

AFTER THE BLACK DEATH

The Late Middle Ages, 1350–1500

The End of Manorialism

- Little Ice Age
 - Crops collapsed or failed
 - Black Death
 - Shortage of free and serf labor
 - Higher wages
- ⇒ Uncertain Income
- DEMESNE/SERF land ⇒ TENANCIES

THE RURAL SOCIETY

- Lords needed less labor
- sold FREEDOM to SERFS
- ⇒ End of SERFDOM after 1350
- In WESTERN EUROPE:
 - FREE TENANCIES
 - CASH ECONOMY



The END of VASSALAGE

- “BASTARD FEUDALISM”
- Military service ⇒ cash tax (SCUTAGE)
 - ⇒ STANDING ARMIES of paid soldiers
 - Military revolution
 - Cavalry ⇒ Infantry, including ARCHERS
 - Cheaper
 - Easier to recruit and equip
 - “Mini-armies” financed by/ loyal to LORDS

LORDS & KINGS

- Military
 - Burgundian Wars
 - Italian Wars
 - Wars of the Roses (England)
- Political
 - Lords demanded increasing say in POLITICAL development of NATION-STATES





MAGNA CARTA

- First Baronial War, 1215
 - John vs magnates
- Most SIGNIFICANT Charter issued in the MIDDLE AGES
- Basis for:
 - US Federal & State Constitutional LAW
 - UK Law and government

Provisions of the Magna Carta

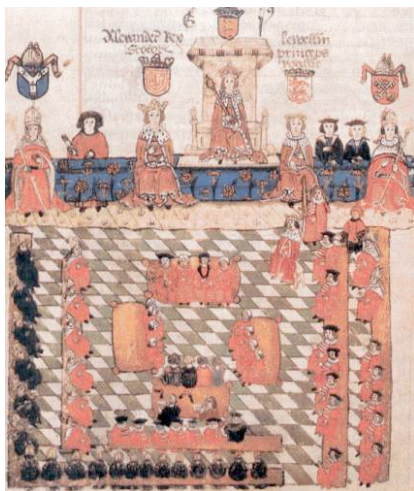
- Judicial system & legal rights
 - *Habeas corpus*
 - Due process
 - Proportionate punishments
 - Use of reasonable force
- Freedom of the church from state
- Trade and anti-corruption measures
- Formed binding GREAT COUNCIL
- Made kings subject to law

Further Struggles

- Henry III
 - Provisions of Oxford & Westminster
 - Statute of Marlborough
- Edward I:
 - Great Council ⇒ PARLIAMENT
- Edward III
 - Confirmed by Parliament
 - 1341 Upper & Lower Houses
 - Lords & Commons



The Mother of Parliaments



By the end of the LATE MIDDLE AGES, England had a Parliament that included NON-NOBLES and that had control over TAXES and government EXPENDITURE

The CHURCH

- Death toll on Clergy
 - Laity conduct own sacraments
 - Priests demanded more money
 - ⇒ Lay RESENTMENT
- Empty parishes
 - No priest to conduct sacraments
 - No priest around to watch for heretics

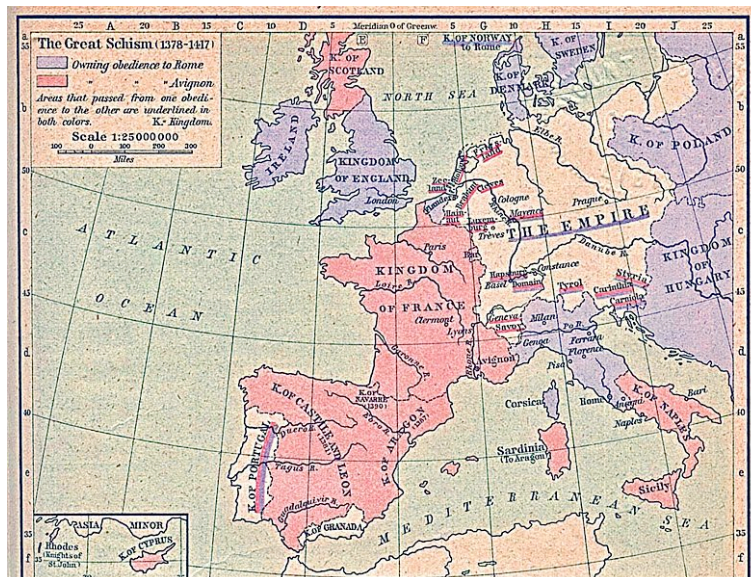
The AVIGNON PAPACY



- Known as “Babylonian Exile”
- Papacy moves from Rome to AVIGNON
- French royal control of French popes
- Reputation for CORRUPTION

The WESTERN SCHISM

- 1376 Gregory XI returned to Rome
- 1378 Pope and ANTIPOPE
- 1409: Council of PISA → 3rd POPE
- 1414–18: Council of Constance
 - Elected new pope
 - Aragon supported antipope until 1429





HERESY and DISSENT

- “Folk” Piety
- CONCILIAR Movement
 - William Ockham (1288–1347)
- LOLLARDY
 - John Wycliffe (1320s–1384)
- HUSSITES
 - Jan Hus (1369–1415)
executed for heresy





Largest Cities in Western Europe, ca. 1500. There were as many large cities in the Italian peninsula as in all of the rest of western Europe.