

THE SPANISH INQUISITION

RECONQUISTA 718-1492 CE



JEWISH DIASPORA

If the Jews did not leave they were forced to convert to Christianity and many became economically and politically successful. These converted Jews became a major target for the Inquisition.

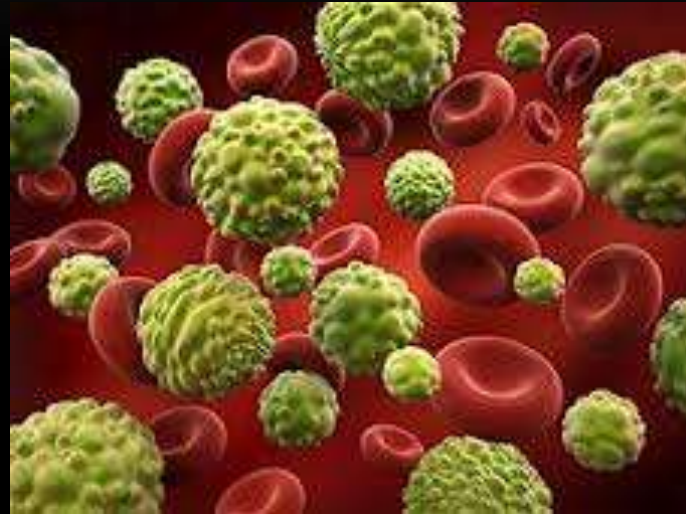


In 1492, Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand gave Jews an ultimatum; leave Spain or convert

INQUISITION 1492CE



HERESY: TO QUESTION THE WORD OF GOD



Heresy was like cancer and invaded the body. It was also contagious.



The Inquisition saw itself as a surgeon acting on behalf of the Catholic Church to rid this disease

Symptoms of Heresy:

- Doubting the resurrection of Christ
- Sexual Indiscretions like adultery or homosexuality
- Heretical statement “ Mary wasn’t a Virgin”
- Simple fornication or even saying simple fornication was alright

THOMAS TORQUEMADA: FIRST GRAND INQUISITOR



Spanish Inquisition Document

Came up with the rules and laws of the Inquisition

Two strikes and you were out. Any repeat offender would be killed.



Act of Faith when the heretic confessed



TRIBUNALS AND FAMILIARES (SPIES)



Duty of all true Christians to root out heretics. Many accused own family members of heresy for a better standing in the Church.



Familiars spied on neighbors reporting any heretical behavior to the tribunes.

TORTURE DURING INQUISITION (5%) : BLACK LEGEND



FORMAL END TO THE INQUISITION: 1808 CE NAPOLEON BONAPARTE AND END TO IDEA OF HERESY



Queen Isabella II
of Spain formally
abolishes the
Inquisition in
1834 CE

LEGACY OF THE INQUISITION

Religion, Race and Politics continue to fuel conflict across the globe.



Taliban and ISIS using religion to assert political power in the Middle East



Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland



Ethnic cleansing in the Balkans