

James Durham

Scottish Pastor
Professor of Divinity, Glasgow University
Reformation Sunday 2019

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Lifetime Timeline

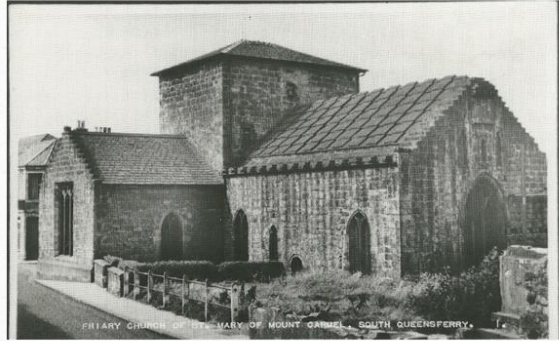
- 1622 — Born during reign of James I (1603-1625)
- Charles I -- (1625-1649)
- 1642-1651 — English Civil War
- 1647 — Ordained at 25 years old
- 1649-1651 – Charles II, King of Scotland
- 1649-1653 -- Council of State
- 1653-1658 – Oliver Cromwell Republic
- 1658 – Died at 36 years old



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After Conversion

- Under Ephraim Melville – minister of Queensferry
- James Durham had dispute with parson of Dundee Parish



<https://queensferry-at-war.weebly.com/queensferry-history/queensferry-old-parish-church-the-vennel>

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Family

- Born 1622 in Angus, Scotland
 - Descendant of the family of Grange-Durham
 - Oldest son of John Durham of Easter Powrie, now called Wedderburn
- Educated at St. Andrews
 - Left before his conversion
 - Goal: to be a country gentleman
- Married to Anna
 - Daughter of the Laird of Duntarvie
 - Like his mother-in-law, a pious woman



[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Angus_\(or_Farfus_hire\),_Scotland_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Angus_(or_Farfus_hire),_Scotland_Genealogy)

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Preaching Ministry

- 1646 – Licensed to preach (age 24)
- 1647 – Ordained minister at Blackfriar's Church, Glasgow
- Went home to settle affairs – Preached in three different places
 - Dundee
 - Tealing
 - Monifeith
- 1648 -- Wife Passed away



<https://www.theglasgowstory.com/images/TGSA01026.jpg>

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Calling

- Joined Scottish Army against English invasion
- First intimation of call at prayer with officers
- David Dickson, Professor of Divinity, Glasgow

<https://www.universitystory.gla.ac.uk/biography/?id=WH2216&type=P>

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Other Ministry



- 1650 -- David Dickson removed to University of Edinburgh
- 1650-1651 -- Session made Durham Chaplain to Charles II's family when he was King of Scotland until he was sent to Continent.

<http://www.royalacademy.org.uk/online-gallery/online-gallery-1650-1651-Session-made-Durham-Chaplain-to-Charles-II-s-family-when-he-was-King-of-Scotland-until-he-was-sent-to-Continent>

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Political Stand

- 1651 – preached to Cromwell
- Testified against Cromwell's invasion
- Cromwell
 - Complimented his speaking
 - Confronted his stance



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William Guthrie

Making merry...



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Teaching Ministry

- Installed as Professor of Divinity at University of Glasgow
- Called as minister of the High Church of Glasgow with John Carstairs
- 1653 – Married Margaret Muir

<https://www.alamy.com/stock-photo-almu-gow-entitled-high-church-of-the-city-of-glasgow-original-image/16356085.html>

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Demise

- Weight of trouble in ministry hastened death
- Robert Baille – “Our friends in town are all well, only good Mr. Durham has kept his chamber these four months”



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Protestors versus Resolutioners

- Protestors – Those who said persons admitted to army and civil rule should give evidence that their ideology against freedom of religion had changed.
- Resolutioners – Accepted admission without these evidences.
- Durham sought peace

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Weight of Ministry

- Other ministers fell ill, putting more work on Durham
- Preparation of book on Revelation for the press
- Call to the Church of Aberdeen could not be accepted because of health

“If I were to live ten years longer, I would choose to live nine years and study for preaching the tenth...”

Durham

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“I love him dearly and count him one of the best and ablest men in Britain.”

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Baille, a Resolutioner, was at odds with Durham – and yet said:

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“Oh, Brother Mr. Veitch is too ripe for heaven to be transported to any church on earth;
He will be there almost as soon as I...”

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Regarding Choice of a Successor

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James Durham

1622-1658

Died at 36 years of age

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