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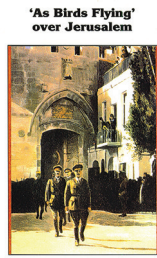
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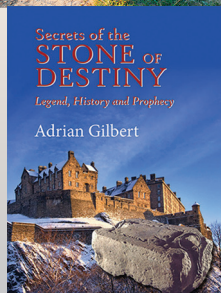


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In 1891 at Wexford Harbour in Ireland, a giant blue whale beached itself and died. The carcass was sold to the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, London. Now, after 126 years, the Museum has put the blue whale skeleton on full display. It can be understood as a prophetic symbol and signal which the LORD *prepared* for the nation 126 years ago. This is one-tenth of 1260 years, or the 3 and half *prophetic* days that the Two Witnesses of Church and State appear in a death state upon “*the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt*” (*Revelation 11:8*). The prophet Jeremiah confirmed that the LORD is “*the hope of Israel*” (*Jeremiah 17:13*). So what name have they given to the blue whale now on display – yes, of course, it is ‘HOPE’ and the measure of time confirms the miracle of restoration that will now take place.



EDITORIAL

THE NATIONAL PROPHETIC RECORD A CLOSED BOOK –

A majority of Christians confess they do not read the Bible

While we have known that there has been a general decline in church attendance over the past half century, it comes as somewhat of a surprise to be informed that a majority of Christians do not read the Bible, according to the Church of England's own polling. Figures show that 60 per cent of self-declared followers of the Church admit they never read the Bible, while 36 per cent say they never attend church. One in three said they never pray.

These figures are from a mapping survey by ComRes of adults in Britain commissioned by the Church and were published on 12 September, 2017. The number of adults interviewed was 8,150 aged 18+ online during the second half of March 2017. Data were weighted to be demographically representative of all adults in Great Britain.

It shows that many who claim to be Christian do not actually take part in many activities normally associated with the faith. While 51 per cent of those who took part in the survey said they were Christian, just six per cent of those polled read the Bible, prayed and attended church at least once a week.

Those who said they were followers of the Church of England were the least observant. Rachel Jordan, the Church's national mission and evangelism adviser, said the survey had given it "a real sense of the scale of the task ahead." She said "There are lots of surveys out there which measure how many people nominally identify as Christians. But we, as a group of leaders

across denomination committed to evangelism, wanted to devise a measure which showed us who the most committed people are – those who themselves might be willing to take on the task of spreading the good news of Jesus. So we've been tough in our definition. There was no point being woolly – that isn't helpful to us for the task of evangelism."

Another survey by the Religious Education Council and the National Association of Teachers of Religious Education, found that a quarter of the schools polled said they do not offer the subject to all students at GCSE level. This is breaking the law as RE must be taught by all state-funded schools in England. It is not clear if this is an unintended consequence of the English Baccalaureate (RE is not included), or a dearth of specialist teachers. What is clear is that something has gone very wrong when it comes to teaching children about *the* faith. In Wales, which is exempt from the system, GCSE entries for the subject have grown at a far higher rate.

Religion and in particular the Bible, *our national prophetic record*, is crucial to a balanced education and the continuity of constitutional integrity. The Church without the knowledge and understanding of this historical fact has become helplessly adrift on an ocean of unbelief, *'Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof'* (II Timothy 3:5). **There is a solution.**

The main barrier to the teaching of the Bible in its full prophetic

integrity is the veil of false Replacement Theology. This being the spiritualization of the covenants made between our ancestral Patriarchs and Israel as the nation under God. The *Babylonish* Church of Rome 'replaced' Israel as the Kingdom of God with its papal throne after the captivities and apparent disappearance of the *Twelve Tribes* of Israel, when in fact all the tribes were destined to be redeemed and restored under the New Testament Covenant (*Jeremiah* 31:31; *Hebrews* 8:8).

At this 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's *95 Theses* – significantly ten jubilee periods of 50 years – it is the fullness at the set time for the Bible to be opened up for the people's understanding from its present closed state and studied in the full context of the *continuing* Kingdom of God upon earth. The Old Testament Covenant contains the prophetic vision for the People of God and their destiny in the future 'Brexit' world of the restored family of covenant nations, preparing indeed for the Coming King of kings.

The year 2018 will be 1260 *solar* years, or 42 prophetic months (*Revelation* 11:2 & 13:5) from AD 758 when the papacy became a temporal authority in Rome and Europe under Pope Paul I. This is the defined duration of its power in the Roman 'earth' which coincides with Britain coming out from under the domination of EU edicts and laws. The call must *and will* come for the Bible to be expounded and restored in its full national context as the living and inspired oracle for all our futures.

THE DELIVERANCE OF OLD JERUSALEM –

and the Siege of New Jerusalem in the West

“As birds flying, so will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also He will deliver it and passing over he will preserve it” (Isaiah 31:5).

Christian apologists, and preachers, sometimes tell us that one cannot prove the existence of God, one can only *believe*, but in the Deliverance of Jerusalem in 1917 we have accumulated evidence that demonstrates conclusively, not only the existence but the Omniscience and Almighty Power of God, as well as the truth and exactitude of His Word, the Hebrew Bible, which actually constitutes *the national prophetic record* of the British and kindred peoples, given to us by William Tyndale from 1525 and King James I in 1611. Moreover, the date of the deliverance was significantly marked in the 1662 English *Book of Common Prayer* (the first two editions of which were compiled and written by Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury).

This event was an immensely significant prophetic signal of what was to develop during the century that has followed, this being the siege now extant upon Western civilization, the New Jerusalem in the West. It was the deliverance of Old Jerusalem by *British Forces*, of the Birthright line from Joseph, and the prophetic aerial sign given *‘as birds flying’* which now confirms to us, a completed century later, that deliverance from the present siege of our civilization in the New Jerusalem of the West will

be fulfilled by angelic forces. Jerusalem, the most famous historic city in the world, was delivered from its centuries-long domination by the Turks on 9-11 December, 1917, by British Forces under the command of General Allenby (later Field Marshal Allenby, 1st Viscount of Megiddo and Felixstowe). The details of this event are so striking that they undoubtedly constitute one of the most amazing events of the twentieth century since, in minute exactness, they fulfilled Bible prophecies given twenty-six centuries beforehand.

The fact stands out with striking clearness that the secret of the success which crowned Allenby’s achievement was domination of the air, secured by British airmen of the Royal Flying Corps with

nine aircraft (judgment) which flew over the city in a ‘V’ formation (the Royal Air Force not coming into being until 1 April, 1918). As the Divine forecast had stated, this manner of ‘defence’ coincided with the city’s deliverance; here again we have exact fulfilment, for after being oppressed by the Ottoman empire for hundreds of years, Jerusalem was ‘delivered’ and gladly surrendered to British Forces from the line of Joseph.

Until 8 December, 1917, the whole of this fifth verse of *Isaiah 31* had been prophecy, but during that night the Turks evacuated the city and very early in the morning of 9 December practically every soldier had gone. At that point two-thirds of the verse had become history. About half-past eight that morning, the Mayor of Jerusalem, with a small party under a flag of truce, was seen by the British outposts on the road about Lifta coming to surrender the city.



The formal surrender was accepted by General O’Shea, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief who himself took the formal surrender two days later. The last clause of Isaiah’s prophecy was carried out as definitely and as fully, as the previous ones. The battle had passed over, so did the sign *‘as birds flying’* (set out in detail below).

On 11 December, 1917,

General Allenby, the leader of the delivering forces, **walked** into Jerusalem through the 'Gate of the Friend' (Jaffa Gate), outside which military guards were drawn up, ready to join the procession into the city. The guard on the one side was formed by soldiers from Great Britain and that on the other side by Australian and New Zealand troops, for it must be remembered that this deliverance was carried out entirely by forces of the British 'nation and company of nations.'

General Allenby officially accepted the surrender of the Holy City from the foot of David's Tower and a comforting proclamation was read in *seven* languages, telling the people they could go quietly and undisturbed about their ordinary business and all their holy sites would be respected. Jerusalem was no longer 'trodden down of the Gentiles,' as it was the greater Israel of covenant promise into whose hands the city was delivered. But what caused the Turkish army to suddenly evacuate the city on the night of 8 December?

As has already been mentioned, the fact is revealed that for centuries the date of Jerusalem's deliverance has been marked in Britain's national Prayer Book, the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer*. It was on a Sunday evening in June 1917 that a mechanic in the Royal Flying Corps, James Martin Stears (1882-1971), the original author of the CPC booklet,* who was home on leave for a few days and with his wife met a clergyman, Rev John Hilton, on the steps of St James Church, Pentonville, London, the church where both had been members. The clergyman and Stears had never met before and nor did they again, but that meeting of just a few minutes was unforgettable for the mechanic



(who was transferred to No. 35 Squadron at Farnborough, which was shortly going to France).

Noting the Flying Corps uniform James Stears was wearing, Rev Hilton said, "Do you know I believe Jerusalem is soon going to be delivered and aeroplanes will have a lot to do with it. I am watching events and reading my Bible side by side with my newspaper." Opening his Bible at *Isaiah 31:5* he pointed out God's promise: "*As birds flying so will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it and passing over he will preserve it.*"

Much of that conversation was for a time forgotten by James Stears, then it was brought back sharply to mind, by the wording of a dispatch published in the newspapers: the General commanding the Egyptian

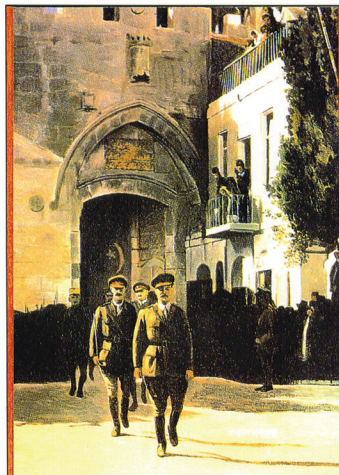
Expeditionary Force reported that his aircraft were 'doing good work 800 feet *below* sea-level' (this was, of course, in the Dead Sea valley). Here was a reminder that the men '*as birds flying*' were certainly at work. Within five months of that memorable

conversation outside the church in London and on 8 December, 1917, there was the passing over of the nine aircraft from the Royal Flying Corps and, without a shot being fired, Jerusalem was indeed delivered and above all, *preserved!*

The miracle of timing in this event is that not only was the prophecy of *Isaiah 31:5* fulfilled, but that the whole chapter of *Isaiah 31* was the reading given in the Lectionary of Lessons for Morning Prayer on 8 December in the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer*, the very day when the Royal Flying Corps passed over the city. A photograph was taken by Ronald C Larking of the aircraft passing over Jerusalem a few days after the deliverance by British Forces, repeating their historic overflight of the city prior to the surrender of the Turks. He took many other pictures of the deliverance that are in our archives (the writer actually met Larking in the 1960s who confirmed taking the photograph of the Royal Flying Corps passing over the city).

Soon after being demobilized in 1919, the ex-mechanic came across the works of Dr Grattan Guinness and his book *Light for the Last Days*, published in 1886. Guinness had pointed out that the 1335 days of *Daniel 12:12* (on the prophetic scale given in *Numbers 14:34* and *Ezekiel 4:6* – a day for a year) were due to expire in 1917. In *Daniel 9* there is the record of the prophet's prayer concerning his home city Jerusalem and his people of Judah. Therefore the 'blessing' evidently indicted

'As Birds Flying' over Jerusalem





something good for Jerusalem in 1917.

Here was a fulfilment indeed as the oppressor was driven out in the Muslim year of 1335 (AD 1917) as had been foretold by the Old Testament Scriptures. Significantly Jerusalem never reached 1336, but from 1335 used the calendar of Anno Domini (the year of Our Lord).

The deliverance of Old Jerusalem by the forces of Britain-Israel in December 1917, one hundred years ago, without a shot being fired (unlike that of the Six-Day War of 1967) or any stone or building being thrown down and with the unpretentious entry of General Allenby, on foot, was a sign to herald the ultimate deliverance of the greater city of the New Jerusalem in the West.

To understand this we have to consider that the name 'Jerusalem' has the meaning of a 'foundation of peace.' Using the terms 'Zion' or 'Jerusalem' – for how else could the body-politic of the servant people be described – the prophet Zechariah in chapter 8 envisions a great and powerful civilization that "*shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the Lord of hosts [or of battles] the holy mountain.*"

In chapter 12, Zechariah speaks of a far future day when 'all people of the earth be gathered against' Jerusalem. It is *prophetic* Jerusalem against which non-Israel peoples and demonic-inspired influences have been gathering during the opening decades of the twenty-first century – that huge 'Jerusalem' that is so vast it takes an angel to measure it and that has a multitude

of people and cattle, even a great spoil (*Zechariah 2* and *Ezekiel 38*). It is a conflict of the Age-end for possession of the earth that the descendants of Amalek and all his hordes are waging against the great company of *true* Israel nations in the West.

It was the Lord Jesus Christ Himself Who declared what would happen in the final Age-end crisis:

"And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory [the article 'A Prophetic Eclipse' passing over seven salems in the USA on page 9 of this issue may be of great relevance to this pronouncement]."

"And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other" (Matthew 24:30-31).

These words of the Coming King and Deliverer of the servant people reveal that at the very point of extremity for His nation, or prophetic Jerusalem in the West, Almighty God will send forth His angels to gather the elect, or servant people, from being overcome. Seen or unseen, they will go forth *'as birds flying'* from one end of the heavens to the other. To still, or hold back, the four winds of global conflict and distress, so that the power and great glory of the Son of Man shall be revealed.

The story and final siege of *prophetic* or New Jerusalem, yet alone Old Jerusalem is not yet finished, but the end result when it comes, is certain. His perfect Peace and Holiness will be established: "*The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this!*"

MICHAEL A CLARK

** As Birds Flying or Jerusalem 1917, pub.1941*

A PROPHETIC ECLIPSE

In what is being called the Great American Eclipse, on 21 August, 2017, a total eclipse of the sun was seen across the entire continental USA for the first time in 99 years (99 being the numeric value of 'Amen' – the heavenly 'So be it'). The writer had the great good fortune to be able to travel down to view the eclipse at Douglas, Wyoming, located in the 70-mile wide path of totality – a truly unforgettable experience. But what can be enjoyed on one level as an awesome spectacle of nature may also be filled with prophetic significance in the spiritual realm. So let us look at some aspects of this now.

A total solar eclipse occurs only at new moon when the moon moves in front of the sun's disk and casts its shadow upon the earth. The moon blocks all the light of the sun except for its glowing corona, due to an amazing astronomical phenomenon: the sun is 400 times larger than the moon, but it is also 400 times farther away, making the sun and moon appear to be exactly the same size as viewed from earth – unmistakably a part of the Creator's perfect design.

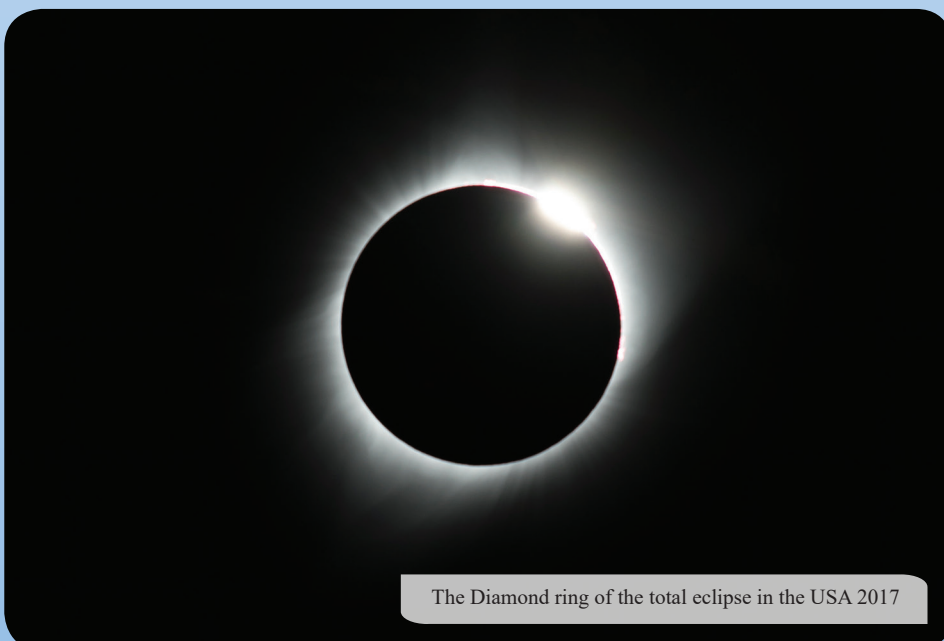
This number, 400, is very significant, being, as given in *The Language of Numbers*, a Divinely perfect period, the product of 8 (Christ) times 50 (Jubilee). 400 is also the number of years from the promise to Abraham at the birth of his son Isaac to the Exodus (*Genesis 15:13*), linking it to the servant nation of Israel. The sun is symbolic of the British Davidic 'Throne of the Lord' on earth (*Psalms 89:36-37*); while the moon, reflecting as it does the light of the sun, represents the True Church, which reflects the light of Christ. Both the sun and moon are to endure as a faithful witness *together*, as in the total solar eclipse. At Joshua's long day, the sun and moon stood still together (*Joshua 10:12-14*), just as they appear briefly to do during the moments of totality.

It is interesting that when Scripture records that at Joshua's command 'the sun stood still,' the Hebrew word translated 'stood still' actually means 'to be silent.' This is most significant because, as the eclipse in America was timed to take place at the maximum brightness of noon-day, in London, Big Ben, a striking clock at Westminster since 1859,

was also to be stopped or 'go silent' at noon for a four-year period, while renovations to the Elizabeth Tower which houses it are made. It is surely not coincidence that the darkness or 'silence' of the sun and of the great bell – its sound so iconic of Britain – took place at the same time in the two brother nations of Ephraim (Britain) and Manasseh (the USA).

So we begin to see the spiritual import of this rare celestial event, but there is much more to be gleaned. The path taken by the 2017 eclipse was truly remarkable in that it passed over seven towns named Salem in the United States – those located in Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming (not found on most maps, but on Google Earth), Nebraska, Missouri, Kentucky and South Carolina – with two of these Salems being in the first and last states the eclipse crossed. Furthermore, as the darkness began in Oregon, the sun was setting (growing dark) in Jerusalem – yet another Salem! The next total eclipse visible in the United States, on 8 April, 2024, actually crosses the 2017 path at Salem, Kentucky, near where the Mississippi River (which flows north to south) and the Ohio River (running east to west) meet, the two pathways forming a huge X-shaped cross right across America. The 2024 path of totality then moves into Ontario, Canada and through the Maritime Provinces, finally crossing a ninth Salem in Newfoundland – nine being the number of finality and judgment.

The spiritual meaning of all these Salems is as yet unclear. 'Salem' in Hebrew means 'peace,' so the eclipse and the sun going dark may forebode a taking of peace from the earth and a time of judgment – especially for the USA and Jerusalem. As the prophet Joel



The Diamond ring of the total eclipse in the USA 2017

foresaw, “*Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near...the sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining*” (Joel 3:14-15). On the other hand, it could be prophetic of the era of peace soon to come during the Millennial reign of Christ on earth; or more likely, it means both, with the judgment preceding the age of peace.

One important clue to its meaning derives from the fact that the X-shaped cross over America can be seen as a picture of when the patriarch Jacob deliberately crossed his hands in blessing his grandsons, Ephraim (Britain) and Manasseh (the USA) as related in *Genesis*, chapter 48; (Britain having likewise experienced a highly significant total solar eclipse on 11 August 1999). During that eclipse, the planets were aligned so as to form a Grand Cross in the heavens, with the four arms of the Cross located in Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius – the four fixed signs of the Zodiac, representing the four leading tribes of ancient Israel, as well as the four Cherubim around God’s throne (*Revelation* 4:6-7)). So it would appear to mean a spiritual blessing is shortly to be poured forth over the nations of modern Israel.

Another symbolic meaning of the total solar eclipse, as previously discussed in my article ‘A Woman’s Place...,’ * is the meeting and joining together of the male and female principles, the male being typed from ancient times by the sun (gold) and the female by the moon (silver). The perfect conjunction of the two heavenly bodies represents the Divine Marriage of Christ and His Bride, which is necessary to redress the gender imbalance caused by the Fall, and to bring peace, harmony and healing to the earth. A beautiful feature of the total eclipse which takes place at the beginning

and end of totality occurs when the sun, shining through a valley on the moon’s surface, produces a bright burst of light on the corona. It is called by astronomers the Diamond Ring effect, and perfectly symbolizes the heavenly marriage. And since the eclipse also occurred near the cusp of Leo and Virgo (23 August), it was a celestial double witness to the union of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah and His Virgin Spouse. An earthly confirmation of this was made by dozens of couples in America being married during the eclipse; the event was dubbed the ‘Solar Eclipse of the Heart.’

“For the day of the
LORD is near”

Joel 3:14

This male-female symbolism is also brought into sharp focus by the 1985 film, *Ladyhawke*. Based on a thirteenth century European legend, a beautiful woman, Isabeau d’Anjou, and her beloved, Navarre, the Captain of the Guard, are cursed by an evil jealous bishop whose advances she had spurned. Under his spiteful curse, Isabeau is doomed to become a hawk by day, and Navarre, a wolf by night, so the two can never see one another in human form. The only way to break the demonic spell is for the lovers to stand before the bishop at a time when it is neither day nor night – that is, during a fortuitous total solar eclipse. As the heavenly conjunction takes place, and the curse is thus ended and the evil bishop who invoked it is slain, Navarre lifts up Isabeau in joy in the light of the re-emerging sun. It is a dramatic picture of the curse upon Eve and Adam instigated by the Serpent being finally ended, and the subjected woman being lifted up again to her true place. During the 2017 eclipse, it was literally

demonstrated by the fact that the planet Venus – the brightest object in the heavens after the sun and moon, and also representing the female gender – could be clearly seen during totality just north of the sun and moon, directly overhead – the woman symbolically lifted up again.

As a second cinematic witness to this vital truth, on the morning we left for the United States (20 August), there was a clip on a television news program from the film *Dragonslayer*. This 1981 Disney movie, also set in medieval times, featured a huge, fire-breathing dragon that terrorized the land, demanding and receiving a twice yearly offering of a virgin to be devoured by him. This theme again speaks of the enmity between the Serpent/Dragon and the Woman, as set forth in *Genesis* 3:15 and also in *Revelation* 12, where “*the great dragon...that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan...persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child*” (v.9 & 13). In the movie, the flying dragon is shot down *during a total solar eclipse*, and falls into the sea. Fantasy films such as these, dealing with good versus evil, often illustrate spiritual truths more clearly than is possible with more conventional stories. The breaking of the curse that ensued from Adam and Eve’s fall from grace, and the triumph of Christ over the Dragon/Serpent, is made readily apparent.

Biblically, it is especially reflected in *Psalms* 47, which is a hymn of praise to God for His victory over the darkness and His deliverance of His covenant nation, Israel. This psalm was my Scripture reading on the morning of the eclipse, and the first verse – “*O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph*” – was literally fulfilled by all those who were watching the eclipse cheering and clapping at both the beginning and end of totality. They were

celebrating in ignorance the great work the Lord was symbolically accomplishing, both for His chosen people, and for all mankind.

Besides 400, another symbolic number figures prominently in the eclipse – the number 33. As mentioned earlier, this was the first solar eclipse to cross the United States in 99 years – 99 is also 3 times 33. The eclipse started in Oregon, which was the 33rd state to join the Union, and it ended on latitude 33 degrees at Charleston, South Carolina. In biblical numerics, the number 33 means ‘a Sign,’ and accordingly, 33 days after the eclipse, on 23 September, 2017, there is to be yet another sign in heaven.

This sign relates to the vision the Apostle John was given, which he recorded in *Revelation*, chapter 12: “*And there appeared a great wonder [Gk. ‘sign’] in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered... And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron*”

(v. 1-2, 5). This prophetic vision is being fulfilled in a marvellous way, for on 23 September, as the Equinox begins, the sun is located in the constellation of Virgo – the Woman ‘clothed with the sun’ – while the moon will appear to be ‘under her feet.’ Above her head will be twelve ‘stars’ – the nine bright stars of Leo, plus the planets, Mercury, Mars and Venus in conjunction. Then Virgo will appear to ‘give birth’ to Jupiter, as the planet exits the constellation some 42 weeks, or nine months, after it entered the ‘womb’ of the Virgin! It is claimed by some that this particular configuration of stars and planets has never happened before, and will never happen again, testifying to its unique importance. Prophetically, the Woman represents the nation of Israel with the twelve stars of Divine government upon her head, while Jupiter, the king of the gods, is the planet of the King – Jesus Christ. The Hebrew name for Jupiter is Zedek, meaning ‘righteousness,’ one of the attributes of the Lord that will characterize His blessed one-thousand-year reign.

This date of 23 September also falls immediately after Rosh Hashanah (20-22 September), the Israelite

Feast of Trumpets, with the new moon and the blowing of the *shofar* (ram’s horn) heralding the New Year. This is also highly significant in that it is believed to have been on the Feast of Trumpets in 2 BC that Jesus was born at His first advent. How amazing that that event so long ago should coincide with the sign of the birth of the Manchild today! But no mystery, for it has been ordained of old by God as part of His great and all-encompassing Plan.

And so, we have emblazoned across the heavens two prophetic signs of the promised return of the Messiah. Jesus said to the Apostle John in *Revelation 22:20*, “*Surely, I come quickly.*” It is now surely imminent that the nations are to tremble at His Appearance in judgment, as He takes up the Throne of David in our midst, to rule and reign over His people Israel! The cry at the Midnight Hour – “*Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him*” (*Matthew 25:6*) – is about to be heard in our land and among the covenant nations in all parts of the planet. How shall we respond?

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A PROPHECY OF ISRAEL'S REFORMATION

In honour of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation in 2017

Ezekiel gave us one of his most memorable prophecies in chapter 37, verses 1 to 14, popularly known as “the valley of dry bones.” Early theologian, St. Jerome, said, “This passage is very famous.” Modern Christian scholar, Dr. Thomas L. Constable, declared, “This may be the best-known section of the Book of *Ezekiel*.” He added that “This well-known apocalyptic vision of the valley of dry bones pictures the manner in which Yahweh would restore His people. Few other passages have suffered more from the extremes of interpreters who see either too much or too little in both meaning and application of the figures, symbols, and types.” (*Expository Notes*, Dr. Constable).

Many ideas of the expositors are indeed extremely fanciful and outlandish. The prophecy tells us (37:1) that Ezekiel was taken in the Spirit and set down in the midst of a valley which was full of bones. Jewish interpreters have added their own flourishes. The Talmudic *Targum* adds that Rabbi Jochanan says it was the valley of Dura, and these were the bones of those slain by Nebuchadnezzar there (*Daniel* 3:1). Medieval expositor Rab says these were the children of Ephraim, slain by the men of Gath (*I Chronicles* 7:20). Some of the Jewish Rabbis think there was a real resurrection at this time. Rabbi Eliezer says, the dead quickened by Ezekiel stood upon their feet, sang a song, and died. Yet another Rabbi Eliezer, the son of Rabbi Jose the Galilean, avers they

were resurrected, went up into the land of Israel, married wives, and begat sons and daughters (*Talmudic Babylonian Sanhedrin, folio 92; see Kimchi & Abendana in loc.*). Such are the fabulous and romantic ideas of popular Jewish theology.

A great number of Christian theologians of the past and present have also seen the reawakening of the dry bones as an actual resurrection from the dead, and believe that the scene presented is of a huge number of actual dead bodies of Israelites slain in exile in some assumed great slaughter. However, the late Dr. Arno C. Gabelin wisely observed, “In this vision of the dry bones, physical resurrection is used as a type of the national restoration of Israel. It is used in the same way in *Daniel* 12:2. In that passage the sleep in the dust of the earth is symbolical of their national condition. And when their national sleep ends there will be an awakening. When we read here in *Ezekiel* of graves, it must not be taken to mean literal graves; the graves are symbolical of the nation as being buried among the

nations. If these dry bones meant the physical dead of the nation, how could it be explained that they speak and say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost?’ The same figure of speech is used in the New Testament. Of the prodigal it is said, ‘For this my son was dead, and is alive again’ (*Luke* 15:24). Yet he was not physically dead, nor was he made alive physically. Therefore, this vision has nothing whatever to do with a physical resurrection.”

Why then were these exiled Israelites depicted as dead men with bleached bones? The *Expositors Bible* explains, “Israel as a people had ceased to exist. Not only were the outward symbols of national unity destroyed, but the national spirit was extinct. Just as the destruction of the bodily organism implies the death of each separate member and organ and cell, so the individual Israelites felt themselves to be as dead men, dragging out an aimless existence without hope in the world . . . not life, but death in life.” National spirit, hope and the national identity of the exiles were lost in the years following the time of Ezekiel, circa 585 BC.



The *Expositors Bible* adds, “This is the simplest, as well as the most suggestive, of Ezekiel’s visions, and carries its interpretation on the face of it. The single idea which it expresses is the restoration of the Hebrew nationality through the quickening influence of the Spirit of Jehovah on the surviving members of the old house of Israel. It

is not a prophecy of the resurrection of individual Israelites who have perished. The bones are ‘the whole house of Israel’ now in exile; they are alive as individuals, but as members of a nation they are dead and hopeless of revival . . . the grave is no more to be understood literally than the dry bones of the vision itself; both are symbols of the gloomy and despairing view which the exiles take of their own condition. The substance of the prophet’s message is that the God who raises the dead and calls the things that are not as though they were is able to bring together the scattered members of the house of Israel and form them into a new people through the operation of His life-giving Spirit.”

The resurrection theme, therefore, refers to Israel in exile receiving, not physical life, but spiritual life through the infusion of God’s Holy Spirit into their nation as a whole. This took place at some time period after the house of Israel was removed from old Canaan by the Assyrians in successive waves of conquest between 732 and 676 BC. Dr. Constable says, “We know comparatively little about the history of the exiled northerners, but there is no evidence of any return. There was Jewish awareness of northern tribes in Assyria: the apocryphal book of Tobit has such a setting [Note: Allen, *Ezekiel* 20-48, p. 195.]” The Pulpit Commentary states that the phrase, ‘we are cut off for our parts’ (37:11) is “literally, *we are cut off for ourselves*; which Gesenius explains to mean, “We are lost,” taking [the Hebrew word] as a dativus pleonasticus.” Exiled and dispersed Israel indeed became “lost tribes.”

Where did they go? God’s people were not all exiled to one place, but originally to three widely separate locations north and east of Assyria in the Mideast (II *Kings* 17:6). The exiles are not there today, and they did not return to Canaan. The *Pulpit Commentary* tells us that the

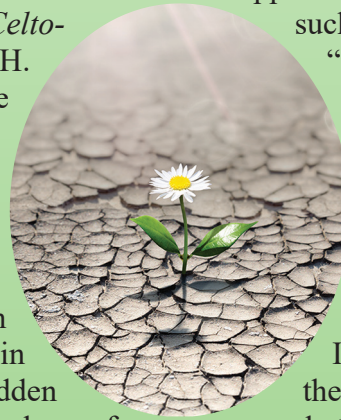
prophecies “clearly presuppose a wider dispersion of Israel than had then, *i.e.* in Ezekiel’s day, taken place; and that Israel has never yet been made one nation upon the mountains of Israel, is incontestable . . . Not even after the exile closed did all Israel return to Palestine.” We are not talking about a small number of missing people. In *Commentary on Ezekiel*, Dr. Peter Pett points out that Ezekiel’s vision spoke of a vast army of people (37:10), and says, “Note the emphasis on the many, the ‘huge army.’ It would be important in the interpretation...” *A Commentary on the Holy Bible* (ed: Dummelow) adds, “the reference is not to the graves of those actually dead, but to the heathen world as the grave of the dead nation of Israel.”

The book, *Story of Celto-Saxon Israel*, by W.H. Bennett* shows where in the “heathen world” they went, and that “Israel’s grave was the Saxon’s birthplace.” The great numbers of Israelites lost in northern Assyria explain the coincident sudden appearance of great numbers of early European tribes. In succeeding centuries the remaining elements of Ezekiel’s prophecy came to pass. The Reformation in Europe under the New Covenant was an infusion of spiritual life into the hearts and minds of the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and related peoples exactly correlating to the restored national Spiritual life foreseen by Ezekiel in his vision.

The New Covenant prophesied by Ezekiel’s near-contemporary, Jeremiah, has been a source of confusion because it was to be given by the Holy Spirit to Israel, not to some supposedly non-Semitic Gentiles. Renowned expositor, Dr. Thomas Constable, explained the dilemma: “On the surface, New Testament references to the realization of the New Covenant in the present era are problematic, for Jeremiah and Ezekiel spoke of this

covenant being made with Israel, not the Gentiles. Some argue that the church is the new ‘Israel’ through which the Old Testament promise is fulfilled. Others, insisting on a sharp distinction between Israel and the church, propose that the new covenant mentioned in the New Testament is distinct from the one promised in the Old Testament.” (*Expository Notes*, Dr. Constable).

Expositors feel constrained to invent a theology of two Israels or two New Covenants (“Dual-Covenant Theology”) with a racial salvation for the Jews in place of the prophetic infilling of the Spirit. Yet neither a second Israel, a second New Covenant, nor a racial salvation is supported by the Bible. Instead of such fanciful unscriptural “solutions” that cast doubt on the truth of Divine prophecy, it can be shown that the so-called “Gentiles” of Europe are in fact the descendants of the ancient House of Israel, and are therefore the proper recipients of the prophetic promises.



Nelson’s *New Illustrated Bible Commentary* reveals that, “The word rendered breath . . . symbolizes the Holy Spirit (*Ezekiel* 37:14), who brings renewal, regeneration, and rebirth (*Ezekiel* 37:6, 9; *John* 3:5-8; 6:44; 7:37-39; 16:5-15; *Romans* 8:9-11).” Correctly and simply interpreted, Ezekiel’s vision is not a reincarnation of the dead, but a spiritual renewal, a national reawakening, regeneration and rebirth of the Israel people during this present age, and corresponds with the Protestant Reformation that swept through the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic nations beginning in the European Middle Ages.

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NEWS FROM VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

In Australia, from 19-21 September, 2017, the BIWF Victorian Branch held their Conference. Situated in the rural holiday city of Mildura, the event saw a great gathering of people up by 50 percent on last year and from all the Eastern states including South Australia. Surrounded by picturesque farmlands and sun-burnt plains, it really was a marvellous display of God's creation. The theme was **'Biblical Truth vs. Religious Dogma,'** a very fitting theme addressing the false teaching introduced into Protestant churches worldwide.

The guest speaker, Dr Clifford Smyth and his wife Anne, from Northern Ireland, were thoroughly welcomed. The conference started with a short 'meet and greet' with tea and coffee. Pastor Chris Chetland opened the meeting with prayer and some songs. A letter was read from Brenton Boshoff from the BIWF South African office with greetings and blessings for a successful conference.

Anne sang her lovely songs that they sing at their Northern Ireland BI gatherings; one song she sang was on how we all need a revival. Clifford then spoke about 'Australia

the Promised Land,' his background living in Australia meant he knew his subject. Next Clifford presented his talk on 'Australia versus The Tower of Babel.' Here he talked about the numerous connections to many cultures with the Australian Aborigines. Perry Thorp then presented the new project, *The National Covenant Message*, a Facebook Page devoted to carrying the views of the British-Israel teaching. He spoke about ways people can present our teaching and noted the partnership with Brenton Boshoff from South Africa in the running of this project. Perry also distributed information on the Christian Prophetic Essay Competition 2018.

A prayer session led by Pastors Chris Chetland, Vince Hartwig and Rob Bailey was taken up to pray for the guidance of the Australian Government to move close to the teachings of the Bible and also for the continuing guidance of Her Majesty the Queen. This session concluded with prayers of healing for the country and those in attendance. Clifford resumed his presentations with his famous lecture titled 'The Hand of God on Queen Elizabeth II' which includes the example she presents in her

daily service to the company of nations over which she reigns. Australia's real national anthem was then sung, 'God Save the Queen.'

On another day Clifford Smyth continued the theme of the conference talking on the different prophetic views on who true Israel are today. After a Q & A session he touched on the many different routes of Israel, furthermore showing the true and sound view of the Israel teaching.

As a new Victorian Branch, the 30 people in attendance were very encouraging. Most of the books were taken up, even after being replenished. Concluding the conference, Vince Hartwig led a discussion to create a vision for the Victorian Branch and activities for next year. Following the success of this conference, more people have shown interest in attending future events.

The leadership of the Victorian Branch would like to thank the Board of Management of BIWF in the UK for sending Clifford and his lovely wife Anne to speak at the conference.

PERRY THORP



THE CHRISTIAN PROPHETIC WITNESS

ESSAY COMPETITION 2018

All interested young people are invited to submit an essay on the following questions set for their age group



19-30 years old:

Write an essay of no more than **3,000** words on

“Judah was given the sceptre (*Genesis 49:10*) and Joseph was given the birthright (*I Chronicles 5:2*). Where is the evidence in the world today that God has been faithful in his Promise?”

15-18 years old:

Write an essay of no more than **2,000** words on

“The use of coats-of-arms, flags, seals and badges to identify different organisations, states and nations is common throughout the world. Colours, animals, trees, flowers, birds and so on are used in these emblems. Give five examples of biblical symbols associated with the tribes of Israel in current use.”



Please submit your entry to Philippa Clark at:

philippa@britishisrael.co.uk

Prizes:

19-30 years old

1st prize: **£350.00** and Covenant Publishing books, value **£100.00**
 Runner-up: **£150.00** and Covenant Publishing books, value **£100.00**

15-18 years old

1st prize: **£250.00** and Covenant Publishing books, value **£50.00**
 Runner-up: **£50.00** and Covenant Publishing books, value **£50.00**

The winning essays will be published on the **BIWF website** and in *The Covenant Nations* magazine

Rules of the competition:

- Entrants must be either 19-30 years old or 15-18 years old on 1 December 2017.
- Closing date for entries: 30 June 2018.
- Judges' decision is final.
- Results to be published on the BIWF website and in *The Covenant Nations* magazine.

GOD'S PERFECT TIMING

Assurance and Comfort from His Word



To say we are going through a traumatic time is surely no exaggeration! There have been terrorist attacks on our people and lives have been lost; a disastrous fire in London in July, also with loss of life, and then there are the many voices raised against our vote to be free from bondage to the European Union. They have been, and are still, using every trick at their disposal to bring the vote to leave the EU to non-effect. It is a veritable cacophony of noise and it is also wearisome to listen to.

But it reminds us that it was just the same as when the Children of Israel escaped from Egyptian bondage. There were murmurings against Moses. They missed the onions and garlic; only the Egyptians could look after them; they would all die in the wilderness. The wilderness should hold no fears for the House of Israel for was it not to

the wilderness that Almighty God allured them and spoke comfortably to them after their escape from Assyrian captivity. And it was there that lost Israel began their journey to the isles of the sea and beyond. The United States of America, Canada, Australia and New Zealand were all wildernesses to which the House of Israel eventually went. All those who wish to remain in the EU are as some of those described by Ezekiel as living *'carelessly in the isles'* (39:6).

It is a great joy to be gathered together at the BIWF Summer Convention once again. Our chosen path can set us apart and we can suffer loneliness because of our beliefs. That is why gathering together is so important. To be with like-minded people, able to talk to each other and not having to mind our 'Ps' and 'Qs' is a blessing indeed, even if only for a comparatively short time.

Having our batteries recharged by the lectures given to us by God's servants makes these times together precious indeed.

This is an opportunity to remind ourselves of what we hold dear and to take stock of what it really entails in this time of travail that we are all going through. The loneliness for our beliefs and other difficulties are borne out by our Lord's words, *"Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you"* (Matthew 5:11-12). And the Lord confirms the Way would be hard, *"And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, 'whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his*

cross, and follow me” (Mark 8:34).

Our Israel Identity beliefs are not considered important by a large section of Christian believers and yet the message our Lord preached and His priority was the Kingdom which He commanded us to seek first. Our detractors condemn us and we have all heard at times that old ‘chestnut’: “what if we are Israel, what does it matter?” But we know that it is the way Almighty God is going to bring us back, as a nation, to Himself and, through that same servant nation, ultimately the reconciliation of the whole world. Is it important? We can all give a resounding ‘yes’ to that question. And is our chosen path worth the pain? The answer is ‘yes’ once again.

Thus given the events which are now unfolding, there is one subject which certainly exercises our minds and that is: when will the present dispensation end and the restoration of His Kingdom under the rulership of our Lord and Redeemer Jesus Christ begin? Even Isaiah the prophet longed for this to happen and was compelled to say, “*Oh that thou wouldst rend the heavens, that thou wouldst come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence*” (Isaiah 64:1).

Now the timetable of Almighty God is in effect and moreover that plan operates on a marvellously accurate time schedule as is expressed in II Esdras 9:5-6, “*For like as all that is made in the world hath a beginning and an end, and the end is manifest, even so the times also of the Highest have plain beginnings and wonders and powerful works and endings in effects and signs.*” In other words God’s Plan and timetable of events leading to the glorious Return of our Lord is ongoing, and each day and each year that passes brings us to that culmination which we, along with Isaiah, long to see.

There is also another reason for the seeming tarrying of the Lord which is found in II Esdras but chapter 4 this time, verses 35-37, “*When the number of those who are like you is completed, for he [God] has weighed the world in the balance and has measured, and carefully counted the hours, and he will not move or disturb them, until the prescribed measure is reached.*” Therefore, not only is the time of our Lord’s Return on schedule but within that prescribed time is the precise number of those who are still to be added to His Elect Body. God has ordained the time exactly and when that time is reached then our redemption will come.

“He has weighed the world
in the balance”

II Esdras 4:36

As Isaiah longed to see the fulfilment of God’s promises we also have been given the privilege to remind the Lord of them. We are the sentinels, the watchmen on the walls, if you like, to refuse to keep silent or give the Lord rest until His promises become a reality in the earth. This is verified in Isaiah 62:6-7, “*I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.*” Thus it is not only the task of the watchmen in Israel – and at this present time that includes us – to warn the people of the dangers which face them, but we are to remind the Lord of His promises to His people Israel continuously in our prayers.

Although we are to give the Lord no rest until these promises are fulfilled in the earth, God has stated we are to also rest in Him as is expressed in Psalm 37:4 “*Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.*” And this word ‘desire’ can also be translated ‘petition.’ Surely these desires or petitions are the same as we are desirous of the Lord to fulfil, not resting until they are accomplished! Paul talks about this in Romans 8:22-23, “*For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.*”

And because we have rest in the Lord we shall also gain peace of mind, joy of heart and trust in His faithfulness and righteousness to bring to pass those things which are dear to us.

Referring back to the beginning with regard to the so-called ‘Brexit,’ or rather our escape from the European Union bondage: if this is the fulfilment of God’s command to “*Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues*” found in Revelation 18:4, then we will escape, and it will not depend on man’s timing of two years. It will be Almighty God’s timing, whatever that will turn out to be. We should remember that man proposes but God disposes.

KATHLEEN GAGE

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BIWF Summer Convention, Buxton, UK

THE GOOD SHEPHERD AND HIS FLOCK

One of the first arguments used, by the opponents of the Israel Truth, is the misguided belief that it is a message of exclusivity and that salvation is only for Israel. That is a terrible misconception and, as a result, many tend to reject outright the Israel Message without even looking at the overwhelming evidence in favour of it. The dreadful result of this misconception is all too apparent in the ever decaying world around us. The majority of Israelites are in a complete state of confusion with regards to the Word of God and that confusion has now spread among the other nations of the world as well – with devastating results. For the majority, the Bible allegedly has just too many contradictions in it and, as a rule, they are content with this major lack of knowledge. This reason for all of this confusion and resulting apathy among Christians, lies in the fact that a totally erroneous message is being preached from the pulpits and these blatant lies are in direct conflict with what the Word of God is saying about His people, their destiny and their ultimate mission in this world.

The Israel Message can be likened to a pair of glasses through which the Word of God must be read in order to clearly see what the Lord is saying about His people and His plan for them. Without these glasses the reader will never see the scripture in the correct context in order to fully grasp it. The evidence of this tragedy can clearly be seen in today's society. It is for this reason that the Israel Truth is so vital, as it will bring correction and, ultimately, it will bring law and order back into the world. The fortunate few who know the Israel Message must be diligent in sharing this Great Truth with others the world over. One of the most pivotal accounts in

the Bible that debunks the whole exclusivity fallacy and that brings great balance in understanding God's Plan for the world, can be found in *Matthew 25:31-46*. In this particular part of scripture, the Lord Jesus reveals to His disciples the events to follow His return.

In these verses (31-32) it says the following: *"But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He shall sit on the throne of His glory. And all nations shall be gathered before Him. And He shall separate them from one another, as a shepherd divides the sheep from the goats."*

The word "nations," as seen in verse 32, is the Greek word "ethnos" which means race or tribe but, more specifically, a "foreign" relation to Israel. This clearly means that the nations that will be gathered before Him will be made up of people outside of Israel. Bear in mind that, at this stage, the Bride (Israel) and the Bridegroom (Jesus) would have just now been re-united in marriage and would be, for all intents and purposes, one. This is the promise given to Israel and upon His glorious return. The Bridegroom will be re-united with His Bride but that is nowhere near the end of the story. After this re-unification, the other nations will be gathered to appear before the King of kings. When the Lord refers to the sheep in this particular passage, He is not talking about Israel but rather of those outside of Israel, who would have accepted the Lord as their Saviour through faith. This is also echoed in *John 10:16*, when the Lord is referring to Himself as the Good Shepherd and the other nations as sheep from a different fold. It seems clear that the Lord is very intent on ensuring that everyone knows the difference between Israel and

the sheep from a different fold.

As this passage continues, the Lord is revealing even more amazing things about His relationship with Israel and with those of other nations. We read in scripture that, after separating the righteous from the unrighteous, the Lord Jesus will be speaking to the righteous first, giving them the reasons why they were found to be worthy or righteous in His sight. In this, the Lord makes a profound statement that is often overlooked and which, in the past, has led to much confusion surrounding this particular scripture.

In *Matthew 25:40*, the Lord says the following: *"And the King shall answer and say to them, Truly I say to you, Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you have done it to Me."*

The question that comes to mind here is: who in fact are these "brothers" the Lord is speaking of? From the context and the way in which the Lord is referring to them, they can certainly not be from the people or nations gathered before Him, because these brothers are clearly separate from the group He is addressing. If these "brothers" are not part of the nations gathered before Him, then we need to look deeper into the scripture to see who they could be. When one looks to the Greek word for "brothers" in this particular scripture, their identity becomes clear. The Greek word for "brothers" is "adelphos" and it strangely enough means "connected to the womb." In other words, it means that the Lord's brothers, as He referred to them, can only be those who are connected to Him via the womb, since the Lord was born as a man into Israel via the Virgin Mary. We understand, of course, that ultimately He, like the rest of

Israel, came from Sarah's womb, who was ultimately the mother of all Israel. It is, therefore, clear that in this particular scripture, the only people that can be considered to be the Lord's brothers are those who share the same bloodline. It is fascinating to note that, here, the Bride of Christ is also referred to as His brothers, highlighting the intricate relationship between the Lord and His people, Israel.

What is even more profound is the great magnitude of what is being said here by the Lord. From scripture we can now see that the Lord is saying to these other nations that their attitude towards Israel will have a very significant impact on whether He considers them righteous or unrighteous. However, as imponderable as it might sound, this is exactly in line with what the Lord promised to Abraham from the start when He entered into an unconditional covenant with Abraham. We read the following in *Genesis 12:2-3*:

“And I will make you a great nation. And I will bless you and make your name great. And you shall be a blessing. And I will bless those that bless you and curse the one who curses you. And in you shall all families of the earth be blessed.”

Here the Lord clearly states that if the other nations bless Israel, they would in turn be blessed, but if those nations were to be hateful towards Israel and curse Israel, they would themselves be cursed. It doesn't stop here, because many years later, Isaac bestows a similar great blessing upon his son Jacob and in this blessing, the following far-reaching words are spoken:

“Let people serve you, and let nations bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and let your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone that curses you, and blessed be he that blesses you” (*Genesis 27:29*).

In the above passage it is clear that Israel was meant to rule in the world and that nations would inevitably bow down to Israel and, through Israel, all the families of the world would in turn also be blessed. In this the Lord is not only showing His great mercy and kind consideration towards other nations outside of Israel, but that He is also expecting those nations to be obedient to Israel and to bless Israel in their great work and calling as ordained for them to fulfil in the world. In other words, the Lord expects the other nations of the world to give their co-operation to Israel so that they might also be blessed for their obedience and diligence to God. As respect for the Anglo-Saxon people has gradually, worldwide, disappeared over the last few decades, the world is being steadily plunged into endless corruption and anarchy. With Israel's eyes currently blinded to the truth of their glorious identity, the world is rapidly falling into utter darkness, both spiritually and morally. In these desperate times, we must pray that the Lord will open Israel's eyes to the truth and that the other nations will also come to realize their dependency on Israel to show them the way and that by following Israel, they would also be blessed. The Lord is very clear in His warning about this when He states in *Matthew 25:44-46*:

“Then they will also answer Him,

saying, Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not serve You? Then He shall answer them, saying, Truly I say to you, Inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into everlasting life.”

Let us not forget who Israel really is and what our Heavenly Father said about His everlasting love for Israel. However, may we also remember those outside of Israel to whom the Lord also extended His great and tender mercies, so that if they were to learn from Israel and serve the Lord, they too will inherit everlasting life. This proves, without a shadow of a doubt, that Salvation is indeed for all nations and that the Israel Message is not a doctrine of exclusivity but a message of great blessing to those who love the Lord and obey His commandments. To the unrighteous and the enemies of God though, the following words in the book of *Zechariah* should stand as a stern, everlasting warning to whoever seek to cause Israel harm or hardship:

“For so says the Lord of Hosts: He has sent me after glory, to the nations who stripped you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye” (*Zechariah 2:8*).

BRENTON BSHOFF



THE NEW VENTURE OF BIWF SOUTH AFRICA

At the BIWF Summer Conference in July at Buxton it was announced that the Board of Management had agreed to support the new venture to re-establish a dedicated and vibrant BIWF movement in South Africa. With this announcement, the stage was finally set for a dedicated and focused work in South Africa. Within just a few weeks, new members were already joining the BIWF.

The BIWF had a strong witness in South Africa from the 1930s up to the early 1960s, with many

members, branches and activities. A significant change occurred in the early 1960s when the BIWF in South Africa decided to change its name to the “Federation of the Covenant People” (FOCP) in order to become autonomous from the BIWF UK and in order to overcome some of the prejudice towards anything “British” from the side of the Afrikaner. This was mainly due to the distrust between the Afrikaans- and English-speaking communities, dating back to the dark days of the Anglo-Boer War. Thankfully, now many decades later, these attitudes have changed.

The FOCP eventually closed down, but a few committed individuals kept their links with the BIWF UK and worked hard to maintain a network of like-minded people throughout South Africa. Sadly, despite all their efforts, the number of members dwindled to only a handful with no activity or initiatives to keep the members connected with each other.

The BIWF in South Africa was in a sense re-launched during a Christian Expo in Sandton, South Africa during 2011. From the enthusiastic support from visitors attending the Expo and visiting the BIWF stand, it



Meet some of the people of BIWF South Africa

Brenton meeting Mrs Pearl Anthony from Rosetta, South Africa. She came to the Israel Truth in 1953 in Tanganyika whilst working for the British Colonial Office. After Tanganyika, she lived in Kenya, then Rhodesia and in the early 80s moved to South Africa. At 91 she is still passionate about the BIWF and the Israel Truth.

Sean & Alicia Culverwell from Wartburg, South Africa. Sean is the Pastor at a local church outside of Wartburg, where he ministers to the farming community in the area. He has grown up with the Israel Truth and is in fact a second-generation BI. Sean will be the guest speaker at the first BIWF (SA) meeting of the Durban-South Branch.

was clear that given the right focus and support, the BIWF in South Africa could grow into a mighty work. However, the means to take this forward were not available at that time.

In recent years the very unstable political situation in South Africa has prompted many people to seek answers in the Word of God. The “Grace only” doctrine and other liberal teachings that are feverishly been preached in churches the world over are causing much confusion amongst Christians and are deliberately intended to steer people away from the deeper truths of God’s Will and Plan for His covenant people. This unscriptural dogma that has been promoted from pulpits across the country, and indeed the world, is doing very little to reassure people of God’s Great

Plan and Purpose for the small minority of Europeans living in an ever decaying South Africa.

It is in this uncertain climate that people are far more open to the Israel Truth and eager to have a deeper understanding of God’s Holy Word. The time has never been so ripe to get the Israel Message to the people, so they can be set free from the bondage of false doctrine and false teaching.

With the newly established BIWF office in South Africa, the necessary focus will be given to the spreading of the Israel Truth among our people and to equip BI believers to be able to minister to those that have not yet come to this glorious Truth. During the first two months of activity, we have seen a remarkable growth of 150% in the South African

associate membership of the BIWF. All the indications are there that even bigger growth can be expected before the end of 2017. We give all the praise and glory to our Lord and Redeemer for the great blessing and favour He has bestowed already on the work in South Africa.

In October 2017 the first official BIWF meeting to be held in South Africa, for over 50 years, took place in the suburb of Amanzimtoti, south of Durban. This newly established BIWF branch is aptly called the “Durban-South Branch” and we expect that this will be the first of many BIWF branches and meetings in South Africa.

Yours faithfully in Christ
Brenton Boshoff
 BIWF (South Africa)

ADVANCE NOTICE

Centenary of The British-Israel-World Federation at Summer Convention 22nd - 27th July 2019

Members, Associates and Friends are requested to search their cupboards, attics, sheds and garages to see if they have any memorabilia of people, activities and events of the past which could contribute to the displays at this notable event which is currently being planned.

Come for your first visit or your forty-first!

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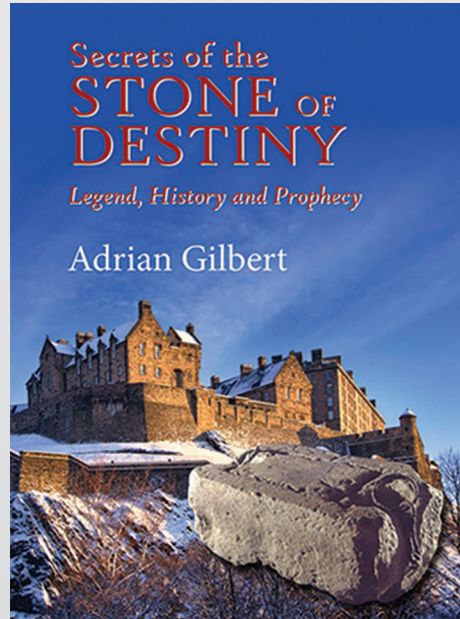
****Save the dates in your diary now****

SECRETS OF THE STONE OF DESTINY

There have been many books and articles on this most fascinating and intriguing artefact which has played such a significant role in the history of the servant people of God. This book has been written by Adrian Gilbert, the author who has taken much interest in the British-Israel teaching, who wrote *London: A New Jerusalem* which was published by Covenant Publishing in 2010.

He has extensively researched the ancient histories and visited the sites through which the Stone travelled in its long journey from the Holy Land to the British Isles. He has looked at the scriptural evidence; the migrations into Ireland; the archaeology and the meaning of sacred stones and sites

such as Stonehenge. His work is very supportive of all the teaching that these islands are indeed the Appointed Place to which God drew



His people as they emerged from the captivities.

It is illustrated with photographs of important places and with maps and diagrams which explain the conclusions he has drawn about the Stone from his studies. Quoting from the back cover:

“Author Adrian Gilbert looks at the stone in a way never before attempted and shows how its very dimensions provide hidden evidence that links it both to the pyramids of Egypt and to the Druidic religion of Britain, and finally to its prophetic destiny.”

This book is highly recommended; it brings together so many facets making a coherent whole while at the same time being very readable.

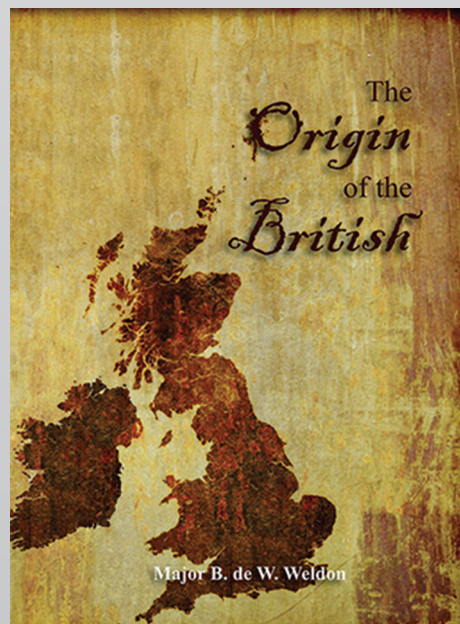
THE ORIGIN OF THE BRITISH

The Preface of this new edition of *The Origin of the British* expresses most powerfully why this is an excellent addition to the literature on the history of the migrations of the tribes of Israel which has already been published.

“This book was written in the aftermath of the First World War and the second edition published about ten years later.

The author’s analysis of ancient history from the point of view of an Intelligence Officer still holds true. He suggests that an inquiring Japanese Staff Officer might put the following question having read in our sacred books about the destinies of Ephraim and Manasseh, “Are Ephraim and Manasseh represented at the Versailles Peace Conference?” He might then pursue his investigations and discover ‘a most astonishing story that was told centuries ago concerning the People of Israel.’ Chapter 1 sets the scene for the chapters to come.

The reader must bear in mind that nearly one hundred years have elapsed since the author’s time. The turbulent events to come could not have been foreseen by him: the Second World War; the great developments in science and technology; the social changes; the establishment of the Jewish State of Israel; the falling away from the faith – to name but a few.



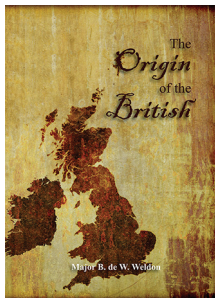
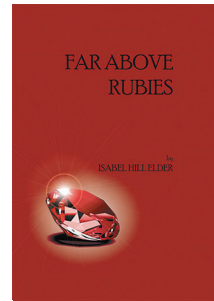
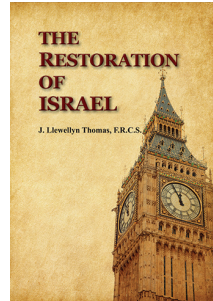
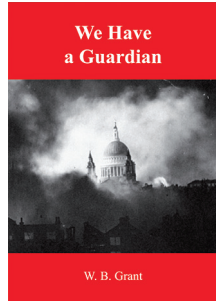
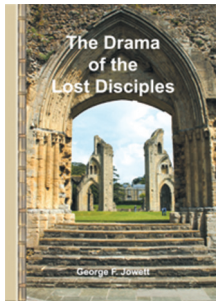
It is a comfort in these days when the onslaught of evil against Christian civilization seems almost overwhelming to have the promises of God before us:

‘No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord’ (Isaiah 54:17).’

The biblical story can be viewed as a detective one in which a great crime has been committed – the Fall – and justice must be done to right the wrong and deal with the wicked perpetrators. Justice was, and is, indeed satisfied at Calvary; the victory of the Cross is complete and final. We are now living in the final chapters and this book contributes very significantly to our understanding of what has happened and how Almighty God has ruled in the affairs of mankind.



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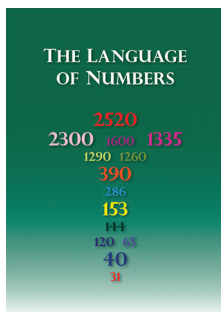
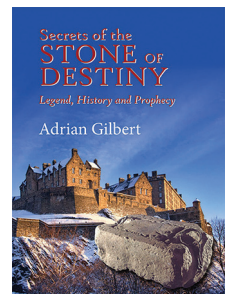
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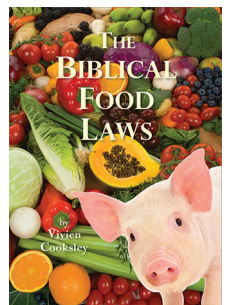
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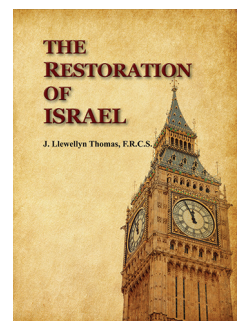
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because his compassions fail not. They are new every
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