

I. WESTERN AND SOUTHERN EUROPE

1573. *July 6*: Pacification of Boulogne ends fourth Huguenot War. *Sept.*: Alba recalled from Netherlands; succeeded by Requesens (*d. Mar. 5, 1576*).
1574. Fifth war of religion in France. *May 30*: Charles IX *d.*; succeeded by Henry III (-1589).
1575. *Nov. 14*: Elizabeth declines sovereignty of Netherlands.
1576. *May 6*: Edict of Beaulieu, allows reformed religion in France, except in Paris. *Nov. 4*: Spaniards sack Antwerp. *Nov. 8*: Pacification of Ghent unites all Dutch provinces against Spain.
1577. *Feb. 12*: Don Juan issues Perpetual Edict to settle Dutch war; refused by William of Orange. *Mar.-Sept.*: Sixth war of religion in France. *Sept. 17*: Peace of Bergerac confirms peace of Beaulieu.
1578. *Mar. 12*: James VI takes over government. *Aug. 13*: Duke of Anjou declared Defender of Dutch Liberties. *Oct. 1*: Don John of Austria *d.*; succeeded by Alexander Farnese, Duke of Parma, as governor of Netherlands.
1579. *Jan. 23*: Union of Utrecht, of the seven Northern provinces. *May 17*: Peace of Arras; Southern Netherlands recognize Philip II. Desmond revolts in Ireland (-1583).
1580. Seventh war of religion in France, ended by peace of Fleix (*Nov. 26*). Philip II conquers Portugal.
1581. *July 26*: Northern Netherlands renounce allegiance to Spain. Marriage negotiations between Francis, Duke of Anjou, and Queen Elizabeth.

II. CENTRAL, NORTHERN, AND EASTERN EUROPE

1573. *Mar. 7*: Peace of Constantinople between Turkey and Venice. *May 9*: Henry of Anjou elected King of Poland.
1574. *June 18*: Henry leaves Poland for France, where he becomes King Henry III.
1575. *Dec. 14*: Stephen Bathory elected King of Poland (-1586).
1576. *Oct. 12*: Emperor Maximilian II *d.*; succeeded by his brother, Rudolf II (-1612).
- 1579-1597. William V, Duke of Bavaria; strong supporter of Jesuits.

III. COUNTRIES OVERSEA

1573. *Feb. 11*: Drake sees Pacific from Isthmus of Panama. Akbar annexes Gujarat.
1574. Portuguese colonize Angola and found San Paulo.
- 1574-1595. Sultan Murad III.
1575. Sir Humphrey Gilbert: *Discourse*, advocates English colonization. Akbar conquers Bengal.
1576. *July*: Frobisher annexes Frobisher Bay.
1577. Frobisher's second voyage. General patent of colonization granted to Sir H. Gilbert.
1577. *Nov. 15-1580. Nov. 30*: Francis Drake circumnavigates the world.
1578. Sebastian of Portugal invades Morocco; is defeated and slain at Alcazar. Russians cross Urals. Frobisher's third voyage.
1579. Gilbert's expedition to the West Indies fails. *June 17*: Drake proclaims English sovereignty over New Albion (California). Portuguese trading station in Bengal.
1581. Russians begin conquest of Siberia. Akbar subdues Afghanistan (formally annexed 1585).