tavern and agree to a boycott of British trade goods, luxury items and slaves. Several men are seriously wounded. March 5, - The Boston Massacre occurs as a mob harasses British soldiers who then fire their muskets pointblank into the crowd, killing three instantly, mortally wounding two others and injuring six. After the incident, the new Royal Governor of Massachusetts, Thomas Hutchinson, at the insistence of Sam Adams, withdraws British troops out of Boston to nearby harbor islands. The captain of the British soldiers, Thomas Preston, is then arrested along with eight of his men and charged with murder. All duties on imports into the colonies are eliminated except for tea. Also, the Quartering Act is not renewed. Colonial lawyers John Adams and Josiah Quincy successfully defend Captain Preston and six of his men, who are acquitted. Two other soldiers are found guilty of manslaughter, branded, then released. Colonists from Providence row out to the schooner and attack it, set the British crew ashore, then burn the ship. In September, a pound reward is offered by the English Crown for the capture of those colonists, who would then be sent to England for trial.

The announcement that they would be sent to England further upsets many American colonists. During the meeting, a 21 member committee of correspondence is appointed to communicate with other towns and colonies. A few weeks later, the town meeting endorses three radical proclamations asserting the rights of the colonies to self-rule. It maintains a threepenny per pound import tax on tea arriving in the colonies, which had already been in effect for six years. It also gives the near bankrupt British East India Company a virtual tea monopoly by allowing it to sell directly to colonial agents, bypassing any middlemen, thus underselling American merchants. The East India Company had successfully lobbied Parliament for such a measure. In September, Parliament authorizes the company to ship half a million pounds of tea to a group of chosen tea agents. A committee then forces British tea agents to resign their positions. In November, a town meeting is held in Boston endorsing the actions taken by Philadelphia colonists. Bostonians then try, but fail, to get their British tea agents to resign. A few weeks later, three ships bearing tea sail into Boston harbor. Colonists decide to send the tea on the ship, Dartmouth, back to England without paying any import duties. The Royal Governor of Massachusetts, Hutchinson, is opposed to this and orders harbor officials not to let the ship sail out of the harbor unless the tea taxes have been paid. December 16, - About Bostonians gather to hear Sam Adams tell them Royal Governor Hutchinson has repeated his command not to allow the ships out of the harbor until the tea taxes are paid. That night, the Boston Tea Party occurs as colonial activists disguise themselves as Mohawk Indians then board the ships and dump all containers of tea into the harbor. The Boston Port Bill effectively shuts down all commercial shipping in Boston harbor until Massachusetts pays the taxes owed on the tea dumped in the harbor and also reimburses the East India Company for the loss of the tea. May 13, General Thomas Gage, commander of all British military forces in the colonies, arrives in Boston and replaces Hutchinson as Royal governor, putting Massachusetts under military rule. He is followed by the arrival of four regiments of British troops. Instead, the English Crown and the Royal governor assume political power formerly exercised by colonists. Also enacted; the Administration of Justice Act which protects royal officials in Massachusetts from being sued in colonial courts, and the Quebec Act establishing a centralized government in Canada controlled by the Crown and English Parliament. The Quebec Act greatly upsets American colonists by extending the southern boundary of Canada into territories claimed by Massachusetts, Connecticut and Virginia. On September 17, the Congress declares its opposition to the Coercive Acts, saying they are "not to be obeyed," and also promotes the formation of local militia units. On October 14, a Declaration and Resolves is adopted that opposes the Coercive Acts, the Quebec Act, and other measure taken by the British that undermine self-rule. The rights of the colonists are asserted, including the rights to "life, liberty and property. February 9, the English Parliament declares Massachusetts to be in a state of rebellion. March 23, in Virginia, Patrick Henry delivers a speech against British rule, stating, "Give me liberty or give me death!

### Chapter 8 : King Push â€“ Darkest Before Dawn: The Prelude by Pusha T on Spotify

*Prelude to War: Aedirn is a quest in Chapter 2 of The Witcher 2: Assassins of Kings. It's a unique quest in Iorveth's path. It's a unique quest in Iorveth's path. In Roche's path, this quest is replaced by Prelude to War: Kaedwen.*

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*Rising in revolt against Brian Boru - High King of the Irish. At this stage Brian had established himself as High King of Ireland, taking the High Kingship from the UÃ- Neills but rising in revolt against Brian was MÃ¡el MÃ³rda mac Murchada, the king of Leinster.*