The Blessed Hope!

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;" –(Titus 2:13)

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The information provided by 'The Firmament' site provides significant information and insights about the coronation of Prince Charles of Wales. I thought it to offer a powerful insight, information, into the symbolism of how Prince Charles of Wales is stealthily stealing the Crown of the rightful King to come in that of Jesus Christ. Without this information, nothing changes, but with it, one can see how it is that Prince Charles has been aided by powers of Satan to bring us to this point. This source [The Firmament] is a site that is a proponent of British-Israelism. You may recall the name Herbert W. Armstrong and his "Worldwide Church of God".

The Worldwide Church of God, Adventist church founded in 1933 as the Radio Church of God by Herbert W. Armstrong (1892–1986), an American newspaper advertising designer. Until the mid-1990s the church taught a non-Trinitarian theology, held Saturday worship services, and preached the imminent return of Jesus Christ.

Armstrong's study of the Bible led him to conclude that it was the inspired word of God, that Jewish holy days, festivals, and dietary restrictions -(Leviticus 11) should be observed, and that the Sabbath should be honored on Saturday. He joined a branch of the Church of God (Seventh Day) that practiced Sabbatarianism (Saturday worship), and soon afterward he adopted British-Israelism, the notion that the Anglo-Saxon people are the descendants of the biblical Ten Lost Tribes of Israel. In 1933 he established an independent radio ministry in Eugene, Ore., the Radio Church of God, and a magazine, The Plain Truth, to disseminate his ideas.

In 1947 Armstrong moved to Pasadena, Calif., where he oversaw the continued growth of the church and changed its name to the Worldwide Church of God. Along with British Israelism and anti-Trinitarianism, Armstrong also taught that members of his church should not vote, serve in the military, remarry after divorce, or celebrate Christmas, Easter, or birthdays. In the 1960s he established a television ministry, The World Tomorrow, which specialized in biblical interpretations of contemporary events and featured his son, Garner Ted Armstrong. Although Herbert Armstrong offered the magazine and all of his teaching literature for free, he accepted donations and expected his followers to pay a tithe for the general support of the church. His financial supporters formed the core of the church, which grew to more than 100,000 members by the time of Armstrong's death.

Problems plagued the church during the 1970s. Garner Ted Armstrong left the church after being accused of sexual immorality. Church ministers advocated an easing of strict dietary rules and fiercely debated the question of marriage after divorce. Authorities in California briefly turned the church over to a receiver following accusations of financial mismanagement, and critics branded it a cult.

Joseph Tkach (died 1995), Armstrong's appointed successor, became head of the Worldwide Church of God following the founder's death. Tkach began to move the church toward mainstream Christianity, a process that his son and successor, Joseph Tkach, Jr., carried to its logical conclusion. By the late 1990s the church had dropped all of Armstrong's unique doctrines, including his British Israelism and his non-Trinitarian theology. After adopting orthodox Christian beliefs, the church was admitted to the National Association of Evangelicals in 1997. The change caused several of the church's leading ministers to found rival churches based on Armstrong's original teachings. In the early 21st century the church claimed some 64,000 members in 90 countries around the world.

Adventist members of any one of a group of Protestant Christian churches that trace their origin to the United States in the mid-19th century and that are distinguished by their emphasis on the belief that the personal, visible return of Christ in glory (i.e., the Second Coming) is close at hand, a belief shared by many Christians. While most Adventist groups remain relatively small, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has become a significant global body, with congregations in more than 200 countries and a membership of more than 14 million.

Adventism is rooted in the millennial expectations recorded in the Bible. From their biblical study, the Adventists came to believe that, at the Second Coming, Christ will separate the saints from the wicked and inaugurate his millennial (1,000-year) kingdom. The Adventists' emphasis on the Second Coming led many of them to predict the date of its occurrence.

It was during the religious revival that swept the American frontier in the early 19th century that William Miller (1782–1849), whose speculations launched the Adventist movement, began to preach. Miller, while an officer in the U.S. Army in the War of 1812, had become a skeptic. Converted to the Baptist faith during the 1820s, he began to study the Bible, especially the prophetic books of Daniel and the Revelation to John. Primarily on the basis of his interpretation of Daniel 8:14, which spoke of 2,300 days, he concluded that Christ would return about 1843. He began to preach in 1831 and soon emerged as the leader of a popular movement. As the year 1843 approached, Miller predicted more specifically that Christ would return between March 21, 1843, and March 21, 1844.

Miller and his followers faced heavy derision because of his predictions. Although expectations were heightened when a comet suddenly appeared in the night sky in March 1843, they felt the brunt of the disappointment when the predicted Second Coming did not occur in March 1844. After Miller confessed his error and left the

movement, his follower Samuel Snow suggested a new date, October 22, 1844. Christ's failure to return at that time has since been known in Adventist circles as the Great Disappointment. The following year, those who still believed in Miller's prophetic message convened the Mutual Conference of Adventists to sort out problems. The main body formed a loosely knit fellowship, the Evangelical Adventists, which became the foundation of all modern Adventist churches.

Among those who continued to accept Miller's prophecy were Joseph Bates, James White, and White's wife, Ellen Harmon White. They believed that Miller had set the right date but had interpreted events incorrectly. From their reading of Daniel, chapters 8 and 9, they concluded that God had begun the "cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary"—i.e., an investigative judgment (an action invisible to the human eye) that would then be followed by the pronouncing and execution of the sentence of judgment (a future visible event). In 1844, in their view, God had begun an examination of all the names in the Book of Life, and only after this was completed would Christ appear and begin his millennial reign. They refrained from setting a new date for that visible appearance, but they insisted that Christ's advent was imminent. They also came to believe that worship on the seventh day, Saturday, was proper for Christians. The practice of Saturday worship gave the denomination (established in 1863) a new name, the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The Seventh-day Adventists also believed that Ellen White had the gift of prophecy, and her lectures and writings shaped the later beliefs and practices of the church.

Other Adventist bodies emerged in the 19th century. Some, such as the Advent Christian Church and the Life and Advent Union (which merged into the Advent Christian Church in 1964), rejected both the prophetic status of Ellen White and seventh-day worship. Another group, the International Bible Students Association, inspired by Miller and Adventist teachings, was founded by the preacher Charles Taze Russell in 1872. Changing its name to the Jehovah's Witnesses in the 1930s, it became the second successful group to emerge from the original Millerite movement. Another Sabbatarian church, the Worldwide Church of God, emerged in the 1930s; at its height in the 1980s, it claimed more than 100,000 members. During the 1990s the Worldwide Church of God engaged in a process of doctrinal reevaluation that led it to renounce the beliefs it had inherited from Adventism and join the larger Evangelical movement.

Belief in Sabbath observance brought with it a new appreciation of the Hebrew Bible (the Old Testament). The Seventh-day Adventists accepted Old Testament dietary regulations, from which their present-day emphasis on health developed. In 1900 two members of the church, John Harvey Kellogg and his brother W.K. Kellogg, founded the Sanitas Food Company, later called the Kellogg Company, to market a healthy breakfast cereal that had been served at a church sanatorium run by John Harvey Kellogg. (The sanatorium's many prominent patients included C.W. Post, later the founder of the Postum Cereal Company.) The church's emphasis on healthy living and preventive medicine was augmented by the founding in 1908 of a chain of outstanding medical institutions. The church became a pioneer of medical missions, establishing

hundreds of hospitals, medical centers, clinics, and sanatoriums across the United States and throughout the world.

Seventh-day Adventists share many of the basic beliefs of Protestant Christianity, including acceptance of the authority of the Bible, recognition of the existence of human sin and the need for salvation, and belief in the atoning work of Christ. They are officially Trinitarian, believing in the three coeternal persons of the Godhead, but on several occasions they have seriously debated this doctrine, and some Adventist groups have rejected it. Seventh-day Adventism emerged at a time when many Protestants were divided into Calvinist and Arminian camps, the former emphasizing predestination and the sovereignty of God, the latter human choice and God's election. The Adventists came to accept the Arminian interpretation of Christ's atonement. They argue that his death was "provisionally and potentially for all men" yet efficacious only for those who avail themselves of its benefits.

In addition to the emphasis upon the Second Advent of Christ, two other matters set the Adventists apart from most Christians. First, they observe Saturday, rather than Sunday, as the Sabbath. This day, according to the Bible, was instituted by God, and the commandment concerning Sabbath rest is a part of God's eternal law. Second, they also avoid eating meat and taking narcotics and stimulants, which they consider to be harmful. Although they appeal to the Bible for the justification of these dietary practices, they maintain that these are primarily based upon the broad theological consideration that the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and should be protected.

Adventists stress tithing and therefore have a high annual giving per capita that allows them to carry on worldwide missionary and welfare programs. Because of their unwillingness to work on Saturday, they periodically suffer job discrimination. In the United States they joined forces with the Jewish community to promote laws accommodating Sabbatarian practice.

The nearness of the Second Coming motivated Adventists to engage in worldwide missionary work. Seventh-day Adventism sent out its first missionary, John Nevins Andrews, in 1874 and eventually expanded into a worldwide movement, with churches in nearly every country where it was legally permitted by the early 21st century. The emphasis on missionary activity won the church many new adherents in Latin America, the Caribbean, and sub-Saharan Africa.

The General Conference, the church's main governing body, has its headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland, where it was moved in 1989 from Washington, D.C. The General Conference meets quadrennially. Local congregations in a particular area or country are associated in conferences, and each conference is in turn a member of one of the 14 regional divisions into which the world church is organized. The General Conference supervises evangelical work in more than 500 languages. It also manages a large parochial school system and a set of orphanages and retirement homes. Adventist publishing houses operate in many countries, and Adventist literature is distributed door-to-door by volunteers.

I share this background information on British-Israelism as it relates to the British Royals, which themselves are German in ethnic heritage. Prince, now King Charles is no more a descendant of King David than I am. Yet as the Coronation service held today on May 6th, 2023; the crowning service and installation were heavily Biblical in content, symbolism, worship, and globally centered. All of the Scripture passages quoted below in the article beginning on page 6 below were in the Coronation investiture services of King Charles.

This Blessed Hope segment was to be posted two weeks ago but was set aside when I discovered information regarding the Daniel 12:12 prophecy and the points I noted as reasons for May 5/6th being an extremely high watch date for the Rapture!

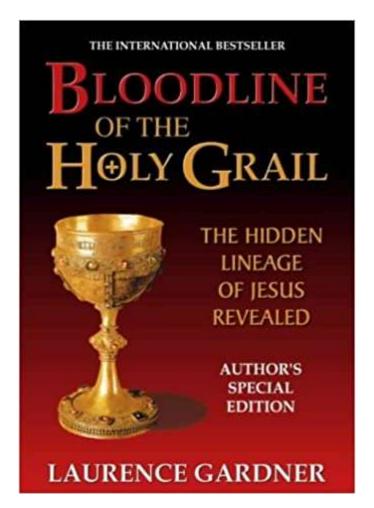
Am I discouraged that we are still here at noon on Saturday, May 6th, 2023? Yes and no! So much has been revealed in the last 72 hours that encourages me that we are on the "back-stretch", if I can borrow from the Kentucky Derby jargon! What follows comes from British-Israelism and how it makes the case for King Charles as the one and only **Mr.** "666" The Antichrist!

Christians find it difficult to believe that the Antichrist can be both the king of the Jews and king of their cousins, the Muslim faith as well. Too many, it seems to be a contradiction until you understand many of Prince Charles own statements, and his passion to be the king that will bring "peace and security" to the world! The more that we know about King "sausage fingers" strengthens my position that the Bible is the Word of God. Isaiah 46:9-10 said, "Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, "Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:" Isaiah was called to proclaim prophecy [prophecy is simply history told in advance] in 742 B.C.

The Apostle John recorded the book of Revelation in 95-96 AD and so likewise, John is the one who revealed the explicit image of the definitive Antichrist spoken of **4X** times in 1st John 2:18; 2:22; 4:3; and 2nd John 1:7. John refers in Revelation 13 to the two beasts, one that came up out of the sea and one that came up out of the land. My first inkling of who the Antichrist might be came out of the United Nations 1992 Rio De Janeiro Climate Summit. This eye-opening UN event was confirmed four years later in the 1996 book by Laurence Gardner, 'The Bloodline of the Holy Grail: The Hidden Lineage of Jesus Revealed'. Two years later in 1998, 'The Antichrist and A Cup of Tea' was published by Tim Huckabee under the pen name of "Tim Cohen".

Since June of 1998, when I left the United Methodist Church, wherever I have been a guest preacher or doing pulpit supply, I have been telling people that the greatest proof of the Bible's truth and reliability can be summed up in the particulars of Revelation 13 and Mr. "666". Not even a Christian Zionist, let alone an apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ could have created such an incredible story narrative of what is before us today! We are in the throes of days of sorrow but fear not, the Rapture is closer now than ever. Revelation 3:10 is our Standard! Doubt it not!

If you know of someone that is a skeptic of the Bible or the Good News of Jesus Christ, this polemical argument is in my way of thinking one of the greatest apologetics of our day to reach the unsaved.





From the Firmament

The Crown

The Coronation Ceremony for the new king in Great Britain will take place in just a few days on May 6, 2023. It is an occasion celebrated with great pomp and ceremony.

The Crown, the anointing, the symbols of heraldry, the hymns and the precious jewels all help to confirm the Israelite origins of the people of Britain and their brethren of the United States colonies. They are symbolized as the twin sons of Joseph, son of Jacob,

son of Isaac, son of Abraham, having the Lion of the Tribe of Judah to reign over them as king. The name, 'Saxon', means Isaac's-sons.

The legend of the 'Sword in the Stone' or Excalibur is the mythical sword of King Arthur associated with the rightful sovereignty of Britain. Whosoever can pull the Sword from the Stone is deemed to be the rightful heir to the throne and the crown. This story is also based on a story of the Biblical Deliverer and Lawgiver, Moses.

"Some of the symbolism within the coronation ceremony for British monarchs perpetuates the ancient Roman Catholic monarchical ideas. This ceremony is nearly entirely based upon that of the Coronation of the Holy Roman Emperor." -Wikipedia

All the pomp comes in from the Roman Empire, but the anointing of King David was quite simple. So, let's separate the two, Israel and Rome, and see what these things mean in reality. In the many recent articles and videos covering this subject, references to King Solomon and 'God's Chosen' have been frequently heard. So, what were the instructions of the LORD God made to his father, King David, through Moses?



The Prophet Samuel anointing God's chosen king, David

"You shall in any wise set him king over you whom the LORD your God shall choose: one from among your brethren shall you set king over you: you may not set a stranger over you which is not your brother... And it shall be, when he sits upon the throne of his Kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this Law in a book out of that which is before the priests, the Levites. It shall be with him and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to reverence the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this Law and these statutes, to do them: That his heart is not lifted up above his brethren, and that he does not turn aside from the Commandment, to

the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his Kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel."

-Deuteronomy 17:15-20

King Edward's Crown

King Charles III will be crowned with the Crown of St. Edward.



The Crown of St. Edward

Edward the Confessor (c. 1003 – 5 January 1066) was an **Anglo-Saxon English king**. He ruled from 1042 until his death in 1066.

The history of the Anglo-Saxons is the history of a cultural identity. It developed from divergent groups in association with the people's adoption of Christianity and was integral to the founding of various kingdoms... Anglo-Saxon material culture can still be seen in architecture, dress styles, illuminated texts, metalwork and other art. Behind the symbolic nature of these cultural emblems, there are strong elements of tribal and lordship ties. The elite declared themselves kings who developed burhs (fortifications and fortified settlements) and identified their roles and peoples in Biblical terms.

The concept of **the Kingship of God appears in <u>all Abrahamic religions</u>**, where in some cases the terms 'Kingdom of God' and 'Kingdom of Heaven' are also used. The notion of God's kingship goes back to the Hebrew Bible and the Old Testament.

The 'Kingdom of God' and its equivalent form 'Kingdom of Heaven' in the Gospel of Matthew is one of the key elements of the teachings of Jesus in the New Testament. The Gospel of Mark indicates that the Gospel is the good news about the Kingdom of God. The term pertains to the kingship of Christ over all creation.

"Chy Kingdom come: Chy Will be done on Earth as it is in heaven."

Che Lord's Prayer – Matthew 6:9—14

St. Edward's Crown is the centerpiece of the Crown Jewels of the United Kingdom. Named after Saint Edward the Confessor, versions of it have traditionally been used to crown English and British monarchs at their coronations since the 13th century. The original crown was a 'holy relic' kept at Westminster Abbey, Edward's burial place... The current St Edward's Crown was made for Charles II in 1661.

This Crown is fashioned after a particular Pattern

"Just as flags and coats-of-arms are emblematic of nation and peoples, so also are crowns. St. Edward's Crown is wholly Israelitish for, among its adornments, it displays the jeweled emblems of the Twelve Tribes, and in its form it is a replica of the Camp of Israel... Thus, in addition to its own tribal emblem or ensign under which it camped and marched, each of the Twelve Tribes also had a jewel as its emblem." Symbols of our Celto-Saxon Heritage, by W. H. Bennett, ©1976

"And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet; every one with his name shall they be according to the twelve tribes."

-Exodus 28:21

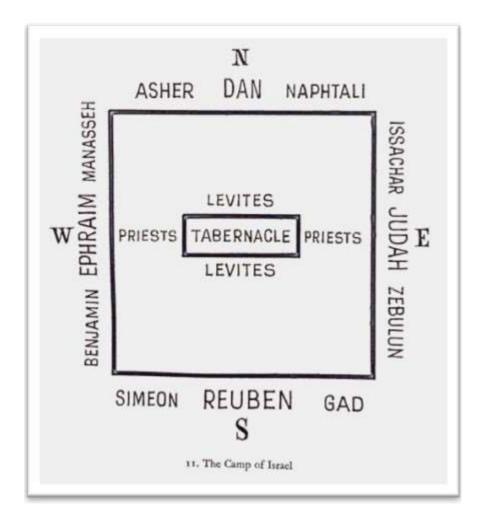
"Let them make Me a Sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. According to all that I show you, after the pattern of the Tabernacle, ...even so shall you make it." -Exodus 25:8-9

It is here that the Crown of St. Edward offers **irrefutable evidence of our Israelitish identity**. For, in the most solemn moment of their lives, the sovereigns of the ancient Royal House enter into the national House of God, there to be crowned with the Crown of St. Edward, **around the golden base of which there are twelve jewels** which are identical, at least in kind, with those which were on the Breastplate of Israel's High Priest.

That there are **twelve jewels around the base of the Crown** of St. Edward is definitely stated in an authoritative work entitled The Crown Jewels by Major-General H. D. W. Sidwell, C.B., M.C. (Keeper of the Jewel House in the Tower of London). In describing the Crown, he says, 'The band is set with twelve precious or semi-precious stones.' This is also true of the original St. Edward's Crown, for he quotes Sir John Ferne who, in The Glory of Generosity, printed in 1586 not only states that there were twelve jewels but also gives the names.

Thus, we face the amazing fact that for well over a thousand years the sovereigns of Great Britain have been crowned with a Crown bearing the jeweled emblems of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. This is true of no other nation or people, and this in itself offers positive evidence of our Israelitish identity. When this Crown is considered as a whole, we see that in form and structure it is a model or replica of the Camp of Israel as it was during the forty years of wilderness wandering after the Exodus from Egypt."

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The Pattern

The second chapter of Numbers describes the Camp of Israel consisting of the Twelve Tribes in four groups of three encamped around the perimeter of an open space. Above the center of which was the luminous Pillar of Cloud denoting the Presence of Jehovah, the God and King of Israel.



The pillars of cloud and fire are first mentioned in chapter 13 of the Book of Exodus shortly after Moses leads the Israelites out of their captivity in Egypt. The narrative states that the pillar of cloud went ahead of them by day to guide their way, and the pillar of fire by night, to give them light.

"And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, 'Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house: far off about the Tabernacle of the Congregation shall they pitch. And on the east side toward the rising of the sun shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah... On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben... Then the Tabernacle of the Congregation shall set forward with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camp: as they encamp, so shall they set forward, every man in his place by their standards. On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim... And by him shall be the tribe of Manasseh... Then the tribe of Benjamin... The standard of the camp of Dan shall be on the north side..."

-Numbers 2:1-30



The Four Standards of the Tribes of Israel

"And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes before and behind. And the first living creature was like a lion (Judah), and the second like a calf/bullock (Ephraim), and the third had a face as a man (Reuben), and the fourth was like a flying eagle (Dan)..."

-Revelation 4:6-11

New Jerusalem

"I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of Heaven saying, 'Behold, the Tabernacle of God is made up of people, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God...

There came to me one of the seven angels... and talked with me, saying, 'Come here, I will show you the Bride, the Lamb's wife'. And he carried me away in the spirit to a Great and High Mountain, Sion/Zion, and showed me that great city, the Holy Jerusalem, descending out of Heaven from God, having the Glory of God: and her light

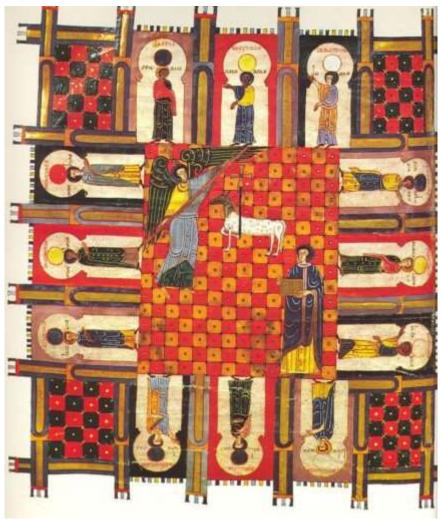
was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

The Wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the Twelve Apostles of the Lamb. And he that talked with me had a golden reed/rod to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the city lies foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

He measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of the man, that is, of the Angel. And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.

The twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. And I saw no Temple therein: for the LORD God Almighty and the Lamb are the Temple of it. And the City had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the Glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the Light thereof... The gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defiles, neither whatsoever works abomination, or makes a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's Book of Life."

-Revelation 21



New Jerusalem in the same pattern of the Tabernacle

"I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he does judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in Heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of his mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he has on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

-Revelation 19:11-16



The King of Israel with his army on white horses

The Divine Right to Reign

'The Spirit of the LORD spoke to me and His Word was spoken by me. The God of Israel, the Rock of Israel spoke to me, 'He that rules over men must be just/lawful/righteous (in government, in conduct and character), ruling in the reverence of God. And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun rises, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain."

King David - 2 Samuel 23:1

The Branch of David

"And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the spirit of Counsel and Might, the spirit of Knowledge and of the Reverence of the LORD. And shall make him of quick understanding in the reverence of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And Righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and Faithfulness the girdle of his reins... They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My Holy Mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the people seek: and his rest shall be glorious."

-Isaiah 11:1-10



The Standard on the East of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah – The Branch of David

"Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the House of Israel and to the House of Judah. In those days, and at that time, I will cause the Branch of Righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute Judgment and Righteousness in the land. In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall call him, 'The Lord our Righteousness'. For thus saith the LORD; 'David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the House of Israel."

-Jeremiah 33:14-17

"I will not break My Covenant, 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. Selah."
-Psalms 89:34-37

The Hymn

During the Coronation, this hymn, based on 1 Kings 1:32-40, will be sung. It is titled, 'Zadok the Priest' by George Handel.

"Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anointed Solomon king. And all the people rejoiced! And all the people rejoiced! Rejoiced! rejoiced and said: 'God save the King! May the King live forever Amen! HalleluJah!

God save the King! May the King live forever! Amen! Amen! HalleluJah! May the King live forever" Long live the King! May the King live forever! Forever! Amen! Amen! HalleluJah"

Lyrics from the hymn: Handel's 'Zadok The Priest', by George Handel

David reigned over Israel for forty years. Before he died, he sent for Zadok the priest.

"King David said, 'Call me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came before the king. The king also said to them, 'Take the servants of your lord with you and cause Solomon my son to ride upon my own mule... And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel and you blow with the trumpet, and say, 'God save the king; Long live King Solomon'.

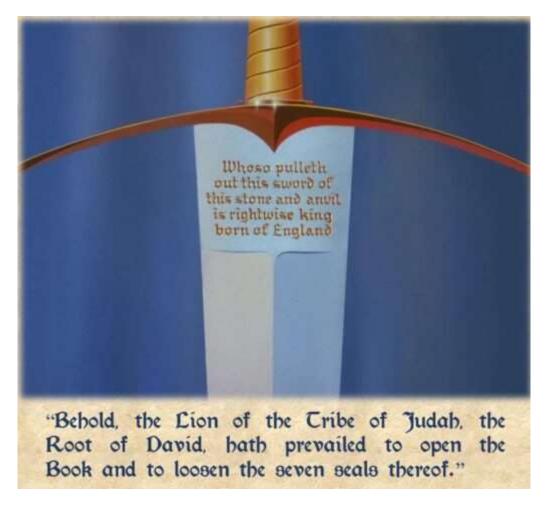
Then you shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah. And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, 'Amen: the LORD God of my lord, the king say so too. As the LORD has been with my lord the king, even so is He with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord, King David.

...And Zadok the priest took an horn of oil out of the Tabernacle and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, 'God save king Solomon'. And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them."

-1 Kings 1:32-40

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, **your King comes unto you: he is Righteous, and having Salvation**; lowly, and riding upon an ass/mule, and upon a colt the foal of an ass."

-Zechariah 9:9



"Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture! saith the LORD. Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed My people; You have scattered My flock, and driven them away and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD. And I will gather the Remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking [in knowledge and understanding], saith the LORD.

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Therefore, behold, **the days come, saith the LORD**, that they shall no more say, The LORD lives, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; **But, the LORD lives, which brought up and which led the seed of the House of Israel out**

of the north country, and from all countries where I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land."

-Jeremiah 23:1-8

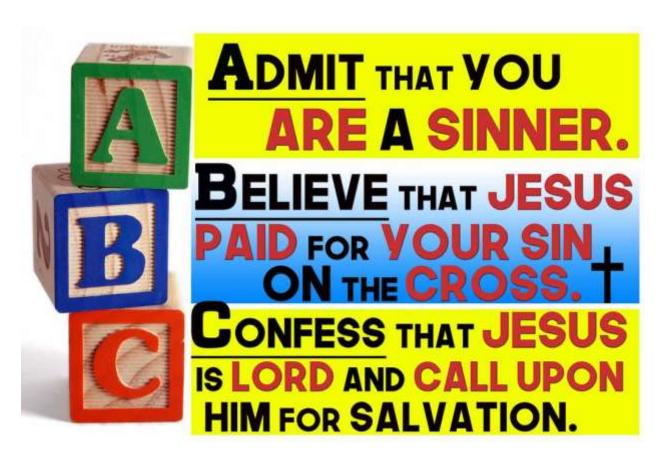
"Behold, I will send My Messenger and he shall prepare the way before Me: and the Lord, whom you seek, shall suddenly come to his Temple, even the Messenger of the Covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come', saith the LORD of hosts... Then they that reverence the LORD will speak often one to another: and the LORD will hearken and hear it, and **a Book of Remembrance** is written before Him for them that reverence the LORD and that think upon His Name.

They shall be Mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up My jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spares his own son that serves him. Then you shall return and discern between the Righteous and the Wicked, between him that serves God and him that serves Him not."

-Malachi 3

"The LORD is on my head like a Crown, and I shall never be without Him. Woven for me is a Crown of Truth, and it causes Your branches to bud in me. For it is not like a withered crown that does not blossom; But You live upon my head, and have blossomed upon my head. Your fruits are full-grown and perfect; they are full of Your Salvation."

-Odes of Solomon 1:1-4



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