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# 「夫椒之戰」論

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## 摘要

吳、越兩國位居長江下游,因壤土毗連,世代爲敵,征伐不休,在雙方諸多交戰中,「夫椒之戰」尤具特別之意義。夫椒之戰是吳王夫差與越王句踐兩人的首次交戰,事在魯哀公元年,即周敬王二十六年、吳夫差二年、越句踐三年、西元前494年。戰爭結果吳國大獲全勝,夫差因而躊躇滿志,致力於爭霸中原,而戰敗的越國,靠行賄吳太宰嚭而得免亡國滅種,行成於吳。越王句踐表面上對吳俯首稱臣,奉上布匹寶物、珠玉美女,甚至親身入吳卑事夫差,實則臥薪嘗膽,十年生聚,十年教訓,極思報仇復國。歷經二十年的積累與準備,句踐終於復越亡吳,成爲春秋時期的最後一位霸主。所以發展如此,追根究底,全繫乎此戰。

勝負結果的效應作用及其後續發展所造成的影響性,使「夫椒之戰」在吳、越相 爭歷史中具備重要的地位與意義。本文即就交戰之原因、會戰過程與結果、後續發展 等面向來探討「夫椒之戰」的內涵與意義,除全盤呈現此役之來龍去脈、前因後果外 ,並對吳王夫差及越王句踐在事件中的舉措加以評論。

關鍵詞:吳王夫差、越王句錢、范蠡、伯嚭、伍子胥、夫椒之戰

## 前言

吳、越爭霸,是春秋末年時的重大歷史事件。吳國歷史悠久,據《史記·吳太伯世家》所載,可追溯至西周開國前的周太王長子太伯,吳太伯傳二十一世至吳王闔廬,已至春秋後期。闔廬雄才大略,西破強楚,北威齊晉,南服越人,開創出吳國的霸業。越國位居吳國南方,與吳壤土毗連,越王允常時拓土益大,極思北向中原發展,但前提是須先剷除擋在前方的吳國,因此,「允常之時,與吳王闔廬戰而相怨伐。」(1)此種情形,至闔廬子夫差、允常子句錢即位後更加激烈。

「夫椒之戰」事發於魯襄公元年,即周敬王二十六年、吳王夫差二年、越王句踐三年,西元前 494年。此役乃吳王夫差與越王句踐兩人的首次交戰,結果吳國大獲全勝,從而衍生出:句踐臥薪嘗 證,十年生聚,十年教訓的復國傳奇及夫差與西施間恩怨情仇的浪漫故事:「夫椒之戰」的重要性與

# **ABSTRACT**

### The War of Fu-Jiao between Wu and Yue Countries

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#### ABSTRACT

Wu and Yue countries were on the lower reaches of Yangtze River. Because two countries adjoined, they regarded each side as enemy for generations. The wars were endless. The war of Fu-Jiao was special importance in many wars between two countries.

The war of Fu-Jiao was the first war between Wu and Yue countries in B.C.494 .Wu country won the war completely. Fu-Chai was self-contented. He attempted to become the chief of feudal princes in Central Plains .Yue country was defeated didn't vanish and Gou-Jian could go to Wu country by bribing the courtier of Wu country. Gou-Jian pretended that he submitted to victor Fu-Chai .He presented to him with pearls, jades and pretty womon. Even he waited on Fu-Chai alone. But he doesn't forget to sleep on brushwood and tasted gall .He want to build up his strength to avenge an insult .He prepared and accumulated force for twenty years. After all he eliminated Yue country and become the last chief of feudal princes in Chun-Qiu times .Why did history go into this way? It was due to the important war of Fu-Jiao.

The effect of the war influenced the further development. The war of Fu-Jiao was important during Wu and Yue countries' competition in history. This article discusses about reason, process, result and development for the war of Fu-Jiao, try to present the truth of the war and comment the behavior of Fu-Chai and Gou-Jian.

Key words: Fu-Jiao, Wu country, Yue country, Fu-Chai, Gou-Jian.