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▲ St Paul meets our Lord on his way to Damascus (*Acts 26:1-23*). This statue is in the garden of St Paul's Church, also known as the Actors' Church, in the heart of Covent Garden, London. It is by Bruce Denny and was unveiled in March 2015 by Dame Judi Dench.

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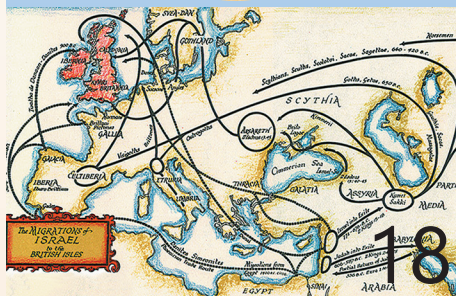
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“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him
that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace;
that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation;
that saith unto Zion, ‘Thy God reigneth!’”

(Isaiah 52:7)



*Slemish Mountain, the legendary first known Irish
home of St. Patrick, in Co. Antrim.*

Photograph by Roger Bradley

EDITORIAL

THE MONARCH FOR THE SEASON OF FINALITY

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II reached the remarkable age of ninety years on 21 April, 2016. She is now the only living head of state to have served in World War II. Her life, as a Diamond Jubilee monarch, has been marked by the naming of the Elizabeth Tower which houses the bell Big Ben (probably after Sir Benjamin Hall: Benjamin being the light-bearer among the 12 Tribes of Israel) at the Palace of Westminster, the seat of the British Parliament now in a serious state of disrepair and so eloquently representative of the nation itself.

The Victoria Tower at the other end of the seat of parliament marks the life of Queen Victoria, who also was a Diamond Jubilee monarch. Her reign marked the beginning of the final Age-end warning of the Elijah ministry – or the Israel Kingdom witness – from 1837 which in the days of the British Empire turned “*the heart of the children to their fathers*” (*Malachi 4:5-6*), before the “*great and dreadful day of the LORD*” in the twentieth century when warfare and the “*distress of nations with perplexity*” (*Luke 21:25*) swept Europe and the world at large.

Two Diamond Jubilee monarchs and two women, being a double witness, prophetically symbolic of the Israel woman and as regents upon the Davidic Throne of the Lord upon earth at the Age-end period of history is no accident. These reigns have not happened by chance and they must surely draw our attention

to the signs of the times, especially as The Queen is now also our longest reigning monarch.

The association of Elizabeth II with time and the most famous clock in the world is not insignificant as indeed is the numerical factor of ten times nine now affirmed by the remarkable age of The Queen. The first day of Big Ben’s service as a timekeeper is reckoned to be 31 May, 1859 and as a striking clock, 11 July, 1859, just as the kingdom witness began to open the eyes, or the “*blindness in part*” (*Romans 11:25*), of Israel in the Isles during the 1860s.

In mathematical science, the number nine possesses properties and powers which are found in no other number. It is the last of the digits, marking the end, and is significant of the conclusion of the matter. Nine is, therefore, the number of finality or judgment. It is a factor of 666 (9 x 74), the number of man and secular perfection. In *I Kings 10:14*, 666 appears as the weight of the gold that came to Solomon in one year.

What is pressing upon the British people of the United Kingdom is ‘**the decision of the century**’ concerning whether they are to **Remain** or to **Leave** the European Union. In this respect the 60 x 6 cubit ‘image of gold’ on the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon (*Daniel 3*), is *prophetic* Babylon that Great Britain is now minded to leave. Britain refused to join the euro in 1992 at the Treaty of Maastricht and reinforced this treaty opt-out in 2010.

If it now votes to leave the European Union altogether, it could well experience a certain ‘fury’ coming from the Nebuchadnezzar-like regime of the EU, when our whole national economy may be submitted to the fiery furnace of testing in negotiation, perhaps even “seven times more than it was wont to be heated”?

In this event and if like the three Hebrew men of the House of Judah in captivity in Babylon who refused to worship the image of gold and that of monetary dictatorship in Babylon, there will be one who will stand with us in the flames. That One will be “like the Son of God.” The **command** of the LORD at this time is undoubtedly “*Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues*” (*Revelation 18:4*).

The spirit of fear being proclaimed by the Remain camp is false, like that of the prophets of Baal. Staying in the EU for the people called according to His Purpose equals **Failure, Frustration and Federalism – a straitjacket of decline**. Out of the EU the nation under the God of our fathers, a United Kingdom will have **Vision, Vitality and Victory – Global Britain restored**.

On 24 June, 2016, when the Referendum vote is known, Elizabeth II, the monarch for the Season of Finality, will be 90 years plus 8 x 8 days in age (DV) – significant of renewal, regeneration and resurrection. In this event the church bells should ring out as they did at the Restoration in 1660.

HEALING FOR THE NATION



When we urge the coming of spiritual revival – judgment and cleansing must also be envisioned if the foundations of the nation are to be restored

When sickness strikes the individual it produces disharmony in that person. Disease, as a leading evangelist once observed, is pronounced ‘dis-ease’ and means *something out of order in the system*. Such a process in any one part of the body has an unavoidably detrimental effect upon the functions of the system as a whole – and indeed upon the mind as well. The *thinking time* of the individual is impinged upon by the malady and even small daily tasks can become intolerable burdens.

At such a time, even our very spiritual force for victorious living can be drained and we become vulnerable to attacks by the enemy of souls and his evil agencies. Sometimes the view is put that it is *God* who inflicts sickness upon His children and that they must meekly accept

everything that comes their way in sickness and disharmony as *God’s will for us*.

Human ills are not of God

Whilst important spiritual lessons can certainly be learned from being laid aside for a while, it is of vital importance that they should not regard sickness as being ‘*of God*,’ for as the Scriptures inform us, “Jesus Christ went about doing good, healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was with him.” Furthermore in the *Third Epistle of John*, we read these tremendous words, inspired by the Spirit of God: “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper *and be in health*, even as thy soul prospereth.” Here we have it, clear and plain: if it is God’s will that our souls should prosper – which it surely is – it follows that it must be God’s will for

our bodies also to prosper in health and strength. It was the mighty Son of God, in the Lord Jesus Christ who Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses and it is with His stripes we *are* healed. We have every right as individuals to claim healing in the Name of Jesus.

Beyond the individual sphere, it is of course true that God is working with whole families and clans and even the entire nation-state in the bringing to pass of His purposes for this world and His Kingdom *in the world*. In the past, God mightily used Great Britain as a God-fearing nation, to loose the bonds of the oppressed and to take the light of the glorious Gospel to the corners of the earth. Today that spiritual force for good in the world has almost gone. Great Britain is sick and suffering a grievous malady, the effects of

which are revealed in so many areas of our body-politic at this time. The world also is in greater darkness, as a result.

No doubt to many Christian people this is no fresh thought – anybody who has a grain of scriptural understanding can but recognize that as a nation we are suffering *dis-ease* and *dis-harmony* because of our woeful rejection of God and His ways.

We can claim Deliverance

What may not be appreciated however is, first, that it is not God's will for us to suffer decline, in the sense that we have been banished from God's thoughts and planning. Although as a nation we have lost an Empire we do, in fact, in company with our kindred nations, still have a role and destiny to fulfil, which *no other ethnic group* can carry out on our behalf. Secondly, as a consequence of this task and calling which is ours – and that of the family of English-speaking peoples – it is possible for us to claim complete national deliverance from all our national sickness and trouble. All we have to do is to humble ourselves, call upon God in prayer as a nation claiming deliverance and turning away from all the abominable practices which have arisen in our midst.

Then, *because we are who we are*, because Christ died to restore and redeem the nation-state of His people, as well as to bring His salvation to all, we *shall* find national deliverance, very rapidly indeed. When individuals launch out in faith to claim God's deliverance, wonderful things can happen when God accepts that they will honour the trust He has placed upon them. However, when a whole national family, with a specific Divine calling, like that which is centred upon these Appointed Isles, lifts its hands to God and claims the prescribed blessings of its redemption from captivity,

bondage and the punishment of Jehovah, events of world-shaking proportions can and will be forthcoming. This is certainly the implication contained in the Divine injunction of II *Chronicles* 7:14, "*If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land*" – for the nation, the people called by His Name.

"If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, then will I hear from heaven, . . . and will heal their land"

II *Chronicles* 7:14

A New Uncertainty!

It is indeed sad that, at this crucial hour of history, the British Diplomatic Service – which is served by some of the finest men of our generation – should find itself beset with frustration as to its *raison d'être*. Whilst there is acceptance for the fact that Britain is no longer the power that it was in the world, members of the Diplomatic Service have in their DNA the conviction that the British, with all their acknowledged flair for leadership, have the ability and calling to bring order to a world in chaos.

Outside of the European Union we will be liberated to fulfil a desperate need for an awakening to the realities of the spiritual power and potential that once again can work through us. It is the *Divine* concept of *New World Order* that is

required, not the materialistic and pagan expressions which are failing in almost all spheres.

Israel – the Mainspring

God created His universe, including this planet and the living beings upon it to function according to His will, through the example and guidance of His Servant national family, in order that His Name should be glorified and that all the families of the earth should receive His blessing. This is the vision of the 'tree of life' in the Apocalypse which provides 'healing for the nations.'

Not all peoples have the *same* task and the *same* calling. If the whole Divine Master Plan were likened to the working of a clock, then it is our absolute conviction that the English-speaking family would constitute the mainspring and driving force to accomplish the fulfilment of this Master Plan in accordance with His commission to His servant people, Israel.

In recent decades, the driving mechanism of God working through His servant people has lost its momentum and, as a result, the force for the Divinely-ordained civilization in the world is grinding to a halt. It is probable that all of this world's problems are spiritually based and maybe recognized by the majority of Christian thinkers and believers. Yet, unless the importance of the 'mainspring' is realized and acted upon by the healing of the land, there can never be a true effective revival.

Froth and bubble gimmicks have failed to turn our nation back to God in repentance: repentance must happen soon. The hour is late: the world needs Divine order quickly.

Healing for the nation must come first. *Let us do it God's way now!*

MICHAEL A CLARK

THE CEDAR

In a departure from the biblical fruit-bearing trees, we will now consider a non-fruiting tree that is just as important – the cedar. The biblical cedar is the majestic cedar of Lebanon, which once flourished in the mountains of Lebanon and Syria, though its numbers have been greatly reduced today. It is a beautiful coniferous tree with distinctive spreading branches, whose much-prized wood of remarkable durability was employed in building palaces and temples (including for pharaohs of Egypt), and masts for ships. Today, the tree is often called by the rural people, the cedar of the Lord, and it is depicted on the flag of Lebanon, where it is said to stand for strength, holiness and immortality.

When King Solomon began to build his great Temple according to the plans given him by his father, David, he approached Hiram, king of Tyre, to supply cedars of Lebanon for the timber. Hiram enthusiastically agreed and welcomed thousands of Israelite tree-fellers into his country. The cedar logs were floated

down the Mediterranean Sea to Joppa and then transported to Mount Moriah in Jerusalem, where the Temple was to be built. The cedar was used to cover the stone structure of the Temple, as *I Kings 6:18* tells us: “*And the cedar of the house within was carved with knops and open flowers: all was cedar; there was no stone seen.*” The carved wood was then itself overlaid with gold. The Temple was the spiritual centre of the nation and it stood for some four hundred years, until it was plundered and burned by Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, in 586 BC (*Jeremiah 52:12-13*).

Cedar wood is highly aromatic and strongly resistant to decay. Its fragrance is acknowledged in the *Song of Solomon 4:11*, where the Bridegroom praises His Bride, “*the smell of thy garments is like the smell of Lebanon.*” Because of these qualities, cedar was used in Israel in ceremonial purification. In the cleansing of a leper, two birds were taken, “*and cedar wood and scarlet and hyssop.*” One of the birds was

killed in an earthen vessel over running water, and then the living bird, the cedar wood, the scarlet and the hyssop were dipped in the blood of the bird that was killed and it was sprinkled on the person to be ritually cleansed (*Leviticus 14:4-7*). A similar ritual was performed in purifying one who had become unclean by touching a dead body. *Numbers*, chapter 19, tells us that a red heifer was slain and burned, and cedar wood, and scarlet and hyssop were to be cast into the burning; the ashes that remained were used for purification.

However, the main symbolism of the cedar is that it represents the royal house, for, like the monarch, the trees are “*of an high stature; and...exalted above all the trees of the field*” (*Ezekiel 31:3, 5*). Before Solomon’s Temple was built, Hiram of Tyre had sent cedar timbers to King David with which to build himself a house and it was this that inspired David to build also a house of cedar for the Lord (*I Chronicles 14:1 & 17:1*). Solomon also built himself a house of cedar, as well as one for Pharaoh’s daughter, whom he had married (*I Kings 7:1-8*), and he planted hundreds of cedar trees in Jerusalem, the city of the king. In the *Song of Solomon*, the Bridegroom – who is necessarily of the royal house of David – is likened to cedars, and *Ezekiel* tells us that cedars were in the garden of God (*Ezekiel 31:8*).

The clearest illustration of the royal cedar, though, is in a parable told by *Ezekiel* in chapter 17 of his book. In this parable, a great eagle came to Lebanon “*and took the highest branch of the cedar: He cropped off the top of his young twigs, and carried it into a land of traffic; he set it in a city of merchants.*” The



prophet then explains that the great eagle was Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, who had invaded Judah, and taken captive the king and the princes of Judah to carry them back with him to Babylon, the city of merchants. So we see that the highest branch of the cedar was King Zedekiah, and the top of the young twigs, his sons, whom Nebuchadnezzar immediately put to death. After more exposition, the prophet continues the parable, for God says, *“I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar, and will set it; I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a tender one, and will plant it upon an high mountain and eminent: In the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it: and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar...”* (verses 22-23).

Now, if the young twigs of the cedar represent the king’s sons, then the tender twig of the parable can only mean his young daughter. In the law of Israel, failing any sons, a daughter could inherit from her father, and since Zedekiah, the last king of Judah, had been removed and his sons slain, the royal line came to be passed down through the princess. Jeremiah tells us that after the Babylonian invasion, she, along with her sister and the prophet himself, were taken to Tahpanhes in Egypt (*Jeremiah 43:1-7*). There, the biblical narrative leaves them, but we learn from secular history that the princess, known in the Irish annals as Tea Tephí, was taken west by Jeremiah, eventually arriving in Ireland. This precisely fulfilled Ezekiel’s prophecy of the tender twig being planted on *“an high mountain and eminent,”* i.e. an important Israelite country, which Ireland was at that time, having been settled centuries earlier by Israelites who had migrated from Egypt and Palestine. And so, according to the plan and foreknowledge of God, the royal line of Israel was transferred from

Judea to the British Isles, where it has continued to this day, Queen Elizabeth II being the current monarch directly descended from the House of David. Hence, it was entirely apropos that the Princess Elizabeth was in a house of cedar at *Tree Tops Hotel* in Kenya on 6 February, 1952, when she was given the news of the death of her father, King George VI, and her accession to the throne.

“And there shall come forth
a rod out of the stem of Jesse,
and a Branch shall grow out
of his roots”

Isaiah 11:1

It is well known that most of the royal houses of Europe were related, particularly through Queen Victoria, and, as such, they became subject to a prophecy of Isaiah concerning the high cedars in the last days: *“For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low: And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up...and the loftiness of man shall be bowed down”* (*Isaiah 2:12-17*). This prophecy came to pass over a span of a few short years, for as a result of World War I, the monarchies of Russia, Germany, Austria, Turkey and others, toppled, never to reappear. The monarchy of France, of course, had been overthrown a century earlier in the French Revolution, and Italy’s was to follow suit after the Second World War in 1946. Monarchies continued to thrive, however, in Scandinavia, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom and her dominions overseas, the principal nations of modern-day Israel.

The royal houses could not have toppled everywhere, as this would have violated another scripture – the everlasting covenant God made with David, progenitor of the royal house. The covenant is recorded in *II Samuel 7:16*, when the prophet Nathan said to King David: *“And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.”* This Davidic covenant was confirmed under Jeremiah, who prophesied: *“For thus saith the Lord; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel...If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne”* (*Jeremiah 33:17-21*). Therefore, there has to be a descendant of the House of David reigning over Israel somewhere in the world today!

In token of this covenant, a genealogical tree called a Jesse Tree is often depicted in church stained glass windows in Britain and Europe, showing the royal line growing up from Jesse, the father of David, who is portrayed as the root of the tree. It is based upon the scripture, *“And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots”* (*Isaiah 11:1*). The Branch is a biblical epithet for Jesus Christ – as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the true and ultimate inheritor of the Davidic Throne at His second coming. For as the angel Gabriel said unto Mary: *“He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end”* (*Luke 1:32-33*).

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THE INTEGRITY OF BRITISH CULTURE & FAITH MUST BE CONSERVED

A UNIQUE INFORMATION CAMPAIGN

A series of free booklets for the British people leaving the EU

Over the decision to remain in the European Union, Britain's politicians are now hanging by their finger nails over a precipice; below them is a deep rocky gorge which, if they fall into it, will forever be remembered as 'the valley of death,' indeed a valley of **failure, frustration and federalism**. The EU is out of date and sclerotic, impossible to reform from the inside. Out of the EU Britain will have **global vision, vitality and victory** over decline of *Titanic* proportions.

We have launched our own unique information campaign to bring out the real *constitutional* and *spiritual* factors that have been ignored in Church and the State for decades. Seven *free issue* booklets are currently available aimed at awakening the British people to the constitutional illegalities over Britain's EU membership that has robbed them of their ancient freedoms. Moreover we seek to alert them to their Kingdom **Birthright** that is inherited from their biblical ancestors. There is a very great prophetic dimension to our heritage.

Powerful developments have been undermining the integrity of the unique British culture which formed the foundation of Christian civilization in the world, leading to increasing multicultural pressures within the physical constraints of the British Isles. The Christian British family seeing that its government has lost all control of the situation fears as to what the future may hold.

Why does the West and Europe exist as such? Why did the British Empire establish such a global influence in history? Why was it not included in the succession of Gentile empires in the dream vision of King Nebuchadnezzar is a mystery – but only if *it was gentile*? The answer is simple, yet hidden in plain sight.

To protect and preserve British traditional culture, faith and values, we cannot do without *true* Christianity. Not only has Christianity been part of them since time immemorial but also they cannot continue their existence without it.

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5. 'The Bounds of their Habitation'
6. The Covenant Nations – a Natural Union
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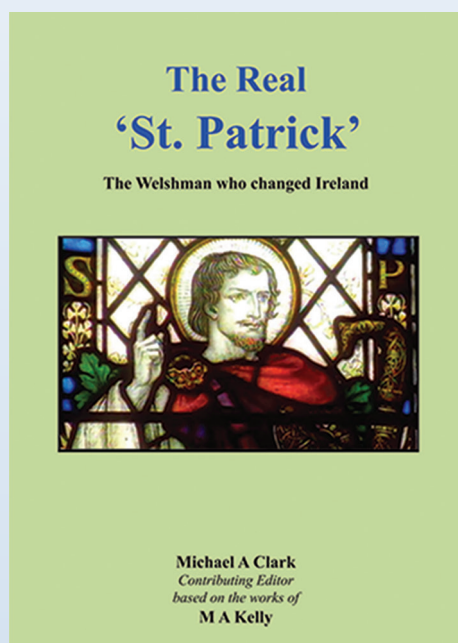
NEW RELEASE

The Real 'St. Patrick'

The Welshman who changed Ireland

This is a completely new publication which, without exaggeration, represents a very important ground-breaking study. Many of the 19th and early 20th century English writers saw Britain as England alone; this is clear from the various writings researched. Mainly they did not like the idea of early Welsh Christianity.

Produced as a large A4 format book of 32pp, with colour illustrations, it contains previously unpublished historical evidence revealing the early Christian heritage of South Wales that formed such an important part in the early missionary work to Ireland and, most importantly, to Brittany.



It reveals that St Patrick was from Glamorgan, his identity, his home and the historical facts which have

been researched over many years by a Welsh historian. This is more than simply useful information as it quite clearly and beyond dispute demonstrates that the British were practising Christians some 250 years and more before the monk Austin (Augustine) arrived with a mission to convert the Angles, Jutes and Saxons to Roman Catholicism.

Priced at only £3.00 plus £2.50 postage (UK), £3.50 (overseas); for UK orders it is well worth purchasing several copies for friends and contacts as the postage will cover up to 12 copies on your order. Published in March 2016, this important work is now available from The Covenant Publishing Co Ltd.

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TEN REFORMERS WHO CHANGED THE WORLD

King Alfred the Great – The Reformer King

King Alfred of Wessex (849-901) lived through tumultuous times and, in his 30 years reign, he personally commanded in 54 pitched battles against the invading Danish Vikings. He began the process of converting the blood-thirsty Viking invaders to Christianity. Alfred was both a great soldier and scholar, a law-maker, educator, author and Reformer. He was a dedicated Christian, the first to translate the Gospels, and other parts of the Bible, into English. He donated half of his personal income to Church schools and founded numerous schools. He was recognized as the Father of the English Navy and he gave England a stable system of laws based upon God's Law. King Alfred's *Dooms* (The Common Law) began with The 10 Commandments, the Laws of Moses, the Golden Rule of Christ, and other biblical principles from the Sermon on the Mount. No other sovereign did more in battle, in establishing law, promoting the education of his people and bringing his enemies to Christ.

John Wycliffe – The Morning Star of the Reformation

When Oxford was the greatest university in the world, Professor John Wycliffe (1320-1384) was its leading theologian and philosopher. Although he did not have access

to a Greek New Testament, John Wycliffe translated the New Testament from Latin into English. Wycliffe taught that all authority is delegated by God and is limited. Corruption disqualifies leaders. Leaders are called to servant-leadership and sacrifice. Christ alone is the Head of the Church. God's Law is supreme. Scripture alone is our authority. He mobilised the Lollards, the field workers of the Reformation, as itinerant Evangelists, to proclaim the Word of God in the marketplaces and teach the Scriptures throughout England. Wycliffe and his Lollards helped prepare the way for the Reformation in England and Bohemia, where his writings inspired Jan Hus.

Jan Hus – Professor of Prague University

When Anne of Bohemia married King Richard II of England, she sent copies of Professor Wycliffe's writings back to Prague. Inspired by Wycliffe's teachings, Professor Jan Hus (1372-1415) boldly confronted corruption and superstitions, and taught the Scriptures in Prague University. As a result the papacy excommunicated Hus and condemned him and his writings to be burned. Hus declared: *"I would not, for a chapel full of gold, recede from the Truth ... the Truth stands and is mighty forever ... in the Truth of the Gospel I have written, taught and preached, today I will gladly*

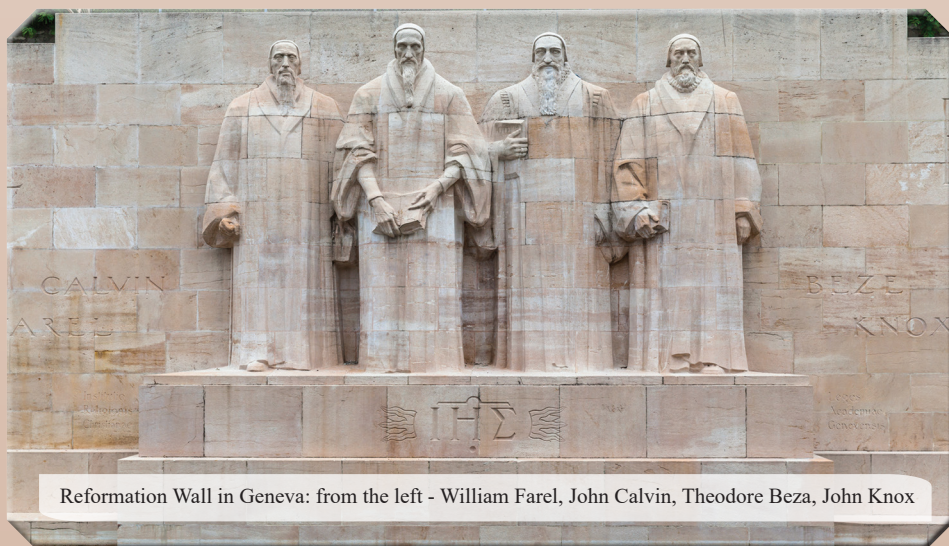
die." As Hus was being burned, he proclaimed: *"My goose is cooked!"* (Hus is the Bohemian word for *goose*). *"But 100 years from now a swan will arise, whose voice you will not be able to silence."*

Martin Luther – Captive to the Word of God

Professor Martin Luther (1483-1546) of the University of Wittenberg was a brilliant lawyer and Doctor of Theology. Luther was the author of 400 titles, over 60,000 pages of original work. His bold stand on 31 October 1517, nailing *The 95 Theses* to the church door, launched the Great Reformation. On 18 April 1521, Martin Luther stood firm before the emperor of the Holy Roman Empire and the assembled princes, bishops and archbishops who were intimidating him to recant his writings. His courageous response: *"Unless I am convinced by Scripture, or by clear reasoning, that I am in error – for popes and councils have often erred and contradicted themselves – I cannot recant, for I am subject to the Scriptures I have quoted; my conscience is captive to the Word of God. It is unsafe and dangerous to do anything against one's conscience. Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. So help me God. Amen!"* He inspired freedom of conscience, freedom of thought, freedom of religion, freedom of opinion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and **Scripture alone** as our ultimate authority. Luther smashed the chains of superstition and tyranny and restored Christian liberty to worship God in spirit and in truth.

Ulrich Zwingli – The Reformer of Zürich

Ulrich Zwingli (1484-1531) was the Father of the Reformation in Switzerland. On 1 January 1519, he introduced expository preaching. Dispensing with Latin and the mass, he began expounding the Gospel of Matthew, line by line, verse by



Reformation Wall in Geneva: from the left - William Farel, John Calvin, Theodore Beza, John Knox

verse. His biblical preaching transformed Zürich and later Switzerland. Zwingli preached in the marketplaces and reformed education. As he lay dying at the Battle of Kappel, he declared: *“They can kill the body, but they cannot kill the soul.”*

William Tyndale – The Most Influential Englishman

A brilliant linguist and graduate of both Oxford and Cambridge Universities, William Tyndale (1494-1536) is the Father of the English Bible. He produced the first translation from the original Hebrew and Greek Scriptures to be printed in English. As this was illegal at the time, he did his translation work in Germany and these Bibles had to be smuggled into England. As a result, Tyndale was outlawed and condemned to death. On 6 October 1538, he was burned at the stake. His dying prayer, *“Lord, open the King of England’s eyes,”* was remarkably answered. Within two years, by order of King Henry VIII, every parish church in England was required to make a copy of the English Bible available to all its parishioners.

John Calvin – a Heart Aflame and a Mind Renewed

The exiled French Reformer, John Calvin (1509-1564), became the most influential man of his age and his teachings have proven to be some of the most foundational in the shaping of the Protestant world. Calvin’s ideals of religious toleration, representative government, separation of powers, constitutionalizing the monarchy, checks and balances,

establishing the rights and liberties of citizens and a Christian work ethic, led to the industrial and scientific revolutions, developing the most productive and prosperous societies in history. His emphasis on the Sovereignty of God and the Lordship of Christ in all areas of life, inspired social reformers who transformed nations. His 1,000 page, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, stands as a systematic masterpiece, one of the greatest Christian books in all of history. His motto was *“Promptly and sincerely in the service of My God.”* John Knox described Geneva under John Calvin, as *“The most perfect school of Christ since the Apostles.”*

“Proclaim liberty
throughout the land ...”

Leviticus 25:10

John Knox – The Reformer of Scotland

Mary, Queen of Scots, declared: *“I am more afraid of the prayers of John Knox than of an army of 10,000!”* John Knox’s prayer: *“Give me Scotland, or I die!”* was answered in his own lifetime. John Knox (1514-1572) transformed Scotland from a country with 4% church attendance to one with 96% church attendance, one of the most Reformed nations in the world, and the sending base for such influential missionaries as Robert Morrison, David Livingstone and Mary Slessor.

William Carey – The Reformer of India

The Father of Modern Missions, William Carey (1761-1834), translated the Bible and New Testament into 35 languages, established 100 schools, the first Christian College in Asia, campaigned successfully for the abolition of *suttee*, the burning of widows on the funeral pyres of their husbands, the burning of lepers and infanticide. Carey introduced lending libraries, savings banks, forestry conservation, ministering to body, mind and spirit,

transforming India through his compassionate social action, Bible teaching and tireless labours, for 41 years in the field.

William Wilberforce – Setting the Captives Free

Member of Parliament, William Wilberforce (1759-1833) wrote that God Almighty had set before him: *“Two great objectives: the suppression of the slave trade and the Reformation of society.”* Wilberforce successfully mobilised Reformation Societies which enlisted the signatures of over one million English people for a petition to set every slave free. He campaigned to mobilise the Royal Navy to intercept slave vessels and set captives free and the establishing of Sierra Leone for freed slaves. He was also a Founder of the British and Foreign Bible Society and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. When William Wilberforce entered parliament, he was one of only two born-again Christians in Westminster. By his death, there were over 100 Evangelicals in parliament in England.

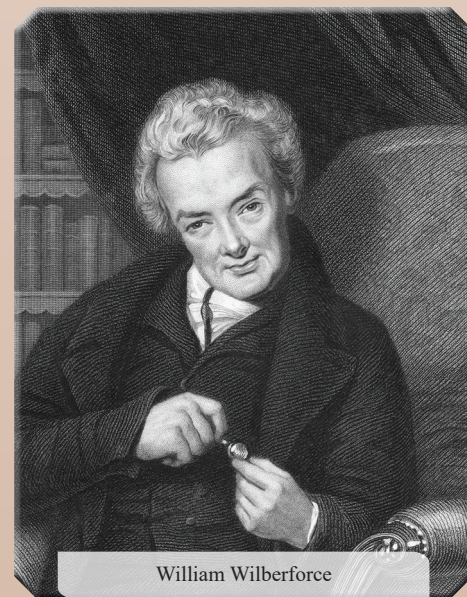
“Proclaim liberty throughout the land...” (*Leviticus 25:10*).

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Ulrich Zwingli.



William Wilberforce

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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Head of the Commonwealth

on the occasion of her 90th Birthday,

21st April, 2016.



The British-Israel-World Federation
is celebrating this event with a rally on
Saturday, 4th June 2016
at BIWF headquarters



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KEEPING THE FLAG IN NEW ZEALAND

“And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth” (Isaiah 5:26)

It was with great pleasure that we read in *The Times*, London, 25 March 2016 that our kin in New Zealand had voted to retain their national flag which features the Union Jack in the top left-hand corner. There was a substantial turnout for the vote and the majority was 56 per cent.

As the leader in the newspaper said, “The decision was a wise one.” After some uncomplimentary remarks about the alternative design, it went on “Better by far to stick to the present flag; it has real meaning. Under the unfurled Union Jack New Zealanders fought gallantly at Gallipoli and in northern France in the First World War, suffering vast numbers of casualties. Together with the British in the Second World War they battled heroically in Crete, North Africa and Italy. For king and country. These are not achievements in need of rebranding”

The following exchange which was reported in a New Zealand newspaper and sent to us by Andrew Adams, President of BIWF (NZ) Auckland Inc. shows us how important it is to remember all these things:

“‘Britain seems to be forgetting its history with New Zealand,’ Prime Minister John Key says he told his UK counterpart, David Cameron, at a meeting in Washington yesterday. He said he had expressed his disappointment to Mr Cameron about the new restrictions around Tier 2 Visas, a skilled migrant category.

‘I said to him I thought no one individual action of itself is so incredibly significant but the combination of them is adding up to a picture which looks as if they are forgetting the history between our two countries. I said to him it was an amazingly strong and warm relationship and Britain is still our number one source of migration. We are at the core . . . a British colony and I thought there was an argument that New Zealanders could be treated in a way which reflected that.’

Mr Key said Mr Cameron assured him he was ‘going to go away and have a look at that.’ Asked if he had reminded Mr Cameron that New Zealand had voted to keep the Union Jack on its flag, he said: ‘Good grace stopped me pointing that out.’ Britain’s big issue was that

it had a huge amount of migration, from Europe, that it could not control. ‘But we are migrants who have always pulled our weight in the UK and why should we be penalised for the migration policies of being part of Europe?’ ”

As a company of nations under God we are reminded of the words of the prophet Isaiah, as above, that “*He will lift up an ensign to the nations from far . . . from the end of the earth.*” The importance of the Union Jack itself should be known as our inheritance. For those wishing to have more information, see *The Union Jack* by Patricia Bagwell available from Covenant Publishing, price £2.50 plus p&p.

EDITORIAL TEAM



THE DECLINE OF TWO EMPIRES

The Israelite ancestry of our island race, going back well over two thousand years, has been researched, documented and expounded by BI believers since early in the last century. That such history can be traced back to pre-Christian times stems from the fact that Israelite migrations from the Promised Land are known to have occurred many years before the Assyrian and Babylonian captivities. This movement of Israel peoples fulfilled that familiar prophetic declaration concerning a future ‘appointed place’ for God’s people given to Samuel, found in II *Samuel* 7:10.

When we think of ‘appointments’ in modern terms these can refer to the furnishings and facilities which go to make a house suitable as a home, a place of comfort and shelter and a base for establishing a family unit. So the first Israelite settlers would be like pioneers, making this island a suitable place for living and working and to become viable for supporting a growing migrant population. They thus fulfilled that ‘appointing’ process in practical and historic terms. Subsequently, as descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, they grew into the ‘nation and company of nations’ as God had promised.

However, let us not forget Isaac’s half-brother Ishmael, the name meaning ‘God shall hear.’ Just as Abraham’s descendants were to be as numerous as “*the sand on the sea shore*” (*Genesis* 22:17) so were the descendants of Ishmael to “*multiply exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.*” (*Genesis* 16:10). Like Jacob, Ishmael also had twelve sons, these being named in *Genesis* 25:13-14. While many people pour scorn on the idea that

the British are descended from the twelve tribes of Israel, and so from Abraham, they seem able to accept the claim of the Arabic peoples that they are descended from Ishmael and so, also, from Abraham. Hagar who gave birth to Ishmael is given a short character study of her son’s progeny in future years, as we read in *Genesis* 16:12: “...*a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man’s hand against him.*” This is borne out by the emotional and volatile character of these people as their history records.



Al-Idrisi's world map, 1533; as on the cover of the book *A Short History of the Arab Peoples*

But they were an intelligent and skilful people, too, enabling them to achieve a formidable empire, as is also recorded in their own history. This is described in the following extracts from a book entitled *A Short History of the Arab Peoples* by the late, Preston-born, Lt. General Sir John Bagot Glubb. The reader will surely be impressed by the striking similarities in the history of that Empire to that of the British Empire in their respective declines, as Sir John relates:

“Some knowledge of Arab history should undoubtedly form part of every educational syllabus. ... The first reason may be

described as continuity. History is a continuous process and to read extracts from it, taken from here and there and separated by long periods of silence, destroys the interest of the story. ... Arab control of what we call the Middle East ... imposed a blockade on Europe which destroyed the commercial and urban society left behind by the Romans. ...

Europe, shut off from the rest of the world, was obliged to become self-supporting, and produced only its own food and home-made clothing. Cash, the product of commerce, was scarce and gold almost unobtainable. Land became the normal form of wealth and the barons, not the businessmen or the bankers, were the leading citizens. For more than a thousand years after the Arab conquests of the seventh century, families which owned land were considered in Western Europe to be socially superior to persons engaged in commerce. Thus the social consequences of the Arab blockade of Europe lasted far longer than the commercial. Even when Europe had already outstripped the Arabs commercially, the social superiority of the landed gentry in the West still remained.”

He continues:

“It so happens that the Arab Empire (all knowledge of which has been systematically concealed from us) carried on a considerable number of experiments [in the art of government] which are extremely relevant to our own situation today. It lasted at its greatest political strength for some two hundred and thirty years, almost exactly the length of the life of the British Empire. It enjoyed complete command of the sea and it earned its wealth by commerce with India and the Far East.

After two hundred years of power, when it appeared to be at the pinnacle of its glory, it tired of ruling distant peoples. Haroon Al Rasheed voluntarily gave dominion status to Ifriqiya and his son, Mamoon, did the same for Khurasan.

When the empire commenced to break up and economic decline to set in, the people did not work harder to make up for the loss of trade – on the contrary, in Baghdad they introduced a five-day week. A welfare state was inaugurated similar to our own, with free medical treatment, free hospitals, free university education and government grants to students. It would appear as if, at the beginning of its period of power, an imperial race scatters all over the world, full of initiative and the love of adventure. In its later life, however, a reaction sets in and the pendulum swings to the opposite extreme.

At this stage the people become purely inward-looking. All interest in the Empire is lost and the nation's attention is focussed only on its own domestic affairs. As there are still reserves of wealth which have survived from the great days, lavish expenditure is incurred on social services, on education and on humanitarian projects. But with the decline in the national status the accumulated wealth of the past is soon dissipated. At first an attempt is made to maintain social expenditure by increasing taxes and devaluing the currency. But these subterfuges only increase the disease, the welfare state has to be abandoned and an increasingly low standard of living must be accepted. Far from being a wonderful modern concept, the welfare state may well be a regular and recurrent feature of great nations in decline.

Another interesting phenomenon of the Muslim Empire was the emergence of women into public life. Tenth century writers in Baghdad state that women in their time had become lawyers, doctors, officials and university professors. This also seems to have been a temporary phase, for the next stage in the national decline was a breakdown in law and order, accompanied by an increase in banditry, rioting and political *coups d'état*. Possibly the multiplication of acts of violence made it inadvisable for women any longer to go out to work unescorted and obliged them to remain at home."

And finally

"In recent times, it is true, new methods of achieving power have begun to emerge.

The first of these is the power of high finance. When we are told, for example, that in the First World War, the same group of financiers were providing funds for the war efforts of the U.S.A., Britain, Germany and the revolutionary Russia, we inevitably begin to wonder. The power wielded by a small number of financiers, however, must necessarily be secret, for if the people knew of it, they could destroy the money-manipulators.

"And as it was in the days
of Noah ..."

Luke 17:26

A more obvious modern development is the power of the mass media ... If a number of these media come under the influence of any group, whole nations can be 'brain-washed' in the direction desired by the manipulators. ... To control the opinions of the public by influencing the media of publicity is both a less painful and (to the future of humanity) a more dangerous method. It is useless to say that intelligent people will think for themselves. Nobody can, in fact, remain unaffected by the mass information directed at them by modern publicity. ... Elected governments can become helpless puppets in the hands of such concealed but powerful forces. The same secret groups can undermine the morals, destroy the patriotism or ridicule the religion of any nation the moral fibre of which may resist their ambitions" (Extracts from chapter 20, *The Value of History*).

From those brief extracts we can observe that the political, economic and social changes in the Arabic Empire, which Sir John noted, have been strikingly repeated in those which have occurred in the United Kingdom in the past one hundred years or so. The similar decline of the British Empire seems to have taken place coincidentally with a decline in spiritual values and awareness, a fall in moral stan-

dards and integrity and an increase in materialism and self-interest. A state of mind has been engendered in a great many people in this modern age which leaves them open to manipulation by the unscrupulous, 'brain-washing' as Sir John calls it. The signs of the last days, prior to the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, indicated an upsurge of these regressive conditions to be expected in the Kingdom. Indeed, the Lord Himself foretold that, immediately prior to His return, these conditions would be: "... *as it was in the days of Noah...*" (*Luke 17:26*).

In conclusion, there is a common assertion which we frequently hear, following troubles and disasters which are often caused by human failings, and it is that popular phrase 'lessons will be learned.' But it is quite obvious that, in the case of human history, they are seldom, if ever, learned and the same failings are repeated. In this scenario the words of *Ecclesiastes* seem rather pertinent: "*Is there anything whereof it may be said, 'See, this is new?' it hath been already of old time, which was before us*" (1:10). Sir John referred to the importance of continuity and this is borne out in the biblical history of Israel. When the Kingdom kept faith with God, who is unchanging and whose principles of law are relevant to human life and wellbeing for all time, the people prospered. But when they broke faith with God and brought in changes to their way of life they suffered accordingly.

So it is surely clear, as we view the state of the nation and the wider world today, that only the Lord's return in power and glory will reinstate the principle of continuity and restore the peace, prosperity and righteousness we long for but are unable to achieve by our own efforts and methods.

ALFRED BROWN

CUTTING ISRAEL SHORT

We read a fascinating and much overlooked statement recorded during the reign of the important Israelite King Jehu: “In those days the LORD began to cut Israel short: and Hazael smote them in all the coasts of Israel;” (II Kings 10:32). How was the Lord cutting Israel short, and why?

The tumultuous and violent days of King Jehu were in the ninth century, BC. This king came to the throne of the House of Israel about 842 BC after overthrowing the wicked dynasty of Omri, whose kings, including the evil Ahab and his queen Jezebel, had promoted the worship of Baal and thrown out the law of God, replacing it with a long-lost legal composition apparently of their own creation. (*Micah 6:16*).

In contrast, Jehu is often considered one of the House of Israel’s few relatively good kings, although a bloody one in accomplishing his ends. He was a commander of chariots under previous King Joram (also called Jehoram), the last ruler of the Omride dynasty, who was wounded in battle with the Syrians at Ramoth-Gilead. While convalescing in Jezreel, Joram was visited by his nephew, King Ahaziah of Judah (II Kings 8:28).

Events were now in place for the fulfilment of prophecy and the overthrow of the worship of Baal in Israel. The prophet Elisha sent a disciple to anoint chariot commander Jehu with a message: “Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I have anointed thee king over the people of the LORD, *even* over Israel. And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel.

For the whole house of Ahab shall perish.” (II Kings 9:6-8).

Upon learning of this, Jehu’s fellow soldiers cheered, threw their robes before his feet “and blew with trumpets, saying, Jehu is king” (II Kings 9:11-14). Knowing his mandate, Jehu moved quickly to fulfill his divine commission. He rode a chariot to Jezreel and greeted Kings Joram and Ahaziah with deadly arrows.

Proceeding to the queen’s residence, Jehu saw her in an upper room and ordered the servants to throw her out of the window, which they did. In righteous anger, Jehu drove his chariot over her body and dogs devoured her flesh; thus ended the life of the wicked Queen Jezebel, who was King Joram’s mother.

Jehu continued his bloody rampage with a letter commanding the chief officers of the capital city of Samaria to execute all of the royal princes of the family dynasty of Omri. They obeyed their orders, and soon afterward seventy heads were piled in heaps at the city gate (II Kings 10:7-8). Next, forty-two relatives of the royal family, probably cousins and nephews, were slain at “the pit [or well] of the shearing-house” (Hebrew: Beth-eked, II Kings 10:13-14).

Upon entering Samaria, Jehu deceptively summoned the priests and worshippers of Baal to a great celebration in honour of the pagan god held in the temple of Baal that had been constructed by King Ahab. Hundreds of Baal worshippers filled their temple “*from one end to the other*” (II Kings 10:21). The literal Hebrew says “from mouth to mouth,” standing room only from one end to the other. Once they were all inside, Jehu ordered his soldiers to commit a mass slaughter. The

temple of Baal was then burned and turned into a public latrine (II Kings 10:27). Such was the heavy hand of retribution wielded by King Jehu.

However, Jehu’s bloody purge of Baal worship in Israel was in fact motivated by political rather than pure religious motives. His true aim was to secure the kingship for himself by killing off any heirs who might have a claim to the Omride throne of Israel. We learn in II Kings 10:28-31, “Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel. Howbeit *from* the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them, *to wit*, the golden calves that *were* in Bethel, and that *were* in Dan...But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart: for he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam, which made Israel to sin.”

God’s patience with King Jehu and the wayward House of Israel had reached its limit. Judgment came, and so we read in the next verse, II Kings 10:32, “the Lord began to cut Israel short.” An alternate translation of this verse says, “[*So*] in those days the Lord began to cut off parts of Israel.” (*Amplified Version*; so also *The English Standard Version*). Similarly, *The Complete Jewish Bible* states that the Lord “began to dismember Isra’el.”

Reformation scholar, Matthew Poole, stated, “To cut Israel short; either to diminish the number of the people...or to straiten their borders.” In fact, both results were true: the House of Israel began to be severely reduced in Palestine in both territory and population.

The *Keil and Delitzsch Bible Commentary* agrees and adds, “In Jehu’s

of Israel. Jehoshaphat made ships of Tarshish to go to Ophir for gold: but they went not; for the ships were broken at Eziongeber. Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab unto Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with thy servants in the ships. But Jehoshaphat would not.” (I *Kings* 22:41, 44, 48-49). Here we see the rivalry and contention between Israel’s two Houses.

A parallel passage is recorded in II *Chronicles*: “And after this did Jehoshaphat king of Judah join himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who did very wickedly: And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish: and they made the ships in Eziongeber. Then Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with Ahaziah, the LORD hath broken thy works. And the ships were broken,

that they were not able to go to Tarshish.” (II *Chronicles* 20:35-37).

How were the ships broken, and did the shipbuilding restart again? Jewish historian Flavius Josephus gives additional information passed down through Hebrew history. He states that the ship’s destruction was “due to their great size.” (*Antiquities of the Jews* 9:1-17). They were building ships out of wood so large that they apparently collapsed under their own weight. Were they building such large vessels only for commerce?

The Phoenicians were expert shipbuilders and had by far the world’s largest navy. Did Israelites take passage on Phoenician ships to sail away westward across the Mediterranean to places like Egypt, Carthage and Ithica in North Africa, Greece, Italy, Spain (the biblical

Tarshish), and Britain? See the book *Israel’s Lost Empires* by Steven M. Collins for compelling evidence from scholars to support this migration westward.

The traumatic situation within eighth and ninth century Israel was coupled with looming conquests by the brutal and deadly Assyrian armies, which promised only death or slavery in exile. Israel’s population decline during this period can be explained by a large-scale emigration out of the country by sea and land—a migration mainly away from Assyria in the east, westward across the Mediterranean Sea out of harm’s way to settle both the African and European isles and coastlands with new colonists.

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KNOW YOUR ENEMY

At the conclusion of the debate on Syrian airstrikes in the House of Commons on Wednesday, 2 December 2015, Hilary Benn, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, described the supporters of IS (Islamic State) as ‘fascist.’ This brought applause from his Labour supporters to whom ‘fascist’ is a convenient term of abuse. It is, however, misleading. Fascism was the doctrine (in so far as there was one) of the Italian dictator Benito Mussolini, summed up in his dictum ‘Nothing above the State, nothing against the State, nothing apart from the State.’ Racism and anti-Semitism were not parts of the mix, at least until the Axis Pact, and then under pressure from Nazi Germany. Indeed ‘fascist’ is often misused where ‘Nazi’ would be more correct. In theory, everyone had equal rights and obligations under a fascist state.

The contrast with IS could not be more stark. There, it seems, even professing the wrong brand of Islam can incur the death penalty. We must know our enemy and in IS we are confronted by a force unknown in Western Europe since 1648; religious, totalitarian and tyrannical. The end of the Thirty Years War in 1648 marked a sea-change in European history: no more wars over religion, no further attempt at religious domination of Europe, no attempt to impose religion on another country by force. Wars since then have been either dynastic or ideological.

For the first time since 1648, IS has embodied a force dedicated to the total defeat or even annihilation of its opponents. Its devotees are anything but latter day disciples of Mussolini. If we are to learn the lessons of History, they are grim. The unwritten religious truce of

1648 came about through mutual exhaustion and when three-quarters of the population of Germany had perished through war, pestilence and famine – a fate which might overtake Syria today. If we are to prevail, we must be faithful to our inheritance. Even those not committed to the Christian Faith need to recognize that the liberties we cherish came about through that Christian inheritance. If we are seeking the lessons of History, we may draw some comfort like the ‘politiques’ in France against division over religion and those in England whose motto was ‘No schism, no burning over religion.’ We may also reflect that Soviet Communism was finally overthrown from within, as Nazi Germany very nearly was in 1944. The virtues we must cherish are steadfastness and patience.

REV BARRIE WILLIAMS

A DIFFERENCE

We know the Anglo-Saxons are Israel,
Because – the Bible cannot lie, its prophecies
must be fulfilled, and the promises of God are
sure.

Because – these promises have not been, and
are not being, fulfilled to any but the Anglo-
Saxon race; but to them they have been, or are
being, carried out.

Because – it is not possible Israel should be
found anywhere but where God said it should
be, in the isles of the North, yet also in the
North, South, East and West.

Because – our marvellous position in the
world is not to be accounted for by our being
a brave, justice-loving Protestant, but wicked
and drunken people, but only by our being un-
der some especial blessing.

Because – our opponents are not able to adduce
one efficient, unanswerable reason against our
belief.

Because – we have no warrant whatever for
supposing the promises of the Old Testament
are to be explained in a spiritual sense.

Because – by taking the promises of the Bible
in a non-natural sense, we diminish God's glo-
ry by throwing doubt on His faithfulness, or
on His power to keep those promises literally.

Because – we fail to see any mention of our-
selves in Scripture prophecy except as Israel,
and we do not believe the greatest nation that
has ever existed would escape inspired pro-
phetical vision.

Our opponents consider our belief to be ab-
surd, foolish, delusive and unscriptural.

Because – Israel need not be anywhere in par-
ticular. It is probable she is with Judah. If she
is not, it is not of any consequence where she
is.

Because – the theory is downright wicked; be-
cause it is. (We say so.)

Because – if we must look for Israel, we ought
to seek for her in Abyssinia, Japan, backwoods
of America, or anywhere but in Britain.

Because – if the Anglo-Israelite interpretation
is correct, our understanding of certain diffi-
cult passages in the New Testament becomes
all wrong.

Because – the view is new, and was never
found out by the wise, learned, pious com-
mentators of former times.

Because – though Anglo-Israelites say, no
man can be saved but by faith in the merits of
the Lord Jesus, they, by their theory, make the
sacrifice of our blessed Lord of none effect.

Because – all the Old Testament prophecies are
to be understood in a spiritual sense, as other-
wise they are wholly inexplicable according to
our anti-Anglo-Israel belief. We do not know
how, with this view, Manasseh is to be great,
but Ephraim greater, and – we don't care.

Because – we don't know who we are, and we
are not going to be told by the Anglo-Israelites.

AND SO FORTH.

L.P.

The Banner of Israel, Wednesday, 20th November 1878

FAQ: THE LEVITICAL SUCCESSION

What is the explanation of how this prophecy has been fulfilled?

“For thus saith the LORD; ‘David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel; neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings ...’

And the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, saying, ‘Thus saith the LORD; if ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night ... then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers. ...’ (Jeremiah 33:17-22)

This letter to the Editor of *The Banner of Israel* provides an interesting answer to the question.

Dear Sir

I notice that there is considerable correspondence going on in the *Banner* on the prophecy in *Jeremiah 33:17-22*. The difficulty appears to be in the Levitical perpetuity. The monarchical speaks for itself. We have a living, visible example of this in our King Edward VII. It has occurred to me, however, that there is (or need be) no real difficulty in the matter of the Levitical succession. The view I take is this: the promise as regards the priests the Levites not wanting a man to offer burnt offerings and to kindle meat offerings is as pronounced, as literal, and as certain as is that concerning the monarchy, **as far as it goes**, or can go; that is, until our Lord

upon the cross said “It is finished!” *and no farther.*

As some 800 years had yet to run, the faithful were by this gracious prophecy assured of the continuity of the Levitical succession. No created power in heaven or earth could or should break it during the time it had to run. But it was bounded and dominated by the Messianic dispensation, by which, indeed, it was *consummated*. And the promise remained in perfect faith and truth as it stands. And as the Levitical succession had an end so will, so must, the monarchical, in that far-distant supreme epoch of post-millennial ages, when “the Son shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father.” Then, and not before, will the monarchical line be *consummated* by the supernal

dispensational decree of God the Father Almighty of an Infinite Majesty, and no created power can in the meantime break or end it.

From these considerations all seems, I think, natural and easy, nor is anything left to be desired. And no forced interpretations (such as David and Levi being joined in one, or burnt offerings and meat offerings made to mean acts of Christian ministry) are needed.

Some of our friends, methinks, in their endeavours to find a solution, have been perilously near doing what they properly condemn in the spiritualisers. Burnt offering—meat offering; these are surely as literal in the text as are priests the Levites who offered them, until by effluxion of time it was impossible to continue so doing. We should, I humbly submit, be careful to remember that the Priests and Levites were *true sacrificing priests*. Any contention for continuity, therefore, seems to me not without danger of unwittingly playing into the hands of the sacerdotal clergy.

The continuity, if any, could only be in a mystical sense. At the same time it might not be unreasonable to suppose that a large proportion of the sons of Levi may at the moment be in the service of our National Church—perhaps in the front ranks of those loyal adherents to her Articles who are so faithfully witnessing for their Lord against the inroads of Baalim as of old.

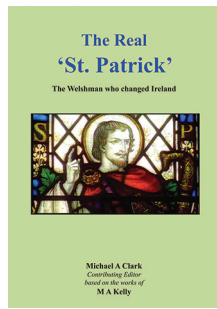
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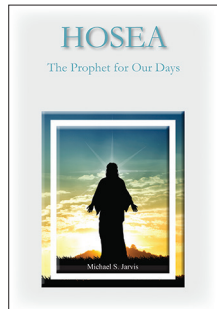


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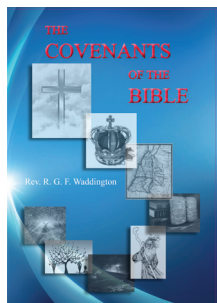
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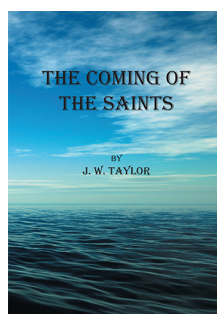
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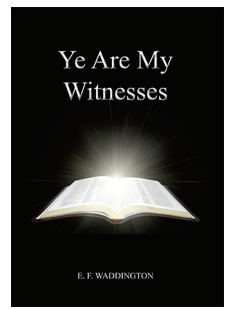
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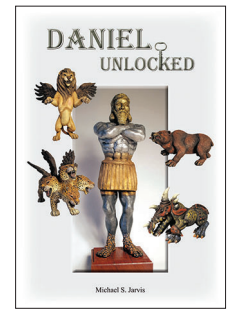
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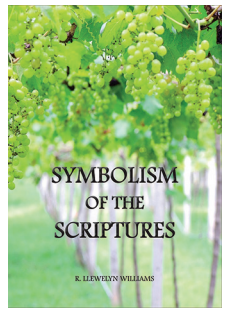
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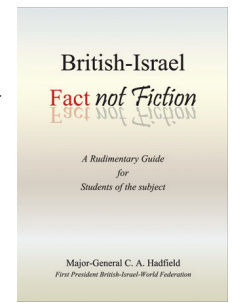
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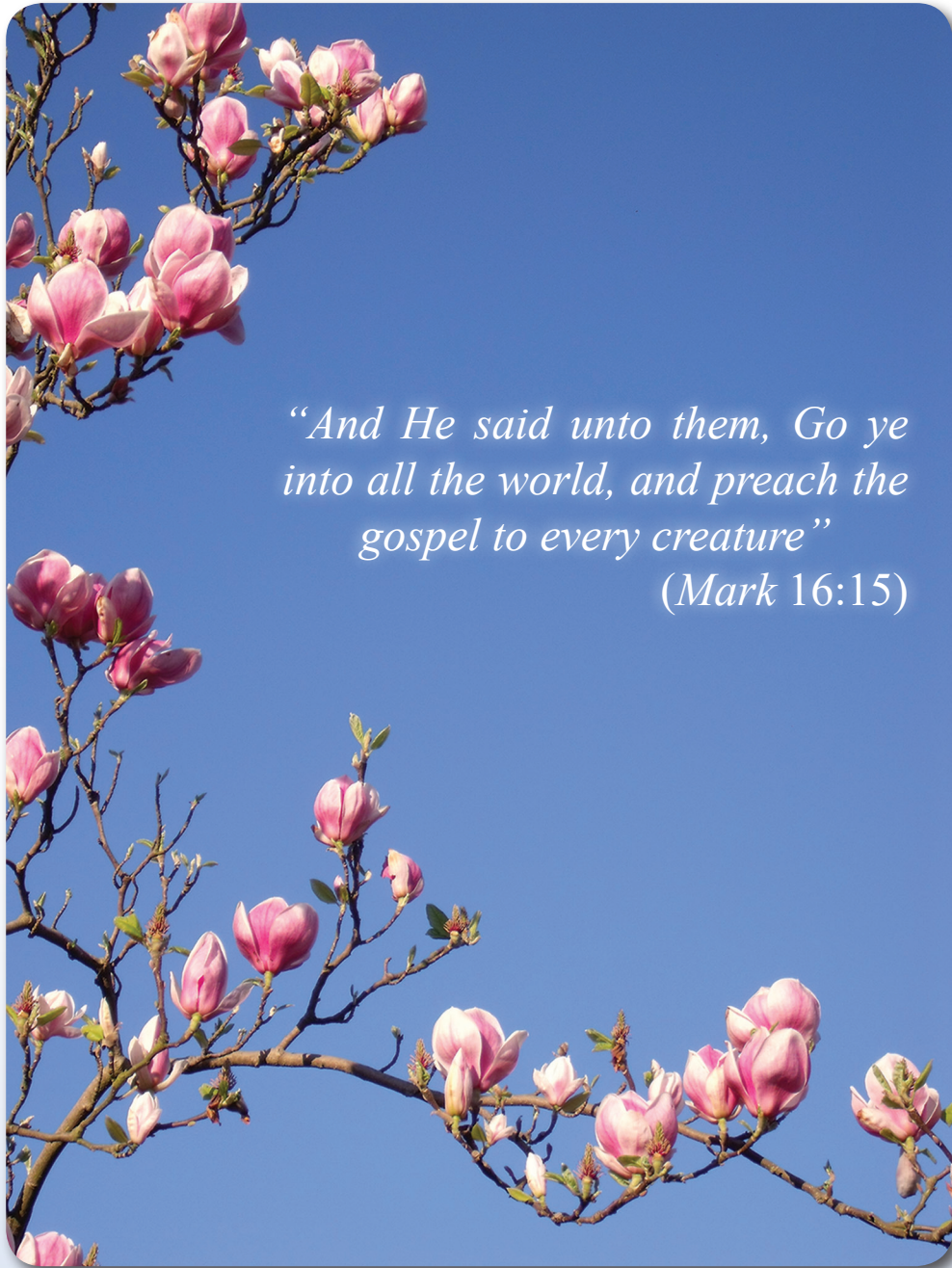
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