

## Discovering America

In later books we will look at various sources of evidence showing that white people, including the ancient Hebrews (the people of the Old Testament) and the Vikings came to America thousands of years ago. They came to both North and South America and constructed the great civilizations that many now give non-whites credit for.

However, for now we are going to take a look at the more recent settlers to America - those who came and stayed.

Before we talk about the settlers that came and never left, we must not forget about Columbus and those who helped bring his dream to reality.

In the 1400's a young woman named Isabella became the queen of Spain. Although there had been several attempts to arrange her marriage to other princes, she chose to marry Ferdinand of Aragon. She saw in him good character and fine traits for both a husband and King to have. They were married in 1469.

Isabella displayed her prudence and gentleness — qualities which she possessed in a degree seldom equaled — in the agreement she made with Ferdinand as to the government of their dominions: they were to hold equal authority, a principle expressed in the motto, "Tanto monta, monta tanto — Isabel como Fernando (As much as the one is worth so much is the other — Isabella as Fernando)".

This was very important. Christopher Columbus, which means the Christ bearer, had tried to convince Portugal and other prominent people that he had a good plan to find a quick way to get to the West Indies. This would help some lucky country find new wealth and riches. No one would listen to his ideas though. They thought he was crazy to go out across the wide open ocean where no one had gone before - at least no one that they knew of.

Queen Isabella was introduced to Columbus by a friar (like a priest). Her friend had heard of the ideas of Columbus and knew that Isabella would not just laugh at the idea, but would look seriously into the latter. If she approved, she had the power to make Columbus's dream come true. The Queen heard his idea and thought he was a genius and brave man. King Ferdinand agreed.

Queen Isabella liked Columbus's idea to find a short way to the West Indies and to discover new lands. Because she was a dedicated Christian, the most important point to her, was that they could find new lands and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. She was such a strong supporter of Christianity that she was responsible for expelling the Jews from Spain. In 1492 she was given the title of "Servant of God" by the Catholic Church, but it made many Jews very angry.

The Jews had become very powerful in Spain owning most of the banks and lending houses. Due to this fact, it meant they could give or take money when ever they chose. They could cause cities to become bankrupt and bribe public officials. They taught hatred of Jesus and were against Christians. They were

given three months to get out of Spain. They had to leave behind their houses and businesses because they had gotten them by dishonesty and were a bad influence on the nation. When one influential Jew tried to get the King and Queen to change their mind, Isabella who was the primary force behind the expulsion of the Jews said, "The King's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water. God turneth it whithersoever He will." She said furthermore: "Do you believe that this comes upon you from us?"

The Lord hath put this thing into the heart of the King" {Isabella says it is God's will that the Jews be expelled.}

It is easy to see the kind of people who were searching for new land. They were brave, yet humble Christians who wished to see God's word taught throughout the world and despised those who hated the Bible.

The King and Queen of Spain would probably not have listened to the ideas of Christopher Columbus if he had not been a solid Christian man. How do we know that Columbus was a dedicated Christian? Here are the words of Columbus from his very own journal.

"It was the Lord who put it into my mind...I could feel His hand upon me..the fact that it would be possible to sail from here to the Indies..

"All who heard of my project rejected it with laughter, ridiculing me...There is no question that the inspiration was from the Holy Spirit, because He comforted me with rays of marvelous illumination from the Holy Scriptures...For the execution of the journey to the Indies, I did not make use of intelligence, mathematics, or maps. It is simply the fulfillment of what Isaiah (prophet of the Bible) had prophesied.

"No one should fear to undertake a task in the name of our Savior, if it is just and if the intention is purely for His Service..The fact that the Gospel must still be preached to so many lands in such a short time...this is what convinces me."

For hundreds of years Columbus has been honored for his discovery of America in 1492. When he found America he discovered a brutal and savage people. They lived in huts and practiced cannibalism. They only lived to an average age of 30. They were often starving and diseased. When Columbus compared the advanced civilization of Europe with the almost prehistoric society of the Americas he knew they would be better off if they were taught some basic Christian principles. Catholic missions were built throughout the Americas. The white soldiers who came put the native people to work.

Today, there are many organizations who call Columbus a mean, hateful, terrible racist. They do not like that many of the native people were taken back to Spain to work or made to work and help build roads and towns. They call this imperialism. Each year these groups come to the biggest Columbus Day Parade in the nation that is held in Denver, Colorado and protest it. Most likely they will one day get their way and the holiday celebrating this great Christian man will be stopped. Their ultimate goal is to take away white heroes and to cause white people to feel guilty about the heroes of their own race.

Spain built towns all through South America and even into the western part of the U.S. and in Florida. But what started out good ended up going in the wrong direction. In South America, the military was brought in along with Catholic priests. This proved to be disastrous. The priests were not worried about finding wives, because they had already taken a vow of celibacy (to remain single and not to engage in sex) The military, however, had no such vow, and after a short time became lonely. There were no white women around. There were only native Indian types and Negro slaves that had been imported to help in building. Soon the Spanish military began having children with Indians and with Negroes. A new breed was "invented", but not due to God's plan. God had made the races to be separate. The mixed marriages were wrong and after a couple hundred of years, there were more non-white people of the new breed (called Mestizo) than there were white Spanish people.

Though it started out good, it ended very badly and the lands that had been colonized by Spain became majority non-white and never developed a style of freedom like we have in North America.