



Our Focus for 2008 by The President

Overruling Providence takes shape in all the Covenant Nations – as “the scornful men” at Westminster plot a treacherous path

A powerful factor has come to light to give us cause for renewed hope as we consider the prospects in 2008 for the proclamation of the Kingdom message. It concerns a very positive networking that has been taking place among the Covenant Nations. Although our spiritual antenna told us all along that it was still taking place, we have been caused to doubt at times in the face of the flood of one-world and pro-European propaganda.

Powers that be have sought to convince us that the integrity of the British world belongs to a bygone age. A very different picture is now emerging and it is important that all Kingdom identity believers should be made aware to revive our spirits.

In a very important article indeed, published recently in *The Daily Telegraph*, London, John O'Sullivan drew attention to a significant relationship that for the most part has remained unseen, which continues between the US, Australia and Britain – he might have said, despite all the debilitating influences of the European Union upon the United Kingdom over the past 35 years.

The substance of this article, slightly adapted, is reproduced below for the purpose of highlighting the unstoppable power

of leadership and destiny that rules the birthright peoples of Ephraim and Manasseh, stemming as it does from Joseph's fruitful bough. I would urge that all of us use the information contained here to offset the propaganda that will be forthcoming from the Government in the coming weeks and months as it seeks, *in treasonous fashion*, to force through the EU Reform Treaty in Parliament.

A Time to Pray with all our Might

The intention is to superimpose an alien constitution of atheistic origin on Britain's **covenant** system of government – *without the repeal of a single conflicting statute*. Of course, they have known that they would never have gotten away with that, so they are now willing to commit a constitutional outrage upon the People who are Sovereign and indeed upon the entire Realm. They need to be brought to book forthwith. Pray, and pray mightily, that the *“covenant with death and agreement with hell”* that these scornful and overmighty representatives, *“that rule this people which is in [New] Jerusalem,”* may actually conclude this year, will be annulled according to *the most serious warning to the nation* by Isaiah (chapter 28: 14-20).

DID YOU KNOW?

In Cleopatra's Needle on the Thames Embankment, there is a time capsule, which amongst other items, contains the Scripture verse 'John 3v16' in some 250 different languages.

The 19/20th Century evangelist Smith Wigglesworth, used of God in many miraculous healings, and the conversion of numerous people to Christ, was taught to read by his Salvationist wife Polly.

A display board outside St. Helens Church in Colchester states that Helen was the mother of the Christian Roman Emperor Constantine, and the daughter of our British King Cole (the merry old soul in popular nursery rhyme).

LINKING THE FAMILY

The Warning has been given three times

Isaiah's warning was given to Parliament by the Lesson in the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer* on the morning of 28th October, 1971, when the decision in principle was taken late that night to submit the nation to the Treaty of Rome. This most solemn warning was repeated for a second time on 28th October, 2002, when the European Constitution was launched by the former French president, Giscard d'Estaing.

Having actually signed the EU Constitution in Rome on 29th October, 2004, it is unlikely that having mocked Almighty God for a *third time*, that our leaders will escape the most severe of consequences should they continue on their treacherous path, while at the same time insisting that the 'Renamed' Treaty is an entirely different document, which everybody knows to be essentially the same.

Michael A. Clark, President
The British-Israel-World Federation
1st January, 2008 ■

DID YOU KNOW?

The Book of Esther is the only book of the Bible not found amongst the Dead Sea Scrolls.

All the other books contain the name of God and were therefore preserved.

The Anglosphere could be the making of Britain, if we dare

(Adapted from an article by **JOHN O'SULLIVAN**

which appeared in *The Daily Telegraph*, London, on 29th December, 2007)

Special Forces in a Growing Relationship

The ongoing cooperation between our family of nations came to light when research for a book, *The Partnership*, on the US-Australian military and intelligence relationship was being conducted by the author, Greg Sheridan, the foreign editor of *The Australian*. The more Sheridan examined this relationship, the more he was struck by something else: namely, "the astonishing, continuing, political, military and intelligence closeness between Australia and Britain." It is a relationship which is close and is growing closer.

Even though Australia has little at stake in Europe and Britain and only limited interests in the Pacific, everywhere Sheridan went in the US-Australian alliance, he found the Brits there too:

"Our special forces train with theirs, as we do with the Americans. Our troops on exchange with the Brits can deploy into military operations with them, an extremely rare practice, but something we also do with the Yanks. Australian liaison officers attend the most sensitive British intelligence meetings and vice versa, in arrangement of such intimacy that they are equalled only in our relationship with the US."

There is also now a top-level annual AUKMIN meeting of Australian and British foreign and defence ministers on the lines of their AUSMIN meetings in Washington. It

formally recognizes what has been an existing system of military and intelligence co-operation between Britain and Australia and the US that was unusually intimate and extensive.

A Network Civilization and Commonwealth

All this rang several bells with O'Sullivan, who had been reading a Heritage Foundation study by the American writer James C. Bennett, in which he argued that such forms of developing co-operation were especially characteristic of English-speaking, common law countries such as, well, Britain, Australia and America.

There is a definite pattern to them he says. Citizens, voluntary bodies, companies, lower levels of government form their own networks of useful co-operation for practical purposes across national boundaries. Over time, these networks become denser, more complementary, more useful, and more self-conscious, creating what Bennett calls a "network civilization." In time, governments see the value of these networks and underpin them with new links – trade deals, military pacts, immigration agreements – creating what he significantly calls a "network commonwealth." Such network commonwealths may end up being more integrated – psychologically and socially, as well as economically – than consciously

designated entities such as the EU.

If we want to know which countries the British feel really close to, check which ones they telephone on Christmas Day (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, America ... but, O'Sullivan says, you knew that). He then added; "Network commonwealths don't demand surrender of sovereignty, either."

England always had a more individualistic culture

Bennett calls the English-speaking network civilization "the Anglosphere." This term which was unknown in political circles even a few years ago, now yields 39,700 entries with Google on the internet. Also, as Christopher Hitchens points out in a recent article in the American *City Journal*, the idea is certainly in the air – and in respectable circles too. Its academic foundations are rooted in work demonstrating that England always had a more individualist culture than continental Europe, that the "civil society" tools of this culture were transmitted to the colonies settled in England, and that those countries have since not only prospered unusually, but also established a world civilization rooted in liberalism.

Bennett in his study *The Anglosphere Challenge* makes unmistakably clear that it is English cultural traits – individualism, rule of law, honouring contracts, and the elevation of freedom – rather than English genes that explain this success. These traits enable a society to pull off the difficult trick of combining trust with openness. Nations with different genetic backgrounds that adopt such traits seem to prosper more than

their similar neighbours. Hence the Anglosphere, as well as the "old [White] Commonwealth," includes India and the West Indies.

The idea of the Anglosphere, lagging well behind the reality, is now seeping into politics. In 2006 Canada's Prime Minister, Stephen Harper, delivered an eloquent speech to the Australian parliament that praised the common British heritage linking both nations. It need not have been so effuse. Even more significantly India's PM, Manmohan Singh, gave a speech at Oxford in 2005 that neatly stole the entire concept for New Delhi, when he stated:

"If there is one phenomenon on which the sun cannot set, it is the world of the English-speaking peoples. In which the people of Indian origin are the largest single component."

The Anglosphere – a great alternative to Europe

That raises a painful question. If Australians, Indians, Canadians and even Americans can recognise the Anglosphere as a new factor in world politics, why is it something from which the Brits themselves shy? To the best of my knowledge, the only politician to have embraced the idea is Lord Crickhowell, formerly David Howell, who held several ministries under Margaret Thatcher and who, from his City experience, knows that Britain's prosperity lies with the growing markets of Asia and North America.

Our fading Anglosphere ties give us an advantage over Europeans and other competitors there. If we were to pursue a deliberate strategy of strengthening such ties, we would discover a better "grand strategy" than the present muddled

shuttling back and forth between Washington and Brussels, feeling a "poodle" to both.

Is our reluctance because we fear anything that smacks of the empire? No such timidity restrained Singh. Are we nervous that anything "English-speaking" might be thought incompatible with multiculturalism? Well, the first multicultural identity was the British one; today the Anglosphere spans every continent. Is it politically dangerous to Europe? That would only be true insofar as "Europe" failed to meet our needs – in which case we would need an alternative. Or is it, as I suspect, that the Anglosphere offers us the prospect of national adventure that in our cultural funk we find too exciting – preferring to go back to the sleep of the subsidised? ■

DID YOU KNOW?

The subterranean quarry found near the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem, and from which, it is thought, came the stones for the temple, is some 3000ft. diameter, and 30ft. high.

The Patriarch Dan had only one son (Shuham) yet, at the time of the Exodus, his tribe numbered 62,700 males, the second largest tribe of Israel.

CANADA A TOP PRIORITY

As part of a visit to North America in May 2007, the President, Mr Michael Clark and the General Secretary, Mr David Aimer, made a whistle-stop tour to the headquarters of the B.I.W.F. (Canada) in Toronto and to the Headquarters of the Canadian British Israel Association in Windsor, Ontario. Although the visits to both organizations were brief, some very useful and interesting exchanges with the leaderships took place. The future of the witness in Canada is one of our major concerns and, as a result of the meetings that took place, we plan to build a new basis of cooperation for the expansion of our teaching in future years. ■



Dates for your Diary

BIWF-USA

Tuesday 6th to
Thursday 8th May 2008
At: 405 West Searcy Street, Heber Springs,
Arkansas, 72543, USA

BIWF London Tour

Free Tour of the British Museum
Saturday 21st June 2008 – 11am to 3pm

BIWF Summer Convention

Sunday 20th to Friday 25th July 2008
At: **Hothorpe Hall**
Theddingworth, Leics. LE17 6QX

Canadian Conference BIWF (Canada) Inc.

26, 27th & 28th September 2008
At: 313 Sherbourne Street, Toronto, Ontario,
M5A 2S3, Canada

BIWF 89th Annual Congress

Friday 3rd to Monday 6th October 2008
At: **The Swan's Nest Hotel**
Bridgefoot, Stratford-upon-Avon,
Warwickshire, CV37 7LT

Germany Gathering

Tuesday 14th to Wednesday 22nd October 2008
At: Bad Teinach, Black Forest, Germany

BIWF-USA

June 1st, 2007, The British-Israel-World Federation of the United States of America and The Covenant Publishing Co., of North America relocated from the home of James V. McElroy, President of BIWF-USA to an office in the town of Heber Springs, Arkansas.

Heber Springs is a resort town located in north central Arkansas and is considered the gateway to the beautiful Ozark Mountains. It has a population of approximately 7,000 and is alive with recreational activities. Heber Springs is a great place to live along with its favourable climate and many new amenities such as a new College campus and one of the most up-to-date hospitals in Arkansas.

The word Heber is one of the many Biblical names that cities in America have been named after. Abraham was born to this line six generations after Heber, so Abraham was both a Hebrew and a Semite, born of the line of Heber and Shem.

In making this move and establishing the new headquarters and offices of BIWF-USA and COVPUBNA has given us integrity and visibility now that we are centrally located in America. By this move we are working toward establishing and creating good relations with the churches and the communities in and around Heber Springs.

It has been seven months since we moved into the new headquarters and we are experiencing a wonderful reception from the people and receiving favourable responses like "it really sounds interesting" and "I want to know more about this teaching." Also, we are finding there are many Born Again Believers in the surrounding areas that embrace the teaching of British-Israel.



Since the charter meeting of BIWF-USA in May 2006 we have doubled our membership. We have enquiries daily to the teaching of British-Israel and how they can become a member. And with the upcoming conference in May 2008 we hope to continue increasing our membership to 500 by the end of 2008. However, this can only be accomplished by all members catching the vision and working together toward reaching this goal.

We are presently in the planning stages to hold one seminar weekly where we can teach the Israel-

Truth. These seminars are planned to start in March 2008.

James V. McElroy
President BIWF-USA ■

DID YOU KNOW?

The Jewish scribes, when making copies of the Scriptures, ceremoniously washed in mikvah before writing the name of God

LONDON TOUR 2007



DID YOU KNOW?

That the biblical custom of reclining at table meant that the head of one person was almost in contact with the breast of the person adjacent. Hence the phrase "Abraham's bosom" as the place for Lazarus in parable which Jesus told.

The 'London Tour' has been developed by Michael and Philippa Clark and David Aimer as an event to interest new members in the area. The first one, in 2006, included a visit to Westminster Abbey in the morning and a guided walk around the City of London in the afternoon. The second one, on 16th June, 2007, started with a visit to the Tower of London to see the Crown Jewels led by David Aimer who had prepared a handout.

The small group thoroughly enjoyed seeing the magnificent regalia and learning about their significance. From the Tower of

London, Philippa Clark led the group to the Monument and explained some of the symbols of the relief. Michael Clark then took them on to see the London Stone.

Following lunch there was another guided walk around Southwark explaining the fascinating history of that part of our capital city south of the Thames.

It has been very interesting to find out how much of our history is still so clearly displayed in London and we plan to continue with these days out, which this year will be marked by a visit to the British Museum. ■

ENGAGEMENT



Mr and Mrs Michael A. Clark are pleased to announce the engagement of their elder daughter, Sarah, to Mr. Daniel M. Lewis, the youngest son of Mr. Kenneth Lewis of Melbourne,

Australia, who has been a long-time member, as was his late wife Ruth, of the British Israel fraternity in that area. Daniel Lewis resides in South Wales and is a professional concert pianist. ■



Elizabeth & Sarah Clark and Daniel Lewis

All Ready For Posting



One of the larger book orders for Roslyn Pollock at Christian Heritage Bookshop in Australia. Roslyn is doing a great job in getting the word around to all the scattered BI people. She has sent out our CPC catalogues to the Protestant Churches mainly and tells us that she feels strongly about reaching out to the Scottish Clans in Oz and NZ.

Keep it up Ros!

SUMMER CONVENTION 2007

Our second visit to Hothorpe Hall Conference Centre, from 22nd-27th July, was as successful as that of last year. The weather was pleasant, and we were able to enjoy the lovely grounds in comfort. The friendly staff looked after us very well, the whole atmosphere being peaceful and relaxed. We missed those unable to be present, and welcomed some new friends who soon felt at home amongst us.

This year's Convention theme was: **One Kingdom under God**, and it was faithfully expounded by all who addressed us.

SUNDAY: Proceedings commenced in the evening with a welcome by the President, Mr M.A.

Clark, opening his first Convention in that office, and the General Secretary, Pastor D.J. Aimer. Loyal Greetings had been sent to Her Majesty The Queen, and Her Majesty's gracious reply received (see end of the report), and the full National Anthem was sung.

Tributes were paid to Miss Peggy Phillimore, a very faithful attendee at all functions, who had passed away in January; also to Mrs Alison Rutherford, a former Board Member and staunch supporter in Bath, called home on 20th June.

Greetings had been received from our overseas organisations and friends. Delegates were welcomed from Holland, New Zealand and Norway, and the Rev. C.A. Jennings (our guest speaker) and Mrs Jennings from the U.S.A.

The day closed with the Epilogue, in which Miss C.A.J. Cream recalled Jesus' prayer which includes us all (*John* 17:20-22). With such an

Advocate we need not be fearful.

MONDAY: Conducting Morning Devotions Mr A.S. Brown said though darkness does cover us at present (*Isaiah* 60:2), chapters 61 and 62 assure us of restoration and regeneration.

At the first session Mr F.E. Tebbutt traced Israel's history from Mount Sinai. He said cleansing is often the result of chastisement, and will lead to a Kingdom restored and glorified for world service.

The Annual Meeting of the Federation was held at the second session, and business very satisfactorily dealt with. Members re-elected to the Board were Mrs K.D. Gage and Miss M. Dowling, and Mr A.E. Linnegan was elected. Votes of thanks to Mr J.F. Battersby for his work

in overseeing the election, and to the Rev. A.C.P. Fisher for his faithful work as a Board Member spanning several years, were approved. The announcement of a handsome legacy left to the Federation by our late patron, Squad. Leader P.E.M. Leith, had laid a heavy responsibility upon us all.

In the afternoon the Chaplain, the Rev. Barrie Williams, led the Service of Dedication and Prayers for the Nation. He compared our present condition to that of the Jews led by the Maccabees (*Apocrypha*), whose alliance with Rome proved

disastrous. We pray for God's guidance, that our people may know who our true friends are. We must all lead the way in prayer, and witness to the need for national repentance.

In his first presidential address in the evening, which was very wide-ranging, Mr M.A. Clark said we should dedicate ourselves to promoting the incomparable Gospel of the Kingdom, which the Lord Jesus Christ and His herald, John the Baptist, proclaimed. He quoted Sir Winston Churchill: "We've been given the tools. Let us, then, finish the job."

Leading our thoughts at the Epilogue Mrs A.D. Bull drew attention to the Aramaic version of the Lord's Prayer, "... leading us out of temptation, and delivering us from the evil one...;" the closing words of the prayer reminiscent of 2 *Chronicles* 29:11. God's Kingdom of glory lasts for ever.

TUESDAY: At Morning Devotions Mr M.S. Jarvis said Christ directed affairs and His actions so that His ministry would lead to His sacrifice on the Cross. The people involved fulfilled their destiny. May we be given grace to fulfil ours.

At the first session Mrs V.S. Harper quoted relevant scriptures which assure us that God's Kingdom is the answer to the present world chaos. We need a real practical faith and trust in God, every member engaging in fervent and constant prayer for Him to guide





our Federation at this crucial time.

After the coffee break Dr T.B.H. Squire said restoration could not begin until these seven times of punishment (2,520 years) had finally ended. *Ezekiel* chapters 36-48 record continuous and chronological events. Did cyber attacks on

Estonia indicate a likely method which could contribute to Babylon's fall?

In the afternoon the Rev. C.A. Jennings gave his personal testimony, having had a genuine conversion at nine years of age. He listed many prominent pastors and church workers from as far back as 1847 who believed and preached the Israel Truth in the United States.



David officiated as both king and priest, surely of the Melchizedek order. *Deuteronomy* 33:12 – prophetic of the disciples, believed to be Benjaminites; and verses 13-17 – a dual tribe pushing other Israelite tribes to the

We are compelled to pick up the torch. The hidden treasure (*Matthew* 13:44) demands a revealing.

In the evening, in his first address, Mr. Jennings spoke of "the responsibility laid on the shoulders," noting *Isaiah* 9:6-7; *Numbers* 7:6-9; 1 *Chronicles* 11:1, 15:12 and 27.

ends of the earth. *Revelation* 3:6-7, compare *Isaiah* 22:22 – our Lord has the key of David, the government being upon His shoulders.

WEDNESDAY: Conducting Morning Devotions Mr K.T. Brack emphasised the importance of every individual in God's work. At the appointed time He will act. We must be of good cheer and have faith.

In the first session, Mrs K.D. Gage based her lecture on *Matthew* 13:44. God moved His people to the Appointed Place (2 *Samuel* 7:10) to receive the Gospel and to be His servants to multiply in the world. How natural that our Lord should come to our islands to be educated –



< He had found the hidden treasure. The truth we hold is, in itself, treasure in our hearts.

After the coffee break Mr M.J. Browning spoke of God's whole Creation enterprise, inter-related and uniquely bonded; a relationship now unimaginable due to Lucifer's iniquity. Creation, an irrevocable Constitution, cannot be violated with impunity. One Kingdom under God involves every feature of life and living.

In the afternoon Mr J.M. Lightfoot's illustrated lecture gave rock-solid proofs linking our people with the Sacae or Scythian peoples, the Gimirri or Cimmerians, and the Khumri (people of Omri). The Behistun Rock, the Black Obelisk of Shalmaneser, and much evidence in museums in Istanbul, Bulgaria and Greece gave further proofs, all demonstrating the integrity of Scripture, the faithfulness of God, and the influence of the Christian Gospel upon our people.

In the evening Pastor D.J. Aimer described his visit to the Isle of Iona, and particularly referred to the St. Martin's Cross which had been standing undamaged for 1,200 years. He suggested its sculptures illustrated three main biblical messages: the Creation of man and animals; the Creation of Israel; and the Royal House of David; a visual witness giving order and hope to pilgrims in those far-off days.

THURSDAY: Conducting Morning Devotions Mr A.E. Linnegan read *Joshua 6:25-26* and *1 Kings 16:34*. Divine intervention was needed to cleanse Jericho's polluted water supply. Let us act like Elisha, praying and standing for truth, helping to cleanse our land which is polluted by the stream flowing from all branches of the media.

In the first session Dr A.C. Smyth challenged us all to redouble our

efforts to proclaim our message. In this hour of desperation and disgrace God will equip us for the task, in terms of *Psalms 78:1-6*.

In his final address, at the second session, the Rev. C.A. Jennings thanked everyone for all the fellowship and hospitality he and Mrs Jennings had received. In his lecture he described the importance of the relationship between Ephraim, Manasseh and Benjamin, with at its heart the throne of David, with Jesus Christ the Head. Our greatest weapon is "Thus saith the Lord." Let us go forth in faith.

In the afternoon Mr M.A. Clark's lecture surveyed present world conditions related to many significant time measures, particularly emphasising Russia's increasing prominence. As watchmen on the battlements (a lonely position) we should prepare, look up, and expect to be used when the Lord will sprinkle (startle) His Covenant Nations (*Isaiah 52:15*).

After tea, a party of members enjoyed an organ recital by Dr T.B.H. Squire, given in the historic parish church in the nearby village of Husbands Bosworth. The church contained a memorial to the Battle of Naseby, and reference to a certain Captain John Shenton who fought on the Royalist side.

In the evening the Rt. Rev. J.D.M. McLean conducted the Covenant Service, assisted by Mr F.E. Tebbutt. Bishop McLean said the idea of an ideal State on earth with freedom to worship God and keep His laws has been evident throughout our nation's history. We still await the consummation of a visible Kingdom



of God on earth, which is assured, despite present efforts to disunite the United Kingdom. There is hope, for God is still in control.

Later on in the evening a television interview between the Rev. C.A. Jennings and Pastor Aimer regarding Israel Truth, to be broadcast in September across the United States, was viewed with great interest as the importance of our message was declared. The booklet by Miss C.A.J. Cream entitled: *British-Israel: Vital Belief or Optional Extra*, would be sent to United States viewers free of charge on request.

FRIDAY: Conducting the final Morning Devotions, Mr E.S. Gage gave the cheering message that whatever our age bracket may be, there is abundant life ahead. We are approaching eternal life with the Lord, Whose Name be praised for this wonderful gift.

Receiving and Believing was the theme of an informal first meeting led by the President and the General Secretary. We feel we have a new initiative, which should cause us with humility to refine ourselves for the task ahead. The President announced that the Board of Management had appointed the Rev. A.C.P. Fisher to the position of Deputy President, which was received with warm approval.

After the coffee break the Send Off Meeting rounded up the week. The President said we will always be a remnant until the Lord comes, but we still need Gideon's three hundred to witness until the Lord takes over.

The dates for the Summer Convention, 2008 will be: Sunday - Friday, 20th-25th July, with the

assurance that from 2009 we will be able to revert to meeting from Monday to Saturday.

After the hymn: *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*, the Convention ended with the President's closing prayer and the Israel Blessing (*Numbers 6:22-27*),

Mr R.F. Graham having been unable to attend due to illness (from which he has now happily recovered) the text of his lecture was supplied later to all who had been at the Convention. In it, Mr Graham dealt with aspects of the unification of Scotland and England (1603-1707), giving the reasons for actions taken and the various results which ensued. He said unity of purpose under God's guidance can lead to the contemporary threat presented by world terrorism being overcome.

Thanks and appreciation are offered to all who contributed in any way to the success of the Convention, both before it took place and during the week.

A blessed week of spiritual uplift, encouragement, and good fellowship. To God be the glory, for everything!

Mary F. Harper ■

Loyal Greetings

May it please Your Majesty,

As we approach our Annual Convention in the 88th year from our founding, the President and Members of the Board of Management send Loyal Greetings to Your Majesty. Our theme of One Kingdom under God is expressive of the sovereignty of Almighty God in this Realm at the 300th anniversary of the Act of Union which created the United Kingdom of Great Britain by merging the parliaments of Scotland and England. We are very conscious that our covenant system of government and law emanates from Jerusalem via Greece, and is in contention with the system of government and law on the Continent. We pray with all fervency that Your Majesty will be given great wisdom in the days ahead in upholding the laws and customs of the Realm to the utmost of your power.

We are, your obedient subjects,

Michael A. Clark
President

The Gracious Reply

Dear Mr Clark,

I have been asked to thank you and the Members of the Board of Management of The British-Israel-World Federation for your kind letter enclosing Loyal Greetings to The Queen, sent on the occasion of your annual Convention. Her Majesty appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing as you did, and in return sends her best wishes to all concerned for an enjoyable and successful gathering.

Yours sincerely,

Senior Correspondence Officer

DID YOU KNOW?

Herod the Great is best known for the one event not recorded in secular history, i.e. The massacre of children up to 2 years of age, following the birth of Christ.



BIWF 88th ANNUAL CONGRESS

AT GILSLAND, CUMBRIA - 5th TO 8th OCTOBER, 2007

John Battersby



The venue of the Gilsland Spa Hotel, on the Scottish border in beautiful Cumbria, proved to be a most excellent choice for the 88th BIWF Congress. The setting of the hotel provided wonderful views of the landscape in the area. Everyone felt free to wander around the public areas and the grounds, especially as we were given the run of the hotel for the weekend and with more room than we actually required. The conference facilities, the accommodation and the food were all excellent as expressions of appreciation confirmed.

Under the theme of "What is Truth is Safe" – the motto of The National Bible College – our list of speakers were able to deliver a powerful reminder of the great message of Kingdom truth that we are commissioned to deliver to the

nation.

The President, Mr Michael Clark, while giving a timely warning of the currency cold war developing in the financial world, was able to encourage everyone with the message of truth and the place of safety in which we have our trust. He concluded his address with the words of Scripture to the nation found in *Deuteronomy 33:27-29*, beginning with the promise: "*The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.*"

We were privileged to have Pastor Jory Brookes from the U.S.A. with us as our special overseas guest speaker. Pastor Brooks is a valued British Israel teacher and writer from Detroit who works closely with the Canadian British Israel Association in Windsor, Ontario.

There was a special accent on speakers from Cumbria and Scotland and also Northern Ireland. These included Miss Carol Cream, Pastor Robert Phillips, Dr Clifford Smyth, Mr Archie Linnegan and Mr Frank Tebbutt who conducted the Sunday Morning Service.

An unusual and delightful highlight was a musical session led by Mrs Anne Smyth from Belfast, who did absolutely splendidly in song and in playing her accordion, despite suffering from the effects of a recent heavy cold.

All in all, a most successful Congress and a venue to which we will undoubtedly consider returning in the future.

Please note that audio/visual recordings of all the lectures are available on request. ■

AN ENCOURAGING CONFERENCE

IN GERMANY - 27th OCTOBER TO 1st NOVEMBER, 2007

When we accepted the invitation to speak at the annual Autumn Kingdom identity conference in Germany, we only knew that it was a Christian group who in recent times had become very interested in the Kingdom teaching. In the event we were very pleasantly surprised by the quality of this Lutheran group of Christian people, their in-depth knowledge of the Scriptures and their genuine balanced approach to the teaching.

This was a 5-day conference held at **Haus Sonnenblick** (a very nice Christian establishment) in the spa town of **Bad Teinach** set in the beautiful countryside of the Black Forest, at the time when the trees were producing the most beautiful colours.

The theme of the conference was "The House of Judah and the House of Israel." It brought forth much basic teaching linked to the Monarchy, which was of great interest to the people there.

The proceedings were ably organised and presided over by Heinz Mohrlok, which were conducted in seminar format being interspersed with questions. Some 100 people of both sexes were in attendance during the full period, encouragingly of the middle age bracket, together with a few young people.

Our President, Mr Michael Clark and Mrs Clark together with our General Secretary, Mr David Aimer, were in attendance from the start of the conference and were able to fellowship and follow the seminars with the help of some very able translators.

Speaking through translation, we were given a specific day to deliver our lectures. David Aimer gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Crown Jewels, which he prefaced



by a short history of the teaching in the United Kingdom. Wolfgang Gassler provided instantaneous translation for his presentation.

Michael Clark spoke on the Throne of David bringing in New Testament aspects of basic British Israel teaching, which much impressed the Christian German audience. They asked a number of interesting questions as a result. His lecture was translated and transcribed for issue as a print-out by Hans-Udo Hoster, who speaks fluent English and has a mission for children in Pakistan.

The day given over to the English speakers also included Miss Ria Splinter of Holland, who is well known to us in England. Speaking in fluent German, she delivered an excellent address on the marks of the House of Reuben, the House of Levi and the House of Judah.

The President was able to renew fellowship at the conference

with Dieter Braun, who he had met 30 years before when visiting Germany and who is editor of the German Israel identity magazine, *Morgenland*.

We were also very impressed by the great amount of prayer and Bible readings involved in the proceedings. There was a real sense of Christian faithfulness to the Lord God of Israel among our German cousins and we sensed that the work will go from strength to strength as they search for their true identity within the tribes of Israel.

Mr Clark said to the group in conclusion that their visitors from England really felt that they had met another part of the Israel family. In response an invitation was given to us all to make a return visit to the conference this year, which will be held at the same venue on 14th-22nd October, 2008. ■

OBITUARY

SO. LDR. PHILLIP E.M. LEITH, DFC, UE, CMH, BSA, B.Com.

Phillip Edward Meric Leith, our highly regarded Patron, died on 14th November, 2006, the birthday of Prince Charles and ten years to the day from when the Stone of Destiny was removed from Westminster Abbey to be returned to Scotland.

Phillip Leith was born in Toronto on 19th June, 1914, a month before the First World War broke out. His illustrious ancestry was a mixture of Scottish, one-quarter Norwegian, with part Dutch-Huguenot. His great-grandfather, General Sir Alexander Leith, KCB, was an outstanding general under Wellington in the Peninsular War. His cousin was Lieut. General Sir James Leith, GCB, who also fought under Wellington, in charge of the Battle of Bussaco. He then was made Governor of the Windward and Leeward Islands and is buried in Westminster Abbey near to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Phillip was educated at Wixenford (now Ludgrove) and Eton. He was very athletic and excelled at soccer, cricket and rugby and became a crack shot with the 303 Service Rifles. He began work at the Royal Bank of Canada in the City of London, but was soon transferred to the Toronto branch, promised to him as he was Canadian born.

In World War II he served in No. 405 Squadron of the Canadian Air Force as navigator, taking part in all three "one thousand Bomber" raids, from Pocklington, Yorkshire. He was the first Canadian to have completed

30 operations over Germany and on 16th June, 1942, was awarded the DFC, which he later received from King George VI at Buckingham Palace.

He was then removed from operations over Germany and sent to instruct new crews at Operations Training Units near Stratford-upon-Avon.

Later, Phillip served as aide-de-camp to the Earl of Athlone, Governor General of Canada and his wife, Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, who served as life-long Patron-in-Chief to BIWF. Many of Phillip's ancestors were members of the clergy in the Protestant Christian faith and he himself tried to live by the same faith. His convinced British Israel belief undoubtedly came from his significant wartime contacts and experiences.

Immediately after the War education became a priority for Phillip. He earned two degrees, in Agriculture and in Commerce, from the University of British Columbia, followed by study in New Zealand and a Master's Degree in Plant Science from the University of Alberta in 1952.



an extremely wealthy man, he did not inherit wealth, but purchased farming land in Scotland near Aberdeen, with money saved from his flying days over Germany. His keen sense for business served him well and that is how he was able to be so generous to BIWF. He also

contributed the major part of the funds in 2003 to finance a legal action against the Government over the European Constitution. We owe it to his memory, as benefactor to the Federation, to maintain the witness to our heritage and the fight for faith and freedom to the very best of our ability.

My outstanding memory of Phillip, in conversations with him, is that of his deep spirituality and his emotion when speaking of the great truths we hold in respect of our covenant heritage. He had that rare ability of making you feel that he had been your friend for a long time, even if you just met him. It is a privilege to pay this tribute to his life and work.

Michael A Clark ■



Although Phillip died a bachelor and

OBITUARIES

We mark the calling to higher service of those Members who have passed on...

David Bell, who served as treasurer for the North-West Area for over seven years until his passing on 9th December, 2006, being the anniversary of the deliverance of Jerusalem by British Forces under General Allenby. It was a date so very appropriate for such an upright army officer who served in Egypt during the Second World War. David was born in 1922, the same year that the Covenant Publishing Co was established and brought up a B.I. by his birth parents and his foster parents. Based in Cairo during the war repairing and testing guns, he never saw a shot fired in anger. David was a water engineer who worked in Warrington and during the late 1970s, for seven years in Saudi Arabia, which must have been difficult as a committed Christian. In his younger days he cut an attractive figure, but being faithful to his aunt, he never married. He is mourned by his eldest niece, Mrs Penny Carpenter, who was brought up a B.I. like her uncle.

Richard Hall, former Secretary to B.I.W.F. and the Covenant Publishing Co. who served us so well for many years in London and Glastonbury. He was a member of Ian Smith's UDI Cabinet in Rhodesia and died

suddenly on 17th November, 2007, three days before Ian Smith himself. We greatly miss his presence in committee meetings, also his joyful and exuberant greetings whether person to person or by telephone. We express our sympathy especially to René his wife and to his three sons. Many former Rhodesians attended his funeral, including his successor as B.I.W.F. Secretary, together with our present General Secretary, both of whom are expatriates of Rhodesia.

Pam Phillimore, the eldest of two faithful sisters from a naval family who learned B.I. from their mother. They were enthusiastic members over many years and passed away within the same year. Pam was active to the end and in her 91st year when she died peacefully on 21st December, 2007. She served as chairman and secretary of the Portsmouth Branch over a period of some 15 years. Pam was an indomitable Christian lady who inherited a strong character. She came from a generation which valued manners and courtesy. During the Second World War she worked as a cipher officer on Admiral Ramsey's staff.

Peggy Phillimore, the second daughter of their Naval Captain father, died suddenly in January 2007 being spared aging disabilities. Peggy had been involved with the work of the Federation from her teens in Folkestone, where speakers received generous hospitality. Although she played a back-seat role she was a joy to be with and must have communicated this to the many injured as a Nightingale S.R. Nurse during World War II.

Alison Rutherford, a prominent and lively personality in the Federation over very many years, especially at the Swanwick Convention where she always insisted upon having a room in the Garden House rather than the more comfortable main building! Alison served on the Board of Management for two terms and being resident in Bath did much to maintain the Branch there as an active officer in the former South-West Area. She died on 20th June, 2007, just short of her 90th birthday, but coincidental with the 170th anniversary of the accession of Queen Victoria, which no doubt would have pleased her to know. Our condolences go to her family and especially to her son, His Honour Judge Andrew Rutherford, DL.

DID YOU KNOW?

Caananite practices adopted by Israel, but condemned by the prophets, involved sacrificing children to the God Molech.

However, in the UK alone, around 200,000 women a year undergo an abortion.

More than 6 billion viewers have seen the Jesus film over the past 28 years. This film is now approaching its target of translation into 1,000 different languages worldwide.

British-Israel advocate Mordecai Hams' most well known Christian convert was Billy Graham, one of 303,387 people brought to Jesus Christ through his crusades.

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
Charity No: 208709

121 Low Etherley, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham, DL14 0HA, the sum of £_____ sterling, free of Inheritance Tax, to be paid to the Financial Secretary, for the timebeing, 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.

Please indicate if you are a UK tax payer so that we can claim the Gift Aid portion from the Inland Revenue.



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