

Christ will sit on *DAVID'S THRONE*....

King David's *Everlasting Dynasty!*

Is the **BRITISH THRONE**, as some claim, the “Throne of David”?
Why does God call *that Throne* the “Throne of the LORD”?
How did it get from *Jerusalem* to *London, England*?

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Is there *biblical* and *historical* evidence showing that, in the *6th century BC*, the *throne of David* was transferred from the land of *Israel* to the *British Isles*? If so, how did that come about? Tracing back the history of the **British Throne**—from *England* to *Scotland*, then to *Ireland*, and back still further to the ancient **KINGDOM OF JUDAH**, is a most fascinating task!

But it is impossible to comprehend the true **DIVINE ORIGIN** of the British Throne without first grasping certain *biblical prophecies* which, over 3500 years ago, accurately foretold first the *rise*, then the *PERPETUITY* of that ancient *Davidic Dynasty!*

A Gripping Ancient Prophecy!

In approximately *1661 BC*, the clan of *Israel* (or *Jacob*) journeyed to Egypt, where they remained for about 215 years (cf. Gen. 15:13-15; Exod. 12:1-42; Gal. 3:17). Just before his death, circa *1634 BC*, the elderly Patriarch Jacob, under divine inspiration, blessed his twelve sons. To his son *Judah*, he said, “**JUDAH** is a lion's whelp.... And as a *lion*, who shall rouse him? **The Scepter shall not depart from JUDAH nor a lawgiver [‘ruler's staff’] from between his feet, until SHILOH comes**” (Gen. 49:10). That intriguing prophetic statement raises two important questions:

1) **What is a “scepter”?** A “scepter [is] a *staff* or *baton* borne by a sovereign as an emblem of authority” (*Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, 11th ed.).

2) **WHO or what is “SHILOH”?** *Unger's Bible Dictionary* states, “*Shiloh*, the name, apparently of a person. A title of the *Messiah* (Gen. 49:10).... The entire Jewish synagogue and the whole Christian Church agree as to the fact that the patriarch is here proclaiming the coming of the *Messiah*” (3rd ed., art. Shiloh). *The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible* says, “*Shiloh* is traditionally understood as the name of the *Messiah*.... Most exegetes agree that a **JUDEAN leader** is referred to in this verse.... Christian interpreters since the sixteenth century have frequently identified *Shiloh* with the *Messiah*” (1962 ed., vol. 4).

Finally, *The Imperial Bible Dictionary* comments: “The proper fulfillment began in David's time, and ‘the *scepter* and the lawgiver’ are to be sought for in *his line*, to which the promises were made of an **UNENDING DOMINION**. The old and simple interpretation is, that the sovereignty in Israel belongs to **JUDAH**, and that this

prerogative, shall not be exhausted till the promised Saviour comes..." (Vol. II, 1966 ed.).

What does Genesis 49:10 reveal? 1) A *scepter* (ruler's staff) would later be put in the hands of the people of *Judah*. 2) Once that scepter was put in the hands of Judah's descendants, it would *remain* until the coming of *Shiloh* (the *Messiah*) to rule all nations sitting on the "Throne of David" (Isa. 9:6-7; Luke 1:32; Zech. 14:9).

But when was the scepter to appear in Judah? The Israelites were led out of Egypt in about 1446 BC, and 40 years later Joshua led them into the "Promised Land." From then until about 1050 BC, Israel was ruled by a *theocracy*. God Himself ruled them, but they rejected Him (1 Sam. 8:7).

When the Israelites clamored for a human king, the Prophet Samuel reminded them that **"the LORD your God was your king"** (1 Sam. 12:13). Saul was anointed as Israel's first king, but quickly rebelled against the LORD and was rejected by Him (15:22-23, 26). "...He gave them *judges* for about 450 years [then] God gave them *Saul* a son of Kish...of the tribe of *Benjamin*, for about 40 years. And when He had removed him, He raised up for them DAVID as king [of the tribe of *Judah*] and said, 'I have found David...a man after My own heart, who will do My will'" (Acts 13:20-22). David wisely ruled Israel for 40 years and six months (2 Sam. 4:4-5), from about 1010 BC to 970 BC.

When Will Christ Occupy David's Throne?

Jesus Christ is a "son of David" (Mark 10:47-48; Rom. 1:3; 2 Tim. 3:8). *Luke* gives Christ's true genealogy through *his mother Mary*—all the way back to Judah, through David's son *Nathan* (3:30-33), whereas *Matthew* gives Jesus' lineage through his *legal father Joseph* (1:16).

When Christ returns to this earth, will He then sit upon the very Throne of His ancestor, David, King of Israel? Speaking of *David*, the Apostle Peter says that "God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body...He would raise up the Christ [Gk. *Christos*, Heb. *Messiah*] to sit on his THRONE" (Acts 2:30).

Before Jesus was born, an angel told His mother Mary that she would bear a "Son, and shall call his name JESUS. **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.** And He will reign over the house of Jacob [Israel] forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end" (Luke 1:31-33).

Will Jesus *share* that Throne with others? God's Word promises that those who overcome Satan and his evil world will also *share* Christ's Throne. Jesus promised, "To him who *overcomes* I will grant to sit with Me on *My Throne*, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on *His Throne*" (Rev. 3:21), which is "in heaven" (Rev. 4; Matt. 6:6-9); but during the millennial rule of Christ *on earth*, *His Throne*—the very "*throne of His father David*"—will then be situated in *Jerusalem* (Jer. 3:17; Isa. 9:6-7; Ezek. 43:7). After King David's death, **"Solomon [David's son] sat on the THRONE of the LORD as king instead of David his father, and**

prospered" (1 Chr. 29:23). Thus we see that David and his descendants actually sat on the "Throne of the LORD"!

Furthermore, when the Queen of Sheba visited the peaceful Kingdom of Israel and saw its beauty and wealth, she exclaimed to King Solomon, "You exceed the fame of which I heard. Happy are your men and happy are these your servants, who...hear your wisdom! **Blessed be the LORD your God, who delighted in you, setting you on HIS THRONE to be king for the LORD your God**" (2 Chr. 9:6-8). Since Solomon sat on the LORD'S THRONE, he ruled by "divine right."

David's Perpetual Dynasty

GOD'S EVERLASTING COVENANT WITH KING DAVID: God Almighty had promised that He would establish the "scepter" (kingship) in the tribe of *Judah*, and his descendants would continue to hold that "scepter" until the coming of "*Shiloh*"—the *Messiah/Christ* (Gen. 49:10). And the LORD first put the promised scepter in the hand of a young *Jew* named **DAVID** in about *1010 BC* (1 Sam. 2:4).

The LORD solemnly promised *King David* that his Throne would continue forever: "I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant *David*: **'Your seed I will establish FOREVER, and build up YOUR THRONE to all generations'**" (Psa. 89:3-4). "His *seed* also I will make to endure *forever*, and his *Throne* as the days of heaven" (vv. 27-29). "*Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David: His seed shall endure forever, and his THRONE as the sun before Me; it shall be established forever like the moon, even like the faithful witness in the sky*" (vv. 33-37; 2 Sam. 7:11-16). Some mistakenly think Psalm 89:38-51 negates God's solemn promise to *David*. Not so! Verse 38 says that God *abhorred* His "anointed" (i.e. *King Zedekiah*), "cast off and abhorred" His servant's crown (i.e. Zedekiah's crown) "by casting it to the ground" (v. 39). That happened to King Zedekiah in about 586 BC—over four centuries after God's irrevocable promise to King David.

When the Kingdom of Judah was destroyed by the Babylonians, Zedekiah's crown was cast down to the ground. The authority vested in the *scepter of Judah* did *cease* to hold sway over those "Israelites" living in *Palestine*—that is, over the "*Jews*" living in the *land of Judah*—when Nebuchadnezzar "killed the *sons* of Zedekiah [and] all the *nobles* of Judah," then "put out Zedekiah's eyes" and sent him as a captive to Babylon (Jer. 39:6-7), where he later died (52:11).

But God faithfully kept His oath to David by transferring the *crown* from Zedekiah to one of his *daughters*, named *Tamar Tephi* (also called "*Tea Tephi*"). Later, we shall see how God kept His promise to King David and his descendants, by causing the "daughters of Zedekiah" to be taken from Palestine to *Egypt* (Jer. 43:5-7), a few years before they journeyed to the far-off *British Isles*, where one of them (*Tamar Tephi*) married a princely Israelite who then lived in *Ireland*.

King Solomon inherited the Throne of David about *970 BC*, and in the 4th year of his reign he began to build a magnificent Temple ("House of God") in Jerusalem. "And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished building the house of the LORD [c. 960 BC]...that the LORD appeared to *Solomon*.... And the LORD said to him: 'I have heard your prayer and your supplication.... Now *if* you walk before Me as

your father David walked...to do according to all that I have commanded you...**then I will establish the THRONE of your kingdom over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying, 'you shall not fail to have a man [Heb. *ISH*] on the THRONE of Israel'**" (1 Kings 9:1-5; cf. 2 Chr. 7:17-18). This Hebrew word *ish* usually refers to *males*, but it is often used in a *generic sense*, in which case it includes *females* (Psa. 1:1; 112:1). Speaking of the *manna* which God fed the Israelites, God says, "Men [Heb. *ish*] ate angels' food" (Psa. 78:25). This included both *male* and *female* Israelites.

Unlike the LORD'S *unconditional* promise to David, God's promise to Solomon was given with the *condition* that Solomon must first *obey* Him. David had "many sons" (1 Sam. 28:5), so *if* his son *Solomon* disobeyed God, the LORD could then choose another of David's sons to carry out His promise that David would *never fail* to have a *descendant* on his Throne throughout "all generations" (cf. Psa. 132:10-12). Shortly before David's death, his "last words" included a reminder of God's *irrevocable promise* to him: "Yet He [the LORD] has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and *secure!*" (2 Sam. 23:1, 5).

But, in spite of these many clear statements in the Scriptures, some Bible "scholars" simply refuse to believe God's solemn promise to David of an *everlasting dynasty*. They carelessly assume his dynasty *ceased* to exist, after having *held sway over the Israelites for about 424 years—from about 1010 BC to about 586 BC!* These *apologists* refuse to accept the fact that God solemnly promised King David that his *dynasty—his Royal House—would continue to rule in perpetuity* over at least *some* of the descendants of Israel in every single generation. The critics try to "explain away" the ***vast gap*** of over 582 years between: **1)** the destruction of the Kingdom of Judah and the overthrow of the House of David in Jerusalem (*c. 586 BC*), and **2)** the coming of Jesus Christ (*c. 4 BC*), the ultimate heir to David's Throne! During that time no son of David ruled over Israelites in the Promised Land!

This lengthy ***582-year gap*** between Zedekiah's downfall *in 586 BC* and the First Coming of Jesus Christ is impossible to *explain away*—if you really believe the LORD'S solemn promise to David, and *if* you know that "it is impossible for God to lie!" (Heb. 6:18). One of King David's descendants was to sit upon his Throne in "all generations" (Psa. 89:4)! But how long is a *generation*? A *Bible generation* is certainly not less than *a few decades* in length (Exod. 1:6; Matt. 1:17; Lev. 23:14-41). How would God keep His solemn promise to David that one of his descendants would sit on his Throne in every single generation—ruling over some of his fellow Israelites?

Only Three "Interregnums" in David's Dynasty

History reveals that there have only been ***three brief interruptions*** in David's royal line of succession to his Throne. Since God gave His promise to David before his death (*c. 970 BC*), a descendant of his has sat on *his Throne* in every generation! However, there have been ***three temporary vacancies*** (called "interregnums") in David's royal line of succession. An "*interregnum* [is] the time during which a throne is *vacant* between two successive reigns or regimes" (*Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, 11th ed.). When and how did the ***three temporary interregnums*** to the Davidic royal line of succession occur?

1) **The first short vacancy** in David's royal line occurred when wicked **Queen Athaliah** (having no royal Davidic blood) *usurped* the Throne and ruled over the Kingdom of Judah for *six years* (c. 841-835 BC). She was the daughter of wicked **Queen Jezebel** and **King Ahab** of Israel: "Jezebel [was] the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians" (1 Ki. 16:31), who married Jehoram, king of Judah, by whom she had several sons, one of whom later became **King Ahaziah** of Judah. When her son Ahaziah was murdered, after reigning only "one year" (2 Chr. 22:1-9), Athaliah "arose and destroyed all the *royal heirs* of the house of Judah" except **Joash** (vv. 10-11). For "six years" her authority was unchallenged; then the priest Jehoida installed the young **Joash** on the Throne. Hearing the jubilation attendant to Joash's coronation, wicked Athalia came out to confront her enemies, and was put to death outside the Temple (vv. 10-12; 23:1-15). **Thus ended the six-year interregnum of "that wicked woman"** (2 Chr. 24:7)!

2) **The second brief vacancy (interregnum)** in David's dynasty occurred between the *fall of Jerusalem* (c. 586 BC), and the *marriage of Zedekiah's daughter* (only a decade or so later)—to an **Irish prince** who then ruled over *dispersed Israelites* who had lived for many years in the far-off island of Ireland. An ancient Irish royal family—descendants of Judah's son Zerah—had previously ruled over a thriving colony of the peoples of "lost Israel," some of whom had lived in Ireland for many centuries. (More of this later.)

3) **The third temporary vacancy (interruption)** in the Davidic Dynasty occurred during an *interregnum*, which lasted nearly **11 years**—when **KING CHARLES I** of England (a descendant of David through the ancient Scottish and Irish kings) was beheaded in 1649; but his son **Charles II**, was restored to the **British Throne in 1660—a little less than 11 years after his father had been beheaded.**

Besides these *three interregnums*, there are no other *vacancies* in the Davidic royal line from the time of King David to the present time. These *three brief interregnums* were well within the limits of the scope of *God's solemn promise* that David would have an heir reigning on his Throne in "**all generations**" (Psa. 89:4).

Thus we see that it is a big mistake to casually *assume* that the Throne of David ceased to exist after Judah's last king, **Zedekiah**, was toppled from his Throne in 586 BC, at which time all the nobles, as well as all of Zedekiah's sons—the royal "seed" of David's Dynasty—were killed by the Babylonians (Jer. 39:6-7). This left no *male heirs of King Zedekiah* to sit on David's Throne. But many fail to recognize the fact that "Zedekiah's daughters" were spared (Jer. 41:10; 43:6-7). **Since Zedekiah had no living sons, one of his daughters could—and in fact did—continue the royal line of Davidic succession—**according to the biblical *law of inheritance* in ancient Israel (Num. 27:1-11; Josh. 17:6).

In like manner, the British law of royal succession allows a *daughter* to inherit her father's throne—if he leaves *no male heirs*. This occurred *four times* in the line of British monarchs: **Mary I, Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria** and the present British Queen, **Elizabeth II**. The French "*Salic law*" of royal *dynastic succession* "exclude[d] *females* from the line of succession" to the French throne (*Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dict.*, 10th ed.).

Why Did Jeremiah Immigrate to Ireland?

Many are surprised to be told that the biblical *Prophet Jeremiah* did, according to ancient Irish history, accompany at least two of King Zedekiah's daughters from the Holy Land to Ireland. The saga of how David's Throne was transferred from Jerusalem, in the ancient land of Israel, to Ireland makes a most fascinating true story.

Jeremiah was one of the most remarkable of the O.T. prophets. His ministry in the "Holy Land" covered a span of about 40 years—from his call, during *King Josiah's* 13th year (c. 626 BC) until the fall of Jerusalem in 586 BC. He prophesied under the last *five* kings of Judah: 1) **Josiah**, 2) **Jehoahaz**, 3) **Jehoiakim**, 4) **JEHOICHIN** (also called **CONIAH** or **Jeconiah**) and 5) **Zedekiah**.

In about 597 BC, **Jehoiachin** (i.e. *Coniah*) succeeded his father **Jehoiakim** to the Throne (2 Chr. 36:1-10). However, because of his great wickedness, Jeremiah predicted that his descendants would *never prosper* on the Throne of David, ruling "in Judah." Notice God's *curse* upon Jeconiah's house: "'As I live,' says the LORD, 'though the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, were the signet on My right hand, yet I would pluck you off; and I will give you into the hand of those who seek your life'" (Jer. 22:24-25).

"O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD! Thus says the LORD! 'Write this man [**Coniah**] down as *childless*, a man who shall *not prosper* in his days; **for none of his descendants shall prosper, sitting on the THRONE OF DAVID, and ruling any more in JUDAH**'" (vv. 29-30).

Although **Coniah** [**Jehoiachin**] was appointed king of Judah by the Babylonians, he only reigned three months and 10 days before Nebuchadnezzar changed his mind and carried off the 18-year old king and his family to Babylon. *Shealtiel*, one of Coniah's five sons, was the father of *Zerubbabel*, neither of whom ever became a king "in Judah." However, *Zerubbabel* was appointed "governor of Judah" (Hag. 1:1)—after the Jews returned from Babylon in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah. In fact, none of Coniah's sons, or their descendants ever prospered on the Throne of David *in Judah*—just as God had prophesied through Jeremiah!

After King **Jehoiachin** was taken to Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar appointed **Mattaniah** (Jehoiachin's uncle) to be the king of Judah, calling him **ZEDEKIAH**. (2 Ki. 24:10-18). "Then the king of Babylon made Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's uncle, *king in his place*, and changed his name to **ZEDEKIAH**" (v. 17). **God switched the royal line from wicked Jehoiachin's [i.e. "Coniah's"] family, to his nephew's royal line of descent by appointing ZEDEKIAH as the vassal king over Judah.**

Scotch-Irish Holy Land Connections Not long afterward, Almighty God commissioned *Jeremiah* to *transplant* the "king's daughters" (i.e. Zedekiah's daughters) from the land of *Judah* to the *Emerald Isle* (Ireland). Do ancient Irish *histories*, as well as present *traditions*, give us any clues showing that, in fact, Jeremiah did escort King Zedekiah's "daughters" from the land of Judah to Ireland, *via* Egypt and Spain? To this very day, Irishmen believe the Hebrew *Prophet*

Jeremiah brought one or more Jewish princesses to Ireland shortly after the fall of Jerusalem in 586 BC.

While touring Ireland in 1959, I visited the city of Enniskillen, North Ireland. The local inhabitants informed me that the Prophet Jeremiah was buried nearby. I then hired a guide to take me to “Jeremiah’s Tomb,” which according to Irish tradition, many Irish believe is located on *Devenish Isle*, in Lough Erne, in **Northern Ireland**.

Years later, in July 1995, my wife and I were having breakfast with friends in a hotel restaurant in Belfast, N. Ireland, where we were discussing Irish history. During the discussion, I was surprised when another diner (who had obviously *overheard* some of our conversation) walked up to our table and informed us that present-day Irish people believe *Jeremiah* is buried in Northern Ireland. He told us that some of the Irish believe the venerable **Prophet Jeremiah** undertook an important mission to Ireland just a few years after the downfall of Judah and the destruction of Jerusalem in 586 BC.

For thousands of years, Northern Ireland and Scotland have been closely linked in kinship, culture, and in their cherished beliefs in *liberty* and *free enterprise*. In 1879, Scottish historian *John MacLaren* published an interesting history of Scotland titled, *The History of Ancient Caledonia*. In that history, he reveals that the early Christians of Scotland believed that—according to the Scottish **Declaration of Arbroath**—they had been taught by the *Apostle Peter’s brother ANDREW*, the “patron saint” of Scotland.

Also, according to MacLaren’s history, they had worshipped the “**God of Bethel**,” and knew that they were descendants of the “*twelve tribes of Israel*,” and say they brought “*Jacob’s Pillow stone*” into Britain. According to *MacLaren*, some of the Scots kept the “**seventh day**” Sabbath, observed the *annual Sabbaths* (mentioned in Leviticus 23) and kept the “**Sabbath of the land**” every seventh year, according to the laws God gave Moses to give to Israel; they also refused to eat any “**unclean food**” and paid “**tythes**” (*The History of Ancient Caledonia*, pp. 1-61). **These comments reveal the close racial connection between the Scotch-Irish and the people of ancient Israel.**

This same historian also says, “The original writings from which this history is translated are believed to have been carried away by *Edward I*, along with...*Jacob’s Pillow* [the British *coronation stone*, the *Stone of Scone*] upon which the Caledonians crowned their kings at Scone Palace” (p. 2). [*Julius Caesar’s* army landed in England in 54 BC, but soon returned to Gaul. In 43 AD, Rome again invaded Britain and occupied it for the next 400 years.]

Jeremiah’s Astonishing Irish Connection

What was “Jeremy’s Land”? MacLaren’s *History of Ancient Caledonia* repeatedly refers to *Ireland* as “**Jeremy’s Land**”—that is, “Jeremiah’s Land” (pp. 56-57). “The Lord permitted the Romans to persecute the Jews [66-73 AD] but He afflicted the Romans with famine and pestilence. As the orders were that no [Jewish] slaves were to be allowed to land there [at Rome], but were permitted either in **BRITAIN or GAUL [France-Belgium]**, or **JEREMY’S LAND [Ireland]**, or any other port *beyond* the great god **GIB’S ROCK [Gibraltar]** (the God of the Storm), they set sail

from Rome bound for **JEREMY'S LAND**" (p. 56). Clearly, "Jeremy's land" refers to *Ireland!*

But how did *Ireland* come to be called, at least by some, "JEREMY'S LAND"? In order to understand these things more fully, we need to see what God's Word says concerning what happened to the Prophet Jeremiah and the "daughters" of King Zedekiah. Even before the Prophet Jeremiah was born, the LORD planned that he was destined to carry out a very important mission during his lifetime. God told Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; And I ordained you a prophet to the nations" (Jer. 1:4-5). Jeremiah tried to resist God's call, "Ah, LORD God! Behold, I cannot speak [well], for I am a youth" (v. 8). God then told Jeremiah, "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak..." (v. 7).

But, exactly what did the Great God have in mind for Jeremiah to do? "See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to **root out** and to **pull down**, to **destroy** and to **throw down**, [then] to **BUILD** and to **PLANT**" (v. 10). Most Bible scholars understand that Jeremiah spent many years prophesying the destruction of the *Kingdom of Judah*. During that time he warned their leaders (including their kings) that the Babylonians would destroy both the Kingdom of Judah and the city of Jerusalem (21:1-14; 32:26-34). For prophesying calamity, "he was...shut up in the court of the prison" in Jerusalem for many days (33:1). Nonetheless, he continued prophesying against the Kingdom of Judah, saying it would be pulled down (chapters 34-37; 38:1-4).

Later, Jeremiah was accused of *high treason*: "So they took Jeremiah and cast him into the dungeon.... And there was no water, but mire. So Jeremiah sank in the mire" (v. 6). Finally, one of the king's servants, an *Ethiopian*, interceded on his behalf: "so they pulled Jeremiah up with ropes and lifted him out of the dungeon..." (v. 13). "Now Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison until the day that Jerusalem was taken [by the Babylonians]" (v. 28), who captured King Zedekiah and passed judgment upon him (39:1-5). "Then the king of Babylon killed the *sons of Zedekiah* before his eyes [and] also killed all of the *nobles* of Judah" (v. 6).

None of the *male heirs to the Throne* were left alive! But the Babylonian "captain of the guard" told Jeremiah, "And now look, I free you this day from the chains that were on your hand" (40:4), and said to him, "Go wherever it seems convenient for you to go.' So the captian of the guard gave him rations and a gift [expense money] and let him go" (v. 5). At first, Jeremiah remained with the few Jews whom the Babylonians left in the land of Judah. But did Jeremiah remain there? No. Then, where did he go? Did Jeremiah then accompany "Zedekiah's daughters" to join "*lost Israelites*" in *Ireland*?

Zedekiah's Royal "Daughters"

When the leaders of the Jewish *remnant* decided to flee to Egypt, they asked Jeremiah to seek God's will in the matter. Jeremiah took it to God, then told them God's directive: "Do not go to Egypt!" (42:1-19). However, their self-willed leaders flatly refused to obey God's Word by Jeremiah: "But Johanan the son of Kareah and all of the captains of the forces took all the *remnant of Judah* who had returned to

dwell in the land of Judah, from all nations where they had been driven—men, women, children, the **KING'S DAUGHTERS...and JEREMIAH the prophet and BARUCH [Jeremiah's scribe]...** So they went as far as **TAHPANHES [Gk. *Daphne*]** in N. E. Egypt (43:5-7).

Ancient Irish histories indicate there were *two prominent eastern ladies*—both of whom appear to have been daughters of Zedekiah—who were later connected with the people of Ireland: **SCOTA** and **TAMAR TEPHI**.

1) **SCOTA** was apparently the older of the two celebrated women, and some biblical scholars believe *Scota* was one of Zedekiah's daughters. Scotch-Irish records explain that this eastern lady, *Scota*, had previously married Niul—one of *Pharaoh Hophra's* mercenary soldiers—while she was living as a *royal refugee* (a “daughter”) under the adoptive protection of the *Pharaoh Hophra*, who had a royal “house” or *palace* at **Tahpanhes, Egypt** (see Jer. 33:9; 44:30). It was this **Scota** whose name the people of Ireland later *adopted*—as Ireland was subsequently called “Scotia” until the 10th century AD (Moore's *History of Ireland*, vol. 1). Later that name, *Scota*, was applied to North Britain (i.e. **Scotland**) and still later *Scota* was applied to a province in Southeastern Canada called **NOVA SCOTIA**.

Notice the following account of what happened to “**JACOB'S PILLOW STONE**” in connection with King Zedekiah's daughters: **TEA TEPHI** and **SCOTA**—“**It [this “Pillow Stone” or “Stone of Destiny”] was saved from destruction with the Temple, was cherished as a palladium by the Jews; and, after the death of Zedekiah, was carried by a migrating colony, with ‘SCOTA the King's daughter’ under the leadership of the Prophet Jeremiah....** It was taken to ‘The Isles of the Sea,’ and preserved as a *Stone of Destiny*, by the ‘**People of Scota**’.... Finally, it was ‘stolen’ by Edward, King of England, and placed in the *Coronation Chair* at Westminster Abbey where it still is” (*THE STONE OF DESTINY*, by F. Wallace Connon, p. 15).

Note In December 1996, this *Stone of Destiny* was returned to the Scots. This “**chunk of sandstone [called the “Stone of Scone”] was returned to Edinburgh, Scotland from London, England**—amidst the playing of bagpipes, and the jubilation of the Scots”: “*Friday* [Nov. 15, 1996—700 years after 1296] the pale yellow stone—on which every great king of Scotland was crowned until 1296—was returned home to the *skirl* of pipes, toasts of whiskey and a school holiday.... The **STONE** came home because the British government of Prime Minister John Major decided it should, and it will go to Edinburgh Castle for display...” (*The Los Angeles Times*, Nov. 16, 1996).

2) **TAMAR TEPHI** was apparently the second of King Zedekiah's “daughters.” *Tamar* means *Palm*. When *Tamar* is combined with *Tephi* (Heb. “beautiful”) it means *palm beautiful*—that is, “Beautiful Palm.” In Irish history, *Tamar Tephi* was also known by the name **Tea Tephi**. When “**Tea**” (Heb. *wanderer*) is combined with “**Tephi**” (Heb. “beautiful”), we get *Tea Tephi* (*Beautiful Wanderer*). We shall soon see why this beautiful princess was called a “Beautiful Wanderer.”

At the fall of Jerusalem in about 586 BC, these two princesses were quite young, as proven by the fact that their father, King Zedekiah, who was only 32 years old when he was taken to Babylon at the time when Jerusalem was captured by the

Babylonians: “Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years [until taken to Babylon in 586 BC]” (2 Chr. 36:22).

Since the two royal Jewish princesses, *Tamar* and *Scota*, spent several years in Tahpanhes (**Daphne**), Egypt—during the reign of *Pharaoh Hophra*—they, in a sense, became Pharaoh’s “adoptive daughters” by being under his protective custody. Irish annals reveal that, while yet in Egypt, *Princess Scota* married a man named Niul, a *Milesian mercenary* (i.e. a **Gael** of Israelite ancestry) in the employ of *Pharaoh Hophra*. Later, after going to Ireland, *Princess Tea Tephi* married an *Irish prince* of the *Zerah branch* of Judah bearing the princely title of *Eochaidh* (“*Erimionn*,” or “*Heremon*”).

After *Jerusalem’s fall*, the leaders of a *Jewish remnant* stubbornly insisted on going to Egypt—regardless of God’s instruction to the contrary. The LORD then told them that if they disobeyed, most of them would be “consumed by the sword and by famine.... Yet a small number who escaped the sword would return from the land of Egypt to the land of Judah...” (Jer. 44:27-28).

God also told Jeremiah and the Jews, “Behold, I will give PHARAOH HOPHRA king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies...as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, his enemy who sought his life” (v. 30). Ancient Irish history mentions that—not long after the *fall of Jerusalem* in 586 BC—a gray-haired sage (or prophet) came to Ireland, bringing an Eastern Princess (Tea-Tephi). He was accompanied by his scribe, “*Simon Brach*” (sometimes spelled *Breck* or *Berech*), whom the Bible reveals to be Jeremiah’s secretary, **BARUCH** (Jer. 31:32). “The word that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to *Baruch*...when he had written these words in a book at the instruction of Jeremiah.... Thus says the LORD...to you, O Baruch.... ‘Behold, I have built, I will break down, and what I have planted I will pluck up, that is, this whole land.... And do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for behold, I will bring adversity on all flesh.... **But I will give your life to you as a prize, wherever you go**” (45:1-5).

But Jeremiah and his secretary, *Baruch*, were to be under God’s protection “in all places” wherever they went (Jer. 1:5). But where were Jeremiah and Baruch to go? Remember, Jeremiah had been commissioned “to *root out* and to *pull down*, to *destroy* and to *throw down*” the Kingdom of Judah, and the “**THRONE of DAVID**.” He was also told that, afterward, he was to “**BUILD** and to **PLANT**” in another place (v. 10).

What was *Jeremiah* to build and plant? **Obviously, the same Throne, which he had helped to pull down in Judah!** Another scripture which is sometimes used to show that a daughter of Zedekiah would continue to rule on David’s Throne is found in Isaiah 37:31-32: “And the *remnant* who have escaped of the *house of Judah* shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upwards. For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and those who escape from Mount Zion. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.”

The Bible reveals that after the Babylonians destroyed Jerusalem in 586 BC, a “remnant”—including the “king’s daughters,” Jeremiah, his scribe, Baruch (Jer. 43:6-7), did escape Babylonian captivity and fled to *Tahpanhes, Egypt* for refuge. It was

out of this “remnant” from *Mount Zion* (the *ROYAL RESIDENCE* of the kings of JUDAH) that King Zedekiah’s daughters came. And according to Jeremiah’s divine commission (Jer. 1:9-10), one of those “daughters” was to be “planted” and “built” into a viable *dynasty* in the “height of Israel”—among the *Israelite peoples* of the “Lost Ten Tribes” of Israel, many of whom then lived in Ireland and other N.W European countries (Ezek. 17:2-24).

Why Did Zedekiah’s Daughters Go to Egypt?

How did Zedekiah’s daughters get from Israel to Ireland? At the time when Jeremiah, Baruch and the “king’s daughters” went to ***Tahpanhes, Egypt*** [Jer. 43:6-7], “**Pharaoh-HOPHRA [was then] king of Egypt**” (44:30). ***Hophra***, like the Jews, was at odds with the Babylonians. Furthermore, “Pharaoh’s house” (his Royal Palace) was in Tahpanhes (v. 9) which was a very important Egyptian fortress city during his reign.

The *Encyclopedia Britannica* says, “**Daphne** (*Tahpanhes*, modern *Defneh*), an ancient *fortress* near the Syrian frontier of Egypt, on the Pelusian arm of the Nile. Here King Psammetichus established a garrison of *foreign mercenaries*, mostly Carians and Ionian Greeks. After the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar in 588 BC [more accurately, in 586 BC] the *Jewish fugitives*, of whom *Jeremiah* was one, came to *Tahpanhes*.... The site was discovered by *Sir Flinders Petrie* in 1886; the name ‘**Castle of the JEW’S DAUGHTER**’ seems to preserve the tradition of the Jewish refugees” (14th ed., vol. vii, p. 48).

Furthermore, we are told that “**Pharaoh Apries (HOPHRA; 588-569 BC)**...fomented rebellion against the Babylonian suzerainty in Judah, but accomplished little there. *Colonies of Jewish refugees* [including Jeremiah and the “king’s daughters”] were given shelter in Egypt. Herodotus describes *Apris’* reign as exceedingly prosperous” (*Encyc. Brit.*, 15th ed., vol. 8).

Note Famous British archaeologist and Egyptologist, *Sir Flinders Petrie* (1853-1942), says this of the Egyptian city of “Tahpanhes”: “**TAHPANHES** was an important garrison, and as the Jews fled there it must have been close to the frontier. It is thus clear that it was the Greek *Daphanae*, the modern *Tell Defneh*, which is on the road to Palestine.... Of this an echo comes across the long ages; **the fortress mound is known as QASR BINT el YEHUDI, the palace of the Jew’s daughter. It is named Qasr, as a palace, not Qala, a fortress.** It is not named *Tell Bint El Yehudi* as it would be if it were called so *after* it were a ruinous heap. *Qasr* is a name, which shows its descent from the time of...HABITATION FOR NOBILITY and not merely for troops. So through the long ages of Greek and Roman and Arab there has come down the memory of the royal residence for the king’s daughters from the wreck of Jerusalem” (*Egypt and Israel*, pp. 85-86).

We are told that during this *26th Dynasty*, the Egyptians regularly imported *foreign mercenaries* to guard their N. E. frontier, including the fortress city of *Tahpanhes (Daphne)*. As an example, “[**PHARAOH**] **PSAMTIK** guarded the frontiers of Egypt with three strong garrisons, placing the Ionian and Carian mercenaries especially at the Pelusian *Daphnae*...in the northeast, from which quarter the most formidable enemies were likely to appear” (p. 40).

Dispersed Israelites in the N. T.

The *Apostles Peter and James* mention these “dispersed” Israelites who, in N.T. times, were living in Asia Minor and in certain parts of S. E. Greece, in the vicinity of the Black Sea, the Bosphoros and Dardanelles, and in Asia Minor, etc. The Apostle Peter, in mentioning some of these *dispersed Israelites* (Gk. *diaspora*), said: “Peter...to the *pilgrims* of the **Dispersion** [*dispersed* Israelites] in *Pontus, Galatia, Cappodocia, Asia, and Bithynia, elect...of God the Father*” (1 Peter 1:1-2). The *Apostle James* addresses his epistle to “**the TWELVE TRIBES** which are *scattered* abroad [*dispersed*]” (James 1:1-2).

Jesus Christ and His *APOSTLES* were all well aware of the whereabouts of those “lost tribes” in the first century of the Christian era. They were aware that at that time many Israelites still lingered in the areas of Southwestern Asia Minor, around the Black and Caspian Seas, and on both sides of the all-important waterway, the Dardanelles and Bosphorus, leading from the *Aegean Sea* into the *Black Sea*. Later, those Israelite peoples moved on into N. W. Europe and from there into many places which they colonized in North America, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, etc.

The core peoples of those English-speaking nations (who trace their *ancestry* back to the peoples of Great Britain) are, in fact, the modern-day descendants of the so-called “**Lost Ten Tribes**” of Israel! Many of God’s people are ignorant of *Christ’s own words*, when He sent out His Twelve Disciples to preach and teach His Gospel: “These TWELVE Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: ‘Do not go into the way of the GENTILES, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans [who falsely professed to be “Israelites”]. But go rather to the **LOST SHEEP of the HOUSE OF ISRAEL**’” (Matt. 10:56). Further, He told them, “For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the CITIES OF ISRAEL [a prophecy yet to be fulfilled in our time] before the Son of Man COMES [at *His Second Coming*]” (v. 23). We are not told how long it took Christ’s “TWELVE APOSTLES” to complete their commission to go to the “LOST SHEEP of the HOUSE OF ISRAEL.” Apparently, that *commission* would only be completed by the Twelve Apostles after Christ was resurrected and sent the Holy Spirit to empower them in their preaching!

Why *Scota* and *Tea Tephi* Left Egypt

Ancient Irish history reveals that shortly before the *mid-500s BC*, two prominent Eastern women (one called “**SCOTA**” and the other called “**TEA TEPHI**”) came from Egypt into Ireland. Jeremiah and the “king’s daughters” had dwelt in Daphne a number of years before they left Egypt and journeyed westward through the Mediterranean and the *Straits of Gibraltar*, then northward to **Portugal/Spain** (Iberian Peninsula) where they sojourned for a short time, before settling permanently in N. Ireland not long afterward.

Flavius Josephus’ *Antiquities* (12:226-7) and the apocryphal book of *I Maccabees* (12:20-23) mention that a colony of *Israelites*—who had anciently gone to Southern Greece—corresponded with the Jewish High Priest, **ONIAS**, assuring the Jews of their *kinship*. Apparently, this event occurred either in the 4th or 5th centuries BC (*Encyclopaedia Judaica*, corrected ed., vol. 12, art. “Onias”).

Some of the “Greek” mercenaries whom *Pharaoh-hophra* employed in his service were undoubtedly *Israelites* who had earlier settled in Greece. “The Greeks continued to play a prominent role during the reigns of Psammetichus II and *Apries* (the *Pharaoh Hophra* of Jeremiah). Under the latter, however, a national movement among the Egyptians led to a **REVOLT against the [Egyptian] king and the Greek element, with the result that the throne passed to the general Amasis (Ahmosis II), who withdrew [i.e. expelled] the Greeks from Daphnai...**” (*Chamber's Ency.*, 1959 ed., Vol. 5).

When this new *Pharaoh, Ahmosis II*, gained the throne, he drove out the *Greek* mercenaries at Tahpanhes (c. 569 BC), where Jeremiah and the “king's daughters” were living at that time. But where did they go when they left Egypt? Many old Irish histories speak of an Eastern princess arriving in Ireland from the land of Egypt at that time in history. Undoubtedly, some of those “Greek” mercenaries (of *Israelite descent*)—who were expelled from Egypt *after* the reign of *Pharaoh Hophra*—accompanied Jeremiah and his *royal party* from Egypt to Ireland via Spain.

Note this interesting comment by *Geoffrey Keating*: “*Pharaoh Intur* [*Ahmosis II*] and the Egyptians, in time, remembered their old grudge to the descendants of *Niul* and his family of **Gaedal** [*Gaels*], namely, their resentment for the friendship the latter had formed with the children of Israel [their blood relatives]. **They, then, made war upon the GAELS, who were thereby compelled to exile themselves from Egypt**” (*History of Ireland from the Earliest Period to the English Invasion*, pp. 153-156). *Pharaoh Ahmosis II* drove out these *Jews* (including *Jeremiah* and the *Jewish daughters* of *Zedekiah*) and their *Israelite cousins*, the *Milesian Gaels*, who were later called “Scots,” by using the name of **Pharaoh's “adopted” Jewish “daughter” Scota**.

This “**Scota**” was apparently one of the *two Jewish princesses* who had sought refuge in *Pharaoh's* fortress city of *Tahpanhes*, Egypt. As we have previously noted, these “**GAELS**”—and their kinsmen who journeyed with *Jeremiah's royal party* from *Egypt* to *Ireland* via *Spain*—were later called “Scots,” both in *Ireland* and *Scotland*!

The *Encyclopedia Britannica* states, “The name of **SCOTLAND** for this geographical area of northern Britain (*Caledonia* of the ancients)...originated in the *11th century*, when (from the tribe of *Scots*) part of it was called **SCOTIA** (a name previously applied to what is now **IRELAND**) and the name of *Scotland* became established in the *12th and 13th centuries*” (*Ency. Brit.*, 11th ed., Vol. XXIX). And, as *previously noted*, some *Scots* later went to Eastern Canada and founded **NOVA SCOTIA**, meaning *New Scota*. Thus we see that all of these names refer back to the famous Princess “*Scota*” who, along with Princess *Tamar Tephi* (*Tea Tephi*), came into *Ireland* from the land of *Israel*!

The Revered “Stone of Destiny”

Jeremiah, the royal *princesses* and *Baruch* (accompanied by *Gaels*, serving as their *armed escort*) went from *Egypt* to *Spain*, remaining there a comparatively short time, before migrating to Northern *Ireland*, where the *Gaelic peoples* had previously

gained supremacy over Ireland's first permanent inhabitants, the *Tuatha-de-Danaan*: "In process of time, the *Tuatha-de-Danaan* [of Ireland] were themselves *dispossessed* of their sway; a successful invasion from the coast of Spain having put an end to the *Danaanian dynasty*, and transferred the SCEPTRE [of Ireland] into the hands of that Milesian or **SCOTIC race**, which through so long a series of succeeding ages, supplied Ireland with her kings. **This celebrated colony [came] directly from Spain...**" (Thomas Moore, *The History of Ireland*, 1837 ed., Vol. I, p. 61). This author also mentions that *Ireland* had been called "**SCOTIA**" until "the *tenth century* of our era" (p. 69). Clearly, some of these "Ulster Scots" were descendants of King David's royal line of kings.

Moore says these "Scots" who came from Egypt to Ireland via Spain possessed a highly treasured "**STONE OF DESTINY**" (p. 60). Speaking of these Scots (called "Milesians"), Moore also states, "**From thence tracing this CHOSEN RACE in their migrations to different countries, and connecting them, by marriage or friendship, during their long sojourn in EGYPT, with most of the heroes of Scripture**, our Bards conduct them at length...to *Spain*" before they finally went to *Northern Ireland* (p. 61).

Scottish historian, *Hector Boece*, says that the ancestor of the Scots was a "Greyke [Greek] callit [called] Gathelus, son of Cecrops of Athens, urtherwayis [otherwise] of argus, King of Argives,' who came to Egypt when 'in this tyme rang [reigned] in Egypt Pharo ye scourage of ye pepill of Israel.' Gathelus gained a gret victory for Pharo [Pharaoh Hophra] against the Moris [Moors of N. Africa]...and 'King Pharo gaif him his dochter [daughter], callit **SCOTA**, in marraige" (Boece, *The Chronicles of Scotland*, vol. 1, pp.21-17, transl. into Scots by John Bellenden, 1551 AD).

Note It has been a common practice for a king of one nation to take under his wing (i.e. a quasi *adoption* of) royal refugees from other countries that, because of persecution, were forced to leave their native homeland. God's servant David fled from the land of Israel during King Saul's time of severe persecution, and took refuge with the Philistine King of Gath, as his guest (1 Sam. 27 & 29). David was treated as a royal guest. It appears that this "daughter" (*Scota*) was Pharaoh's *adopted daughter*, who was in fact, a *royal princess of Judah* (an actual daughter of *King Zedekiah*)—who along with her sister, **Tamar Tephi**, Jeremiah, and Baruch (and their *escort*), had previously sought refuge at *Tahpanhes, Egypt*, under the protective custody of Pharaoh Hophra's wing!

According to *Collier's Encyclopedia*, during this same general time frame, "Egypt traded not only with the Near East but also with the rising Greek states of *Asia Minor*, the Aegean Islands, and European Greece. Many *professional 'Greek' soldiers* found employment in the Egyptian armies of this period" (1959 ed., Vol. 7). However, these "Greeks" were, in fact, *Milesian mercenaries*, employed by Pharaoh to defend Egypt's northeastern frontier.

The last biblical mention of the *Prophet Jeremiah* is found in his own account of "the KING'S DAUGHTERS," *Baruch*, and himself being taken to *Tahpanhes* not long after the fall of Jerusalem in 586 BC (Jer. 43:5-7). There is not one more word in the O.T. concerning what happened to Jeremiah; but *ancient Irish history* picks up where

the Bible breaks off, and shows that Jeremiah and the Jewish princesses did, in fact, leave Egypt under pressure of a new Pharaoh and went to *Spain* (*Portugal* was not then a separate country) and from there they went directly to *Northern Ireland* in about 570 BC.

Who Were the People of the “RED HAND”?

The **Milesian Scots** (i.e. *Gaels*) who conquered the earlier inhabitants of Ireland (known as “**Tuatha-de-Danaan**”) were also known as the people of the “**Red Hand**.” From time immemorial the people of *Northern Ireland* (*Ulster*) have used the “Red Hand” as an emblem of their heraldry. Even today, the *official flag* of Northern Ireland features a “**Red Hand**”: “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...forms the flag of the Governor of Ireland” (Evans, *The Observer’s Book of Flags*, p. 28).

Numerous clans of *Ireland*, as well as 10 or 12 *Scottish clans*, also include the **RED HAND** on their family *coat of arms* (*The Scottish Tartans*, illustr. by William Semple). The *Matheson clan* has on its coat of arms *three* blood-red Right Hands.

Furthermore, we are told that “The **RED HAND of Ulster** is thus claimed in some circles to be symbolic of this event [the *scarlet thread* tied around Zerah’s hand, Gen. 38:24-30], and also considered symbolic is the fact that the ancient Knights of Ulster were the most distinguished in the history of this island [Ireland]. They were known as the **KNIGHTS OF THE RED BRANCH [of Zerah]**” (The “*Larne Times*” of N. Ireland, Dec. 24, 1986). Irish historian, Thomas Moore, also mentions “the celebrated *Knights of the Red Branch*, so triumphantly sung by the bards...” (*The History of Ireland*, Vol. I, p. 89-90). What, if anything, does the **RED HAND** have to do with the ancient people of Israel? In actual fact, this “Red Hand” goes back to the time of the birth of one of Judah’s twin sons, **ZERAH**. At his birth, he put forth his hand, and the midwife tied a RED or SCARLET thread around his HAND, signifying his right to a regal position promised to *Judah!* Here is the biblical account of that important event: “And so it was, when she was giving birth, that the one [twin] put out his hand; and the midwife took a **SCARLET THREAD** and bound it on his **HAND**, saying, ‘This one came out first.’ 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** [in the birth of these twins] be upon you!’ Therefore his name was called **PEREZ** [Heb. ‘breach,’ or ‘breakthrough’]. **Afterward his brother [Zerah] came out who had the SCARLET [red] thread on his HAND.** And his name was called **ZERAH** [Heb. ‘dawning, rising, shining’]” (Gen. 38:28-29 NKJV).

When his twin brother Perez (Heb. “breach”) became the *firstborn*, this *breach* meant that *Perez*, not *Zerah*, would inherit Judah’s firstborn son’s regal position, thereby fulfilling the divine prophecy of Genesis 49:10. Many centuries later, when a royal *Jewish princess*—of the *PEREZ BRANCH* of Judah—married an *Irish prince* of the *ZERAH BRANCH* of Judah, her marriage *repaired* the ancient breach made by *Zerah*’s brother *Perez*. The KJV spells the twins names differently: *Pharez* and *Zareh*.

How did this “right RED HAND” originate? Ancient Irish *tradition* says that the “**Red Hand**” in Northern Ireland’s heraldry arose in the following manner: Anciently, two Irish brothers were on a boat, and as they approached the shore of *Ireland*, they agreed that the one who first touched Irish soil would inherit the land. As they came near the shore, one brother supposedly cut off his *right hand* and threw it onto the land, thereby claiming that land as his. This “tradition” is a garbled, fictitious account of how the “**right Red Hand**” came to figure so prominently in Northern Ireland’s history.

As previously noted, a “**right Red Hand**” is on the official *flag of Northern Ireland!* There is considerable evidence proving that the people of the “Red Hand” also left traces of the “Red Hand” tradition as they traveled across North Africa and into Spain on their journey from the *Orient (Palestine)* to **Ireland**. Ancient *history* often has a “kernel” of *truth*, mixed in with those “oral traditions.” Some people, however, believe that the *Bible* alone holds the real “key” to the *mystery* of the origin of the “**Red Hand**”!

“Knights of the Red Branch”

Note *The Observer’s Book of Flags* describes the heraldry now found on the flag of Northern Ireland: “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...forms the flag of the Governor of Ireland” (p. 28). Numerous clans of *Ireland*, as well as 10 or 12 *Scottish* clans, also include the **RED HAND** on their family *coat of arms* according to William Semple’s book, *The Scottish Tartans*, and one clan displays on it *three* Red Right Hands.

Further, we are told that “The **Red Hand of Ulster** is thus claimed in some circles to be symbolic of this event [referring to a **SCARLET THREAD** which was tied around *Zerah’s hand*, Gen. 38:24-30], and also considered symbolic is the fact that the ancient *Knights of Ulster* were the most distinguished in the history of this island [*Ireland*]. They were known as the **KNIGHTS OF THE RED BRANCH** [of *Zerah*]” (“*The Larne Times*” of Northern Ireland, Dec. 24, 1986). Irish historian, *Thomas Moore*, also mentions “the celebrated *Knights of the Red Branch*, so triumphantly sung by the bards...” (*The History of Ireland*, Vol. I, p. 89-90). This “**Red Hand**” clearly goes back to the “**RED BRANCH**” of the *royal line* (or *branch*) of the *regal tribe of Judah* which—nearly 4,000 years ago—Almighty God ordained would wield the kingly “**SCEPTER**” (Gen. 49:10)!

The JUDAH-DARDA Connection

How did the people of the “**RED HAND**” get to Ireland? To find out, we must first ask: Who were the descendants of Judah’s son, **ZERAH**? “The sons of ZERAH were **Zimri, Ethan, Heman, Calcol, and DARA—five of them in all**” (1 Chr. 2:6). However, in 1 Kings 4:3, **this same grandson of Judah is also called DARDA**. We are told that *King Solomon*, a descendant of *Perez*, “was wiser than all men—than Ethan...and Heman, Chalcol, and **DARDA**” (1 Kings 4:31). **Speaking of “Dara” and “Darda,”** *Unger’s Bible Dictionary* says “they are doubtless *the same*.”

Smith's *Dictionary of the Bible* says that Flavius Josephus equates *Darda* with the Greek *Dardanos*: “**DARDA...Joseph[us] DARDANOS; Darda**” (vol. 1, p. 397). “**Dardanus...mythical founder of Dardanus on the Hellespont [i.e. the Dardanelles] and ancestor of the DARDANS of the Troad [area ruled by the Trojans]...became the founder of the royal house of TROY**” (*Ency. Brit.*, 11th ed., Vol. V11, p. 829).

The “Hebrews” built “ancient Troy”! According to Scottish historian *John MacLaren*, certain Israelites had settled in Asia Minor in ancient times. [Note At that time Western Asia Minor was then inhabited primarily by *Greek colonists*, but some of those “Greeks” were in fact Israelites who lived among the Greeks]. “The **HEBREWS** then built an altar to the Lord thanking Him for their deliverance from the Egyptians. The king of Greece visited their camps with his Hebrew servant, telling them to build a city and fortify themselves against their enemies...**[they then] commenced to build the city of TROY**” (*The History of Ancient Caledonia*, 1879 ed., p. 4). Furthermore, *Josephus* and the first book of *Maccabees* both mention that some Israelites had lived in *Southern Greece* many years before Christ. He quotes the Spartan King *Areus* as saying, “We have discovered that both the *Jews* and the *Lacedemonians* [of S. Greece] are of *one stock*, and are derived from the kindred of Abraham” (bk. 12, chap. 4, sec. 10, pp. 296-297).

A book entitled *Hellosemitica* says, “And already *Hecataeus* of Abdera [c. 4th century B.C.] represented both the *Jewish Exodus* and the Greek migration of *Danaos* and *Cadmus* as episodes of one and the *same event*.... Thence the assertion...that the **SPARTANS** (whose kings...claimed descent from *Danaos*) are **brothers of the JEWS and descend from Abraham's kindred**” (*Hellosemitica*, 1965, p. 98).

And the *Apostle Peter* speaks of the “dispersed” (“scattered” KJV) Israelites, who in the *1st century A.D.*, were then living in “*Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia*” (2 Peter 1:1). At that time the “TWELVE TRIBES [were] scattered abroad,” according to the *Apostle James* (James 1:1).

Some *Israelites* had anciently migrated into *Southern Greece*, while others had settled among the Greeks in *Western Asia Minor* [modern *Turkey*] in the vicinity of *Troy*. In fact, some very old maps illustrate an area called “**DARDANIA**,” in the vicinity of *Troy*. And it is very interesting that the southern portion of the waterway which leads from the *Aegean Sea* into the *Black Sea* is still known as the **DARDANELLES**. Since descendants of *Darda* lived among the *Hellenes* (i.e. Grecian colonies) in Southern Greece and Western Asia Minor, those “**DARDANS**” gave their name to that famous channel—**DARDANELLES**.

Also, the first king of London, England was called **Brutus**, the *Trojan*. A very old British history, published in 1661, has this to say regarding BRUTUS: “In the time of King Edward 1 (king of England 1272-1307). At *Lincolne*, where held a Parliament, after much diligent search of antiquities...letters were sent to the *Pope* of Rome, sealed with an hundred seals and witnesses...wherein is declared and justified that in the time of *Holy [Eli]* and *Samuel* the Prophet, **Brutus a TROJAN landed here**, and by his own name called the Country *Britannia*, before named **ALBION** [referring to the “White Cliffs” of Dover].... And having three Sons, *Lochrinus*, *Albanactus*, and *Camber*, at his death devided [sic] the island into three parts or provinces, *Loegria*,

now ENGLAND...was given to *Locrinus* the eldest Son; *Albania*, (SCOTLAND), to *Albanact* the second son, *Cambria*, now mis-called WALES, to *Camber* his third son” (Percy Enderbie, Gent., *Cambria Triumphans, or Britain in its Perfect Lustre*, 1661).

According to ancient Welsh records, **Brutus came to Britain when Eli was God's priest in Israel**: “And when **Brutus** had finished the city [of London] and had strengthened it with walls and castles, he consecrated them and made inflexible laws for the governance of such as should dwell there peacefully, and he put protection on the city and granted privilege to it. At this time **Eli the priest ruled in Judea**, and the Ark of the Covenant was in captivity to the Philistines” (*The Welsh Bruts*).

Furthermore, all the royal families of *Northwest Europe* trace their lineage back through the ancient *kings of Troy* (p. 4), and at least some of them, as we have already noted, were descendants of the ancient Jewish clan DARDA, grandson of Judah! MacLaren's *Ancient History of Caledonia* explains that peoples of the “**Twelve Tribes of Israel**” (p. 14) had founded the city of *Troy* (p. 4), then, when that city later fell, some of them fled by ship, passed through the Mediterranean into Spain, and eventually went to **Ireland**. So, when Jeremiah, his scribe Baruch, and the daughters of King Zedekiah voyaged from Egypt to Ireland—they were escorted by *Milesian mercenaries* (or *Gaels*). After a comparatively short sojourn in Spain, they journeyed on to *Ireland*—to a land where they knew their fellow Israelites had previously settled, and had established a kingdom, hundreds of years before the fall of Jerusalem in 586 BC!

David's Throne Transferred from “Palestine” to Britain

How did the “Throne of David” get from the land of *Israel* to *Ireland*? The Prophet Ezekiel tells us how the LORD accomplished that. God inspired Ezekiel to give His people Israel a fascinating riddle concerning **two GREAT EAGLES**, one representing *Babylon*, the other one, *Egypt*. The Babylonian “eagle” conquered Judah, destroyed its Kingdom, toppled its king and princes. Yet King Zedekiah—who was put on his Throne by Nebuchadnezzar—treacherously sought Egypt's aid to help the Jews free themselves from Babylonian rule. But God had said the Egyptian “eagle” could not defend Judea.

Through this parable, the Great God made known to Ezekiel what *He* planned to do: “**I will take also one of the highest branches [King Zedekiah] of the high cedar [JUDAH] and set it out. I will crop off from the topmost of its young twigs [Zedekiah's children] a tender one [a daughter], and will plant it on a high and prominent mountain. On the mountain height of ISRAEL [not Judah] I will plant it; and it will bring forth boughs, and bear fruit and be a majestic cedar.... And all the trees [nations] of the field shall know that I, the LORD, have brought down the high tree [“Judah”] and exalted the low tree [Ten-tribed “Israel”], dried up the green tree and made the dry tree flourish; I, the LORD, have spoken and have done it**” (Ezek. 17:22-24).

Ezekiel further explains that God would abase this high tree and exalt the lowly tree, saying that the “profane, wicked prince of Israel” (King Zedekiah) was about to lose his crown (Ezek. 17:25-26): “Thus saith the LORD God; ‘Remove the **diadem**, and take off the **CROWN**: This shall not be the same; exalt him that is *low*

[the lowly prince in *Ireland*] and abase him [King Zedekiah] that is *high*. **I will overturn, overturn, overturn it [the “crown”—i.e. the “Throne of David”]; and it shall no more [be overturned] until HE come whose right it is; and I will give it [the CROWN—“THRONE OF DAVID” to] HIM [Christ]”** (21:27 KJV). This verse cannot possibly mean that David's Throne would “be no more”—i.e. *cease to exist!*—because God had repeatedly promised that David's Throne would continue “forever” as assuredly as the sun and moon would remain (Psa. 89)!

It is a fact that God did *overturn* the Throne of David *three times*: [1] From the ancient land of *Israel*, David's Throne went to **Ireland**, via *Egypt* and *Spain*; [2] From **Ireland** it was taken to Scone in *Scotland*; [3] From *Scotland* it was taken to **London, England**. When **King James VI** of Scotland became **King James I** of England in 1603, he took the royal Davidic bloodline with him, thus *uniting* the two crowns of *England* and *Scotland*. It is through **King James I** that historians trace the British sovereigns back to the ancient *Scottish* and *Irish* kings. We then trace their *royal ancestral bloodline* all the way back to **Zedekiah** of Judah, a descendant of **King David**.

Britain's Scottish-born **King James I** (1603-1625), knew he was a descendant of the ancient *Scottish* and *Irish* kings. But did he realize he was also a descendant of the illustrious David, king of all Israel? James was crowned King of England and Scotland in 1603. Ten years later (April 12, 1613), **King James I** made this remarkable statement at Whitehall, in London, England: “There is a double reason why I should be careful of the welfare of that people, first as King of *England*, and also as King of *Scotland*, **for the ancient kings of Scotland are descended from the kings of Ireland.**” Some years ago, while visiting England's historic **Hatfield House** (near London), I saw an ancient royal genealogy displayed in one of the rooms of that historic house, which I was told contained the genealogy of **Queen Elizabeth II**, all the way back to King David. And then the Bible gives David's genealogy all the way back to Adam!

Ezekiel's two prophecies, as found in the 17th and 21st chapters, reveal that the Kingdom of Judah was to be *abased*, whereas the lowly people of the ten-tribed *Kingdom of Israel*—some of whom then lived in Britain and other N. W. European countries—were about to be *exalted* by having a descendant of King David reign over them. As we have seen, that Davidic Throne was destined to be transferred from the Kingdom of *Judah* to *Ireland*, then to *Scotland*, and would finally be taken to ENGLAND in the person of King James I (called James VI by the Scots) in 1603. And, just as the Great God had promised—during the 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries, the British Throne has become world-renowned as the most ancient and most prestigious Throne, continually occupied, in the entire world! It is so, because God Almighty solemnly promised his servant King David that He would exalt David's Throne! At one time that Throne reigned over a quarter of the earth, and over one-fourth of its peoples.

Today, the British Throne still holds at least *symbolic sway* over hundreds of millions of peoples who are citizens of the **COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS**, but it is no longer called the “British Commonwealth of nations,” since most of them are not “British by descent.” The British nations include: Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Britain.

Luke tells us that JESUS will sit on David's Throne: **"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. And he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of HIS KINGDOM there will be NO END"** (Luke 1:32-33).

The Bible describes how that prestigious Throne will once more be *transferred* (*overturned*) for the final time at Christ's Second Coming, when Jesus Christ, a *royal Son* of King David, will then be placed securely on that Throne, and will rule all nations from Jerusalem: "At that time *Jerusalem* shall be called **The Throne of the LORD**, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem. In those days the HOUSE OF JUDAH shall walk with the HOUSE OF ISRAEL..." (Jer. 3:17).

The *Prophet Zechariah* also says, "And in that day it shall be that living waters shall flow from Jerusalem... And the LORD shall be King over all the earth" (14:8-9). The *Prophet Isaiah* describes Christ's world-ruling Throne, which will be situated *on Mount Zion* in Jerusalem (Isa. 2:1-4; 11:1-9). Furthermore, Isaiah says that Jesus Christ, as the "Prince of Peace," will then sit upon the "Throne of David": **"Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the THRONE OF DAVID and over His kingdom...from that time forward, even forever"** (9:7-9). *That ancient Throne* will not again be "overturned" until the *generation arrives which will witness the glorious coming of Shiloh (Messiah)*—"until HE comes whose right it is, and I will give it to Him" (Gen. 49:10; cf. Ezek. 21:27).

The "STONE OF SCONE"—from *Palestine*?

In December 1996, a "chunk of sandstone [called the "Stone of Scone"] was returned to Edinburgh, Scotland from London, England—amidst the playing of bagpipes, and the jubilation of the Scots": "Friday [Nov. 15, 1996], the pale yellow stone—on which every great king of Scotland was crowned until 1296—was returned home to the *skirl* of pipes, toasts of whiskey and a school holiday.... The STONE came home because the British government of Prime Minister John Major decided it should, and it will go to Edinburgh Castle for display..." (*The Los Angeles Times*, Nov. 16, 1996). It now sits securely guarded in Edinburgh Castle in Scotland. Why is that "stone" so important to the Scots, the peoples of Britain and the British-descended peoples of the Commonwealth: **England, Scotland, N. Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand?** That ancient, celebrated *Stone of Scone* has been called **"the ancientest respected monument in the world"** (*The Archaeological Journal*, Sept. 1856).

Some years ago, when visitors to Westminster Abbey in London viewed the Stone of Scone, they noticed that by its side a sign displayed the words **"JACOB'S PILLOW STONE."** I myself well remember seeing that sign displayed by the side of *that ancient stone* in Westminster Abbey. Later, it was removed, though I have been unable to learn *why*. Did British "officials" of the Abbey object to this sign which showed a connecting link between the British peoples and ancient peoples of ancient Israel in the Holy Land?

While visiting *Westminster Abbey*, visitors may purchase a book titled, *Westminster Abbey Official Guide* (p.128): Note the following interesting assertions made in this *Official Guide*: “**CORONATION CHAIR**—the Coronation Chair was made for Edward I [of England] to enclose the famous Stone of Scone, which he seized in 1296 and brought from Scotland to the Abbey [in London].... **Legends abound concerning this mysterious object and tradition [which] identifies this stone with the one upon which JACOB rested his head at BETHEL—‘And Jacob [i.e. the Patriarch Israel] 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’** (Genesis 28:28). *Jacob’s sons carried it to Egypt [where his descendants lived until the Exodus] and from thence it passed to Spain with King Gathelus, son of Cecrops, the builder of Athens.*

“*About 700 BC it appears in Ireland, whither it was carried by the Spanish King Simon Brech, on his invasion of that Island. There [in Ireland] it was placed upon the sacred Hill of Tara, and called ‘Lia-Fail,’ the ‘fatal’ stone, or ‘stone of destiny’.... Fergus Mor MacEirc (d. 502?), the founder of the Scottish monarchy, and one of the Blood Royal of Ireland, received it in Scotland, and Kenneth MacAlpin (d. 846) finally deposited it in the Monastery of Scone...*” that same year (*Westminster Abbey Official Guide*, 1994 ed.).

This *Official Guide* also mentions that the **Stone of Scone** “had been for centuries an object of veneration to the *Scots*, who fancied that ‘while it remained in the country, the *State would be unshaken.*’ Upon this stone their kings down to John Balliol, were *crowned*, and it is said that the following *distich* had been engraved upon it by Kenneth: ‘**If fates go right, where’er this stone is found the Scots shall monarchs of that realm be crowned**’” (p. 47). [A number of *Celts* or *Gaels* of *Israelite descent* once lived in the *Iberian Peninsula* (modern *Portugal/Spain*). *Portugal* is named after those “**Gaels**” who established a seaport in *Portugal*, the “**port of the Gaels.**”]

Furthermore, “At coronations this *chair* and **STONE** are moved into the Sanctuary [of *Westminster Abbey*], and since 1308 on them have been crowned all the sovereigns of England with three exceptions...**EDWARD V, EDWARD VIII, and seemingly, MARY II**” (p. 47). Clearly, the British peoples have a very strong and ancient tradition that the Stone of Scone is the very same stone upon which the Patriarch Jacob laid his head, while sleeping in the vicinity of *Bethel*: “**And Jacob rose 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 on top of it**” (Gen. 28:8). Further, Jacob said, “**And this STONE which I have set for a PILLAR, shall be [i.e. represent] GOD’S HOUSE...**” (v. 18). What did *Jacob* mean when he stated that the **STONE** he had set up for a pillar would “**be GOD’S HOUSE**”?

King David’s Royal “House”

God told the Prophet Nathan to inform King David of God’s plan to build David an “HOUSE”—an everlasting **ROYAL DYNASTY**: “Also the LORD tells you that He will make you a HOUSE” (2 Sam. 7:11; 12-29). Jacob’s *pillow stone*, which he sanctified by *anointing it with oil*, would become a *symbol* of that **ROYAL HOUSE** among God’s people Israel! That “*pillar*” was later used in the coronation of the

ancient kings of Judah. About 835 BC, **Joash** was crowned in a manner very similar to that used by the British today: “And he [the priest] brought out the king’s son [Joash], put the *crown* on him, and gave him the *Testimony*: they made him king and anointed him, and they clapped their hands and said, ‘**Long live the king!**’... When she [Queen Athaliah] looked, there was the king standing by a **PILLAR** according to *custom*; and the leaders and the trumpeters were by the king” (v. 14).

In like manner around 621 BC, **King Josiah** “stood by a **PILLAR** and made a covenant before the LORD, to follow the LORD and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes...” (2 Kings 23:3). Historian *John MacLaren* says, “**JACOB’S PILLOW was used as a footstool to all the princes that have ruled since they left Egypt**” (*The History of Ancient Caledonia*, p. 10). What was the “pillar” by which the kings of Judah stood on important State occasions? It was **JACOB’S PILLAR!**

Speaking through the dying Patriarch Jacob, Almighty God promised **Joseph great material blessings and divine protection** (Gen. 49:22-26). In that end-time prophecy, God says, “Yet his *bow* [i.e. *military might*] remained taut, and his arms were made agile by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob, by the name of the Shepherd, the **Rock of Israel.**” The *New American Standard* version says, “...From there is the Shepherd, the **STONE OF ISRAEL.**” Ferrar Fenton’s translation says that God will mightily assist Joseph against his enemies, “By the hands of the mighty God of Jacob, from whom is **ISRAEL’S GUARDIAN STONE.**” Some have believed that the physical “Rock of Israel” or “Stone of Destiny” may be included in this reference.

Many scriptures make it clear that, in a *spiritual sense*, Jesus Christ is the “Rock” or “Stone of Israel” (see 1 Cor. 10:4; Matt. 18:16; Eph. 2:20). Nonetheless, the Patriarch Jacob did anoint a special *stone*, or “*pillar*,” stating that, in a *physical sense*, Jacob’s Pillar Stone would represent “**GOD’S HOUSE**” (Gen. 28:22). God revealed to David that He would build David a **ROYAL HOUSE**; and is it not most fitting that Jacob’s “Guardian Stone,” is still used by the descendants of **Judah**, whose Throne is now located in the “height of Israel” (Ezek. 17:23)—in the city of London, England, in Great Britain, among the peoples of Joseph’s son, Ephraim?

Jacob’s Pillow Stone is called by many names: **Stone of Scone, Stone of Destiny**, and is sometimes called “**Lia Fail**” (“Wonderful Stone”): “**The story of LIA FAIL:—In its early days it was carried about by [Israel’s] priests on the march in the wilderness (hence the much-worn rings still attached to it, one at each end).** Later it was borne by sea from East to West—to the extremity of the world of the sun’s going [down].’ Its bearers had resolved, at starting, to ‘move on the face of the waters, in search of their brethren.’ Shipwrecked on the [North] **coast of Ireland**, they yet came safe with *Lia Fail*.... *Eochaidh* ‘sent for a car for *Lia Fail*, and he himself was placed thereon.’ The story of the *Stone* was then repeated by his order, ‘And **Erimionn** (Heremon) as seated on **Lia Fail**, and the *crown* was placed upon his head, and the mantle upon his shoulders, and all clapped and shouted.’ And the name of that place, from that day forward, was called **TARA**” (Milner, *The Chronicles of Eri*, Vol. II, pp. 88-90).

Now that the **Stone of Scone** rests securely in Edinburgh Castle, will this in any way *prevent* the next British Sovereign [*Prince Charles, Prince William*, or

whoever will be next in line] being crowned while seated in Edward's Coronation Chair, whose base was expressly designed to hold Jacob's Pillow Stone? No! The Scots have graciously assured the British authorities that they will allow the *Stone of Scone* to be taken to Westminster Abbey for Coronations of future British sovereigns!

Analysis of the *STONE OF DESTINY*

What, then, is the *true origin* of this remarkable *Stone*? Is it merely of **Scottish origin**, as some claim? Or did it originate in Israel's ancient *Promised Land*, at *Bethel*, where Jacob slept, and whose head rested on that eventful night when he had a divinely inspired dream (Genesis 35:1-15)? The "Promised Land" had been promised by God to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and their descendants! Later, the Twelve Tribes of Israel inherited that choice land.

Note Today the **Palestinians** claim "Palestine" as "their land"! The Bible and history reveal that these Palestinians are primarily descended from Jacob's brother *ESAU/EDOM* along with some "Philistines" and certain other Gentile peoples. Today's *Middle East Impasse* is primarily a dispute between these *Edomites* and the *sons of Israel*, including *Jews* and the *Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples* of the world.

Some mistakenly claim the *Stone of Scone* is *not* from Palestine, but is from Scotland. What is the composition of that *ancient stone*? **It is described as a "calcareous sandstone."** Are there any outcroppings of "calcareous sandstone" found in Palestine today? There certainly are! When Britain ruled Palestine under a League of Nations MANDATE, a survey of stratigraphy of the Holy Land was made. In a 1935 Palestine Government publication (by Geological Adviser, G. S. Blake, B.Sc., A.R.S.M., F.G.S.), we find *proof* that the *Stone of Scone* could have come from Palestine (*The Stratigraphy of Palestine and its Building Stones*, pp. 5-9, 15-19, 51, 78, 98).

In Mr. Blake's geological survey, he mentions SANDSTONE in the "Gaza Coastal Plain" and in the "Beersheba District" (p. 5), as well as "North of Gaza" (p. 6); "Between Caesarea and Haifa the single ridge is a highly *calcareous sandstone*" (p. 9); Further, Blake mentions sandstone is found in the "*Inland*," "*Jordan*," and "Transjordan districts" (pp. 25, 29, 51). "In the Dead Sea [area] there is a formation of *red sandstone*" (p. 78). "***Calcareous Sandstone***: Most of the sandstone quarries...occur on the ridge between Atlit and Tantura (on the coastal plain)" (p. 98).

BETHEL, where Jacob got his "PILLOW STONE," is situated in the "**INLAND**" part of Palestine. This geological survey should prove conclusively that SANDSTONE, very similar to that which is found in the *Stone of Scone*, *could* have come from the *Holy Land*. **In fact, it *did* come from the Promised Land—"Palestine"—just as ancient British traditions declare!**

King David's "Harp" in Irish Tradition

From Egypt, Jeremiah and his royal party took the Jewish princesses ("Scota" and "Tea Tephi") to Ireland where, according to Irish historians, Tea Tephi married a prince of the royal line of ZERAH (of the "Red Hand"). We should not, therefore, be

surprised to find that those princesses also took with them various dynastic traditions of their father, King David, the *harp player*.

Do some of the Irish claim to be descendants of the Royal Prophet, King David? The famous Italian astronomer, *Galileo Galilei*, was from a musical family, being “the son [of] *Vencenzo Galilei*, a musician” (*Ency. Brit.*, 15th ed., vol. 5, p. 638). Galileo’s father, Vencenzo, published a book in 1581—seven years before the Spanish Armada sailed against England—in which he says the **HARP**, which was then so common in *Ireland*, owed its popularity to the fact that their ancestor, King David, was a skilled harpist. *Vencenzo Galilei* states, “**This most ancient instrument [the HARP] was brought to us [Italians] from Ireland where such are most excellently worked and in a great number;** the inhabitants of the said island have made this their art during the many centuries they have lived there and, moreover, it is a special undertaking of the kingdom; and they paint and engrave it in their public and private buildings and on their HILL [of Tara]; stating as their reason for so doing that *they [the Scotch-Irish] have descended from the Royal Prophet David.*” The British call them “*Ulster Scots*,” whereas people in the United States speak of those same people as being *Scotch-Irish!*

King David was certainly a “Royal Prophet” (Acts 2:30). He was also called “the sweet *psalmist of Israel*” (2 Sam. 23:1), being “a skillful player on the harp” (1 Sam. 16:16-17). Irish historian, *Thomas Moore*, says: “*Diodorus Siculus* also gives an account, on authority of some ancient writers, of an *island* situated, as he says ‘over against Gaul [France];’ and which, from its position and size...their Round Temple, their study of the heavens, and **the skill of their musicians on the HARP**, might sufficiently warrant the assumption that *Ireland* was the island so characterised...” (*The History of Ireland*, 1837 ed., vol. 1, p. 11).

ED KOCH, former Jewish Mayor of New York City, once told U. S. Cardinal John O’Conner, an American of Irish descent, “The TEN LOST TRIBES OF ISRAEL we [Jews] believe ended up in Ireland” (*U. S. News & World Report*, March 17, 1987). Mayor Ed Koch obviously himself believed some of the Israelites did “end up in Ireland.” Ancient Irish history reveals that some of the *dispersed Israelites* (“Lost Ten Tribes”) had founded a thriving colony in Ireland about 600 years before the time of the Prophet Jeremiah. According to Irish historian *Geoffrey Keating*, the first permanent settlers in Ireland were known as the “**Tuatha de Danaan**” (*tribe or people of “Dan”*) whom we are told “after sojourning for some time in *Greece*...proceeded from thence to *Denmark* and *Norway*” (*History of Ireland*, vol. 2, p. 59). **What does “Tuatha” mean?** “TUATH...Irish history...a ‘TRIBE’ or ‘PEOPLE’ in Ireland” (*New English Dictionary on Historical Principles*, vol. 20, pt. 1, p. 441).

Keating also says, “The *Danaans*...left *Greece* after a battle with the Assyrians and went to *Ireland*; and also to *Denmark*, and called it ‘**DAN-MARES**,’ ‘Dan’s country’” (vol. 1, pp. 195-199). And the *Encyclopedia Britannica* states that “according to Danish tradition...Jutland [the mainland of *Denmark*] was acquired by **DAN**, the...ancestor of the **DANES**” (11th ed., Vol. 8).

From *The Annals of Ireland* we read the following: “The **DANAANS** were a highly civilized people...from their long residence in *Greece*, and their intercourse with the *Phonicians*. **Their first appearance in IRELAND was 1200 BC, or 85 years**

after the great victory of Deborah.” This means they colonized Ireland many centuries before King Zedekiah's daughters, accompanied by Jeremiah, arrived in that Emerald Isle, probably around 565-570 BC.

Who Was “*Ollam Fodhla*”?

A few years ago a Northern Irish newspaper ran the following interesting article titled, “Did a lost *tribe of Israel, land at Carrickfergus [in N. Ireland]?*” He then says: “Many centuries ago *three* [famous] *people* arrived on the shore at what is today Carrickfergus. It was around the year 582 BC [four years after the fall of Jerusalem in 586], and the *three* were an *aged man* called **OLLAM FODHLA** (Lawgiver), his *secretary* BARUCH, and a beautiful princess called **TAMAR**. With them they brought a large, **ROUGH STONE**...which they guarded jealously. According to some religious scholars the aged man who landed at Carrick many centuries ago was the **PROPHET JEREMIAH**.... The **ROUGH STONE** also brought with them was, according to legend, **JACOB'S PILLAR**, or Stone of Scone.... **Princess Tamar** is often referred to in ancient Irish poetry, where she is called “**TEA TEPHI**” (“*Larne Times*,” Dec. 24, 1986).

But Jeremiah, the “king's daughters,” and their escort [the *GALES*] were not *expelled* from Egypt by *Ahmosis II* until he ascended the throne in about 569 BC, or shortly afterward; therefore, Jeremiah must have arrived in Ireland a few years later—because Irish historians tell us that this *royal party from Egypt* spent some time in Spain en route to the **Emerald Isle**.

Irish historian *Thomas Moore* states that during the “dim period of Irish history...the Royal Sage, **OLLAMH FODHLA**, is almost the only one who, from the strong light of tradition thrown around him, stands out as a being of *historical substance* and truth” (*The History of Ireland*, Vol. I, p. 86). Moore says that “few, perhaps, could claim a more virtual title to this privilege than the **GREAT LEGISLATOR** of the ancient Irish, **OLLAMH FODHLA**,” whom he calls “this celebrated personage” (pp. 86-87).

After mentioning the heralds, practitioners in physic, bards and musicians, Moore adds: “To the professors of these arts, *Ollamh Fodhla* assigned lands for their use; and also instituted a school of general instruction at Tara, which became afterwards celebrated under the name of the *Mur-ollam-ham*, or College of the Learned” (p. 88). He also mentions a “splendid palace of the princes of Ulster [which] had in its neighbourhood the mansion appropriated [by] the celebrated **Knights of the Red Branch [Red Hand]**” (p. 89).

“**OLLAM FOLA [i.e. JEREMIAH]** is celebrated in ancient history as a **SAGE** and legislator, eminent for learning, wisdom and excellent institutions, and his historic fame has been recognized by placing his medallion in *basso relieve* with those of Moses and other great legislators in the interior of the dome of the Four Courts of Dublin.... The ancient *Records and Chronicles* of the Kingdom were ordered to be written and carefully preserved at TARA by *Ollam Fola* and there formed the basis of the *Ancient History of Ireland*, called the *Psalter of Tara*” (*The Annals of the Four Masters*, notes by O'Connor, p. 297). Irish histories reveal a definite *connection*

between the early inhabitants of **Ireland** and the **Holy Land** and its people. That is an undeniable *fact*, which anyone who has carefully studied Irish history cannot refute!

Christ Wields the “KEY OF DAVID”!

All Irish and Scottish historians agree that the present occupants of the British Throne trace their ancestry back to the kings of *Scotland* and *Ireland*. But many are unaware of this important fact: **The ancient annals of Ireland and Scotland also show Ireland's royal roots going all the way back to the ancient “HOUSE OF DAVID” in Israel.** Almighty God has kept His immutable promise found in Genesis 49:10, saying that once the *scepter* was placed in “Judah,” it would remain in the hands of their descendants until the coming of SHILOH (Messiah). Further, God made—and has kept—His unbreakable promise to King David that a descendant of his would *never cease* to sit on David's Throne—*forever* (2 Sam. 7)! In the future, “all generations” would have one of David's descendants sitting on his Throne somewhere on this earth, ruling over fellow Israelites—as long as the SUN and the MOON continue shining upon this earth (Psa. 89).

But, the ultimate fulfillment of God's irrevocable promises to JUDAH (Gen. 49:10), and of his unbreakable oath to KING DAVID (2 Sam. 7; Psa. 89), will be fulfilled in the Person of Jesus Christ, a direct descendant of the “HOUSE OF DAVID” (Luke 3:23-33)! Bible prophecy reveals that the present Royal Family which reigns on the British Throne (whose descent is from *King David* through his son *Solomon*) will be *superseded* by another royal Davidic “Branch” (from David through Solomon's older brother *Nathan*)—when Jesus Christ comes back to earth in great power and glory to take His seat upon the “Throne of His father David” (Luke 1:32; Rev. 3:21; 11:15). This **greatest “son of David” was named “JESUS” before He was born (Matt. 1:1; Luke 1:31): “He will be GREAT, and will be the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the THRONE of His father DAVID, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end” (Luke 1:32-33; cf. Dan. 2:44-45)!**

Only Christ, the true *Messiah*, has the “KEY OF DAVID” (Rev. 3:7). Only He—the long-prophesied “Shiloh”—can *unlock* the full potential of the “Throne of David,” thereby ushering in the Kingdom of God as both “the ROOT [*Creator*] and OFFSPRING [“son”] of David” (Rev. 22:16), He alone holds the Key to the everlasting THRONE OF DAVID! And only the *Messiah* holds the *key* to world *peace, prosperity and joy!*

After Christ's *Second Coming*, He will forever thereafter occupy the “Throne of David”! “For unto us a Child [Jesus] is born, unto us a SON is given; And the government [of the world] will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called...PRINCE OF PEACE. **Of the increase of HIS GOVERNMENT and peace there will be no end, upon the THRONE OF DAVID and over His Kingdom**” (Isa. 9:6-7).

The *GOOD NEWS* is that Christ will share the glory and power of David's Throne with others (Rev. 3:21)—with the then-resurrected *O.T. Patriarchs, King David* (Jer. 30; Ezek. 37:24; Hos. 3:5), the *twelve apostles* (Matt. 19:28), and with *many others* who will then rule with Christ over the “cities” of the entire earth (Luke 19:17-19; Dan. 7:25-27).

As the long-expected Messiah, Jesus Christ will *energize* and *glorify* DAVID'S THRONE—far beyond the power and glory attained by David's and Solomon's kingdoms. How will He accomplish this? By Himself sitting on David's ancient Throne—and by **administering the wonderful GOVERNMENT OF GOD over all the earth, thereby bringing peace, happiness and prosperity to all nations** (Isa. 2:1-5; 14:5-7)!

KEY QUESTIONS ANSWERED

What are some *key questions* which need to be asked and answered, concerning God's ancient promise to David that the LORD would establish through David's offspring an everlasting *kingly dynasty*? Did “KING DAVID” ever rule over the *Kingdom of Israel* in the ancient land of Israel? Or was he merely a *fictitious person* invented by the Jews?

David's Throne in Archaeology: In spite of an abundance of biblical evidence, some “scholars” have been *skeptical* as to whether “King David” of Israel (c. 1010-970 BC) ever existed. However, *archaeological evidence* proves them totally wrong!

“According to *most scholars*, ‘House of God’...is inscribed on this Old Aramaic stela from *Tel Dan*, in northern Galilee. Apparently set up by the king of Damascus, the Tel Dan Stela boasts of victories...over ‘[Jeho]ram son of Ahab, *King of Israel*’ and ‘A[haz]iah...of the *HOUSE OF DAVID*.’ [This ancient writing supports a] mid-ninth-century earlier” (*Biblical Archaeology Review*, July-August 1997, pp. 34). “In the Tel Dan Stela...a *Judahite ruler* is...described as the *king of the HOUSE OF DAVID*, that is, the *dynasty* that the Bible says David founded in the *tenth century [BC]*” (p. 41). Both *history* and *archeology* speak with one voice: King David was a historical figure who ruled over the Kingdom of ancient Israel from about *1010 BC* to about *970 BC*.

God Never Broke His Covenant with *David!*

Clearly, God promised that **David's “Throne [would continue] to ALL GENERATIONS”** (Psa. 89:3-4). One of his heirs would sit upon his Throne forever (vv. 29-37). And it is “impossible for God to lie” (Titus 1:2; John 10:35). However, some biblical scholars *mistakenly* believe *Psalm 89:39-51* states that God did break *His everlasting covenant* with David. Such an *unwarranted conclusion* reveals that they really do *not* understand what this passage of Scripture really says!

After God made an unbreakable covenant with David—that his descendants would sit upon his Throne perpetually, in all generations (vv. 4-38)—the Psalmist then says: “But you have *cast off [Hezekiah]* and abhorred. You have been furious with *Your anointed [Hezekiah]*. You have renounced the covenant of Your servant's crown [referring to God's servant *Hezekiah's crown*] by casting *it* to the ground” (vv. 38-39).

A casual reading of these verses might lead some to think that *King David* is the person referred to in this scripture. But this is *not so!* Here, God is predicting what He would do to **King Hezekiah** (a descendant of David), because of his egregious sins. God did not cast off David, nor cast his crown to the ground, but He did “cast off” His “anointed” one [*Hezekiah*], and did “profane his crown by casting it to the ground” in 586 BC—when He sent King Nebuchadnezzar to destroy the Kingdom of Judah, demolish Jerusalem, and take King Hezekiah and most of his Jewish subjects captive to Babylon. The Babylonians also killed all of Hezekiah’s sons!

It is unwise to **assume that the subject of Psalm 89:38-51 is King David, rather than King Hezekiah.** We must remember that God had made an UNCONDITIONAL promise to *King David* (because he had proven himself to God), by saying that David would have a descendent on his Throne in “every generation.” But God made any future promises to David’s descendant’s CONDITIONAL, saying that “**if**” they would obey God and do what was right in His sight, then their royal lineage would be forever secure. In such a case, God would keep His unbreakable promise to David by switching the “crown” from a “son” or “daughter” of David to another “son” or “daughter” in order to fulfill his irrevocable promise to him.

Will Solomon’s Throne Continue “Forever”?

The LORD promised, unconditionally, that through King David God would establish *a perpetual dynasty*. David’s ROYAL “HOUSE,” that is, his Throne and Kingdom would continue **forever** (2 Sam. 7:13-16; 23:1, 5; 1 Chr. 28:4-5)—**through ‘all generations’** (Psa. 89:3-4). But did God promise that his son *Solomon* would have an heir to sit on the Throne of his father David in every generation? No! **God never promised, unconditionally, that a descendant of Solomon would sit on King David’s Throne in perpetuity!**

The present British Royal Family traces their lineage back through Scotland and Ireland to David’s son, **Solomon**. God had promised David: “...I will set up *your seed* [Solomon] after you...and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, **and I will establish the Throne of His kingdom forever** [Heb. *olam*]” (2 Sam. 7:12-13). But does “*olam*,” translated by the English word “forever,” always convey the idea of *perpetuity*? Or, is “OLAM” often limited to a comparatively short period of time?

Although the Hebrew word OLAM *can* include the English idea of “forever” or “eternal”—as when it speaks of the LORD’S “HOUSE” (Ps. 23:6), God’s *Throne* (45:67) or His *mercy* (138:8)—nevertheless, “*olam*” often refers to a very *finite* period of time: a **bondservant** would serve his master *olam*—“forever” (Exod. 21:6); **smoke** would ascend up *forever* (“*olam*” KJV) as Isaiah 34:10 states; and the **Prophet Jonah was in the belly of the “big fish” *olam* (“forever” KJV)**, which Christ said was only “three days and three nights” (Matt. 12:40). Thus we see that this Hebrew word “*olam*” can mean either a *finite* period of time, or it can refer to *perpetuity* of time—all depending upon the context!

The LORD made an *unconditional* promise to DAVID—who had already proven his loyalty to God and His Word. But the promise which He made to

Solomon—and to *all* of *David's descendants*—was strictly *conditional*. **God told King Solomon, “If** you will walk before Me as your father David walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you...*then* I will establish the Throne of *your kingdom*, as I covenanted with David your father, saying: ‘You shall never fail to have a *man* [Heb. *ish*—can be either *male* or *female*] as ruler *in ISRAEL*’” (2 Chr. 7:17; cf. 1 Kings 9:4, 5).

God based His promise to *Solomon* on the express *condition* that he would obey Him. Furthermore, He imposed a *conditional promise* on ALL of David's royal descendants: “The LORD has sworn in truth to David; He will not turn from it: I will set upon your Throne the fruit of your body. **If your sons will keep My covenant and My testimony which I shall teach them, their sons also shall sit upon your Throne forevermore** [Heb. AD= ‘PERPETUALY’]” (Psa. 132:11-12).

Since King David had “many sons” (1 Chr. 28:5), *if* any one of his sons forsook the LORD and His way, God could *switch* the *royal line of descent* to another of David's descendants so He could keep His promise to David that one of his descendants would always sit on his Throne ruling over Israelites in “all generations” (Psa. 89:4). Since King Solomon did *forsake* the LORD and His way (1 Kings 11:1-13), God determined that His own Son, **Jesus Christ**, would *not* descend from *Solomon*, but would be of the lineage of Solomon's older brother, **NATHAN** (Luke 3:31). The present *British Royal Family* has descended from David through *King Solomon*. At the close of this age, that British Royal Family will cease to rule on David's Throne. But will David's Throne then *cease to exist*? Or, will a Person (**Jesus Christ**) from another *branch* of the House of David then be placed on that Throne—to rule on David's Throne forever in righteousness?

NOTE Even though **Queen Elizabeth II** is a descendent of Israel's ancient *King David* through his son **Solomon**, and has set a *fine example* of a monarch who sits on “David's Throne” in modern times, nonetheless great “scandals” and *perverseness* have been committed by some members of that Royal Family in recent years. Many British people are considering whether or not they should continue to *support* some of the present members of this Royal Family. How will Britons react when they see the Royal line of descent switched from **Solomon** to **Nathan** at **Christ's Second Coming**?

After Jesus returns to this earth in glory, “the Lord God will give Him [Christ] the THRONE of his FATHER DAVID” (Luke 1:32). “And He will reign over the HOUSE OF JACOB [or ‘Israel’] *forever*, and of His Kingdom there will be no end” (v. 33). **Jesus Christ—a descendant of David's son NATHAN—will fulfill in His own Person, God's immutable promise to King David—that one of his descendants would reign over “Israel” forever (Heb. *olam*), through “all generations”! Furthermore, His Throne will then rule all nations from “Jerusalem”** (Jer. 3:17; Isa. 2:1-3; 9:6-7).

At the blowing of the *7th Trumpet*, Christ will return to this earth. At that time, “**The kingdoms of this world...become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ**, and He shall reign forever and ever!” (Rev. 11:13). As “**King of kings**” He will then be given power over all *kingdoms* on this earth (17:17; 19:16), and He will rule them with a “**ROD OF IRON**” (12:5, 19:15).

An inescapable conclusion: At the end of this age, God Almighty will reject any “profane wicked prince[s] of Israel” (who may then be in the *line of succession to the British Throne*) in favor of the “PRINCE OF PEACE” (Isa. 9:6-7)—just as God rejected the “profane wicked Prince of Israel”—King Zedekiah (Ezek. 21:15-26)—at the time when King Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the Kingdom of Judah, and took most of the Jews captive to Babylon in 586 BC.

Edward's Abdication Evoked Bitterness!

What was the real significance of *King Edward's shocking abdication* in 1936? **British King Edward VIII submitted his instrument of abdication** on December 10, 1936, saying: “I, Edward, do hereby declare my irrevocable determination to **renounce the Throne** FOR MYSELF and MY DESCENDANTS.” Why did he renounce his Throne—the very Throne of King David? It became clear that the British Government and many of the people of Britain would *not* accept the twice-divorced **Wallis Warfield Simpson** (whom he planned to marry) as their future Queen. They looked upon her as an “*adventuress*”!

In his *radio address* to the British nation and the world, **Edward VIII** stated: **“You all know the reasons which have impelled me to renounce the Throne. Believe me when I tell you that I have found it impossible to carry the heavy burden of responsibility and to discharge my duties as king as I would wish to do without the help and support of the woman I love!”** He also said, **“I now quit altogether public affairs, and lay down my burden”** (*Encyc. Brit.*, Vol. 8, 1970 ed.).

How did Britons look upon Edward's abdication of the British Throne? Although some Britons *applauded* his decision to give up the Throne of England for the “love of a woman,” most of them were *dismayed* and never forgave Edward for treating that wonderful honor as though it was of little worth! His abdication provoked a veritable *political storm* in Britain! Edward was never *crowned*! However, a few months later, his younger brother **George (VI)** was *crowned*! Reportedly, after his *abdication*, Edward became an **empty, disillusioned** and **bitter** man, living out the rest of his days in what some described as “self-imposed idleness,” with seemingly no real purpose in life.

Was *King Edward VIII's abdication* an honorable and praiseworthy act of *self-sacrifice* for the “love of a woman”? Some Britons thought what Edward VIII did was just fine, but many Britons believed Edward selfishly put his own *desires* ahead of royal duty toward his country. **Edward had given up the world's most prestigious Throne because he was determined to marry the twice-divorced Wallis Simpson, rather than marry within the ancient guidelines of British royal precedent.**

Later, however, “the new king, **George VI**, had created his older brother **duke of Windsor** (Dec. 12, 1936); but in 1937, on the advice of the *Cabinet*, refused to extend to the new *duchess of Windsor* the rank of ‘*royal highness*’ enjoyed by her husband; this decision severely wounded the duke. For the next two years the duke and duchess lived mainly in France, visiting various other European countries, including *Germany* (October 1937), **where the duke was honoured by Nazi officials**

and had an interview with Adolf Hitler. The outbreak of World War II failed to close the *breach* between the duke and his family.... On the fall of *France* he traveled to Madrid, where he was subjected to **a fanciful plan of the NAZIS to remake him KING** and to use him against the established government in England. When he reached *Lisbon*, he was offered by *Prime Minister Winston Churchill* the **GOVERNORSHIP of the BAHAMAS**, a British colony in the West Indies, and he remained there for the duration of the war [WW II]...but it was not until 1967 that, for the first time, the duke and duchess were invited to attend an official public ceremony with other members of the *royal family* [for] the unveiling of a plaque to Queen Mary [their *mother*, who had died in 1953]" (*Encyc. Brit.* Vol. 4, 1991 ed.). After his abdication, Edward married *Mrs. Wallis Simpson* on June 3rd, 1937.

Was **Edward VIII's** decision to give up his kingship, similar to the foolish decision of *Esau*, the brother of *Israel*, who sold his fabulous birthright for a "bowl of soup"—and later *bitterly regretted* his short-sighted decision (Heb. 12:15-17)?

God's Word admonishes us to "look diligently" and carefully guard our own attitudes, "lest there be any *fornicator* or *profane person* like **ESAU**, who for one morsel of food *sold his birthright*. For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the *blessing*, he was *rejected*, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears" (Heb. 12:16-17). Likewise, *Edward VIII* gave up being king over **Britain** and her "British Commonwealth of nations." His birthright included the honor of *reigning* over **GREAT BRITAIN: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland** as well as **Canada, Australia and New Zealand**—and many other non-English members of the British Commonwealth of nations.

Consider the following: What did **King Edward VIII** really give up when he sold his birthright for his love of the twice-divorced Wallis Simpson—*whom* Edward's mother, Queen Mary, called an *adventuress*? It is doubtful that Edward ever realized he was giving up the world's oldest, *most prestigious Throne*, which then ruled over one quarter of the earth and one fourth of its inhabitants? Sadly, **Edward VIII** spent the remainder of his life in what some Britons called "**luxurious idleness,**" and by all accounts he was rather *bored*, having become a deeply *embittered, royal castaway!*

BBC TV biographical sketches of *Edward VIII's* post-abdication life asserted that there is *concrete evidence* (as revealed in *German* and *Allied WWII* documents) that the ex-king was very *sympathetic* toward *Hitler* and the *Nazis*; **and some Britons even believed Edward hoped that if the Germans conquered Britain, Hitler would put him back on the English Throne.** Whether or not this is true, many Britons concluded that *Edward VIII* became *bitter* because *British authorities* would *not* allow him to remain King, *if* he persisted in marrying *Mrs. Wallis Simpson*, and they virtually *cut him off* from any meaningful role in *government*, while also shunning him in *social matters*.

King Edward VIII had, in fact, treated the *British Crown*—which had been placed within his reach—rather cheaply. He did not treasure the high and noble *honor* of sitting upon King David's ancient Throne. Like Esau of old, he *lost everything* which he had been offered—because he *undervalued* those blessings and treated them so cheaply!

His brother, **George VI**, succeeded Edward to the British Throne. “He [George] became *king* in December [1936] after his elder brother, Edward VIII, *abdicated*.... **He was a popular monarch because of his untiring devotion to royal duty**” (*The World Book Encyc.*, vol. 6, p. 75, art., “George VI”).

Edward had spurned his “royal duty” with sad consequences! His brother King George VI, though handicapped by a speech impediment and shyness, faithfully carried out his royal duties—and is to be *highly commended* for his devotion to his *royal duty* of upholding the *British Throne*, the ancient Throne of famous King David of Israel.

A “Crown of Glory”

God’s people—“the Israel of God” (Gal. 6:16)—have been promised, as our *spiritual birthright*, an “*eternal inheritance*” in the Kingdom of God. If we will continue to *love, serve* and *obey* God, doing *His will*—not following our own selfish desires rather than being motivated by loyal obedience to our Creator—then we will receive an **INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN OF GLORY** (1 Cor. 9:25), a “*crown of righteousness*” [that will] not fade away” (1 Pet. 5:4). Jesus Christ warns all of His people to be careful *not* to let any man take our crown, as *Edward VIII* did by lightly esteeming the Crown of Great Britain. Jesus also promises His faithful followers “*Be faithful* until death, and I will give you the **CROWN OF LIFE**” (2:10). He also says, “**Hold fast what you have that no man take YOUR CROWN**” (3:11)!

True Christians must: **1)** “count the *cost*” (Luke 14:28), **2)** patiently “*endure* unto the end” (Matt. 24:13), **3)** and must continue to obey and please God in order to inherit His *free gift* of “*eternal life*” (Matt. 19:16-22). We can please God only by having His *Spirit* within our minds and hearts, thereby enabling us to love, serve, and obey Him. Only with the help of His Holy Spirit can we develop the Christ-like attitude of saying to our heavenly Father, “*not as I will, but as You will*” (Matt. 26:41KJV)!

What will the **SPIRITUAL BIRTHRIGHT** of true *overcomers* include? **Jesus promises, “He who overcomes shall INHERIT ALL THINGS, and I will be his God and he shall be My son”** (Rev. 21:7). What a *wonderful future* all of God’s children have been promised! We will forever reside in the indescribably beautiful city of *New Jerusalem* here on this New Earth (Rev. 21, 22), just as Christ promised (Matt. 5:5)!

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ADDENDA I

The BIRTHRIGHT and SCEPTER Promises

What were the *two chief tribes* of Israel which Almighty God ordained would inherit special blessings? Many students of the Bible living in the **U.S., Canada, Britain, Australia and New Zealand, etc.**—including many *in* the “Churches of God”—have seemingly *not* fully understood certain basic *biblical truths*! Consider the following: Although there were *Twelve Tribes* of Israel, the *two main tribes* were:

JUDAH (given the kingly, *SCEPTER PROMISE*), and **JOSEPH**, the “**BIRTHRIGHT**” tribe to whom God gave the **BIRTHRIGHT PROMISES** of tremendous *MATERIAL WEALTH and PROSPERITY, MILITARY POWER, DIVINE PROTECTION*, and other blessings which *far exceeded* the blessings He would give to the other “**ten tribes**” of Israel (Gen. 49:8-12, vv. 22-26; cf. Deut. 33:7, vv. 13-17; Micah 5:8-9). The 17th chapter of the book of Acts reveals that God sets the *national boundaries* of all the nations upon this earth (vv. 25-26).

A careful study of the Scriptures reveals the fabulous blessings that God inspired Moses to write down in His Word, by which the Lord had promised He would give to *the two chief tribes*: **JUDAH** and **JOSEPH**. The following scripture explains the blessings which were to be given to **JUDAH** and **JOSEPH** and their *descendants*: “Now the sons of **Reuben** the *firstborn*; but, forasmuch as he defiled his father’s bed, *his BIRTHRIGHT* was given unto the sons of **JOSEPH** [*Ephraim* and *Manasseh*] the son of Israel: and the *genealogy* is not to be reckoned after the **BIRTHRIGHT**. For **JUDAH** prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the **CHIEF RULER** [the *kingly line*—i.e. *SCEPTER*]; but the **BIRTHRIGHT** was **JOSEPH’S**” (1 Chr. 5:1-2).

ADDENDA II

The Scots Most Cherished Document

Scotland’s most famous national document is her highly prized “**Declaration of Independence**,” also called the “**Declaration of Arbroath**.” King Edward I seized the “Stone of Scone” and took it to London in *1296 AD*. But the Scots would still *not fully yield to English rule*. *Edward II*, successor to *Edward I*, appealed to *Pope John XXII* to convince the Scottish King, **Robert the Bruce**, to acknowledge the English King’s lordship over Scotland. At that time, many Scots were anti-British, and would not consider yielding to England’s supremacy over Scotland.

When *Pope John XXII* appealed to the Scots to submit to Edward, Bruce’s nobles wrote the Pope a letter on April 6, 1320—*24 years* after King Edward I had stolen their “Stone of Scone.” Here are interesting excerpts from their letter to *Pope John XXII*:

“We know...from the chronicles and books of the ancients gather, that among other illustrious nations, our’s, to wit, the *NATION OF THE SCOTS*, has been distinguished by many honours; which, passing from the *Greater Scythia* [N. of the *Black Sea*] through the *Mediterranean Sea* and the *Pillars of Hercules* [*Gibraltar*] and sojourning in *Spain* among the most savage tribes through a long course of time, could nowhere be subjugated by any people however barbarous; and coming thence *one thousand two hundred years after the OUTGOING* [i.e. after the *Exodus* from Egypt] *of the PEOPLE OF ISRAEL*, they, by many victories and infinite toil, acquired for themselves the possessions in the West which they now hold.... In THEIR KINGDOM one hundred and thirteen kings of their own royal stock, no stranger intervening, have reigned...” (*Scottish Declaration of Independence*, signed with the seals and the signatures of King Robert the Bruce and 25 of his nobles, 1320 AD). This document reveals that the *Scots* remembered their *Israelitish ancestors’ Exodus* from Egypt under the conduct of Moses.

ADDENDA III

Irish Links to Ancient Israel

Ethnologist, Dr. R. G. Latham, in his book on European ethnology, states: “Neither do I think that the *eponymus* [ancestral name] of the Argive **DANAI** was other than that of the **ISRAELITE TRIBE OF DAN**; only we are so used to confine ourselves to the *soil of Palestine* in our consideration of the history of the *Israelites*, that we...ignore the share they may have taken in the ordinary history of the world” (*Ethnology of Europe*, 1852, p. 37).

In ancient times, these **DANAI** (the biblical “*Danites*”) planted colonies in South Greece and in Northwestern Europe. Clearly, there is considerable historical evidence showing that some adventuresome Danites, from the *Israelite* tribe of *Dan*, left Palestine in order to establish colonies in Western Europe (*Ireland* and *Denmark*, in particular) many centuries BC. This should not surprise us if we remember that God had said Abraham’s offspring would “spread abroad” through much of the world.

The Library of the Royal Irish Academy has a Ms. Translation from the Irish language of a poem entitled, *The Kings of the Race of Eibhear*—that is also found in Geoffrey Keating’s *Forus Feasa ar Erim*—which contains these interesting words concerning ancient Irish history:

“It is a long time since the **GAELS** began the practice of having *emblems*, in imitation of the **CHILDREN OF ISRAEL**, who employed them in *Egypt*, in the lifetime of *Gaedheal*, when the **CHILDREN OF ISRAEL** passed through the Red Sea, with Moses as their chief leader. Now there were **TWELVE TRIBES** of them and each *tribe* had a separate division of an army and a separate [tribal] *EMBLEM*” (*Forus Feasa ar Erim*, VOL. III, pp. 125, 126).

The Bible mentions that each of the *Twelve Tribes* of Israel had its “own **STANDARD** with the **ENSIGN** of their father’s house” (Numbers 2:1-34). Each tribe marched under its own “standard” during Israel’s 40-year march to the Promised Land. Also, when Israel went out to war, each tribe marched under its own particular *standard*.

Another translation of this same poem by Michael Kearney (1635-65), which is also in the Royal Irish Academy, states the following: “The Vse of Armes and Escouchions is anciently obseru[v]ed by the Irishry, in imitation of ye children of Israell, who began to use them in Egypt (at which time the ancestor of all the Irishry, called Goidhil, or Gathelus, there liu[v]ed), which Armes, the Israelits at their passing through ye Redd Seas, v[u]nder the conduct of Moyses, did carry in their seu[v]erall banners. They were Twelve Tribes, and each Tribe had a certaine number of men v[u]nder his own command with Distinct Banners and Armes.”

SCOTA was a daughter of Pharaoh. Notice this interesting quote regarding *Princess Scota’s* immigration from *Egypt* to *Ireland*: “The **DAUGHTER OF PHARAOH**, King of Egypt, with an armed band and a large fleet, goes to *Ireland*, and there being joined by a body of **Irish**, she sails to *Scotland*, taking with her the **ROYAL SEAT** which he, the King of England [Edward I], with other insignia of the Kingdom of Scotland, [later] carried with him by violence to England in *1296 AD*. She [**Scota**] conquered and destroyed the *Picts* and took their Kingdom, and from this **SCOTA** the **SCOTS** and *Scota* are named” (*The Coronation Stone*, by W. F. Skene, 1809, p. 19).

ADDENDA IV

What *conclusion* do the facts compel us to make? When we carefully examine the mountain of *historical evidence* proving a *racial connection* between the ancient **IRISH PEOPLES** and the **peoples of ancient ISRAEL**, the conclusion is compelling: The peoples of *Ireland* and *Scotland* have many *connecting links* between their peoples

and the ancient peoples of ISRAEL. If we are open-minded, we will surely conclude that many of the people (*Israelite colonists*) from the ancient *land of Israel* planted numerous colonies in *Ireland and Scotland*—as well as in *England* and other parts of *N.W. Europe, N. America, Australia* and *New Zealand*. God had long ago foretold that His people, the people of *Israel*, would “spread abroad around the world” and would become “many nations.”

Almighty God promised Abraham that his children would become “MANY NATIONS” (Gen. 17:4-6, 16). God later promised Abraham’s grandson, *Jacob (Israel)* and his descendants, the *Israelites*, the following: “Also your descendants shall be as the *dust* of the earth; you shall **SPREAD ABROAD** to the WEST and to the EAST, to the NORTH and the SOUTH; and in you and in your seed all families of the earth shall be blessed” (Gen. 28:14). He has definitely kept His promises to the descendants of *Abraham, Isaac* and *ISRAEL (Jacob)*!

Many of the end-time prophecies predict that the modern peoples of Israel (which includes the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples, the Jews, etc.) **are yet destined to deeply repent of their national sins, and return to God in heartfelt contrition** (Jer. 30:1-22). They will then begin to obey God, His law, and His Word—which will go forth from Mount Zion in Jerusalem (Isa. 2:1-5 and Micah 4:1-7). God reveals that the people of Israel will finally become a great blessing to “all nations” by setting a wonderful example of *love* and *obedience* to their Creator (Isa. 66:10-24)! At that time there will be no more *anti-Semitism* in the world, nor *anti-Americanism* by the Gentile nations toward the peoples of the *United States, Britain, and Israel [Jews]* (Zech. 8:20-23).

Note Millions of the English-speaking peoples of *British descent* now know the *Jews and Palestinians* are both in *error* in regard to those *to whom* God swore to give the “**Promised Land**” as an eternal inheritance. Millions of Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples of Northwest Europe, North America, Australia and New Zealand now also realize that the *Promised Land* (including what is now called “*Palestine*”) was given to all TWELVE TRIBES of Israel! Some of Israel’s descendants now live in the countries of *SCANDINAVIA, the NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, and* the peoples of Northern *FRANCE, and* the tiny nation of *SWITZERLAND* in Central Europe!

The Jews are from the nation and tribe of *JUDAH*, whereas the aforementioned Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples are descendants of the so-called “**LOST TEN TRIBES**” of Israel. When rightly understood, the *JEWS* are “*Israelites*,” but there are countless millions of others from *British-descended peoples* of the world who now live in the United States, Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

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IMPORTANT SOURCE MATERIAL

Note There are a few widely read books which contain valuable information concerning the **SCEPTER** and the **BIRTHRIGHT** blessings which were to devolve upon the peoples of *Judah* and *Joseph*:

1) *The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*, by Herbert W. Armstrong (posted on our website—**COG21.org**). During the past fifty years this book has enlightened the minds of multiple *millions* of people to the true modern identity of the peoples of the “*Lost Ten Tribes of Israel*.” About *12 to 15 million copies* of Mr. Armstrong’s book were distributed worldwide during this time.

2) Those startling truths are also further explained with the *addition* of valuable *historical* information in our popular 75-page book (in *full color*) **AMERICA AND BRITAIN IN PROPHECY!** Some “Bible scholars” have tried to *debunk* the basic truths revealed in these books, but “**FACTS ARE STUBBORN THINGS**” and no one has been able to *disprove* the *basic truths* revealed in these fascinating books (COG21.org).

3) Another interesting book, titled ***Judah's Sceptre and Joseph's Birthright***, was written by *J. H. Allen*, and was first printed in 1917 during World War II. That book can also be accessed by clicking onto our website.

4) Our readers will also find posted on our website another fascinating book titled ***King David's Everlasting Dynasty!*** This 32-page book offers much historical evidence linking the inhabitants of the British Isles to the peoples of ancient Israel.

5) Another very informative book (***A Bitter Family Quarrel...SOLVING THE ARAB-ISRAELI IMPASSE!***) sheds much light on the bitter *Middle East struggle* between the **Jews** (whose ancestor was **Israel**) and their *chief foes* in the Middle East, the **Palestinians**—whose ancestry is traced back to **Esau/Edom**. The **Palestinian Arabs** claim “*Palestine*” (the “**Holy Land**” or “**Promised Land**”) as “their land”! However, the **Israelis/Jews** believe otherwise, and are willing to die, rather than give up “their land,” which they believe was given by Almighty God to their *ancestors* and their *descendants* (**Israelites**) to inherit for all time! This book (**SOLVING THE ARAB-ISRAELI IMPASSE**) is also posted on our website (COG21.org).