

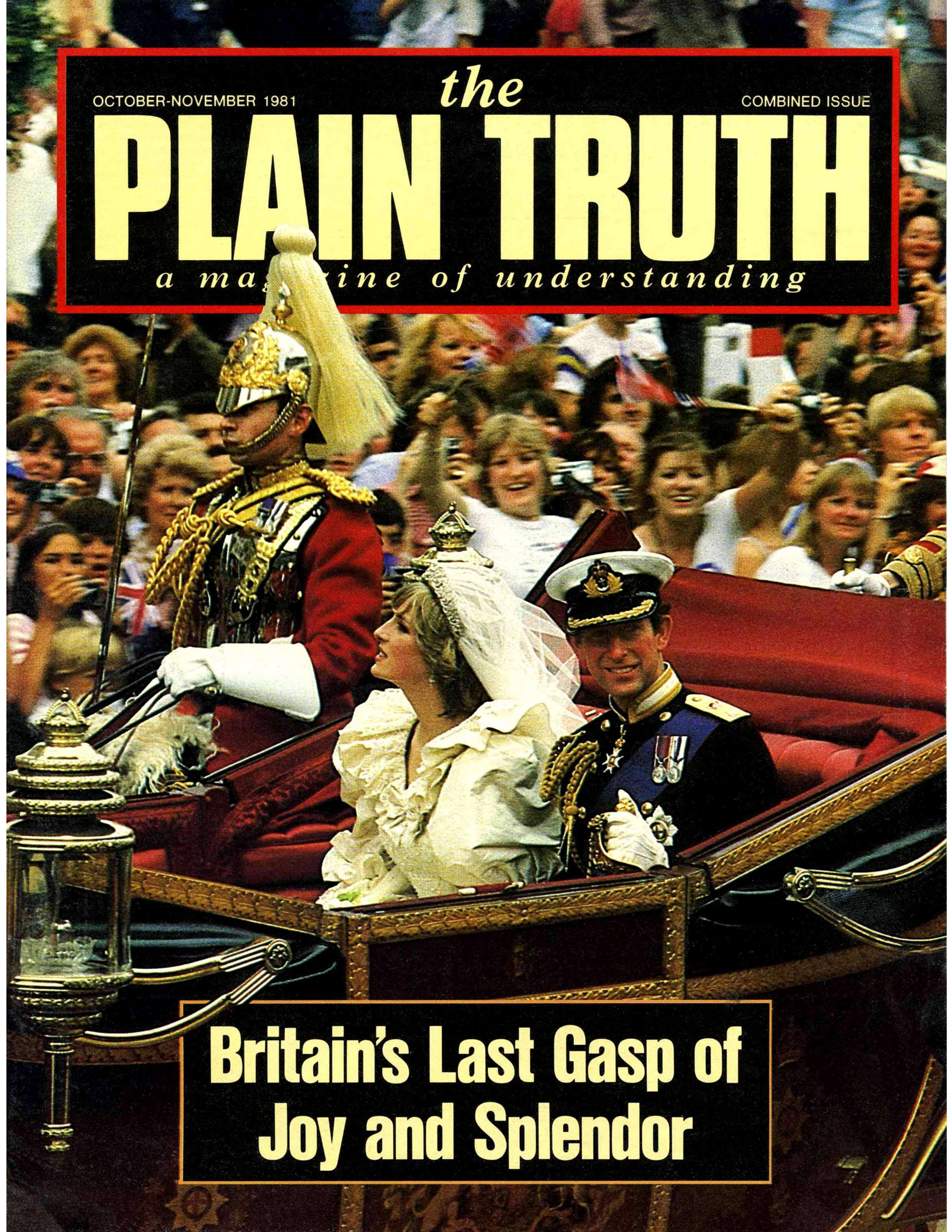
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**Britain's Last Gasp of
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Personal from...

Most Costly Is Cheapest

The most costly nonspecialty automobile is the Rolls-Royce. In early 1962 I bought one in London. I was spending probably more time in England then, because of the English campus of Ambassador College, than at Pasadena.

I paid £11,000 for it. Extravagance? Perhaps some thought so, but it was the least expensive car I ever owned. Now, after using it for nearly 20 years, I sold it for £14,000.

Most people seem to think whatever costs less is the better value. That is not true of material goods, nor of spiritual values. I have always believed in conscientious quality, whether in material commodities or character values.

When I was a boy of 19, I was sent by a big lumber company to be timekeeper and paymaster in its lumber mill in southern Mississippi. It was my first trip of any distance away from home in Des Moines, Iowa. The vice president of the lumber company called me to his office to give me some sound advice as a young man starting out in life.

That was in January, 1911. Of course travel then was primarily by train. Always, he advised, when possible travel by Pullman car. It would be cheaper in the long run. It would put me in the company of a better class of people. It would be safer. It would be cleaner. Always, unless one could not afford it, stay, in traveling, at the leading or best hotel in any city. If necessary to economize, ask for a lower-priced room. But the same advantage obtained as on trains. We are influenced by every person with whom we come in contact. I have since traveled on daycoaches, and stayed in second-class hotels—but only when I could not afford better. This millionaire did advise me, also, to live within my means. If I couldn't afford the best, take what I could afford, but strive to succeed and get to be able to afford the best.

When Ambassador College was built in

Pasadena, it was indeed a financial struggle. I did not go beyond what we could afford. But, as God made it possible, I did try to build the BEST! You see, I was not really building this college. Christ *IN* me was. I was merely His instrument. But I knew that whatever God did, it was written of it, "God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was VERY GOOD."

God believes whatever we do should be the best possible. But as Christ's instrument, I knew Jesus said we should not start to build something without enough to finish it. I saw how King David had wanted to build a temple for God's worship. It was to be the finest building on earth, and would cost today billions of dollars. I wanted to build at Pasadena an auditorium at the present headquarters of God's Work. I didn't think God would want a building here even remotely as costly as Solomon's temple at Jerusalem. It would not be a really large auditorium, but one seating 1,250. But I did want it, and believed Christ *IN* me wanted it to be the FINEST in character and quality.

I prayed about it. I wanted God's direction. I knew He would not have built here a building of inferior or cheap quality. I also knew He would not be building it through me if there was not enough money to complete it. I asked, if He wanted me to proceed, to provide in advance assured finances to complete it. I refused to start it until God had supplied complete financing. I did proceed with architects' plans and specifications. I found it was going to cost \$11 million. That seemed impossible, even beyond providential provision. Nevertheless, I refused to proceed without being provided financial ability to complete it. I had to wait two years. Then the miracle happened. God provided 100 percent financing. It seemed an unheard-of and unprecedented thing, for banks and insurance companies do not provide such financing for churches or colleges. Yet God provided 100 percent financing before I, shovel in hand, broke ground.

The Ambassador

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BRITAIN'S LAST GASP OF JOY AND SPLENDOR

by Herbert W. Armstrong

WHY did Britain stage it? The royal wedding of the Prince of Wales was the most colorful and glorious show any nation could produce. The answer has significant connection with the Second Coming of Christ.

THE GRAND and glorious royal wedding cost the Queen and Britain several millions of pounds. Britain is now in economic depression. One would think the nation could ill afford so extravagant a show of pomp and ceremony at this time. Yet that is undoubtedly the very reason the government did afford it.

No other nation on earth could put on so glorious and colorful an extravaganza. It was a spectacle unparalleled.

The British have the equipment: the gorgeous horse-drawn state postilion landau, open carriages and state horse-drawn coaches in bright gold trim, with

red-coated gold-braided coachmen riding both fore and aft. All were drawn by two or four of the finest horses—with horsemen in brilliant uniforms and costumes parading at a trot down the Mall, lined with brilliantly uniformed armed-service men, and accompanied by gaily uniformed mounted police, on the flag-bedecked procession route.

The bright sunny July morning provided a spectacle seldom witnessed. There were several such coaches. They paraded British royalty. Earlier, by motorcar, had proceeded many of the crowned heads of Europe, Crown Prince Akihito of Japan, and the Crown Prince of Jordan, brother of King Hussein—both of whom I know personally. Also of my acquaintance were Prince Rainier and Princess Grace of Monaco. King Baudouin and the Queen of Bel-

gium were there. Although I do not know them, I am well acquainted with the King's father, King Leopold III, whom I hope to visit again.

The service was held at St. Paul's Cathedral, officiated by the dean of the cathedral and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Runcie. Assisting were the Roman Catholic Cardinal and the head of the Methodist Church in Britain. The spectacle in St. Paul's, all shown on color television, was equally brilliant.

The precise timing of everything, the professional dignity with which it was all executed, neared perfection.

It was estimated that a million people lined the Mall and Fleet Street, leading from Buckingham Palace to St. Paul's, and shouts were loud, vociferous and enthusiastic. It was a tremendous psy-

chological and emotional uplift to the whole of Britain.

And it was my guess that was the very reason the British government, and the television companies went to the extravagant lengths in presenting this magnificent wedding show to the entire world.

The British people are sorely depressed. My plane landed at Luton airport. Near the airport are the large British works of General Motors. Just recently they laid off another 6,000 employees. Unemployment and inflation are at a near all time high. Times in England are bad. People are discouraged. What could pick up their spirits right now more than such a display of glorious pomp and ceremony at so happy an occasion as a popularly approved wedding?

Not in the memory of this generation has a popular Prince of Wales, heir to the throne, married a universally approved English girl. The former Lady Diana, daughter of an earl, had just celebrated her 20th birthday a few days before the wedding—just out of her teens. She had been a kindergarten teacher, endeared to little children. She is bright, cheerful and happy in appearance, and tremendously popular in England.

But there is still far greater significance to this elaborate wedding. I do not know whether the present generation of the royal family know and believe it, but I've been informed that the royal family of two or three generations ago did know that the British sovereign is in fact a continuation of the dynasty of King David of ancient Israel. That dynasty continued to the time of Zedekiah,

last king of Judah, overthrown by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. The throne was moved by the prophet Jeremiah, through a daughter of Zedekiah, to Northern Ireland. It was overturned a second time and taken to Scotland. A third time and moved to London. It will be once more overturned by Jesus Christ, at His approaching second coming to earth, and moved to Jerusalem where Jesus Christ will sit on that throne, ruling over all nations of the earth.

This is all explained and scrip-

British and Scots-Irish and other Northwest European descent in the United States are Manasseh.

Prophecy also foretold the present status of America and Britain in relation to other peoples, and the present immediate future of our peoples.

Few realize it, but the promises of salvation and eternal life rest entirely on the promises made to Abraham and re-promised to Isaac and Jacob. The Bible says Jesus Christ came "to confirm the promises made unto the fathers" (Romans 15:8) Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. But the promises made to Abraham were dual. The promises of GRACE referred to salvation and eternal life through Christ. But there also were promises of RACE, which were not spiritual but physical, racial and national.

The promises of GRACE were spiritual, pertaining to the ONE "seed"—Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:16). But the physical, national birthright promises related to numerous seeds (Genesis 22:17; 32:12).

These promises were inherited by physical birth by the children of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, known as the children of Israel—one of earth's nations starting in the days of Moses. Their promises are specific in Leviti-

cus 26:2-13.

When David was placed on the throne of Israel, God promised under oath that David's throne—his dynasty—would continue from generation to generation FOREVER!

Let me quote from my aforementioned book the astounding account:

"Now we come to a seemingly incredible fact—fantastic—almost unbelievable, but *true!* While David was king, God made with



Watts—Black Star

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turally accurately documented in my book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.

This eye-opening book further shows that the birthright promises made by God to the patriarch Abraham were passed on to the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, among the so-called "lost" Ten Tribes—and that the English peoples of Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, etc. are today Ephraim, and the peoples of

him a perpetual covenant, unconditionally, which God cannot and will not break! This covenant is even more amazing, and less understood, than the unconditional covenant with Abraham!

"I want you now to plant firmly in mind the specific nature and character of the covenant the Almighty made with David. For it is a vital link in the purpose and mission of Christ—an important KEY to Bible understanding!

"In II Samuel 23:1, 5, we find: 'Now these be the last words of David. . . . God . . . hath made with me *an everlasting covenant*, ordered in all things, and *sure*.' In other words, a covenant that shall endure forever and *cannot fail!*

"Turn back to the seventh chapter of II Samuel for more specific details. God gave David this covenant promise at a time when David was much concerned over the Ark of the Covenant dwelling in a tent. David wanted to build a great temple at Jerusalem.

"'And it came to pass that night, that the word of the Lord came unto Nathan, saying, Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the Lord, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in? . . . When thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels [Solomon], and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, *and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever*. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. *And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever* before thee: **THY THRONE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED FOR EVER**' (II Samuel 7:4-5, 12-16).

Points to Notice

"Notice carefully these points:

1) David's throne was set up and established with Solomon, David's son.

2) The throne—David's throne (verse 16)—was established **FOREVER** in Solomon (verse 13). Observe that this nowhere says that when Christ comes, God will establish it in *Him* forever. It says it was to be established forever *in Solomon*.

3) What if Solomon, or the children of Israel, disobey? Would that cancel this covenant? Verses 14-15 plainly say that if they commit iniquity, God will chasten them *with the rod of men*, but will **NOT** break this covenant. The throne shall go on forever just the same!

4) Notice particularly, in case of disobedience, God will *not* take the throne away as He took it from Saul. How did He take it from Saul? Saul's dynasty ended! No son of Saul ever sat on the throne. But Solomon's dynasty would not end. The punishment for disobedience would be chastening at the hands of *men*.

5) Since God did firmly establish this throne with David and with Solomon, if David's throne ceased from existence, even for the length of one generation, could we say it had been established *forever* as God here promised?

"Here is the fact as little realized as any in the Bible! Almighty God made an absolutely binding—just *how* binding we shall see!—covenant with David, *unconditionally* guaranteeing that there should never be a single generation from that time forward when there would not be a descendant of David, in **UNBROKEN DYNASTY** sitting on David's throne, ruling over children of Israel! It was the promise of a continuous, unbroken dynasty—all generations *forever*—that was guaranteed.

"This is hard to believe! Yet God promised and *unalterably guaranteed* just that! There were no conditions. Nothing that would happen could prevent it. The sins of the people were not to change it. The promise stood immutable!

The End of the Record

"But where is that throne today?

"The history of the Bible records a line of kings, all descen-

dants of David in continuous dynasty, down to King Zedekiah. But in the year 585 B.C. this last recorded king ever to sit on this throne was captured by the armies of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, his eyes were put out, he was taken to Babylon, and there died in a dungeon!

"Moreover, all his sons were slain! All the nobles of Judah who were not already imprisoned or enslaved at Babylon at that time were killed, so that none could remain to sit on the throne of David! The Chaldeans destroyed Jerusalem, burned the Temple and the king's houses, took the Jews, a captive, slave people to Babylon. There is certainly no record of any king of the line of David ruling over Judah from that day to this. However, the line of Jehoiakin to Jesus survived in Babylonish captivity—so Jesus was a descendant of David.

"Some will say, however, that this throne is established today in Christ. But Christ has not yet taken over this throne! He pictured Himself as the nobleman (Luke 19:12) who went to a far country (heaven) to get for Himself a Kingdom, and, who, after receiving the right to the Kingdom, *would return*. Jesus Christ will not sit upon the throne of David until His second coming to earth, yet in the future!

"But what of the nearly 600 years between King Zedekiah and the birth of Christ? *Who* was reigning over the Israelites and sitting on David's throne during those generations? If no one, then we must conclude God broke His Word, or the Scripture has been broken!

"The answer is a mystery more astounding than any tale of fiction! The Bible reveals it, step by step.

"But, then again, some will point to the expression 'I will stablish' (II Samuel 7:13) and conclude that possibly God meant *at the second coming of Christ* He would establish that throne forever. And still that will not do. From whom would Christ take over David's throne if that throne has ceased these centu-

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Coming Soon

A WORLD AT PEACE!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

I HAVE continually said that Jesus DID NOT come the first time on a “soul-saving crusade.” This is not yet the time when God is trying to save the world.

Rather, we are now near the END of the 6,000 years during which God sentenced the world to go its own way, form its own governments, its own religions, its own ways of life.

The first man, Adam, rejected God and God’s government over him and his descendants—this whole world. God has INTERVENED into this world of man, swayed by Satan, and called to Him a FEW—such as Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Moses and Elijah. He sent Christ to ANNOUNCE His coming Kingdom. He sent His apostles to proclaim that GOOD NEWS. In A.D. 31, Christ raised up HIS CHURCH—the CHURCH OF GOD—for the PURPOSE of standing back of the apostles getting out the true gospel. But when the gospel was suppressed after a few decades, the Church met with such violent persecution that it decreased in size, and ever since has been what Jesus called “the LITTLE FLOCK.”

The Cause of Today’s Evils

In Ephesians 2:2, Satan is called “the prince of the power of the air.” The human spirit in each

human person is directly IN TUNE WITH SATAN’S WAVELENGTH. Satan does not broadcast in sounds or pictures. But through the spirit in every man, he infuses ATTITUDES of depression, discouragement, vanity, lust, greed, competition, strife, resentment, discontent, rebellion, frustration. He is WORKING IN people in this way. He is the SOURCE and CAUSE of all of today’s evils.

But SOON NOW—in our living generation—CHRIST will return as KING of kings and LORD of lords, to RULE ALL NATIONS with the GOVERNMENT OF GOD.

One of the very first things to happen will be the PUTTING AWAY OF SATAN (Revelation 20:1-3). Now think of it! SATAN will be GONE! Christ will be here! Rivers of living water (Zechariah 14:8) will flow out from Jerusalem—that is, instead of this EVIL spirit pervading the entire atmosphere, affecting EVERYBODY, causing all evil, the HOLY SPIRIT of God will infuse the atmosphere.

Christ will be here in PERSON. The government will be government OF LOVE. People will begin to love one another—to help one another. The GOVERNMENT of the KINGDOM OF GOD will bring WORLD PEACE!

Great supernatural physical changes will happen to the earth.

Deserts will become rich, fertile, crop-raising soil. Even the topography of the earth will be CHANGED; great mountains will be leveled. Beauty will spring forth everywhere, not only in nature on the earth, but in people’s lives—it will show on their happy faces.

But will CHRIST rule alone, by Himself—a ONE-MAN rule with no one under Him?

Of course not. Let me explain. I have said the first man, Adam, REJECTED God’s government over him—not only for himself but for the whole human race that sprang from him. It was MAN who made the decision. Instead of accepting GOD as RULER, as the SOURCE of BASIC KNOWLEDGE, Adam decided, for his family—which is all humanity—to produce his OWN knowledge of what is good and what is evil. He took of the tree of THE KNOWLEDGE of good and evil, rejecting the “tree of LIFE” (the “living waters”) or the Holy Spirit that would have impregnated him with eternal God-life.

And so, since that was MAN’S DECISION God SENTENCED the human race that sprang from Adam to 6,000 years of being cut off from the possibility of receiving the Holy Spirit that imparts life eternal. In effect, God said, “Go form your own governments, your own religions, produce your own

knowledge and systems of education for 6,000 years.”

But God did reserve the prerogative to INTERVENE when and where necessary for HIS PURPOSE. God was *not* trying to “SAVE the world” spiritually. Those uncalled by God throughout history were neither lost nor saved—YET!

The FEW who received salvation and begettal of ETERNAL LIFE were called and chosen by God. Noah did not seek out God and beg for salvation—God CALLED NOAH. The same is true for Abraham, Moses, the prophets of Israel. The KINGDOM OF ISRAEL was not offered spiritual salvation—but ONLY physical, material and national benefits for obedience.

CHRIST came to ANNOUNCE His coming KINGDOM OF GOD—to be ushered in AFTER man’s 6,000-year SENTENCE had ended. Jesus called and taught His disciples His message of His KINGDOM; He sacrificed Himself for us; His apostles went out proclaiming the GOOD NEWS. Christ “added to the church” as many converted Christians as needed to stand back of the apostles, in diligent and earnest prayer, in encouragement, in tithes and offerings. In their own lives, they were to overcome Satan and Satan’s WAYS and thus qualify to help Christ govern the world in the Kingdom of God—after the 6,000 years (Revelation 3:21; 2:26-27).

During this 6,000 years God has called no one to spiritual salvation except those He called to back up the apostles getting out the gospel; they were also called to qualify, by overcoming Satan, to sit with Christ on His throne in the Kingdom of God.

The NEW world tomorrow is going to come IN OUR TIME! But remember, it won’t become utopia *all at once*. When the Supreme Ruler, Jesus Christ, comes again to earth already *crowned* as KING of kings, in all the vast POWER AND GLORY of Almighty God, nations actually will resist Him at first. He is coming to rule by divine FORCE. How ironic that the nations will have to be FORCED to be happy, prosperous, physically

fit and well, living abundantly and joyfully!

How Utopia Will Come

But now let’s be specific! Let’s see just *how* tomorrow’s utopia is to be ushered in. Remember, this wonderful world-state will not be achieved all at once.

Every major step of these soon-coming events is laid bare before our eyes in biblical PROPHECY.

The same Jesus Christ who walked over the hills and valleys of the Holy Land and the streets of Jerusalem more than 1,900 years ago is coming again! He *said* He would come again. After He was crucified, God raised Him from the dead after three days and three

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Christ will be here in person. The government will be government of love. People will begin to love one another—to help one another. The government of the Kingdom of God will bring world peace.

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nights (Matthew 12:40; Acts 2:32; I Corinthians 15:3-4). He ascended to the throne of God, headquarters of the government of the universe (Acts 1:9-11; Hebrews 1:3; 8:1; 10:12; Revelation 3:21).

He is the “nobleman” of the parable, who went to the throne of God—the “far country”—to be coronated as KING of kings over all nations, and then to return to earth (compare Luke 19:11-27). He is in heaven until the “times of restitution of all things” (Acts 3:19-21). “Restitution” means restoring to a former state or condition—in this case, restoring GOD’S GOVERNMENT to earth, and thus, restoring WORLD PEACE and utopian conditions.

Present world turmoil, escalating war and contentions, will climax in world trouble so great that, unless God intervenes, no human flesh would be saved alive (Matthew 24:22). At its very climax, when delay would result in blasting all life from off this planet, Jesus Christ will RETURN! This time He is coming as divine GOD! He is coming in all the POWER and GLORY of the universe-ruling Creator! (Matthew 24:30, 25:31.) He is coming as KING of kings and LORD of lords (Revelation 19:16) to establish WORLD SUPERGOVERNMENT and rule all nations “with a rod of iron” (Revelation 19:15; 12:5).

All crime and organized rebellion will be put down by FORCE—divine supernatural force. Christ will then set His hand to reeducate and to “save” or spiritually convert the world.

THINK OF IT! The glorified CHRIST—coming in all the splendor, the supernatural POWER and the GLORY of GOD ALMIGHTY; coming to *save* mankind alive; coming to STOP escalating wars, nuclear mass destruction, human pain and suffering; coming to usher in PEACE, abundant well-being, happiness and JOY for all mankind!

Resurrected Saints

As the resurrected Christ ascended to heaven in the clouds, so He shall return to earth in the clouds (Acts 1:9-11; Matthew 24:30). Just *as* He is returning (I Thessalonians 4:14-17), the dead in Christ—those who have received and been led by God’s Holy Spirit (Romans 8:11, 14), including all the prophets of old (Luke 13:28)—will rise in a gigantic RESURRECTION and be made IMMORTAL. Those then living who have the Spirit of God shall be instantaneously *changed* from mortal to immortal (I Corinthians 15:50-54), and, together with those resurrected, shall rise to meet the descending glorified Christ (I Thessalonians 4:17) in the clouds in the air. They shall be with Him forever (John 14:3). They shall—*with Him*—come down out of the clouds and stand *with Him*,
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WORLD PEACE!

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therefore, that very same day, on the Mount of Olives (Zechariah 14:4-5).

These changed, converted saints, now made immortal, will then rule the nations—nations of mortals—UNDER CHRIST (Daniel 7:22; Revelation 2:26-27; 3:21).

The New World Government

Now notice just HOW the new world government will function!

It will *not* be a so-called democracy; it will *not* be socialism; it will *not* be communism; it will *not* be human monarchy, oligarchy or plutocracy. It will *not* be MAN'S government over man. Man has *proven* his utter incapability of ruling himself!

It will be DIVINE government—the government of GOD. It will *not* be government from the bottom up. The people will have NO VOTES. It will *not* be government of or by the people but it will be government FOR the people! It will be government from the TOP (God Almighty) down!

In the Kingdom of GOD ALL in government service will then be divine spirit beings. All officials will be APPOINTED by the divine CHRIST, who reads and knows men's hearts—their inner character, their abilities or lack of ability. You'll find a description of Christ's supernatural insight into the very character of others in Isaiah 11:2-4: "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 fear of the Lord; and shall make him of quick understanding . . . and he shall *not* judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears [hearsay]: but with RIGHTEOUSNESS shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth. . . ."

Remember, GOD is the Supreme One who is LOVE—who

GIVES—who rules with outgoing concern for the ruled. His will be rule for the HIGHEST GOOD of the people! The most ABLE, the most RIGHTEOUS, those best fitted for office will be placed in all offices of responsibility and power.

There will then be *two* kinds of beings on earth—humans and those made divine, who will rule the mortals. Some resurrected saints will rule over 10 cities, some over five (Luke 19:17-19).

But further, God has set in motion physical laws that operate in our bodies and minds, as well as His spiritual law. Sickness, ill health, pain and suffering will disappear. There *will be*, on the contrary, vigorous, vibrant GOOD HEALTH. People will be filled with dynamic INTEREST in life, enthusiastic interest in constructive activities bringing happiness and joy!

There will be REAL PROGRESS, cleanliness, no slums, no degenerate peoples or areas of earth.

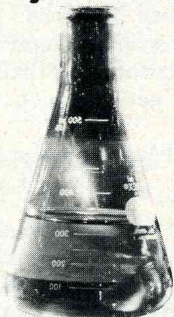
All this will be accomplished under the NEW Covenant that Christ is coming to usher in. Did you ever read just WHAT this New Covenant will consist of? Did you suppose it will DO AWAY with God's law?

EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE!

This is the covenant that Christ is coming to establish (Hebrews 8:10): "I will put *my laws* into their MIND, and write them in their HEARTS."

When God's laws are IN OUR HEARTS—when we LOVE God's WAYS and in our hearts WANT to live by them—HUMAN NATURE WILL BE PUT UNDER SUBJECTION; people *will* live the WAY that is the CAUSE of peace, happiness, abundance, joyful well-being! May God speed that day! □

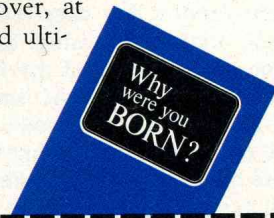
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with in Poland is the first authentic upheaval on a national scale in a Soviet bloc country. The Kremlin finds itself in a "no-win situation." To send troops against Poland would be extremely costly. The Poles, Soviet leaders are convinced, would fight. Moscow would end up responsible for the resulting economic calamity—and, very importantly, the Soviet "peace offensive" in Western Europe would grind to a halt.

Yet, the changes underway in Poland—a free trade union coupled with greater democracy within the party—could produce a domino ripple throughout Eastern Europe and even the Soviet Union itself.

Indeed it is already spreading. There have been reports in recent months of labor unrest in Romania. Demands for economic and political reform also were heard this past summer in East Germany, up until now Moscow's most trusted satellite.

And Soviet citizens in Lithuania and the Ukraine are watching events in Poland very closely.

What Can Moscow Do?

The present Soviet leaders seemingly do not know what to do with Poland. It will likely be up to a future generation of Soviet leadership, less personally identified with the traumas of the Second World War, to think their own revolutionary thoughts about Eastern Europe.

Moscow's overriding concern is that of national security, coupled with maintaining the balance of power in Europe. Future leaders of the Kremlin might be forced to *risk a partial release of these captive states*, believing that, in a condition more like that of Finland, the East Europeans would prove to be better guarantors of Soviet security than they are as restless captives.

Such a transformation would completely alter the political map of Europe. Notes political affairs analyst William Pfaff:

"No fundamental change in the situation of Poland, or of the region, is imaginable without a realignment of security arrangements in all Europe. If Poland were



REAGAN administration's tougher line toward communism has fueled leftist protests in Western world.

to become internally autonomous, *albeit communist*, its ability to guarantee Russia's security would have to be underwritten by the other states of Central and Western Europe. Even a qualified Soviet military withdrawal from Poland would have to be matched by American withdrawals in Western Europe or changes in NATO deployment."

The Soviets cannot have it both ways. They cannot "win" Western Europe, without giving in somewhat in Eastern Europe.

But where would such a dramatic reshuffling of Europe—with America dealt out—lead?

A "New Europe" Prophesied

Bible prophecy foretells that there is yet to come the final end-time restoration of the Roman Empire. It will be composed of a prophetic "ten horns," meaning 10 nations or ruling entities (Revelation 17:12).

The second chapter of the book of Daniel tells of the same time—not far in the future—when the Kingdom of God, pictured as a great stone "cut out without [human] hands," will crush this final system of human government to dominate the world. Here this 10-nation system is pictured as a giant human figure, having feet "part of iron, and part of clay" (Daniel 2:33). Its toes—obviously 10—correspond to the 10 national units of Revelation 17.

The original Roman Empire was broken into two "legs"—the Eastern empire in Byzantium (later Constantinople, today Istanbul)

and the empire in the West in Rome. Thus it is very possible that the restored end-time system will be composed of two distinct yet cooperative parts: the first "leg" comprising nations of Western Europe, the second incorporating nations freed from Soviet dominance in Central and Eastern Europe.

What is transpiring on both sides of the Iron Curtain today is the first step in the refashioning of Western, Central and much of Eastern Europe into a new, yet ancient, alignment. Out of the ashes of history will arise a new, end-time world power—to the consternation of both Washington and Moscow. □

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Auditorium was completed on schedule, spring of 1974. It is generally considered by performing artist celebrities as the finest auditorium on earth, cubic inch by cubic inch. What is even more important to them, the acoustics are perfect—as by faith I knew they would be. And Ambassador Auditorium today is recognized worldwide as a center for the performing arts in Southern California, beside being the home for God's headquarters church.

The Ambassador College campus has three times won the award of being the most beautiful best-landscaped and best-maintained campus in the United States. I know Jesus Christ is pleased.

Quality and character cost a little more. It's the same in SPIRITUAL CHARACTER—the primary purpose of human life. The way to high spiritual character is not easy. Such character cannot be bought cheaply. One has to PAY THE PRICE!

Jesus spoke of the EASY way, the road most people travel. "For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few" (Matthew 7:14, RSV).

A life of overcoming and building righteous, spiritual character is not easy. It's costly. But it leads to the TRUE RICHES—FOR ETERNITY! □

BRITAIN

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ries to exist? But God plainly promised He would establish that throne *in Solomon*: 'And I will establish the throne of *his* [Solomon's] kingdom FOR EVER.' He was not speaking of establishing it many centuries later in Christ—at His second coming. The 'he' referred to is Solomon—not Christ, for God said: 'If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him' (II Samuel 7:14).

"But now I give you a scripture that ends all speculation as to *when* this throne was established: 'Hear me, thou Jeroboam, and all Israel; ought ye not to KNOW that the Eternal God of Israel GAVE the kingdom over Israel to David FOR EVER, even to him and to *his sons* by a covenant of salt?' (II Chronicles 13:4-5.) The margin says 'PERPETUAL covenant.' This shows the establishing of the throne was then *in the past!* God gave, did give, this kingdom to David and his *sons*—not his *Son*, Christ, but his *sons*, plural—continuously forever.

Established for All Generations

"I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, Thy seed [dynasty—Moffatt] will I establish for ever, and build up *thy throne to all generations*' (Psalm 89:3-4). Note it! This throne, established forever, was built up to *all generations*. God *did* establish that throne, beginning with David and Solomon. We have a record of it for a number of generations—as far as King Zedekiah, 585 B.C.

"It was established to *all* generations, continuously, perpetually, FOREVER! That term 'all generations' certainly must include those generations from Zedekiah to the birth of Christ. Who occupied that throne during those generations?

"Christ is not sitting on that throne now, but on the throne of Almighty God in heaven (Revelation 3:21).

"So what about *this present generation?* Where is there a descen-

dant of David today sitting in an unbroken line of kings on the throne of David, ruling over *children of Israel?*

"Can one wonder that men like Thomas Paine and Robert Ingersoll lost faith in the Bible? They saw these unconditional promises, but they could not see how they had been kept. Yet, if we have patience, we shall see!

"But to continue, in the 89th Psalm, with the 28th verse: 'My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. His seed [dynasty—Moffatt] also will I make to endure for ever, and *his throne as the days of heaven.*'

"Consider a moment the meaning of the word 'seed' in this sense. Moffatt's translation in modern English properly translates it 'dynasty.' The Revised Standard Version translates it 'his [David's] *line*'—that is, continuous line or succession of sons, generation after generation. This 'seed' is not the general population of the children of David's seed, or David's sons. His sons were to be *kings*. David was of the tribe of Judah, possessor of the sceptre, not the birthright, promise. His 'seed,' therefore, was the *kingly line*. So, literally, it means his *dynasty*, his *line* of successive sons.

"Now while his throne is enduring through all generations, as the days of heaven, consider the next verse: 'If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; if they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. *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 [dynasty] 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 89:30-37).

"This is speaking of those generations when his children may dis-

obey and forsake God's law. Some today are excusing their inability to locate this throne by saying the covenant was *conditional*—that because the children of Israel disobeyed God, the covenant was broken. But what does the Almighty say? If the children disobey and transgress, they shall be *punished* for their transgression—but *not* by the breaking of God's unconditional covenant with David!

"Some say Christ took over the throne. But He didn't. Instead He was crucified, resurrected, and ascended to heaven. He *shall* come, and soon now, to sit upon that throne as the King of kings and Lord of lords. But how could Jesus Christ, when He returns again to earth, take over and sit upon a throne that long ago ceased to exist?

Will Christ Come to a Nonexistent Throne?

"If the throne of David ceased with Zedekiah, then it does not exist today. And if it does not exist, *how shall Christ sit upon a nonexistent throne?* (See Luke 1:31-32.) And, since it was to continue through *all* generations, how about those many generations between Zedekiah and the birth of Jesus?

"The very important *fact* that the glorified King of kings is coming to sit on an *existing throne* is further affirmed by the prophet Jeremiah. In the 33rd chapter is a prophecy of events to occur at the time of Christ's coming in supreme power and glory! At the time of writing this prophecy, the prophet was imprisoned in Jerusalem. The armies from Babylon were taking the Jews captive. God said to Jeremiah, 'I will . . . shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. . . . concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are thrown down . . .' (verses 3-4).

"Jeremiah knew the king's houses in Jerusalem were being destroyed—the throne of David *removed* from Jerusalem. He was, as will be shown later, to be God's agent in rooting out that throne from Jerusalem. God was now revealing to him a reassuring fact. The throne of David would, in

this end time, be again planted in Jerusalem. God now reassures the prophet that the throne will rule continuously over Israelites *until* that time. It will be the *same continuous* dynasty. The Messiah will sit on an existing throne!

“Here is the prophecy of what is to happen at Christ’s glorious coming to rule: ‘Behold, the days come, saith the Eternal, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah’ (verse 14). Notice carefully! This *promise* of David’s continuous dynasty is a promise to the *house of Israel*, as well as to Judah. Since the division into two nations, that throne had not been connected with Israel—only with Judah. But the promise to be fulfilled at Christ’s coming connects it with Israel as well as Judah!

“Continue: ‘In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness [the Messiah] to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land’ (verse 15). This speaks of Christ’s rule as King of kings. Jesus, a descendant of David by human birth (Rom. 1:3), was the righteous *Branch*, or offshoot of David.

“Continue: ‘In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely. . . . For thus saith the Eternal; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel’ (verses 16-17). Note it! It does not say David shall not, *finally*, after 2,500 years without a man on the throne, want for one. It says David shall NEVER—at any time—through all generations—want for a descendant to remain sitting on his throne! . . .

What People Say

“Continue: ‘Considerest thou not what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which the Eternal hath chosen, he hath even cast them off? Thus they have despised my people, that they should be no more a nation before them’ (verse 24).

“That is what the *people* have been saying, as they were prophesied to say! They say the Jews were scattered among many, if not all, nations—scattered *individuals*—

but no longer a nation having its own government! And the Ten Tribes were supposed to have been ‘lost,’ or to have gone out of existence, or to be just part of the scattered individual Jews! Yes, so the Jews themselves have said—and so the world has said! But what does GOD say?

“Continue, next verse: ‘Thus saith the Eternal; If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed [dynasty] to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them’ (verses 25-26).

The Test of Bible Truth

“Strong words, those! Unless you can stop this old earth from turning on its axis—unless you can remove the sun and the moon and stars from heaven, says the Almighty, you cannot prevent Him from keeping His covenant to maintain *continuously, through all generations, FOREVER*, from the time of David and Solomon, a descendant of David in one continuous dynasty on that throne!

“He would not necessarily rule over *all* the house of Israel, or the Jews—but at least some of them, and enough to form a nation.

“This *cannot* be applied to mean that there would not have been a continuous throne, or that it applies only to the ‘one seed’—Christ—finally coming to rule. Notice, it says specifically, ‘. . . so that I will not take any of his seed to be RULERS [more than one] over’ Israelites. It is speaking of continuous, multiple rulers—not one Ruler coming to sit on a throne that 2,500 years before had ceased to exist!

“The COVENANT PROMISE to David is plain and definite. Either his dynasty has continued and exists today, ruling over the house of ISRAEL (not the Jews), or God’s Word fails!

“Remember again the sceptre promise, which includes this line of kings until it culminates in CHRIST at His second coming: ‘The sceptre *shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver* [margin, ruler’s staff]

from between his feet, UNTIL SHILOH [Christ] COME; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be’ (Genesis 49:10).

“Has the sceptre departed from Judah? Has the throne ceased? Or does it, as God so bindingly promised, exist today so that Christ can take over and sit upon a functioning, continuous throne when He comes?

“The infallibility of the Bible is at stake! God’s Word is at stake!”

The above is quoted from my book *United States and Britain in Prophecy*. A copy of this eye-opening book will be sent gratis upon request.

There you need to read how the throne of King David of ancient Israel came to be in London today.

David’s dynasty continued to King Zedekiah of Judah. He was taken captive to Babylon where he died. All his sons died. But the prophet Jeremiah transplanted that throne through a daughter (princess) of King Zedekiah in north Ireland shortly after 585 B.C. She married a king Herremon in direct descendant from Judah, son of Jacob and father of the tribe of Judah. That completed the overturn of the throne from Jerusalem to Ireland. It was overturned a second time, later, and taken to Scotland. It was overturned a third time and removed to London. It shall be overturned once more, at Christ’s coming as King of kings, and removed to Jerusalem.

This was prophesied in Ezekiel 21:26-27, “Thus saith the Lord God; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown [from Zedekiah]: this shall not be the same: exalt him that is low [Herremon], and abase him that is high [Zedekiah]. I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more [overturned], until he [Christ] come whose right it is; and I will give it him” (Ezekiel 21:26-27).

That throne of England is IMPORTANT in the eyes of GOD!

The recent royal wedding was that of an heir to that throne—provided Christ does not come and take it over before the Prince of Wales inherits it. Few understood the real significance of the recent royal wedding. □