

## Friday the 13th



For 900 years, Friday the 13th has inspired fear and superstition among the simpleminded, trepidation that this is a day of bad luck and black clouds, and all this nonsense was inspired by that fateful Friday of October 13, 1307 when King Philip of France had his minions simultaneously and suddenly arrest all the Templars in France.

What many do not know, however, about that dreadful day, is that the timing was no coincidence. Philip did not choose a random moment in time to attack the Temple. He did not select an inconsequential hour in which to bring about their end. Until that particular incident, every Friday the 13th was a sacred day in Templar life, the day known as Casurum (the Fall). King Philip, it seems, was not without a sense of irony.

To Templars, Casurum was a memorial of the Messiah, Who to them was embodied by the number 13, and Who, they believed had been crucified on Friday the 13th. Templar Lore held that the fall of man in the garden of Eden happened also on a Friday the 13th... Highly unlikely as a reality, but symbolically, not so far off.

The 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet is MEM, which represents Water and is also the first letter of the word MAIM which means water. Water is also representative of the Torah, the word of the MOST HIGH, and thus also the Messiah Himself, Who is the living Torah, the Word of the FATHER made flesh. And as water both sustains life and destroys, so also 13 denotes both Christ and our carnal nature from which He saved us. The number 13 denotes rebellion, as the first time it is mentioned in Scripture, it is referencing rebellion. It eludes to destruction because 13 famines are mention in the Bible. And it refers to self indulgence because Solomon built the Temple of YHWH in 7 years but spent 13 years constructing his own palace.

13 is also symbolic of the Metatron, Whom Templars believed to be the Messiah preincarnate. 13 is the number of perpetual striving and the principle of activity. It is the "hidden number" because it is 3 working in 10, the Elohim at work in the whole of HIS Creation, unseen, unheard, and by most peoples, unknown. 13 is the number that is not what it seems; we say there are 12 apostles, but when we count them, including Paul, we find there are 13. We say there are 12 sons of Jacob, and 12 tribes of Israel, but when we count them we find there are 13. 12 had an inheritance in the land, but there were 13 overall. There are also 12 gates in the Kingdom of Heaven, but it is said there is also a 13th for all those who do not know to what tribe of Israel they belong; And did not our Saviour say that He Himself is the Door?... He is our Way into the Kingdom, the One Who was "hidden for ages and generations, but is now revealed to the Saints."

For these reasons, every Friday the 13th was memorialized by Templars, and it was for these

reason also that the evil king chose this day to bring about their Fall. Yet much like the Messiah Himself, Who was crucified by pagans at the behest of the devil, only to rise again to new and unending life, so also, The Poor Fellow Soldiers Of Christ And Of The Temple Of Solomon were crushed upon Casurum, Friday the 13th, but not to our ultimate destruction; we fell for a time, only to rise a new in a New Age. While the world fears this day as unlucky, and avoid's all things 13, let us who are Templars, in word and indeed, embrace Casurum and celebrate as did our ancient brothers all that is Tredecim.

