

The seventeenth century When James I became the first English king of the Stuart dynasty, he was already James VI of Scotland, so that the crowns of these two countries were united. Puritans regarded the luxurious lifestyle of the king and his followers as immoral. Although their governments continued to be separate, their linguistic differences were lessened in this century. (Scots gradually became just a dialect'.) In the seventeenth century, the link between religion and politics became intense. This was the context in which, during the century, Parliament established its supremacy over the monarchy. However, the Scottish Protestant church adopted English rather than Scots bibles. They were also anti-Catholic and suspicious of the apparent sympathy towards Catholicism of the Stuart monarchs.