

## A Fifth Monarchy Man

Non-Specific Humans A Privy-Counsellor o the Kingdom of Heaven A Minister of State His Viceregents a Fool Hypocrites holy-court Princes The Wicked Every Man, that had a Mind to it his Posterity his Brethren The Turks the Britons The poor Wicked Subjects Slaves Lords Masters Gamesters

Proper Names Perkin Warbee Lambert Simnel John of Leyden

Mythological Figures Romulus King Oberon The Devil Aeneas King Author Merlin the Pharisee Whittington Mahomet

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I<sup>2</sup>S one, that is not contented to be a Privy-Counsellor of the Kingdom of Heaven, but would fain be a Minifter of State of this World, and tranflate the Kingdom of Heaven to the Kingdom of Earth. His Defign is to make Chrif King, as his Forefathers the Jew did, only to abufe and crucify him, that he might fhare his Lands and Goods, as he did his Vicegerents here. He dreams of a Fool's Paradife without a Serpent in it, a golden Age all of Saints, and no Hypocrites, all holy-Court Princes, and no Subjects but the Wicked ; a Government of Perkin Warbec and Lambert Simnel Saints, where every Man, that had a Mind to it, might make himfelf a Price, and claim a Title to the Crown. He fancies a fifth-Monarchy as the Quinteffence of all Governments, abftracted from all Matter, and confifting

wholly of Revelations, Vifions, and Myfteries. John of Leyden was the firft Founder of it, and

though he miscarried, like Romulus in a Tempest, his Posterity have Revelations every full Moon, that there may be a Time to set up his Title again, and with better Success; though his Brethren, that have attempted to seize, had no sooner quartered his Coat with their own, but their whole outward Men were set on the Gates of the City; where a Head and four Quarters stand as Types and Figures of the fifth-Monarchy. They have been contriving (since Experiments, that cost Necks are too chargeable) to try it in little, and have deposed King Oberon, to erect their Monarchy in Fairy-Land, as being the most proper and natural Region in the whole World for their Government, and if it succeed there to proceed further. The Devil's Prospect of all the Kingdoms of the Earth, and the Glory of them, has so dazzled their Eyes, that they would venture their Necks to take him at his Word, and give him his Price. Nothing comes so near the Kingdom of Darkness as the fifth-Monarchy, that is no where to be found, but in dark Prophecies, obscure Mythologies, and mythical Riddles, like the Visions Aeneas saw in Hell of the Roman Empire.

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Next this it most resembles Mahomet's Coming to the Turks, and King Arthur's Reign over the Britons in Merlin's Prophecies; so near of Kin are all fantastic Illusions, that you may discern the same Lineaments in them all. The poor Wicked are like to have a very ill time under them, for they are resolved upon arbitrary Government, according to their ancient and fundamental Revelations, and to have no Subjects but Slaves, who between them and the Devil are like to suffer Persecution enough to make them as able Saints, as their Lords and Masters. He gathers Churches on the Sunday, as

the Jews did Sticks on their Sabbath, to fet the State on Fire. He humms and hahs high Treafon, and calls upon it, as Gamefters do on the Caft they would throw. He groans Sedition, and, like the Phariffee, rails, when he gives Thanks. He interprets Prophefies, as Whittington did the Bells, to fpeak to him, and governs himfelf accordingly.

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