

# "THE ODDS ARE: 1066 A.D. .... William The Conqueror"

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By our continuing to place Jehovah-God in control of the events of the world, i.e. man, his governments, the elements, etc., we can certainly recognize, not only these facts, but also his dealings with his chosen ISRAEL RACE of people to execute His will in these plans. i.e. William "The Conqueror", a Norman from France (Gaul) winning the battle of Hastings, and his subsequent coronation as KING OF ENGLAND, are no exception!

<sup>1</sup> "In early summer of 1066, William gathered his vassals and allies from Flanders, from Ponthieu, from Brittany, from Sicily, and from all the other regions wither Norman Blood or Norman spirit had penetrated, and prepared to sail for England.

To meet this Army King Harold gathered a large body of land and naval forces, ... therefore they were basically untrained and undisciplined."

"William was delayed by the difficulty of securing transportation and supplies for his army, AND BY CONTRARY WINDS: so that for four months the English troops and fleet waited for the invasion which failed to come. About the middle of September, a large number of Harold's troops returned home" ... and "his weakened fleet retired from the southern coast to London."

"Eight days before William's landing in England, "several English Earls of Mercia and North Umbria ... were defeated by the Norwegian King" thus "Harold was obligated to hurry Northward at the VERY MOMENT WHEN WILLIAM'S LANDING WAS DAILY EXPECTED UPON THE SOUTHERN COAST."

On October 14, 1066, Harold was able to oppose William on a field seven miles from the town of Hastings.

"Although William's forces had the advantage in intelligence, mobility, and discipline, Harold's were stronger in numbers, and in position, and stoutly resisted the repeated charges of the Norman cavalry up the difficult slope." After nine hours of failure, William's cavalry, suffering an apparently disastrous repulse, pretended flight; the undisciplined troops on Harold's right wing broke off their line of defense and rushed in pursuit of the fleeing Normans in a disorderly mob; and it was as easy matter for the

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<sup>1</sup> All quotations are taken from: "Essentials in English History" by: Albert Perry Walker, A.M., published by American Book Company, 1905

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Normans to turn, ride down their disordered pursuers, and make a flank attack on Harold's position through the gap thus left open."

Then William called for his Archers, and "directed their shafts over the heads of his hus-curls so that they fell into the center of the struggling mass about the king. A chance arrow pierced Harold's eye and struck him down."

"Two of his (Harold's) brothers had already fallen and all leadership was now lost; the English broke in rout, and William remained master of the field."

"On Christmas day, 1066, William was crowned by the Archbishop of York in Westminster Abbey, ... thus he was able to claim, not only that he was the rightful heir of Edward the Confessor, but also that he was the choice of the representatives of the state, of the church, and of the last heir of Egbert's line." He pledged to "defend the church, rule justly, make good laws, and abolish evil customs."

Throughout his entire rein, William had support of the people. Thus he was able to convert England from a state of numerous feudal entities, into one nation of people.<sup>2</sup> (They were all Anglos)

"William at his death in 1087, left England a strong state, well pacified, and well administered." Again, we can see our Lord working out His plan both in MAN, and in the ELEMENTS, to bring about His desired conclusion for this part of His overall plan.

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<sup>2</sup> The result being the English (Anglo) man who became the only colonizing, civilizing, and Christianizing race in the entire world.