

# The British-Israel-World Federation NEWSLETTER

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## Our Focus for 2010

by the President

### Looking Towards the Next Ten Years

#### - The Midnight Hour and its Climax

Looking towards the next ten years, what should our focus and strategy concentrate on? We are but a small remnant, but with a great and mighty expansive message and vision for the nation. How do we ready ourselves for the task for which God has undoubtedly prepared us? We might well say, let us continue to do what we can as long as we can, or keep on keeping on – and we will be right to advocate that. All of us can appreciate that this teaching is a revelation of the Holy Spirit and that we cannot make people see what their eyes are not capable of beholding.

However, another factor has begun to enter the equation which I believe will change our whole approach to the proclamation of this vital teaching. We first became aware of this factor when we moved our Headquarters to the north east of England – we went out from 121 Deodar Road and came into 121 Low Etherley to fulfil *Psalm 121*.

I put it to you that no organization raised up by God as we have been can dismiss what took place for us in 2003 without thinking deeply about its meaning. It was seven years from when the Stone of Destiny was returned from Westminster to Edinburgh in 1996 – which itself was 700 years from when the Stone was brought down from Scone Abbey to Westminster Abbey.

**The 'Herald' of the Lord's Coming**  
I believe we are about to enter a

phase in our witness that is destined to accomplish, maybe even complete, our task of witness. The year 2010 marks 170 years since 1840 when John Wilson published his book from his *Lectures on Ancient Israel, and the Israelitish Origin of the Modern Nations of Europe*. This period of 10 x 17 years is marked as a period of Divine Order for the Elect.

The Midnight Hour for the end of the Age beyond much doubt arrived between 1840 and January 25-26 1844, which was the date at the foot of the Great Step of the Great Pyramid, the major datum point linked by David Davidson to no less than six astronomical sources. 1840-1844 was also the period when the Second Advent teaching began in the United States by Rev William Miller, Baptist minister, being transformed from a regional movement into a national campaign. He was not correct in his predictions, concerning the cleansing of the sanctuary on the 2,300 year cycle, but the period was significant and actually marked a second witness to what John Wilson was doing in the Appointed Isles.

Everything that has been done since 1840 to proclaim this teaching has been part of the 'herald' of the Lord's coming that John the Baptist proclaimed in the spirit of Elijah of the coming ministry of Jesus the Messiah and Coming King of kings. God *always* sends forth His herald as a witness to His Coming. One hundred and seventy

years – a long period in which the people have been given ample opportunity to become alert to the approach of the coming righteous rule, that Branch of Righteousness that is promised to both Houses of the Israel kingdom. The year 2010 is very important for this teaching and the years immediately ahead.

Now here is an interesting thing. My wife and I and our General Secretary were in Toronto, Canada, for the 80th Convention of BIWF Canada in September. I pointed out that when you put the 100 years of The Association of the Covenant People in British Columbia, which they have just celebrated and our 90 years, together with BIWF Canada's 80 years we have a total of 270 years of witness to this herald teaching – the gestation number. Furthermore,

#### DID YOU KNOW?

The Cenotaph in Whitehall, London, was designed by Edwin Lutyens to honour the heroes of World War I and was unveiled at the Allied Victory parade on 19th July 1919.

when you take the 53 years to 2009 of CBIA in Windsor, Ontario, who divided in 1956 from BIWF in Toronto, and the 100 years of the Association who are not BIWF, the total comes to 153 years – the number of The Elect.

In *Malachi* 3:1 we read that the LORD will send His messenger and that he will prepare the way before Him; and that the Lord, whom the people seek shall suddenly come to His temple. If we see, as we do, the cleansing of the sanctuary and the tables of the moneychangers being overturned, at what point can we expect the Lord to return suddenly to His Temple?

Perhaps the key to answering this question has to do with when Jesus appeared in the Temple at age **12** – twelve being the number of government? Taking the 2 days, or two thousand years in prophetic time, from the birth of Christ in 4 or 2 BC, two thousand years plus 12 years for the age of the young Messiah appearing in the Temple bring us to 2009 or 2011 (there being no year zero).

Now, remembering that Jesus is the Word made flesh, is it not significant that 2011 will be 400 years from 1611 when the King James Bible was published? Frankly, I find this immensely thought provoking for us as an integral part of the herald as His messengers, in the spirit of Elijah and John the Baptist.

### The Lord Appoints His Deliverer

The British-Israel message is the vital need of the hour for our people, because it has a vision for the nation *with a spiritually enabling power*. The political manifestoes that will be coming out as we approach the next General Elec-

tion will be about aspirations to solve the great problems that increase by the day. We can predict that there will be no spiritual content to these aspirations – so how do they propose to put anything into effect on a lasting basis? Sadly, we have little or no confidence that the Established Church will provide spiritual vision.

The answer is they cannot in their own strength project the enabling power and they cannot bring the people to trust them unless there is a recognition of the national calling and destiny that is the **'bond of the covenant'** that we have as a people before and under Almighty God (*Ezekiel* 20:37).

One of the great heroes of the Israelite people was Gideon – a farmer turned military leader. Another farmer turned military leader in our history was Oliver Cromwell. There is a painting dated at 1874 by Ford Maddox Brown which depicts Cromwell observing a bonfire on his farm and thinking of a passage in *Psalms* 89: "Lord, how long wilt thou hide thyself - forever? And shall thy wrath burn like fire?" The words are inscribed on the painting's frame along with a quotation from one of Cromwell's speeches, in which he describes his life before entering into politics: "living neither in any considerable height, nor yet in obscurity, I did endeavour to discharge the duty of an honest man."

This year, 2010, will be 370 years, a period of Divine order linked to government, from 1640 when Cromwell entered Parliament for Cambridge. It was the year of the Short and Long Parliaments and the events that led to the Civil War. We are now seeing the burden of taxes increasing upon the people to pay for the global financial collapse. A further disruption may yet take place if conflict erupts in the region of the Middle East as is highly likely.

The farm is a metaphor for the state, a place in which orderly labour is threatened continually by forces of disorder and in which the most everyday details are potentially filled with moral and eschatological, that is, prophetic significance.

Today the state of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is one again in which the order of everyday life is threatened by seeming tremendous forces of Godless evil. God raised up a simple farmer in Gideon and gave him a new

name Jerubbaal – meaning "Let Baal plead (contend) against him" (*Judges* 6:32). The angel said to him "The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valour." A statement that caused Gideon to call for the sign of the fleece that heaven's favour was toward him in the task that God required him to perform. In the event thousands of men answered Gideon's call, but the Lord ordered him to decrease the size of his army to keep the Israelites from boasting that their own power, not that of God, had beaten the Midianites.

Gideon dismissed the thousands bringing him down to just **300** men. The strategy of dividing his men into **three** companies, catching the enemy between 10pm and midnight, just after the Midianites had changed the guard, met with complete success. The blowing of the trumpets, the smashing of their jars, the flickering torches together with shouting "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon" (*Judges* 7:20), terrified the Midianites who fled for their lives.

Does this strategy witness to us at this time? I believe it should do. We have been preserved as a small body of dedicated servants of the Lord. As people pass away we are caused to think, where are the replacements coming from? Let us trust Almighty God. A single stone thrown into the centre of a still and stagnant pool will cause ripples that travel across the entire face of the water.

The powers that be remain in power only as long as the days determined for their rule are unexpired. Once the prescribed measure is reached their exit from power will take place (*II Esdras* 4:36-37). The final ratification of the Treaty of Lisbon means that for the first time in our history an alien constitutional settlement will have been imposed upon this country. In essence, the Queen is now political prisoner to Brussels and the EU – *fury must come up before God's face!*

There is another terrible chapter of judgment in *II Esdras*, chapter 16. A judgment comes upon Babylon and other places which are threatened with plagues that cannot be avoided and with desolation. I will quote only verses 13, 16-17 that read as follows: "For strong is his right hand that bendeth the bow, his arrows that he shooteth are sharp, and shall not miss, when they begin to be shot into the ends of

## DID YOU KNOW?

Rudyard Kipling adapted the biblical words "Their Name Liveth For Evermore" for war grave sites and created "Known unto God" for unidentified servicemen.

*the earth ... Like as an arrow which is shot of a mighty archer returneth not backward: even so the plagues that shall be sent upon earth shall not return again. Woe is me! Woe is me!"*

The picture in the rest of the chapter is most terrible – as if the earth is devoid of human life save for very, very few. Undoubtedly World Wars I and II witnessed such significant judgment upon the Beast System in Europe and now all is set for peace in Europe. Or is it?

### **Is a Final Sign of Judgment to be Given?**

However, one more final sign and warning may soon be given us. It appears that the Pope is to arrive on our shores in England in September on a first ever *state visit* to our Protestant country. The visit of Pope John Paul II in 1982 was a pastoral visit only. This visit will constitute a constitutional conflict that has not happened before as the Pope is *universal* bishop and the Queen is Supreme Governor of the Church of England. It will conflict with the Queen's Coronation Oath. I suggest that we as British-Israel believers would see it as a supreme and final signal of coming judgment upon this world's corrupt systems.

In *Matthew 24:15* Jesus speaks of the abomination of desolation standing in the holy place, as spoken of by Daniel the prophet. Yes indeed this speaks of Islam, represented by the Dome of the

Rock, standing in Jerusalem upon the place where Abraham offered up Isaac as a pre-figuration of Christ's sacrifice. But there is *another* holy place and that is here in the Appointed Place in these Isles of the sea. *Revelation 17:5* defines papal Rome, as Mystery Babylon the Great, the "*abominations of the earth.*"

I submit therefore that this visit may constitute the ultimate sign of the abomination standing in the holy place as never before in these Isles if and when Pope Benedict XVI arrives in England. This is the signal to flee from the destruction "*such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no nor ever shall be,*" as Jesus said quoting the prophet Daniel in chapter 12 verse 1. Interestingly the 1,600 years, the battleline number of Divine judgment in *Revelation 14:20*, from the sacking of Rome by the Visigoths on August 25 AD 410, will expire August 25, 2010. We await events *and the projected coming of the Pope to England in September this year!*

Finally therefore, I will say, that this is the time in which we have been chosen to live and to witness. It is a time when we need to be fully alert to the hour. It has not happened before and after it is over it will not happen again. Let us therefore seek to be among 'Gideon's 300' who act together to accomplish the task of putting the enemy of God's servant people Israel to flight

in supreme and perfect timing. It is a sacred task to be accomplished in the unity of Divine calling and purpose. Let us pray that Almighty God by His Spirit '*deliver us all from evil*' and especially from the Evil One himself. Above all, look up amid any trial or affliction that should come, for our redemption draweth nigh.

**Michael A Clark**, President  
The British-Israel-World Federation  
1st January 2010

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

There are copper mines in the Great Orme at Llandudno which date back 4,000 years to the Bronze Age. This discovery is causing a change of views about the ancient people of Britain and their civilised and structured society 2,000 years before the Roman invasion. See:  
[www.greatormemines.info](http://www.greatormemines.info)

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **BIWF SUMMER CONVENTION**

at **Hothorpe Hall**, Theddingworth,  
Leicestershire, LE17 6QX

**19th to 24th July 2010**

### **BIWF 91st ANNUAL CONGRESS**

at **Quality Hotel**, 232-236 London Road,  
St Albans, Herts, AL1 1JQ

**1st to 4th October 2010**





# THE NATIONAL BIBLE COLLEGE

**Motto: QUOD VERUM TUTUM –  
“What is true is safe”**

Principal:  
David Aimer

Programme Coordinator:  
Martin Lightfoot

The National Bible College is an inter-denominational Christian organisation originally instituted in 1932 at Harrow Weald in Middlesex, England. The aim of the College is to proclaim the integrity and Divine inspiration of Holy Scripture as the word of God; the Gospel of the coming Kingdom of heaven on earth; and with that in view, the Gospel of personal salvation in The Lord Jesus Christ.

The College further emphasises the identity, significance and responsibility of the Anglo-Saxon, Celtic and related covenant nations as witnesses for the Christian faith throughout the world.

## Public Lectures

Our free public lectures have included topics mainly of local interest such as:



- “Escomb: The oldest most complete Saxon Church and Celtic Christianity”
- “Why Land of the Prince Bishops”
- “The Auckland Castle Zurburan Biblical Paintings of Jacob & Sons”
- “Durham Cathedral and its Biblical RAF “As Birds Flying” Memorial Window”
- “The Code on St. Martins Cross – Iona”

Further opportunities to deliver public lectures have come from Bishop Auckland College and The Northallerton History Society.



## Other Events

Educational visits have taken place in venues such as The British Museum, The Tower of London, Escomb Saxon Church, Auckland Castle and Westminster Abbey. A similar event is planned for Glastonbury Abbey and Pilton in Somerset this year.

## Distance Learning Course

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 College 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; Aus-



tralia and New Zealand; Africa from the Cape to Kenya; and from many other countries. Students included men and women from almost every walk of life.

This correspondence course has formed the basis for a revised Distance Learning Course which has currently eighteen participants at home and abroad and consists of the following four modules:

1. Origin, Content and Chronology of the Bible (mandatory)
2. Old and New Testament Criticism
3. Prophecy in Old & New Testaments
4. Establishing the Identity of Israel, Jews and Gentile

## DID YOU KNOW?

The 37th chapter of *Isaiah* and the 19th chapter of *II Kings* are alike.

## THE CONTINUING KINGDOM OF GOD UPON EARTH

Without doubt – the Greatest Love Story of All Time

This title was used by the President for his leading article 'Our Focus for 2009' in the previous Newsletter when he looked forward to the events to come. He outlined a series of events and projects which were planned for this 90th year of the Federation including the completion of the publication bearing the same title.

This year has indeed seen growth in all sorts of areas of The Federation as new editions of our books and new projects are developed. This new booklet is a good example of the enthusiasm with which our literature is being improved. It was launched in *The Covenant Nations* magazine, Number 5, where the first part of it was printed as an encouragement to readers to send in for the booklet itself which is available as free literature. All members received a copy later as part of the regular postings which keep everyone informed about current activities.

Michael Clark revised a small publication originally written by Mr Bennett of Canada and, with the help of the headquarters team, a new cover, maps and charts were prepared. It was very exciting to be able to produce a German version with the help of Hans-Udo Hoster who translated it for us. About 500 of these German booklets were taken to the October 2009 conference by him and David Aimer and were received with thanks by the group meeting there for their regular gathering.

This booklet is being used in outreach to all sorts of groups and individuals. It is hoped that this clear exposition of the Kingdom of God will stimulate new people to contact BIWF and to learn more about the Bible and the covenants of God. A very large number of copies were printed so please contact Headquarters for extra copies to give away.

# SOUTH AREA RALLY

The Ramada Hotel, near Newbury, was the venue for a very interesting and enjoyable Rally on Saturday, 28th February, 2009. Having enjoyed the facilities when Congress was held there previously in 2006 it was chosen as a convenient place for people to reach and a very comfortable one too. The President, Michael Clark, opened the proceedings and welcomed everyone to the day of lectures and presentations. He was followed by the General Secretary, David Aimer, who gave a PowerPoint lecture on *Zechariah* 10. Then Peter Bennett spoke on the problems affecting the nation today and offered many positive thoughts on what we can do as Bible-believing Christians and BIs.

In the afternoon, Michael Bennett from British-Israel Bible Truth Fellowship spoke on "Future Days." The day finished with Philippa Clark giving a PowerPoint presentation on "Spreading the Kingdom message" which described the recent work of the Federation and some of the new projects coming along. The most exciting part of her session was the launch of the Distance Learning Course of the National Bible College. David Aimer, Principal of the College, and Martin Lightfoot, Programme

Coordinator, had led the team in preparing the course content and the prospectus. The leaflets and information were handed out at the meeting and all of them were taken home by those attending the day.

There were people from a variety of BI groups and it was suggested that the time is ripe for closer cooperation among them so an informal meeting was held in a very friendly manner. It is hoped that in the future this will develop in all sorts of ways.





# ANNIVERSARY RALLY



## DID YOU KNOW?

On 14th January, 1559, the coronation procession of Queen Elizabeth I went through London. The procession was punctuated with a series of 5 pageants staged by various bodies in honour of the new queen. The fifth and final pageant portrayed her as Deborah, the Old Testament prophet, who rescued the House of Israel and then went on to rule for 40 years. *National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London.*

In the planning for 2009 it was decided to have three events so that members and friends from all parts of the country would be able to share in celebrating 90 years of witness by the Federation. In addition to the Summer Convention in the Midlands and Congress in the North, an Anniversary Rally in London was arranged for the South. The weekend of 9th-10th May was booked and a very active programme to launch the series of events was arranged.

The success of the one-day tours held previously determined the visits which would be laid on. The Imperial Hotel was the venue for a dinner on Saturday evening with a speech by the President, Michael Clark. Westminster Abbey, the Crown Jewels in the Tower of London and 'Biblical Egypt and Israel' in the British Museum were the three tours. Sunday morning was kept free so that everyone could worship at the place of their choice.

It was a challenge to ensure that everyone managed to see each place.

Westminster Abbey does not allow visitors on Sundays and the day we went coincided with the final day of the National Association of Flower Arrangers who had all their displays in the Abbey. These huge floral arrangements were beautiful but the crowds they attracted made it difficult for our group to see the monuments and windows of particular interest to us. However it is such an impressive building with so many years of history that it was still an exciting experience.

The weather was fine and travelling from place to place went smoothly. The General Secretary, David Aimer took the groups around the Crown Jewels and Martin Lightfoot led them in the British Museum. There was time to talk and to have fellowship with each other and the dinner in the evening was very enjoyable. The President gave an inspiring address aimed at looking forward as well as back at our past. It was an excellent start to a busy year of celebration.

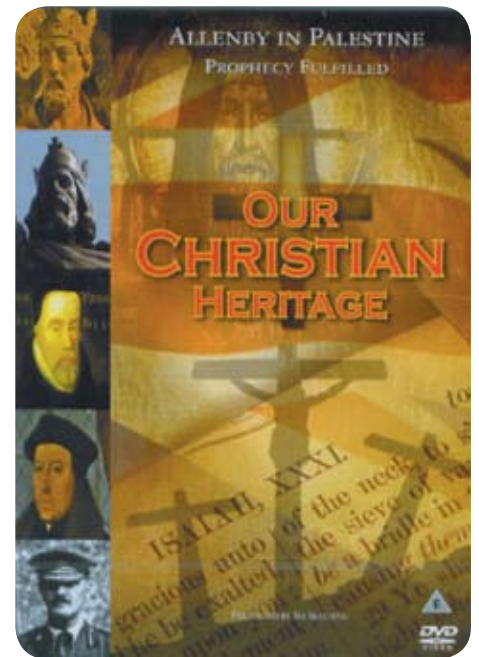
# OUR CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

In the Newsletter, January 2009, the President was pleased to announce that the film *Our Christian Heritage* was available on DVD and being advertised widely. It is even more exciting to be able to tell you this year that the film has been shown eight times on Christian television – United Christian Broadcasters (UCB) and Inspiration Network (INI). In January a big publicity drive was started by Martin Lightfoot, Ed Skelding and Philippa Clark. Martin Lightfoot and Ed Skelding were interviewed on several different radio programmes and Philippa Clark began sending out complimentary copies of the DVD to different organisations and individuals. It is now sold in the shop at Glastonbury Abbey.

Thanks to the You Tube videos which Mr Lightfoot produces – use: [www.youtube.com/upfront4u](http://www.youtube.com/upfront4u) – the Federation was contacted by Rev David Green who runs British Christian Media (British.Christian.tv). He was

sent a copy of *Our Christian Heritage* and was so thrilled by it that he arranged to meet Michael and Philippa Clark in March. A very good relationship has developed from that visit to his home and it has been through his work and enthusiasm that the broadcasts on TV have happened. His particular aim is to show the world what God is doing in this country and he felt that our film should have as wide an audience as possible. His expertise in production and in broadcasting will be very helpful to the work of the BIWF in the future.

The next film is in development and it will be covering the Migrations. Filming and completion of it is projected for 2010-11. However, if you have not yet seen *Our Christian Heritage* there are still DVDs available from *Covenant Publishing*. It is an excellent introduction to prophecy, to our history, to the Reformation and to the Israel message.



## DID YOU KNOW?

In the First World War conkers were used as a source of starch to be used in the making of acetone which is a solvent employed in the manufacture of the explosive cordite. They saved the day when imports of maize were abandoned due to the action of German submarines.



# SUMMER CONVENTION

The theme of the Summer Convention **From the Ends of the Earth** was chosen to represent the way in which the Federation had spread out during its 90 years of witness and to provide an opportunity of bringing together speakers and friends from around the covenant nations. Most of the invited speakers had never been to a previous BIWF Convention and some of them had never been to the United Kingdom. They came from Canada, Kent Purvis, President of BIWF (Canada) Inc; Australia, Paul Owens; Iceland, Margret Eggertsdottir; South Africa, Dr Peter Hammond and America, Pastor Jesse Proctor.

The Headquarters team had worked very hard on preparing all sorts of displays: the buildings from which BIWF has operated over the years; former Presidents; publications and meetings. Older members enjoyed spotting themselves and friends in the group photos. Cynthia Murray in Australia had sent across a DVD of her photographs set to music by Ken Lewis and that was a nostalgic trip down memory lane for many people. There were also some new things such as the National Bible College and its prospectus for the Distance Learning Course. The bookstall was very well stocked and sales were very good as usual.

The President, Michael Clark, wanted to look forward as well as taking time to enjoy the memories of the past. It was very interesting to hear how the different speakers interpreted the theme and in particular the work of Dr Peter Hammond who takes the gospel into some very dangerous places in Africa. Margret Eggertsdottir gave the convention a new insight into the troubles which Iceland has been experiencing. The Israel message is indeed going to the ends of the earth and everyone felt inspired with a new determination to ensure that it will continue for as many years as necessary. Only the second



coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ will stop our mission.

The programme continued to offer 'Study in BI Basics' which was very popular when it was introduced last

year. Once more, every session was extremely well-attended. A new addition was Prayer in the chapel early in the morning led by the General Secretary, David Aimer, before Morning Devotions. This provided an opportu-



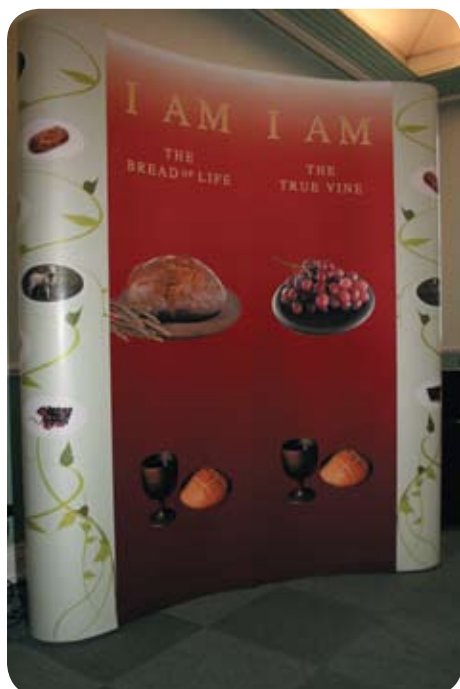
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nity to start the day in quiet fellowship together before the Lord.

The business of the Federation was handled at the Annual General Meeting which was held on Tuesday, 14th July and conducted by the President and General Secretary. Mr Aimer presented the Accounts and they were accepted by the Meeting. The members re-elected to the Board of Management were Peter Bennett, Dr Clifford Smyth and Judith Bull. Mr Clark read out the Loyal Greetings to Her Majesty and the reply which had been received.

It was not all hard work – there were two evenings of darts again, much enjoyed by those who took part. The facilities were very comfortable as usual and the weather was fine so the countryside could be enjoyed as well.

The Covenant Service of Holy Communion closed the Convention and everyone departed the next day ready to face the world again with renewed strength. The dates for the Summer Convention in 2010 were announced as 19th to 24th July.



## RALLIES IN 2009

Area Organisers and their helpers have continued to plan and hold their Rallies so there have been many events for members and friends to attend and to support. The season started in April with simultaneous ones in Northern Ireland and in Troon followed shortly afterwards by Wigan and then the weekend Rally in Morecambe. Carlisle and Northern Ireland were on the same Saturday in June and then Troon met again with the North East in Halifax the following one. The General Secretary, David Aimer, and Martin Lightfoot have taken books from Headquarters so that there has been an interesting selection of the latest publications available for purchase.

The Federation is always looking at new ways of spreading the message and of interesting new people in the Israel truth. Ideas from members are very welcome so please send in your suggestions for consideration.

# BIWF-USA CONFERENCE



The President, Michael Clark, and the General Secretary, David Aimer, were invited again to address the 'Wake Up, America!' Conference held at the Quality Inn in Heber Springs from 25th to 28th May. This time they were joined by the Publicity Officer, Philippa Clark, who was also invited to speak. They were welcomed by Pastor James McElroy, President of BIWF-USA, and met many friends from previous visits, some of whom have been to the United Kingdom such as Pastor Charles Jennings and his wife, Marylee, and Pastor Ernestine Young.

The work in the USA has been growing and developing significantly and there was a very good attendance at the conference with families of all ages coming from a very wide area. The headquarters building has been redecorated and a good relationship is being formed with the local people. Pastor McElroy and his wife, Jenny, now have help in the office from Brian Huff who volun-

teers in his spare time from his college studies. The conference was opened by Pastor Jesse Proctor on Monday evening. There was an interesting variety of lectures from the other speakers - Pastor Jennings, Pastor Young, James McElroy and Pastor Gene Applegate who also led a healing service. Praise and worship was led by Steve and Bonnie Kukla.

After the conference Michael and Philippa Clark and David Aimer travelled to Tulsa in Oklahoma where they had been invited to speak at Rose Hill Covenant Church which is where Pastor Jennings ministers. On the way they stopped off to visit Lynn Hoffman at Artisan Press in Muskogee which was a good opportunity to see their work.

The weekend in Tulsa was very enjoyable. There was the annual 'fish fry' on Saturday and everyone was very welcoming. Michael and Philippa Clark both spoke and there was another heal-

ing service led by Pastor Applegate. David Aimer spoke on Sunday morning after addresses by James McElroy and Ernestine Young.

The trip concluded with a return to Heber Springs and a visit to Presto Printing in Conway which is printing the American edition of *The Drama of the Lost Disciples*. This is another new development – to print books in the USA now that the Covenant Publishing Company of North America is up and running.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Passports were first mentioned in an Act of Parliament of 1414.



# BIWF (CANADA) INC



Two years ago in May 2007 the President and the General Secretary paid a brief visit to the headquarters of BIWF (Canada) Inc in Toronto and came back with plans to build 'a new basis of cooperation.' It is very encouraging to report that great progress has been made this year and there is a strong relationship developing which will indeed help in expanding our teaching together.

Kent Purvis, President in Canada, came to the Summer Convention this July as reported elsewhere and in September Michael Clark, Philippa Clark and David Aimer were invited to the Annual Convention held in Toronto from 18th to 20th September. Both Michael Clark and David Aimer spoke twice and their addresses were very well-received. Michael Clark was the speaker at the banquet on Saturday evening covering

current affairs and prophecy. Then he spoke on the casting out of the moneychangers from the temple in his second lecture. David Aimer gave a very interesting modern view of the 'Gates' and his second presentation was on the 'Corn, Wine and Oil.'

BIWF (Canada) has been celebrating its 80th anniversary this year and there was a very positive mood about what the next few years will bring. A celebration cake was cut, photographs taken and a very enjoyable time shared by all. The other invited speakers came from BIWF – USA and CBIA so it was quite a gathering of representatives from Ephraim and Manasseh. Pastor McElroy brought everyone the story of how his life had led him to this day serving the Lord through Covenant Publishing and now also BIWF – USA. Pastor Brooks gave a detailed study

## DID YOU KNOW?

The coat of arms on the cover of the 'Old Blue' passport was designed by Reynolds Stone, a wood engraver.



of the difference of language dialects used in the writing of the Hebrew Scriptures and lead the assembly in Holy Communion on Sunday morning.

The speakers from Canada were Kent Purvis who spoke on Solomon's vision and God's blessing reminding us that we need Days of Prayer and Douglas Nesbit, President Emeritus, who took as his topic 'Forgiveness and Righteousness.' The Convention closed with the Israel blessing given by Kent Purvis.

# 90th ANNUAL CONGRESS



It was with great pleasure that we returned to Gilsland Spa for the 2009 Congress because the service, food and accommodation had been so enjoyable on our first visit two years ago. We were not disappointed as the final event of the Federation's celebrations of 90 years since its inception began with an excellent buffet meal. The photographic displays of past buildings, past presidents and past gatherings which were shown at the Summer Convention were taken north for all those to see who were unable to come in July, but it was not a nostalgic event concentrating on past successes. There was a well-stocked bookstall with some new publications to buy as well as some new free literature. The theme was "Looking Towards the Next Ten Years' and the President, Michael Clark, set the mood with his opening address on Friday evening.



Archie Linnegan started the series of lectures on Saturday with an analysis of the problems facing our nation and the need to be active watchmen for the Lord. He was followed by Pastor Robert Phillips who took as his subject 'Laying the foundation of Israel Truth.' He encouraged everyone to stand upon God's promises and to have the confidence to tell people who they are. A firm grasp of the scriptures is vital so that we can talk knowledgeably to all those who will enquire of us.

After lunch there was a welcome free period and then Berkeley Squire gave a detailed and interesting exposition of *Daniel* chapters 8 – 11. He even provided a sheet for preparatory reading during the break as an aid to following his argument. The day was completed with a joint session led by Dr Clifford Smyth supported by his wife, Anne. She played traditional Protestant songs from Ulster on her piano accordion as well as some hymns, taking two requests from the audience. Having opened the session, Dr Smyth then closed the evening with a powerful word from *Revelation* 1:1-3.

Sunday began with Morning Devotions taken by Frank Tebbutt and later Morning Worship conducted by Rev Barrie Williams. Having been fed spiritually by these two sessions in the morning, Martin Lightfoot challenged our scientific understanding with a PowerPoint presentation about genetics and the latest research which is investigating 'The Haplogroup Issue.' This is a very important topic and he asked for anyone interested to contact him. He would like a group to meet and become involved in thoroughly understanding it so that our information can be accurate and current.

Robert Graham completed the series of lectures with his address on 'A



United Kingdom or a Divided Realm?' This was an historical review of Scotland and England leading on to a call for national revival and the proclamation of the full gospel. Congress closed with an evening session in which Martin Lightfoot gave a short presentation of 'The Gospel Boat' followed by David Aimer giving a rallying cry to all of us to look forward and to be positive and active in spreading the message. In his role as Principal of the National Bible College he had the pleasure of presenting Mary Senior with a certificate marking her completion of Module 1 of the Distance Learning Course. The President summed up the weekend lectures and sent everyone on their way with the Israel blessing.





# GERMANY 2009

This year marked the third visit to the 'Haus Israel & Haus Juda!' conference for Michael Clark, President and David Aimer, General Secretary, accompanied by Philippa Clark but it was the first visit for Martin Lightfoot, Fieldwork Officer, and his wife, Sue. It was held again in Bad Teinach from 17th - 22nd October at the same Christian family hotel.



There were other 'firsts' too – the first German translation of a BIWF publication and the first presentation in German given by Martin Lightfoot. The free booklet 'The *Continuing* Kingdom of God upon Earth' has been translated into German by Hans-Udo Hoster who is the regular translator for Michael Clark when he gives his address to the conference. Four boxes of the booklet were taken there and it was received very well. Many people took several copies to share with friends and churches on their return home and the remainder were taken by the group's leaders for distribution in due course.

David Aimer spoke on the evening of our arrival and gave an interesting

presentation of the importance of the separation of the tribes by God Himself and the need to read one scripture with another so that the whole picture becomes clear. There is a reluctance to see that the northern kingdom has a different destiny from the southern one. He used PowerPoint slides to illustrate his points and had the assistance of Wolfgang Kühl as a translator.

The next evening Martin Lightfoot also gave a PowerPoint presentation of the arrival of the apostles in France. He had programmed it with a German commentary and then added his own remarks in German. The group really appreciated his efforts to communicate to them in their own language. He was followed by Michael Clark who spoke on St Boniface and his mission to the Germans in the seventh century while linking it to current events in Europe. His address had been translated in advance by Hans-Udo Hoster who supported him at the time. It was then available in printed form for members to take home for themselves.

The weather was mild and sunny and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to both make new friends and to renew fellowship with others who have attended the meeting previously. Martin and Sue Lightfoot travelled on to continue their researches into evidence of the migrations in museums in Berlin. This information will be used in the forthcoming film.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Johann Sebastian Bach wrote many of his pieces in multiples of three, the number of the Trinity.

Jupiter and Saturn have acted as Earth's 'bouncers' by deflecting dangerous comets. A study by the University of Washington published in the online edition of the journal *Science*, calculated that only two or three comets from the Oort Cloud, the mysterious region of debris from where most comets are thought to originate, have collided with Earth. The gravitational pulls of Saturn and Jupiter can deflect comets into space or direct them away from Earth.

# OBITUARIES

**Constance Maud Bamforth** died on 13th August, 2009, at the age of 86. She was born in York but lived most of her life in Halifax. Her parents were firm B I believers and consequently she came to accept the Israel identity at an early age. She was Secretary of the Halifax Branch of the BIWF for nearly thirty years until she retired through ill-health.

Constance worked tirelessly for the Halifax Branch arranging sales of work in her own home to enable the work to go forward. She organised Rallies held at Halifax for a number of years which were very popular and well attended.

Her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and belief in the Israel identity remained strong and constant thus in one way fulfilling her given name. She was interested in and supportive of the work of the Federation until the end.



**Kathleen Gage**

**George Bedford**, or George known by his friends, was born on the 12th September in 1934 in Liverpool. He was a chef in the army, a seaman on the salvage tugs on the River Mersey and a postman. In his former years he attended Speak Baptist Church and in his latter years he went to Bridge Chapel, Allerton, Liverpool.

George was introduced to the BIWF by his wife, Reenie whom he met 40 years ago. He attended the Liverpool Branch then the Chester Branch and came to the Wigan Branch in 1995. He became the North West Area Organiser when Miss Carol Cream retired. He was the

main instigator of the North West 70th Anniversary Rally in May 2003 at Morecambe. From then on the Rally has continued to the present time. George regularly attended the Summer Conventions at Swanwick and Congresses up and down the country. He was last seen at the Summer Convention at Hothorpe Hall in July 2008.

He was a good father, strong in the faith and he will be sadly missed by Reenie, all the children and friends. He died in hospital in December, 2008, after a long illness.

## **Margery Dowling**

**Rev Robert E. Griffiths**, known to his friends as 'Bob,' was a Welshman, small of stature, but large in faith. Born in Cardiff in 1912 his trade was french polishing and, in true Welsh tradition, he later became a preacher. Bob came into the Israel message during World War II in the West Midlands and was

in fellowship with Mr and Mrs Ernest Hale, a wonderful BI couple who pastored an Upper Room Bible Pattern Church in the centre of West Bromwich. There were other people in this fellowship that came into the teaching during this period, in particular Mr and Mrs Fred Tye who later pastored another BI group in Halesowen.

Bob was Secretary of the Birmingham Branch for many years and during the time when I first came into the teaching he gave me my first opportunity to speak on a British-Israel platform. He also encouraged me in staging 'Britain Must Know' meetings in the city which were held on alternate dates to the Branch meetings. One very memorable BIWF Rally that he organized and which I attended was in Stratford-upon-Avon, when the outstanding lady speaker, Miss Avril Gornold, gave a splendid address.

In later years Bob moved to Glastonbury, Somerset, where for some three fruitful years he was in charge of the Federation's work at 'Mount Avalon.' He became Chaplain to the Federation and wrote many 'Chaplain's Column' articles for *Wake Up!* magazine. He was also a very much sort after local preacher and became a witness to the Israel message within the Druid organization. His final years were spent in Shepton Mallet where he was Chaplain to the local prison. He passed away on 13th March, 2009, age 96. I will always be grateful for his spiritual support and encouragement in the work of this great Kingdom truth.

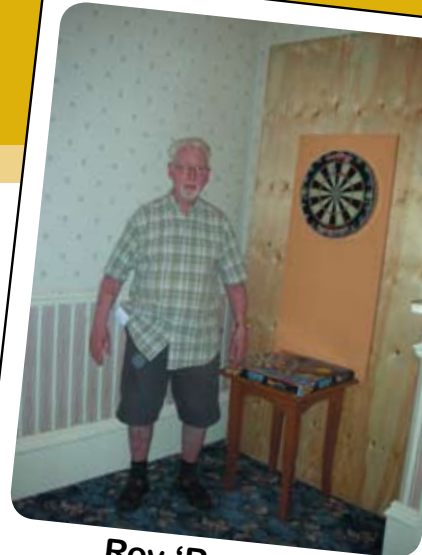
**Michael A Clark**



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## DID YOU KNOW?

Beneath the carpet on which was placed the Coronation Chair for the crowning of Queen Elizabeth II is one of the masterpieces of the Middle Ages – a spectacular Cosmati-work floor, designed in an intricate pattern of interlocking spheres and squares. It is being restored this year and can be seen by visitors to Westminster Abbey.

James I ordered that the heraldic red lion of Scotland be displayed on all buildings of importance – including pubs.

## Thanks

We would like to thank everybody for his or her contributions this past year. All the organizing of meetings and conferences and all the kind donations, letters and prayers are truly appreciated.

## A Form of Bequest to incorporate in Will

To those who may be desirous of assisting the Federation by way of legacies, the following Form of Bequest is recommended to be incorporated in your Will.

I give and bequeath to: **The British-Israel-World Federation**  
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121 Low Etherley, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 0HA, the sum of £\_\_\_\_\_ sterling, free of Inheritance Tax, to be paid to the Financial Secretary, for the time being, of the Federation, whose receipt shall be a sufficient discharge for such legacy.

N.B. A legacy need not necessarily be in money; any property may now be given by Will for Charitable purposes.

## Donations

For all those who would like to give a portion of their tithe, big or small, as a donation to the Federation; all cheques, order or bank drafts (in sterling for overseas donations) can be made payable to BIWF, and sent to Headquarters at Low Etherley.

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