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▲ The thirtieth anniversary of the opening of the Huguenot Tunnel was celebrated on 18 March 2018. The 3.9 km tunnel was cut through the Du Toit Kloof mountain near Cape Town, South Africa. This magnificent construction began in 1984 from both sides of the mountain and met in the centre with a margin of error less than 1 cm.

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Victoria Falls in Southern Africa on the Zambezi River at the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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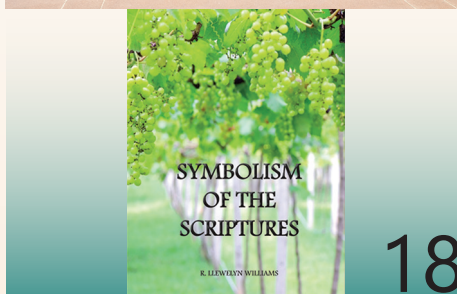
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This is a cast of the statue of Moses by Michelangelo which he sculpted for the church of San Pietro in Vincoli. It stands in the Cast Courts of the Victoria and Albert Museum in Kensington, London.

Seeing Moses holding the tables of the Law is a reminder that King Alfred the Great used these same laws as the basis of English Common Law on which all our freedoms are based. We continue to give thanks to Almighty God for our release from the laws and bondage of the European Union.

EDITORIAL

THE 'WIND OF CHANGE' THAT HAS COME FULL CIRCLE

The famous 'Wind of Change' speech made by British Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan, to the Parliament of South Africa in Cape Town on 3 February, 1960, was historically yet also *prophetically* significant. The speech acquired its name from a quotation embedded in it. Macmillan said:

“The wind of change is blowing through this continent and whether we like it or not, this growth of national consciousness is a political fact. We must all accept it as a fact, and our national policies must take account of it.”

Macmillan had spent the previous month in Africa visiting a number of what were then British colonies. The speech signalled clearly that the Conservative-led Government in the United Kingdom had no intention of shielding many of these territories from the independence 'wind' blowing through Africa.

It was during the 1939-1945 Second World War that African nationalism began to escalate. The British were fighting a second European conflict in 25 years and they needed secure control in their African colonies of the resources in the conflict with the Axis powers. In exchange for their help throughout the war, the African colonies wanted to receive rewards in the form of political and economical opportunity. When these rewards were not presented to them they became bitter and they started rioting. The colonies stood on the edge of a revolution.

It was the Labour Administration of 1945–51 that had started a process of decolonisation, but this policy had been halted by Conservative governments from 1951 onwards. Then by 1960 Macmillan's Con-

servative Administration became worried about the effects of violent confrontations with the African nationalists in the Belgian Congo and French Algeria. They were fearful of this violent activity spilling over into British colonies. This is when Macmillan went to Africa to circulate and deliver his 'Wind of Change' speech. Following this speech with surprising speed, the original timetable for independence in East Africa was advanced *by an entire decade*. Independence was granted to Tanganyika in 1961, Uganda in 1962 and Kenya in 1963.

This memorable speech signalled the end of South Africa's participation in the British Commonwealth, as they left it later that year, after a referendum among white voters. Macmillan effectively distanced himself and Britain from the racial flames that were being fanned by the wind of change in South Africa and later in Rhodesia.

Nothing could stop this great storm of Age-end tribulation as Britain itself by 1972-73 began a double period of 22 years of Jacob's trouble ending 44 years later on 23 June, 2016, at the EU Referendum. Having been betrayed by false shepherds, the nation of the Magna Carta and centre of the Common Law global empire was taken into bondage under a manifestly pagan *Babylonish* European superstate – now approaching its final destruction to fulfil *Revelation* 18:4.

A brave stand against future chaos took place in Rhodesia in November 1965 when the Unilateral Declaration of Independence (UDI) was declared by the white government of Ian Smith. The Labour Administration under Harold Wilson was in office in London. UDI came to

an end in April 1980 and **Salisbury** became Harare.

The wind of change then swept away three centuries of white rule in South Africa which ended in December, 1993, when a new interim constitution was approved ushering in the multi-racial democracy in April 1994.

Now, quite suddenly and very surprisingly, a consecutive change in two presidential offices has taken place on the South African Continent. The first was in Zimbabwe on 21 November, 2017, when Robert Mugabe resigned ending his 37-year rule. This was followed on 14 February, 2018, by the resignation of Jacob Zuma in South Africa. Significantly, this turn of the tide has expired 2 x 29 years after the February 1960 wind of change speech, a cycle of time which marks a double period of expectancy of judgment.

What is even of greater surprise is a development that took place in the UK on 4 March, 2018, which – unnoticed by all commentators – marked the 65th anniversary of the death of Joseph Stalin on 4 March, 1953, who used assassination as an essential part of USSR foreign policy. The reckless nerve agent attack was in, *of all places*, Salisbury (*not* Rhodesia!). Britain has suddenly and most unexpectedly found itself leading 28 nations turning out 153 Russian diplomats. A destructive 'Wind of Change' has, it seems, come full circle.

With this wind blowing through Southern Africa, can restoration happen? The Hebraic peoples from Europe created this land; they will surely recreate it as the Kingdom of God returns in all its fullness.

DISOBEDIENCE BRINGS DROUGHT AND DISEASE



Covenant breakers in South Africa are learning the truth that what you sow is what you will reap. Since Cape Town mayor, Patricia de Lille, organised an inter-faith prayer ceremony with Buddhist, Bahai, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Animist religious leaders on the slopes of Table Mountain calling for rain, the drought in the previously well-watered Cape has intensified to unprecedented levels.

Idolatry is the Most Condemned Sin in the Bible

Apparently the municipal leaders at the City of Cape Town thought that God would be impressed with their religious activities and ceremonies. In fact, throughout the Bible, commandments and warnings against idolatry are the most repeated of all. There are more denunciations of idolatry than of any other sin in the Bible. *“They provoked Him to jealousy with foreign gods; with abominations*

they provoked Him to anger. They sacrificed to demons, not to God, to gods they did not know, to new gods, new arrivals that your fathers did not fear” (Deuteronomy 32:16-17).

The mayor had timed the prayer ceremony for rain just before the expected onslaught of our typical rainy season. However, after the 25 May inter-faith rain dance, the city had to move to level 3B water restrictions followed by level 4, level 5 and now to level 6B water restrictions, where each resident is expected to limit their total use of water to under 50 litres per day.

Hotels have removed bath plugs, carwashes have stopped washing vehicles, municipal gardens have been allowed to die, expensive monitoring systems have been attached to suburban homeowners, cutting us off when our allotted 50 litres per person per day is reached. Tourists are bombarded

with demands for them to keep their showers to under 90 seconds and to flush toilets as little as possible. Swimming pools have been closed. Irrigation sprinkler systems are forbidden and people are literally queuing for water.

Along with the non-stop bombardment of propaganda to conserve water have come warnings from health services that lack of water means lack of sanitation. Without the ability to keep ourselves clean on a regular basis the chances of passing diseases to one another increases dramatically. Disease carrying insects like mosquitos are multiplying. Fresh water reserves are becoming stagnant. Bacteria is growing and polluting water sources. Parasitic creatures and amoebas thrive in warm, disused bodies of water without fresh flowing streams.

Those selling bottled water are finding that demand is exceeding all

possible supply. Many homes are needing to install large containers to harvest rain water from their roofs, or install boreholes, well points and water purification systems, as the Department of Water and Sanitation seems to have taken little interest in adequately cleaning the local water supply. Fields have become parched. Crops have died. Food production is suffering. Water-seeking migrants are overloading the city's fast diminishing water supplies. Emergency Services are warning of increased cholera, dysentery, malaria, tuberculosis, Lyme disease, West Nile virus, E-coli, salmonella and dengue fever.

Spiritual Adultery

Christians cannot worship before the adulterous altar of pluralism, multiculturalism and the inter-faith movement without angering Almighty God who is Holy, Holy, Holy! **Jesus Christ is "the Way, the Truth and the Life,"** no one comes to the Father except through Him (*John 14:6*).

The Second Commandment is the only commandment where God implies that those who break it, hate Him. To worship a false god, any sort of image, or attempt to worship God through some kind of statue, image, or false religion, is defined in the Second Commandment as hating God.

The Biblical Response to Drought

The Scriptures make it clear that the only correct response to drought is sincere, wholehearted repentance before Almighty God. *"When I shut up Heaven and there is no rain... if My people who are called by My Name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land"* (*II Chronicles 7:13-14*). If we want God to heal our land, we need Him to forgive our sins and hear our prayers. The Lord makes

it clear that if we want Him to hear from Heaven, to forgive our sin and to heal our land, we who are His people need to humble ourselves, pray, seek His face and turn from our wicked ways.

As a new Christian, I distinctly remember when South Africa was in a severe drought in 1978. The president called for a National Day of Repentance, humiliation before God and prayer. On the appointed Day of Repentance, I joined crowds streaming into the churches of Cape Town, which were packed to overflowing. It was impressive to hear the heartfelt prayers of Repentance from the assembled congregation and to see, so soon afterwards, God's gracious answers to those heart rending pleas for mercy and grace. The drought was broken with country-wide rains. The dams were filled to overflowing.

It was most impressive to join masses of people pouring out of the work place during lunch time to fill the churches in central Cape Town to overflowing. It was the first time that I had experienced such an intense time of earnest heart-searching prayers of Repentance by the general community and when the rains came just a few days later, I was awestruck.

When the Empire entreated Eternal Emmanuel

My father, who fought all six years of the Second World War in the Royal Artillery as part of the Eighth Army, mostly in North Africa and Italy, recalled that King George VI called the people of Great Britain and the Commonwealth to days of prayer and Repentance, six times in six years.

Yet it is a sad fact that despite some serious times of drought experienced at different times over the last 28 years, none of our last four presidents in South Africa have seen fit to call for a National Day of Repentance. Crime, corruption, pollution, violence, murder and abortion have escalated while the society has become more secular and the government more godless. *"Do they provoke Me to anger?" says the Lord. 'Do they not provoke themselves, to the shame of their own faces?' Therefore thus says the Lord God: 'Behold, My anger and My fury will be poured out on this place... and it will burn and not be quenched'"* (*Jeremiah 7:19-20*).

A Call to Repentance

Biblical Repentance involves: **conviction, contrition and conversion.** A change of mind. A



change of heart. A change of life. Repentance involves a change of lifestyle and a change of behaviour. *“Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord and He will have mercy on him and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon” (Isaiah 55:6-7).*

For 24 years I have been organising and leading marches to Parliament every year to protest against the paganisation of our country by Nelson Mandela and his successors in the African National Congress (ANC). At times we have led tens-of-thousands of Capetonians to the gates of parliament, protesting the secularisation and paganisation of the country. Every year on the anniversary of Nelson Mandela legalising abortion on demand in South Africa, 1 February 1997, our procession has marched past the Castle, the City Hall, down Adderley Street, past the statue of Andrew Murray at the Groote Kerk, to the main gates of Parliament.

Next to the statue of the first prime minister of the Union of South Africa, General Louis Botha, we conduct a formal National Repentance service, praying responsive Prayers of Repentance in accordance with the *Book of Common Prayer* and a Scriptural Imprecatory Prayer Proclamation, based upon John Knox’s challenges to the wicked Mary, Queen of Scots.

Stand for Life

In *Deuteronomy* 21:1-9, the Scriptures tell us that when an innocent person is killed the elders of the city should come to the gates and declare: *“... Provide atonement, O Lord, for Your people Israel, whom You have redeemed, and do not lay innocent blood to the charge of Your people Israel.’ And atonement shall be provided on*

their behalf for the blood ...” It is vital that we mobilise spiritual and civil leaders of the city to respond to the abortion holocaust by taking a prophetic stand and asking God to have mercy on our Covenant nation for the blood of thousands of innocent babies killed by abortion every month. Every protest is used as an evangelistic outreach, not only to passers-by, but also to the media and government officials. We distribute thousands of pro-life and Gospel leaflets during every Life Chain and March for Life.

**“They provoked him to jealousy with foreign gods”
*Deuteronomy 32:16***

We also regularly climb to the top of Lion’s Head and Table Mountain and conduct prayer meetings at these high places, singing hymns of the Faith, such as *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* and praying for the city, the country and the continent.

Give Me that Mountain

Standing on the top of Lion’s Head one can see the whole mountain range: Table Mountain, the Twelve Apostles, Devil’s Peak and Signal Hill. We are reminded that God *“prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies,”* that we are called to be *“a signal to the nations,”* when the enemy comes in, God will raise a standard to which the righteous can repair. Jesus is the Lion. The first time He came as the Lamb, the next time He will not come as the Lamb, but as the Lion, as the King of kings and Lord of lords, the Conqueror, the Eternal Judge. Each one of us will have to give an account before His Throne.

The Founding Prayer of the Cape of Good Hope

We also remember the prayer of

the Dutch Commander, Jan van Riebeeck, who first established Cape Town as an outpost. His prayer of 6 April 1652, reads: *“O Gracious and Merciful God and Heavenly Father, in Your Divine Majesty You have saved us and called us to guide the affairs of the Dutch East India Company in this place and to this end we are gathered here together in Your Name. May the decisions we take further maintain justice and among these wild and uncivilised people, may Your true and perfect Christian teachings be established and spread, to the honour and praise of Your Holy Name and the prosperity of our God Almighty, without whose merciful help we are powerless. Therefore we pray to You, most Merciful Father and ask that You will stand by and support us with your Fatherly wisdom and understanding and preside over our gatherings; lift our hearts that all wrong passions, misunderstanding and bestial lusts be removed from us and cleanse our hearts; and so fix our minds that in our actions no other principles, or motives are apparent, other than the magnification and honour of Your most Holy Name, so that we may best serve our Lord and Master, without in any way acting for our own advantage, or taking into account personal gain, to which end we will carry out our orders and so earn a worthy blessing. We pray and ask this in the Name of Your Beloved Son, our Master and Saviour Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray... ‘Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name...”*

May God find us faithful to His Word and effective in His service as we seek first His Kingdom.

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THE STRANGEST ALIAS OF HISTORY

Many reasons and motives have prompted men to assume other names. Circumstances have arisen, which, for sake of protection, have called for an alias. The hiding of identity beneath an assumed name has enabled men to pass unnoticed where recognition would have involved peril. An alias is the simplest and yet most perfect means of concealment. One of the most difficult tasks of our security services is to strip a suspected person of any alias under which he or she has been living in order to disclose their true identity. Men have mysteriously disappeared from their frequented environments by the simple device of changing their name. Memory is short and a person is soon forgotten although he may be still living in very close proximity to his former surroundings. The most effective means of obscuring identity is by the use of an alias.

A Whole Nation Disappears

Only once in human history with its multitudinous vagaries has it been recorded that a whole nation completely disappeared from sight, leaving no trace behind it. So completely was its identity obliterated that although still in existence and better known to the whole world than any of its contemporaries, and at the very foremost place in history, wondered at by all and envied by those striving for world dominion, it passes unrecognised as to its true identity. A Nation and a Company of Nations—a Commonwealth of Nations—living under an alias! Truth is often stranger than fiction, and it would need the pen of a genius and the imagination of some great writer to vividly depict and

weave into story form this hiding of a nation and the obscuring of its identity while it unobtrusively plays the greatest role that has ever been the lot of any people in the unfolding drama of human relationships.

The Strange Story of the Bible

How comparatively few who read the best-known book in the world have discovered in it this strange story. How comparatively few have realised that the Bible contains a story thread at all, much less that it is the story of the 'Strangest Alias of History.' The historical record of a people created by Almighty God for world service, with a Divine pledge of imperishability, destined at the end of its long journey to lead the nations

deliverance, and yet to be unknown and unrecognised as to its identity. That is no mere fiction, it is stark, naked truth and fact. With cynical smile or scoffing word or impatient incredulous gesture men dismiss as the fad of a fanatic or the warped idea of a crank the suggestion that in spite of all their boasted sagacity they have failed to identify the best-known nation in the world. But so it was intended. How perfectly the alias keeps its secret! How completely the identity remains obscured!

The Reason for the Alias

Surely there must be a reason—an important reason—for this remarkable alias? Surely behind what it

of the world into the Kingdom of God on earth and to consummate the Divine purpose of blessing every family of the human race, to be the focal centre of world destiny upon which the eyes of the whole world look and to which they turn for guidance, help and

hides there must be a Master Mind? It is that reason and that Master Mind which makes the story live. How thrilling it must be to pass unnoticed while rubbing shoulders with one's fellows, listening to what they say about



one, sharing with them things held in common, all the time wondering at their blindness to see the obvious and why and how it is they can possibly miss penetrating the alias. The more so as a part of the story offers a minute description of the people in question, a vivid word picture, so clear in detail that once attention is drawn to it one wonders how it could ever have been missed. Like the hidden figure intertwined in some drawing which challenges us to find it. How one looks and turns the drawing about from side to side, upside down and at every angle. But once one has found it, it stares out at one every time we look at it and we wonder how it could be possible not to have seen it right away. So it is with the national alias. This national instrument for world blessing marches down its prescribed avenue of world history to do a work it could not do were it universally known to be what it really is.

The Missed Story of the Bible

Because the story of the Bible has been missed, the story of the alias has been missed too. How hard it is to wean ourselves away from traditional beliefs and the confused vocabulary by which men endeavour to interpret the Bible. Accepted theology has obscured perfectly plain meaning and common-sense by involved explanation and exegesis. Why not call a spade a spade, why not believe that God means what He says and says what He means in intelligible language, that of the man in the street, of the common people? When He uses a symbol He says so. When He employs figures it is obvious. When He speaks in terms of literal history or narrative He means it to be taken as such. It is this confusing of vital issues which has caused the ordinary reader to miss the story of the Bible—he has been made afraid to take things literally and when he has had the courage to do so the Church has resented his action as

an infringement of its prerogative to interpret.

A People hidden for 2,520 Years

The strangest alias of history is written in terms of simple human language. For over 2,520 years God has had a people in the world living under an alias. It is only now, in the days in which you and I live, that the identity of the people so hidden is due to be revealed. The specified time period of the alias is terminating. The time for the greatest discovery of history is at hand. Slowly but surely world events are lifting the veil and disclosing the origin and the identity of what has for so long been the greatest enigma of human happening. Let us wait God's time; it is not for us to run before history however eager we may be to make the facts known. To allow our impatience to anticipate God is to betray an ignorance of the Divine purpose or a failure to trust Him to do in His own way and time what He has promised to do.

“Arise, shine; for thy
light is come”

Isaiah 60:1

It is not for us to play the role of the private detective but rather to watch with deepening interest and wonderment how He is carrying through His design. We may often have wondered why our well-meant efforts in public and in private to explain the alias have met with, to us, an inexplicable counter move that has frustrated our efforts. Is it not the evident sign that we have been premature in our eagerness to hurry things? To force open a door so carefully kept closed before the opening time is to hinder rather than help. “He that believeth shall not make haste”—the very thing we in our earnestness wish most of all to do.

We want a move on! Why won't people listen? Why can't they see? Why all this haste? Cannot we trust God to do in His own time what, after all, concerns Him far more vitally than it can ever concern us? Shall we try and remember that not all have seen the hidden figure in the drawing—that they do not see what you or I may have discovered. May I urge you to bear with a word of exhortation? It is not our task to remove that alias however eager or earnest we may be to disclose the identity beneath it. Shall we try to understand that those closed doors, that opposition, that refusal or apparent unwillingness to listen, may be the very way, perhaps the only way, by which God is able to curb our impetuosity and so prevent our spoiling His plan. This thing is too big, too world significant, too far-reaching to be rendered ineffective by well-meaning but mistaken human interference. World destiny is wrapped up in this alias. How lovingly God deals with us and our keen desire to help Him, but how often He must smile at our childlike lack of understanding while appreciating the motive that would persist in premature action. We want our move on! And He has waited for over 2,520 years for the very same thing!

Why the Alias still remains

What lies hidden beneath this alias? Whose identity has been so carefully and effectively covered? What is this so zealously guarded secret? Sufficient has already been revealed to let us know that the British Commonwealth of free and equal Nations and the great people of the United States of America are no ordinary nations among the peoples of the world; that they are there for world service, for the uplift of mankind, for the maintenance of law and order and the establishment of the basic principles of Righteousness, Justice, and Freedom in the earth. With no uncertain voice the Holy Scriptures

declare that that alias—that change of name—was given to the House of Jacob, the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. That divinely-appointed line through which blessing was to reach all mankind, the people called in the New Testament ‘The Commonwealth of Israel.’ Make no mistake, this alias has nothing to do with the Jews of history. The Bible most plainly records that neither Abraham, nor Isaac, nor Jacob was a Jew. Never has it been necessary or desired to change the name of the Jew. Nothing has ever hidden the identity of the Jew. You know the story of Jacob, that moment in his career when he met God and wrestled with the Angel. That crisis in his life and experience when his name was changed from Jacob to Israel. With a changed life and character he was to rule with God. The Nation that came from him to play its great part in the world drama has to graduate in the same school. As he wrestled and prevailed, so must the nation wrestle and prevail until its name,

too, may be changed and the alias under which it has travelled down its predestined road give place to the name by which all shall know that it, too, rules with God for their blessing and for His glory.

So today we are passing through the time of National-Jacob’s trouble which is leading us out into the time of renewal and readiness and worthiness to receive the new name, that of National-Israel. We are facing our Peniel in this welter of blood and sweat and tears that we, like Jacob, may learn to depend utterly and alone on God, that we with him may know that we dare not let God go unless He blesses us. When that day dawns God will be able to trust us with that name of which His is a part, Isra-EL—ruling with God. The identity is all right, nothing changes that, that has never been in question, the main issue is when shall we be able to have it made known that we have prevailed with God—taken our place on His side—forsaken our old evil ways and been changed and

renewed? Then, and only then will the world know “Whose we are and whom we serve.”

Must we then cease to proclaim our Identity? Why should we? It is part of the Divine plan, part of the Bible Story. We must continue to proclaim it that those who have eyes to see may see and those who have ears to hear may hear, although the majority remain in ignorance. But let us proclaim it in its right setting—proclaim the struggle that will bring the nation out of the night into the day and the sun-rising as we pass over and out into the new life, no more Jacob but Israel. Then will the ‘Strangest Alias of History’ yield up its long-guarded secret and the world will rejoice. *“Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising”* (Isaiah 60:1, 3).

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DAVID & GOLIATH

to this very day in the world, both spiritually and physically.

In I *Samuel* 17 we read that the Philistines were planning for a war with Israel, and as part of the first step of their planned campaign of aggression, they crossed Israel's border to set up camp within their territory. Although Israel marched forth to meet this threat, one gets the feeling that Israel was not all that eager, or perhaps all that ready, to engage them. The Israelites and the Philistines set up camp on opposite mountains, separated by the valley of Elah. This valley that separated the two opposing armies also served as a strategic buffer to both of them because whichever army tried to cross the valley first would be at a disadvantage thus resulting in a stalemate. Whilst both armies were waiting for the other one to make the first move, Goliath emerged from amongst the ranks of the Philistines to challenge the Israelites and to try to intimidate them to the point where they might well have surrendered without any war being fought. As in the case of modern day terrorism, the war had now become a psychological war of terror, one which the Israelites were clearly beginning to lose.

Goliath's massive size, aggressive nature and mocking attitude did indeed have the desired effect on the army of Israel, as scripture recounts that they were almost paralysed with fear at the sight of this giant warrior. The longer Israel remained indecisive in its response to Goliath's challenge, the

stronger the Philistines grew in their stature against the Israelites and the longer Israel remained inactive and unresponsive, the weaker they got. Israel was now locked in a psychological war with the Philistines and the Israelites were from that moment in fact losing to these terror tactics of the Philistines. This situation carried on for forty days and it seems the army of Israel was growing more fearful of this lone opponent as the days went by. This, however, was about to change with the arrival of the young shepherd boy, David – the youngest son of Jesse.

Apart from being very young, David is described as being reddish in complexion and handsome in appearance – probably in stark contrast to the mammoth, battle-hardened warrior, Goliath. David's very appearance infuriated Goliath and he was filled with hatred towards him. Unlike Goliath, David had no battle experience but he had faced great dangers in the past and had overcome every one of them. When Saul tried to dissuade the young David from going against Goliath, David merely shared his previous encounters with both the lion and the bear and how the Lord, in both cases, saved him from their clutches and how he was able to overpower them and kill them. With a powerful testimony like that, it is no wonder that in David's mind the fearsome Goliath was no different. He would overcome and defeat him in the same way. I think it was David's unshakable confidence in this matter that eventually convinced Saul to

For as long as I can remember there have only been a few stories that were able to completely captivate my imagination and one of those stories is the story of David and Goliath. This story has also been the inspiration for many other stories the world over – especially children's stories. David and Goliath have become household names in the world and they have had a significant impact on numerous aspects of everyday life. This famous story has become synonymous with the age-old struggle of good versus evil. In fact, it could well be described as the full embodiment of mankind's original struggle going back to the beginning of time. What the majority of the world tends to forget is the fact that this particular battle was anything but a story but rather a famous real-life battle that served as a monumental testimony of God's continual deliverance of His people, Israel, right through the Bible. The account of David and Goliath also serves as a sterling example of the kind of wars being fought

send him to face the Philistine.

A lot could be said about David's confidence, but it is clear that David was talking from personal experience and, from the many psalms he wrote, it is also clear that David had a very deep and personal relationship with the Lord that certainly gave him the immense courage and faith to face this Philistine warrior without any apparent hesitation. This is the sort of faith we as Christians need today when facing these modern-day foes of Israel, as faith is the opposite of fear. The Lord tells us clearly in His Word that He has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, of love and of a sound mind (II *Timothy* 1:7). We must, as David said, go to our people's enemies in the Name of the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel. It is clear that David was so confident in the fact that the Lord would be with him when he was facing the Philistine's champion warrior, that he did not even fear a vicious-looking giant like Goliath. On the other hand, the army of Saul was under a spirit of fear and was thus paralysed as a result. In David there was no fear so he felt confident to face this 'uncircumcised Philistine' with the intention of eliminating him and the threat he represented. Most importantly, David wanted to defeat Goliath so that God's Name could be glorified in all of this. When last in this modern-day world we live in, was God given the Glory when a battle or a war was won? We just don't do it anymore!

Earlier in the first book of *Samuel*, we read that because of Saul's sin, the Philistines started to rise up against Israel. This particular battle in I *Samuel* 17 was a direct result of Israel's trespasses against God. Unfortunately this is exactly the situation in the world today. Because of our people's sin and the ungodliness of our leaders and governments, our enemies are all rising up against us. A spirit of fear

has also gripped our people and as a result we are always very eager to make unholy alliances with our enemies just to try to "keep the peace." Apart from God's clear instruction to Israel never to enter into any alliance or covenant with any heathen nation, history also teaches us that this sort of tactic is a fatal mistake, as Israel's enemies will see it as a sure sign of weakness and that will just encourage them to persist even more diligently in rising up against Israel.

We are selling our souls in a desperate attempt to appease these heathen nations with their abominable pagan religions flooding into our countries. The time has come to rebuke this dreadful, paralysing spirit of fear in our people and to allow God to fill us anew with His Holy Spirit, so that we, as a people, can walk in power, love and of a sound mind. Israel must seek to loosen herself from these heathen nations and their pagan gods and to drive them from our midst. As when Saul's army was paralysed and scared when facing Goliath and the Philistines at that time, we are also in a similar predicament. We are too scared to move against ungodliness, wickedness and the moral decadence that is simply rife among our people today. We need another David to come and bring correction to this terrible situation our people are in.

As David prepared to face the massive Goliath, he took five smooth stones from the brook and ran quickly to the battleground to face him. As we know, David slung the stone into Goliath's forehead and he was instantly killed before he could even engage David in any sort of battle. The Lord delivered this fearsome Philistine warrior into this young boy's hand and with a single stone brought an end to the terror and intimidation being inflicted upon the Israelites. This is the sort of deliverance we need today.

It is interesting to note that David smote Goliath with a stone and that he fell forward on his face. There are many similarities and symbolism in what happened with Goliath and what is prophesied in the book of *Daniel*. I feel we should take the time to look deeper into these similarities. Firstly, Goliath speaks symbolically of the heathen kingdoms of the world; secondly the stone David used to smite Goliath with speaks of the Kingdom of God to come that will effectively put an end to all heathen kingdoms. As in Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the giant statue (*Daniel* 2), the Lord's Kingdom is likened to a stone that struck the statue and broke it into pieces until it was 'like chaff on the threshing floors.' As a result, the Kingdom of God is thus also known as the 'stone kingdom' that will consume all other kingdoms. Even the way that Goliath came to his end has an interesting resemblance to the fate of the giant statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream.

Another interesting similarity in the way that Goliath died can be found in I *Samuel* 5:3-4. In an earlier battle, the Philistines captured the Ark of the Covenant and placed it in the temple of their god, Dagon. The massive statue of their god kept falling on its face when in the presence of the Ark, until the second day it was found lying in front of the Ark with its head and hands cut off – a very similar fate to the Philistine's champion warrior. Both instances should serve as stern reminders to both Israel and these heathen nations seeking to oppose us, that God will not be mocked and that His Kingdom reigns supreme and those that oppose Him will meet a terrible fate. Let us remind ourselves of the famous words of the apostle Paul, "*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap*" (*Galatians* 6:7).

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THE KINGDOM IN OUR MIDST

The Spiritual Significance of the Coronation

It was fascinating to hear a discussion on the BBC programme *Beyond Belief* in 2013 when experts explained that the whole Coronation ceremony is rooted in the biblical account, confirming that the Anglo Saxons went back to King Solomon when it came to King Edgar's coronation as the first king of all England on Whit Sunday in AD 973.

The question not asked or referred to was why did the Anglo Saxons go back to the biblical account at all and identify so utterly and powerfully with the Israelite monarchy? These were not people casually casting around for a Coronation ceremony, but a people with knowledge of a history and who their ancestors were and in a continuity of the Faith under the new covenant.

It reveals a fear in these broadcast discussions to come out with the obvious conclusion that we are *Israelites* by descent; but, surprise, surprise, the one who spoke most accurately about the spiritual significance of the Coronation was Rev Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the female black Chaplain to the Queen, who is Jamaican by birth! It was when the discussion concentrated on the *anointing* that it really came to understanding how near they are to the truth of the very reality of the *continuing* Kingdom of God in our midst.

The monarchs at the Coronation do not enter the Abbey in their own right. The Recognition takes place first and the people are asked if they will accept the new Monarch and

with loud and repeated acclamations they cry out with one voice. 65 years ago, the cry went forth 'GOD SAVE QUEEN ELIZABETH.'

There is then the taking of **The Oath** and **The Presenting of the Holy Bible** as the most valuable thing that this world affords. The Monarch becomes Supreme Governor of the Church of England as well as Head of State and thus is regent for Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords. Then there is a Communion Service *before* we come to the most sacred moment of the whole Coronation Service – that of **The Anointing**.

The Scripture in I *Kings* 1:39-40 is remembered: Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anointed Solomon king; and all the people rejoiced and said, God save the king. Long live the king. May the king live for ever. Amen. Hallelujah (The people rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth is rent with the sound of trumpets).

Taking the Ampulla and Spoon from off the Altar, the holy Oil is applied on the palms of both hands, on the breast and on the crown of the head taking place under a rich pall of silk, or cloth of gold. It was said on the BBC programme in 2013 that people in 1953 watching this for the first time on TV in their living rooms bowed their heads at this most sacred moment.

The monarch then sits on Jacob's Pillar in St Edward's Chair for the presentation of the Spurs and Sword, the Investing with the Armills, the Stole Royal, the Robe

Royal and the delivery of the Orb, before the Putting on of the Crown. The prayer of the Archbishop is that the monarch shall be filled with the abundant grace and princely virtues through the King eternal Jesus Christ our Lord.

We are now, in 2018, 1,260 years from when Pope Paul I became a temporal pope in AD 758, which is the end of time given for the authority of the papacy and Roman Civil Law through the European Union as a power over the Royal British Throne of the Lord.

We are settled in the Appointed Place reserved for the *Birthright* descendants of Joseph where the royal dynasty and kingdom have been established for over one thousand years. We are not here by an accident of history and nor do we have a constitutional monarchy raised up for pure pomp. In 2018 we are at a most significant juncture in the cleansing of the sanctuary prior to the First Resurrection and the Return of Jesus Christ to take up the Throne of David.

The constitutional and spiritual significance of the Crown is directly linked to when God appeared to Jacob at 'Beth-El,' meaning the 'House of God,' showing him that his own literal descendants should eventually become a tremendous multitude, even as the "*dust of the earth*," and that the purpose of bringing this fulness of a People into being was that through them "*shall all the families of the earth be blessed*." It is a House of God with a Throne and a Constitution

upheld by covenant that God made with David as recorded in *Psalms* 89:3-4; 35-37:

“I have made a Covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant. Thy seed will I establish for ever. And build up thy throne to all generations. Selah. Once I have sworn by my holiness, that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me. It shall be established forever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.”

The end of Christendom has come in the sense that rulers in the earth no longer think that they owe service to the rule of Christ through the Pope. This has been significant in Age-end prophetic fulfilment. The temporal power of the papacy has gone and we are witness day by day now to the decline in Roman Catholic authority as a result of priesthood scandal. We have always understood that the disillusionment of Roman Catholics with their church produces a terrible crisis of

faith for millions – they can become like lost souls.

At this 65th anniversary of the Queen’s Coronation the time has surely come to fruition when the constitutional and spiritual significance of the Crown should be understood in terms of its spiritual dominion in the earth. The prime responsibility of monarchs in Israel was not to win battles, provide economic stability or even maintain justice and peace. Rather, it was *spiritual* – to maintain and oversee the covenant with God through worship, faithful obedience and trust in the Lord.

In 2013 we saw confirmed the discovery of the mortal remains of Richard III in Leicester, who was the last king to die in battle in the Battle of Bosworth Field on 22 August 1485. This was the decisive battle in the Wars of the Roses, sometimes regarded as the end of the Middle Ages in England. For 528 years Richard III was buried in an unrecognised grave – 528 is 12 x 44 years which has the meaning of

government and the Consummation of the Age.

The number 44 is the length of years that Jacob’s trouble was doubled. This is twenty-two years of physical suffering, labouring in a strange land for his wives, and twenty-two years of mental anguish in the loss of his son Joseph. How significant therefore has been the 44 years that the United Kingdom has been embroiled labouring for the European Union from 1972-3 to 2016-7 when Britain voted to leave the EU.

We are highly privileged to see the fruition of our physical labours for the Kingdom and the end of anguish for the loss of our *Birthright* inheritance through 44 years of trial under EU domination. The whole tide of events is being turned and what we may be about to witness is great revelation and even resurrection as the covenants of the Lord made with His People are discovered and brought out into the light of God’s perfect righteousness.

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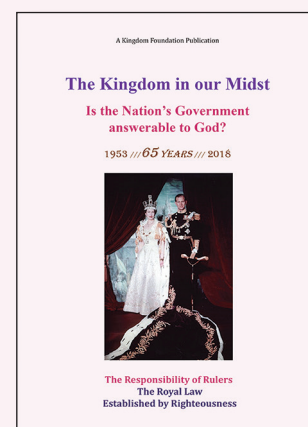
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KING RICHARD'S PRAYER

Richard III, King of England (1483-85), recently gained fame as “the King under the parking lot,” his recovered remains having been solemnly reinterred in Leicester Cathedral on 22 March, 2015. Richard was a very devout man, and after his death, the following prayer – believed to have been composed by the king himself – was discovered, handwritten, at the end of his Book of Hours. It is a heartfelt entreaty for deliverance to the God of Israel, which may still be applicable today for the deliverance of our Covenant Nations from the bondage of Spiritual Babylon. A translation of the prayer from the Latin reads as follows:

“Of the blessed Julian. As you wished to relieve those burdened with sore afflictions, to redeem the captives, to free the imprisoned, to bring together those who are scattered, restore the pilgrims to their native land, to restore the contrite in heart, to comfort the wretched, to console those who grieve and mourn: deign to release me from the affliction, temptation, grief, infirmity, poverty and peril in

which I am held, and give me aid. And you, O Lord, who restored the race of man into concord with the Father, and who brought back with thine own precious blood that forfeited inheritance of paradise, and who made peace between men and angels, deign to establish and confirm concord between me and my enemies. Show to me and pour out on me the glory of thy grace.

Deign to assuage, turn aside, extinguish and bring to nothing the hatred that they bear towards me, just as you extinguished the hatred and anger that Esau bore towards his brother Jacob. Extend thine arm to me, pour thy grace over me and deign to free me from all the distresses and griefs by which I find myself troubled, just as you freed Abraham from the hands of the Chaldees, Isaac from the furnace by means of the ram, Jacob from the hands of his brother Esau, Joseph from the hands of his brothers, Noah from the waters of the flood by means of the ark, Lot from the city of Sodom, (and) thy servants Moses and Aaron and the people of Israel from the hand of Pharaoh

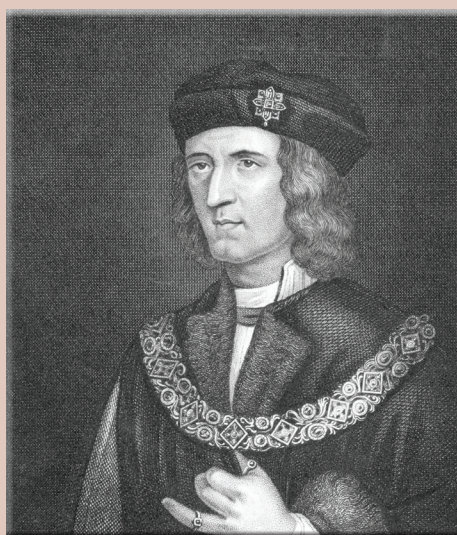
and from slavery in Egypt, likewise Saul from Mount Gelurus, David the king from the hand of Saul and from Goliath the giant.

And just as you freed Susanna from the false accusation and testimony, and Judith from the hand of Holofernes, Daniel from the lions’ den, and the three boys from the burning fiery furnace, Jonah from the stomach of the whale, the child of the Canaanite woman from being troubled by the devil and Adam from the depths of hell with thine own precious blood, also Peter from the sea and Paul from the chains: even so, Jesus Christ, son of the living God, deign to free me, thy servant King Richard from all the tribulation, grief and anguish in which I am held, and from all the snares of my enemies, and deign to send Michael the archangel to my aid against them. Deign, O Lord Jesus Christ, to bring to nothing the evil designs which they make or wish to make against me, just as you brought to nothing the advice with which Achitofel counselled Absalom against King David.

Even so, deign to free me by thy most holy merits, by thine incarnation, by thy nativity, by thy fasting, by the hunger and thirst, by the cold and heat, by the labour and suffering, by the spit and abuse, by the blows and by the nails, by the crown of thorns, by the lance, by the drink of vinegar and gall, by thy most cruel and unworthy death on the cross, and by the words you spoke when on the cross. First of all, calling on your father you said, 'Father forgive them for they know not what they do'. You said, O Lord, to the robber hanging on the cross 'Today thou shalt be with me in paradise.' You said, O Lord, to your mother, 'Mother, behold thy son' and, to the disciple 'Behold thy mother.' You said, O Lord, 'Helo, heloy, lamazabathani,' which, being interpreted, means, 'My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?' You said, O Lord, 'I thirst,' that is to say for the salvation of the blessed souls. You said, O Lord, 'Father into thy hands I commend my spirit.' You said, O Lord, 'It is finished,' showing that the labours and griefs

which you had undertaken for us wretches were now completed.

I ask you, O most gentle Christ Jesus, by all these things, to keep me thy servant King Richard, and defend me from all evil and from my evil enemy, and from all danger, present, past and to come, and free me from all the tribulations, griefs and anguishes which I face, and deign to console me by thy descent into hell, by thy resurrection, by thy visiting and consoling thy disciples,



by thy most wonderful ascension, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, the paraclete, by thy coming in the day of judgment.

O Lord, hear me by all thy benefits for which I give and return thee thanks, and for all the benefits and gifts granted to me, because you made me from nothing and have redeemed me by thy most wonderful love and mercy from eternal damnation to everlasting life. Because of these and for other things which eye hath not seen nor ear heard, nor can heart of man comprehend. I ask you, O most gentle Christ Jesus to save me from all perils of body and soul by thy love and deign always to deliver and succour me, and after the course of this life deign to bring me to you, the living and true God. Who livest and reignest, O God. Through Christ, the true Lord Amen."

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From a catalogue of a Richard III exhibition
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THE MOUNTAIN

Its use in Scripture as a Symbol

Surrounded, as they were, by the heathen nations under various forms of autocratic despotism, the people of Israel were fully conscious that their political system was not of the common order. They had been specially created to be the servants of the Most High God, and ministers to all His great human family. It was only natural, therefore, that they should have visualized their own kingdom as a mountain of perfectly symmetrical proportions in the midst of rough, irregular heights.

During their long sojourn in Egypt they had become familiar with the Great Pyramid of Gizeh, which was, of course, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. With its four sides of polished white limestone reflecting the rays of the sun, this monument may well have suggested itself as a fitting symbol for the Kingdom of Israel, which had been created to give the light of God's great plan of salvation to the world.

But our ancestors' conception of the 'mountain' of the Lord was even greater than that. It must be remembered that their most precious possession was the inheritance of the Covenant made by God with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Israel). This Covenant promises unconditionally that the Israel people should be as the sand of the seashore for multitude, and that they should develop into a nation and a company of nations, that is to say, an Empire, now a Commonwealth.

So the future Kingdom of Israel was visualized as a vast pyramid-mountain, of which the headstone, or apex, was the everlasting King.

The conception seems to have been in the mind of the Psalmist

when he wrote: *"The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner"* (Psalm 118:22), because the pyramid is the only form of building in which one stone can be said to be both headstone and corner-stone.

The Great Pyramid was never completed. Owing to an error at the base, the topmost courses could not be added without destroying the symmetry of the building; the designed apex, or headstone, was therefore rejected by the builders.

In the same manner Israel was, for a time, rejected by God as the nucleus of His Kingdom; and later, Jesus Christ, the King of Israel, was rejected as the chief corner-stone by the Jews.

This simile was used to great effect by St Peter in defending himself before the High Court of Justice in Jerusalem.

"Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, if we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of

Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

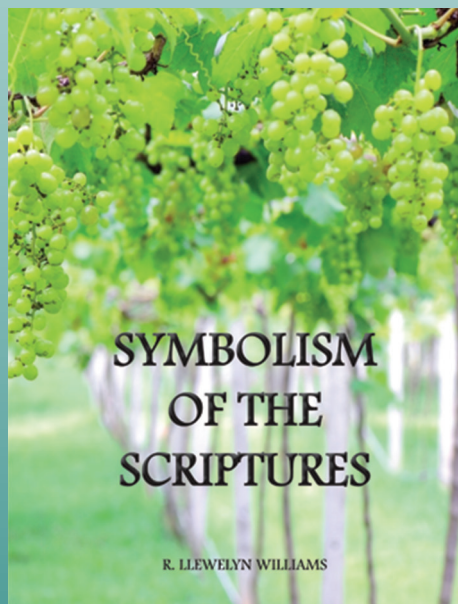
This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:8-12).

St Paul, in writing to the Church at Ephesus, takes the imagery one step farther.

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the spirit" (Ephesians 2:19-22).

Here we must pause for a moment to reflect that, whereas the foundations of the Great Pyramid of Gizeh are necessarily upon the earth, the foundation of the spiritual pyramid is the chief corner-stone, or apex, Jesus Christ, Who said of Himself: *"I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me"* (John 12:32); and Who is described in Hebrews 1:3, as *"upholding all things by the word of his power."* He is the supreme Head of all things, and upholds the whole structure by the magnetism of His own person.

Below Jesus, the Head, come the apostles and prophets, and the true universal Church—in fact, the whole body of Christ.



Lower still comes the Bride of Christ, the Kingdom of God on earth.

The Spiritual Pyramid

The geometrical figure of the pyramid is, of course, a symbol of perfection. If we cut horizontally across a pyramid at any point, we cut off an apex; and we find that this apex is also a perfect pyramid. The level at which we make our cut does not matter; the section above the cut is always an apex, and always a perfect pyramid. In diagram, a number of parallel lines, drawn horizontally across a pyramid, will give us an equal number of perfect apex-pyramids.

So in the spiritual Pyramid we find one perfect apex-pyramid in Jesus Christ, the Head; we find another in Jesus Christ, the Head, united to His Body, the true Church; and we find a third in Jesus Christ, the Head, united to His Body, the Church, and married to His Bride, the Kingdom of God on earth.

Again, the geometrical figure of the pyramid can be indefinitely extended by merely producing the sides.

In like manner the spiritual Pyramid can be expanded indefinitely to embrace all human life. Whole nations can, and will, be incorporated in the structure, until eventually all “*the kingdoms of this*

world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever” (Revelation 11:15).

“Upholding all things by
the word of his power”

Hebrews 1:3

But the restoration of the King of Israel implies the restoration of the Kingdom; just as the restoration of the Kingdom of Israel implies the restoration of the King. This is made abundantly clear by St Peter in writing to Israelites scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia (I Peter 1:1).

If there were any doubt whatsoever as to whom he was addressing, it would be dispelled at once by the fact that St Peter applies to them the very distinctions which were applied by God Himself to the people of Israel, when He formed them into a kingdom under Himself as King.

“Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone,

elect, precious [cf. Isaiah 28:16]; and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner. And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. But ye are a chosen generation [cf. Deuteronomy 10:15], a royal priesthood, an holy nation [cf. Exodus 19:6], a peculiar people [cf. Deuteronomy 14:2]; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy” (I Peter 2:5-10; cf. Hosea 2:23).

Our Lord has always claimed, and still claims, to be the King of Israel. When He returns in power and great glory to take His Kingdom, He will reign primarily over Israel, but eventually over the whole world. He is, therefore, in the truest sense of the words, the Chief Cornerstone of the Pyramid Mountain of the Kingdom of God on earth.

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OLIVE TREE THEOLOGY

The Wild Olive Prophecy in *Romans 11:17 to 27*

The olive is a symbol of divine blessing. *Psalms* 52:8 says, “I am like a green olive-tree in the house of God.” Likewise *Psalms* 128:3, “Thy children shall be like olive plants round about thy table.” The olive is the symbol of beauty, luxuriance, prosperity, sovereignty and peace, which makes it a perfect symbol for Israel in prophecy. The olive tree, in fact, was one of the principal symbols used of both houses of Israel. Speaking to Judah, Jeremiah says (11:16), “The Lord called thy name, a green olive tree, fair, and of goodly fruit.” Hosea declared concerning Ephraim, the Ten Tribes (14:6), that “his branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree.”

The olive therefore has a prophetic meaning in the Bible, and is specifically an Israel symbol associated with the destiny of both houses of Israel. The olive was essential in the life of God’s people. Rev. W. G. Davenport stated, “It was closely connected with the domestic life of the chosen people, and was never absent in one form or another from their public ceremonies and religious worship. Olive oil furnished the fuel for the light that burned perpetually before the veil in the Tabernacle; it was a necessary ingredient of the ‘holy anointing oil’ with which the priests and vessels of the sanctuary were consecrated to the service of God; it was always offered as a part of the daily burnt-offering throughout their generations. Thus the olive was made a symbol of God’s blessing resting upon His chosen people.”

The Apostle Paul borrowed this olive tree symbolism to discuss the rejoining of the two branches of God’s people, Ephraim and Judah, in one of his most important prophecies. In *Romans* 11:17 to 27, he writes, “But if some of the branches were broken off, while you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among them to share the richness [of the root and sap] of the olive tree, Do not boast over the branches and pride yourself at their expense. If you do boast and feel superior, remember it is not you that support the root, but the root [that supports] you. You will say then, Branches were broken (pruned) off so that I might be grafted in! That is true. But they were broken (pruned) off because of their unbelief (their lack of real faith), and you are established through faith [because you do believe]. So do not become proud and conceited, but rather stand in awe and be reverently afraid. For if God did not spare the natural branches [because of unbelief], neither will He spare you [if you are guilty of the same offence].

Then note and appreciate the gracious kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God’s gracious kindness to you—provided you continue in His grace and abide in His kindness; otherwise you too will be cut off (pruned away). And even those others [the fallen branches, Jews], if they do not persist in [clinging to] their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you have been cut from what is by nature a

wild olive tree, and against nature grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much easier will it be to graft these natural [branches] back on [the original parent stock of] their own olive tree. Lest you be self-opinionated (wise in your own conceits), I do not want you to miss this hidden truth and mystery, brethren: a hardening (insensibility) has [temporarily] befallen a part of Israel [to last] until the full number of the ingathering of the Gentiles has come in, And so all Israel will be saved. As it is written, The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will banish ungodliness from Jacob. [Isaiah 59:20, 21.] And this will be My covenant (My agreement) with them when I shall take away their sins. [Isaiah 27:9; Jeremiah 31:33.]” (Amplified Version)

The prophecy states that “some” Jews were in unbelief and cut off, not “all” or “most.” Yet modern Dispensational Futurism is predicated upon the claim that the Jewish nation as a whole rejected Christ, and for that reason God had to turn to a “plan B” and call upon some non-Israelite peoples to fulfill Israel’s work and calling! If that were the case, the prophets such as Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Hosea were seriously wrong—they predicted that Israel would fulfill its calling. (*Isaiah* 42:6-7; 49:3, 6, 8, 9; *Jeremiah* 31:31-37; *Hosea* 1:10-11; 2:14-20; 13:5-8). No, the prophets were not in error, for Israel did indeed fulfill prophecy under another name. What name was this?

The Apostle says that all of Israel

will be saved when the “Gentiles” are grafted in. Commentaries assume that the Gentiles are exclusively non-Semitic peoples, but if so, why would the grafting in of non-Israelites result in an “all Israel” olive tree? (*Romans* 11:26) To the contrary, the uniting of Jew and non-Jew would instead result in a very diverse “all nations” tree! Paul’s terminology only makes sense if the so-called Gentiles are in reality the lost and “Gentilized” tent-tribe house of Israel being reunited with the believing branch of the house of Judah. In fact, Paul has in mind, and is paralleling, Ezekiel’s prophecy of the latter-day rejoining of the two sticks of Ephraim and Judah.

We read in *Ezekiel* 37:16-28, “The word of the Lord came again to me,

saying, Son of man, take a stick and write on it, For Judah and the children of Israel his companions; then take another stick and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and all the house of Israel his companions; And join them together into one stick that they may become one in your hand. And when your people say to you, Will you not show us what you mean by these? Say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph—which is in the hand of Ephraim—and the tribes of Israel his associates, and will join with it the stick of Judah and make them one stick, and they shall be one in My hand. When the sticks on which you write shall be in your hand before their eyes, Then say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will take the children of

Israel from among the nations to which they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land. And I will make them one nation in the land, upon the mountains of Israel, and one King shall be King over them all; and they shall be no longer two nations, neither be divided into two kingdoms any more. [*Jeremiah* 50:4.] They shall not defile themselves any more with their idols and their detestable things or with any of their transgressions, but I will save them out of all their dwelling places and from all their backslidings in which they have sinned, and I will cleanse them. So shall they be My people, and I will be their God. And David My Servant shall be King over them, and they all shall have one Shepherd. They shall also walk in My ordinances



and heed My statutes and do them. They shall dwell in the land in which your fathers dwelt, that I gave to My servant Jacob, and they shall dwell there, they and their children and their children's children, forever; and My Servant David shall be their Prince forever. [Isaiah 60:21; Joel 3:20; Amos 9:15.] I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them, and I will give blessings to them and multiply them and will set My sanctuary in the midst of them forevermore. My tabernacle or dwelling place also shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Then the nations shall know, understand, and realize that I the Lord do set apart and consecrate Israel for holy use, when My sanctuary shall be in their midst forevermore."

The Haydock Bible Commentary on Ezekiel 37:17 says, "The prophet... engrafted them one into the other, to shew that all the people should be united." This was also Paul's language in *Romans 11*. Notice the multitude of very close prophetic parallels between the Apostle Paul's olive tree prophecy and Ezekiel's vision of the joining of the two sticks:

- "the branches" *Romans 11:18*;
- "the sticks" *Ezekiel 37:20* [Hebrew = "wood"]
- "natural branches" *Romans 11:21*; "a stick...For Judah" *Ezekiel 37:16*
- "a wild olive shoot" *Romans 11:17*; "the stick of Joseph – which is in the hand of Ephraim – and the tribes of Israel his associates" *Ezekiel 37:19*
- "you are established through faith" *Romans 11:20*; "So shall they be My people, and I will be their God." *Ezekiel 37:23*
- "God's gracious kindness" *Romans 11:22*; "I will give blessings

to them" *Ezekiel 37:26*

- "shall be grafted in" *Romans 11:23*; "join them together into one stick" *Ezekiel 37:17* (note: Haydock, "engrafted")

"The Lord called thy name, a green olive tree, fair, and of goodly fruit"

Jeremiah 11:16

- "until the full number of the ingathering of the Gentiles has come in" *Romans 11:25*; "I will take the children of Israel from among the nations to which they have gone, and will gather them from every side" *Ezekiel 37:21*

- "the deliverer [Messiah] shall come" *Romans 11:26*; "my servant David [i.e. Messiah of David] shall be their prince forever." *Ezekiel 37:25*

- "So all Israel will be saved" *Romans 11:26*; "I will save them" *Ezekiel 37:23*

- "banish ungodliness from Jacob" *Romans 11:26*; "walk in My ordinances and heed My statutes and do them." *Ezekiel 37:24*

- "Deliverer will come from Zion" *Romans 11:26*; "they all shall have one Shepherd" *Ezekiel 37:24*

- "My covenant with them" *Romans 11:27*; "I will make a covenant of peace" *Ezekiel 37:26*

- "I shall take away their sins" *Romans 11:27*; "from all their backslidings in which they have sinned...I will cleanse them" *Ezekiel 37:23*

It is interesting that artists who have depicted Ezekiel's two sticks have made them of olive wood, which is very likely what the prophet – and Paul – both had in mind. Reviewing the clear parallel between these two prophecies, this close duplication was no accident and the Apostle

Paul was in fact reinforcing the fulfillment of Ezekiel's prophecy under the New Covenant. Paul was very familiar with olive culture in that part of the world, and knew something modern westerners do not: only olives can be grafted onto olive trees! You simply cannot graft lemons, apples, grapes, tomatoes or whatever else you prefer onto an olive tree. The olive species grafted on may be wild or cultivated, but cannot be some other disparate genus. In allegorical terms, the Apostle Paul, like Ezekiel, was depicting Israel's coming reuniting and redemption. Modern Bible commentaries readily recognize that Ezekiel's prophecy specifically concerned Israel, not other nations. Yet Paul's similar parable is routinely misunderstood as a world salvation matter, when instead it is similarly focused on the theme of the rejoining of the two houses of Israel through faith in Jesus Christ, David's Greater Son.

Nineteenth century British-Israel scholar, Landseer MacKenzie observed, "the doctrinal teaching of the day is mistaken and wrong in some very material points. These errors I do not propose to discuss in detail. But beyond doubt the chief of them, upon which the others depend, is the misapprehension as to who were the 'Gentiles' to whom 'the gospel of the kingdom' was preached, and who also received it. Correct this, and the others would fall of themselves, like dead leaves from a parasitical plant when the main stem is cut." (*Banner of Israel* xxi:248).

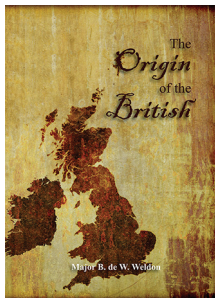
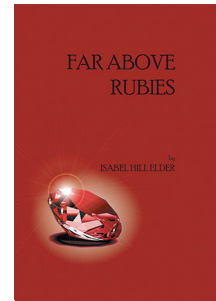
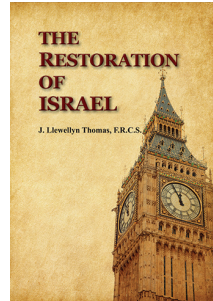
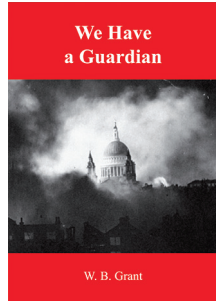
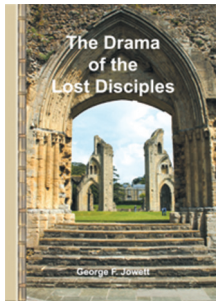
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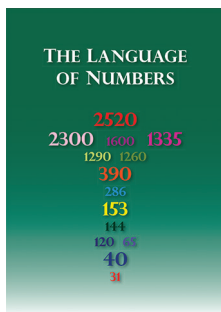
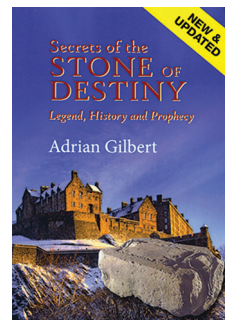
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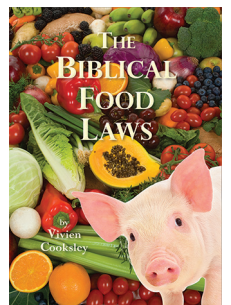
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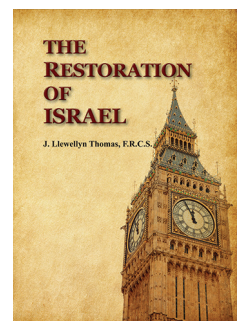
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