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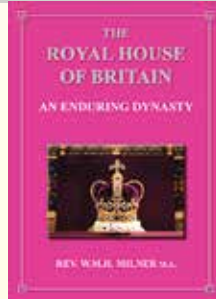
▲ Admiral Lord Nelson, Britain's greatest seaman, prayed before the Battle of Trafalgar in these words, "May the great God, Whom I worship, grant to my country, and for the benefit of Europe in general, a great and glorious victory; and may no misconduct in anyone tarnish it: and may humanity after victory be the predominant feature in the British fleet ..." He died in action on that day, 21 October, 1805.

## ◀ COVER PICTURE:

This is the Drakensberg Mountains in South Africa and illustrates the scripture, "I will lift up mine eyes to the hills, from whence cometh my help" (Psalm 121:1).

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# SEVEN BIBLICAL FREEDOMS

## Freedom from Want

*“The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.”*

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*“He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.”*

## Freedom from Thirst

*“He leadeth me beside the still waters.”*

## Freedom from Sin

*“He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.”*

## Freedom from Fear

*“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me.”*

## Freedom from Enemies

*“Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.”*

## Freedom of Abundance

*“Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.”*

From a ‘Declaration of Freedom’  
by the U.S. National Association of Evangelicals

## EDITORIAL

# ‘THY KINGDOM COME . . . ON EARTH’

For nearly four centuries the Christian churches that became established along the Mediterranean coastline, among the communities of ‘the wild olives’ of Gentilized Israelites in Europe, were in no doubt about what Our Lord meant by His references to the Kingdom of God. That Kingdom was a kingdom here on earth which would be ruled by Christ. Also, the Early British Church of the first century, centred in south Wales, continued in this understanding for many more centuries after they rejected the coming of Roman Christianity in AD 597-603. The article on page 20 of this issue expands on this lost history.

It was true that this Kingdom of God would be utterly unlike any other earthly kingdom because it would be ruled, not by force, but by a great plan of redemption expressed by love. It would be an earthly as distinct from a spiritualized, or replacement kingdom; above all it was a *continuing* kingdom that was being built on a covenant relationship with the Almighty, beginning at Mount Sinai. Its nucleus would be the twelve-tribed nation of *Israel*, a name bestowed upon the patriarch Jacob to signify that his descendants would *rule with God*. It was instituted as an example Kingdom to which Our Lord referred when He instructed us to pray for God’s Kingdom to come in all fulness *on earth*.

There was no confusion about the nature of this Kingdom until St Augustine of Hippo, seizing upon the Apostle Paul’s references to circumcision in *Galatians* 6:16, produced the preposterous theory that the Church was to become

the new Kingdom of God on earth and would inherit all the privileges of ancient Israel. This theory was more fully developed about AD 413-436 in his famous work *City of God*, written in response to the destruction of Rome by barbarians in AD 410. He argues that Christianity was not responsible for the Sack of Rome but instead responsible for Rome’s success. Even if the earthly rule of the Empire was imperiled, it was the City of God that would ultimately triumph. Augustine’s focus was Heaven, a theme of many Christian works of Late Antiquity.

This quite absurd and utterly unbiblical claim was quickly adopted by the counterfeit Church of Rome. By its authority, it rapidly assumed wide *spiritual power* under the Papacy in AD 606-607 when Pope Boniface III became universal bishop and wide universal *temporal power* in AD 758-760 under Pope Paul I. It made and unmade earthly kings and emperors and invested the bishop of Rome with the blasphemous title of the Vicar of Christ on earth.

This temporal power lasted for the prophesied **1,260** years (*Revelation* 11:3) until 2018-2020, when Britain left the pagan European Union after being ruled by alien Roman Civil Law as opposed to our English Common Law. The theory that the church was to become the Kingdom of God on earth was rejected by the fathers of the true church of Christ, but over the years it has gained acceptance in proportion to the extent that the Scriptures have been questioned. Today – reflecting the apostasy of the Church – it is accepted almost universally by the blind shepherds of the Protestant

Reformed Church.

Though the idea that the Kingdom of God can only exist in the hearts of believers is contrary to all of the prophetic descriptions of the nature of Our Lord’s Kingdom, nevertheless, many Christians accept it because in *Luke* 17:21 Jesus is recorded as saying “the Kingdom of God is **within you**” or in Greek, *entos*, meaning “in the midst.”

It is crucial to note that this statement was **not** addressed to His disciples or to Christians at all, but to the members of a Jewish religious sect called Pharisees (verse 20). Consequently, its meaning must be considered in the light of their spiritual condition as described by Him in *Matthew* 23:27 wherein He says in part: “*Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men’s bones, and of all uncleanness.*”

Thus the Kingdom consisting of King, ministers and people was actually in their midst and the fact that the Jewish section of Israel refused to accept the only conditions under which it could function meant that consequently they lost all rights to it (*Matthew* 21:43). It continues in a physical reality that is in the midst of His Servant People Israel, the “company of nations” in Celto-Saxondom – *the Anglosphere*.

What is presented in this issue will, we hope, do something to persuade the modern Christian that the Word of God should be taken seriously as *our national prophetic record*.

# WHY THE WEST STILL NEEDS THE BIBLE

*Without Scripture, we cannot understand the ideas that have shaped our world and thought*

If you look to our schools and universities, you will not see a serious engagement with the Bible as part of the study of politics, of philosophy, or even of literature and culture more generally, despite the huge influence of biblical ideas on the development of British, American and European politics – and so also across the Commonwealth and the world. University courses on political philosophy take fundamentally an a historical position of focusing on purely secular philosophers, rather than facing the reality of the Bible's impact on the actual development of modern politics.

From Bristol to Warwick to Glasgow, the works of Hobbes and Rousseau, Mill and Rawls, are compulsory study; but across dozens of modules available, none focuses on the Bible or the role of religion, historically and in the present day. Similarly, university courses on literature rarely involve study of the King James Bible and the Book of Common Prayer, despite the fact their influence on the English language and its literature is matched only by Shakespeare. At school level, I have spoken to English teachers who comment that students increasingly have so little biblical awareness they cannot understand even basic religious references in works by Charles Dickens or Jane Austen, which prior generations would have taken for granted.

In political philosophy, Hobbes may have advocated an absolute monarchy based on an a historical conception of the state of nature, and Rousseau may have advocated

a proto-fascist 'General Will' as more important than individual freedom and choice, but their work gets a privileged place because it was resolutely secular in an age that generally wasn't. More importantly though, they had remarkably little influence on how our political institutions and understanding have developed compared to the Bible and the generations of statesmen and thinkers who drew on Scripture to develop our shared life.

The Bible's importance lies in the fact that it has not just been a source for intellectuals and elites: it has been a shared heritage of the rich and poor alike, often even more so for ordinary people without the additional influence of a classical education.

From the 14th century peasants' revolt – 'when Adam delve and Eve span, who was then the gentleman' – through to the non-conformist and Catholic contribution to the development of the Labour Party, which 'owes more to Methodism than Marx': it is the Bible that has given ordinary people a moral language to challenge the domination of the rich and powerful, just as it did in the 1960s for Martin Luther King.

In modern academia, study of the Bible is almost entirely restricted to Theology departments. Many modern universities, founded in the 19th and 20th centuries on self-consciously 'secular' lines, lack even those, while schools restrict it to the ghetto of 'religious studies' and so isolate it from its wider impact. But the Bible should be studied not just

to better understand Christianity, political and moral philosophy. It helps us to understand the ideas and stories that have shaped our world and thought.

In the world, Christianity is the largest religious community, and Islam is the second; there are fewer atheists than Hindus.

Outside the United Nations Building in New York there stands an enormous bronze figure, 13 feet tall atop his pedestal. He is caught mid-stroke, muscles flexed and hammer raised, about to bring it crashing down on a bent blade, the hilt in his other hand. 'Let Us Beat Swords into Ploughshares,' the work is called, quoting 2,700-year-old words from the Prophet Isaiah. The statue was built by a Soviet artist in 1958, but despite the state atheism of the Soviet Union, Evgeniy Vuchetich knew where to find a symbol recognisable across the world to express the aspirations that lay behind the United Nations.

The aims of the UN, one of the central institutions of the post-war 'rules-based' world order, can be traced back to the Atlantic Charter of 1941: a joint declaration of British and American hopes for future peace, the result of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill meeting. Despite the urgency of that brief conference, time was found for a church service with both leaders choosing hymns. Churchill selected 'O God Our Help in Ages Past,' a paraphrase of *Psalms* 90, and after the War he remembered that service as 'a deeply moving expression of the unity of faith of our two peoples

[that] none who took part in it will forget.' It serves as a reminder that the Allied fight was defined, not by realpolitik, but by a Christian spiritual vision based on charity, self-sacrifice and peace that was totally incompatible with Nazism and its worship of power, race and conquest.

As Churchill said in his famous 'Battle of Britain' speech, what was at stake in the war was no less than 'the survival of Christian civilisation.' He was not alone in that view. The war began for Britain with Chamberlain's famous address, including his prayer, 'may God bless you all and may He defend the right.' It ended on the same note, with Clement Attlee addressing the House of Commons after Japan's surrender to say 'one feeling, I am sure, predominates in all our hearts, the feeling of gratitude to Almighty God for this great mercy.'

Such words from the resolutely agnostic Attlee testify to how deeply, in the mid-20th century, a biblical moral and spiritual basis was taken to define the hopes and aims of western civilisation – even by those with no strong orthodox Christian faith. It formed both the vocabulary and the grammar of figures on left and right, providing a shared underlying framework of ideas and ideals. Not just in war, but equally in peace, with Attlee's Labour famously describing their post-war programme as building the New Jerusalem in England's 'green and pleasant land' – making fresh use of the powerful image from Revelations, where there shall be

'neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away,' via the 18th century radical artist William Blake.

It was not only in building just institutions that 20th century leaders reached for the Bible for inspiration, but also in demolishing unjust ones. In the fight against Jim Crow, Martin Luther King Jr., a serving Baptist minister, drew constantly on his deep understanding of the Bible to lead the Southern Christian Leadership Conference against institutional racist discrimination across the United States. From the Old Testament prophets, particularly the words of Amos ('let justice flow like a river, and righteousness like a never-ending stream') he took a fierce belief that God requires us to struggle for justice without delay. And from the New Testament's

Sermon on the Mount ('If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also') he took inspiration for a non-violent campaign against evil, insisting on returning hate with love.

It would be a mistake to think mid-20th century politics continued to draw on the Bible only for rhetoric. The structures of the international order built after the Second World War, often merely credited as 'liberal,' relied on intellectual traditions shaped by millennia of Christian theology, including ideas of just war, natural rights, and international law; to draw nations worldwide into a framework that had, until then, existed only as an aspiration among western Christian nations. For example, just war theory originated with Saint Augustine's reflections on reconciling traditional Christian pacifism with the need to defend the Roman Empire from attack. It was developed by philosophers such as Saint Thomas Aquinas, and the Salamanca School of the 16th century, before being taken up into modern institutional efforts to limit and prevent War.

These figures were also crucial in the development of a theory of human rights based in natural law. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights developed on earlier declarations of rights in the English-speaking world, including the Declaration of Independence, with its ringing statement that 'all men are created equal [*before the law* and] are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable



Martin Luther monument from 1821 in the market place of Wittenberg

rights,' and can be traced back to the Magna Carta in 1215, itself heavily influenced by the renowned scholar and Archbishop of Canterbury, Stephen Langton.

Natural law theory is often traced to Aristotle, but the original pagan idea was very different to our modern conception. Pre-Christian philosophers believed that reason revealed a natural law of fundamental moral inequality among mankind: with citizens divided from foreigners, the free from slaves, men from women, and philosophers from everyone else. Aristotle spoke of certain people as 'natural slaves,' a rational deduction from his overall framework.

This was transformed by the Christian belief that Almighty God became man and suffered death on the cross, to bring all people to a new life defined by their individual faith and belonging in Christ. This replaced the assumption of fundamental spiritual inequality with a faith defined by spiritual equality, summed up in the words St Paul wrote to the Galatians: 'There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.'

Over centuries this belief worked against the inertia of power, hierarchy, and self-interest to transform the world, not just spiritually, but politically. It drove movements ranging from the abolition of slavery to the rise of democracy until eventually, in the 20th century, it was embedded in institutions such as the UN, intended to represent all humanity.

What is true of the political structures built during the crucial years of the mid-20th century is even more true of the preceding centuries. The safest summary of British

politics from at least the 16th to the 19th century would be that it was a branch of applied theology: from the reformation to the civil war, to the Glorious Revolution, to the importance of non-conformist, evangelical Christian communities to the reform movements of the 19th century and the labour movement of the early 20th. At every stage, the drive towards representative government, the political and civil rights we take for granted and the organisation of working-class communities were intrinsically linked with biblical motivations. This is not just a matter of understanding our past, but our present, and the world outside us. Religious awareness is often poor among our professional politicians and commentators, too.

Britain is one of the most secular countries in the world, but it is still a multi-religious country: we have a deeply Christian monarch, churches with widespread roles in schools, communities, parliament and charities across the country and active Jewish, Muslim and other religious communities. In the world, Christianity is the largest religious community, and Islam is the second; there are fewer atheists than Hindus, and most of those atheists live under Chinese communism.

Beyond the sheer size of religious communities there is the reality again, that the challenges we face in the political world – whether from Russian nationalists, Chinese communists or Islamist militants

– are deeply ideological, and only by understanding in detail our own ideas of conscience, of tolerance, of charity, of equality, can we hope to understand and overcome them.

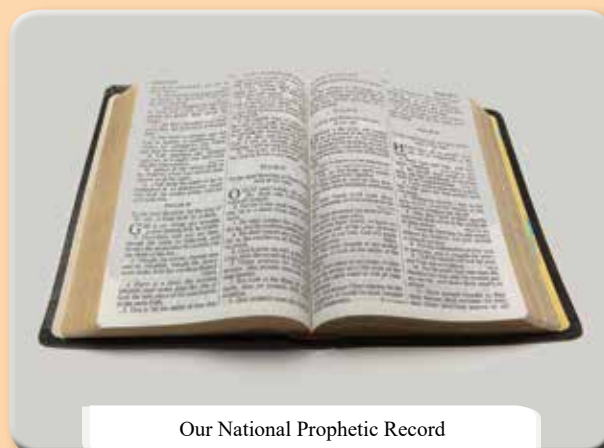
During the Platinum Jubilee celebrations I watched Trooping the Colour. It was astonishing to watch the footage of soldiers cut between them practising for modern urban warfare and the 19th century drill of Trooping the Colour. There they stood in bearskins and red coats, with automatic assault rifles on their shoulders. This could be a metaphor for the entire British political system, where 21st century elements sit alongside structures and forms dating back centuries, like the leaves and branches of some ancient oak. But that great tree is coming under increasing pressure.

We have inherited ideas and assumptions about democracy, liberalism and tolerance that were forged in the 20th, 19th and earlier centuries that are now being threatened by an ever more globalised economy, technology that challenges what it means both to be human and free and an increasingly strident progressivism.

Questions about abortion, trans rights, privacy, our place in Europe, our obligation to nations under attack, economic fairness, and reforming our constitution, all hinge on fundamental values; on how ethically, even metaphysically, we understand the nature of our humanity. And whether in understanding ourselves, our institutions, or our moral ideals, everyone in Britain – and across the West – approaches these questions within a framework that has been profoundly shaped by the Bible for more than a thousand years.

**STEPHEN WIGMORE**

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Our National Prophetic Record

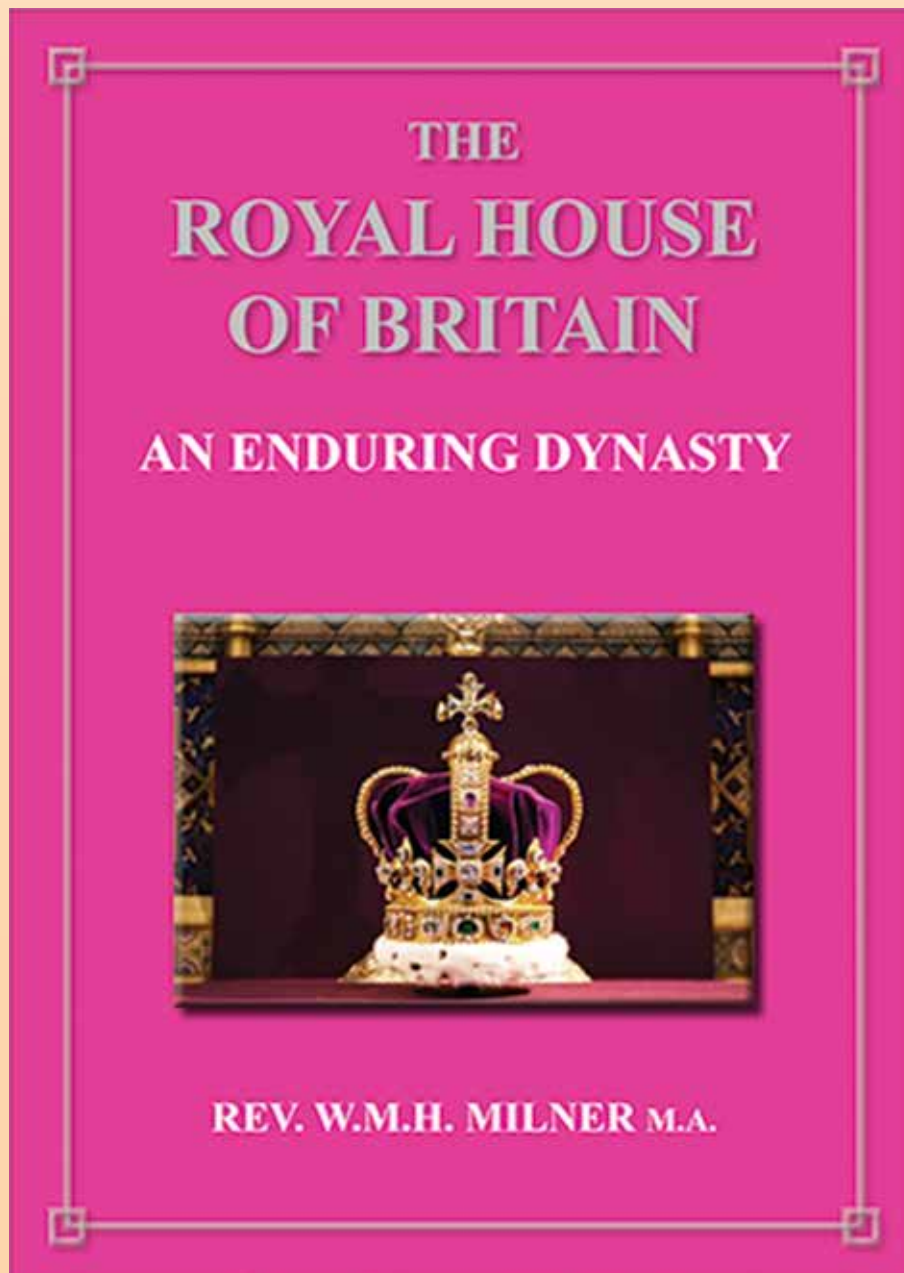
# COVENANT PUBLISHING NEWS

To mark the unique occasion of the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen Covenant Publishing is pleased to launch a prestige Sixteenth Edition of Rev. W.M.H. Milner's book *The Royal House of Britain – An Enduring Dynasty*.

There is a new soft cover, with new colour illustrations and a new 'Epilogue.' The book comes with a fold-out chart, size A1, giving the full 'Illustrious Lineage of the Royal House of Britain.'

The First Edition of this major study by Rev. Milner appeared in 1902 and took shape from a series of articles which he wrote under the nom-de-plume 'Oxonian.' In this centenary year of Covenant Publishing it is fitting to be able to reproduce a book from 120 years ago containing significant information which is vital to a clear understanding of the monarchy in these British Isles and kindred nations.

The nation joined in the official celebrations of the Jubilee in June this year with enthusiasm and much love and affection for The Queen. The great interest in her reign also showed there is much ignorance of the history of this nation. This book is an excellent way to discover the rich historical and scriptural evidence of why this nation does indeed have 'An Enduring Dynasty.'





# THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

*A code of restrictive practices or the door to genuine freedom?*

To many people laws, rules and regulations are seen as being, at times, restrictive, are frequently regarded with some scepticism and are hence given only reluctant compliance. This attitude is perhaps understandable when such guidance for the conduct of individual and national life is dictated by the ruling authority in the land whose thoughts and ideas are subject to alteration. This can be due to a change in circumstances or to the influence of those who have a particular political or commercial interest they wish to advance. Change driven by such influence may inevitably lead to unfairness and instability and bring the whole institution of government into disrepute. Our parliamentary

system of government attempts to address this problem by the frequent opportunity afforded the populace to remove the incumbent ruling power and replace them with a different administration. But, as our nation's history over the years and centuries has shown it has not achieved the ideal result we have longed to achieve. It is merely an improvement on a dictatorship, which tends to be oppressive or unjust and often changed by violent means.

In contrast to what has already been stated, the attitude to the rules or instructions which accompany a new domestic appliance, mechanical gardening implement or the family car are given unwavering attention

and compliance. For it is accepted that the designer and manufacturer of the article knows best how the object should perform, as planned and designed, to give satisfaction to the user. It would seem quite illogical to ignore such instruction for, clearly, non-compliance would cause the appliance to malfunction or even be damaged beyond repair.

The devout Christian, who accepts that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, has in their possession a comprehensive book which reveals to them the character of the Creator of all things, in heaven and on earth, both animate and inanimate. It reveals to them their relationship to God, their duties and obligations to Him, to their fellow human beings

and to all living creatures that form a part of what is termed 'the natural world.' Such instruction is contained in the Commandments, Statutes and Judgments laid down in Scripture. These are not intended to be seen as burdensome or restrictive but rather, like the appliance instruction manuals already referred to, to be regarded as our Maker's instruction manual for the achievement of human health, wellbeing and the satisfactory fulfilment of his or her life. Rather than being restrictive they guarantee freedom from sickness and disease, from poverty and homelessness, from oppression and injustice, from business and industrial failures and from many more of our self-inflicted problems. In *Deuteronomy* 28 we are informed of the blessings and benefits of compliance with the Laws of God and the consequences of disobeying them, the latter being given in considerable detail.

Sadly, we live in an age of unbelief and apostasy. Even many Christians no longer give full credence to the Ten Commandments, accepting that a multi-faith philosophy is somehow in compliance with the Commandment "*Love thy neighbour as thyself.*" This ignores the equally important Commandment to "*Love God,*" which entails keeping all His Commandments, the first of which is quite specific, "*Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.*" Which means that all other gods and faiths are false. No other faith acknowledges Jesus Christ to be the Son of God, the Saviour of a fallen sinful mankind; that He is the Word referred to in John's gospel, the creator of heaven and earth; that He was "*...the word made flesh and dwelt amongst us,*" (1:14) as the man, Jesus of Nazareth. The Christian faith is thus unique, based on the inspired words of Him Who is also unique and recorded in the Holy Bible which is itself unique.

The Anglo-Saxon and Celtic peoples of this British island kingdom, and its Commonwealth family of nations overseas are, as we believe and proclaim, the modern descendants of God's founding kingdom of Israel of the twelve tribes. It has a chequered history, as the Bible record reveals, and only continues to exist by the grace of God and His faithfulness to the unconditional covenants He made with our distant forefathers. Through that faithfulness and undeserved favour we have developed into the nation and company of nations of Divine promise. We have a monarchy which has an unbroken line of succession going back to King David of Israel and to his ancestor Judah, from whom God promised that such a royal succession would proceed (*Genesis* 49:10). But not only was the throne to have such continuity, there was also a further promise given, in the additional clause "*... nor a lawgiver from between his feet.*" The first 'lawgiver' was, of course, Moses, establishing a constitution which was created and designed by God for the effective government of His kingdom, containing within it principles which were to remain unchanged for all time.

However, that promise of future lawgivers, linked to the promised continuity of the throne but also emanating from the tribe of Judah, were also distant from the time of Moses. As we have discovered in our B.I. research, Israelites migrated early from their national home, some of them settling in Greece. Many of the tribe of Dan made this exodus and some from the tribe of Judah did likewise. They may have been dissatisfied with the unrighteous behaviour of their Israelite brethren and wished to make a new start away from such bad influence. One of these was Brutus, later becoming known as Brutus the Trojan, for he figures in early British history as being the founder of our capital city,

London. A descendant of Zarah, one of Judah's twin sons, he established a new royal line in Britain and from him eventually came the Plantagenet and Tudor lines. More importantly, however, Brutus is credited with codifying the Commandments of God, thus establishing the Law of the Lord in this new location beyond the Promised Land. This took place in about 1100 BC, around the time that David became king in Israel. This adds further significance to the announcement made regarding a future 'appointed place' recorded in II *Samuel* 7:10, for the building bricks for Kingdom law were thus put in place for the later arrival of the migrating tribes.

There is, next, further evidence of the establishment of these Commandments in the later political life of the reassembled tribes in these isles. The influx of the dispersed Israelites, following the captivities and their exile, between the 8th and 5th centuries BC, was the result of a period of migration. In that period of several centuries language in these British isles would evolve. So, further codification of the law would be found necessary and this appeared in the form of Celtic Triads.

This codification has been attributed to Molmutius, a British monarch and lawgiver, who is also believed to have been a descendant of Judah and lived in the 6th century BC. So there is, in this king, a further fulfilment of the promise of God. (See *BI Bible Research Handbook* under Law – Triads).

As time went on more of the dispersed Israelites arrived in this island, known by different names and causing further evolution of the language of the people. The code of Divine Law survived the inevitable disruption of further immigration and the next codification recorded in our history was that of King Alfred

the Great. As a Saxon Alfred was also a descendant of Judah and by the time of his reign in the 9th century AD the Christian faith had been long established in the country. The king, himself a devout Christian, became well known for his 'Dooms,' his book of Laws which he based on the Ten Commandments. According to Winston Churchill, the king, instead of recording the Golden Rule exactly as given in Scripture: "Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you," he inverted it to an alternative phrase, in the words: "What ye will that men should not do to you, that do ye not to other men." His laws, continually amplified and 'tweaked,' as we say today, have come down to us as the foundation stones of English Common Law. In contrast to this European nations are under Roman Civil Law which originated in the ancient Babylonian code of King Hammurabi (*Bible Research Handbook*).

However, the Bible as we have it today was not in that form in King Alfred's time. Again we have to thank another king, James VI of Scotland and I of England and of the UK, who provided us with what became the Authorised Version. Up until then there were four Bibles in use – Tyndale's, Coverdale's, the Geneva Bible and the 'Bishop's Bible.' The texts of these varied, some having marginal notes and additions to support sectarian views and other partisan interpretations of the Scriptures.

It was King James who disapproved of all such propaganda and insisted on the production of a straightforward translation of the Scriptures and having marginal notes restricted to just explanations of the meaning of Greek and Hebrew words which were difficult to translate. Quoting Churchill again, he said of the King James version: "It won an immediate and lasting

triumph....This may be deemed James's greatest achievement, for the impulse was largely his. The Scottish pedant built better than he knew. The scholars who produced this masterpiece are mostly unknown and unremembered. But they forged an enduring link, literary and religious, between the English-speaking peoples of the world." (*A History of the English-speaking Peoples*, vol. 2 p.124).

"Therefore choose life,  
that both thou and thy  
seed may live"  
*Deuteronomy 30:19*

So, in the providence of God, His Laws, His proclamation of His love for His errant kingdom and the knowledge that we are forever in His care and under His supervision, have been suitably reissued at appropriate times in the life of the kingdom. The light of the Gospel of the kingdom was not allowed to be dimmed by any language or other obstacle.

Sir William Blackstone, a prominent 18th century English judge and jurist, was the author of 'Commentaries' in which he declared: – "The laws of God are superior in obligation to all other laws; that no human laws should be allowed to contradict them; that human laws are of no validity if they contradict God's laws and that all valid laws derive from the Divine Original." Clearly these Blackstone Commentaries have been neglected or even discarded in the present culturally liberal climate, which has virtually legitimised sin itself. Gone now are all the freedoms we could and should have enjoyed

under the Divine Law but, instead, we are suffering from all the consequences of disobedience and unrighteousness.

Immediately prior to our Lord's second advent the conditions that would pertain at that time here on earth are described, by the Lord Himself, to be "...as in the days of Noah" (*Matthew 24:37*). We can clearly see these conditions around us at the present time, for it is a shame and a disgrace that human beings, particularly Israelites, could sink, morally and spiritually, to such a state of degradation. However, the closing words of *Ecclesiastes* are, I believe, very pertinent: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; Fear God and keep His commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil."

In these dark days when evil abounds, that judgment will surely come and be as punitive as the situation deserves, enough to bring us to a state of remorse and repentance and the desire for forgiveness. Then will the Lord return in power and glory, and that door to genuine freedom will be accessed and a better life will be enjoyed by all people.

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# WORLD FINANCE COLLAPSING



## A Column of Gold supporting the World of Finance!

The **Empire Exhibition, South Africa**, held in Johannesburg, was opened by the Governor-General of the Union of South Africa on 15 September, 1936, to mark that city's **jubilee** – *prophetic* of approaching financial release.

**T**HE RISEN LORD'S fascinating vision in the *Book of Revelation* provides striking foreknowledge of world economic events which have been culminating over the past century. It supplies the sequel to that of God's prophet Daniel, whom He went out of His way to authenticate, when briefing His Apostles.

Taken together, their prophetic testimony covers a period of twenty-five centuries, or 2,520 years in the set 'Seven Times' measure, from the time of Nebuchadnezzar to the present period of the End of the Age. Their presence is concerned with the succession of force-based empires, starting with Babylon and

ending in the present period which emerged with the conclusion of the Great War of 1914-1918.

The combined visions designate these empires as *The Beast*. They are concerned also with the two age-spanning evils of corrupt religious faith and what is now termed *International Finance* – the system of trafficking and usury in which gold has been impounded, misused and manipulated to the benefit of the Godless. The system is inevitably ranged against the Code of Jesus Christ. These joint evils are symbolized in His Vision as a *Scarlet Woman* and apostrophized as 'Babylon.'

The visions culminate in the destruction of the Beast by our Lord Himself – but not before it has itself first destroyed the Woman. In the matter of Gold manipulation by International Finance, we are witness at this time to the separation of the Anglosphere from the World's Gold now being hoarded by the nations of the Eurasian confederacy, the effect of which is destined to bring on the collapse of the euro zone and the *political* European Union, from which the LORD separated Britain-Israel in 2018-2020 in fulfilment of *Revelation* 18:4.

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# WHAT IS RIGHT, WHAT IS RIGHTEOUS?

Looking back to the article written following the attack on the World Trade Centre in New York, ‘Signs of the Times – Target America,’<sup>1</sup> events have shown that it was indeed a warning, a huge one. It has been said by several authorities ‘the falling of the towers marked a defining moment into the 21<sup>st</sup> century,’ with various eminent people commenting that ‘confident nations have had their security shaken.’ This simply echoes *Haggai* 2:6-7, “...For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.”

We are living through an age when the familiar is being shaken and there is a growing sense of threat from a number of groupings such as Muslims, anti-Semites, militant Feminists, Black power movements and other pressure groups.

## Perplexity over Rights

How does the sense of threat in a multicultural, pluralist, inclusive society such as Britain today equate with the broadly advertised concept of human rights? It is a fact that in a country such as Britain, all this is becoming a perplexing issue. For instance, those who are ‘terrorists’ to one person are but ‘freedom fighters’ to another. Blasphemy to one or incitement to religious hatred may be freedom of speech to another. This sort of thing in the present age is hardly surprising because the prophets warned of it.

Jesus Himself said, “*And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory*” (Luke 21:25-27).

The theme of rights merely continues what the Old Testament prophets wrote, “*The good man is perished out of the earth: and there is none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net. That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, the prince asketh, and the judge asketh for a reward; and the great man, he uttereth his mischievous desire: so they wrap it up. The best of them is as a brier: the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge: the day of thy watchmen and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity*” (Micah 7:2-4). Note the references to the upright.

“*For it is a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity by the Lord GOD of hosts in the valley*

*of vision, breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains*” (Isaiah 22:5).

Discernment of truth and common sense become prized attributes; there is a division arising between the sheep and the goats.

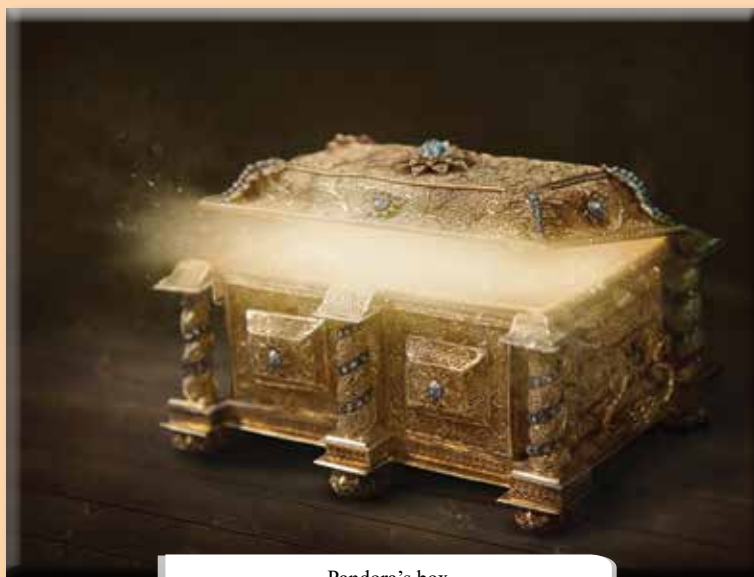
## Freedom of Rights has opened a Pandora’s box

Complete freedom of Human Rights is nothing new in Israel’s history and when it arose it always spelt trouble. The incidents which often come to people’s minds are found in the writings of the Judges, “*And the man Micah had an house of gods, and made an ephod, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest. In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes*” (Judges 17:5-6).

It is also repeated as the last verse at the end of the Judges, so it must have been a significant trait in the people of Israel at the time, “*In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes*” (Judges 21:25).

Indeed this is the very thing that God warned them through Moses that they should not do. For just prior to occupying the Promised Land He instructs them, “*Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes*” (Deuteronomy 12:8).

However, that is precisely the route they did take, so little wonder that the union of the tribes of Israel fell apart and the tribes were besieged on all sides.



Pandora’s box

## There is a difference between 'right' and 'upright'

'That's right' means 'correct' (in one's own eyes), 'upright' though, is more akin to 'righteous.' That is, when the knowledge of what is righteous is being applied. Noah is the first person that the Bible refers to as being 'righteous,' "*And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation*" (Genesis 7:1).

So those who are righteous compare well against those who are not. For example, Noah certainly fulfilled this condition for "*God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth ... Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God*" (Genesis 6:12 & 9).

[Note – the Law predated Moses; grace, clean animals, the Sabbath, respect of God and the sin of Murder were all known beforehand.]

Abram, likewise, was also outstandingly righteous in his generation. It was in the self-same chapter that tells the story of Babel, that Abram first appears on the biblical scene, "*Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth*" (Genesis 11:9).

"*And Terah lived seventy years, and begat Abram, Nahor and Haran*" (Genesis 11:26)

So started Abram's distinctive pilgrimage with God which made him and it is found a few chapters further on, "*And he believed in the LORD; and he [God] counted it to him for righteousness*" (Genesis 15:6).

Not long after this event a head count reveals that less than 10 souls in Sodom were righteous (Genesis

18:23 & 32). It is worth noting that these people of great wealth and power such as Noah and Abraham were singled out as being righteous compared with others in the apostate world around them.

Much of this article has shown how alone these saints of God must have felt at certain times in their lives, times which are similar to the one we now find ourselves in. Thus let us look at some of the things happening in our land, our world today, in order to consider what is right, what is righteous.

## The word 'Israel'

For years British-Israel movements and Jewish people in general have had to suffer the misappropriation of the word 'Israel.' It is not such a problem amongst the churches of many other countries but in the Western World there is an arrogance of the churches who take to themselves the name Israel claiming to be the 'New Israel,' sole inheritors of the New Covenant and so on.

Remember this though, "...*I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah*" (Hebrews 8:8). Note the words 'house of,' i.e. family. Further in biblical symbolism it is absurd to have the body of Christ (the Church) marrying itself.

The prophecy relating to Christ's birth, Matthew 2:6 (repeated from Micah 5:2), was given before any Gentile church had come into being, "*And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.*"

With regard to mission, the idea of the Church adopting the concept of Israel is highly offensive to Jews because they see themselves as *all* Israel.

Quite apart from the way that the Western Church has hijacked the

word Israel, the very use of it now is seen as politically explosive. For instance, it has been purged as far as possible from the text of the new Church of England Psalter, so as to avoid offending Arabs! But instead, great offence has been caused to Jews. Because of this fear of offending, so many responses are now, softly softly.

## Christian Mission

Some see anti-terrorist laws recently rushed through Parliament as a threat to the liberty of preaching. 'It shouldn't be a crime to call the Pope the Antichrist' read the headline in the *Daily Telegraph* recently. Where do we stand in mission work? Again, what is acceptable to one person can be an offence to another.

The next stage in the decline of Christianity in Britain, as elsewhere, is indicated by the progressive acceptance within church leaderships of the concept of interfaith worship.

## Government policies

Governments no longer have the freedom to implement the policies which were promised in the manifesto on which they were elected. Successive administrations have signed up the nation to international bodies which now claim sovereignty over the laws of the United Kingdom. Threats of international condemnation if the government of the day does not submit are meekly accepted. 'Rights' seem to trump being 'righteous' at every turn.

## Conclusion

Particularly in the western world, we live in the time of a 'Me, Me' culture which seems no different from the Old Testament era of the Judges when "*Every man did that which was right in his own eyes.*"

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# SETTING THE CAPTIVES FREE

*“Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty” (II Corinthians 3:17)*

It is remarkable how much discussion, debate and media attention are given to the old slavery that was exposed and opposed by God’s Covenant people, such as member of parliament, William Wilberforce, over 200 years ago and how little attention is given to the much worse and greater numbers enslaved by the Muslim slave trade, as exposed and opposed by Dr. David Livingstone and others in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

## **Outrageous silence on Human Trafficking today**

It is scandalous how little attention or concern is given to the ongoing Islamic slave trade to this day. Even more outrageous is the virtual silence over the very worst slavery in history, which is prevalent and pervasive throughout the world today – to this day: human trafficking and sexual slavery.

## **Freedom is a fruit of Christianity**

The abolition of slavery was a fruit of Christianity. However, those who believe that the days of slavery are over are mistaken. As Christians have retreated from social and political arenas and as nations, which had once been Christian, now move into what they term: “*The post-Christian era,*” we are seeing a resurgence of all those evils. Yet we are not yet seeing the people of God fully awakened and mobilized to expose and oppose these prevalent and pervasive evils of prostitution, perversion and paedophilia.

## **A Return to Paganism**

Those who reject Christianity will in time embrace all of the vices outlawed by the Law of God. So we are seeing in this apostate age a resurgence of legalised child killing through abortion, the killing of the aged and infirmed through euthanasia, the legalisation of adultery and polygamy, the legalisation of perversion and prostitution and a massive resurgence of paedophilia and human trafficking slavery.

## **The Films *Taken*, *Whistleblower* and *Nefarious***

The film *Taken* shockingly exposes the kidnapping, human trafficking and slavery that is going on at this very time. The *Whistleblower* is based on the true story of policewoman Kathryn Bolkovic who exposed the United Nations organisation’s involvement in human trafficking and slavery today. *Nefarious – Merchant of Souls* is a shocking Christian documentary of slavery and the human trafficking industry. Most importantly, it gives practical examples of how to fight it.

## **Most Member States of the United Nations are implicated in Human Trafficking**

*Free the Slaves* calculates that there are over 42 million slaves

in the world. 161 UN member-states engage in human trafficking/slavery today. It is a US\$ 150 billion industry. 25% of today’s slaves are children. The cost of the average slave today is \$90. When a slave gets sick or injured, most are simply killed. Slaves are cheap, disposable and easily replaced.

At a *Christians For Truth Conference*, *Doctors For Life* presented a major paper exposing slavery and prostitution today. They reported that human trafficking has become the third largest international criminal activity after drug trafficking and arms smuggling. According to the American State Department, approximately 800,000 people are trafficked internationally each year. This excludes the trafficking within countries. 80% of these victims are women and girls and as many as 50% are children. The majority of female victims are trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation. There is a strong link between prostitution and human trafficking.

The DFL report included the testimony of one girl from Eastern Europe who had been lured across the border in response to a job offer for a modelling career. She was kidnapped, gang raped, made addicted to drugs and enslaved to a life of prostitution. This prematurely aged her so much that within 4 years her life was over. She died of a drug overdose.



### **Brothel Protests and Outreaches**

Over the years, I have led numerous *Africa Christian Action* outreaches outside escort agencies. As we began to sing hymns, pray and hand out evangelistic literature to passers-by, we came under vicious attack by pimps who accused us of undermining their “business.”

I was assaulted on a number of occasions. On one occasion some very large pimp picked me off my feet and lifted me high over his head, flinging me over a parked car into West Street. Tyres were screeching and cars were swerving to brake and avoid running over me as I rolled into this main road. On another occasion I had a bucket of beer, wine and vile liquids poured over me – drenching me from head to toe. Pimps and prostitutes threw all kinds of things at us, including condoms filled with liquids, shouting that they were sharing their AIDS with us. One of our people had his nose broken by some violent pimp.

At one “escort agency” brothel in West Street, Durban, the pimps organised for some corrupt policemen to arrest a group of Christians praying and singing outside. This matter went to court and the police were forced to pay out compensation for wrongful arrest. However, it all demonstrated the deeply entrenched corruption in this form of human slavery.

### **Islamic Slavery**

We have also documented in the *Faith Under Fire in Sudan* book and in *Sudan: The Hidden Holocaust* film the ongoing Islamic slavery in Sudan. Anti-slavery organisations have documented the prevalence of slavery in Mauritania, Sudan, Saudi Arabia and other Middle Eastern countries. Mende Nazer published her autobiography *Slave: My True Story* documenting her enslavement. Mende was captured in the Nuba Mountains in 1992. She was first a slave to a rich Arab family in Khartoum. Then in 2002 she was sold to a Sudanese diplomat in London. She managed to escape and sought political asylum in England, publishing this exposé.

### **Communist Slavery**

Numerous communist countries, such as Red China, make use of huge slave labour camps to produce cheap items for export and for organ harvesting for transplants.

### **Hollywood Scandals**

The Harvey Weinstein sexual abuse “Hollywood Gate” and Jeffrey Epstein child abuse scandals highlighted how pervasive paedophilia and sexual abuse are in the entertainment industry.

### **The War against Slavery is not over**

From these and many other examples it should be clear to us that the war against slavery is not yet over. Christianity has always been the greatest movement for liberty. So it should not surprise us that, as the Christian Faith is rejected and excluded from the public sphere, we are seeing an increasing resurgence of paganism, including infanticide, polygamy, perversion, prostitution, paedophilia and slavery.

### **What has enabled this abuse to flourish and fester?**

Organised crime, government corruption, greed, lust, cowardice of church goers and hypocrisy of the left make this outrageous slave industry possible. Most Christians have been deceived and distracted into silence, apathy and therefore complicity in this colossal crime of slavery and abuse today. It is a disgraceful silence.

### **Who will rise up?**

May God raise up a new generation of reformers, missionaries and statesmen who, in the tradition of William Wilberforce and Dr. David Livingstone, will maintain personal integrity, while combining evangelistic zeal with concern for justice. **“Who will rise up for Me against the evildoers? Who will stand up for Me against the workers of iniquity?”** (Psalm 94:16).

**“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty**

**to the captives and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified. ... For I the Lord love justice; I hate robbery...I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, ... so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations”** (Isaiah 61:1-11).

### **Called to Liberty**

**“And you shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free”** (John 8:32).

**“Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free and do not be entangled again with the yoke of bondage”** (Galatians 5:1).

**“For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use your liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another”** (Galatians 5:13).

By God’s grace we must preach Good News to the poor, bind up the broken hearted, proclaim freedom for the captives and release for the prisoners. We must comfort those who mourn and encourage those who grieve, working for beauty instead of ashes, gladness, praise and righteousness, rebuilding civilisation on the Bible, restoring God-honouring laws and renewing Christian vigilance with everlasting joy throughout all nations.

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

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# THE COVENANTS OF THE BIBLE

In view of the fact that all of our Christian Teaching is based on the Promises that Almighty God made to Israel, it is vital that the Promises, or Covenants, are understood as God's Plan for His *Continuing* Kingdom upon Earth. The Bible is divided into two main divisions called the Old Testament, or Old Covenant, and the New Testament, or New Covenant. It is because of these names being applied to the **whole** Bible many people think there are only two Covenants or Testaments. In fact there are *eight* covenants in the Bible. The contents of these covenants contain the Promises of God to Israel, but most importantly, also the Revelation of God's Great Plan and Purpose for the entire world and all people in it.

## 1a – EDENIC COVENANT

Made with Adam and Eve. *Genesis* 1:28

Man was created in innocence, placed in a perfect environment, subjected to an absolutely simple test and warned of the consequences of disobedience. The woman fell through pride; the man deliberately.

## 1b – ADAMIC COVENANT

Made with Adam **after** the Fall. *Genesis* 3:15

This covenant conditions the life of fallen man – conditions which must remain till the Kingdom Age is established in all its fullness; *“the creation also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the sons of God”* (*Romans* 8:21).

## 2 – NOAHIC COVENANT

Made with Noah **after** the Flood. *Genesis* 6-9:13

The declaration of this covenant subjects humanity to a new test. Its distinctive feature is the institution, for the first time, of human government by man under God. The highest function of government is the judicial taking of life. All other governmental powers are implied in that. The rainbow is given for a token of this covenant which remains, **literally**, to the present day.

## 3 – ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Made with Abraham and later confirmed and enlarged in Isaac and Jacob-Israel and is **unconditional**.

## *Genesis* 15 and 17

This covenant was an **everlasting** covenant and it develops God's Great Plan for a Divinely ordered civilisation. It is in the following seven distinct parts:

- 1) “I will make of thee a great nation”
- 2) “I will bless thee”
- 3) “And make thy name great”
- 4) “And thou shalt be a blessing”
- 5) “I will bless them that bless thee”
- 6) “And curse him that curseth thee”
- 7) “In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed”

This process of growth is defined in the Bible by three words: **Dust**,

**Dispersion** and **Dominion** – revealed as a destiny for the People of God.

## 4 – MOSAIC COVENANT

Made with Moses and Israel at Sinai. *Exodus* 19-24:8

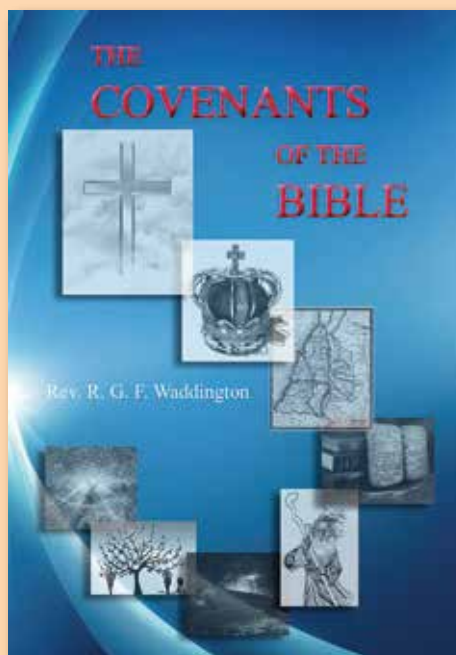
The covenant was made with **all** Israel as a nation under Divine authority chosen in love unto redemption and adoption. Israel was sovereignly chosen. The covenant was made therefore with a redeemed people who had been adopted into a filial relation to God. They were to be a holy people, separated from other nations in the world unto the Lord and His Purpose.

## 5 – PALESTINIAN COVENANT

Made with Israel when they were about to enter the Promised Land. *Leviticus* 26; *Deuteronomy* 28, 29, 30 This covenant concerns the law of the land. The ‘IF’ and ‘BUT’ clauses are **conditional** aspects of this covenant. ‘IF’ the Nation would be faithful to God and ‘IF’ they would administer the Laws of God, make them the Law of the Land, and ‘IF’ the people would obey them, then all the Blessings the human heart longs for would be poured out on the people. ‘BUT’ if they would not hearken unto the voice of the Lord the curses would come upon the Land and the Nation.

## 6 – DAVIDIC COVENANT

Made with David and his seed forever. *II Samuel* 7:16



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God was rejected as King of His own Kingdom; the Theocracy was repudiated by the people and Saul was chosen, “*And all the people shouted and said, God save the King.*” Later Saul was rejected by God because Saul had rejected the word of the Lord. But God did not abdicate; He appointed a human as His Governor General who is the Personal Representative of the King. The covenant which God made with David is, like the one made with Abraham, totally gracious and absolutely **unconditional**. The covenant is found in II *Samuel* 7:4-17; see also I *Chronicles* 17:4-15. The declared Purpose of Almighty God, sworn to on His own Oath, secures:

- 1) A Davidic House, or Family - Forever
- 2) A Davidic Throne - Forever
- 3) A Davidic Kingdom - Forever

The Davidic covenant is messianic in the ultimate reference, but while awaiting the Coming of Christ as King it becomes subject to more ‘spiritualizing’ of the Scriptures than any other covenant. David’s Throne is, however, an **everlasting** covenant, like that of the rainbow of the **Noahic** covenant and in order that God’s Words are understood to mean what they say, the literal nature of this covenant needs to be reconsidered.

#### 7 – MESSIANIC COVENANT AND THE PROPHETS; PRE AND POST CAPTIVITIES; GENTILE EMPIRES AND KINGDOM OF GOD IN PRE-VISION.

Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea. *Isaiah* 9:6-7; *Jeremiah* 31:31-37; *Daniel* 2-8

The Divorce, Captivity, Punishment and Restoration era of Israel and the Kingdom people is the key to understanding what was going on during the ‘Seven Times’ chastisement (2,520 years) of Gentile rule in the European

‘earth.’ Daniel in particular was given the detail and meaning of dreams and visions which saw the four great empires that would arise, culminating with the (Stone) Kingdom of God filling the whole earth.

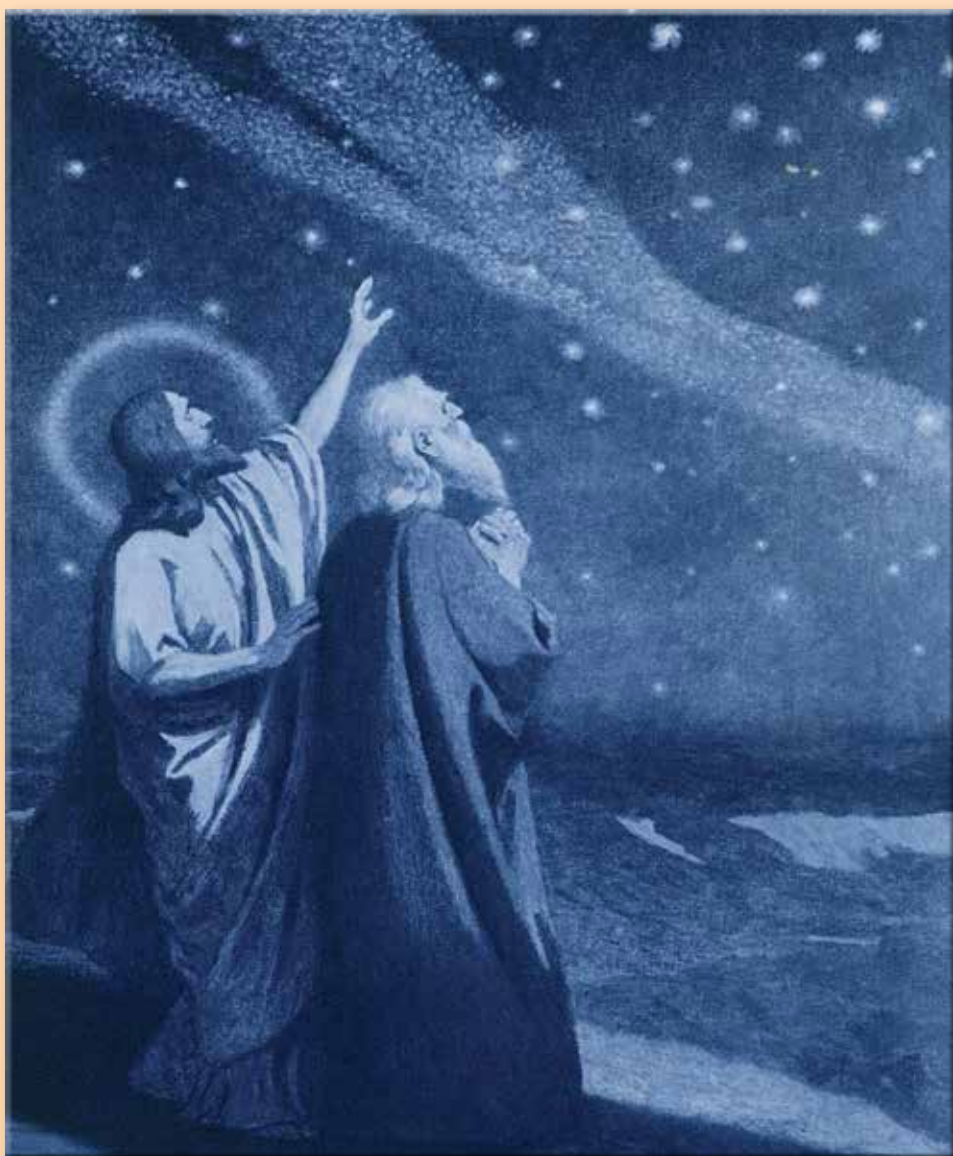
#### 8 – NEW COVENANT

Made with (12-Tribed) Israel through the Blood of Jesus Christ. *Jeremiah* 31:31-37; *Hebrews* 8:8-13

This covenant rests upon the sacrifice of Christ and secures the eternal blessedness under the **Abrahamic** covenant. It is found complete in the Old Testament in *Jeremiah* and is partially repeated in the New Testament in *Hebrews*. It should not be overlooked that

both Houses (Judah and Israel) of the divided Kingdom of **all** Israel are mentioned in the context of this redeeming covenant which is absolutely **unconditional**. Most importantly, the Lord God says it is accomplished “*not for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for my Holy Name’s sake.*” See *Ezekiel* 36:22, 32. Under the **Mosaic** covenant obedience sprang from fear, but under the **New Covenant**, from a willing heart and mind. The **New Covenant** secures the personal revelation of the Lord to every believer.

#### EDITORIAL TEAM



# THE FIRST CENTURY BRITISH CHURCH:

## Its foundation by Joseph of Arimathea

The lack of knowledge as to the early British Church is abysmal. The reason is rooted in the agenda of Roman Catholicism which, through the rise of the prophesied false Christ's temporal power in "the secret chambers" (*Matthew 24:24-26*) and the "man of sin" and "son of perdition" (*II Thessalonians 2:3-12*) came to dominate England, Scotland and Ireland. Significantly, it did not dominate South Wales, the first Roman Catholic Church being established there in the late 1890s.

It was *over five centuries* after the founding of the early British Church that the first representative

of Roman Christianity came to the British Isles. The monk Austin, named Augustine by Pope Gregory and sent to Britain, arrived in Kent in AD 597. What prompted him to challenge the status quo of the British State? Historical records are silent about this. The fact is that a very significant, strategic opportunity arose for the Papacy after the destruction of much of Britain by a comet in AD 562. This undermined the ancient British kingdom of Arthur II in south Wales and England. The land became unworkable for seven years. Many people moved to Brittany as a result. No previous Bishop of Rome had ever attempted to interfere in the

powerful British state (which had flourished after the Romans left in AD 410) before that event.

### The Confrontation

The historic meeting, by the river Severn, between Augustine and the Welsh Bishops of the British Church, is recorded in *The Royal History of England*<sup>1</sup>, as follows:

"Augustine, appointed Archbishop of Canterbury, entered with zeal on the duties of his see. His grand object was to bend every man in Britain beneath Roman sway. He held a conference with the simple priests of the Cymri [the Cambrians, i.e. Welsh]; but they resented the



St Illtyd's Church, Llantwit Major

arrogance of the foreign monk [he, remaining seated while the priests stood], who desired to thrust on them the tenets of a distant city and an unknown man, and refused obedience to the Pope. A second meeting [in AD 603] had the same result. Repelled by Augustine's crafty proposals, but undaunted by his violent threats, they broke off the conference, and went back to their mountains" – *in Christian Wales!*

### The Revelation

It appears to have been a revelation to Augustine who, writing to Pope Gregory about the mature British Church in AD 600, wrote: "Britain was officially proclaimed Christian by King Lucius at the National Council at Winchester, AD 156." He also wrote: "In the Western confines of Britain, there is a certain royal island of large extent, surrounded by water, abounding in all the beauties of nature and necessities of life. In the first neophytes of catholic law, God beforehand acquainted them, found a church constructed by no human art, but by the hands of Christ himself, for the salvation of His people." <sup>2</sup>

This 'royal island' has been thought for centuries to refer to the 'Isle of Avalon,' or Glastonbury, where it is known that Joseph of Arimathea settled for a while on reaching Britain around AD 36/37. But more recent research suggests that Avalon (Welsh: *Afallach*), describes a large island in the lower reaches of the river Taff, at Llandaff, just north of Cardiff (Welsh: *Caerdydd* – named after a peace agreement between the Romans and the British-Welsh kingdom), which existed before Brunel altered the course of the river Taff after the floods of 1844.

### The Tradition

This account of Augustine,<sup>2</sup> also refers to the tradition that between the ages of 12 and 30, when the Gospels make no mention of Him, Christ Himself visited the south-west of the British Isles with Joseph of Arimathea who, according to the Talmud (and two manuscripts, one in the British Museum and one in Jesus College), was Mary's uncle and came to Ynis-witrin (later called the Isle of Avalon, Glastonbury). Tradition asserts that when Joseph of Arimathea returned to the British Isles after Christ's Ascension, he, and certain other disciples who came with him, built a wattle church – the first Christian Church above ground in the world. This was thought to have been at Glastonbury.

### The Explanation

There is certainly evidence that, for a time, Joseph of Arimathea was at Glastonbury. The best evidence for this is in the Domesday Book, the records made by the conquering Normans in AD 1086, which state: "*Here [Glastonbury] was documented the royal gift of twelve hides of marshy cluster of*

*miniature islands at Ynis-wytrin. It was given by King Arviragus [of Britain] to Joseph of Arimathea and his twelve companions."* <sup>3</sup> Twelve hides amounted to 1,440 acres, or just over two square miles.

### The Investigation

However, archaeological and historical investigations and historical researches in recent decades have focused attention on South Wales as the area where Joseph of Arimathea may have eventually settled and built the first wattle church. This, according to Adrian Gilbert in *The Holy Kingdom*<sup>4</sup>, was at St Peter's-super-Montem, in the Upper Ewenny Area, named after the Apostle Peter

The Welsh side of the Severn Estuary was the defensive power centre of the British State. A 1869 map of the area shows a 'Great Stone Port' on the lower River Taff, believed to have been a massive ancient British harbour at Cardiff<sup>5</sup>.

Further evidence of Joseph of Arimathea's life in Britain is provided by St Illtud's Church and the Galilee Chapel at Llantwit Major, with its fine ancient stone crosses. This ancient centre of learning, founded about AD 500, a century before Augustine landed in Kent, has a heritage in our national Christian faith, yet to be revealed. A stone-inscribed name in South Wales of 'Illtu,' 'St Illtutus', or Illtyd, appears to be the Welsh name given to Joseph of Arimathea, who, records suggest, came to Llantwit Major, where he founded a Christian college. There are strong indications that his unmarked burial site is in the corner of a ruined church to the rear of Cardiff Castle, known to have been founded before AD 74. <sup>5</sup>



Joseph of Arimathea's grave

### The Jurisdiction

Maelgwn of Llandaff, AD 450, Lord of Anglesey and Snowdonia, and uncle of St David of Wales, who gave up his realm to become a monk, has left us these words: “Joseph of Arimathea, the Noble Decurion, entered his perpetual sleep with his XI Companions in the Isle of Avalon.”<sup>6</sup>

The continuity and independence of the original British Church may be seen in the British Bishops’ reply to St Augustine: “Our obedience is not to whom you term the Pope, or Bishop of Bishops, but due only to the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Caerleon, who is alone under God our ruler to keep us right in the way of salvation.”<sup>7</sup>

It was Queen Elizabeth I, in her reply to Popish Bishops, ‘On Religion,’ in 1559, who gave one of the most powerful testimonies to the early origin of the British Church, and to Joseph of Arimathea’s presence here – and in no uncertain terms. She told the five Bishops:

### The Condemnation

“Sirs, – As to your entreaty for us

to listen to you, we waive it; yet do return to you this our answer. Our realm and subjects have been long wanderers, walking astray whilst they were under the tuition of Romish Pastors, who advised them to own a wolf for their head (in lieu of a careful shepherd) whose inventions, heresies, and schisms be so numerous, that the flock of Christ have fed on poisonous shrubs for want of wholesome pastures. And whereas, you hit us and our subjects in the teeth, that the Romish Church first planted the Catholic faith within our realms, the records and chronicles of our realms testify the contrary, and your own Romish idolatry maketh you liars; witness the ancient monument of Gildas; unto which both foreign and domestic have gone in pilgrimage there to offer. ***This author testifieth Joseph of Arimathea to be the first preacher of the Word of God within our realms.*** Long after that when Austin [St Augustine] came from Rome, this our realm had bishops and priests therein, as is well known to the wise and learned of our realm by woeful experience, ***how your Church entered therein by blood; they being martyrs for Christ, and***

***put to death because they denied Rome’s usurped authority.***”<sup>8</sup>

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## PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Hope can be an anxious feeling because often there is news or information coming which might be devastating and distressing. This kind of hope destroys all peace of mind. It is accompanied by desperation and tension causing both physical and mental stress.

Hope always involves waiting and it involves uncertainty, “...for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?” (*Romans 8:24*). Waiting, uncertainty and fear are permanent features of modern life and no-one flourishes in these states. It does not have to be like that.

The good news of the Gospel of the Kingdom is that peace and righteousness are to be established in the earth through Jesus Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. There is the promise of “...Christ in you, the hope of glory” (*Colossians 1:27*).

Pray for the leaders of our covenant nations in this troubled world.

**“Where there is no vision, the people perish”** (*Proverbs 29:18*).

# A DAY OF PRAYER IS CALLED

**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

*“Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts; let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber; and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them, wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?”*

(Joel 2:16-17)

## **Aids to Prayer**

- In this time of trouble let us ask the Lord for deliverance – *Daniel* 12:1
- For repentance for the nation from apostasy – *Matthew* 4:17
- That we may be found worthy for service – *Revelation* 2:19
- That we may remain faithful stewards – *I Corinthians* 4:1-2
- That the nation may put away idols – *Revelation* 9:20-21
- That the priests may repent of unbelief and wickedness – *Jeremiah* 23:11
- For unbelieving teachers and pastors – *Hebrews* 5:12
- For the leaders and those who make laws and rule with force – *Ezekiel* 34
- For The Queen, that she may be mindful of her Coronation Oath – *II Samuel* 7:13-14
- That we will keep in mind the restoration of Israel – *Ezekiel* 37 and others
- To thank the Lord for His Covenants
- To prepare ourselves for greater service – *I Corinthians* 2:9-10
- To alert the nation to the significance of the Elijah message – *Malachi* 4:5-6
- Be not afraid and have confidence in the Lord – *Proverbs* 3:25-26
- The Lord will remove the iniquity of the land in one day – *Zechariah* 3:9
- That Israel will enquire of God for cleansing – *Ezekiel* 36:37
- That we may be saved out of Jacob’s trouble – *Jeremiah* 30:7

## **Pray for the Kingdom of God ‘in our midst’**

The Nation is facing a National State of Emergency in respect of the enormously serious issues now threatening the entire life, security and peace of society. This concerns the war in Ukraine and the economic inflation that it is causing, including threats coming from Russia to destroy our cities; the invasion by many thousands of illegal immigrants across the English Channel; the rapid and frightening growth of anti-Christian forces, satanically inspired, which are bringing pressures upon leadership in government with an obvious agenda to reverse the Brexit process and to break-up the United Kingdom.

# ONE GATE OR MANY?

## The British Commonwealth in Prophecy

*“The gate is one of a cluster of four splendid promises linked together by the God of Abraham, and conferred upon him and his seed forever by the oath and solemn unconditional covenant of the Lord Jehovah.” Philo-Israel, “The Geography of the Gates,” p. 191.*

**P**rior to the Israelite conquest of the Promised Land, we read this promise of God to Abraham in *Genesis 22:17*, “*That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies.*” (cf. *Genesis 24:60*). This is a promise of nothing less than tremendous physical numbers and corporeal and/or economic world domination, yet is downplayed or virtually ignored by most mainstream biblical expositors. However, the *Biblical Background Commentary* affirms that Abraham’s “descendants would occupy the place of authority over those who would oppose them.” The fulfilment of this promise provided the basis of the tension over “Imperialism” a century ago, and “Critical Race Theory” today.

The word “gate” here is singular in the King James Version, which might lead some to suggest that only one limited gate or conquest is in view. Yet “enemies” is plural, which would suggest that “gate” should be

a multiple number also. One gate would not represent all of the enemy cities; in fact, virtually all ancient cities each possessed more than one gate. The singular “gate” here in the King James thus appears to be a generic term for all of the gates.

The *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* (ii:945) tells us that there are three Hebrew words translated “gate” in our English Bibles: sha’ar, meaning an ‘opening’; “petah” meaning ‘entrance,’ and “delet” meaning the ‘door leaves’ making up part of the gate.

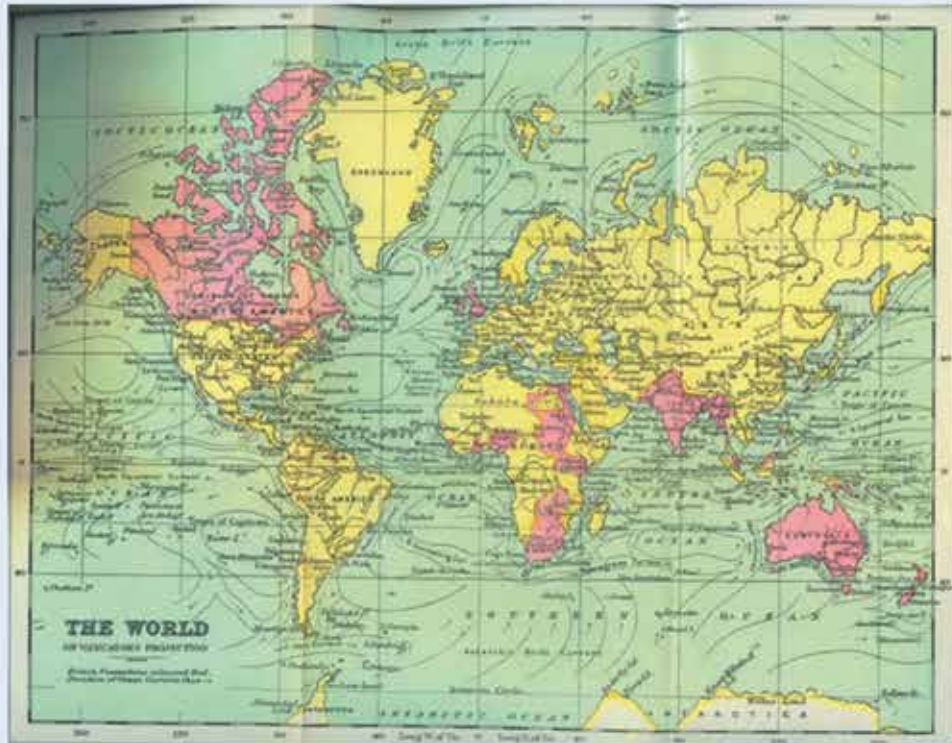
The word “gate” in this verse is translated from the above Hebrew word, “sha’ar” (Strong’s #8179). The same reference work further informs us that, “The root idea is ‘to split open’ (so the verb in Ethiopic), or ‘to break through’ (so the Arabic).” The *Pulpit Commentary* explains, “the special amplification following—and thy seed shall possess (i.e. occupy by force) the gate of his enemies; shall conquer their armies and capture their cities.” A warlike subjugation is indicated. The martial aspect of the word

corresponds to the Israelite battles of conquest, not only in early Canaan after the Exodus, but in later history.

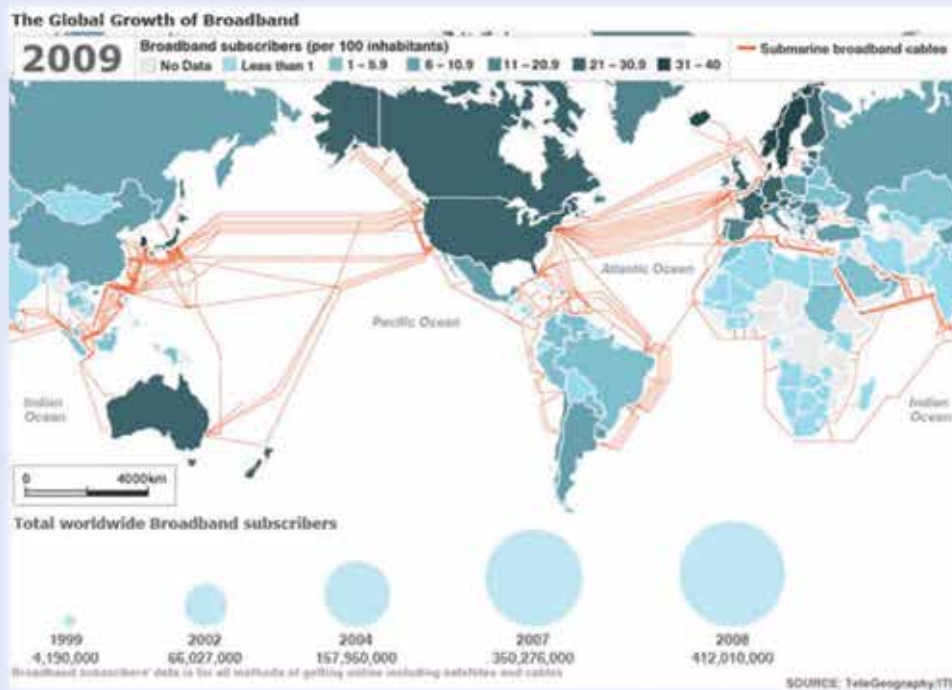
Scripture prophecies given during and after the Assyrian exile of 721 BC foretold that Israel was to become a divinely appointed conquering race. Isaiah (c. 739-700 BC) promised in chapter 41:15, “*Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.*” The prophet Micah (c. 737-696 BC) proclaimed (4:13), “*Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth.*” Similar prophecies are found in *Deuteronomy 33:16-17*, *Isaiah 14:2* and *Jeremiah 51:20*. What people answer to these prophecies?

In the classic book by Philo-Israel (Judge Edward Bird), “*The Geography of the Gates*,” first published in 1880, he gives 40

*“Thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice”  
(Genesis 22:17-18)*



The ‘sea gates’ in the days of the British Empire.



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*“Let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them”  
(Genesis 24:60)*

“gates” throughout the world controlled by Great Britain. No other nation in the earth’s history can even remotely compare to this fulfilment. This direct British rule has ripened and transformed into an even more beneficent and paternalistic relationship in the present British Commonwealth, currently composed of 54 member states. The *London Pall Mall Gazette* in an editorial in 1914 commented, “The British have never laid a yoke upon the neck of a subject people. They have given, not taken, and given freely, the good gifts of law and liberty.” (*Banner of Israel* 38:378)

British rule was trusted and at times solicited, such as when implored to step in to suppress the brutal regime ruling early 19<sup>th</sup> century Burma. The Right Reverend Bishop J.C. Ryle of Liverpool noted at the dawn of the twentieth century, “England is today the first of nations, no nation on earth having such power and such wealth, such dominions and such greatness, such revenues and such commerce, having colonies in every climate, ships on every sea, and influence with every government under the sun. England is the heart of the world.” (*Banner of Israel* 37:407)

Biblical commentaries often limit the Abrahamic covenant to a short period following the Exodus from Egypt. The *Bible Knowledge Commentary* says, “God then added another element: Abraham’s descendants would be victorious over the cities of their Canaanite enemies. This was done by Joshua in the Conquest.” Yet the prophecy was never limited to the Canaanites in either time or place; the Abrahamic covenant is unconditional and is still in effect today. The *Pulpit Commentary* agrees that it was “originally unconditional in its grant.” The Abrahamic Covenant being unconditional, its fulfilment would still be in force and not limited to the pre-exilic era of early Israel.

Throughout the pages of Scripture, the *King James Version* translates the word “sha’ar” both in the singular (207 verses) and plural (123 verses). In *Genesis* 22:17, *Rotherham, the King James*, and some others translate it as singular. However, it is instead given as the plural “gates” in translations by *Wycliffe* 1394, *Tyndale* 1534, *Bishops Bible* 1568, *Douay-Rheims* 1749, *International Standard*, and at least several others. In addition, it is translated “cities” in the *Septuagint*, *Complete Jewish Bible*, and *Easy Read Version*. The *Companion Bible* translates, “the gate [cities].” The *Good News Bible* says, “the gates [i.e. the centres of power in their cities].”

Eighteenth-century expositor, John Gill, stated that the *King James translation* used “‘gate’ for ‘gates,’ where courts of judicature were held, and which are the security of cities and put for them, and which also include the whole country round about: so that this phrase is expressive of an entire jurisdiction and dominion over them.” It was, in plain language, an imperialistic promise that was divinely pre-arranged for Abraham’s descendants throughout their later history.

In a majority of sources I checked it is given a plural connotation. Reformation scholar Matthew Poole explained that the term represented, “The city, by a usual synecdoche [“a part is made to represent the whole”], as *Deuteronomy* 12:15, 18:6, all the cities, and consequently the country adjacent; gate for gates. The sense is, they shall subdue their enemies.” The late British Premier Joseph Chamberlain affirmed in 1906, “The British are the greatest Empire the world had ever seen. I humbly believe we were destined by Providence to be a great governing race.” (*Banner of Israel* 37:407)

In addition to the Abrahamic literal physical fulfilment, there is a corresponding spiritual fulfilment.

*The Pulpit Commentary* says, “that the spiritual sense of entering in through the doorway of their susceptibilities in conversion is not to be overlooked may be inferred from the appended prediction—and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed (vide *Genesis* 12:3, where ‘families of the ground’ occurs as the equivalent of ‘nations of the earth’).” Thus the world-wide colonies of Abraham’s descendants under the Old Covenant also prefigured Christ’s world-wide reign under the New Covenant in the future millennial kingdom. To limit the type is to limit the anti-type; the domination of Abraham’s descendants is the basis of Christ’s dominance of His own enemies, for “*He shall put all enemies under His feet*” (I *Corinthians* 15:25; *Hebrews* 2:8).

*The Methodist Times*, Nov. 5, 1891, published this revealing testimony by well-respected Methodist minister, Rev. Mark Guy Pearse: “If England is Ephraim [the House of Israel], then I can see this whole book of prophecies living today and being fulfilled in our midst. If England is not Ephraim, there is no such nation answering to the description, nor as yet has there been one, nor is there at present any promise of such a nation appearing.”

Finally, listen to one of the greatest British military leaders of the early twentieth century, Admiral Lord John Fisher. He pointed out, “... that the five keys of the world—the Straits of Dover, the Straits of Gibraltar, the Suez Canal, the Straits of Malacca, and the Cape of Good Hope—are held by the British... Are we not the lost tribes?” (*Banner of Israel* 37:93). The biblical prophecy of the gates of Israel is one of the great proofs that we are indeed the people of the Book.

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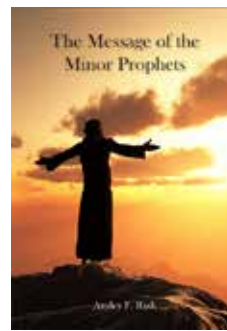
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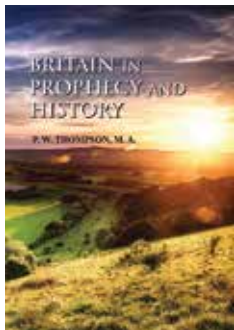
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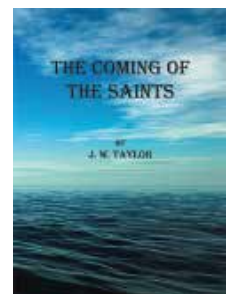
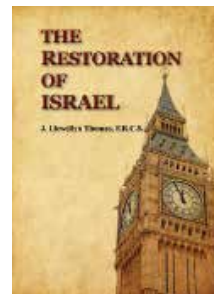
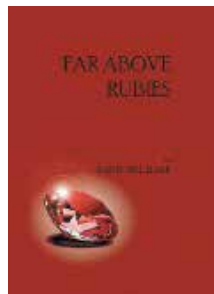
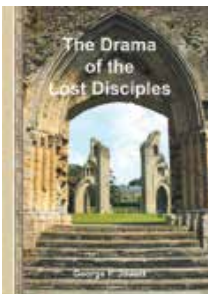
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