

## #706 The Defeat of the Spanish Armada – Sir Francis Drake, part 2

**Sir Francis Drake.** Francis Drake's raids on Spanish possessions angered King Philip II of Spain. He demanded that Drake be punished. Queen Elizabeth I of England responded by going aboard the *Golden Hinde* in 1581 and knighting Drake.

Queen Elizabeth I knights Francis Drake on his ship "Golden Hinde" after his round the world voyage



From 1580 to 1585, Drake lived at Buckland Abbey, his country home near Plymouth. He bought the home with his share of the wealth from the voyage. In 1581-1582, Drake served as the mayor of Plymouth.

In May 1585, Philip II ordered an embargo of English goods in Spain and on English ships in Spanish ports. His actions angered Elizabeth. In September, she put Drake in command of a fleet of 25 ships and 2,000 men. He left that fall with orders to capture Spanish treasure ships in the West Indies. After landing on the island of Hispaniola, Drake's men burned Santo Domingo. They later occupied the town of Cartagena for six weeks and held it for ransom. On the return voyage, Drake looted and burned St. Augustine, Florida. He then sailed north to the Virginia Colony and took some colonists back to England.



Sir Francis Drake's raid on St. Augustine, 1586



Philip II's next move was the building of the Spanish Armada. Elizabeth responded by sending Drake to raid Cadiz in 1587 (see Unsealing [#703](#)). The Armada would sail into the English Channel in 1588. Awaiting them was Sir Francis Drake.

Statue of Sir Francis Drake in Plymouth



*The Spanish Armada*

Here is #706–Doc 1, a map of the route of the Spanish Armada in 1588.

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**Key Understanding** (which is the same as is in Unsealings [#703](#), [#705](#)): *The dragon gave Protestant England power. Sir Francis Drake was entirely involved in the story of the Spanish Armada, both in 1587 and 1588, as a part of the fulfillment of Revelation 13:2. Through the Dragon’s (Drake’s) sea power, the Dragon gave Protestant England power, seat, and authority, which would result in the birth of the Beast out of the sea, Protestant America.*

*Revelation 13:2 (KJV) And THE BEAST [out of the Sea] WHICH I SAW WAS LIKE UNTO A LEOPARD, and HIS FEET WERE AS THE FEET OF A BEAR, and HIS MOUTH AS THE MOUTH OF A LION: and THE DRAGON [reflected through Sir Francis Drake’s – *The Dragon’s* – victory at Cadiz in 1587 and the victory over the Spanish Armada in 1588] GAVE HIM [the Protestant Beast out of the Sea] HIS POWER, AND HIS SEAT, AND GREAT AUTHORITY.*



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