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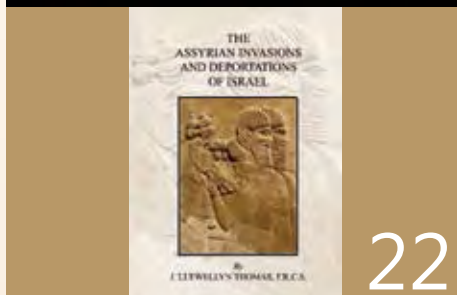
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## *Join us in the Great Cause to Wake Up God's Covenant Nations!*

THE WORLD in the 21st century should be a better place to live in than that of the previous century. Amid all the unspeakable chaos it clearly is not and the slide to disaster accelerates. The reason for this is that the key to civilization ordered by Almighty God is being substituted by a pagan globalization, dominated by materialism, causing God's Covenant Nations to be merged with Mammon and a hierarchy of evil. Only with an understanding of the Great Plan and Purpose for this company of nations can we hope to prevent destruction.

In The Covenant Nations our mission is to demonstrate that the spread of the Christian message is the divinely appointed task of the Britannic peoples throughout the world; those today who are descended from God's Servant people, Jacob-Israel, whose covenant responsibility has always been the proclamation of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. While He has endowed them with authority and power to discharge this heavy duty, it can only be executed if, like the patriarch Abraham, they believe God and obey Him, leaning on the righteousness of Christ.

As events unfold we will continue to develop the scriptural theme of a dedicated people in the light of current affairs as proclaimed in prophetic vision by our Lord Jesus Christ and the apostles He commissioned. This message of overruling Providence in history is of supreme importance at this time of the end of the Age – a tempestuous period of which our Lord warned in His final address to His disciples. He foretold that His arch-enemy, Satan, would be increasingly active in a final endeavour to prevent the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth. The world today reflects the tragedy which He said would herald the final manifestation of His Kingdom and His Return in power and glory to take up the Throne of David, established on earth as an everlasting throne of righteousness.

**This is a message of great hope for all who will allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to them what God purposed to remain hidden as the treasure in the field of the world, until this appointed Age-end period of history.**

We invite you to use *The Covenant Nations* as a witness to all who will receive this message. Please help us to make the maximum contribution to the spread of His Age-end counsel among our Christian Israel peoples.

## EDITORIAL

# THE DESTINY OF NATIONS

Of all the great evidence for the Kingdom teaching, the appearance on the world stage of the British Empire and the subsequent Commonwealth of Nations is beyond doubt the greatest evidence for the fulfilment of God's *continuing* Kingdom upon earth.

A key prophetic question follows that these facts cause to be asked. As the largest empire in history, if then as a company of nations the British Empire and Commonwealth were not Israel, but Gentiles, according to Church dogma, why does this great empire **not** feature in the list of empires that would arise in the dream given to Nebuchadnezzar and interpreted by the prophet Daniel? There is no question but that it would be a most serious omission from the prophetic vision.

Yet all non-British-Israel prophetic exponents are quite content to hold to the succession of empires of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome and papal Rome, while still insisting that the British Empire is Gentile and not Israel. Furthermore they hold to this view despite the fact that the stone of the Stone Kingdom strikes the image of the Gentiles Empires causing it to break into pieces. Of course what is not understood is that the stone of the *continuing* Kingdom of God upon earth was always in contention with the great succession of European empires – and that is significant in itself. The image of the man *is superimposed on the map of Europe* – which from the head to the feet stretches from Mesopotamia in the east to the British Isles in the west.

The Reformation was centred in Europe and came down the corridor from Czechoslovakia to England and to Ulster as the Stone Kingdom that was increasing in size and continued to pound the image in the form of papal Rome. What was really being fulfilled here in the destiny of the Kingdom of Israel? What has the Church missed in its teaching? How did a people, the essential core who number only *one tenth* of the world's population come to rule

over the largest empire the world had ever seen?

The prophet Jeremiah was instructed by the LORD in the tenth verse of the first chapter of his prophetic record to the Kingdom of Judah, which retained the royal throne: “*See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdom, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.*”

Here indeed is the great destiny and vision of the global role that the LORD has given to Israel. In terms of the beginnings of the **building** and **planting**, we must identify the land and the Isles of the Sea, the British Isles, as the essential platform from where this great destiny and vision of the global role for Israel was to take root again after the Assyrian captivity. In particular it is the island of Ireland and most certainly Ulster where ‘the tender twig’ of Ezekiel’s riddle was fulfilled and Jeremiah completed his task. Israel and the Throne of the Lord was to take root and grow and flourish into the equal and greater than Solomon’s throne of world renown.

Are we able to capture the vision in 2012 as a Christian people in the Diamond Jubilee Year of Elizabeth II? If we miss it we miss the entire profound significance of the Kingdom truth and of the prayer that Jesus Christ taught us, “*Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*” The continuity of history is ‘His-story’; it is the continuity of the kingdom through the building and planting, yes in the Isles of the Sea, but also in the vast continents around the world.

Here is why Queen Victoria became Empress of India and why the pioneers went out to cultivate the wilderness parts of the world carved out from jungles and lands, or “*mountains of Israel, which have been always waste*” (Ezekiel 38:8) – it was a literal building and planting all around the globe and the spiritual gospel of the Kingdom went with it in the great missionary activity of the 19th century.

On Sunday 21 November, 1926, at Buckingham Palace, there was a photograph of 8 people taken that portrayed a scene of the deepest significance in the history of the British Empire (*see page 18*). It was taken by the command of King George V. It fulfilled *Genesis 35:11* where the covenant promise of Almighty God to Jacob at Bethel was fulfilled proclaiming that “*A Nation and a Company of Nations shall be of thee.*”



The image in Nebuchadnezzar's dream

# THE CORONATION CEREMONY

## *Its Israelitish Origin*



The Mall from Buckingham Palace

As we celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, it seems appropriate to take a closer look at the coronation rituals by which she was consecrated to her holy office. The truth is that these rites are almost entirely taken from the pages of Holy Scripture, which inevitably means that they originated in ancient Israel, among the ancestors of the present Anglo-Celto-Saxon peoples over whom our Queen now reigns – the Queen herself being descended in an unbroken line from King David of Israel. So let us now delve briefly into the origin of a few of these ancient rituals.\*

The coronation ceremony itself is not a secular ceremony, but a religious service, and all English coronations since that of William the Conqueror in 1066 have taken place in West-

minster Abbey. The Order of Service is taken from a fourteenth century manuscript called the *Liber Regalis*, which was itself copied from an even older work.

Following the short journey down the Mall from Buckingham Palace in the Coronation Coach, the Sovereign's party is met at the west door of the Abbey, and the procession moves up the nave, past representatives of the British Commonwealth, while the choir sings an anthem taken from *Psalms* 122: "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord... Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel... For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David."

The party proceeds to the theatre, before the high altar, where the first part of the of-

ficial ceremony takes place. This is called the Recognition, wherein the Archbishop of Canterbury formally presents the monarch to the people, proclaiming: "Sirs, I here present unto you Queen Elizabeth, your undoubted Queen; wherefore all you who are come this day to do your homage and service, are you willing to do the same?" And the affirmative reply is given, "GOD SAVE QUEEN ELIZABETH!" Compare this to the coronation of Saul, Israel's first king, over 3,000 years ago: "And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the Lord hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, God save the King" (1 Samuel 10:24).

Next, the Sovereign takes the oath, in which she promises to "maintain the Laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel, the

Protestant Reformed Religion, and the settlement of the Church of England.” Again there is a counterpart in ancient Israel, when “*The king made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies*” (II Kings 23:3). At this point in the coronation of Queen Elizabeth, she was presented with a copy of the Holy Bible, called in the ceremony “the most valuable thing that this world affords” and “the lively oracles of God.” It is presented “to keep Your Majesty ever mindful of the Law and Gospel of God as the Rule for the whole life and government of Christian princes.” A similar instruction given in the book of *Deuteronomy* requires that “*when the king sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom...he shall write him a copy of this law in a book...And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes*” (*Deuteronomy* 17:18-19).

The rest of the coronation ceremony is set within the regular Communion service, which begins now with the reading of the Epistle, the Gospel and the Nicene Creed. Following this is the most important part of the ritual, the anointing with holy oil, which consecrates the Sovereign to her office. The instruments used are the oldest part of the regalia – the only items not destroyed by Cromwell. The golden ampulla in the form of an eagle, which holds the oil, dates from the fourteenth century; and the anointing spoon is even older, from the time of the infamous King John. The oil itself is specially prepared from ingredients given in the book of *Exodus*: “*And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment...And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, This shall be an holy anointing oil unto me throughout your generations...Whosoever compoundeth any like it, or whosoever putteth any of it upon a stranger [i.e. one not of Israel] shall even be cut off from his people*” (*Exodus* 30:22-33). The Queen is anointed on the hands, breast and head by the Archbishop of Canterbury, who prays: “O Lord and heavenly Father... who by anointing with oil didst of old make and consecrate kings, priests, and prophets, to teach and govern thy people Israel: Bless and sanctify thy chosen servant Elizabeth, who... is now to be anointed with this oil and consecrated Queen.” The choir sings the anthem, “Zadok the Priest,” by Handel, which is taken from the account of Solomon’s anointing in the first book of *Kings* (I *Kings* 1:38-39).

Following this most solemn ceremony is the presentation of the Armills or bracelets of Sincerity and Wisdom – as Moffatt’s Bible translation of the crowning of Joash relates: “*Then bringing out the king’s son, he put the crown and the royal bracelets on him*” (II

*Kings* 11:12, Moffatt). The Sovereign is also invested with “the ring of kingly dignity,” also called the “Wedding Ring of England,” which consists of a sapphire, with the red cross of St. George set on it in rubies. The origin of these practices may be traced back to Tamar, the wife of Judah and mother of the royal line. Before marrying Judah, she asked a pledge of him. “*And he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet, and thy bracelets, and thy staff that is in thine hand;*” in other words, his emblems of authority (*Genesis* 38:18). Well, we have noted the bracelets and the ring, and there is also a five foot long golden staff, which is carried in the procession though not actually used in the ceremony. Curiously, it is called “St. Edward’s Staff,” though the authorities admit it has no connection with that king.

## “The king made a covenant before the LORD”

II Kings 23:3

At this point, it may be worthwhile to look at another part of the regalia which is not used in the actual ceremony. The magnificent golden salt-cellars occupy a prominent place in the display of the Crown Jewels, but what have they to do with the royal house? Well, the answer is to be found in the second book of *Chronicles*, where we are told: “*Ought ye not to know that the Lord God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt*” (II *Chronicles* 13:5). So these golden salt-cellars are just another witness to that everlasting covenant!

But to return to the ceremony, as the Queen is now invested with the Imperial Robe and the Orb. The Archbishop declares: “Receive this Orb set under the Cross, and remember that the whole world is subject to the Power and Empire of Christ our Redeemer.” The golden Orb, which is placed in the Queen’s right hand, was made for the coronation of Charles II in 1661, as were most of the other items of the regalia. The beautiful Sceptre with the Cross contains the great “Star of Africa” – at 530 carats, the largest cut diamond in the world! It was a gift from South Africa to King Edward VII on his birthday. The Sceptre, called in the ceremony the “ensign of kingly power and justice,” was the rod of office of Judah – for his blessing in part was: “*The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come*” (*Genesis*

49:10). A second sceptre is also used in the coronation – the Rod with the Dove, called the “Rod of Equity and Mercy.” As the Sceptre with the Cross represents kingly power, so this signifies guardianship and guidance. It corresponds to the rod of Aaron, the High Priest of Israel, and the white enameled dove on its top is the symbol of the Holy Spirit, as a sign of Divine favour and protection. The reason for the two Sceptres is that Our Lord, whom the monarch represents, combines both offices of King and Priest in Himself – just as the Queen is recognized as both Head of State and Head of the Church.

The climax of the coronation service is the putting on of the crown; and the particular one used is St. Edward’s Crown, which was made for Charles II, but probably from the actual materials – the gold and the jewels – of the original crown of Edward the Confessor. Like the Orb, it is surmounted by a cross, indicating Christ’s supremacy over the Throne and the whole world. The base of the crown is set with twelve semi-precious stones, identical to those worn on the breastplate of Israel’s High Priest, denoting the twelve tribes of Israel. The stones are named in the book of *Exodus* (28:17-20), and again in *Revelation*, where their Greek equivalents are given (*Revelation* 21:19-20). Both symbolize Christ’s coming earthly Kingdom, founded on the nation of Israel.

The prophet Zechariah has written: “*And the Lord their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people; for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land*” (*Zechariah* 9:16). Just so, this crown is lifted up and then placed upon the Queen’s head, whereupon the congregation cries, “God save the Queen!” the trumpets sound, and the guns on Tower Hill boom out the royal salute. Compare this to the coronation described in II *Kings*: “*And he brought forth the king’s son, and put the crown upon him, and gave him the testimony; and they made him king and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, God save the king...and all the people of the land rejoiced and blew with trumpets*” (II *Kings* 11:12-14). But that is not all, for the account also states: “*the king stood by [or upon, Companion Bible] a pillar, as the manner was*” – and the Queen sits over the same stone pillar, now enclosed in the Coronation Chair.

This stone, known as the *Lia Fail*, or Stone of Destiny, is none other than that used by Jacob-Israel for his pillow, when he had a dream of angels going up and down a ladder into heaven. This scene is depicted in a stained-glass window in Westminster Abbey, next to a picture of the Coronation Chair. In the dream, the Lord appeared unto Jacob with

the promise that the land upon which he lay would be given to him and to his descendents, and that through them, “*all families of the earth [should] be blessed*” (*Genesis 28:13-14*). In the morning, Jacob poured oil on the stone, anointing it, and called it Bethel – the House of God – because it was a witness to the promises God had made to him and to his seed. Thus, Jacob’s stone was treasured by the children of Israel, who carried it with them for forty years in the wilderness by means of iron rings set into the stone, eventually bringing it into their Promised Land.

After some 900 years in use in Israel, the stone was rescued from the temple by the prophet Jeremiah before the Babylonian captivity, and taken by himself and the daughter of Zedekiah, their last king, via Egypt to Ireland. There it was used as a coronation stone for centuries, and was later transported to Scotland where it served the same function for a further 800 years – there acquiring yet another name, the Stone of Scone. Finally, the stone was captured in 1296 by King Edward I of England, who took it to London and placed it in Westminster Abbey, in an oaken chair especially built to hold it. His son, Edward II, and all successive crowned sovereigns, with the sole exception of Mary Tudor, have been crowned sitting over this stone. And so, the stone of Jacob has been used for over three thousand years in the coronations of the kings of Israel. It is used because it is a witness to

the inheritance of the nation, as Joshua proclaimed: “*Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the Lord which he spake unto us*” (*Joshua 24:27*). In 1996 it was moved again and returned to Scotland where it is displayed in the Castle Museum in Edinburgh.

Following the crowning, the Queen is symbolically enthroned by her archbishops and bishops upon a red velvet throne, since the Coronation Chair is used only for the anointing and crowning. The Archbishop prays: “*And the Lord God Almighty...establish your Throne in righteousness, that it may stand fast for evermore, like as the sun before Him, and as the faithful witness in heaven*” – the same ancient words as used by King David of his own throne (*Psalms 89:36-37*).

The party then retires to St. Edward’s Chapel, where the coronation robes and crown are removed, to be replaced by the Robe of Purple Velvet and the Crown of State. Like the Coronation Chair, St. Edward’s Crown is used only during the few minutes of the sacred ceremony. On all other occasions, the Imperial State Crown is worn. This magnificent crown, which was made for Queen Victoria, contains over three thousand jewels, including the second “*Star of Africa*” diamond, and the Black Prince’s Ruby, which was worn in the helmet of Henry V at Agincourt. The Queen, now wearing the State Crown and

carrying the Sceptre in her right hand and the Orb in her left, proceeds through the choir and down the nave to the west door while the congregation unites in singing, “*God Save the Queen.*” As the monarch leaves the Abbey she passes under the Great West Window – the Israel window in which her heritage is so clearly revealed.

But when seeing our Queen invested with all her emblems of office, it is imperative to remember that it is not *her* authority, or *her* throne, but rather the Throne of the Lord, being held in trust by the Davidic line until He comes. Even as *I Chronicles 29:23* tells us: “*Then Solomon sat on the throne of the Lord as king instead of David his father.*” Thus, it is evident that the true and intended Sovereign of Israel in the ages to come will be none other than our Lord Jesus Christ; for in the angel’s words to Mary as recorded by Luke: “*He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord shall give unto him the throne of his father David; and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end*” (*Luke 1:32*).

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# THE PEACE ARCH

The beautiful *Peace Arch* symbolizes the spirit of peace and brotherhood existing between the two great nations of the United States and Canada. This arch was the work of Samuel Hill which was dedicated on 6 September, 1921. On that day, he declared: “*war satisfies neither the victors nor the vanquished. Perfect peace alone satisfies.*”

For 91 years this monument has stood as a reminder to the people of the United States, Canada and the world, of the bond of brotherhood and common origin of our two great nations. It is located in Peace Arch Park on the United States and Canadian border between the cities of Blaine, Washington and Surrey, British Columbia. The structure stands 67.2 feet tall and commemorates the signing of the Treaty of Ghent in Belgium on December 24, 1814 which ended the War of 1812 between Great Britain and the United States. In 1817 an agreement was signed which provided for naval disarmament on the Great Lakes and an unfortified frontier border of 4,000 miles between the U. S. and Canada.

Within the park is a major border crossing which has never been closed, which also symbolizes the long history of peace between the two nations. Within the two vertical uprights of the arch, are located iron gates hinged on either side of the border with the inscription:

**“May These Gates Never Be Closed”**

The inscriptions on each side of the arch’s horizontal band not only represent a civil peace, but a strong reminder of a common ethnic origin with biblical significance. The inscription on the U.S. side reads:

**“Children of a Common Mother”**

This clearly indicates the common origin of the thousands of people from Great Britain who settled North America. Here, our two great nations developed simultaneously as they conquered the western frontiers, formed states and provinces, set up their respective governments and became two mighty ‘children’ of their mother country – Great Britain. This common ancestry of nations is reminiscent of the biblical nations of Israel and Judah. Even though they di-

vided in dispute into separate nations, they still had their common ethnic roots in Abraham their father and Sarah their mother.

Of Sarah’s posterity: “*God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her*” (Genesis 17:15-16).

Of Rebekah, a common mother of Israel and Judah, the blessing given by her family was: “*Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them*” (Genesis 24:60).

The inscription on the Canadian side reads:

**“Brethren Dwelling Together in Unity.”**

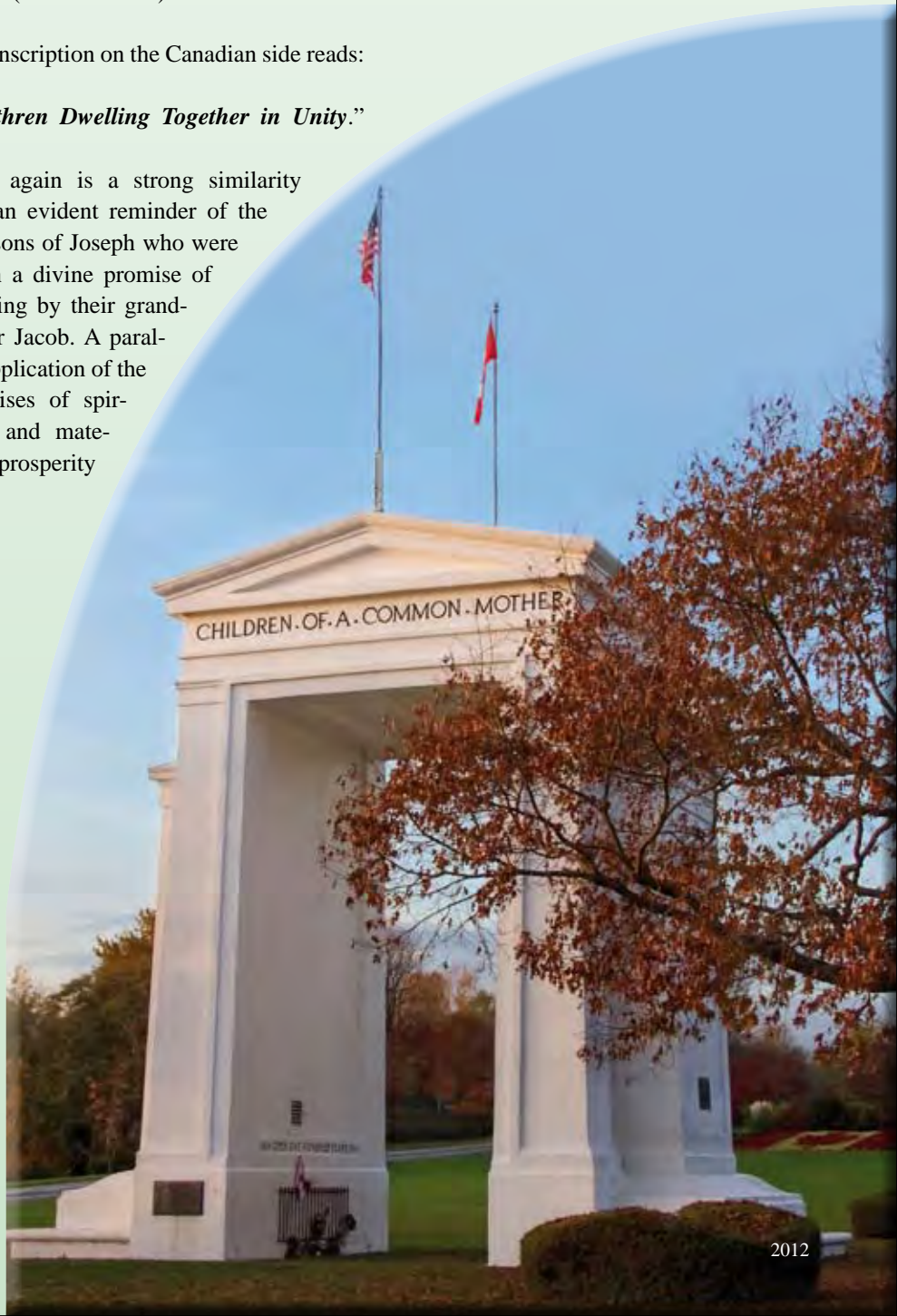
Here again is a strong similarity and an evident reminder of the two sons of Joseph who were given a divine promise of blessing by their grandfather Jacob. A parallel application of the promises of spiritual and material prosperity

given to Ephraim and Manasseh in *Genesis* 48:19-20; 49:22-26 are fitting of God’s abundant blessings to the United States and Canada.

Surely, these two great nations have fulfilled the prophecy concerning Ephraim and Manasseh, given by Moses when he said: “*His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh*” (Deuteronomy 33:17).

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# EMPIRE AND COMMONWEALTH

The dictionary definition of the word 'empire' is 'an aggregate of peoples and territory, often of great extent, under the rule of a single person, oligarchy or sovereign state.' Going by this definition, it is true to say that the roots of the British Empire are to be found far back in history.

The origins of the British people have been traced back to far distant ancestors in Palestine and the descent of the Royal Family can be traced back to David, king of Israel a thousand years before Christ. And David ruled not only his own land of Israel but other territories extending from the Mediterranean Sea to the River Euphrates. By military conquest he was overlord of Moab, Zobah, Syria, Amon and Philistia (see *I Chronicles* 18 and 19), so he was virtually an emperor though the title was never used of him. However, unlike the Royal House which has continued in an unbroken line to the present day, albeit in different geographical locations, the empire of David did not last.

Even his original kingdom did not last, but split into two separate kingdoms, Judah and Israel. The southern kingdom, the smaller of the two, had a very chequered history. It was conquered by the Babylonians and its people carried away into captivity in Babylon. Seventy years later a remnant of the Jews, as they had been named in Babylon, returned to Jerusalem and the kingdom was reinstated. That restored kingdom was in turn conquered and destroyed by the Romans, never to be restored.

The northern kingdom of ten tribes, which retained the name Israel, had a very different history. It too fell prey to a powerful neighbour, Assyria, and was taken into captivity.

These Israelites, however, never returned to Palestine but, after making their escape from Assyria, spent about a thousand years trekking in a north-westerly direction until eventually they arrived in Britain where they settled in a new homeland in the sixth century.

After another long period of about a thousand years these British people, as they came to be called, began to expand overseas. The story of that expansion is a long one and the

new lands Britain acquired were acquired for many different reasons and in many different situations. The first colonies were established on the North American continent. The famous Pilgrim Fathers sailed to the New World in search of religious freedom and other colonists followed later for more mundane reasons. In the 1770s these colonies, thirteen of them, were involved in a dispute over taxation with the government in London. The dispute led to a war of independence which the colonists won and so Britain's first overseas empire was lost.

Attention then switched to the other side of the world which was being explored by Captain Cook and eventually new colonies were established in Australia and New Zea-

land. However, that Empire too was not destined to last. To quote the words of Prime Minister Harold MacMillan, a "wind of change" was beginning to blow in the British Empire after the upheaval of the Second World War and the colonies were clamouring for independence. One by one the inhabitants of these colonies hauled down the Union Jack and unfurled their national flags. The Empire as our parents and grandparents knew it ceased to exist. But then a strange thing happened which had never happened to any previous empire in the world's history.

In place of the Empire a new free association of sovereign states came into being, all owing allegiance to the head of that Commonwealth, as it was named, Queen Elizabeth II. The great empires of the past had all disintegrated but the nations of the British Empire chose to retain their links with Britain. Some still look to the Queen as their sovereign, while others have become republics but all are equally members of the Commonwealth. There can be no doubt that the Queen, by her devotion to duty and the strength and charm of her personality has played, and continues to play, a major part in holding the Commonwealth together.

Could this be a foreshadowing of what is to come when Jesus Christ returns to establish His kingdom on earth? Such will be the nature of that kingdom that those who are not part of it will want to become members of it. This was foretold by the prophet Micah who wrote: "Many nations shall come and say, Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD and to the house of the God of

*Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways and we will walk in his paths, for the law shall go forth of Zion and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem" (Micah 4:2).*

In the beginning the territory over which David established his rule was limited in extent and did not last but the rule of David's greater son, the Lord Jesus Christ, will be worldwide and will last for ever.



The Commonwealth Flag

land. Round about the same time the British East India Company, originally a purely trading company, found itself embroiled in Indian politics and in the course of time Britain became the power in India and virtually ruler of the sub-continent. During the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries there was a further expansion of British overseas possessions and the British Empire was firmly established from the Caribbean to Africa and from Africa to the Pacific and the Far East. Many people today are far

# 80 YEARS OF THE NATIONAL BIBLE COLLEGE

The year 2012 sees many anniversaries and another one which is of particular importance to the B.I.W.F. is the 80th anniversary of the founding of The National Bible College (TNBC). The motto being 'Quod Verum Tutum' meaning 'What is true is safe.'

The National Bible College property at Harrow Weald Park was purchased on the 10th June 1932 for £15,000. Rev Pascoe Goard was authorized to form a Faculty with Mr Herbert Garrison as the Bursar. The first lecturers were Rev Alban Heath, Rev Guy Waddington, Rev D.J. Newwartz, Rev G.H. Lancaster and Mr John Leach. Professor Odium later came to the college for one year as a lecturer.

In 1936 the Faculty of our College at Harrow Weald inaugurated a Correspondence Course for the benefit of those unable to attend College lectures. Although the building had to be given up after the outbreak of war the Correspondence Course, which had proved such a popular adjunct, continued to expand considerably and students enrolled from Cornwall to the Orkneys; from Newfoundland to British Columbia; from New York to Venezuela; Australia and New Zealand; Africa from the Cape to Kenya; and from many other countries. The College then operated from No 4 Buckingham Gate in London (just next door to the B.I.W.F at No 6) with the Principal, Dr J. Courtney James.

Other lecturers of note were Dr Norman James, Clifford F Parker, Rupert Thomas and Rev Alban Heath.

The work has continued faithfully wherever the Lord has been pleased to



Rev Pascoe Goard's Preaching Banner

lead His people and in recent years it has received a new lease of life. Now based at the BIWF Headquarters in Low Etherley, the library of TNBC is available for research and study. The Principal, Pastor David Aimer, and the Programme Co-ordinator, Martin Lightfoot have been developing the outreach of it locally, nationally and globally.

Locally there have been lectures in the main hall on a wide range of topics as well as talks given to interested groups in the area such as the Darlington Historical Society. Nationally there has

been a wide variety of visits to places of spiritual and cultural importance over the last few years. To name just a few: Westminster Abbey; St Paul's Cathedral; Glastonbury Abbey and Edinburgh Castle with the Stone of Destiny. These visits are open to everyone and information is available on the website.

The global outreach has been achieved through the Distance Learning Course which has grown steadily since its re-launch in 2009 at Newbury. The four Modules were revised and prepared for individual study at home. Each Module of 10 Units can be completed at the chosen rate of each student. The only requirements stipulated are the Authorised Version of the Bible, a concordance and a Bible dictionary. Two sample questions are as follows: from Module 2 Unit 3 "Discuss the proposition that the Bible speaks to us today" and from Module 4 Unit 9 "Explain the significance of the quotation from the Book of *Hosea* which Peter used in his Epistle." The former one is an open ended question which allows for freedom of expression while the other one requires some serious Bible study to give a full answer.

As in those early days there are people from all around the world who email their answers in to Martin Lightfoot for support and comments. They come from all sorts of different backgrounds and churches. The website, [www.tnbc.org.uk](http://www.tnbc.org.uk), provides another resource for information and for research. All who are involved with The National Bible College trust and pray that the Lord will continue to sustain this work through the coming years as a steadfast witness to His promises and covenants.



Harrow Weald Park

# NORDIC ISRAEL

*A personal account of how the author came to know and understand her roots*

**N**orway – the land of my forefathers is a peaceful place on earth. The country being located on the west side of the Scandinavian Peninsula, towards the north Atlantic sea, is on the periphery of the European continent. As a nation we are known to be an independent and patriotic people. Our free spirit is reflected in the fact that we have voted ‘No’ twice to membership of the European Union – and as I write, the poll has never been stronger against it.

Our people have been attached to the coastline as the Gulf Stream secured a mild climate with ice free fjords all year round and thereby liveable conditions. The sea has for centuries been the most natural way of communication, commerce, warfare, exploring and the source of our food supply. We have traded with our neighbouring countries and brought our goods to the harbours in the North Sea basin, and even to further destinations.

As a child growing up on the south west coast, on a farm on an island, I remember we would often watch the ships passing by from the cliffs. **In my heart there was an ever longing to understand more, to know**

**the truth.** My favourite subjects of history, geography and Bible knowledge fascinated me, but little did I know then about the real identity of our people—who we are and how we got here! Not until around year 2000 did some of us get a glimpse of this great revelation that we, together with all the other white Christian nations of Western Europe, are the descendants of the ten lost tribes of Israel, God’s People of the Bible.

After some years of studying the works of scientists, scholars and Bible teachers in the different arts like history, Bible knowledge, languages, architecture, heraldry, archaeology, folklore and music, we clearly saw our links to Israel, God’s Covenant people. This fact brought joy and a fulfilment as we saw ourselves as part of God’s Plan and His Kingdom. So how do we get to such a *revelation*, because that is what it is to discover your own identity? I think it is a mysterious combination of things taking place, a divine interaction that causes you to start focusing in a new direction. The time is there, the heart is ready and gradually you start collecting the pieces of information that come across your path. It makes you see yourself and the world in an entirely new light.

Now I will present a few of the historic aspects, facts and findings that I build my views on.

**Ynglinge-Saga:** One important source of information has come from the *Chronicles of the Kings of Norway, called Ynglinge – Saga, which is the story of the yngling family from Odin to Halvdan the Black, father of Harald the Hairfair—the first king of Norway.* This material was written 800 years back in time when the historian Snorre Sturlason, in Iceland, wrote the following: *“It is said that the earth’s circle which the human race inhabits is torn across into many bights, so that great seas run into the land from the out-ocean. Thus it is known that a great sea goes in at Narvesund (Gibraltar), and up to the land of Jerusalem. From the same sea a long sea-bight stretches towards the north-east, and is called the Black Sea, and divides the three parts of the earth; of which the eastern part is called Asia, and the western is called by some Europa, by some Enea. Northward of the Black Sea lies Swithiod the Great (south-east Russia).*

*The country east of the Tanaquisl (river Don) in Asia was called Asaland, or Asa-*



The Norwegian Parliament Building

heim, and the chief city in that land was called Asgaard. In that city was a chief called Odin, and it was a great place for sacrifice. It was the custom there that twelve temple priests should both direct the sacrifices, and also judge the people. They were called Diar or Drotner, and all the people served and obeyed them. Odin was a great and very far-travelled warrior, who conquered many kingdoms...

There goes a great mountain barrier (Caucasus Mountains) from north-east to south-west, which divides the Greater Svithiod (south-east Russia) from other kingdoms. South of the mountain ridge it is not far from Turkland, where Odin had great possessions. In those times the Roman chiefs went wide around in the world, subduing to themselves all people; and on this account many chiefs fled from their domains. But Odin having foreknowledge, and magic-sight, knew that his posterity would come to settle and dwell in the northern half of the world. He therefore set his brothers Ve and Vilje over Asgaard; and he himself, with all the gods and a great many other people, wandered out, first westward to Gardarike (Russia), and then south to Saxland (North Germany). He had many sons; and after having subdued an extensive kingdom in Saxland, he set his sons to rule the country. He himself went northwards to the sea, and took up his abode in an island which is called Odins in Fyen (the city Odense on Fyn/Denmark). Then he sent Gefion across the sound to the North to discover new countries; and she came to king Gylve... (in Sweden)."

When we read this old text you get an impression that the author Snorre had a firsthand knowledge of the network of sea-ways, geography and history of the known world. He even speaks of *the earth's circle!* The historian Snorre tells us that Odin (Voden) was no mythical god, as we're told, but a real person, a chieftain who lived south of the Caucasus Mountains and who led his people northwest as the Roman Empire expanded, around 100 BC. The Swedish historian, Olof Rudbek (1630-1702) says the same in his work *Atland Eller Manheim: The nordic people was The Asa- and Vanpeople from the east*. Historians used to call the area of Ukraine and South Russia for Scythia and in old-Nordic it is called Svithjod the Great by Snorre. Even today, in modern Icelandic, Sweden is called Svithjod. The Swedish historian Olof Rudbeck called Sweden for Scythia and the Swedish language was called Scythian. Different names for the same people. Like Germany is called Tyskland by the Scandinavians, Deutschland by the Germans, Germany by the English speaking, Alemania by the Spanish and Allemagne by the French.

The Ukrainian history professor Omiljan Pritsak (1919-2006), with his unique access to the many languages on the border

between Asia and Europe, confirms the existence of an Asa- and Van-people south of the Caucasus Mountains. According to the Danish historian, Peter Friederich Suhm (1728-1798) it was a great honour, to the old Norse people, to be called *Turk*. This can not be understood unless one knows that our forefathers came from these regions. Snorre tells that Odin was of the Asa-people, a brother people of the Van-people—not unlike how we today in Scandinavia (Norway, Denmark and Sweden) look at each other as *broderfolk* (brother people).

#### Oral Traditions

In the chronicles Snorre is writing down the oral traditions going back more than 300 years before his time. Scholars have until around 1990 considered the sagas as mere myths and fairy tales, as unreliable sources of historic information, and therefore the radical saga critic that we have seen through the twentieth century has damaged our ability to understand our early history, early Middle age and Viking time. Now another wind is blowing, several works of historic research have shown the value of the chronicles and some scholars argue for the rehabilitation of the old sagas as reliable sources. This development might be the case in other countries too?

The art of bringing large amounts of history from generations to generations was in the early days done through skaldic lays, poems, rhymes, songs, storytelling, tales and they learned lots of the subject by heart. After sunset, in the twilight, the families gathered and the scald would bring up the old sacred history. The Icelandic historian Tormod Torfæus (1636-1719) says about the time before the sagas were written down: "*People were much more able to remember stories and tales than what we are now, and this (oral tradition) is the most admirable summary of all ancient history. The Norwegians knew these old histories by heart, and when they left their land, they brought this tradition with them to Iceland and there they told it to their descendants.*" (Many of the elite, mighty men and chieftains of the Norwegian people, fled by boat to Iceland and other islands of the North Sea when Harald the Hairfare gathered Norway under one central power in 872 AD).

An interesting thing is that Snorre, in his work Edda (Grand, grandmother) lists Odin's descendants as coming from Troy, as does the author of the English Canterbury-manuscript. The time came when Troy was found to be more than a myth, proven by the German archaeologist Heinrich Schlieman (1822-1890) who excavated the ruins of Troy in 1870 and proved to the world that the legends of Troy were more than fantasies in the mind of Homer. This reminds me of Jesus' words in *Matthew 10:26*, "...for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall

not be known."

**Asov/Krimea.** Thor Heyerdahl, the Norwegian biologist, geographer, explorer and scientist (1914 – 2002), "*But I remember from my childhood that the mythology started with the god named Odin. From Odin it took 31 generations to reach the first historic king. The record of Odin says that he came to Northern Europe from the land of Aser. I started reading these pages again and saw that this was not mythology at all, but actual history and geography*" (*Scandinavian ancestry, tracing Roots to Azerbaijan*, Thor Heyerdahl).

In his last book *The hunt for Odin* (2001) Thor Heyerdahl tells how the old writing of Snorre inspired him to do excavations in Asov in Krimea. Asov city, being located on the east side of the Don river, was an important harbour in ancient times, being one of the destinations on the silk road from China. He and his crew met with local historians and archaeologists at the university in Rostov and in Asov museum and found that among scholars the link between Scandinavia and the northern shores of the Black Sea were well known. Their museums showed artefacts similar to our Nordic ways and customs: long, narrow swords, knives, coats of mail, arrowheads, jewellery, bracelets, the typical ring needles etc. When Heyerdahl and his men dug in Asov, they also found artefacts resembling what we find in the north.

The Russian experts having great insight into source material, written in Greek, Latin, Persian, Arabic and Russian seemed to have a good overview of the identity of the many ancient tribes and people that lived in the Caucasus regions. What a good idea to work with the expertise in Asov and how warmly our people were welcomed. It hit me as I was reading Heyerdahl's book that the testimony of these East European experts has not really been heard in our countries. Nicolay Fomitchov, a historian at the local museum in Asov, quoted a well known German linguist, H.J.Klaproth that explored the Caucasus region in the beginning of 1880. Klaproth is the only source to several Caucasian languages that are now extinct. He found the connection between the name Asov and the Asa-people, or the Assenians. According to him they were the ancestors to the Ossetians. In Norwegian and Swedish we say *oss*, meaning *us* in English, *os* in Danish and *uns* in German. I have read that the old English word *os* is the singular of *Ese* or *Aesir* in old-Nordic.

A Norwegian botanist called Helge Irgens Høeg has shown in his research that *hamp* was brought to our land long before Viking time and its origins was in the Caucasus regions. Herodotus in the fifth century writes about *hamp*. It was grown by the Scythians and the Thracians and as it resembled linen, it was also used for cloth.

In the earliest days the horse was just as important to our people as the ships were to the Vikings later in time. The small, strong Icelandic horse resembles the Old Norwegian horse type and has good qualities, suitable to be transported by boat, enduring a cold climate and hardships in the north. The Icelandic horse is known for having a '5. pace,' in our language called *tölt*. The Mongolian horse has the same ability and looks almost identical to the Icelandic horse. The Mongolians call the '5. pace' *tult!* I think that is fascinating and it shows that certain keywords are not changed as the centuries goes by, but remain *in* the language and help us uncover hidden secrets of the past.

### The Biblical Account.

The Old Testament records that Israel, the twelve tribes, was divided in two after the time of King Solomon, when his rebellious son Rehoboam ruled the kingdom. Ten tribes in the north, called the House of Israel, with Samaria as their capital and

the other two tribes in the south, called the House of Judah, having Jerusalem as their headquarters. The ten tribes soon fell into pagan worship, including sacrifices to heathen deities. The Bible tells us that in the time period 740-721 BC the Assyrian kings, in several raids, forced the 10 northern tribes of Israel away from their land and brought them to what today is northwest Iran, south of the Caucasus Mountains. In *II Kings 17:6, 7*, "*In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the Lord their God.*"

Secular records tell of this event and how this captive people, being harshly subdued by the Assyrians, turned to the Lord their God and finally left this region and moved, by different routes into the areas around the Caspian and Black Sea. They lost their

original name *Israel*, and were later called by different names in the places where they settled down. Eventually they became the most influential kingdoms in Europe. Our people are not as *Nordic* as we like to think we are. In our language there are words, names and place names that witness to the connection to the Hebrew language, not the least the old runic letters that are said to be of Hebrew/Phoenician origin. The *lion* symbol in our heraldry has followed us from a more southerly latitude and reminds us of Jesus as the *lion of the tribe of Judah*. Matthew witnesses that Jesus said: "*I am not sent, but unto the lost sheep of the House of Israel*" (*Matthew 15:24*). The people of Asia Minor and Europe were the first to welcome the teachings of Christ brought to us by his disciples. Jesus himself prophesied and said: "*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me*" (*Matthew 10:27*). The prophet Isaiah speaks of 'the islands of the west,' "*They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of the Lord, they shall cry from the sea*" (*Isaiah 24:14*).

When I first knew about our identity I could hardly believe that a great people wandering through many regions could possibly avoid being absorbed into other races, brought into slavery by hostile enemies or simply annihilated. In fact I did not know who was Israel of the Bible and I did not know the promises and words spoken about this people. King David said, "*O ye seed of Israel his servant, ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones. He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth... when they went from nation to nation, and from one kingdom to another people; He suffered no man to do them wrong, he reprov'd kings for their sakes*" (*I Chronicles 16:13, 14, 20-21*).

You could ask 'why is it important to know your identity?' There are many good reasons for that, and one is to create *respect and peace* between nations. If we saw ourselves as brother people with similar cultures and a common past it would harmonise our regions instead of exhausting each other by war and conflicts as seen in the past. We should not at all sink into some sort of violent and destructive nationalism that bears no positive fruits, but rather be a constructive force in the world.

As the world becomes more and more global, many people, not the least the indigenous people, seek to find *their* roots and their identity. This is all good, and it is my belief that the white nations also will awaken to these important questions. This search for one's origin is the most basic of our human needs and should lead to a deeper understanding of our own lives. It should make us humble and loving, but also strong and intelligent to be true *servants* to our people and the world.

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# THE BLESSINGS OF BRITISH CIVILIZATION

The Angel of the Lord declared to Abraham: ***“I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the Heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gates of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice”*** (Genesis 22:17-18).

**B**lessed in order to be a Blessing History testifies how God has blessed and multiplied the descendants of Abraham and they, more than any others, have possessed the gates of their enemies. It is clear that all the nations of the earth have been blessed by the faithful children of Abraham, who have proclaimed God’s Word to the very uttermost ends of the earth.

## All Nations Blessed

Almighty God restated His Divine call and commission to Abraham’s son, Isaac: ***“In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My Commandments, My statutes and My Laws”*** (Genesis 26:4-5). Throughout the centuries Isaac’s sons have faithfully contended for the Faith, preserved and translated God’s Word, Reformed the Church and vigorously proclaimed the Word of God to all nations.

## A Fountainhead of Faith and Freedom

Great Britain has a great Christian heritage. Missionaries from the British Isles have won whole nations to Christ. In the fifth century, Patrick succeeded in establishing over 300 congregations and baptising 120,000 people in Ireland. In the sixth century, Columba and his missionaries mobilised the effective evangelisation of Scotland from the Mission base at Iona. He and his men undertook missionary outreaches as far afield as France, Germany, Switzerland and Italy.

## Winning Nations to Christ

In the eighth century, Boniface left Wessex to labour as a missionary to the Germans. Through his bold, courageous and persistent labours, he succeeded in bringing to Christ multitudes in Friesland, Thuringia and Hesse. Boniface was one of the most successful missionaries of the first Millennium. He not only converted multitudes of individuals, he disciples an entire nation.

## King Alfred the Great

King Alfred the Great of Wessex lived through tumultuous times and has to be recognised as one of the most intelligent, devout, industrious and effective of all medieval monarchs. He was soldier and

scholar, lawmaker and educator, author and reformer. For most of Alfred’s 30 years reign, he was a soldier king, leading his people in a desperate war for survival against great odds as Danish Vikings overwhelmed most of the British Isles. He personally commanded in 54 pitched battles. Alfred has justly been called *the Father of the English Navy*, as he built a fleet superior to any that had previously been seen to beat the sea-faring Danes. Through virtue and valour, tactics and tenacity, King Alfred fought the Viking invaders to a standstill and then worked to bring them to Christ.

## The Common Law

King Alfred the Great was determined to build this nation upon the Law of God. The Dooms of King Alfred began with the Ten Commandments, the case laws of Moses, the Golden Rule of Christ, and other biblical principles from the Sermon on the Mount. This formed the basis of the Common Law which has helped to establish Justice wherever the company of nations has been established.

## Field Workers of the Reformation

Professor John Wycliffe was the Morning Star of the Reformation. Oxford was the greatest university in the world and he was its greatest professor. Wycliffe championed the independence of England from papal control and attacked the corruptions, superstitions and abuses of the friars and monks. Wycliffe translated the New Testament from Latin into English and mobilised lay preachers, *the Lollards*, to travel throughout the land to read these handwritten Bibles, preach in the market places and sing the Scriptures - in English. These field workers of the Reformation sowed the Gospel seed that flourished during the Reformation.

## The Bible in English

The man whom God used to translate the Bible into English, from the original languages, was William Tyndale. He was a gifted scholar and linguist, a graduate of both Oxford and Cambridge Universities. Prevented by law from translating the Bible into English in England, Tyndale worked in Germany to translate and print the Bible in English. The first printed edition of the English New Testament

needed to be smuggled into England. For his Bible translation and Reformation work, Tyndale was betrayed, arrested and imprisoned for 500 days in a dark, cold, damp dungeon. On 6 October 1536, he was burned at the stake. His last reported words were: ***“Lord, open the King of England’s eyes.”***

## A World Language

The Lord did indeed answer the dying prayer of Tyndale in a most remarkable way. Within two years, by order of King Henry VIII, every parish church in England was required to have a copy of the English Bible available to its parishioners. While English was one of the minor languages of Europe in the early sixteenth century with less than 3 million speaking it, today it has become a truly worldwide language with over 2 billion people communicating in English. Not only can William Tyndale be described as *the Father of the English Bible*, but in a real sense, the foremost influence of the shaping of the English language itself.

## Through the Fires of Persecution

Bloody Mary’s Counter-Reformation was counterproductive. The fanatical obsession of Bloody Mary to return England to Catholicism spectacularly backfired. As *Foxes Book of Martyrs* records, neither the hundreds of executions of prominent Protestant leaders, nor all of the cruelties, torments, tortures and oppressions unleashed under the Catholic Queen were sufficient to crush the Protestant Reformation in England. By attempting to exterminate the Reformation, she only succeeded in entrenching it, convincing the vast majority of Englishmen in the resolution and determination to never again succumb to such tyranny, superstition, intolerance and error.

## A Candle Burns in Africa

On 16 October 1555, two Protestant bishops were burned at the stake in Oxford. The Bishop of Worcester, Hugh Latimer, declared: ***“Be of good cheer, Master Ridley and play the man! We shall this day light such a candle, by God’s grace, in England, as I trust shall never be put out!”*** His colleague was the Bishop of London, Nicholas Ridley, respected as one of the finest theologians of England.

Indeed, more than 455 years later we can rejoice that the Protestant Faith of Bishops Ridley and Latimer burns brightly in Africa. Every Sunday there are more than 2 million Anglicans gathered in churches in Sudan alone. Nigeria has 18 million Anglicans gathered in church every Sunday. Millions more in Uganda and Kenya. There are now vastly more Anglicans who are faithful to The 39 Articles and follow *The Book of Common Prayer*, as set out by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, in Africa, than in all of North America and Great Britain combined.

### The Modern Missionary Movement

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is life-changing, history making and nation transforming. In 1793, the Modern Missionary Movement was launched by William Carey. He had proclaimed from *Isaiah 54:2-3*: “*Expect great things from God! Attempt great things for God!*” William Carey and his co-workers established over 100 Christian schools for over 8,000 Indian children of all castes. He launched the first Christian college in Asia, Serampore College, which continues to this day. William Carey succeeded in translating the entire Bible into six languages and the New Testament and Gospels into another 29 languages!

### Social Reform in India

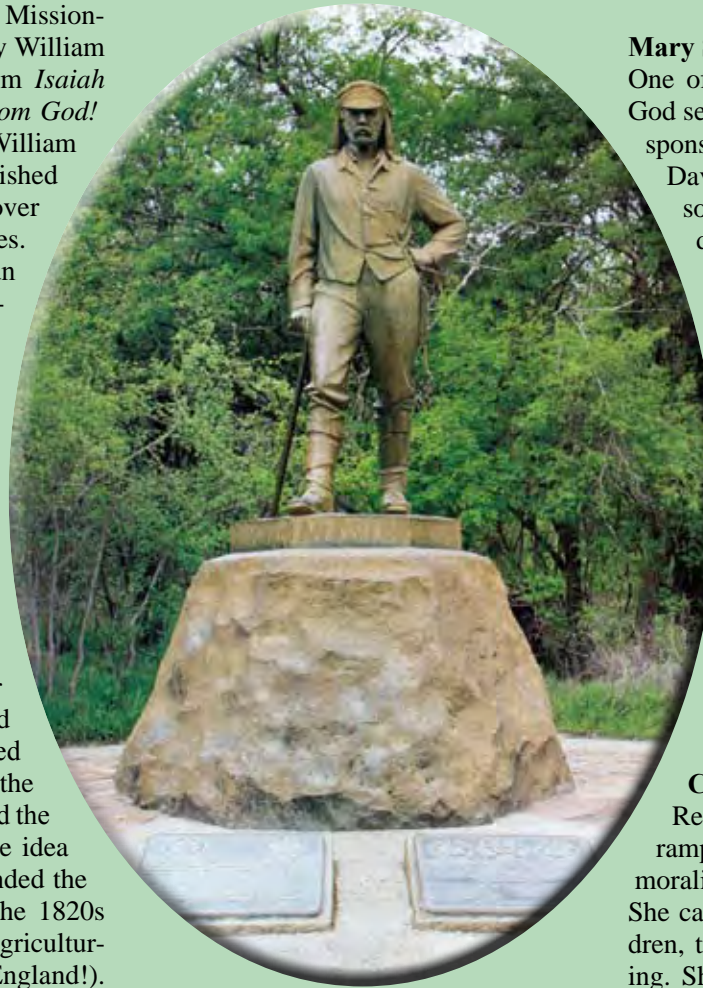
William Carey successfully fought against *Sati* (widow burning), child sacrifice, child prostitution, slavery and other social evils. Carey established the first newspaper ever printed in an oriental language, and the first savings bank. He introduced the steam engine and pioneered the idea of lending libraries. Carey founded the Agri-Horticultural Society in the 1820s (thirty years before the Royal Agricultural Society was established in England!). Fifty years before the government made its first attempt at forest conservation, Carey was already pioneering forestry conservation in India.

### World Missions

William Carey certainly lived his challenge to expect great things from God and to attempt great things for God! As he declared: “*God’s cause will triumph!*” In the over 200 years since William Carey launched the Modern Missionary Movement, English speakers have made up over 80% of Protestant missionaries worldwide.

### Livingstone the Liberator

Scottish missionary, David Livingstone, became the best friend Africa ever had. Livingstone was a great Missionary pioneer pathfinder. Three themes dominated his life: Evangelisation, Exploration and Emancipation. He listed Member of Parliament, William Wilberforce’s book *Practical Christianity* as one of the most influential books he ever read. Livingstone determined, at his conversion at age 12, to devote his life to the alleviation of human misery. To this end he trained as a medical doctor and went out under the London Missionary Society. Livingstone walked across Africa, from coast to coast: “*I shall open up a path to the interior, or perish!*”



Battling rains, chronic discomfort, rust, mildew and rot, totally drenched and fatigued, laid low by fever and attacked by hostile tribes, yet David Livingstone persevered on foot across the continent. “*Can the love of Christ not carry the missionary where the slave trade carries the trader?*”

“*These privations I beg you to observe are not sacrifices. I think that word ought never to be mentioned in reference to anything we can do for Him, who though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor.*”

Many hundreds of slaves were set free by David Livingstone’s direct intervention. In his public speaking engagements and books published between missionary tours in Africa, Livingstone spoke of his primary concern to enlighten people on the evils of the Islamic slave trade, and to spread the Christian Gospel to the heathen. He dedicated his life to bringing the Christian Faith and freedom to Africa.

The challenge of Livingstone rings out to us today: “*Can that be called a Sacrifice which is simply paid back as a small part of a great debt owing to our God, which we can never repay... it is emphatically no sacrifice! Say rather, it is a privilege!*”

### Mary Slessor of Calabar

One of the daughters of Abraham who God sent as a missionary to Africa, in response to the challenge and example of David Livingstone, was Mary Slessor. Born the second of seven children into a poor and troubled home in Scotland, Mary was brought up in abject poverty, sleeping on the floor in a one-roomed home that had no plumbing, no lighting and hardly any furniture. Like her great example, Mary began working at the Cotton Mill at age 10. The news of the death of David Livingstone galvanized her into missions. She undertook missionary training in Edinburgh and was appointed by the United Presbyterian Church as a missionary teacher for Calabar (present day Nigeria).

### Courageous Love in Action

Red-headed Mary confronted the rampant witchcraft, drunkenness, immorality and slave trading in Calabar. She cared for the many abandoned children, treated the sick and fed the starving. She set up schools, and interposed herself between the witchdoctors and their victims. Mary is revered in Nigeria as the *Mother of all the people*. She passionately campaigned against the Nigerian practice of killing twins, rescuing these doomed infants and raising them as her own children. She confronted notorious slave traders and cannibals and established many schools and churches in some of the most remote heathen villages. As a result of her tireless missionary work, the killing of twins ceased, slave trading in Calabar was eradicated; drunkenness, killing and witchcraft diminished and most of the people came to embrace the Gospel of Christ.

### **Cricketer for Christ**

As the famous English cricketer turned Pioneer missionary to China, India and Africa, C.T. Studd declared: ***"If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him."*** As he suffered malaria and other attacks, C.T. Studd wrote: *"Some like to live within sound of church or chapel bell, I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell!"*

*"Only one life, it will soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last!"*

### **Saved from Slavery**

One of the many fruits of William Wilberforce's lifelong crusade against the Slave Trade was the rescue of Samuel Ajayi Crowther. Samuel was born in 1807, the very year Great Britain abolished the slave trade. At age 13, he was captured by slave traders and sold to Portuguese traders for transport across the Atlantic. But he was rescued by a British Naval Squadron. Samuel was converted to Christ and received an education, first in Sierra Leone and then in England. In 1843, he was ordained as a minister of the Church of England for service with the Church Missionary Society. His language, Yoruba, became the first African language to have

*The Book of Common Prayer* translated into it. To this day the Church of England in Nigeria uses Samuel Crowther's Yoruba translation for their liturgy. In 1864, in an overflowing Canterbury Cathedral, Samuel Ajayi Crowther was ordained as the first African bishop of the Church of England. Today Nigeria is the largest nation in Africa. Despite having suffered under a succession of Muslim dictators, more than half of the population of Nigeria has been won to Christ.

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***"All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. For the Kingdom is the Lord's and He rules over the nations. All ... shall bow before Him... a posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation. They will come and declare his righteousness, to people who will yet be born, that He has done this"*** (Psalm 22:27-31).

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The British Prime Minister and the Dominion Premiers were received by HM King George V at Buckingham Palace on Sunday, 21 November, AD 1926 to fulfil *Genesis 35:11* –

“A Nation and a Company of Nations shall be of thee,”

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### **The Imperial Conference, London, 19-22 November 1926**

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### **HM Queen Elizabeth II**

was *seven* months old to the day when the above picture was taken, having been born on 21 April, 1926. She was in South Africa on her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday on 21<sup>st</sup> April 1947 and was married on 20 November 1947 age 21 and *seven* months. The Windsor Castle fire took place on 20 November 1992, her 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and 66 years after the Imperial Conference of 1926.

On 6 February, 1952, at the Queen’s accession, she was in the southern hemisphere in a House of Cedar, Treetops Hotel, Kenya, symbolic of the Royal House of Judah evidenced in Ezekiel’s riddle and parable recorded in *Ezekiel 17:3-4*.

# THE PIONEERS, FOUNDERS AND BUILDERS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

The following article is from *The Pioneers, Founders and Builders of the British Empire* by Cumberland Clark. It is accompanied on the adjoining page by this photograph of His Majesty King George V with the British Prime Minister and the Dominion Premiers which illustrates very clearly the points made in this extract. Both Michael A Clark and David Aimer referred to these matters in their lectures given at the Covenant Nations Weekend in St Alban's on 10th March, 2012. DVDs of these lectures are available on request from Covenant Publishing.

**M**r. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, when visiting the Motherland to attend the Imperial Conference, expressed the opinion that the word 'Empire' was a misnomer for the great family of British Free States living under the Union Jack. He suggested that a better name would be "The Commonwealth of British Nations;" and it cannot be denied that such a title is more exact and appropriate and is thoroughly justified by historical fact.

'Empire' is associated in the mind with the unprovoked and aggressive wars of the powerful kings of Babylon and the Pharaohs of Egypt, with the military conquests of Alexander the Great, with the plundering expeditions of Julius Caesar and extension of the Roman sway, and with the soaring ambition of Napoleon. They were empires in the commonly accepted sense of the term. They were purely military, and consisted of the extension of the power of a mighty potentate over his neighbours and the known world. They were associated with aggression and tyrannical rule, with tribute and slavery, and the triumph of might over right. Freedom and self determination were things unknown in these empires of history. Peoples were ruled by an iron hand and subject to the changing whims of the Emperor.

The administration of the British Empire is based upon the triple principle of self-government, self-support, and self-

defence – a direct reversal of the policy which maintained in the empires of the past, where the word of a despotic head of group determined the current of the conquered peoples' lives. It is true that in many lands the state of political evolution has not yet made it possible for this triple principle to be fully applied, but it is the goal at which British statesmanship is aiming in every country under the flag. As soon as a dominion is capable of effective management of its own affairs, autonomy is granted. The recent conferring of such powers on Southern Rhodesia, the youngest of the Britains to come of age, is an illustration. Once a part of the Empire has been given authority to work out its own problems in its own way, it is subject to as little interference as possible from the Imperial Government. No iron chains are forged to limit the freedom of the enfranchised colony. No irksome bonds hamper its movements. It is bound to Britain by the most slender ties. Loyalty and sentiment and the acknowledgement of the King as the supreme head are the only links – links which have proved stronger and more durable than any species of old imperial rule.

If the present system of administration in the British Empire is different from any that prevailed in the dead empires of the past, the manner in which it came into being is an even greater innovation. The old, ambitious, military conquerors attacked peaceful and contented, though weaker, neighbours, marched

through populous regions, destroyed agriculture, and burned towns and dwellings. Ruin, massacre, starvation, plague, and bondage were their gifts to the conquered. The British Empire, on the contrary, has not, in the main, been won by conquest. There has been no British Emperor, who has emulated the deeds of Alexander, Caesar, and Napoleon. The British people as a nation have never set out, like the Romans, to subdue the world. The great agglomeration of States, which fly the Union Jack and acknowledge the Sovereignty of King George, has been created for the most part out of empty territories of the New World, which was laid open by the explorers of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. Moreover, these territories were not won for Britain by a studied, imperialistic policy on the part of the central government. They became British through the enterprise, courage, and perseverance of individuals, relying on their own efforts and acting on their own responsibility. Their colonising ventures had no official backing. They were dependent on their own resources. It was the pioneer spirit inherent in the men of the race that created the great British Commonwealth, which may truly be said to have been born by a series of accidents.

**CUMBERLAND CLARK**

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pp 9-11

# ‘THE FIR TREES SHALL BE TERRIBLY SHAKEN’

*When the Wealth of the Rich and Prosperous is destroyed – a prophetic warning from 45 years ago now clearly in evidence*

An incident which occurred in my early days may serve by way of introduction. I left school in 1886 and began my career as an office-boy at a firm in Birmingham [England]. How different things were then. The traffic on the roads, for instance, was all horse-drawn. To show how careful the authorities were to avoid road accidents, steamrollers always had a man walking in front with a red flag. One day, in the spring of 1897, when in New Street, Birmingham, with my uncle, about noon, the usual number of carriages passing and tramp of horses' hoofs, suddenly, we heard something unusual – a jug, jug – jug, jug, sound that got nearer. What could it be? Every one turned in the direction to see what it was – and lo, presently a carriage was seen without a horse, only a coachman on a box, holding a steering handle, winding its way up the street. All the people laughed. Coachmen waved their whips at each other and poked fun. I always remember what my uncle said to me:

“Bernard, my lad, if you live long enough, you will see the day when no horse-drawn vehicles, only motors, will be seen on the roads!”

How true have proved his words. It was at least eight years after that before motor cars appeared, and year by year they steadily increased in numbers [In 2009 there were over 31 million cars on the roads of the United Kingdom with a speed limit on motorways set at 70 miles per hour].

## The Great Shaking at the Age-end

It was in 1912 that my dear mother gave me three books to read on Bible Prophecy, one being, I am thankful to say, *The Lost Ten Tribes* by Reader Harris, which at once convinced me that the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic people are ‘Lost’ Israel, and I have never since doubted it.

I became generally interested in prophecy and when a World War began in 1914, I thought the closing epoch at the ‘End of the Age’ had been entered and this became a passionate interest. So much so, that at the cessation of hostilities

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in 1918 I felt an urge to write a book to inform others of what I had noticed. I did so and gave it the title, *The Great Shaking*, for no doubt we had entered the time of ‘shaking’ foretold by the prophets. It was published in January 1919 (Thynne & Co.) chapter one opening as follows:

“Nearly all the prophets speak of a ‘Great Shaking’ to take place at the ‘time of the end.’ The prophet Joel, for instance, beheld it as a terrible struggle between the nations ... ‘Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision,’ cried the prophet, ‘the heavens and the earth shall shake; but the Lord will be the hope of His people, and the strength of the children of Israel’ (Joel 3:9-16).”

*Isaiah*, chapter two, speaks also of a time when the Lord would arise to shake terribly the earth, and among things shaken would be ‘cedars’ (v. 13). I found this all very puzzling, until I learnt that in Bible prophecy ‘cedars’ symbolise thrones. Now were thrones shaken as a result of the Great War? Indeed they were; for those of Russia, Germany, Austria, Turkey, Spain, and others, toppled and disappeared [Elizabeth II was in a house of cedar at Tree Tops Hotel in Kenya on 6 February, 1952, when she was given the news of her accession].

‘Oaks,’ likewise would be shaken, as we read in the same verse; but what do they stand for?

Oaks are long lived, deep rooted and have wide spreading branches. If cedars stand for royalty, then surely oaks stand for nobility and aristocracy. One effect of the War was to drain Britain financially, to remedy which, among other things, death duties were levied, which hit the class named so that one by one the stately homes of England have passed from families who had owned and occupied them for centuries, and now are schools, show places, or charitable and heritage institutions.

As *Isaiah* shows, the shaking would be on the sea as well as the land. For “*the day of the*

*Lord shall be ... upon all the ships of Tarshish’ (Isaiah 2:16)* – and was not this fulfilled, at least in part, in the German submarine campaign in World War II?

It began on 13 February, 1915, with the blockade of British waters, but ‘frightfulness’ did not commence until the British ocean liner *Lusitania* was torpedoed without warning by the German U-boat *U-20* on 7 May, 1915, when just under 1,200 lives were lost – an event which shook the civilized world.

The gross tonnage (chiefly British) sunk by the U-boats from May 1915 to October 1918, amounted to nearly 10 and a half million tons, and when the loss of life sustained is added, something of the affliction endured by Britain can be realized. But *Isaiah* forewarned of this: “*They shall cry aloud from the sea*” (24:14) – God alone knows what many of those brave fellows suffered, who were cast adrift in rafts or in open boats, on the sea, in vain attempts to escape.

So *Isaiah’s* prophecy of the shaking of the *cedars*, the *oaks* and the *ships of Tarshish*, was definitely fulfilled during the War of 1914-1918.

## The Approaching Climax

In addition to this the prophet Nahum foretold a terrible shaking of ‘fir trees,’ thus:

“*The chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of this preparation and the fir trees shall be terribly shaken. The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall justle one against another in the broad ways; they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings*” (*Nahum 2:3-4*).

Substitute the word vehicles for ‘chariots’ and *dazzling headlights* for ‘flaming torches’ and motorways for ‘broad ways.’ Evidently what this prophet foresaw, all those centuries ago, was a remarkably accurate vision of the traffic on our roads today – the speed, like lightning;

the great number of vehicles so that they would jostle one against another; the noise; and at night they would have dazzling headlights!

What the prophet foresaw and recorded, however, was a sign for us, who now find our roads occupied with such a volume of vehicles – for it is a sign of the nearness of the judgment that is to precede our Lord's coming. So how important is it to know what the 'fir trees' represent that are to be 'terribly shaken'?

In 1946, I wrote concerning this question in *The Approaching Climax* (page 112), as follows:

"During the past thirty years [since 1916] a social revolution has been in progress. The rich, taxed ever more heavily have been forced to give up privileges and possessions; and this trend is now being accelerated. Bearing in mind that, in prophecy, 'trees' stand for different groups of people ('cedars' = royalty; 'oaks' = nobility; 'palms' = the righteous) and nationalities, and that the *fir tree* – evergreen, raising its head above other trees in the wood – represents the rich and prosperous."

All I would say here [in July 1967] is that the real shaking of the 'fir trees' has not yet begun. In the Epistle of the Apostle James, we read:

"Go to now, ye rich men ... Your riches are corrupted. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days" (James 5:1-3).

The prophet Jeremiah also throws light on the subject. In chapters 6 to 8, he stresses the fact that in the last days, God's people would be given to covetousness:

"From the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness" (Jeremiah 6:13; 8:10).

It cannot be denied that one of the outstanding sins today [and more so in 2012] is covetousness. What a scramble there is for money. For the past [sixty] years people have been getting richer, the capitalists by speculation, the workers by strikes and demands for higher pay, in spite of the fact that their circumstances have never been better. The 'fir trees' – the rich and prosperous – are certainly with us today, but for the most part they are spiritually blind. For in the same chapter, Jeremiah says:

"The stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the LORD" (Jeremiah 8:7).

In Britain, while we are not familiar with the ways of the stork, turtle or crane, we know how the swallow comes and goes at set times. Most of us can recollect seeing them gathering in September, ready to fly off to spend the winter in some warmer clime. The swallow knows when the time is approaching, but God's people are still blind to the signs He has given them for the approach of judgment; and also for the way of escape he has provided for them.

#### Where are the Clergy to Warn?

Sign after sign, He has given during the past century, but few have recognized them as such. Certainly the leaders of our church and government have not, or they would have acted very

differently. The Great War of 1914-18 was a sign; the desolation of our shipping and the deliverance of Jerusalem by British Forces was another; among others were the fall of thrones. After the War, came cries of 'peace and safety,' then World War II and the destruction of cities, and so we could go on; but the most notable sign since has been the rapid decline of British power and the rushing hither and thither on our roads and the present covetousness, which is idolatry. These and others, unless we are mistaken, are the danger signals of coming judgment that is to precede Christ's Return.

You would have thought our clergy and ministers would have recognized at least some of them, for they are given in Bible prophecy – but No! With very few exceptions, they have not. This blindness, however, is yet another sign that the Age-end is near. Observe what the Apostle Peter says in his Second Epistle:

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were, from the beginning of the creation ... But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness ... But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burnt up ..." (II Peter 3-10).

When World War II ended with two atomic bombs dropped on two cities of Japan in August 1945, no less authority than the President of the British Association, Sir Richard Gregory, drew attention to the relevance of the atomic bomb, and to the above words of the Apostle Peter as almost an exact picture of what would happen in a Third World War.

#### 'Endings in Effects and Signs'

Yet at the present we are concerned with what is to be 'the terrible shaking of the fir trees.' Is it to come as the result of the collapse of our commercial and financial system? Let us turn to *Revelation* chapter 18, where is given the judgment of 'Great Babylon,' a term used to comprehend all that is false in world civilization at

the Age-end, religious, political and economic. The judgment of the latter – Commercial and Financial Babylon – is dealt with in verses 11 to the end, where a long list of the merchandise to be destroyed is given.

Three times, for emphasis, we are informed that in 'one hour' the whole of this system is to be destroyed (verses 10, 15 and 19), which on the year-day scale of Bible prophecy represents 15 days. But what is envisaged here surely is total destruction of the World Economic System, which is to sink like a great millstone, never to rise again (verses 21-24).

We are told, however, that it is 'to come as a thief,' but that the wise shall understand. Now *Esdras* in the Apocrypha says, "*Measure thou the time diligently in itself: and when thou seest part of the signs past ... then thou shalt understand ... Even so the times also of the Highest have plain beginning in wonders and powerful works, and endings in effects and signs*" (II *Esdras* 9:1-2 and 6).

How many today remember the American financial crisis of 23 October-2 November 1929, when stock market values lost over \$30 billion in a week, 10 times more than the entire annual budget of United States government at that time. Many thought that the bottom had come out of things, but America survived and recovered. However, 2 x 1260 days later (a tribulation number often linked to financial trouble) ended 16-26 September, 1936, when the French financial crisis took place. It began when uneasiness was felt for the condition of the franc. Gold was shipped to America and everything was done to save it, but day after day the franc grew weaker and on 26 September, 1936, France went off gold.

Significantly 16 September, 1936, was the Hebrew Feast of Trumpets, while 26 September that year was the Day of Atonement. Are we approaching the time when 'the fir trees shall be terribly shaken'? The sinking of the RMS *Titanic* on its maiden voyage on 14-15 April 1912 shook the European world and was taken as a warning symbol and allegory of the wealth of the rich men sinking like the millstone in *Revelation* 18. The *Torrey Canyon* oil tanker disaster off Land's End of 18-19 March, 1967, appeared as another symbolic Divine warning of what is to come for the world of oil and money.

In this overall context, we might note that from the sinking of the *Titanic*, 666 months expire 14 October 1967, which is the Day of Atonement – 666 being the number of the beast system, which is linked to finance as well as to gold (I *Kings* 10:14 and *Revelation* 13:18).

J BERNARD NICKLIN (1881-1971)  
Extracted from a pamphlet written in July 1967, slightly revised

It appears highly significant that the centenary of the sinking of the *Titanic* on 14-15 April, 2012, should witness the euro zone single currency moving towards a state of meltdown. The one hundred years expressed as 10 x 120 months is significant of Divine order of warning. Furthermore, the date 25 September, 2012, will be 666 months from the signing of the European Union *Treaty of Rome* on 25 March, 1957.

MICHAEL A CLARK

"The stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times"

Jeremiah 8:7



# THE ASSYRIAN INVASIONS AND DEPORTATIONS OF ISRAEL

A new edition of the book by J. Llewellyn Thomas, F.R.C.S.

**75** years after the first edition of this important book *The Assyrian Invasions and Deportations of Israel* the Covenant Publishing Company (CPC) is pleased to present this new edition. It has been reset but otherwise is faithful to the author's original work. There are many misunderstandings and opposing views about the fate of the northern House of Israel and how prophecy was fulfilled in relation to its history and all these points are tackled and explained by him. He uses biblical sources as well as the physical monuments and artefacts discovered by archaeology. By the use of Tables clearly identifying the different events and their relationships to each other he makes it easy for the reader to follow what happened and when.

This extract is the **PREFACE** of the book:

'The last word has not been said on the subject of the Invasions and Deportations of the Israelites of the Northern Kingdom by the Assyrians.

Very contrary views are held as to the extent and completeness of the carrying away of the nation.

Some maintain that the whole of the Ten Tribes were never removed from Palestine; that they continued to live on there, either mixed with the aliens brought in thither by the Assyrians as the Samaritans; or that they were absorbed by the Jews, an idea that is authoritatively denied by the Jews themselves.

Others hold that the whole nation was carried away; that Israelites never united with the Jews; that they never intermingled with the Gentiles brought in by the Assyrians;

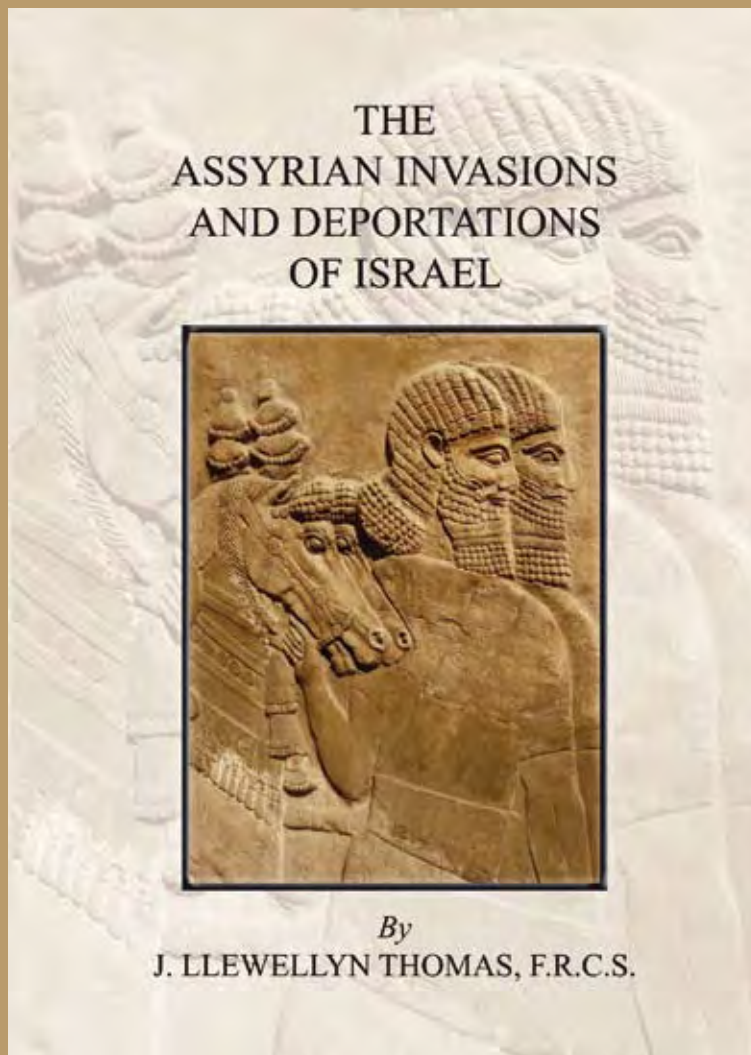
and further, that if the entire people were not removed out of the land the many prophetic promises made concerning them are meaningless.

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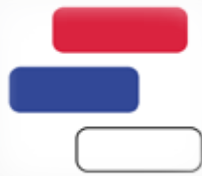
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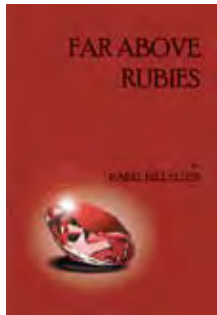
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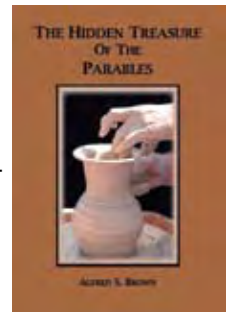
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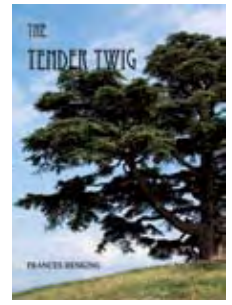
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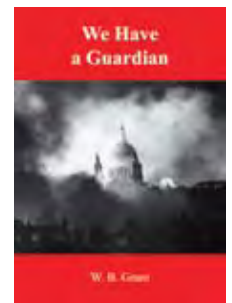
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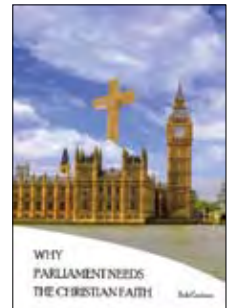
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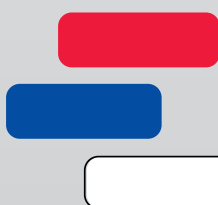
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