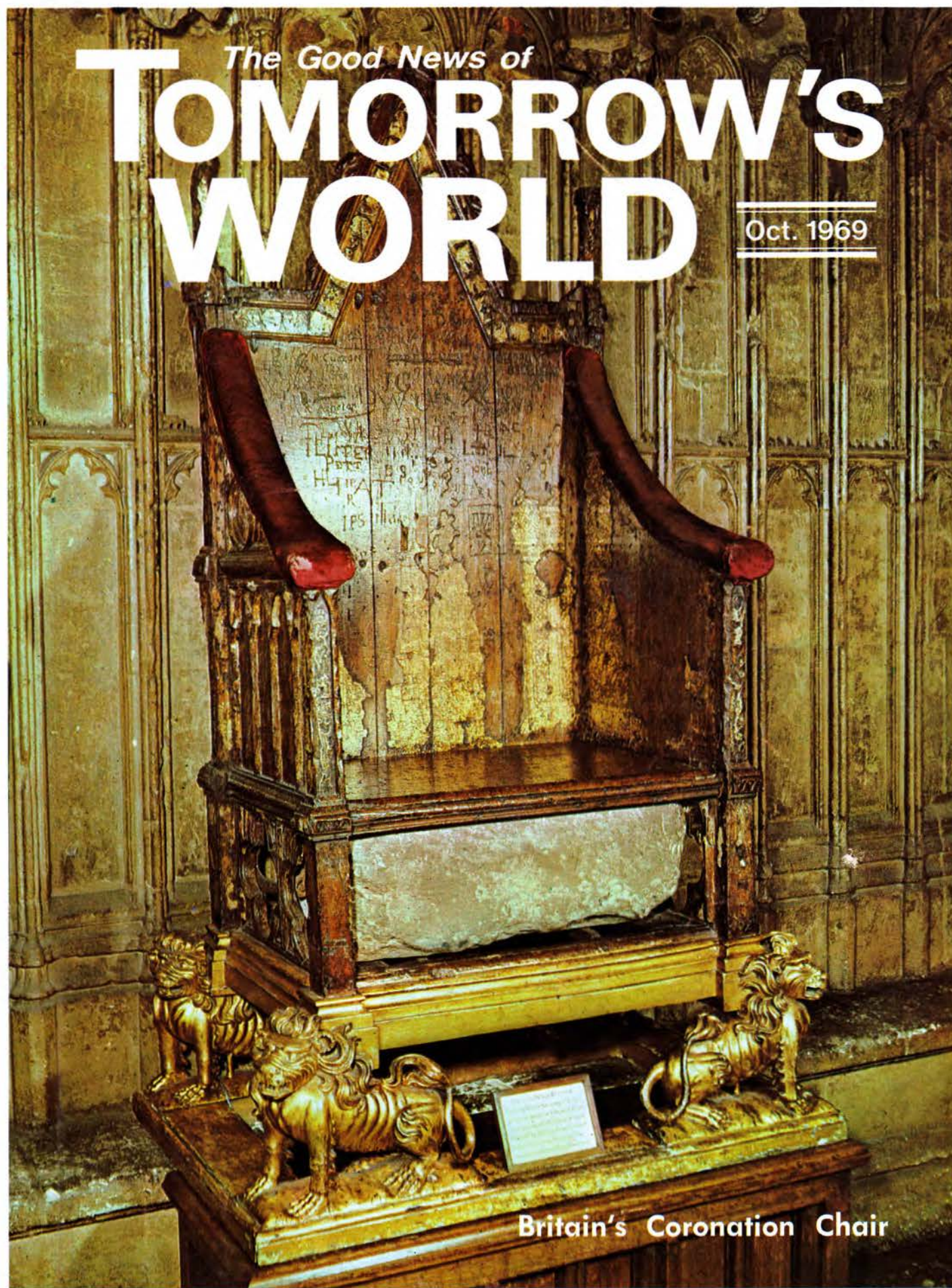


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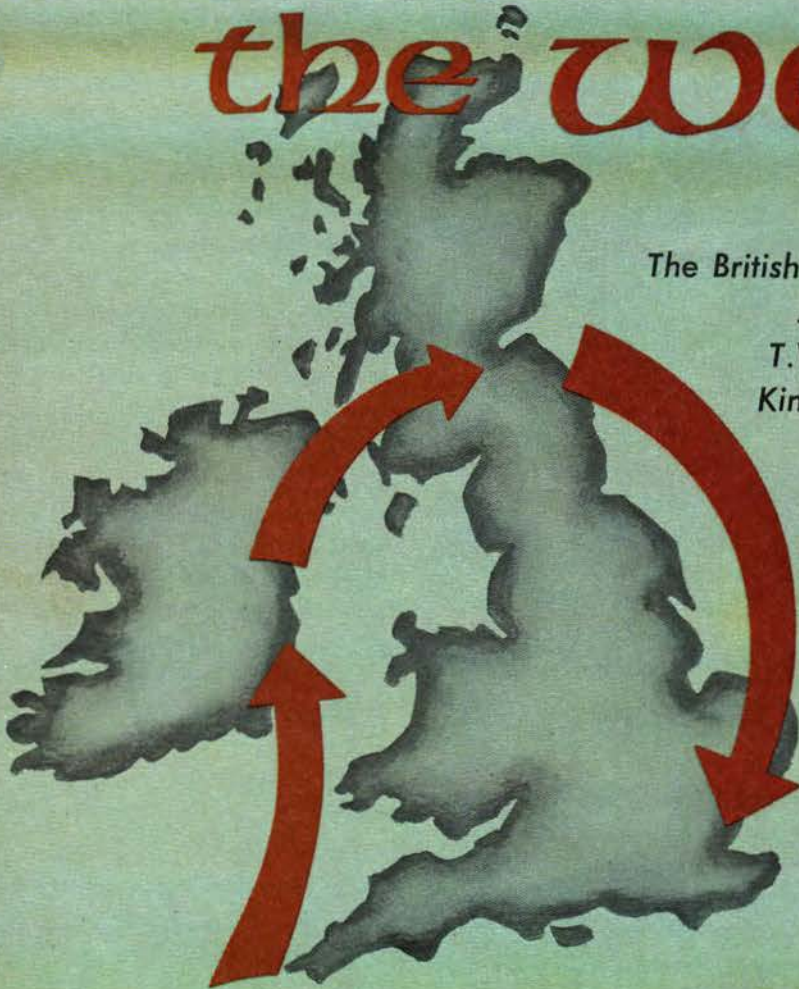
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Britain's Coronation Chair

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The British Throne is the oldest in the world. In July, half a billion saw via world-wide T.V. Britain's Heir Apparent, her future King, invested with the symbols of that Royal House. Will the British Throne — like so many other thrones of Europe — soon become extinct? Here is the fascinating history and the thrilling future of the 3,000-year-old Royal Throne of Britain.

by Raymond F. McNair

Above: Three "overturns" of the ruling dynasty from King David through Queen Elizabeth II. Right: Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, wearing the Crown, is seated on the throne as the Bishops pay homage, during the Coronation ceremony in Westminster Abbey, February 6, 1953. The actual Coronation Throne on which Her Majesty was anointed Queen (shown on our cover) stands in front of the Queen just out of view of the camera. Below: Symbols of British Authority, the Crown Jewels.

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# oldest THRONE



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**F**EW REALISE the gripping facts behind Britain's Royal Throne. Few of the half billion who saw *Prince Charles's Investiture* knew the very interesting history behind the Throne to which he is Heir Apparent.

Few of the quarter million who flocked to Caernarvon to view and cheer the British Royal House at the Prince's Investiture remotely understand the fascinating but true story behind *how* the Royal House of Britain came to the "Sceptred Isle" ages ago.

And — few, if any, of the four thousand guests who were invited to witness the splendourous processions and the actual Investiture *within* the ancient walls of Caernarvon Castle — few grasped the real importance of the Investiture — especially as viewed in the light of the very ancient *history* and the glorious *destiny* of the British Royal Throne!

Indeed, comparatively few in all the entire world realise the *Biblical identity of the ancient peoples who immigrated into the British Isles*, and thence to North America and the Commonwealth!

To many Britons — as well as to non-Britons — the British Monarchy appears to be *an anachronism* of this space age. Many consider the Monarchy to be totally out of date — something from the mediaeval past.

Malcolm Muggeridge, a well-known British critic, has referred to the British Monarchy as a "royal soap opera." And

an American news magazine of wide-spread circulation recently made the statement that: "By any standard of rational judgment, the *monarchy*, of course, *is no longer necessary*."

But is it true that the British Monarchy is no longer necessary?

## British Throne — 3,000 Years Old

It is a well-known fact that the Monarchy existed long *before* there was a British Parliament. But, shocking as it may seem to many, the British Royal Throne will continue long *after* the Parliamentary system — as we know it today — has disappeared into the dust of dim antiquity!

From the beginning, God's system of government has been *monarchial* — not *democratic* — strange as that may seem!

It is high time the peoples of Britain, the Commonwealth, and the whole world came to understand the true *origin* and the exciting *destiny* of the British throne.

Two very well-known *symbols* found on British Royal Heraldry — on the Royal Seals and the Royal Coat of Arms — are the LION and the UNICORN. What is the real significance of these symbols? Why are they used by British Royalty — including Prince Charles — until this very day? Where did these symbols come from?

Before we look at certain ancient prophecies of the Bible, it is vital that we understand one very important point.

Once God Almighty says something — once He makes a statement or a *promise* — He will assuredly back it up! It is "*impossible for God to lie*"! (Heb. 6:18.) Furthermore, "*The Scripture cannot be broken*" (John 10:35).

## God Determines National Boundaries

It is God who makes and unmakes nations (Job 12:23). "Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance" (Isa. 40:15).

King *Nebuchadnezzar* of ancient Babylon had to learn this lesson the hard way. After a period of severe chastisement from God, he acknowledged God's overruling hand in human government. "He [God] doeth according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay His hand, or say unto Him, What doest thou?" (Dan. 4:35.)

The Apostle *Paul* also understood this important truth: "And [God] hath made of one blood *all nations* of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the *bounds of their habitation*" (Acts 17:26). It is God Almighty that determined beforehand the frontiers of the nations.

*Moses* also realised that God sets the national inheritances of all nations: "When the *Most High* divided to the nations their inheritance, when He

separated the sons of Adam. He *set the bounds* of the people according to the number of the children of Israel" (Deut. 32:8).

It is well known that Abraham was a descendant of *Shem*. And it was through Abraham and his descendants that God Almighty promised certain great *spiritual* and *PHYSICAL* blessings. The spiritual promises of *grace* (salvation) are generally understood by most Christians.

But very, very few appear to have diligently studied the promises of *PHYSICAL BLESSINGS* which God just as assuredly promised to Abraham and to his offspring. Let us now consider some of these promises of the *physical, material blessings* which God solemnly promised to Abraham and to his descendants.

### What Did God Promise?

Just what did God Almighty promise the patriarchs? Here are some of the more important of those *divine promises*:

1) Abraham's descendants were prophesied to become "as the *dust* of the earth" (Gen. 13:16). This has never been fulfilled in the *Jews* — the House of Judah — alone!

2) "Many nations" and "kings" were to descend from Abraham (Gen. 17:6). Certainly, the *Jews* alone have never comprised "many nations."

3) These "nations" and "kings" would be born from Abraham and Sarah through *Isaac* — not through Ishmael (Gen. 17:16).

4) To Abraham, God said: "I will multiply thy seed as the *stars* of heaven, and as the *sand* which is upon the sea shore; and *thy seed shall possess the GATE of his enemies*" (Gen. 22:17).

5) This promise was repeated to *Isaac* and *Rebekah*: "Be thou the mother of *thousands of millions*, and let thy seed possess the *gate* of those which hate them" (Gen. 24:60). Surely no one will argue that the *Jews* have ever comprised thousands of millions!

6) *Isaac*, Abraham's son, was divinely inspired to bless his son Jacob with this tremendous blessing: "Therefore God give thee of the *dew* of heaven, and the *fatness* of the earth, and plenty of *corn* and *wine*: let people serve thee, and

nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee" (Gen. 27:28, 29).

7) Now notice this fantastic promise which God made to *Jacob*: "And thy seed shall be as the *dust* of the earth, and thou shalt *spread abroad* to the WEST, and to the EAST, and to the NORTH, and to the SOUTH" (Gen. 28:14). God predestined Israel to become great *COLONISERS*! Jacob's seed were to be "as the *sand* of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude" (Gen. 32:12).

8) Later, God changed the name of *JACOB* — meaning "deceiver" or "supplanter" — to *ISRAEL* — meaning "overcomer with God" (Gen. 35:10). "And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a *nation* and a *COMPANY OF NATIONS* shall be of thee and *KINGS* shall come out of thy loins" (verse 11). At no time in their history have the *Jews* been a company of nations.

### Joseph's Two Sons

9) Joseph had two sons — one named *Ephraim*, the other *Manasseh*. It was these two sons (Ephraim and Manasseh) who were promised the great *birthright* blessing — the choicest *material* and *physical* blessings ever given any people!

"Reuben [was] the *firstborn* of Israel . . . but, forasmuch as he defiled his father's bed, his *birthright* was given unto the *sons of Joseph* [Ephraim and Manasseh] the sons of Israel" (I Chron. 5:1).

Notice carefully the blessing that was given to Ephraim and Manasseh. "He [Manasseh] also shall become a *people*, and he shall be *great*: but truly his younger brother [EPHRAIM] shall be greater than he, and *HIS SEED SHALL BECOME A MULTITUDE OF NATIONS*" (Gen. 48:19).

10) *JOSEPH* (remember, Ephraim and Manasseh were Joseph's sons) was prophesied to become "a *fruitful bough* by a well" (Gen. 49:22). Verses 23 and 24 show how other nations would invade and *war against* the descendants of Joseph, but he would be given victory by his God.

11) The people of Israel were prophesied to become a mighty people, ruled over by "a king" — having the strength of a *UNICORN* (Heb. *ox*) and were to be "as a great *lion*."

"Behold, I [Balaam] have received commandment to bless: and He hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it. He hath not beheld iniquity [or *misfortune*] in Jacob, neither hath He seen perverseness [*trouble*] in Israel: the Lord his God is with him, and the shout of a *KING* is among them. God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an *unicorn* [Heb. *ox*] . . . Behold, the people [of Israel] shall rise up as a great *lion*, and lift up himself as a young *lion*: he shall not lie down until he eat of the prey, and drink the blood of the slain" (Num. 23:20-24).

This remarkable prophecy was given by the false prophet, Balaam. Even though he had wanted to curse Israel, God forced him to prophesy the truth — to foretell these blessings to befall Israel.

### Judah — The Lion

12) *JUDAH* was prophesied to be the tribe which would produce the *kingly* line in Israel. "The sceptre [of a king] shall not depart from *JUDAH*, nor a lawgiver [or ruler's staff] from between his feet, until Shiloh [the Messiah] come; and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be" (Gen. 49:10).

"For Judah prevailed above his brethren and of him came the *CHIEF RULER* [or King]; but *the birthright was Joseph's*" (I Chron. 5:2).

It was to be *Judah*, as a tribe, which would be referred to as a "lion" because the "Lion of the tribe of Judah" (Rev. 5:5) would later be born into this tribe. "JUDAH is a *LION'S WHELP*: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a *lion*, and as an old *lion*; who shall rouse him up?" (Gen. 49:9.)

Each of the Twelve Tribes of Israel anciently had its own *standard*, its *tribal symbol* or coat of arms (see Num. 2:1-34).

The tribal symbol or standard of Ephraim was an *ox* or a *unicorn*. Interestingly, the people of Britain are referred to under the symbol of "John

Bull" to this very day. And the unicorn (ox) is one of the two main symbols found universally on the coats of arms of the British Royal Family.

The ensign, *standard* or tribal symbol of the tribe of *Judah* from time immemorial has been a LION. And, surprising as it may seem to some, the real symbol of the tribe of Judah to this very day is not the "Star of David" (though Jews use this symbol today) but is the LION (see article "Flag" in *Jewish Ency.*)

Before we can see how the aforementioned prophecies have been fulfilled in the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples of Britain and the Commonwealth — and in the peoples of the United States and the democracies of northwestern Europe — we must briefly survey the ancient history of the people of Israel as mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures.

#### Israel's First King

Abraham was the father of Isaac. Isaac begat Jacob. Jacob had TWELVE SONS, and these sons became the founding fathers of the TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL.

In the fifteenth century B.C., *Moses* and *Aaron* led the people from their Egyptian bondage into the region of Sinai. Then forty years later *Joshua* led these same *twelve tribes* of Israel across the Jordan river and into the Promised Land (Palestine) in 1446 B.C.

#### Coat of Arms of the British Royal Family.



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After they had possessed the land of Israel for about 400 years, the nation of Israel began to yearn for a change of government.

From the days of Moses until Samuel's time they had been ruled directly by God's appointed Judges. But, during the rule of Samuel, Israel desired to be ruled over by a *human KING* — like all the other nations round about them. Previous to this time God had been their Ruler — their King — and ruled them through His divinely appointed human Judges.

"Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah, and said unto him, Behold thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now *make us a KING* to judge us like all the nations" (I Sam. 8:4, 5).

Samuel was greatly *displeased* by their request when they said, "give us a *king* to judge us." "And Samuel prayed unto the Lord. And the Lord said unto Samuel, Harken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but *they have rejected me*, that I should not *reign* over them" (verses 6, 7).

Samuel was instructed by God to give the people what they wanted — a *human king*. But Samuel was also told to protest — telling them a human king would be bad for them. Such a king would take their sons and daughters for his *soldiers* and civil *servants*, would levy *heavy taxes* and would generally *oppress* them (verses 9-18).

"Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a *king* over us; that we also may be like all the nations; and that our *king* may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles . . . And the Lord said to Samuel, Harken unto their voice,

and make them a *king* . . ." (verses 19-22).

It was not very long after Israel *had* their own human king that they learned the full meaning of God's warnings.

Saul, a *Benjamite*, was first chosen as their human king (I Sam. 10:1). He was very impressive, physically — was a mighty man who towered head and shoulders above the average Israelite (I Sam. 9:1, 2).

But King Saul was a *coward* and a *weakling*. Instead of steadfastly *obeying* God, he feared the people, made excuses, knowingly and *deliberately* disobeyed God (I Sam. 13:1-14, 15:1-26, 16:1). So *God rejected Saul* and his dynasty!

Samuel was sent to break the bad news to the self-willed king: "And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly; thou hast not kept the commandment of the Lord thy God, which He commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever. But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD HATH SOUGHT HIM A MAN [David] AFTER HIS OWN HEART, and the Lord hath commanded him to be *captain* [king] over His people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee" (I Sam. 13:13, 14).

#### David's Everlasting Dynasty

Like Saul, DAVID also made mistakes — some very serious ones. But *unlike* Saul, he quickly acknowledged and turned from them (repented) when his mistakes were pointed out (see II Sam. 11, 12). In the main, his heart, his attitude, was right — and God looks upon the heart, not upon the outward appearance (I Sam. 16:7).

God had inspired Jacob to prophesy that the *KINGLY* or *REGAL* line — "the *sceptre*" — would not depart from JUDAH (Gen. 49:8-12).

David was a descendant of *Judah*. His wise, righteous rule over Israel caused God to confirm to him and his descendants the *sceptre promise* previously made to the tribe of Judah.

God Almighty Himself promised that David would have a descendant to sit upon his throne throughout every generation. Notice this amazing promise —

this *prophecy* regarding David's throne.

"My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. His *seed* also will I make to endure for ever, and HIS THRONE as the days of heaven. . . . My *covenant* will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure for ever, and his THRONE as the sun before me. It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven"! (Psalm 89:28-37.)

Now, has God failed? Has He failed to keep His promise to David — that he would have a descendant upon his throne throughout all eternity?

And has the Word of God failed as given in Genesis 49:10 — "the SCEPTRE shall not depart from JUDAH, nor a law-giver from between his feet, until Shiloh come"?

Since God cannot lie, and His Word cannot be broken, these promises and prophecies have had to be fulfilled from David's time (when the *throne* was first established in the tribe of *Judah*) right on down to our time. And this is exactly what has happened. A descendant of *Judah*, and also the offspring of King *David* is, this very moment — in our very generation, sitting upon that throne — or else the very Word of God is untrue!

Now let us see just how these prophecies have been fulfilled.

### Israel Divided Into TWO NATIONS

When Solomon died, his son, *Rehoboam*, began to rule. Rehoboam decided to increase the tax burden even more than Solomon, and for this very reason ten of the Tribes of Israel revolted (see I Kings 12:1-24) and formed the "House of Israel." Only the tribes of *Judah*, *Benjamin* and some of the *Levites* remained loyal to the Throne of David, yet this maintained God's promise to David that he would always have a man sitting on his throne (see I Kings 11:9-13).

From that time forward Israel remained as two distinct nations. The southern kingdom, *Judah*, had its capital city at *Jerusalem*. The northern ten-tribed kingdom (or "House of Israel")

occupied the territory north of Jerusalem and had its capital at *Samaria*.

The Bible is very explicit in showing that the kingdoms of Israel and Judah were separate kingdoms from that time forward and frequently even fought against each other (see II Kings 16:6).

The northern Kingdom of Israel (*Samaria*) was uprooted from the land of Palestine and driven into captivity by the Assyrians about 721-718 B.C. The entire population was taken into captivity to the general region of the Caucasus Mountains near the Black and the Caspian Seas.

Several hundred years before the Ten Tribes of Israel went into captivity, King David numbered all the able-bodied men of Israel. "Joab reported to David the total number of the people who had been registered; all in ISRAEL amounted to ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND men-at-arms. . . . (Joab had not counted Levi and Benjamin among them, for the king's order was detestable to him)" (I Chron. 21:5-6, Moffatt trans.).

This historical passage reveals that there was in the time of David a total of 1,570,000 able-bodied "men-at-arms" in *Israel* AND *Judah* — not including the tribes of *Benjamin* and *Levi*.

So the total population of Israel at this time, including the aged men, the women and children, must have been at least six or seven million! For it would be extremely rare for as many as one-fifth of the population of any country to be in military service at one time.

Just what happened to these several millions of Israelites who were taken captive by Assyria into the regions of the Caucasus Mountains?

### Ancient Britons Came From East

History clearly reveals what happened to these many millions of lost Israelites — the so-called "lost tribes of Israel" (see Matt. 10:5, 6). All history is crystal clear in showing that the ancient peoples of northwestern Europe had come from the EAST — had, in fact, come from the very area where Israel went into captivity — from the area of the Black and the Caspian Seas!

These peoples of "lost" Israel had CHANGED their names, their language

and many of their customs when they arrived in northwestern Europe under such names as Angles, Saxons, Celts, Scyths (or Scots), Cymry or Kymry, Gauls, etc.

Now let us see how the Royal House of Britain also came from the EAST — and how it is the very same throne upon which King David, and later Solomon, then still later Zedekiah of Judah, all sat.

Israel's captivity occurred in 721-718 B.C. But the southern kingdom of Judah continued to exist for approximately another hundred and thirty years till the captivity of Judah which occurred in 604-585 B.C.

King *Zedekiah* of Judah was the last descendant of David to sit upon that Throne in *Judah*. Eventually he and all the nobles and his own princely sons were slain or died in Babylon (Jer. 39:1-7).

The aged prophet *Jeremiah* was commissioned to take the royal daughters of the kings of Judah and transport them to Ireland where they married into the Zarah branch of the tribe of Judah — who were then already dwelling in that country.

To this very day, "*Jeremiah's tomb*" is believed to exist in Northern Ireland, near Enniskillen, on Devenish Isle in Loch Erne.

It was in Ireland that the Royal House of David was next established. It ruled for centuries in Ireland, then was transferred to Scone in Scotland and then later to London, England.

It is in London, England that the very Throne of King David still exists. The present Royal Family can trace their genealogy (from England through Scotland and Ireland) right back to Kings David and Solomon, who were of the tribe of Judah. This is a fact beyond all refutation!

### The Three Overturns

Even the transferring of David's Throne from Jerusalem, Palestine to London, England — via the three distinct overturns — was prophesied long ago — centuries before the birth of Jesus Christ.

"And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel [referring to King *Zedekiah*], whose day is come, when iniquity shall

have an end, thus saith the Lord God; Remove the diadem [from King Zedekiah of Judah], and take off the crown: this shall not be the same: exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. I will *overturn, overturn, overturn, it*: and it shall be no more [overturned], until He [Shiloh, the Messiah] come whose right it is; and I will give it Him" (Ezek. 21:25-27).

This plainly says God would overturn the throne three times and it would be overturned *no more* UNTIL Shiloh, in the person of Christ, would come and claim that throne — which is rightfully His.

When the royal male heirs to the Davidic throne died in Babylon, this left no direct *male* heirs to the Throne of David. But God had commissioned the prophet Jeremiah to *pull down* the Throne of David in Jerusalem, and to plant this same throne in Ireland. This aged prophet took some of the royal princesses from the Holy Land to Ireland where one of these royal daughters of Zedekiah, Tea Tephi, of the Pharez branch of the Royal House of Judah married a prince of the Zarah branch of that same tribe (see Jer. 41:10).

The Throne was overturned from Jerusalem to Ireland, then from Ireland to Scotland, and then from Scotland to England. This completed the *three* overturnings. It will remain in London, England until it is given to the One whose right it really is. At the second coming of Jesus Christ, it will be given to Him, and will be once more returned (overturned) to Jerusalem, Palestine, where it will *remain* during the entire one-thousand-year or millennial rule of Jesus Christ.

### Christ — Born to Be King!

Many Christian-professing people are ignorant of the simple fact that Jesus Christ was born to sit upon the Throne of David — *born to be KING!*

"He [Jesus] shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the THRONE of his father David: And He shall reign over the house of Jacob [right here on this earth] for ever: and of His Kingdom there shall be no end" (Luke 1:32, 33). (Note also verse 69.)

Jesus Christ was not born to be a SAVIOUR only — He was *born* to be a KING! "Pilate therefore said unto Him, Art thou a *king* then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a *king*. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world . . ." (John 18:37).

Jesus tried to allay any fears that Pilate might have regarding His setting up a kingdom *at that time*. He told Pilate: "My Kingdom is not of this world" (verse 36). Christ knew He would have to wait 2,000 long years before He could assume kingship in His Kingdom.

When will Jesus Christ actually be given power to sit upon the Throne of David and to rule the nations of this earth? This will occur at the sounding of the *seventh* (and last) trump!

"And the *seventh* angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The *kingdoms of this world* are become the *kingdoms* of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever" (Rev. 11:15).

Even *David* prophesied of this same event: "For the kingdom (of the whole earth) is the LORD'S: and He is the *Governor* among the nations" (Psalm 22:28).

*Daniel* also spoke of this important prophetic event. He knew that the Messiah ("the stone") would set up a kingdom and rule the world. "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a *kingdom*, which shall never be destroyed: and the *kingdom* shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever" (Dan. 2:44).

The prophet *Zechariah* also wrote of this same momentous event. "And the LORD shall be KING over all the earth" (Zech. 14:9). All nations shall go up to JERUSALEM to "worship the *King*, the Lord of hosts" (verses 16, 17).

Even *Jeremiah* foretold this same Utopian rule of the Messiah. "At that time they shall call *Jerusalem the THRONE* of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart" (Jer. 3:17).

So also did *Isaiah* prophesy that the

Messiah would sit upon the Throne of David and rule all nations of this earth. "For unto us a *child* is born, unto us a son is given: and the *government* shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called . . . The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and *peace* there shall be no end, upon the THRONE of *David*, and upon His Kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever" (Isa. 9:6-7).

### When Will Christ Begin Reigning?

Even Christ's own disciples erroneously "thought that the Kingdom of God should *immediately* appear" (Luke 19:11). So Christ had to straighten them out by a parable: "He said therefore, A certain nobleman (meaning Himself) went into a far country to receive for Himself a KINGDOM and to return" (verse 12). Verse 15 refers to Christ's second coming "having received the Kingdom."

But in spite of these very clear teachings, the disciples of Christ still didn't realise that the actual establishment of the Kingdom of God upon this earth would be deferred for 2,000 years — so they asked Christ, after He was resurrected: "Lord, wilt thou *at this time* restore again the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6). Christ told them plainly: "It is not for you to know the *times* or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power" (verse 7).

The New Testament teaching is clear. Christ went about everywhere preaching "the GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD" (Mark 1:14). He taught the *good news* of the government of God from the beginning to the very end of His ministry.

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the *gospel* [GOOD NEWS of the Kingdom of God] to every creature" (Mark 16:15), commanded Christ.

The very Work of Almighty God — with which you have now come into contact — is doing this very thing. *The WORLD TOMORROW* radio and TV programmes are fulfilling Christ's commission. *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *TOMORROW'S WORLD* magazines are also helping fulfill Christ's command.

The sure prophecies of the Scripture reveal that the Royal Throne of Britain

will soon cease to function from London, England. This ancient, prestigious and majestic Throne will be transferred *back to Jerusalem*, Palestine (where it *once* was), and will remain there throughout the entire Utopian era spoken of by all the prophets of God.

That very Throne of David will be a thriving, functioning, existing throne when Jesus Christ takes it over and sits upon it at His coming. He will not take over a defunct, non-existent throne — a throne which ceased to function many years ago!

Is it any wonder then, that the present Royal Family of England can trace their lineage back to David? Is it surprising that some in Britain have commented that members of the Royal Family even look "Jewish"? I have a chart giving the genealogy of the present ruling Royal Family, showing their lineage all the way back to King David.

### The "Crown of Thorns"

It is interesting that the *designer* of the crown which was used at Prince Charles' recent Investiture, admits that the crown resembles Christ's Crown of Thorns. The London *Daily Mail* printed an interesting article in which it revealed

this interesting fact. "Even its designer [Mr. Louis Osman] concedes there is a *hint of the CROWN OF THORNS* in the coronet which will crown Prince Charles Prince of Wales next week" (*Daily Mail*, June 25, 1969). "In the intertwining shapes there is a *suggestion of the humblest of all crowns, the Crown of Thorns*," said its designer, Mr. Osman.

Is it mere coincidence, or is it by Providence, that Prince Charles' Investiture Crown was modelled in such a way as to resemble the Crown of Thorns? Notice the *MOCK* Coronation Ceremony, on the eve of Christ's death!

"And they stripped Him, and put on Him a *SCARLET ROBE*. And when they had platted a *CROWN OF THORNS*, they put it upon His head, and a *REED* (symbolizing a ruler's staff or a *sceptre*) in His right hand; and they bowed the knee before Him, and *mocked* Him, saying, Hail, *KING of the Jews!*" (Matt. 27:28, 29).

Notice these important points. They knew Christ said He was born to be a king. Christ was, in fact, a direct descendant of the Royal Line of the House of David!

The "scarlet robe," the "crown of

thorns" and "the reed" or *sceptre* were all given to Christ to *mock* Him — because they knew He claimed He was born to be a king — a king of the Jews.

Even His superscription, written on the cross, had these words in it: "This is Jesus the *KING OF THE JEWS*" (verse 37).

Is it merely coincidence that Prince Charles' crown was made to resemble this "Crown of Thorns"? It is most interesting that the One who was *mocked* by being given a "Crown of Thorns" nearly two thousand years ago, will soon succeed Prince Charles (or whoever sits on the Throne at that time) and sit upon the very Throne of David — which Prince Charles, as the *Heir Apparent* will undoubtedly occupy in the very near future.

### Christ to Occupy David's Throne

There can be no doubt that the present Royal Family of Britain are the direct descendants of the ancient Jewish King, David, and that Queen Elizabeth II sits upon the very Throne of David, and that one day in the near future there will be another *crowning* — perhaps the *last* in this age — on this Throne before the Messiah comes and takes over the very Throne which He was born to occupy — the Throne of His earthly father David.

We are very near the end of this age of man's six thousand years of *misrule* on this earth! Mankind is about to annihilate himself, but Christ promised to intervene in order to prevent that terrible catastrophe from happening (Matt. 24:21, 22).

We can thank God Almighty that the literal Kingdom (the rule or government) of God is very near to being established upon this earth.

Soon, Jesus Christ will return to this earth in *supernatural* power and glory to sit upon the "Throne of David" and to rule all nations from Jerusalem, Palestine (Matt. 25:31, 32).

Mankind has lost his way — doesn't know the "way of peace" (Isa. 59:8).

Only when the glorious Kingdom of God and His Government is established on this earth, will man ever attain real peace, happiness and prosperity! Only the "Prince of Peace" can bring true peace to the war-weary, bickering nations of this blood-stained earth.

