

The Coronation Stone

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IN Westminster Abbey is an intriguing stone *more important than all the crown jewels!* This rock is not beautiful. It is steel gray in color, mixed with red veins, twenty-two inches long, thirteen inches broad and eleven inches deep. 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*.

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 pillows. After dreaming in his sleep, “Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took **THE STONE** that he had put for his pillows, 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 pillows, 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.”

This same rock—the coronation stone—accompanied the Israelites during their forty years wandering in the wilderness. Paul says in I 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.

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

Open your Bible to II 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—Jacob's pillar stone—used in the coronation ceremonies!

But how did that stone finally reach London, England, where it may be seen today?

Almost 3000 long 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 *house 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 *England*—in London's Westminster Abbey.

Yes, on the throne of England reigns a daughter 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 over 2500 years! And all of them have been crowned over the stone of destiny, Jacob's pillow stone.