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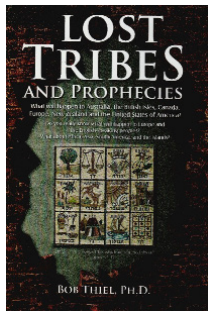


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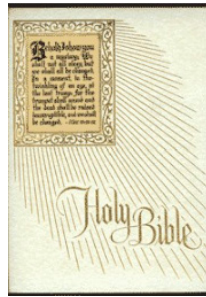
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Should a Christian Vote?

With the Republican and Democratic conventions being over, the USA and much of the world is focusing a lot on who may be elected President of the United States this November.

From time to time, we see the candidates bring religion into their campaigns.

Should Christians vote? The Bible teaches that Christians should follow Jesus' example (Philippians 2:5). So, if Jesus was an American citizen, would He vote?

In the USA, some seem to think that Jesus would vote for members of the Democratic party, because Democrats are perceived by some to be more compassionate than Republicans. Others feel certain that Jesus would vote for Republicans because Republicans are perceived by some to be more "pro-life" (anti-abortion) than Democrats. Some others, noting hypocrisy in both major parties, feel that Jesus would vote for the candidates offered by the smaller political parties due to their personalities or views on different subjects.

Democracy is not new.

Democracy was known before the time of Christ. In ancient Greece, all the male citizens were expected to vote on the issues facing their society. The Greeks introduced the concept of democracy to the Romans. The Romans (who were somewhat skeptical of the Greek model) set up a modified form of democracy called a republic. In a republic, elected representatives are supposed to vote for their interpretation of the will of the people. The U.S (which on paper is a republic) is patterned after the Roman model. Many other "democracies" of the world and even many churches also use this form. Switzerland is perhaps the most notable exception as it is more patterned after the Greek model.

Most people in western societies seem to feel that some form of democracy is the best form of government. Would God agree? The Bible warns us, "there is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death" (Proverbs 16:25). It also warns us, "It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jeremiah 10:23).

In Genesis 2:17 God warned Adam and Eve to not partake of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. But Adam and Eve did not listen to God. After listening to Satan, they decided that they did not need to listen to God but that they should decide for themselves (Genesis 3:1-6). This is the first recorded act of human democracy in action.

Nowhere in the entire Bible do we see God sanctioning democracy.

The Bible shows that God appointed his leaders and made them known to his people. From Enoch to Noah to Moses to David to the Prophets to Jesus and even to the Apostles, we read nothing about God encouraging democracy. Actually, according to the Bible, democracy is condemned. When Samuel was God's appointed leader/judge, the majority of the people wanted a king like the rest of the world. Even though there appeared to have been legitimate criticisms of Samuel's leadership, God told Samuel that the people had rejected God and not Samuel (1 Samuel 8:1-9). The Bible says it was evil in the sight of God for the people to ask to have a government like the other nations around them (1 Samuel 12:17).

The Bible teaches that God sets up as leaders whomever He wants (Daniel 4:17).

The Bible records incidences of religious leaders who felt that they were as good as the ones that God appointed, but God had other ideas. For example, Korah (who was a religious leader and a Levite) was

apparently in favor of voting and a republican form of government (which is what, the United States, for example, constitutionally claims to have). After assembling 250 supporters (who were community leaders/representatives) he said to Moses and Aaron:

3 You take too much upon yourselves, for all the congregation is holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the congregation of the LORD? (Numbers 16:3)

God clearly did not agree with Korah's assessment and God decreed death to Korah and his followers (Numbers 16:32). When some of the people thought that God's punishment was excessive, God also severely punished them (Numbers 16:49). Thus, God did not sanction voting in a republican form of government.

If democracy was to be sanctioned in the Bible for Christians, most certainly it would be sanctioned in the New Testament. Greek and Roman ways were widely known. In the New Testament we read of Jesus appointing apostles. Paul writes that God first appoints apostles, secondarily prophets, etc. for the edifying the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:11,12).

When Judas needed to be replaced (after his betrayal of Jesus and his suicide), the apostles did not have an election, they followed the Biblical example of seeking God's will:

24 You, O Lord, who know hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen ... 26 And they cast their lots. (Acts 1:24,26)

Notice the apostles did not decide that they were qualified to see into a person's heart.

Some have written that various forms of democracy are now acceptable because they believe certain scriptures in the book of Acts imply it. The primary verses appear to be in the story of Acts 15. In Acts 15 many of the apostles and elders met together to discuss circumcision and Gentile believers. A multitude of counsellors was used to discuss the matter. Some feel that using counsel is indicative of democracy. However, the fact that a multitude of

counsellors was used does not change God's form of government. In the Old Testament we read that not only has God always encouraged this practice (Proverbs 11:14). We also read that God himself engaged in it (2 Chronicles 18:18-21). Thus the fact that some of the Church leadership followed this practice only shows that God's governmental practices from the Old Testament were to be continued.

It is interesting to note something else mentioned in the Book of Acts:

38 "And now I say to you, keep away from these men and let them alone; for if this plan or this work is of men, it will come to nothing; 39 but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it – lest you even be found to fight against God." (Acts 5:38-39)

Those who vote in worldly elections apparently believe they know aspects of the plan of God that there is no human way they could know. Yet, look at what God said to Samuel, one clearly called and appointed by God, when Samuel thought he knew who the next king over Israel should be:

6 So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before Him." 7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." (1 Samuel 16:6-7)

It is also interesting to realize that many who believe that the New Testament sanctions democracy also believe that God's future ruling government (in the Kingdom of God) will not be a democracy.

Jesus told the apostles that they would be rulers over the twelve tribes of Israel in his kingdom (Luke 22:30). When Jesus chose the disciples, they did not get their positions from any form of democracy (John 15:16; 6:70). God, not man, chose David to be king over Israel originally (Acts 13:22) and has also chosen him to be king over all Israel in the world ahead (Jeremiah 30:9).

By the way, Jesus said that God the Father has reserved who will have certain positions of authority in the kingdom of God (Matthew 20:23). The rewards in the kingdom will be Jesus' to give (Revelation 22:12); they will not be for the people to take for themselves.

Democracy and the Kingdom of God?

Democracy will not be God's form of government in His kingdom.

Why?

One of the many problems of voting is that no human thinks the way God does.

8 'For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways', says the LORD. (Isaiah 55:8)

When Jesus was on Earth, he proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom of God and told people to repent (Mark 1:14-15). Jesus refused to participate in even the most elementary governmental decisions while He was on the earth (Luke 12:13-14).

Although Jesus taught that we were to pay taxes (Matthew 22:17-21), He also taught that His kingdom was not of this world (John 18:36). Jesus taught His disciples to go into the world and preach the gospel to everyone (Matthew 28:19,20). Jesus said that His disciples were to be in the world, but not of it (John 17:11-16).

The apostle Peter clearly understood this. He wrote that being part of God's people made one part of a holy nation (1 Peter 2:9). The apostle Paul wrote that this present world was evil (Galatians 1:4).

The Apostle John was inspired to write:

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away,

and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. (1 John 2:15-17)

The Bible warns of the consequences of being part of the world's systems and its governments and tells us to come out of it and to be separate:

17 Therefore

"Come out from among them
And be separate, says the Lord.

Do not touch what is unclean,
And I will receive you. (2 Corinthians 6:17)

2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! 3 For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury."

4 And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. 5 For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. (Revelation 18:2-5)

The world's system is evil and unclean. We strive to be separate from it.

Look at what the Bible teaches will happen in the Last Days and what Christians are to do about it,

1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! (2 Timothy 3:1-5)

Note that God's word does not encourage voting as the solution.

Paul said that Christians are to be ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20).

What is an ambassador? Merriam-Webster has the following definition:

1 : an official envoy; especially : a diplomatic agent of the highest rank accredited to a foreign government or sovereign as the resident representative of his or her own government or sovereign or appointed for a special and often temporary diplomatic assignment

2 a : an authorized representative or messenger

If you are a real Christian, you are an authorized, official envoy, for Christ!

Ambassadors often live in alien nations, some of which are clearly hostile to their beliefs. Ambassadors, though they live in other societies, do not involve themselves in the politics of the societies that they live in. There is a time for God's people to take over the governments of this world, but it is not yet (John 18:36, Daniel 7:17-18). It will be after the second coming of Jesus (1 Thessalonians 4:16, Revelation 11:15).

To Christians, Peter wrote:

9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY. 11 Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. 12 Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation. Honor Authority 13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, 14 or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. 15 For such is the will

of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. (1 Peter 2:9-15, NASB)

Aliens and strangers in a land do not vote.

Now the Bible does mention one particular vote by the Apostle Paul (while he was still Saul and thus unconverted). Notice what he later said about it:

9 Indeed, I myself thought I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. 10 This I also did in Jerusalem, and many of the saints I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. (Acts 26:9-10)

And while the above is not of itself a blanket condemnation of all voting, it is the only time the word "vote" or "voting" is in the Bible. And it does show that even religiously zealous/conservative/liberal individuals do not always vote correctly and can do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

Voting also leads to divisions in the church which we do not wish to promote (cf. 1 Corinthians 1:10).

Do not get caught up in the politics of this world.

If Christians are not supposed to vote to select leaders, what should we do about leaders?

Pray for them!

Notice what Paul wrote:

1 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior. (1 Timothy 2:1-3)

Notice that we are to pray for worldly leaders and those that have authority over us so that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life. Nothing like this is said for voting that many falsely claim is their "Christian"

duty – prayer for leaders is.

Some think prayer is not enough – but we need to “have faith in God” (Mark 11:22).

We are also to pray for our spiritual leaders. Notice what Jesus taught:

2 The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. (Luke 10:2)

Notice what Paul taught:

25 Brethren, pray for us. (1 Thessalonians 5:25)
1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you, 2 and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith. (2 Thessalonians 3:1-2)

We also are to pray:

14 The will of the Lord be done (Acts 21:14).

Similarly, Jesus taught:

7 And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. 9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:7-10)

And that, I believe, should be the type of prayer that Christians have about elections. Followers of the true God are also told to:

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
6 In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.
7 Do not be wise in your own eyes;
Fear the LORD and depart from evil. (Proverbs 3:5-7)

Voting for one promoting evil (abortion in the case of most USA Democrats and “country first,” in violation of the first commandment, in the case of

certain USA Republicans) is not a Christian thing to do.

Many people, however, apparently are not satisfied with the biblical admonitions to trust God to choose political leaders. This is not new (1 Samuel 8:6-7).

And while I can certainly understand that people often feel that they should do more, people often forget that God inspired Jeremiah to write:

23 O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps (Jeremiah 10:23).

Also notice what Hosea was inspired to write:

6 Observe mercy and justice, And wait on your God continually. (Hosea 12:6)

Some of those that vote seem to forget what God said:

8 “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts ...” (Isaiah 55:8-9)

17 ‘This decision is by the decree of the watchers, And the sentence by the word of the holy ones, In order that the living may know That the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, Gives it to whomever He will, And sets over it the lowest of men.’ (Daniel 4:17)

It may be of interest to point out that Jesus suggested that people would take matters in their own hands thinking that they are doing God a service (John 16:2). And while this referred to killing, the principle is still that one should not violate what God instructs and justify it by thinking that is what God wants one to do.

Let me also add that NONE of the candidates running for the USA presidency has called for national repentance nor seeking first the kingdom of God.

Although many in the Greco-Roman Catholic and Protestant religions sincerely believe that it is their “Christian duty” to vote (even though that “duty” is not specified in the Bible), some seem to have overlooked some prophecies related to political leaders in the end times:

12 As for My people, children are their oppressors, And women rule over them. O My people! Those who lead you cause you to err, And destroy the way of your paths.” (Isaiah 3:12)

16 For the leaders of this people cause them to err, And those who are led by them are destroyed. (Isaiah 9:16)

It should be clear that Isaiah prophesied that there would be end time leaders that cause people to err. This is what many politicians, directly and indirectly do.

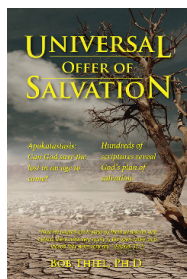
Related to voting and other aspects of this world’s systems, here is something from the Statement of Beliefs of the Continuing Church of God:

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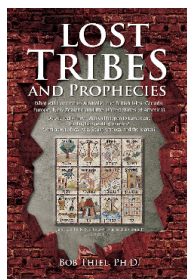
Jesus taught, “My kingdom is not of this world” (John 18:36). Early Christians understood “the gospel of peace” (Romans 10:15; Ephesians 6:15) prohibited them from engaging in violent military behavior. John the Baptist taught, “Do violence to no man” (Luke 3:14, KJV). Historically, those of the Church of God have considered military service as wrong for its members. From Revolutionary War times to the Civil War and to present, countries like the United States have tended to have had provisions to exempt Church of God members and congregants from military participation because of conscientious objections. Early Christians did not participate in military warfare nor watch violent sports.

Christians place their focus and hope on Jesus and the coming Kingdom of God. Not the politics or elections in this age.

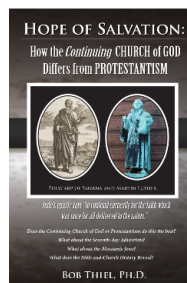
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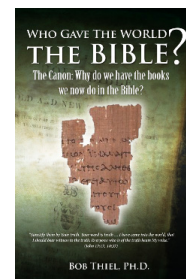
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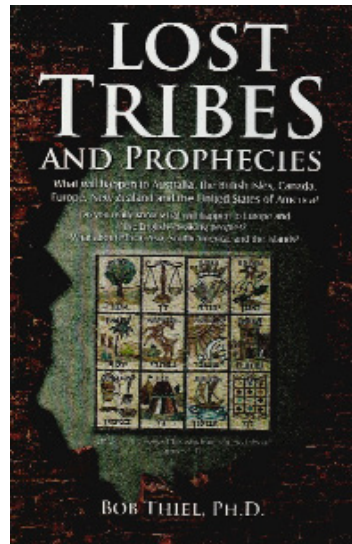
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Who Gave The World The Bible?

Prophecies for 2 Tribes, Part 2

By Bob Thiel



This is the second part of a two-part series covering prophecies related to 2 of the 13 tribes of Israel.

The Throne of David Was to Continue

Let's look at some prophecies related to the throne of David:

45 ... King Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the Lord forever. (1 Kings 2:45)

3 "I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David: 4 'Your seed I will establish forever, And build up your throne to all generations.'" (Psalm 89:3-4)

2 ... Hear the word of the Lord, O king of Judah, you who sit on the throne of David, you and your servants and your people who enter these gates! (Jeremiah 22:2)

17 "For thus says the Lord: 'David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel; 18 nor shall the priests, the Levites, lack a man to offer burnt offerings before Me, to kindle grain offerings, and to sacrifice continually.'" (Jeremiah 33:17-18)

The above passages make clear that the throne of David was to last. Since scripture cannot be broken (John 10:35), then someone has to be on that throne now. Let me also state that there have been Levites

ever since Jeremiah 33:17-18 — the fact that they do not do their original biblical role for offerings does NOT change the fact that they still exist, which is all that scripture requires for them. It should also be noted that Young's Literal Translation says "one" instead of "a man," which literally allows for a woman to have the throne (the NET uses "successor" and the NLT uses "descendant").

Furthermore, since God had Jeremiah write this during the life of the last king on the throne of David in Jerusalem (Zedekiah) this may also be suggesting that Jeremiah would be involved in the continuity of the Davidic throne.

Although some have improperly asserted that Jeremiah 33:17 does not mean that anyone actually has to be on the throne, only available to be on it, remember also the following:

10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people. (Genesis 49:10)

The Bible shows that scepter came to David of Judah when he became king (cf. Numbers 24:17; 1 Samuel 16:12-13). Some who do not accept that the British Royal family can be holding that scepter have said that "Until Shiloh comes" means Jesus' first coming.

However, that is in error for three reasons.

The first is if that were the case, then where were the kings between Zedekiah (the last King of Judah) and Jesus? There were none.

And secondly, during His first coming, Jesus said His Kingdom was future (John 18:36), so He did not assume the throne then. Critics of what is known as British-Israelism do not seem to realize that and they wrongly rationalize away many scriptures. Jesus will sit on the throne of David in the millennial Kingdom of God.

And thirdly, note that Genesis 49:10 has to be a reference to the second coming of Jesus, as we did not see the obedience of the people given to Him during the first coming. Hence, biblically, there had to have been a royal succession from Judah's line after Zedekiah until Jesus' return.

Consider that through the prophet Nathan, God made a remarkable promise to King David:

12 "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ... 15 But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever. (2 Samuel 7:12-13, 15-16)

The throne was to be established forever — and it has been! And this is the throne Jesus will return to.

Scripture is plainly teaching that someone has had to have been on that throne since the time of Zedekiah (a contemporary of Jeremiah), who was the last king of Judah in the Holy Land until Jesus returns to set up the millennial kingdom.

Since someone had to fill the regal role, we can see through historical records and legends that the royalty in the British Isles fits this.

Now, some have pointed to Jeremiah 22:28-30 as proof that, because God said that Coniah (also called Jeconiah) would not have a son to be on the throne of David as proof that the line would not continue, that overlooks the fact that the line continued through Coniah's brother Zedekiah (1 Chronicles 3:16).

The idea that "Christ upon His return, will take over David's throne" was believed by those who held to many Church of God doctrines in Transylvania during the late Middle Ages. (Marx G. The Beliefs and Practices of the Church of God in Transylvania During the Middle Ages, 1588-1623; see also Die Sabbatharier in Siebenburgen ((The Sabbatarians in Transylvania) Ihre Geschichte, Literatur und Dogmatic (their story, literature and doctrines) ein Beitrag zur Religions und Kulturgeschichte der Juengsten Drei Jahrhunderte (a contribution to the religious and cultural history of the last three centuries) von (by) Dr. Samuel Kohn, printed in Leipzig, Germany in 1894).

The idea that Jesus would return to the throne of David is NOT a 19th, 20th, or 21st century invention.

This 'throne of David' doctrine is also taught in the New Testament:

31 ... Jesus . 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. (Luke 1:31-32)

28 So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." (Matthew 19:28)

Notice that these are still future prophecies. Jesus has been appointed "heir of all things" (Hebrews 1:2). Jesus is not now on the throne of David and He will not be until the coming millennial Kingdom of God (cf. Acts 2:29-30; Revelation 11:15, 20:4).

Therefore, until Jesus returns, someone needs to be on the throne — and the British Royal Family has an

occupant to this day.

The New Testament also teaches:

5 ... Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed ... (Revelation 5:5)

Note that even in the last book of the Bible, Jesus is again tied in with David and is prophesied to prevail. Jesus will gain the throne of David (Luke 1:32).

Jeremiah and the King's Daughters

In the Bible, the expression "king's daughters" is used twice, both in the Book written by Jeremiah (Jeremiah 41:10, 43:6), with Jeremiah travelling with them to Egypt the second time. Could Jeremiah have travelled elsewhere with them?

If Jeremiah took one or more of the "king's daughters" with him to Ireland, this would have been a way to fulfill the following prophecies:

10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah.
(Genesis 49:10)

5 I promised David your father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.'
(1 Kings 9:5)

The Davidic kingdom ended in Judah nearly six centuries BEFORE Christ came (around 586 B.C.), thus there had to be a way for the descendants of David to rule. And probably prior to the time the last true king of Judah died, his daughters (at least one of whom seems to have been in the British Isles) married and later had descendants to reign. Those who actually believe what the Bible teaches realize that somehow God must have fulfilled His promises. And the British Isles seems to make the most historical sense to fulfill this.

As far as Jeremiah, himself, goes, when my wife and I were in Ireland in 2022, we went to several places that some claim that Jeremiah visited and/or was buried. While many scholars believe there was no ancient proof he was in Ireland, there are ancient records pointing to a prophet from the Hebrews coming to Ireland (Wall JE. JEREMIAH IN IRELAND

Proof from the Bible and the Irish Annals in The Lost Tribes of Israel — Selected Writings. Freetoshare Publications, 2011 pp. 36-48; Keating G. The history of Ireland from the earliest period to the English Invasion. P. M. Haverty, 1857, pp. 122,126,136).

Some claim Jeremiah is referred to in the ancient literature as Iarbanel, Caei (Wall, pp. 41-42), and/or Ollam Fodhla (Wall, p. 46; The Stone of Destiny. Gleanings from" the Tracing Board" of The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan — 1986; McNair R. KEY TO NORTHWEST EUROPEAN ORIGINS. AuthorHouse, 2012, p. 126).

Though some have eliminated Ollam Fodhla as being Jeremiah because of date issues, there seems to have been more than one Ollam Fodhla in ancient Irish history. A 6th century BCE date is given for one Ollamh Fodhla (Petrie, p. 154) which would seem to be the person some claim was Jeremiah (McNair, p. 126).

Jeremiah and Tea Tephi

Is it possible that there is a connection between the British Royal Family, a daughter of a Judean king, and the prophet Jeremiah?

Yes.

Here is an explanation of what some believe happened that was published in 1879:

The Phœnicians, or Philistines, ... took early possession of Ireland. On this point the old as well as the new historians generally agree. But there was another early settlement in the North of Ireland, whom the historians called Tuath de Danan, which simply means the folks of the Tribe of Dan. They introduced into the Irish language hundreds of Hebrew words, with many customs and legends of the Hebrews. ... God promised to Israel, as a people and a kingdom, such pre-eminence in origin, power and growth. The answer then is simple and plain — England, as representing the Lost Tribes of Israel, and Queen Victoria, being a direct descendant from David. For she came of James VI., of Scotland

— he from Bruce and Duncan, and Malcolm, and Kenneth, and Kenneth through the kings of Argyleshire, Alpin, and Donald, and Fergus. Then through the long line of Irish Kings from Earca to Heremon, of Tara, and he married Tea Tephi, the daughter of Zedekiah, who, through Jeremiah, the prophet, had been hid from the destroying vengeance of Nebuchadnezzar. He killed all her brothers and kindred, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah and took him a captive to Babylon, where he died ...

God had promised to Jeremiah his life wherever he went ... Jer. xlv. 5. The North of Ireland had been settled with the tribe of Dan; they at once understood who their visitor was. They called him Olam Fodla, meaning a divine man or teacher. The princess was called Tea Tephi, the beautiful one from the East. This princess was married to Heremon, of Ulster, the king of Lothair Croffin, for such was the name of the city of Tara. This word Tara is Arat spelled backward. The Hebrew read from right to left; English, left to right. Lothair Croffin was changed into Tara at the time of the wedding. Tara means law. Thus began the seed of David to take root, and from there it spread over all Ireland, then to Scotland, thence to England, and Jacob's Stone in Westminster Abbey, marks the journey of David's throne, and has always kept with the seed, and they have been always crowned on it. ...

Ireland ... Ollam - Folla, which means a divine teacher; the name or title is in Hebrew. This man, ... founded a college to train students to teach and preach his religion. It was called Mur - Ollam, school of the divine. Here again the name is Hebrew, although in Irish.

This wonderful man had with him a fair young princess, whose name in Hebrew – Irish was Tea Tephi, which means the beautiful one from the East. This lovely princess was married to the governor of Ulster, Heremon. He resided in the city of Lothair Croffin. In the agreement of the marriage, among many things, he was to accept her religion, give her joint authority, and build the Mur- Ollam, or college, and sustain it. Also to

change the name of his city from Lothair Croffin to Tara, which means law; to adopt her standard or banner emblem, the harp and lion, and to be crowned on the wonderful stone called in Irish - Hebrew Lia - Fail, which means stone of destiny, sometimes called Eben Gedoulah, the precious stone. From this Tea Tephi we get our female goddess of liberty, who on old coins is seated upon a lion with the Davidian harp in her hand.

Our text {the Bible} tells us that Jeremiah was to plant and build up. Here he planted, and here he did build. He planted and built a throne, a college and a religion.

Turn to Ezekiel, 17th chapter, and read the famous riddle. Tea Tephi is the tender twig that was cropped off from the high cedar, King Zedekiah, and planted among the merchants by great waters on the mountain of Israel. She was the tender one that was to take root downward.

To Jeremiah the Lord said, "Verily it shall be well with thy remnant."

Nay, more, He told him that He would give him his life for a prey whithersoever he went. And in 2d Kings xix , 30, we read: "And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward and bear fruit upward. For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of Mount Zion; the zeal of the Lord of hosts shall do this."

And Ezekiel, in his captivity, sent forth a prophecy referring to the wicked prince, Zedekiah, saying of his throne in the name of Jehovah: "I will overturn, overturn, overturn it, and it shall be no more until he comes whose right it is, and I will give it him." So was this throne overturned, and was never after established in Jerusalem. You will notice that there are three overturnings, and as scriptural language is emphatic and not superfluous or tautological, these overturnings mean something.

Turn to history, and you will find this throne has been turned over just three times — first, from Jerusalem to Ireland; second, through

King Fergus to Scotland, and third, through King James, from Scotland to England. (Wild J. The Lost Tribes. J.O. Robinson, 1879, pp. 94, 107-108, 253, 274-276)

The above is one idea about how the royal line may have come to the British Isles. Some may point out that some of this is based on legend and conjecture, and hence not proof.

However, it is not offered as proof, only as an explanation of perhaps how God transferred the throne of David to the British Isles as well as showing some linguistic connections. King Heremon has also been referred to as Eochaid (Ibid, p. 63).

That said, items related to Tea Tephi are consistent with some scriptures:

19 Therefore thus says the Lord God: "As I live, surely My oath which he despised, and My covenant which he broke, I will recompense on his own head. 20 I will spread My net over him, and he shall be taken in My snare. I will bring him to Babylon and try him there for the treason which he committed against Me. (Ezekiel 17:19-20)

Zedekiah despised God's covenant and was taken to Babylon (2 Kings 25:7).

22 Thus says the Lord God: "I will take also one of the highest branches of the high cedar and set it out. I will crop off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and will plant it on a high and prominent mountain. (Ezekiel 17:22)

The tender twig looks like a reference to a female descendant of Zedekiah. The late John Ogwyn said this is what this means and that this princess went to Ireland with Jeremiah, then married into the royal Zerah line, and healed the breach (Ogwyn J. Lesson 49 - Major Prophets Ezekiel 17-32. Bible Study Series Date: May 7, 2002). Raymond McNair concurred and wrote that the tender twig in Ezekiel 17:22 was Tea Tephi (McNair, Key to Northwest Origins, pp. 88-89).

Notice something from one of the primary Irish chronicles, The Annals of the Kingdom of Ireland by

the Four Masters:

Tea, daughter of Lughaidh, son of Ith, whom Eremhon married ... the Tea who requested of Eremhon a choice hill as her dower ... that she might be interred there ... (O'Donovan J. Annals of the Kingdom of Ireland by the Four Masters. Dublin: Hodges, 1854, p. 31)

Here are some comments related to this:

At first glance, this would seem to rule out her being the daughter of Zedekiah. However, Lughaidh may not refer to an actual person. The Irish are referred to as the "race of Lughaidh" and Ireland as "the land of Lughaidh" — "one of the many arbitrary bardic names for Ireland." (Annals of the Four Masters, Vol. 6, appendix)

Lughaidh in old Gaelic could mean "House of God" — broken down as Logh, "God," and aidhe, "house, habitation, fortress." (Edward O'Reilly, An Irish-English Dictionary, 1821, 1864)

"House of God" (Hebrew Beth-El) may have been a designation for David's dynasty or even for the "large, rough stone" reportedly brought by Jeremiah ... (Robinson T. The Throne of Britain: Its Biblical Origin and Future. United Church of God, 2003, p. 17)

Consider also:

It may be curious here to remark that the Welsh people were sometimes called Taffes or Taphies, possibly from the city of Tahpanhes (Jer. 43:7) or in memory of Tephi, the daughter of Zedekiah, to whom their loyalty is acknowledged. (Spencer, p. 97)

It appears that there are some linguistic and other connections. The impact of Semitic languages in Europe, including the British Isles has been noticed by more modern scholars as well (e.g. Klyosov AA, Tomezzol GT. DNA Genealogy and Linguistics. Ancient Europe. Advances in Anthropology, 2013. Vol.3, No.2, 101-111).

Before going further, perhaps it should be

mentioned that a naysaying critic in at least one somewhat slick “smooth talking” video from 2022 supposedly disproving British-Israelism claimed that there were no Hebrew linguistic connections to the British Isles and that Tea Tephí was someone who was made up by researcher Frederick Glover in the 19th century. That is false.

Teah/Tea Tephí herself is mentioned in an old Irish poem from the 6th century by Amergin (also spelled Amairgen) and is referred to as Queen in a ballad from the 11th century which was translated in the *Annals of the Four Masters* by the 1631 (McDonald RH. *The Hill of Tara*. *Journal of the British Archaeological Association*, Volume 1. 1895, pp. 274-275). The 6th century poem says that Tea married Heremon (Ibid, p. 274, Petrie pp. 129-136). The 1024 ballad refers to the grave of Tea as also the tomb of Tephí, and also says, “Tephí, ‘the most beautiful’” (McDonald, p. 275).

The names Tea and Tephí are not hard to pick up when you look at something like the original Gaelic text that Amergin used in the 6th century as put forth below (as found in Petrie, pp. 130-136 which has Amergin’s poem in Gaelic):

Tea ... Tephí

Hence, it should be clear that Tea Tephí was not a 19th century invention.

While there are many points of view, in Tea Tephí’s case, the naysayer could have easily found her prior historical existence out (instead it looks like he got his view from Wikipedia, which had it wrong — and I helped correct it, though Wikipedia would not allow a full correction — despite receiving clear proving references). The following passage applies to many of that naysayer’s ilk:

16 The lazy man is wiser in his own eyes Than seven men who can answer sensibly. (Proverbs 26:16)

The use of smooth talkers against Christian leaders speaking truth even happened in New Testament times (Acts 24:1-8).

As far as possible biblical connections to the name

Tephí, Solomon had a daughter named Taphath (1 Kings 4:11) also spelled Tephath (Brenton Septuagint Translation). Since ancient Hebrew did not have vowels, the fact that a female descent of Solomon had a name similar to Tephí would be consistent with it possibly being a derivative of the royal Hebrew name.

As far as her husband’s name goes, the Hebrew Bible has the term Hermon 13 times, as the name of a mountain (mountains often picture governance scripture, e.g. Ezekiel 20:40) — and the Hebrew term for that one (Deuteronomy 3:9) could possibly be related to the name of the Heremon.

Perhaps it should be added that in the 19th century, John Goodrich claimed to translate songs and other Celtic-related sources into a poetic book he put together called *The Book of Tephí* (Goodchild JA. *The Book of Tephí*. Paul, 1897). Because he relied heavily on oral traditions, it has been dismissed as a forgery or otherwise questionable. Yet, since it is not proven to be a forgery, it may not be, and likely contains some statements once based on fact. It does contain many statements that support what is in this book, but it has not been a source for Tea Tephí or other references in this book.

The Red Hand

Prophecy states that the scepter would not depart from Judah (Genesis 49:10) and there are reports that there looked to have been the merging of two royal families in Ireland from the twins Judah had with Tamar (Genesis 38:24-30).

Notice the following about a breach occurring when Tamar delivered:

27 Now it came to pass, at the time for giving birth, that behold, twins were in her womb. 28 And so it was, when she was giving birth, that the one put out his hand; and the midwife took a scarlet thread and bound it on his hand, saying, “This one came out first.” 29 Then it happened, as he drew back his hand, that his brother came out unexpectedly; and she said, “How did you break through? This breach be upon

you!” Therefore his name was called Perez. 30 Afterward his brother came out who had the scarlet thread on his hand. And his name was called Zerah. (Genesis 38:27-30)

Since the breach was recorded in scripture it had to have some significant importance.

Hosea 12:1 teaches that Ephraim follows the “east wind,” which means it would head west. The British Isles are west of the ancient land of Israel. Furthermore, Psalm 89:20-25 discusses David, and that God would exalt his horn (kingdom) and hand in the sea — the British Isles are, of course, in the sea. The Bible also tells of many of Ephraim’s descendants being in the north (Jeremiah 31:8-14) as well as the north and west (Isaiah 49:12), which the British Isles and Canada are.

With the verses in the preceding chapter in mind as well as the breach matters, notice some of what Raymond McNair asserted about the transfer of the throne to the British Isles:

We know, especially from the Bible (as well as from history) that Jeremiah did journey to Northern Ireland bringing the royal seed — the daughters of King Zedekiah — with him.

One of these daughters, Tea Tephi, married Prince Herimon, a descendant of Zarah, a son of Judah. Princess Tea Tephi was a descendant of Pharez, whose descendants had been reigning in Jerusalem, Palestine. This marriage united the Pharez and the Zarah line, and the “breach” (Pharez means “breach”) was at last mended. But how do we know that the descendants of Zarah were in North Ireland?

THE RED HAND OF ULSTER

From time immemorial the people of Northern Ireland (Ulster) have used the “RED HAND” as an emblem on their heraldry. This “red hand” goes back to the time of Zarah’s birth, when a RED or SCARLET THREAD was tied around his HAND, signifying Zarah’s right to a regal position (Genesis 38:28, 29). His brother, Pharez, was born first, causing a breach.

Some of the “Scotic” people of North Ireland were descendants of the Zarah line of Judah!

“The St. George’s Cross with the ANCIENT regional emblem, the BLOOD-RED RIGHT HAND of Ulster, at its center surmounted by the Royal Crown, forms the flag of Northern Ireland. A shield bearing the similar emblem and surrounded by a wreath at the center of the Union forms the flag of the Governor of Ireland.” (Evans, *The Observer’s Book of Flags*, p. 28) (As cited in McNair, p. 90)

Yes, “the red hand” appears on a variety of items in that part of the world.

Tacitus, a Roman 1st/2nd century historian, wrote that some claim that the Jews were fugitives from Crete (Publius Cornelius Tacitus. *History of Tacitus*, Book V. Bod Third Party Titles, 2022, p. 265).

There was a tradition, still known in the 1600s, that during the time of Solomon (c. 960 BC), some Phoenicians (who had earlier made it to Crete), were accompanied by Hebrews and reached as far as England (Cohen A. *Anglo-Israelism*. *Universal Jewish Encyclopedia*, Volume 1, 1934, p. 317). There are also claims that a descendant of Zerah, called Dara (1 Chronicles 2:6) or Darda (cf. 1 Kings 4:31), was the King Dardanus of Greek legend, and hence was from the line of Zerah (Totten CALT. *The Secret of History or the King’s Daughters*. Totten, 1891, pp. 165-207).

One reason that may be relevant here is that it has been claimed that Heremon was from the line of Zerah, that earlier went to the Greek isle of Crete from the Middle East and to Spain and then became part of the Milesian dynasty in Ireland (Kendall C. *The Breach*. Dorrance Publishing Company, p. 288; Totten, pp. 213-219,232). It is claimed “Heremon XXIII was born in Spain” (Totten, p. 231). There is a report of Milesian dynasty and a Heremon being part of it, but at an earlier period, that are in the 19th century book, *The Story of Ireland* (Sullivan. *The Story of Ireland*. Sullivan, 1885, pp. 20-21). The Milesians had connection to Crete, Scythia, Spain, and included at least one called Heremon (McNeay M. *The True Origin of the Sons of Mil*. *Journal of the County Louth Archaeological and Historical*

Society, Vol. 18, No. 1, 1973, pp. 69-83). The sons of Mil (the Milesians) were not from Tuatha De Danaan (Ibid), hence could have been from Judah as some assert (Kendall, p. 288). The 12th century Gregory of Monmouth tied the founding of royalty in the British Isle as coming from some who had been in Troy of Greece (Giles JA. Old English Chronicles Including Ethelwerd's Chronicle, Asser's Life of Alfred, Geoffrey of Monmouth's British History, Gildas, Nennius; Together with the Spurious Chronicle of Richard of Cirencester. 1908, G. Bell, pp. 113-114). In the 17th century, citing the 1st century B.C. biographer Cornelius Nepos as the source, it was claimed Helen of Troy was a British woman (Sadler, p. 35). According to one version of Plato's dialogue, Socrates ties the Milesians in with Helen of Troy (Seven Sages of Greece. <https://www.hellenicaworld.com/Greece/LX/en/SevenSagesOfGreece.html> accessed 05/18/23).

A 19th century Yale professor reported that the Milesians referred to themselves as "children of the red branch — or of the Scarlet thread!" and reported that they were temporarily in Crete (Totten, p. 208). Related to the Milesians:

Virgil says: "Crete ora Curetum ... Et tandem antequis Curetum allabimur oris." (Ibid)

Roughly translated to mean, "cured in coastal Crete ... At last, we were enticed to be by cured its mouth" ("cured" to have the scepter?).

Furthermore, in Ulster two thousand years ago, there was a military group called Curaidhe-na-Craoibhe-Ruaidhe which translates as "Champions" or "Knights of the Red Branch" (Connellan O. The Annals of Ireland, Translated from the Original Irish of the Four Masters; with Annotations. Geraghty, 1846, p. 413; Totten, p. 208). Hence, the idea that Northern Ireland may have understood a red branch connection with the descendants of Zerah is not some relatively modern invention.

Yale's Charles Totten asserted:

Heremon, ... conquered Ireland, subdued the Daanans, became their most famous prince, and eventually married Tea Tephi. In this union the Royal

lines of Zerah and Pharez were made ONE. (Totten, pp. 233-234)

With the joining of the royal Davidic line of King Zedekiah's daughter Tea Tephi (from Judah's son Perez/Pharez per Ruth 4:18-20) to the royal Prince Herimon/Heremon of Ulster from Judah's son Zarah/Zerah (which means "rising;" McNair, p. 89), the "breach" between the families reportedly "was mended." Both royal lines merged.

The exalting of the line of Zerah is also consistent with what was to happen to Judah after the King of Babylon conquered Judah. Ezekiel stated that the wicked king (Zedekiah) would lose the crown and things would not stay the same (Ezekiel 21:21-26a). Ezekiel also wrote that the humble, apparently meaning a daughter and a non-Pharez descendant (like Heremon), would be exalted and Zedekiah humbled (Ezekiel 21:26b).

That said, the Freemasons have published a legend that in Ireland Jeremiah joined prince

Eochaid to princess Tea Tephi:

STANDING on the deck of the ship Herman, which had just entered the harbor of Joppa, laden with tin from the north of Ireland, stood Eochaid, the Prince ... When the prince rode up with Tea Tephi in his arms, the prophet raised his hands and commanded the blessing of God to rest upon them. ... Jeremiah had joined the hands of the prince and princess over the sacred stone and the ark of the covenant, and looking up toward Heaven, he commanded the blessing of Israel's God to rest upon the throne of David. "For thus saith the Lord: I will overturn, overturn, overturn it, and it shall be no more until he comes whose right it is, and I will give it to him." (Kissick RG. The Irish Prince and the Hebrew Prophet. MASONIC PUBLISHING COMPANY, New York, 1896, pp. 73, 89, 139)

Although the Bible does not teach about Jeremiah joining the hands of any prince with any princess, it does mention the overturnings (Ezekiel 21:27) and a princess being moved and exalted (Ezekiel 17:22).

The Second Tamar

Perhaps it should also be mentioned that there was another Tamar (not the woman who was mother of Pharez and Zerah in Genesis 38). This Tamar was the sister of Absalom (2 Samuel 13:1) and the daughter of David's wife Maacah (2 Samuel 3:3).

Some have claimed that David brought her to Ireland because she had been defiled by her raping half-brother Amnon (2 Samuel 13:14) — and that is consistent with something quoted in an 11th century poem of Cuan O'Lochain (Hoeh H. COMPENDIUM OF WORLD HISTORY, VOLUME 1, p. 198).

If that is the case, then there could have been a royal line in Ireland from her over four centuries prior to Tea Tephi.

Stone of Destiny

As far as the "stone of destiny" goes, my wife and I saw what reportedly it was, back in 1993, when it was in the coronation throne in Westminster Abbey. It was not there the last time we visited Westminster Abbey (2019) as it is now stored in Scotland.

According to legend, it was the coronation stone used by the kings of Judah and some think it originally was Jacob's. Jacob had used a pillar stone as a pillow, then anointed it with oil, and said he it would be "God's house" (Genesis 28:18-22). Some of what the old Radio Church of God taught about it is in the Q&A section near the end of this magazine.

If that stone ended up in the first Temple under the Holy of Holies as some Jews claim (Vilnay Z. Legends of Jerusalem Volume 1. Jewish Publication Society, 1973, pp. 9-10), then it was not the coronation stone of scripture as that was not out in public view (cf. Leviticus 16:1-19; Hebrews 9:7-8).

During the time of that temple, the Bible points to coronations being done at/on a pillar stone that was in public, so that would not be at the Holy of Holies:

12 ... put upon him the crown and the insignia;

and they made him king, and anointed him; and...
14 ... behold, the king stood on the platform, as the manner was ... (2 Kings 11:12,14, Jewish Publication Society)

12 ... put the crown on him, and gave him the Testimony; they made him king and anointed him, and ... 14 ... there was the king standing by a pillar according to custom; (2 Kings 11:12,14, NKJV)

During the time of Jeremiah, King Josiah of Judah made a solemn covenant at what looks to be this very same stone (2 Kings 23:3).

Various ones have asserted that the coronation stone was brought to Ireland by Jeremiah and ended up in Scotland (E.g. Plain Truth Staff. The Bible Answers Short Questions From Our Readers. Plain Truth Magazine July 1959; The Christian remembrancer; or, The Churchman's Biblical, ecclesiastical & literary miscellany. 1864, p. 2). Fergus, son of Erc, is claimed to have taken it from Ireland and brought it to Scotland (Poole WH. Anglo-Israel Or, The Saxon Race, Proved to be the Lost Tribes of Israel. W. Briggs, 1889, p. 501). Some others claim that the true stone was actually kept in Ireland and a substitute was what was sent to Britain (but if so, no one seems know where it is). Some others say that King Edward took the wrong stone and there is one hidden in Scotland, but it has not been publicly revealed if that was the case (Cartwright M. Stone of Scone. World History Encyclopedia, 2018).

The stone that currently is in Scotland, that King Edward I had taken from Scotland and brought to Westminster Abbey in the late 1200s, is made from red sandstone, but does not look red at all. Some say it originated from Scone, Scotland and not from the Middle East — if so, then one or more of the transfer legends are in error. The reports that a stone was taken from Ireland to Scotland contradicts the Scottish origin of the stone, as others have noted (Ibid, Johnson B. The Stone of Destiny. Historic UK, viewed 03/06/23). Hence, the Scottish origin of the stone may not be a fact like some have asserted (Brackney, p. 61).

It may be of interest to note that there is red

sandstone in Haran, where Jacob's pillar stone originated, as well as many other places in the Middle East, including Petra. So, it may be possible that the stone in Scotland could have come from Jeremiah, but that is not dogma as we have not scientifically examined the stone ourselves to attempt to determine its original location.

However, it should be pointed out that the phallic stone currently at the Lia Fail on the Hill of Tara was not brought by Jeremiah. Legend says Tea Tephi removed an original phallic stone which was part of pagan worship (Yarrow S. The Legend of Teia Tephi, Queen of Ireland. http://www.pocketoz.com.au/colours/covenant_tephi.html accessed 08/12/22). After the Stone of Destiny went to Britain or otherwise left the Hill of Tara, a phallic stone was put back there and is there now (Joyce PW. The Wonders of Ireland and Other Papers on Irish Subjects, Longmans, Green, and Company, 1911, p. 70).

That is consistent with reports that there were two different origins of the Lia Fail. One is that Tuatha de Danann brought it from Germany, and it is an ancient pagan symbol, and the other is that a Milesian leader brought it over from Spain (Petrie, pp. 161-162). Since Tea Tephi reportedly came to Ireland via Spain (Petrie, p. 130), that could explain both stones (and there could be more than two).

The following from the 19th century mentions Jeremiah and the stone:

We have seen a late work on prophecy gravely affirming that the Prophet Jeremiah died in Ireland, having been forced hither by the wandering sons of Ephraim. One of the few unquestionable facts connected with early Irish history, is the intercourse between Ireland and the Phoenicians, through Spain. The Israelitish settlers, according to the tradition, carried with them Jacob's pillow or pillar, known as the Lia Fail or Stone of Destiny, which secured a perpetual monarchy to the people so happy as to possess it. This stone, at the crowning of the first king of the Scots in Scotland, was borrowed (The Christian remembrancer; or, The Churchman's Biblical, ecclesiastical & literary miscellany.

1864, p. 2)

The above legend is interesting as it looks to tie Ephraim in with the British Isles, and affirms the idea that Jeremiah also came to the isles. In the 43rd chapter of Jeremiah, Jeremiah is shown to be with the "king's daughters" (Jeremiah 43:1-6), but nothing like the pillar stone is mentioned with them.

That said, King Charles was to be coronated on a throne that will contain the 'Stone of Scone' (Enfield L. The disputed history of the Coronation Stone. BBC, March 6, 2023) — and that happened.

British Royal Family

Are there other biblical connections between the British Royal Family and the line of King David?

Yes.

When the wife of King James II, Mary/Margaret, was made Queen Consort, the ceremony in the mid-15th century tied her in with the wives of the Israeli patriarchs: Sarah (Abraham), Rebecca (Isaac), and Leah & Rachel (Jacob) (Ashmole E. The entire ceremonies of the coronations of His Majesty King Charles II. and of her Majesty Queen Mary, Consort to James II: As published by those learned heralds Ashmole and Sandford. With the prayers at full length. To which is prefix'd, an introduction historical and critical; likewise an appendix, containing many curious particulars. MDCCLXI, pp. 33-35).

In the early 17th century, Stuart King James I claimed to be the King of Israel (Brackney, p. 61).

In 1860 and 1881, Frederick Glover wrote about the connection between the children of Israel and the British. Later, he shared information with Queen Victoria. This was then reported in a New Zealand newspaper in 1902:

FRA Glover ... was led into an examination of the Royal pedigree, ... he sent her Majesty a letter ...

The Queen's answer ... acknowledged ... that she was already in possession of the facts of which

he had spoken to her concerning her ancestral line. ...

This communication ... led him to believe that the facts were actually accepted as genuine by the Royal Family – as true and authentic. (Adams RN. The King's Pedigree. Otaga Witness, September 24, 1902, p. 69)

Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, was the last surviving granddaughter of Queen Victoria. Princess Alice was the main patron of the British-Israel-World Federation organization which formed in 1919. She attended the federation's first Congress in July 1920 and remained a patron of the BIWF until her death in January 1981 (Stanley B. Christianity in the Twentieth Century, A World History. Princeton University Press, 2018, p. 24).

Furthermore, notice something that the then Duke of York, who later was King George VI of Great Britain from 11 December 1936 until his death on February 6, 1952, reportedly wrote in 1922:

... I am sure the British Israelite business is true. I have read a lot about it lately and everything no matter how large or small points to our being 'the chosen race.' (George, Duke of York. Letter, 1922. Facsimile printed in The Independent, April 6, 1996, as cited in Crawford H, Leo R. Scholarship, Sacrifice and Subjectivity: The Renaissance Bible Today. Taylor & Francis, 2021, p. 113)

So, even a recent King of Great Britain believed in British-Israelism (though Ephraimites, per say, are not the chosen race — they are recipients of certain covenant blessings).

In ancient times, God had the prophet Samuel anoint David to be king with oil from Israel (1 Samuel 16:1,13). Notice now a part of the ceremony for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II back in 1953:

O Lord and heavenly Father, the exalter of the humble and the strength of thy chosen, 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 by our

office and ministry is now to be anointed with this Oil, ... And as Solomon was anointed king by Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet, so be thou anointed, blessed, and consecrated Queen over the Peoples, whom the Lord thy God hath given thee to rule and govern, (Church of England. The Form and Order of the Service that is to be Performed and the Ceremonies that are to be Observed in the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in the Abbey Church of St. Peter Westminster on Tuesday the Second Day of June 1953. Eyre and Spottiswoode, 1953, pp. 12-13)

So, we see a tie in with governance, oil, Israel, David's son Solomon and other biblical aspects. The ancient kings of Israel were anointed (1 Samuel 15:1; 1 Kings 1:34) with oil (1 Samuel 16:13). Scepters were long recognized in the Bible as a symbol for ruling (Genesis 49:10; Ezekiel 19:14) and one was given to the new Queen. Having all of these as part of a coronation ceremony may be more than a coincidence or simple imitation of what some saw in the Bible (some assert the basic ceremony originated with Bishop Dunstan of the 10th century, but it is difficult to know what was done earlier in Scotland or Ireland and if he had access to any related information).

Here is some of what was said when King Charles III was anointed with oil as part of his coronation on May 6, 2023:

Be your head anointed with holy oil, as kings, priests, and prophets were anointed. And as Solomon was anointed king by Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet, so may you be anointed, blessed, and consecrated King over the peoples, whom the Lord your God has given you to rule and govern ... (The Coronation: King's coronation order of service: Follow ceremony including hymns, prayers and readings. Sky News, May 6, 2023)

Let it be added that Jerusalem was reportedly mentioned at least three times in his coronation ceremony (Ibid). And that is where Solomon would have been anointed king.

Furthermore, the olive oil mixture to be used to

anoint King Charles III was consecrated on the Mount of Olives which is adjacent to Jerusalem, and according to Justin Welby (the Archbishop of Canterbury), “ancient kings through to the present day, monarchs have been anointed with oil from this sacred place.” (Khalil h, Foster M. Holy oil to anoint King Charles III on his coronation, has been consecrated in Jerusalem. CNN, March 4, 2023). While those “ancient kings” referred to may only go back to Crusader times, it is possible that some anointing oil was originally brought to Ireland by Jeremiah and, in time, others decided to replenish it with an olive oil mixture from Jerusalem.

Have any in the current Royal Family believed in British Israelism?

Well, as it turns out, a longtime colleague of mine (who asked not to have his name in this book because it could impact his relationship with the Royal Family), told me on April 6, 2022, that decades ago, then Prince Charles privately told him that “he believed that the British royalty was part of the line of David, but would never say this in public or print” and that Charles seemed to know a lot about the British-Israelite matter.

Yet even if no one in the Royal Family believed in this, there are various reasons to tie the royal line to the Bible’s King David.

Now, at least one critic has cited a mistranslation of some scriptures in the 21st chapter of Ezekiel as “proof” that the royal line died out in Judea and could not make it to the British Isles. Yet properly understood, the following supports the idea of the throne going away from Judea:

13 Because [it is] a trier {trial}, And what if it is even despising the scepter? It will not be, a declaration of Lord YHWH. ... 26 Thus said Lord YHWH: Turn aside the turban, and carry away the crown, This — not this — make high the low, And make low the high. 27 An overturn, overturn, overturn, I make it, Also this has not been until the coming of Him, Whose [is] the judgment, and I have given it. (Ezekiel 21:13,26-27, Literal Standard Version)

Notice that literally translated verse 26 says that the crown will be carried away — and it was — eventually to the British Isles.

This Davidic dynasty continued, but was overturned from Judea through Tea Tephi, whose descendants became kings of Ireland. It was overturned and transplanted again in Scotland. It was overturned again and moved to London, England, where this same dynasty continues today in the reign of King Charles III.

List of Monarchs

Frederick Glover put together a list of the monarchs of Judah through Queen Victoria. As far as dates go, it is well known that there are ancient contradictory reports (Petrie G. The Transactions of the Royal Irish Academy. Vol. 18, 1839, pp. 25-232), so for anything before the 5th century A.D. dates are quite tentative.

The following is basically his list, with additions from scripture (the three kings between Josiah and Zedekiah) as well as those after Queen Victoria added by this author (a “?” indicates F. Glover did not use the letter K or Q for the specific individual) plus anything within {} were not in his list, but came from the Royal Irish Academy (Petrie, pp. 50-51) which he also consulted as well as some other sources. A name after the listed king or queen is the mother or father of the next listed royal:

K. David (B.C. 1085-1015), Bathsheba.

K. Solomon (B.C. 1033-975), Naamah.

K. Rehoboam (B.C. b. 1016, d. 958), Maacah.

K. Abijam (B.C. 958-955).

K. Asa (BC. 955-914), Azubah.

K. Jehoshaphat (B.C. 914-889).

K. Jehoram (B.C. 889-885), Athaliah.

K. Ahaziah (B.C. 906-884), Zibiah.

K.? Smiorguil.

K. Joash (B.C. 885-839), Jehoaddan.

K. Fiachadh Labhriane (reigned 24 years).

K. Amaziah (B.C. b. 864, d. 810), Jecholiah.

K. Aongus Ollmuchaidh (reigned 21 years).

K. Uzziah (B.C. b. 826, d. 758), Jerushah.

K.? Maoin.

K. Jotham (B.C. b. 783, d. 742).

K. Rotheachta (reigned 25 years).

K. Ahaz (B.C. b. 787, d. 726), Abi.

K.? Dein.

K. Hezekiah (B.C. b. 751, d. 698), Hephzibah.

K. Siorna Saoghalach (reigned 21 years).

K. Manasseh (B.C. b. 710, d. 643), Meshullemeth.

K.? Oholla Olchaoin.

K. Amon (B.C. b. 621, d. 611), Jedidah.

K. Giallebadh (reigned 9 years).

K. Josiah (B.C. b. 649, d. 610), Hamutah.

K. Aodhain Glas (reigned 20 years).

K. Jehoahaz (B.C. 610; 2 Kings 23:31)

K. Simeon Breac (reigned 6 years).

K. Jehoiakim (B.C. 610-599; 2 Kings 23:36)

K. Muireadach Bolgrach (reigned 4 years).

K. Jehoiachin (B.C. 599; 2 Kings 24:8)

K. Fiachadh Tolgrach (reigned 7 years).

K. Zedekiah (B.C. 599-578).

K. Duach Laidhrach (reigned 10 years).

K.? Eochaidh Buaigllcrg.

KINGS OF IRELAND.

K. Ugaine More the Great (reigned 30 years).

K. Heremon (fl. B.C. 580), Tea Tephi.

K. Cobhthach Coalbreag (reigned 30 years).

K. Irial Faidh (reigned 10 years).

K.? Meilage.

K. Eithriall (reigned 20 years).

K. Jaran Gleofathaeb (reigned 7 years)

K.? Follain.

K. Coula Cruaidh Cealgach (reigned 4 years).

K. Tighernmas (reigned 50 years).

K. Oiliolla Caisfhiachach (reigned 25 years).

K.? Eanbotha.

K. Eochaidh Foltleathan (reigned 11 years).

K. Aongus Tuirmheach Teamharch (reigned 30 years)	{K. Coelbadh 357-358.}
K. Eana Aighneach (reigned 28 years).	K. Eochaidh Moigmeodhin (reigned 7 years {358-365}).
K.? Labhra Suire.	{K. Crimmthan 366-378.}
K.? Blathuchta.	K. Niall of the Nine Hostages {379-405}.
K.? Easamhuin Eamhua.	K.? Eogan {or K. Diathri 406-427}.
K.? Roighnein Ruadh.	K. Murireadhach {or K. Laoghaire 429-458}.
K.? Finlogha.	K.? Erc {Foghan}, {princess? Earea}.
K.? Fian.	{“The ruler most closely associated with the dynastic transfer from northern Ireland to western Scotland is Fergus Mor, son of Erc.” M Fergus Mor Mac Earea. Geneanet, accessed 11/28/2}
K. Eodchaidh Feidhlioch (reigned 12 years).	
K.? Fineamhuas.	
K. Lughaidh Riadhdearg.	
K. Criombthan Niadhna (reigned 16 years).	KINGS OF ARGYLESHIRE (Western Scotland).
K.? Fearaidhach Fion Feachtnuigh.	K. Feargus More (A.D. 487).
K. Fiaebadh Fionoluidh (reigned 20 years).	K. Dongard (d. 457).
K. Tuathal Teachtmar (reigned 50 years).	K. Conran (d. 535).
K. Coun Ceadchatbach (reigned 20 years).	K. Aidan (d. 604).
K. Arb Aonflier (reigned 30 years).	K. Eugene IV. (d. 622).
K. Cormae Usada (reigned 40 years).	K. Donald IV. (d. 650).
K. Caibre Liffeachair (reigned 27 years {258-283}).	K.? Dongard.
K. Fiachadh Sreabthuine (reigned 30 years {283-322}).	K.? K. Eugene V. (d. 692).
{K. Colla Uias 322-326.}	K.? Findan.
K. Muireadhach Tireach (reigned 30 years {327-357}).	K. Eugene VII (d. A.D. 721), Spondan.

K. Effinus (d. A.D. 761), Fergina.

K. Achaius (d. A.D. 819), Fergusia.

K. Alpin (d. A.D. 834).

SOVEREIGNS OF SCOTLAND.

K. Kenneth II. (d. A.D. 854).

K. Constantin II. (d. A.D. 874).

K. Donald VI. (d. A.D. 903).

K. Malcolm I. (d. A.D. 958).

K. Kenneth III. (d. A.D. 994).

K. Malcolm II. (d. A.D. 1033).

K.? Beatrix m. Thane Albanach.

K. Duncan I. (d. A.D. 1040).

K. Malcolm III. Canmore (A.D. 1055-1093), Margaret of England.

K. David I. (d. A.D. 1153), Maud of Northumberland.

Prince Henry (d. A.D. 1152), Adama of Surrey.

Earl David (d. A.D. 1219), Maud of Chester.

Q.? Isobel m. Robert Bruce III.

K.? Robert Bruce IV. m. Isobel of Gloucester.

K.? Robert Bruce V. m. Martha of Carriok.

K. Robert I. Bruce (A.D. 1306-1329), Mary of Burke.

Q.? Margary Bruce m. Walter Stewart III.

K. Robert II (d. A.D. 1390), Euphemia of Ross (d. A.D. 1376).

K. Robert III. (d. A.D. 1406), Arabella Drummond (d. A.D. 1401)

K. James I (A.D. 1424-1437), Joan Beaufort.

K. James II. (d. A.D. 1460), Margaret of Gueldres (d. A.D. 1463).

K. James III. (d. A.D. 1488), Margaret of Denmark (d. A.D. 1484).

K. James IV. (d. A.D. 1543), Margaret of England (d. A.D. 1539).

K. James V. (d. A.D. 1542), Mary of Lorraine (d. A.D. 1560).

Q. Mary (d. A.D. 1587), Lord Henry Darnley.

K. James VI {1567-1603, then became King James I of Great Britain and moved to England in 1603}.

SOVEREIGNS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

K. James VI. and I. (A.D. 1603-1625), Ann of Denmark.

Princess Elizabeth (1596-1613), K. Frederick of Bohemia.

Princess Sophia m. Duke Ernest of Brunswick.

K. George I. (1698-1727), Sophia Dorothea Zelle (1667- 1726).

K. George II. (1727-1760), Princess Caroline of Auspach (1683-1737).

Prince Frederick of Wales (1707-1751), Princess Augusta of Saxe-Gotha.

K. George III. (1760-1820), Princess Sophia of

Mecklenburgh Strelitz (1744-1818).

Duke Edward of Kent (1767-1820), Princess Victoria of Leiningen.

Q. Victoria (b. 1819, cr. 1838), Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg.

K. Edward VII (1901-1910) Q. Alexandra of Denmark.

K. George V (1910-1936), Q. Mary of Treck.

K. Edward VIII (1936-1936—note: he was never actually crowned), Duchess Wallis Simpson.

K. George VI (1936-1952), Q. Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon.

Q. Elizabeth II (1952-2022), Prince Philip Mounbatten.

K. Charles III (2022-present).

There has been a royal succession line. A line we do not see in Africa nor Asia nor Latin America.

King James VI is credited for combining the English and Scottish crown into one. The UK Parliament was posted:

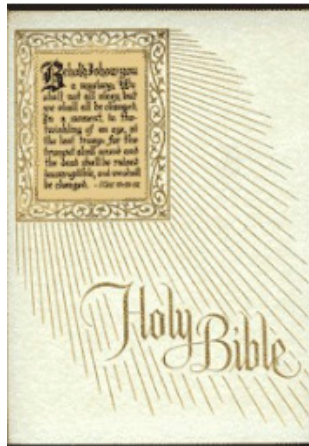
Until the early 17th century England and Scotland were two entirely independent kingdoms. This changed dramatically in 1603 on the death of Elizabeth I of England. Because the Queen had died unmarried and childless, the English crown passed to the next available heir, her cousin James VI, King of Scotland. ... In 1606 he gave orders for a British flag to be created which bore the combined crosses of St George and of St Andrew. The result was the Union Jack, Jack being a shortening of Jacobus, the Latin version of James. (Union of the Crowns. Official UK Parliament website accessed <https://www.parliament.uk/about/living-heritage/evolutionofparliament/legislativescrutiny/act-of-union-1707/overview/union-of-the-crowns/08/12/22>)

So, there were some blood relations between the Scottish and English monarchs, and then they blended.

In 1957, Dr. Herman Hoeh wrote of the British Commonwealth nations being Ephraim (Hoeh H. Location of the Tribes of Israel). As it turns out, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand all accept the British sovereign as do a dozen (mainly island) nations who are part of the Commonwealth (there are also other Commonwealth nations, that although they do not accept the British throne, they do to a degree since they accept King Charles III as the head of the Commonwealth).

Since God declared Ephraim as His firstborn (Jeremiah 31:9), it is interesting to note that the predominant Ephraimite nations are still all directly under the “throne of David.”

STUDY THE BIBLE COURSE



Lessons 21 – 24

TEST Number 6

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Preface: This course is highly based upon the personal correspondence course developed in 1954 that began under the direction of the late C. Paul Meredith in the old Radio Church of God. Various portions have been updated for the 21st century (though much of the original writing has been retained). It also has more scriptural references, as well as information and questions not in the original course. Unless otherwise noted, scriptural references are to the NKJV, copyright Thomas Nelson Publishing, used by permission. The KJV, sometimes referred to as the Authorized Version is also often used. Additionally, Roman Catholic-approved translations such as the New Jerusalem Bible (NJB) are sometimes used as are other translations.

TEST NUMBER SIX

This examination is given to help you better understand your Bible. It is related to lessons 21 through 24 of this course.

Note that there are 80 questions and that they are numbered consecutively 1, 2, 3 etc. Note also that there are four possible answers given under each question. These are labeled A, B, C, D. ONLY ONE of these four possible answers is considered to be the RIGHT one! –the other three are false unless stated otherwise.

YOU ARE TO SELECT THE ONE RIGHT ANSWER FROM AMONG THESE FOUR POSSIBLE ANSWERS.

You are to repeat this process for each of the questions asked. This comprises your test. (Generally

speaking, the incorrect answers are false ideas which are taught and believed about the subject.)

Our objective is to give all who have determination to know God's Word the opportunity to understand the true meaning of the Bible.

By the answers you give to our examination questions, you help show if you have the desire to learn and are doing your best. We are here to aid just such people and we are thrilled to do so.

The final judge as to whether you know your Bible and are living by it will be God Himself. He is the One you had better seek to please. It is HE who is able to give you eternal life.

Your eagerness to study and to make the most of your opportunity is what really counts. The exact

grade you might make is not too important to you or to us. Naturally, however, we expect a somewhat high percentage of correct answers from you.

Answer as many questions as you can without referring to the previous lessons you have studied. If you find any difficult questions, then refer to the lessons. We expect you to do so!

Notice that these questions are divided into four parts—corresponding to the four lessons. We advise you not to cover more than one lesson at a sitting. Take sufficient time to understand each question.

Here are two EXAMPLES TO SHOW YOU HOW to answer the questions:

Read the first question of this test. The right answer to select, of course, is “C.” Here is the second example: Notice question number 2, the correct answer is “B.” That is all there is to it! It is very simple and fast.

The procedure is always the same. Now continue with question 3 in the same manner...

THIS SIXTH examination is given to help you BETTER UNDERSTAND your Bible and EVALUATE your own progress.

Lesson 21

THIS PRESENT EVIL WORLD

1. This present world

- A) is a very calm and peaceful place in which to live.
- B) is filled to overflowing with manifestations of brotherly love.
- C) is filled with EXPRESSIONS of human nature and consequently is full of sin.
- D) is becoming more righteous all the time.

2. What draws man down into sin?

- A) The Godly nature with which we were born.
- B) The human nature and personal lusts.

- C) Satan and his demon henchmen are responsible for ALL of humanity’s sins
- D) The Devil and his demons have the power TO FORCE US to sin.

3. Which ONE of these four statements is FALSE?

- A) The human mind, with its natural downward pulls, is not very hostile or disobedient to God’s Commandments.
- B) Humans are born with a carnal mind possessing human nature.
- C) The carnal mind wants to be thought of as BEING “good,” but does not really want to DO the “good works” of God’s Word.
- D) Our carnal minds have a natural downward pull toward DISOBEDIENCE.

4. Why didn’t God create us with a nature that is perfectly obedient to Him?

- A) Because God made a mistake.
- B) Because God wanted us to be able to VOLUNTARILY CHOOSE whether or not we would repent, obey Him and strive to overcome human nature.
- C) Because God desired to make us suffer for no reason at all.
- D) Certainly not because God wanted us to build GODLY CHARACTER in the process of overcoming our evil natures.

5. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

- A) You should ALWAYS allow your “conscience” to dictate your actions.
- B) God says there is a way which seems right to the carnal mind which will always end in death.
- C) Your conscience is in total agreement with the spiritual Laws of God.
- D) Your conscience is the BEST GUIDE for making your decisions – you don’t need to rely on the Bible or the guidance of God’s Holy Spirit.

6. Which ONE of these four statements is FALSE?

- A) All humans have the potential to sin.
- B) Each of us is born with a mind that can be

disobedient to God's spiritual laws.

- C) The human mind is predominantly physical by nature.
- D) The human mind is predominantly spiritual by nature.

7. The works or "fruits" of a carnally motivated mind

- A) reveal how terribly sinful we ALL have been.
- B) show that we naturally believe in "the golden rule."
- C) prove that God created us all with just a little "bad" mixed with a lot of "good."
- D) show that the vast majority of people are really righteous after all

8. Can we trust our minds in determining right from wrong?

- A) We should place implicit trust in the way that seems right to us.
- B) We can't – but we can trust the opinions of some carnal-minded person.
- C) No – we must go to the Bible to learn what GOD says is right and wrong.
- D) No, but we can always trust the COLLECTIVE opinion of a group of carnal-minded persons.

9. An idol

- A) can only be a carved or molded image.
- B) can never be a television set or an automobile.
- C) can be anything which is put AHEAD OF or IN PLACE OF God and His Commandments.
- D) is not really wrong to worship as long as we worship God also.

10. Humans

- A) naturally fear to disobey God.
- B) naturally possess a pull to actually love God.
- C) possess a pull which naturally causes them to suspect and resist God.
- D) have a nature which is not inferior to the Creator's.

11. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

- A) Killing is something Christians should be able

to do today.

- B) Killing in warfare is justifiable because we must protect our country.
- C) This world's churches vehemently denounce -- and by their actions show -- that they are against all forms of warfare and killing.
- D) The downward pulls of man's evil carnal nature causes him to reason that it is right to kill in self-defense, or to "expedite peace."

12. Which ONE of these four statements is FALSE?

- A) The vast majority of this world's ministers unwittingly represent Satan the devil.
- B) The leaders of this world want to implement God's ways to bring utopia to the planet.
- C) A great, false, commandment-breaking church which Satan inspires, is deceiving the WHOLE earth!
- D) The pull toward idolatry within carnal man attracts him to this world's great idolatrous system of religious worship.

13. The carnal mind

- A) has led humans to PERVERT much of what people have touched.
- B) has led humanity to be peaceful throughout all history.
- C) will at last bring peace to the earth in spite of weapons of mass destruction.
- D) wants to obey God.

14. Greed

- A) inspires humans to share their blessings with each other.
- B) is only a MINOR disobedient pull within man's nature.
- C) is one of the disobedient pulls in us which we must strive to hold down with the help of God's Holy Spirit.
- D) definitely is not the BASIC CAUSE of all this present evil world's wars.

15. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

- A) Carnal man is quite capable of making righteous laws and ruling according to the

principles of God's Law.

- B) Righteous rule and justice by CARNAL man – without God's Holy Spirit – is utterly impossible!
- C) Man's disobedient mind leads him to administer perfect justice.
- D) Man has always been aware that God's Laws lead to harmony and peace, and so he has followed them.

16. Which ONE of these four statements is FALSE?

- A) Humanity even has a perverted sense of taste which must be overcome.
- B) In order to remain healthy, God commands ALL humankind not to eat pork.
- C) God says He is our Healer.
- D) The Bible does not say to eat what is good.

17. How is the theft pull of carnal man expressed?

- A) In countless ways which take advantage of people.
- B) Through always producing highest quality goods and services at fair prices.
- C) Through labor unions which encourage their members to work harder for their employers.
- D) By the fact that used car salesmen push speedometers AHEAD in order to save money for their customers.

18. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

- A) Trial sex relations before marriage – FORNICATION – IS highly advisable.
- B) Women who dress in a "sexy" manner do not stimulate the adultery and fornication pulls in male minds.
- C) Adultery and fornication pulls must be beaten down and controlled by the will and with the help of the Holy Spirit.
- D) Worldwide pornographic literature and lewd movies do not stimulate the breaking of God's commandments.

19. "Public opinion"

- A. demands that newspapers publish the Truth of God which cuts into humanity's carnal nature as a two-edged sword.
- B. Often demands that those things which are agreeable to the disobedient nature of humans be presented to the public.
- C. has nothing to do with the production of lewd motion pictures and the play-ups of murder and rape in newspapers and magazines.
- D. is not very influential in any way.

20. What must humans repent of?

- A. Many people do not need to repent of anything.
- B. There is no way of being sure exactly what must be repented of.
- C. Humans must repent of doing what they – not the Bible – says is wrong.
- D. They must repent of DISOBEDIENCE to God, committed as a result of giving into inherent evil pulls.

21. Which ONE of these four statements is FALSE?

- A. The United Nations will usher in a utopia.
- B. This present evil world will be replaced by a wonderful "utopia" in the coming millennium.
- C. The millennial worldwide "utopia" will come into being because God's Holy Spirit will be received by the vast majority of that time.
- D. Your spiritual "utopia" can start NOW – if you choose to repent, be baptized, and receive the Holy Spirit of God!

Lesson 22

THE EXPERIENCE OF REPENTANCE!

22. Why are so many people discontented, worried, and unhappy today?

- A. This condition does not have a cause.
- B. Because people do not want to be happy.
- C. Because people are being forced to obey God's Laws.
- D. Because nearly everyone rejects God's living

Laws which are the ONLY WAY TO everything the world really craves and seeks.

23. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

- A) Humans are born with perfectly developed character.
- B) God will create His righteous, holy character within us INSTANTANEOUSLY, if we will only repent of our sins.
- C) God knows that it requires time for His character to be perfected within man.
- D) Humanity's carnal character is acceptable to God as it is.

24. The FIRST STEP on the way toward real and everlasting happiness

- A) is genuine, deep, and complete repentance.
- B) is baptism.
- C) is just acknowledging one has done a few "bad" things in the past.
- D) is just being "sorry" for one's past sins.

25. Which ONE of these four statements is FALSE?

- A) True repentance is the experience of UTTER ABHORRENCE of the sinful, rebellious self.
- B) Repentance means that we are just sorry we did a few "bad" things in the past.
- C) True repentance is being thoroughly broken up about our past sinful lives.
- D) True repentance involves turning completely around from our old sinful ways and going in the OPPOSITE DIRECTION – GOD'S WAY – in obedience to God's Laws.

26. Is it easy to truly repent?

- A) It is no trouble at all for people who are "good folk" at heart.
- B) It's just as easy as believing in Christ and being baptized.
- C) No! Our human nature, with its vanity, will strongly rebel against fully repenting.
- D) The many thousands of people who have accepted "altar calls" at religious revivals prove beyond a doubt that true repentance is simple and very easy!

27. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

- A) God's purpose for humanity is to create perfect, righteous, holy character in those who will obey so that they will be able to give love to make eternity better.
- B) God's only purpose for us is that we go through a sentimental experience which this world's churches call "being saved."
- C) When people say "I accept Christ," they have then and there qualified to live forever.
- D) There are only a few people in this world who really need to repent.

28. Do we have any personal part in God's creation of His perfect character in us?

- A) No, God does it all.
- B) Yes, but only those who have been extremely rebellious have a part.
- C) Yes. Our part is to just patiently go on suffering the results of sinning -- until God Himself changes our ways.
- D) Yes! We must fervently desire to have God's character built in us, repent bitterly of sin which robbed us of so much joy we could have had, and exert our utmost effort to put sin down and hold it under, trusting in God to supply the spiritual power to help us do so!

29. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

- A) The world was perfectly righteous in the days of old.
- B) This world has gone the wrong way since partaking of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- C) The downward pulls of human nature are becoming weaker as time goes on.
- D) Only in modern times has the true evil nature of man manifested itself.

30. Why did God allow evil pulls within us?

- A) Because God wants to see us suffer.
- B) Because God is unjust.
- C) Because God made a mistake.
- D) So we can build righteous character by

learning to choose rightly with the guidance and help of God's Word and the power of the Holy Spirit.

31. Which ONE of these four statements is FALSE?

- A) Repentance is turning from our own ways which by nature seem naturally right to us.
- B) "Repent" has always been God's command to humanity through the ages.
- C) Repentance does not include turning from evil THOUGHTS.
- D) God desires all humankind to turn to His statutes and commandments and keep them so that all may receive and enjoy BLESSINGS, instead of the curses which result from their own evil ways.

32. Who should repent?

- A) Certainly not the "poor good humble folk" who haven't done anything really wrong in their lives.
- B) Everyone, "for ALL have sinned."
- C) Only the evil criminals locked up in jails.
- D) One must not "judge" who needs to repent.

33. Why is it absolutely essential to receive the Holy Spirit?

- A) To strengthen our spiritual vanity.
- B) So we can immediately be "born again."
- C) So we won't be able to sin again in this mortal life.
- D) For us to be begotten now and to assist us in having the power to resist our carnal nature and please God through obedience, thus insuring our being born of God at the resurrection.

34. Which ONE of these four statements is FALSE?

- A) When we transgress God's spiritual laws, we bring the penalty of eternal death upon ourselves.
- B) God the Father gave His only Son to die IN OUR STEAD -- to pay the death penalty FOR US -- if we accept and obey Him.
- C) Sin is so powerful that it took the life of the very Son of God to pay the penalty of our sins

upon Himself!

D) Violating God's spiritual Laws cannot incur the penalty of eternal death.

35. Which ONE of these four statements is FALSE?

- A) Once we repent, the shed blood of Jesus Christ covers -- BLOTS OUT -- all of our past transgressions of God's Law.
- B) The death of Christ reconciles us to God the Father by paying the total wages -- DEATH -- of our transgressions which have separated us from the Father.
- C) We can fulfill -- obey -- God's Law without the love of His Holy Spirit abiding in us.
- D) Once the penalty of our sins has been forgiven -- paid by accepting Christ's supreme sacrifice -- God promises to give us His Holy Spirit of love and power if we obey.

36. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

- A) Sin gives lasting pleasure.
- B) If you are clever and careful, you can get around the penalty of sin.
- C) Sin may give a TEMPORARY sensation of pleasure, but in the end, it always exacts its final price -- DEATH!
- D) God says we can compromise with sin as long as we obey Him most of the time.

37. What does trusting our own understanding lead to?

- A) To the happiness and prosperity we all desire.
- B) To true LIBERTY and freedom.
- C) To eternal life.
- D) To ETERNAL DEATH -- unless we REPENT and turn to God's Word, the Bible, for true understanding of God's Laws and will.

38. What is God's whole purpose in putting us here on this earth?

- A) To make of us automatons who will obey Him unquestioningly.

B) To learn right from wrong by letting our conscience guide us, just like instinct guides an animal.

C) To learn to submit ourselves to the righteousness of God – His Law – and to ultimately be born into the God Family so we can give love and make eternity better!

D) God just wanted to see what man would do if left to his own reasoning.

39. What is the Bible good for?

A) It is profitable for reproving, correcting and instructing one along God's way to eternal life.

B) Not much since it only contains a confusion of unrelated and meaningless books and stories.

C) For giving one an "INSPIRATIONAL lift" only.

D) It is certainly not for the common layman to read and study – only the church "hierarchy" can use and understand the Bible.

40. What results when people do not follow the Scriptures implicitly?

A) Happy and abundant lives.

B) A life full of "good works."

C) People fall into gross error, spiritual blindness, and ENSLAVEMENT to foolish superstitions.

D) There are no special results since following the Scriptures does not produce anything special either.

41. Which ONE of these four statements is FALSE?

A) It is enough just to praise God in thought and word.

B) God commands us to live by every Word of God.

C) God commands us to put His inspired instructions and laws into actual practice in our daily lives.

D) Every person who has ever lived, whether repentant or unrepentant, will be judged by the Words of Jesus Christ – the Bible.

Lesson 23

SALVATION IS EDUCATION!

42. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

A) Your Bible reveals that the whole world understands the true way to salvation.

B) Billions who BELIEVE on Jesus Christ are now "saved."

C) Billions today actually worship Christ in VAIN!

D) True education has nothing to do with salvation.

43. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

A) This world suffers and is unhappy because it applies the basic knowledge revealed in the Bible.

B) The world has rejected the Bible because it understands what it really is.

C) God did not intend the Bible to be the BASIC TEXTBOOK of true education.

D) God inspired the Bible to be the very BASIS of all true education.

44. The true Gospel of Jesus Christ

A) is not an educational message.

B) is totally irrational and unrelated to the mind.

C) is an educational message intended to inform the mind of truth.

D) is a sentimental message directed only to one's emotions.

45. Which ONE of these four statements is FALSE?

A) The Bible was not written to help change human hearts.

B) The (human) heart is DECEITFUL above all things, and DESPERATELY WICKED"!

C) When the Bible speaks of the heart, it usually refers to humanity's NATURE – the human attitude, or spirit, or tendency of MIND.

D) Christ's gospel message reveals how man's evil heart can be CHANGED.

46. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

A) God's true knowledge and commandments have always been taught and obeyed by the world.

B) This world's educational institutions instill error

in people's minds only after they have become adults.

C) Many claimed "Christian" churches today make a show of following the Bible, but reject its teachings.

D) Today's education does not spurn true spiritual values.

47. Repentance

A) is not important enough to spend your time thinking about.

B) is just another sanctimonious idea that humans have incorporated into religion.

C) is an all-important step on the way toward eternal life.

D) will not turn the course of your entire life for the better.

48. Which ONE of these four statements is FALSE?

A) God commands His true ministers to preach the truth about repentance.

B) TRUE repentance is taught in most churches of this world.

C) The world is full of deception regarding the true way to salvation.

D) Humans can find God only by FORSAKING their own ways and wrong thoughts.

49. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

A) We should have implicit confidence in our carnal minds to determine what God would have us do.

B) We must distrust our carnal minds completely when it comes to deciding what is God's will and rely on His word.

C) Everyone should have a Bible, but only ministers are really qualified to use it in learning God's will.

D) There is no particular advantage in your studying the Bible diligently to learn God's will for you.

50. Do the vast majority of people who believe themselves to be true Christians really have salvation?

A) Yes, if they just WORSHIP Jesus.

B) No! FALSE "conversion" is very common because the ministers of this world have NOT taught the true way to salvation.

C) Yes, because God will save everyone whether or not they obey Him.

D) Yes, if anyone is doing what they think is best they already have salvation.

51. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

A) Christ never commanded anyone to repent, nor did He even allude to repentance.

B) True repentance is just feeling "sorry" about having done something the Bible says is sin, without making a determined effort to turn from ever doing it again.

C) Humanity sets up its own standards of right and wrong, often disregarding the plain teachings of God's Word.

D) One who thinks he is righteous can be certain he will be saved.

52. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

A) When you were a child, you were aware of whether or not you were being fooled regarding the true way to salvation.

B) It is very natural for a carnal, unconverted mind to follow the ways of this world.

C) God approves of practicing the ways of this corrupt world – as long as we can "justify" them by twisting the words of the Bible to our interpretation.

D) Growing in grace and knowledge has nothing to do with being RE-EDUCATED to God's way of life.

53. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

A) God would never call this world's "Christian ministers" and whole congregations LIARS.

B) The churches of this world often read their own desired meaning into the Scriptures.

- C) Everyone loves to be corrected and have their faults brought to their attention.
- D) Christ is not interested in having anyone repent.

54. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

- A) One difference between God's true church and all other churches of the world is that its real SOURCE of religion is the Bible.
- B) An unrepentant carnal mind will gladly take correction from the Bible.
- C) God's true Church will not look for and accept reproof and correction from the Bible.
- D) Jesus came so that those in the body of Christ – His true Church – would have to do penance and live in poverty and misery.

55. Jesus Christ

- A) is not very interested in having each of us repent and become cleaned up by the Holy Spirit.
- B) will not return.
- C) is already at war with our carnal minds and demands our UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER!
- D) does not have the right to demand changes in our lives once we have surrendered to Him unconditionally.

56. The Holy Spirit

- A) cannot be compared to an occupation force which has come in to occupy a surrendered nation.
- B) will FORCE US to remain in submission to God.
- C) will LEAD and EMPOWER those who surrender to God and faithfully strive to obey Him.
- D) will not give us the supernatural power of God to resist Satan's attempts to reconquer us.

57. Christ teaches us

- A) to move to the hills and live the ascetic life of monks and hermits.
- B) to wait to seek the Kingdom of God until we are on our deathbed.
- C) to remain spiritually inactive once we receive the Holy Spirit.
- D) to expect many blessings from God if we seek

FIRST the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.

58. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

- A) There is no particular advantage in repenting RIGHT NOW.
- B) Everyone must search their own heart and honestly admit whether they are neglecting their chance to receive eternal life in preference to satiating the inordinate lusts of the flesh.
- C) The question of repentance can safely be taken lightly.
- D) Repentance cannot possibly lead to a spiritually rejuvenated mind and an abundant life here and now.

59. Which ONE of these four statements is FALSE?

- A) Even though most churches teach it, your own personal faith, or belief, ALONE will not save you.
- B) Nevertheless, your faith is sufficient to save you.
- C) YOUR faith and repentance are the PRIOR CONDITIONS for receiving the Holy Spirit.
- D) Your faith, or belief, in Christ's sacrifice and His gospel message is necessary to receive the very faith OF CHRIST!

60 The faith that really saves and results in eternal life

- A) is a special GIFT from God imparted by His Holy Spirit.
- B) is a faith we can somehow work up ourselves through 'tarry meetings.'
- C) is the faith billions of professing Christians have today.
- D) is not the very same type of faith by which Jesus Christ obeyed His Father.

61. Which ONE of these four statements is FALSE?

- A) Only God can SAVE US.
- B) Yet we must comply with God's CONDITIONS before He will set His hand to save us.
- C) Our role is to REPENT and SURRENDER OUR WILL OUR WHOLE BEING – to God and His Word,

and then trust Him by the FAITH OF CHRIST to clean us up spiritually and ultimately give us eternal life.
D) It is quite possible for us to save ourselves.

C) does not actively war against the inordinate lusts of the flesh.
D) cannot help us CONQUER and hold down the lusts of the flesh.

Lesson 24

GOD WON'T ULTIMATELY ACCEPT YOU "JUST AS YOU ARE"!

62. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

- A) Carnal human beings love to be told they must repent – TURN from their sinful ways.
- B) Most people do not need to repent since they are already obeying God's Laws.
- C) There is no excuse not to repent once we clearly understand the Bible teaching on repentance.
- D) There is no reason to be in a hurry to repent.

63. David endeared himself to God by

- A) showing a surly attitude and never repenting of his sins.
- B) putting off repenting as long as it was humanly possible.
- C) purposely ignoring the fact he should repent of sin.
- D) acknowledging his guilt and striving with all his strength not to repeat his transgressions of God's Law.

64. After David repented of his great sin with Bathsheba,

- A) he never had to repent of sin again.
- B) God never forgave him.
- C) he was disqualified from ever holding a great office in the Kingdom of God.
- D) it was still possible for him to qualify for a high position in God's Kingdom, but only if he remained truly repentant and obedient.

65. The Holy Spirit of God

- A) LEADS one in the true Christian way of life.
- B) definitely can be in a person who never shows any outward "FRUITS of the Spirit."

66. To "put on the new man" means

- A) to go around with a pious look on our faces.
- B) to surrender ourselves completely to God so He can give us His Holy Spirit which RENEWS, or changes, our carnal minds by imparting spiritual knowledge, wisdom and understanding.
- C) to put on an outward air of respectability.
- D) to put on an air of righteousness, but go on committing sin.

67. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

- A) We don't really have to be conquered by God – just repentant.
- B) We should never cry out to God for forgiveness of our sins – that would be humiliating.
- C) We can never hope to be saved without God's spiritual help.
- D) Baptism is not a required step on the way to salvation.

68. Which ONE of these four statements is FALSE?

- A) Billions today have repented of their sins and are obeying God.
- B) Most professing Christians refuse to obey the Laws of God.
- C) People have been deceived into believing God's Law was rendered null and void by Christ's death.
- D) The ministers of this world unwittingly serve the Devil by teaching God's Law was done away.

69. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

- A) Christ kept the Law of God FOR US so we don't have to keep it today.
- B) Christ lived a righteous life that we should not try to imitate.
- C) Since billions of professing Christians do not keep the Ten Commandments, we don't have to

either.

D) All who would enter into eternal life MUST be willing to obey God!

70. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

A) the Bible nowhere compares our righteousness or wickedness to clothing.

B) Fortunately we do not have to repent of wanting to “get ahead of” other people.

C) A spiritual mind resents anyone else being elevated higher than it.

D) Human nature is often hostile to God.

71. The “self” which we love by nature

A) is limited only to our own physical body.

B) can never extend to include other persons or things.

C) need not be repented of.

D) MAY extend so far as to include all human society and its ways.

72. True, heartfelt repentance

A) is something we can drum up with enough effort.

B) is just realizing you have sinned.

C) definitely is not a deep feeling of abhorrence for your sins and human nature.

D) is a gift which must be granted by God.

73. Which ONE of these four statements is FALSE?

A) Some have thought repentance is merely a matter of seeing the truth of God and ACCEPTING it.

B) Self-righteousness is a sin which must be repented of.

C) We must try to see ourselves as God does and repent of WHAT we are!

D) Only Job had to see himself as God did – we don’t have to today.

74. What is the attitude of a truly repentant, CONVERTED person?

A) One of deep humility and total submission to God.

B) One of arrogance and self-assurance.

C) One of spiritual weakness, feeling totally unable to do anything worthwhile.

D) It will remain the same as it was before conversion.

75. One who has truly repented has

A) gone forward and shed tears at an altar before a congregation of people.

B) utterly abhorred themselves and their past sinful life, and asked God’s merciful forgiveness.

C) worked up an emotional “feeling” called repentance.

D) not yet begun to obey God.

76 Which ONE of these four statements is false?

A) Once God has knocked you down and conquered you, there is no hope of you ever amounting to anything.

B) You will stumble and sin now and then as you learn to walk the true Christian way of life.

C) It certainly takes determined effort on YOUR PART TO obey God.

D) God promises to give you the SPIRITUAL help necessary to overcome yourself and obey Him.

77. Which ONE of these four statements is FALSE?

A) We shall be saved not by our own power to overcome, but through faith in God’s power to save us.

B) In this life we will have to come to God daily in repentance of sins we still commit occasionally.

C) Repenting of sin ONCE is all that God requires for salvation.

D) The important thing is that you do NOT GIVE UP when you stumble and sin, but get up and strive all the harder to live by every Word of God!

78. Christ’s words “Not My will but Thine be done”

- A) should be the continual attitude of a true Christian.
- B) have no particular significance in a true Christian's life.
- C) mean you are leaving it strictly up to God to see that His will gets done.
- D) do not mean you will strive with all your strength to do all of God's revealed will for you.

- but of turning away from sin and turning to God in OBEDIENCE to His Laws.
- C) One should NOT put off repentance and baptism if in one's heart one DOES WANT TO turn from one's old life of sin.
- D) If you have truly repented and want to be baptized, then write to the editor requesting a visit from one of God's ministers.

79. If you have truly repented and received God's Spirit,

- A) you will be looking for ways to avoid doing what the Bible clearly teaches.
- B) you will find what the Bible teaches very boring.
- C) you will no longer be at the mercy of every emotion and adverse circumstance.
- D) you will find no joy in keeping God's Commandments.

80. Which one of these four statements is false?

- A) True repentance is strictly a matter of "feeling."
- B) True repentance is not a matter of "feeling,"

Now That You've Finished...

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

Keep this question section. File it in your notebook at the end of the Lessons it covers. Review these questions now and then. Why? Because the review will give you the opportunity to impress the true answers more firmly upon your mind.

Also, a review of the three false answers, given here for each question will aid you to realize more clearly some of the false ideas which you may have taken for granted. You will thereby grasp and retain the

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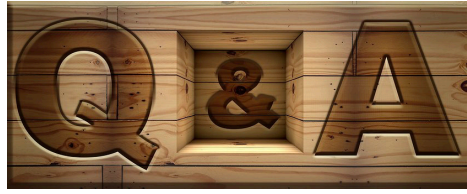
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Questions and Answers



By Bob Thiel

The following Q&A came from the July 1959 edition of the old Plain Truth magazine by the old Radio Church of God. It is therefore in the public domain (nor was any author listed). Some small updates have been added.

Q: Why is the stone under the royal chair in Westminster Abbey in London called “Jacob’s Pillow Stone?”

A: In Westminster Abbey is an intriguing stone, steel gray in color, mixed with red veins, twenty-two inches long, thirteen inches broad and eleven inches high. Attached to each end is a worn iron ring by which the stone may be carried. This rock is not beautiful, yet it is more important than all the crown jewels! On it Elizabeth II was crowned.

For centuries the kings of Scotland — the ancestors of the present British royal family — were crowned upon it. Upon this stone the ancient Irish kings of this same royal family were also crowned, even as far back as five and one-half centuries before the birth of Jesus Christ.

What is the true significance of this rock?
Where did it come from?

Ancient Irish annals prove the rock — which they called “Lia fail” meaning stone of destiny — did not originate in Ireland but came by way of Spain from the East. It was brought by a white-haired old man — a prophet — who also brought a daughter of an Eastern king. Through her marriage to the king of Ireland, she not only continued her father’s throne but also became the ancestor of a dynasty which has continued to King Charles III.

In the past, if you were to go to Westminster Abbey, you would see that this stone is labeled Jacob’s pillow stone or Jacob’s pillar stone! Traditionally the very stone upon which the patriarch Jacob rested his head that evening about 3700 years ago when fleeing from his father’s house!

Here is the astonishing origin of the coronation stone!

Turn to Genesis 28:11-22. Here you read that Jacob, tired after miles of walking, stopped for the night and took one of the stones to

serve as his pillow. After dreaming in his sleep, “Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took THE STONE that he had put for his pillow, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it” (verse 18).

This verse shows that Jacob used one particular stone. Although verse eleven of this chapter implies that Jacob used several stones, it is a mistranslation. The word “them” is in italics and not in the original Hebrew. It should be translated “and he took of the stones of that place, and put one for his pillow, and lay down in that place to sleep.”

Now notice verse 22. Jacob poured oil on the stone and said: “And this stone, which I have set for a pillar shall be God’s house.” This stone was anointed, set aside to become a pillar or witness proving which is God’s house, which is the royal family God had chosen.

Many years later Jacob again speaks of this stone as a “shepherd.”

Notice Genesis 49:1. Jacob called his sons together and told them what would befall them in our day, “in the last days.” In verse 24, when speaking of Joseph’s descendants, he interjects by saying that from the tribe of Joseph — not Judah — will be found “the shepherd, the STONE of Israel.”

What some believe was this same rock — the coronation stone — accompanied the Israelites during their forty years wandering in the wilderness. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 10:4 that just as the Israelites had manna as a type of Christ, so they had, as a type of Christ, a rock which gave them water and which followed or went with them in their

wanderings! Christ provides spiritual waters — the Holy Spirit, and Jacob’s shepherd stone, a type of the Divine Shepherd, miraculously provided material water in the wilderness.

During those forty years the stone accompanied Israel. That is undoubtedly why the two iron rings fastened to either end are so worn. The stone and its rings could never have become worn by lying untouched in England’s Westminster, or Scotland’s Scone or in the halls of Tara in Ireland. It must have been worn during the wilderness wanderings.

As a stone is used in the coronation ceremonies to this day, let’s turn to a scripture which points to this pillar stone was used in the family of David in the days of ancient Israel.

Open your Bible to 2 Kings 11:14. The event mentioned here occurred at the time when Josiah was proclaimed king in the temple and when wicked Athaliah, who had usurped the throne, was about to meet her doom. Notice what it says: “And when Athaliah heard the noise of the guard and of the people, she came to the people into the temple of the Lord. And when she looked, behold” — what? “the king stood by a pillar, as the manner was, and the princes and the trumpeters by the king, and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets.”

So, it was the manner or custom even in that day to have the pillar of stone — perhaps Jacob’s pillar stone — used in the coronation ceremonies!

But how did that stone finally reach London,

England, where it may be seen today?

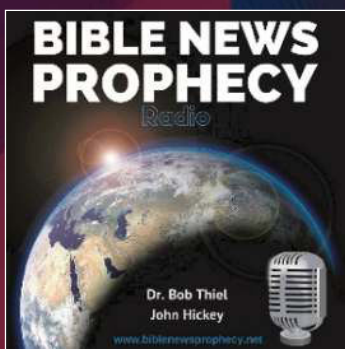
The World today, in its ignorance, looks upon any government or throne as deriving its power from human authority, little realizing that it is God who sets up rulers and who breaks down thrones. Around 3000 years ago God made an amazing promise whereby David's dynasty would continue ruling through all generations and that he should never lack an individual to reign upon his throne. "I have sworn unto my servant David, Thy seed will I establish forever, and build up thy throne to all generations" (Psalm 89:3-4).

"David shall never want [lack] a man to sit upon the throne of the home of Israel" (Jer. 33:17). Notice it reads "the house of Israel," not the "house of Judah." Remember that after the days of Solomon, the children of Israel were divided into two houses, the House of Judah and the House of Israel. The throne of David ruled in the House of Judah until the days of Zedekiah. When the throne of David apparently was at an end, God caused the prophet Jeremiah to take king Zedekiah's daughters (Jer. 43:5-7) and Jacob's pillar stone with him to transplant the throne of David from Judah to the House of Israel where Jacob prophesied the stone of destiny would be found in our day!

Jacob said that the stone which he anointed would be a pillar — a witness proving which is the house, the nation, the royal family that God has chosen. That stone is found today in Scotland.

The world may scoff and sneer at the truth, the world may deny the facts of history, but King Charles is ruling over part of Israel — the tribe of Ephraim. He sits upon the throne of David! — the very throne that Jesus Christ shall take when he returns to rule the world. "And the Lord God shall give unto him [Jesus] the THRONE OF HIS FATHER DAVID: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever" (Luke 1:32-33).

Yes, on the throne of England reigns a descendant of David, a descendant of King Zedekiah's daughter whom Jeremiah the prophet took to Ireland together with the stone of destiny. From the marriage of that young princess has descended a dynasty that has ruled Ireland, Scotland and England for millennia. And all of them have been crowned over a stone that might have been Jacob's pillow stone.



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