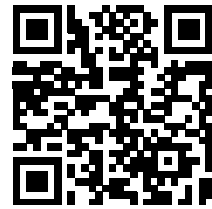


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King James I and Witch Trials



King James I of England had a significant role in the _____ trials during his reign. He was fascinated by the occult and believed that witches were a real _____ to his kingdom. James even wrote a book called "Daemonologie" in 1597, which outlined his beliefs on _____. This book influenced the legal system and led to an increase in witch trials.

When James became _____ in 1603, he brought his fear of witches to England. He believed that witches were plotting against him and his _____. James ordered the investigation and prosecution of suspected _____. His involvement gave the witch hunts a royal endorsement, making them more _____.

One famous case was the North Berwick witch trials in Scotland, which occurred before James became king of _____. These trials were heavily influenced by James's personal involvement. He believed that the _____ had tried to kill him by summoning a storm while he was at sea.

Under James's rule, the _____ for witchcraft was severe. Accused witches were often tortured until they confessed. They were then _____ by hanging or burning. Many innocent people were accused and punished because of the widespread fear and _____.

James's belief in witchcraft was partly due to his desire to maintain control over his _____. By promoting the idea that witches were real and dangerous, he could justify harsh _____ to keep his kingdom in order. The witch trials during his reign left a lasting impact on England's _____ and contributed to the period's overall atmosphere of fear and suspicion.

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