Early Protestant Missions to Jews, Muslims and Pagans: A Dangerous Model









Emperor
Julian 'the
Apostate',
reigned 361-3



Vicisti,
Galilaee'

('you have triumphed,
Galilean')











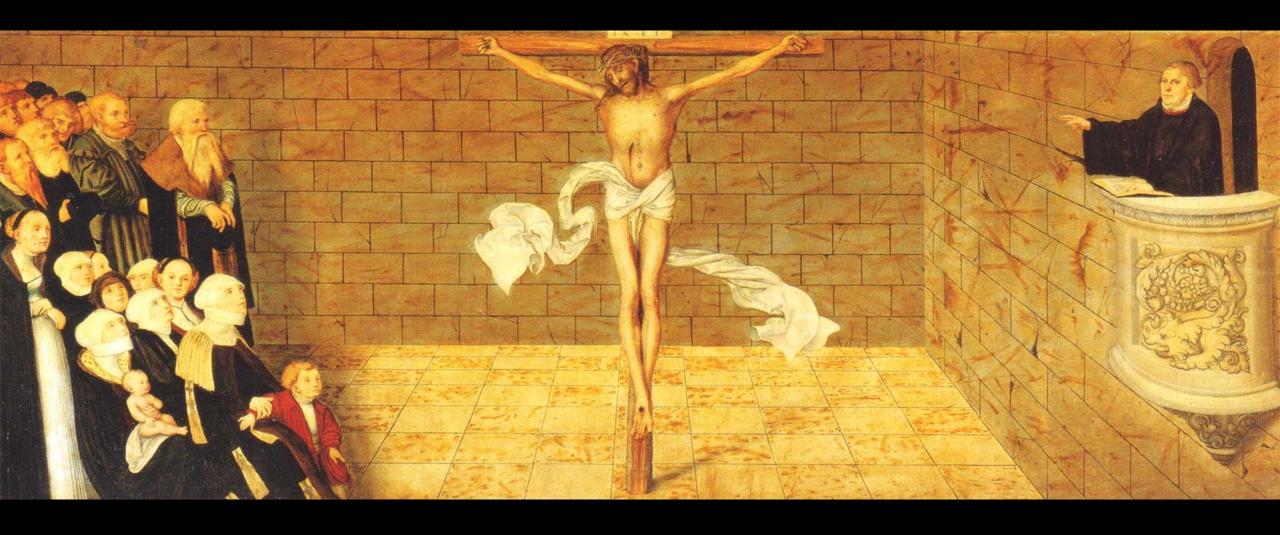






Why make converts?

- The honour of God
- Political pragmatism
- But above all, to save souls















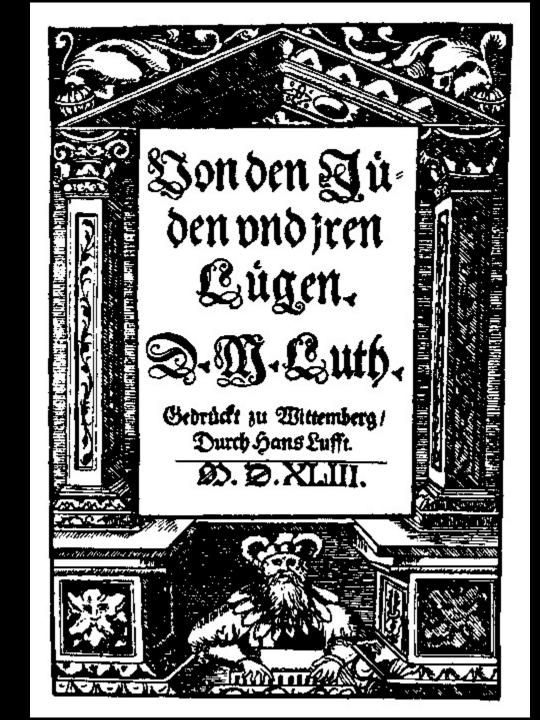
Martin Luther,
That Jesus Christ
was Born a Jew
(1523)



All the gentiles in all the lands . . . affected by the influence of this noble man exalt the Jews. Whereas before there were lands wherein any wayfaring Jew would be put to death . . . now they invite him to their worship, joyously and with a pleasant countenance.

Letter from Abraham, a German rabbi of the 1520s

Martin Luther,
On the Jews and
their Lies (1543)





Hitlers Kampf und Luthers Lehr Des deutschen Volkes gute Wehr



What the encounter with Judaism taught Protestants

- Some people are impossible to convert
 (... so you don't need to try)
- Conversion can only happen in accordance with God's planfor history

Q. When is likely to be the time of the lewes conuerlion, before y facking & burning of Rome or afterward?

A. In all probability it is like to follow the burning and destruction of Rome, for their the stumbling blocks.

Obs. The conversion of the nation of the lewes, shall be the worlds restauration, and shall wonderfully confirme the faith of the Gentiles, Rom. 11.12. Ioh. 10.16.

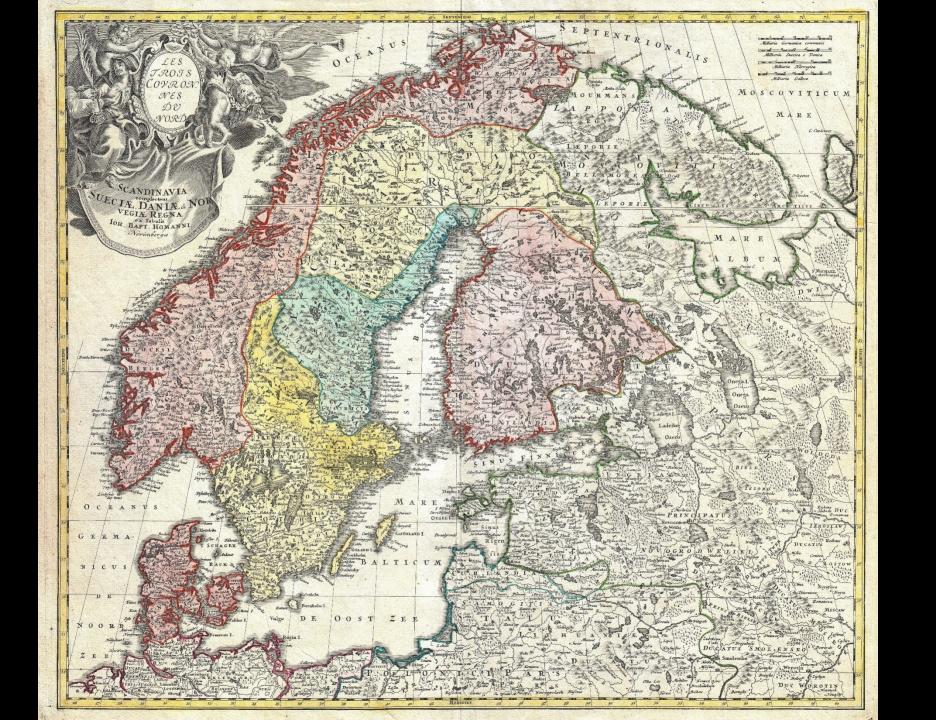
Thomas Draxe, The vvorldes resurrection, or The generall calling of the Iewes (London, 1608)





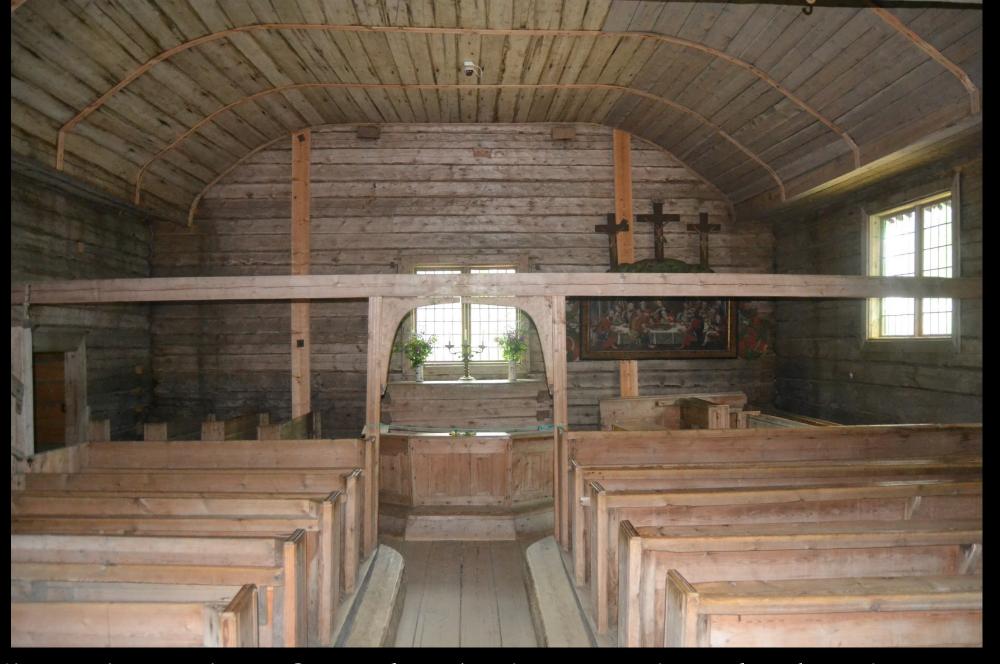








The church of Sodankylä (Finland), built 1689



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Peder Krog, bishop of Trondheim 1689-1731









Wales: civility and Protestantism

- 'Acts of Union' with England, 1536, 1543
- William Barlow, bishop of St. Davids (1536-48)
- 'The welsh rudeness wolde sone be framed to english cyvilitie ... the welsh rudenes decreasynge, Christian cyvilitye maye be introduced'.

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righruidhe Albanuidhe ata M. Seon.
Carluel Ministir Thoisgeil dé a guidhe
agas agératach dé go díochra duthrachtach sa spioraid an ghlicais agas na
tuigse agas na firinde done irtughadh,
agas domhedughadh and maillere
sonas suthain dsaghail dó. O

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William Bedell (1571-1642), bishop of Kilmore





Boyle's Irish New Testament, 1681

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21n na cun a 5016 në Robent Chheningtam, an bliadam didin an Tizenna, 1681.

Our own apparent but very false brethren ... are not ashamed to profess a dislike of our endeavours to convert the natives of this country, upon maxims like those of the American planters, in hindering the conversion of their slaves to Christian religion.



Our zealous Reformers went into Ireland to propagate their Gospel, where they took more pains to make the Land turn Protestant than the People;

their great zeal for Converting those Popish Acres made them stick at nothing that might forward so Holy a Design;

[Hugh Reilly], Ireland's case briefly stated (Dublin?, 1720)



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