

# Behold the Mighty Hand of God: Joan of Arc, Instrument in Thwarting Global Fascism

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**Abstract.** The faithful acknowledge the hand of God in all things. It is evident that the evolution of humanity is guided, not random; “*the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*” (Gen. 1:2). There is a particular instance, subtle until after the fact, having great import on the modern world. The holy sword of St. Catherine given the Blessed Virgin Joan of Arc, wielded by the hand of the Lord, is thrust 500 years into the future slaying the dragon of fascist Germany. In summary: 15<sup>th</sup> century France is being conquered by Briton. A 14-year-old peasant girl has a vision of a sword hidden behind an altar in St Catherine’s Church, leads an army given to her by the French Dauphine Charles VII resulting in restoring France as a nation. 300 years later, French King Louis XVI’s support is the major cause of victory in the American Revolutionary war for independence from Briton. Without France, instead of an immense America *from sea to shining sea*, there would have been 4 to 6 small North American nations. In another 200 years, WWII Allies barely defeat fascist Germany. Without the industrial strength of a United States of America, the likely loss of WWII challenges the Judeo-Christian-Islamic God’s eternal plan for the millennial return of the Messiah ruling in unity from Jerusalem (Israel) and the New Jerusalem (Zion) on the American continent.

## 1. Introduction

Scripture is full of God’s intervention, a wonderous example is (Josh. 6:1-5); “*the LORD said unto Joshua ... I have given into thine hand Jericho ... compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days ... seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall ... make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound ... the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat*”.



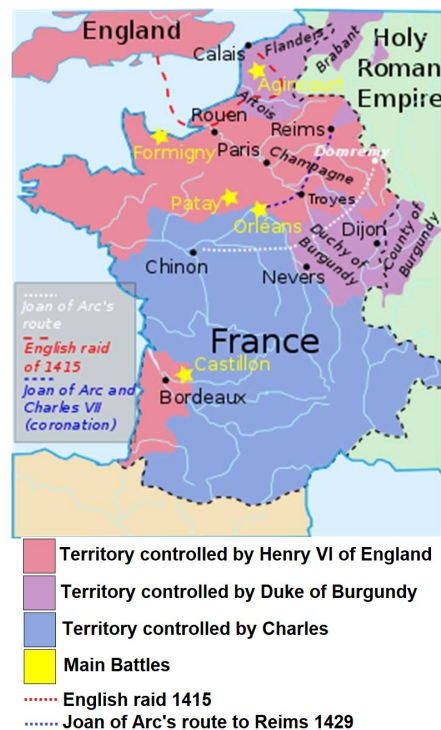
Figure 1. Joan of Arc illustration from 1505 manuscript. Figure adapted from [1].

For the first time at 13 Joan of Arc heard voices and had visions accompanied by a blinding white light. Her visions of the archangel Michael, Saint Margaret, and Saint Catherine of Alexandria instructed her to help Charles VII recover France from English domination. One of her visions told her of a holy sword which was found buried behind the alter of the church of Saint Catherine de Fierbois.

The Dauphin's prospects looked hopeless. Orléans had been under siege since 1428. French lords and soldiers loyal to Charles were desperate. Then from the tiny village of Domrémy, teenage girl Joan of Arc demanded garrison commander Robert de Baudricourt, bring her to the Dauphin at Chinon, stating that visions of angels and saints had given her a divine mission. She was granted an escort of five veteran soldiers and a letter of referral to Charles by Lord Baudricourt, Joan rode to Charles at Chinon arriving on 23 February 1429 [1].

## 2. The Maid of Orleans Leads an Army

Upon her arrival Charles wanted to test her claim by being able to recognize him without ever having seen him. He disguised himself as one of his courtiers and stood among them when Joan entered the chamber where the court was assembled. Joan identified Charles immediately. She bowed low to him embracing his knees, declaring "*God give you a happy life, sweet King!*" He was crowned in Reims four months later. Charles later stated Joan knew secrets about him that he had voiced only in silent prayer to God, giving Charles confidence.



**Figure 2.** State of France in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century. Figure adapted from [1].

In March 1429, Joan of Arc went to lead the French forces at Orléans; aided by skilled commanders they compelled the English to lift the siege on 8 May 1429, turning the tide of the war. The French won several battles and pushed further into English and Burgundian-

controlled territory. Charles was crowned King Charles VII of France in Reims Cathedral on 17 July 1429. Captured by the British Joan was tried for heresy and burned at the stake on 30 May 1431.

### 3. Through the Mist of Time

350 years later, 70-year-old Benjamin Franklin took the Continental sloop-of-war *Reprisal* from Philadelphia October 26, 1776 on a month-long voyage to France, seeking assistance for General George Washington's Continental Army which was losing the American Revolutionary War [2].

France's support tipped the balance of military power paving the way for the Continental Army's ultimate victory, which was sealed at Yorktown, VA, five years after Franklin's mission. It is estimated that 9 out of 10 American soldiers carried French arms, and virtually all had French gunpowder.

Marquis de Lafayette, fought for the Continental Army, ultimately becoming a major general in Washington's command. James Armistead Lafayette, an African American slave served as a double agent spy under French General Marquis de Lafayette. Acting as a runaway slave defecting to the British he pretended to be a spy for them. Later Armistead joined the camp of British General Lord Charles Cornwallis continuing his work frequently moving between British camps where officers spoke openly about strategies in front of him. Intelligence reports from his espionage were instrumental in helping revolutionary forces defeat the British during the decisive Battle of Yorktown, prompting the British to end the war. When British Gen. Charles Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown on Oct. 19, 1781, his vanquished troops marched through a corridor formed by the victorious forces. On one side were the Americans; on the other side stood the French – a scene that mirrored how critical France's support had been [3].



**Figure 3.** Engraving of James Armistead Lafayette from painting by John B. Martin, ca. 1824, Virginia Historical Society [3].

Going forward another 250 years we enter the time of World War II [4] without a United States of America from 'sea to shining sea'. Britain has maintained control of its New England Colonies, Mexico has annexed much of California and perhaps other Southwestern states. Around the Gulf of Mexico there is a French country incorporating areas near Louisiana. The large German colonial population may have also formed a nation. Possibly there are one or two

other nations. The point being, Japan was poised to easily conquer all of Asia, and without the vast supplies the USA gave to Russia, the German war machine would have defeated Stalin. Much of Western Europe was already under the control of fascist Germany. The modern world would be fascist and communist; the lack of religious freedoms would have challenged God's eternal plan for a millennial New Jerusalem (Zion) on the American continent [5-7]. By the end of the Millennium, Jerusalem (Israel) and Zion (USA) will be reunited at the same location on a Global Supercontinent [8]. Moses wrote of a supercontinent in the Book of Genesis regarding division of Earth at the time of Peleg, "*for in his days was the earth divided*" (Gen. 10:25).

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