

「神君伊賀越え」完結編：一気通貫の探求 ―忍者目線で見えてきた逃走作戦の全容―

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徳川家康の神君伊賀越えは長年、数々の研究がすすめられ、その根拠となる史料にもとづいて逃走ルートが議論されてきた。しかし、未だその全容は諸説あり、歴史学者の中で解明されていない。

背景にはこれが逃亡劇であったことが前提となり、当時および以後の政治状況から一次史料の発掘が困難であることが原因であると考えられる。さらに地域限定の伝承や数十年後の江戸期に作成された文書や各家の由緒書など、必然性を逸脱した情報をもとに机上で議論され、逃走ルートの現場確認がなされることなく、infodemic(情報過多)、conflicting information(矛盾する情報)に陥っている。

そこで今回は、最も信憑性が高いとされる「家忠日記」に記載されている内容(本能寺の変が勃発した1582年6月2日から始まる逃走作戦が6月4日に一行の三河帰還で完結)を現場で確認し、この作戦成功が後に起こった領土獲得争いに勝利するための一連の軍事作戦につながることなどを解説する。

主な内容としては、

- ① 神君伊賀越えの逃走ルートの全容
- ② 6月4日の三河帰還を果たした家康の戦略。
- ③ 畿内脱出計画において合目的的(最も目的に適した手段や道筋を選ぶ)であった孫子の兵法について。
- ④ 室町幕府の奉公衆と忍者たちが開いた逃走ルートの詳細。
- ⑤ 家康一行が四条躰から山城地方の難所を突破した背景。
- ⑥ 穴山梅雪の死の真実。
- ⑦ 家康一行が明智光秀征伐に向かわなかった理由。

などの難問に対して、根拠となる文書を示したうえで、徹底したフィールドワークと新たな知見、各地域のまちづくり協議会や5府県にわたる周辺住民、各研究機関の協力によってもたらされた情報をもとに導き出された新説を報告する。

また、神君伊賀越えに協力した武士団や商人、甲賀伊賀の忍者たちがその後どのように活躍していったかなどについても言及し、神君伊賀越え議論を完結させたい。

さらに、徳川家康の天下取りには忍者の存在が重要であったことを証明し、天下泰平の時代になっても諜報活動を得意とする忍者が徴用されたことを、神君伊賀越えに協力した伊賀の福地家のルーツを例に解説する。

" Tokugawa Ieyasu's escape through Iga "

- The Final Chapter: A Complete Pursuit of the Escape Plan – Seen from a Ninja's Perspective –
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For many years, numerous studies have been conducted on Tokugawa Ieyasu's escape through Iga, and the escape route has been debated based on the historical materials that serve as its basis. However, the full picture remains shrouded in various theories and has not been fully deciphered by historians.

This is likely due to the fact that it was an escape drama, and the difficulty in unearthing primary sources given the political situation at the time and afterward. Furthermore, discussions have been conducted theoretically based on information that deviates from necessity, such as local legends, documents created during the Edo period several decades later, and family histories, without on-site verification of the escape route, resulting in infodemic and conflicting information.

This time, we will examine the contents of the "Ietada Diary," considered the most reliable record (the escape operation beginning on June 2, 1582, the day of the Honnoji Incident, and concluding with the group's return to Mikawa on June 4), and explain how the success of this operation led to a series of military strategies that resulted in victory in subsequent territorial disputes.

The main topics covered will be:

- ① The full scope of the escape route taken by Shogun Ieyasu (the "Divine Lord") across Iga.
 - ② Ieyasu's strategy over Iga
 - ③ The strategy employed by Ieyasu to successfully return to Mikawa by June 4.
 - ④ The application of Sun Tzu's *The Art of War*—specifically the principle of selecting the most purposeful means and paths—to the plan for escaping the Kinai region.
 - ⑤ The full details of the escape route opened up by the Muromachi Shogunate's *hōkōshū* (direct retainers) and ninjas.
 - ⑥ The background behind why Ieyasu's party managed to traverse the treacherous terrain of the Yamashiro region, starting from Shijōnawate.
 - ⑦ The truth regarding the death of Anayama Baisetsu.
 - ⑧ The reasons why Ieyasu's party did not march to subdue Akechi Mitsuhide.
- Group able to return to Mikawa on June 4.

This paper presents a new theory addressing these difficult questions, based on supporting documents, thorough fieldwork, new insights, information gathered through the cooperation of local community development councils, residents across five prefectures, and various research institutions.

Furthermore, it will discuss the subsequent activities of the samurai, merchants, and Kōka/Iga ninjas who assisted Tokugawa Ieyasu in his escape through Iga, aiming to conclude the debate on the Shogun's journey through Iga.

In addition, this presentation will prove that the existence of ninjas was crucial to Tokugawa Ieyasu's rise to power, and will explain, using the roots of the Fukuchi family of Iga, who assisted the Shogun in his escape through Iga, that ninjas, skilled in espionage, were still recruited even during times of peace. It will demonstrate the crucial role of ninjas in Tokugawa Ieyasu's rise to power, explaining, using the example of the Iga Taira clan who assisted in the Shogun's escape through Iga, how ninjas, skilled in espionage, were still employed even during times of peace.