

Flames of Freedom Episode Zero

"Long Form Promo"

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## FLAMES OF FREEDOM PROMO

### ANNOUNCER

(new)

Did you know that America's South has its roots in Jewish history? Or that the actions and character of many of the early Jewish settlers of Georgia continue to impact American history? This is "Flames of Freedom," a remarkable story about the Jews who left behind everything they knew and everything they owned in Portugal and Prussia to start a new life in an uncivilized wilderness--the land we now call America. The question is, why? In "Flames of Freedom," we pull back the curtain on this mystery by traveling back in time to the brutal Grand Inquisition inaugurated by the Catholic Church that lasted over three centuries. The year was 1497. Jews had just been expelled from Spain five years earlier. Many fled to other countries around the Mediterranean. Others converted to Christianity to save their lives and livelihoods. Still, others made their way to Portugal after paying a heavy bribe to its monarchy, but their fortunes soon changed when the King arranged for his son to marry the daughter of the Spanish King and Queen, Ferdinand and Isabel, on one condition. That there be no more Jews left in Portugal. This presented a bit of a dilemma for the King, as the daughter of Samuel Nunes tells it to her grandson hundreds of years later in 1790...

### ZIPPORAH

(pickup Episode 1)

So he promised all the Jews safe passage out of Portugal if they came to Lisbon.

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## ZIPPORAH (CONT'D)

And there they were, thirty thousand of them, gathered in a large square, separated from their own children who were being held as hostages in another part of the city...Imagine what that was like as an emissary from the king stood on one of the ramparts eviscerating all their hopes and dreams...

## EMISSARY OF THE KING

Silêncio! Silêncio!

SFX: Crowd; Guards on ground yelling Silêncio! The crowd slowly quiets.

## EMISSARY OF THE KING

Friends, I have some unfortunate news. The boats requisitioned to take you to England as our monarch promised were unexpectedly diverted and, I am sorry to say, unavailable. A great disappointment to us all, including the King.

## CROWD MEMBER

He gave us his word!

## EMISSARY OF THE KING

Yes, yes, he did, and he regrets that. But he has no choice but to rid the country of you Jews so his son can marry. That leaves you with limited options. Convert and commit to raising your children as true believers of the Catholic faith, or...perish. If you choose the sword, rest assured we will see that your children are placed in good, Christian families.

SFX: Crowd Bedlam and shouts.

## CROWD MEMBER TWO

You lying bastards!

## CROWD MEMBER THREE

(screaming and crying)

My daughter! I must have my daughter.

## CROWD MEMBER FOUR

To the gate! Rush the gate!

SFX: Soldiers slashing and stabbing. Screams of pain.

ANNOUNCER

(new)

Thirty thousand Jews were forced to convert to Catholicism that day, but many continued secretly to practice Judaism in the basements of their homes. The Catholic Church could not tolerate this and began arresting these Conversos on charges of heresy and Judaizing. This is the story of Flames of Freedom as it traces the lives of one such Converso family--the Nunes--through their arrest, torture, and their eventual escape...

Pick up Episode 1...

SFX: people moaning and being tortured in the background.

OLD INQUISITOR GENERAL

Is it not true, Doctor Nunes, that you have been secretly performing Jewish rituals? That you fast on the Jewish Day of Atonement? Recite Jewish psalms, don't work on the Jewish sabbath, and even bleed the meat from the butchery?

DIOGO

(gasping for breath)

Bloody meat makes me sick.

OLD INQUISITOR GENERAL

That may be true, but the rest of these charges, Doctor, are, how do you say it in medicine, a terrible prognosis. Help yourself. Confess. We can both be done with this sordid business. You get a slap on the hand, and I can return to my quarters for my afternoon sesta (Portuguese for siesta).

DIOGO

These people hate me because I'm successful and wealthy. They don't want spiritual justice. They're after the bounty for reporting me falsely.

OLD INQUISITOR GENERAL  
 Even your own father-in-law?  
 Really? I think our defendant would  
 benefit from the ropes being  
 tightened a bit more.

SFX: Jailers turning the wheel.

DIOGO  
 (crying and screaming in  
 agony)  
 Alright, alright, I'll do whatever  
 you want. I'll confess to  
 everything. Give you names. Dates,  
 Places. Just make the pain stop!  
 Please! Please...

OLD INQUISITOR GENERAL  
 That's much better. It wasn't so  
 difficult after all, was it? As our  
 Lord Jesus says, the truth can set  
 us free. Remove him.

ANNOUNCER  
 (new)  
 Diogo and Gracia Nunes were  
 released and allowed to rebuild  
 their lives, but that all changed  
 twenty years later when they were  
 rearrested...

Pick up from Episode 1...

DIOGO  
 Who gives you a right to come into  
 our home like this? Who sent you,  
 and what is the charge?

GUARDIA SERGEANT  
 Heresy, Doctor. We have accusations  
 that you have been Judaizing. And  
 by the looks of it, we caught you  
 in the act. And our orders? From  
 the Inquisitor General himself.  
 Now, all of you, come upstairs  
 immediately.

ANNOUNCER  
 (new)  
 How will the Nunes family survive?  
 And what do the challenges they  
 faced have to do with the survival  
 of the Georgia Colony that would be  
 founded nearly seven years later?  
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## ANNOUNCER (CONT'D)

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freedom.