

BLOODY MARY

Maria I Tudor and the kingdom of England



The childhood



Daughter of Enrico VIII and Caterina of Aragona, she spent a happy childhood, surrounded by the love of her parents and from the attentions of the court. Small, blond, pale, she got engaged with Francesco of Valois, dolphin of France and with the duke of Angoulême, and then with the sixteen aged, Carlo V of Asburgo, the emperor of the Sacred Roman Empire and king of Spain.

The rise at the throne



Mary, leaning by the crowd, was crowned queen of England on 19th July 1553 at the age of 37.

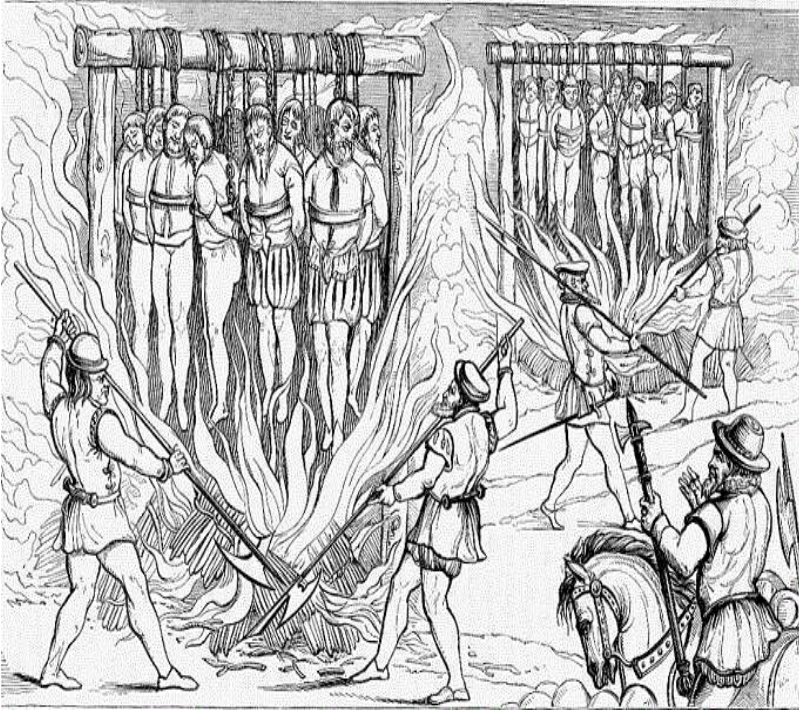
The wedding with Filippo II



Destroyed the protestant opposition, Mary can continue with the wedding. Filippo, who will become king of Spain in the 1556, was often absent from England and left Mary govern quietly.

The protestant persecution

Mary suspected of the step sister Elisabeth, too, and made her shut up in the London Tower. From the month of February 274 protestants died.



The death



The last illusion for the queen came with the approaching of death, that she manifested with a swelling of the abdome and the disappearance of the mestruations. She thought to be,finally ,pregnant of the longed-for heir. When the months spent and of the unborn there weren't tracks, everyone understood that it was a cancer.

The legend of Bloody Mary



Many people have speculated that the traditional Bloody Mary with her baby can be placed in relation to Mary I of England, who was so nicknamed for his violent attempt to restore England among Catholic nations.