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ISS9TM: SCOTTISH HISTORY - THE COVENANTERS

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In a recent poll by the BBC, the Covenanters were voted, by experts and viewers alike, among the top ten most important Scottish history topics. Why exactly did the Covenanters choose to defy Charles I? Why did the movement resurface in the Restoration era?

Themes explored in this module include: royalism and the problem of the absentee monarchy after 1603; relations between kirk (church) and country; the interaction between the three kingdoms and the numerous factions involved – Scottish covenanters, English parliamentarians, Irish confederates, royalists; and the importance of documents and oaths, including the National Covenant, the Solemn League and Covenant.

Field Trips/Highlights:

This module will visit St Giles Cathedral and the Covenanters' Prison in Edinburgh.

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