

The British-Israel-World Federation NEWSLETTER

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Our Focus for 2011

by the President

DUST, DISPERSION & DOMINION

- God's Great Purpose throughout History

That we need a wake-up message to the English-speaking and kindred people is not in doubt. It is a message more thrilling than any in the entire civilized Christian world. It is a message of the past, the present and the future – a grand and ever-widening fulfilment of the Great Purpose that Almighty God has for His servant people which began at Ur of the Chaldees over 40 centuries ago and which, to this hour, has never been superseded by the covenant-keeping Lord God of Israel. Yet, amazingly, the Church does not see the relevance and seemingly does not even want to know.

The teaching which is wholly loyal to all Scripture and to the fundamental tenets of the Christian faith *must* take account of the revelation of the God-head; of His *all-creative* and *all-redemptive* work for the people of His Calling – the servant people of Israel – and of His declared purposes to be fulfilled through Christ; through Church and State in Israel; through the nation as a whole and this for the blessing of all peoples and creation itself.

Without the vision of Church and State being interwoven together to provide leadership and moral guidance the people are destroyed and the poor nation finds itself drifting into ever-increasing chaos. This I suggest is manifestly apparent in our nation at this time.

The Great Master Plan

Protestantism in constitutional Prot-

estant Great Britain has failed on two major criteria. *Firstly*, it has failed lamentably to proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom in its fullness – that is, the great master plan for the Redemption of the servant people; i.e., their global responsibilities as a “company of nations” in the Divine Will.

Secondly, Protestantism has failed the nation of His Calling to lead a movement to establish righteousness in the earth – which can only be effected in the national life of the Lord's servants through the keeping of His Divine Law.

Speaking to the US Senate on 26th December, 1941, Winston Churchill said:

“He must indeed have a blind soul who cannot see that some great purpose and design is being worked out here below of which we have the honour to be faithful servants.”

At present, Protestantism, in the broad spectrum, has manifestly lost its way – it is the blind soul of Winston Churchill's speech for it cannot see the great purpose being worked out here below; it cannot see the great purpose being worked throughout history. There is no *sense* of history and no *sense* of nationhood coming from the Established Church.

The primitive Church in Asia Minor and Europe followed its Lord, believed Moses and the prophets. It took the prophetic themes regarding the Messiah

and Israel seriously. It understood their relation to its own appointed mission to Israel and the world, and it foresaw their consummation in His Coming, with power, to reign in His Kingdom on earth.

All of this has been neglected by the Church and in most cases discarded altogether. Yet it is inseparable from the great hope and purpose of preaching and teaching. The Church is not honestly facing the problem when it pretends that important prophetic passages of Scripture, about the House of Israel in the Messianic or Gospel Age, are being fulfilled in the Christian Church.

Where, in latter centuries, has been *the nation*, that was to be before God

DID YOU KNOW?

Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) was given to Great Britain by the nations of the world on 24th October, 1884, at a Conference in Washington, USA. Thus GMT became the World Standard Time.

forever? The nation preserved and enlightened by Messiah's faith which, according to the prophets, would increase and spread abroad across the face of the earth to become a great power and a family of nations, upholding the Divine Law and freedom, carrying the Gospel and much blessing to all nations? On this, the Bible is supremely clear.

The Bible

The Bible is ever before our people as a whole work, to be studied and understood in continuity and with increasing confidence in its authority. For four hundred years the King James Bible has spoken to our nation. It is a book concerning Israel – a people ruled by God – it concerns their coming into being, their punishment through great national sins, but also their *certain* redemption and restoration in the full nation-state sense. In 2011 we will celebrate the significant anniversary of the translation that has been bound into our culture for four centuries.

It is *the* greatest story of all history: this grand and most powerful fulfilment of Divine prophecy in a people and their descendants from earliest times unto the present-day. There is a nation of God's servant people in the earth which has been in the process of preparation all down through the centuries, *with no break in the process*, for even the **dispersion** of the **dust** of His promise was in the essential purpose of God.

The Israel Dominion – True and False

When Jesus Christ talked of the "*other sheep not of the fold*" in Judah's territory, *the Church was not in existence*. The sheep in Scripture are always All Israel and it was the **dispersed** of Israel whom the Coming King of Israel is to

gather and raise up in righteousness.

God has fulfilled His purpose for Israel in the **dispersion** of the **dust** of Abraham's multitudinous descendants. There is only one form of legitimate dominion, with power, that God has afforded in the world and that is the dominion of His servant people Israel. Dispersed throughout the great wilderness areas of the world, these people have explored, inhabited and developed into a company and family of nations. Great constitutions have emerged centred on an enduring throne and the Christian faith. That is a true **dominion**, a "foundation of peace" – a New Jerusalem!

The only other form of dominion that purports to be God's *new* Israel or Kingdom with power, is that of false ecclesiasticism under Papal Rome – a counterfeit dominion that has been displayed to the world for over 14 centuries – 12 of them with real temporal power – but which is rapidly coming to an end. Quite possibly by and after 2018 when the 1260 *solar* years will have been reached from papal temporal power beginning in AD 758 under Pope Paul I.

The Greatest Theme

The claim that the prophetic theme of the servant people and nation has been working out in the English-speaking and kindred peoples is well founded. The Israel Identity and Kingdom teaching is a wonderful and dignified expression of fulfilled prophecy – which beyond all doubt proves that "God is working His purpose out," not for individuals alone, but for the nation of His servant people that are established in His name and covenant purpose.

If Protestant Christians were fully alert with a sense of discernment; they would understand that the present scene of ecumenical "unity" has set them and the nation on a road to Rome, both in religious and political terms. Church and State in Britain-Israel are one under Almighty God.

The Oath of Allegiance to the Monarch and to the Crown does not include allegiance to the Pope or to the Treaty of Rome, in force since Royal Assent was given in the Queen's name on 17th October, 1972.

Instead of heading towards Rome, we need to head to the **covenants** and to a new righteousness – the keeping

of His perfect Law! From the moment of national return to our Redeemer, to become obedient and faithful, we shall once more become His "*nation bringing forth the fruits thereof*," and the Kingdom of God will be with men as never before.

A Wasting Paganism

Concerning the state of Established Protestantism today, what we see is an advanced condition of a wasting paganism. It is a terminal condition compared to the life and vigour that is offered in this message of Divine Purpose through the long history of the English-speaking and kindred peoples. It is a message which has inspired those through the centuries to whom the Great Cause for the nation has been revealed.

It is through an understanding of the ever-widening continuance of the destiny for His servant people and through this understanding alone, that one can interpret the world situation. It is the *only key* which unlocks the truth of the biblical record, which in its greater part is written prophetically. Without the understanding and without the knowledge of our nation-state position in the economy and Great Purpose of God, we cannot know God in the Word that He has spoken.

We are a nation before God for ever. The **dust, dispersion** and **dominion** of His Purpose will not pass away for the great company of Israel nations in the earth today. This is a Great Cause set before us – a **destiny**. It continues as does the Creator of Israel – from the beginning unto the end!

Well may our clergy cry, if any of them still do "*O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance*." For those who proclaim this Gospel of Salvation, it would be a good thing if they could proclaim it in the full knowledge of what it is all about!

A Journey of Discovery

Abraham believed God for an inheritance and obeyed God by acting with his feet. Tony Blair has given his book of memoirs the title, *A Journey*. The journey that Abraham began at Ur of the Chaldees was about a **literal seed** which would become a **birthright**; it was about a future **great dominion** that would emerge from a Divine promise of Abraham's seed being as the dust.

DID YOU KNOW?

The final invasion of England took place on 2nd July 1667 at Cobbolds Point in Suffolk near the mouth of the River Orwell. The Dutch invaders were repulsed by The Duke of York and Albany's Maritime Regiment of Foot commanded by Captain Nathaniel Darell.

It was about a “company of nations” that would develop and grow into a governmental structure that would bring blessing to all nations of the Lord’s earth – and, let us embrace the dimension of our confidence in the Almighty by suggesting that what God begins, He finishes! He will bless all nations through His one chosen national instrument. *He has no other.*

If Christians have not grasped the global dimensions of the supreme pattern and plan, *they truly have not believed God* – that He is able to bring to fruition what He has set out to establish in the first instance.

The Faith for Times of Stress

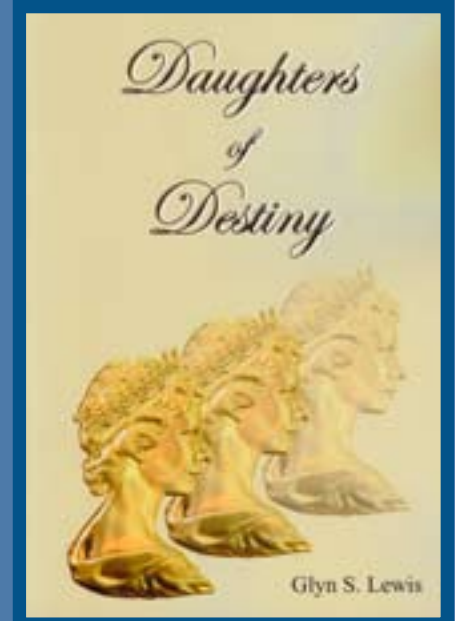
As we look out upon the economic climate that we are likely to experience in 2011, it is *the Faith* that we teach that will bring us through to calmer waters. Many Christian works, including our own organisation, are being affected by the overall slow down in the economy. We have long expected these conditions to lead to the cleansing of His sanctuary in the midst of our ‘Jerusalem’ or ‘foundation of peace.’ Let us look up to Him, Who is the hope of Israel, always expecting a new day and a new work as His Second Advent draws nearer by the day.

Michael A Clark, President
The British-Israel-World Federation

NEW BOOK DAUGHTERS OF DESTINY

The Covenant Publishing team was delighted to welcome author Glyn Lewis and his wife, Jenny, to Congress at St Albans. After many months of working together his new book *Daughters of Destiny* was finally ready to be launched which happened on the evening of Saturday, 2nd October. He delivered a fascinating account of how he was encouraged to write this book and of the research and study which he did in the following two years. He illustrated his lecture with charts from the book and gave a very interesting introduction to it.

Daughters of Destiny provides historical, archaeological and genealogical evidence that a direct line affirming the genealogy of the British throne has been transmitted in a traceable succession from the biblical Adam to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Mr Lewis has used original sources as well as some literature well known to BIs. It is an essential addition to everyone’s library.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

BIWF SUMMER CONVENTION

At Hothorpe Hall

Theddingworth, Leicestershire, LE17 6QX

18th to 23rd July 2011



BIWF 92nd ANNUAL CONGRESS

At Miraj Hotel & Leisure Club Ashbourne

Derby Road, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, DE6 1XH

7th to 10th October 2011



GEORGIA IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR

The new film, *The Mystery of the Lost Tribes of Israel*, is due to be released in 2011. This film is the story of the migrations of the tribes of the northern House of Israel following their captivity by the Assyrians. It is vitally important that all the statements in it are true and can be verified so there have been many months of research and several visits to obtain film of original places and artefacts.

This visit by David Aimer and Ed Skelding was one of these research expeditions. They travelled to Tbilisi, Georgia, in August 2010 and the photographs on these pages are just a small selection showing where they went and what they found.

Our Christian Heritage, introduced the idea of the movement of large numbers of people westward through Europe. It then told the story of the arrival of the Gospel with Joseph of Arimathea and traced our heritage down the centuries.

The Mystery of the Lost Tribes of Israel will be an exciting addition to our work – please pray for its success in reaching a wide audience and be ready to buy the DVD to see it for yourselves.



Through this Gorge lay the flat open expanse of South Russia, accommodating the migration of the Israelites in a north and west direction



Mount Zion as named in the Caucasus range taken by Colonel Pearse



The Tbilisi Holy Trinity Cathedral, constructed between 1995 - 2004, is the largest religious building in Tbilisi and the Caucasus to celebrate 1500 years of autocephaly and 2000 years from the birth of Christ



Statue of St George having the victory over the dragon - One of the patron saints of Georgia



A view over the modern section of Tbilisi from the new cathedral



We were able to find the same spot as Col Pearse near a small village called 'Sioni'

FOREFATHERS



Section of old Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia, with the Narikala Castle



Travelling north towards the Caucasus following the river. Note the wide flat bed of the river that could easily handle the migrations of Israel with all their livestock



At the Darial Gorge, the gap through the Caucasus mountain range. Some mountains reach 16,000 feet



Ed and a local cameraman capturing scenic views from the top of the pass 8,000 feet high



Col Pearse's view of the river valley from *The National Message* article in 1937



Notice the same mountain structure, Col Pearse was much higher up the mountain side now close to Russian occupied South Ossetia

THE NATIONAL BIBLE COLLEGE

Events in 2010 included not only a series of public lectures at Headquarters in Low Etherley which concluded this year with a lecture from Rev Barrie Williams, a buffet tea and an evening of sacred music from the Shildon Salvation Army band but also lectures given at Knaresborough Methodist Church, Northallerton Historical Society, Harrap Fold Church Clitheroe, Park Road Church Glasgow and Darlington Historical Society.

The group visits on the theme of Our Christian Heritage in Westminster Abbey, Glastonbury, Edinburgh Castle, The National Museum of Scotland and St Paul's Cathedral, which are described here, have continued and

developed. It is very encouraging to be invited to speak to a wider audience and to introduce different people to our message. These events have attracted several new people to our Kingdom teaching and to the studying of our publications.

Distance Learning Course

In 1936 the Faculty of our College at Harrow Weald inaugurated a Correspondence Course for the benefit of those unable to attend College lectures. Students enrolled from Cornwall to the Orkneys; from Newfoundland to British Columbia; from New York to Venezuela; Australia and New Zealand; Africa from the Cape to Kenya; and from many other countries and in-

cluded people from every walk of life.

This correspondence course formed the basis for a revised Distance Learning Course which was initially piloted in February 2009 and formally launched in May 2009. The programme which consists of 4 modules, each with 10 units, has currently 27 registered participants both at home and abroad. A College Certificate is awarded for the completion of each module. One participant on the programme is now approaching completion of her third module.

David Aimer (Principal)
Martin Lightfoot
(Programme Co-ordinator)

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL



This was the first visit to St Paul's Cathedral and was very popular, drawing a group of 29 people including some who had not before been on a tour. Martin Lightfoot began the day in the crypt where there are the memorials to some of our greatest national heroes - Nelson, Collingwood and Wellington. The cathedral is a very busy place of worship as well as a tourist spot - we were only able to visit one of the chapels between the two weddings held that day. Memorials to Florence Nightingale and Sir Christopher Wren were amongst the ones in that chapel. Also in the crypt, there is a timeline of all the major historical events since it was founded - sadly not going back as far as St Paul himself - and a very powerful video presentation in the exhibition gallery of some of these events.

On the Cathedral Floor in the Middlesex Chapel, the painting of *The Light of the World* by Holman Hunt was an opportunity for the group to hear all about the

symbolism within this famous painting and the research which lay behind it. Continuing around the cathedral there were many more monuments and items of interest which Martin talked about. After seeing the high altar in all its beauty there was time for the group to divide up according to their particular interest. Some went with Martin to see St Peter's, Cornhill, which is the oldest church in London dating from AD 176, others climbed the stairs - 530 in all, through the Whispering Gallery and the Stone Gallery - to the very top of the building in the Golden Gallery from where they could see for miles over the city thanks to a clear, bright day. Those less energetic contented themselves with quiet contemplation in God's house.

The day was completed by an afternoon tea at the Centre Page pub not far from the Millennium Bridge. It was a very enjoyable day and once more proved how interesting it is to see our heritage in its place.

OUR ROYAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE



On Saturday, 12th June, a group of friends and members met at the entrance to Edinburgh Castle for a very special event. It was the first tour to be held in Scotland since BIWF began to organise them and the very first time that we had been able to go together to see the Stone of Destiny on display beside the Honours of Scotland. On a clear sunny day the conditions were perfect for enjoying the view from the Castle and there was added excitement because we were present for the 21-gun salute in honour of the Queen's Official Birthday.

Michael Clark led the group around the display and gave them all the extra information which was not provided by the notices on the walls. It was possible to get a very good view of the Stone and to take time to see it from every angle. After a light lunch we walked to the National Museum of Scotland

where Martin Lightfoot took us through some of the galleries. There was a very interesting section on the early kings of Scotland and also one on James VI/I of Scotland and England.

A gallery on the findings of jewellery and artefacts in Scotland provided evidence of trade between the British Isles and the Mediterranean countries from a very early period. There was not enough time to visit the entire Museum – it is highly recommended for a return visit. On the way to having some refreshments at Taylors Hotel we stopped at the Greyfriars Churchyard to see the Covenanters' Memorial. This is a very imposing structure recording the events of that turbulent time. We shared the hotel with fans of the World Cup whose opening matches were being played that weekend – none of them inquired about the National Bible College meeting!

THE GLASTONBURY VISIT

This tour was the first one to be organised in the South outside London and 18 people met at the Glastonbury Abbey reception on a very sunny day in May. The tour began with a visit to the museum where Martin Lightfoot guided us around expanding on the story told on the display boards. It confirmed everything which has been taught about the arrival of the Gospel with Joseph of Arimathea and the first church in this country. Then he took us out into the grounds to look at the ruins of the Abbey and to see the Glastonbury thorn which was in flower and looking beautiful.

After a short lunch break he led us to St John's Church in the High Street which is famous for its stained glass window (pictured). There was an opportunity for some outreach there because it was the same day as a church fete and the

place was full of people including the mayor. The window shows Joseph of Arimathea arriving in Glastonbury with his companions.

The church at Pilton was the next stop. This was a day when it was a help that most people had come in cars and were able to provide lifts for those without. At Pilton there is the famous stone describing the 12 hides of land outside the church and inside there is a banner showing the child Jesus in a boat at Pilton. The harbour has long gone and the river is no longer broad enough for boats but in those early days it was a port.

There was time to spare after these visits before tea which had been booked at The Hawthorns Hotel so everyone was free to explore as they wished. Some climbed to the top of the Tor,



some went to see the Chalice Well and others went into the town. An excellent light buffet was provided by the hotel and we all enjoyed the refreshment and the fellowship.

SUMMER CONVENTION

The programme for this year was devised with new members and new Christians in mind so the theme was chosen as “Foundations of the Kingdom Message” and the lectures planned accordingly. Each day had a broad topic. The first full day, Tuesday, began with “History of BIWF” by the General Secretary, David Aimer. He had found some more information about the development of the Federation to add to his original lecture which was very interesting.

This was followed by the Annual Meeting which was conducted by the President, Michael Clark, and the General Secretary. The Accounts were presented and approved and those members of the Board re-elected were announced – Kathleen Gage, Margery Dowling

and Bob Graham. Mr Clark read out the Loyal Greetings to Her Majesty the Queen which had been sent by the Board and then the reply which had been received from the Palace.

After lunch Peter Bennett gave a lecture on “God’s Great Plan” and then Alfred Brown spoke on “Introduction to the Covenants.” These three lectures provided a grand overview of the lectures to come and the day concluded with the Presidential address by Michael Clark. He spoke of his growing conviction that Almighty God is about to demonstrate to us as a nation His will for us in terms of the ‘plumbline’ – “The Plumbline of Judgment, *Amos 7:7-9*.”

The topic on Wednesday was “Covenants;” on Thursday “Bible History”

and on Friday “Captivities and Migrations.” All the speakers had prepared their lectures separately but they all flowed on from one another giving a testimony to the over-ruling of the Holy Spirit in their thoughts. The Covenant Service completed the whole event and it was a great pleasure to see Rev Adrian Fisher, Deputy President, taking part after his recent ill-health.

There was one overseas visiting speaker, Rev Ken Kemble USA, making a very welcome return after a gap of 11 years. He spoke twice, once on “The Abrahamic Covenant” and then on “Christ in the Old Testament.” Another visitor from USA was Brian Huff who helps as a volunteer in the BIWF-USA office. He came as an observer to learn how BIWF operates and to visit



Some of our speakers: Alfred Brown, Martin Lightfoot, Carol Cream and Ken Kemble

2010

his heritage in the UK.

An exciting new project in 2010 was the production of 5 short Bible studies on film aimed at the You Tube market. Revs David and Jan Green of British Christian Media provided the studio and all the technical facilities to make these films which came to be known as *Covenant Clips*. They came to stay at Hothorpe Hall and gave a presentation of both their own work and their work on *Covenant Clips* on Wednesday evening. In 2009 they were instrumental in arranging for BIWF's first documentary film, *Our Christian Heritage*, being shown worldwide on different Christian television channels. Working with them has been very fruitful for the HQ team.

The lectures were recorded and filmed as usual. The book room achieved record sales which are undoubtedly

due to the stock of Covenant Publishing books being steadily revised and reprinted with new cover designs resulting in a very attractive array of publications on sale.

Everyone enjoyed the food and facilities as usual and there was great enthusiasm again for the two darts matches. We were blessed with beautiful weather for going out in the gardens and countryside. It was very encouraging to meet some new friends as well as renewing fellowship amongst the 'regulars.'

The next Summer Convention will be a special event commemorating the 400th year of the King James Bible as well as looking forward to the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 2012. Put these dates in your diary: 18th – 23rd July 2011.



YOUTUBE VIDEOS

Every year it is rewarding to be able to report that BIWF has been involved in a new project and a new way of presenting our message to this generation. The year 2010 was no exception and the short Bible study films called *Covenant Clips* were a very new way forward for Michael Clark, David Aimer and Martin Lightfoot. From discussion with David and Jan Green of British Christian TV, who were instrumental in having the first film shown on Christian TV, it was decided that YouTube could be very useful as a way of reaching out to different people. So in May everyone gathered at the Suffolk base of British Christian TV for the filming. Two days were enough for the 'takes' but the production process took much longer. David and Jan Green were invited to the Summer Convention as can be read above.

These films have now been seen by well over 800 people and the number keeps rising steadily. The films are available on a DVD which can be ordered from Covenant Publishing. They are an excellent way of introducing our teaching to a wider public.

DID YOU KNOW?

Britain is the only nation in the world which does not print the name of the country on its stamps, because the postal service was invented here.

91st ANNUAL CONGRESS

St Albans was chosen as the place for the south to hold the 91st Annual Congress. This city, named after the first Christian martyr in Britain, was a very fitting choice for a weekend on the theme of 'Building on the Foundations.' The President, Michael Clark, opened the proceedings with his address on Friday evening in which he highlighted God's great purpose throughout history.

Saturday morning dawned bright and sunny – a welcome change after the torrential rain of the previous day. Before leaving the hotel for the visit which Martin Lightfoot had arranged at the Cathedral, Sue Lightfoot read out Bede's account of the martyrdom of St Alban to set the scene. Then we set off to the Cathedral to meet one of the official guides who led us around. This was a very interesting event in which the history of Christian worship on that site since AD 209 was illustrated by the changing architecture of the building. Over the centuries it has been an abbey, a church and a cathedral so all these terms can be used in describing it.

Following the inspiring afternoon lectures given by Peter Bennett developing the theme of God's plan and Rev Tony Martlew on the reasons for Calvary, the event of the day was the evening lecture in which author Glyn Lewis launched his new book *Daughters of Destiny*. He explained how he was inspired to write it by two friends who suggested that the topic of Jeremiah in Britain should be the subject of his next book. Two years of research ensued and he then needed a publisher. The Covenant Publishing Company was pleased to be involved since his writing presents very clearly the history which we are so keen to have known by everyone. An extract from it was put in the magazine *The Covenant Nations*, Volume 1 Number 11 as one of the main articles.

The hotel provided a large conference room where dinner was served each evening and there was plenty of space for the usual well stocked bookshop. There were copies of the new books and of the



new DVD of *Covenant Clips*, the short Bible study films on YouTube, for all to buy and sales were indeed substantial. The facilities in the hotel were very good including a swimming pool in the leisure centre. The food and service from the staff were excellent and this might well be a venue to which we return.

On Sunday, Morning Worship was led by Pastor David Aimer and in the afternoon Martin Lightfoot gave a PowerPoint presentation on Jacques Abbadie, a seventeenth century cleric who had written

about the whereabouts of the Ten Tribes. The evening lecture was given by Prof Michael Bennett who also had a new book to introduce. His title was 'The Exodus' and it was a very interesting exposition of the symbolism and application of the Exodus story to our lives today. All the lectures fitted into the theme very well and it was a very encouraging time of teaching and fellowship. The President closed the weekend's proceedings with thanks to everyone for coming and for all the contributions from those whose hard work made it such a success.

MATTHEW J BROWNING: AN APPRECIATION

12.12.1926 - 29.09.2010

Matthew Browning served the cause of British-Israel truth throughout his adult life. In an age of complacency and unbelief Matt was committed to his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. In his walk with the Lord through the Holy Scripture Matt had come to an ever deeper understanding that 'the people of the Book' and the lost House of Israel were one and the same.

It was Hew Colquhoun, working alongside a youthful Matt Browning, who brought the young Ayrshire lad into knowledge of the British-Israel teaching. Matt embraced the teaching as giving him a fresh and dynamic insight into the promises of God to Abraham and the outworking of those promises to all generations. Hew Colquhoun's example of personal witness in the workplace should not be lost on the reader.

Matt had a varied career as a serving soldier, an expert in packaging (explosives!), a schoolmaster, and a full-time

lecturer for the BIWF. All of Matt's career was suffused with a love of the Lord Jesus, and Matt's faithful discipleship expressed itself in his calling to expound the British-Israel message. Matt was possessed of a deep love of Scripture, and of language, especially the Ayrshire dialect which we all associate with Robbie Burns. There was also an enjoyment and pleasure in music, so it is little wonder that Matt soon established himself as a popular and personable speaker on BI platforms. It was not long before he took on the responsibilities of the BIWF organiser in Scotland.

Matt's enthusiasm for literature and language found fruitful expression in the publication of *Wake-Up* magazine which circulated among BI's for many years. The objective of *Wake-Up* was to fill the gap following the demise of the famous and widely respected *National Message*. Eventually *Wake-Up* was re-branded as *Crown and Commonwealth*. Matt edited these publications with great diligence. He also illus-

trated another character trait, his lack of patience with old age, when Matt set himself the task of mastering the computer and information technology.

To those that knew Matt he proved himself to be a very loyal friend. This was a man with a very strong sense of place who never accepted second best on issues of faith and principle. All of these qualities were called upon when Matt was first elected to the Board of BIWF and in due course took on the burdens of President; an office which he held for some nineteen years. In all this faithful work he was loyally supported by his wife, May.

Matt adhered to the Federation's statement of Faith and the Constitution, avoiding the temptation, which is all too common in BI circles, of taking up some obscure interpretation of prophecy and turning it into a hobby horse or other 'eccentricity.' He found the decline in membership of the movement deeply troubling but the BIWF could not be shielded from the widespread spiritual declension in the Nation or western society in general.

Her Majesty the Queen was made aware of the BIWF's stance on a series of great issues that have dominated our recent history, of which Britain's illegal entanglements in the European superstate was chief.

As President, Matt oversaw a radical restructuring of the BIWF's administration and played a crucial role in the move from London to the new headquarters at Low Etherley in County Durham. He lived to see a better day as the British-Israel-World Federation moved forward into the future with renewed vigour and confidence.

Matt Browning will be dearly missed by all who knew him and loved him, while his adherence to biblical truth and his loyal and wise counsel opened up BIWF to new horizons.

Clifford Smyth



Troon, April 2010

OBITUARIES

Derek Richard Bray passed away on 1st October, 2010, age 89, in Washington State, USA. It marked the end of a life dedicated to film work for the Kingdom teaching. In his earlier days he had been a cameraman working for the BBC and this skill was dedicated to the production of films from way back in the 1960s. One of these was *Strange Parallel* which was produced in The Netherlands. He worked for the Federation on a number of film and slide presentations at the time when Bob Danvers-Walker, of Pathe News fame, was also working for us as Consultant. He was commissioned to make a film on the Glastonbury legend and completed a film production on the Second Coming of Christ.

One of his great interests was aircraft from the First World War and this aspect was employed so very well in the production of the film *As Birds Flying* about the Deliverance of Jerusalem in 1917. He remained a bachelor for most of his life until he met Deanna from California, whose father was also involved in the production of aircraft from the same era. After their marriage he moved to the USA and worked on films for the late Raymond Capt, the author and archaeologist.

Derek was essentially a professional who was wholly dedicated to what he was doing. He also worked as a medical photographer for Guys Hospital in London. There will be many who will remember Derek (or Richard as he became known in the USA) within British-Israel circles in the United Kingdom and his work will continue to be shown by BIWF for many years to come.

Michael A Clark

Una M Haines passed away on 17th August 2010 aged 87 years. She was brought up in Goodmayes in Essex where her father was the Sunday School Superintendent at the Methodist Church. She was a church organist

for about 60 years, first at Goodmayes Methodist and then at Goodmayes United Reformed Church. Mrs Haines was a BI all her life and had a large collection of books on the subject. She particularly prized her copy of David Davidson's *The Great Pyramid: Its Divine message*. It was her expressed desire that her books and collection of newspaper articles should be given to the library at Low Etherley. She will be greatly missed by her son, **Christopher Haines**, who provided this information about his mother.



Ruth Rosina Hirst was born in Harrow where she had a very happy childhood. She studied piano and violin at the Royal Academy in London travelling to and fro throughout the Blitz.

Her first teaching post was at Sherborne Public School, Dorset where she became the youngest of five music teachers. On leaving Sherborne she taught at Worthing for one term before taking up her post in Grantham in 1954. However she soon found herself teaching RE as well. She worked tirelessly forming choirs, madrigal groups and recorder groups.

Ruth joined Grantham Music Club and was on the committee where she re-

mained right until her death, over 50 years commitment. She was also a member of Grantham Choral Society.

In Quincentenary Year (1962) music teachers in the town formed a committee to revive the Music Festival which had ceased in 1938 because of the War. The festival proved so popular that it carried on with Ruth being secretary for over 45 years.

Another of her loves was her singing group, The Sunday Singers. This group grew out of a choir which Ruth formed to sing at 'Youth for Christ' rallies in the town. When the rallies stopped several of the members expressed the desire to carry on singing. So they did for over 40 years; in all that time she only missed one concert.

Ruth was brought up in a worshipping Christian family and spent many holidays at Christian house parties and on beach missions. She ran Bible study groups in school and in the town and along with her great friend Vera Field was instrumental in leading many girls to believe in Christ her Lord and to have an interest in The Zenana Bible and Medical Mission.

Ruth was also very passionate about the British-Israel-World Federation of which she had been a member for many years. She was a member of the Board of Management for a number of years and attended as many events as possible. She never spoke of BI openly until after her serious bout of pneumonia and then she said she felt her Lord had something still for her to do and this was it. Her knowledge of the Old Testament was deep and she loved to talk about God's covenants and promises right to the end. She said the most receptive people were taxi-drivers, perhaps because they had no religious baggage to carry around.

She was a church warden and sacristan at St Sebastian's, Great Gonerby,

until a month before her death, on 4th August 2010 at the age of 85, and ran various study groups and house groups. She lived a very full and interesting life fully committed to all of the different organisations with which she was involved – a ‘real sticker.’

June Lea-Hair

Beryl Josephine Porter was born on St Michael and All Angels Day, 29th September 1925, in what was then the Federated Malay States (now Malaysia). When she came to England, permanently, as a little girl she was fluent in Malay and English. By the time she reached the age of 15 she had formed a strong Christian faith and, looking through one of her many diaries which she kept throughout her life, we were impressed by the following entry for the New Year in January 1941:

“May It Please God to help me – The Most Important Qualities of a Person’s Character and with the help of God, I am going to try and live up to them in future” – there followed the ten traits which she chose.

During the Second World War the family lived in the Putney area in London. Beryl trained as a Dispenser and served as a Fire Warden. She moved on and spent many happy years in the Personnel department at Fisons in Felixstowe. She was always very close to her sister, Barbara, and to the extended family of cousins. She was a wonderful aunt and great-aunt and we have many happy memories of her love, kindness and generosity. We shall all miss her bottomless fund of rhymes, songs and jokes. She was great fun as well as being very serious about her beliefs.

Beryl came to British-Israel through her father who was introduced to the teaching by a friend during the War. The whole family became convinced of its truth and the family home in Felixstowe frequently provided hospitality to

BI speakers on their travels. She joined us every year at the Summer Conventions and was a great support to my wife and children. I worked with her when she joined the Board of Management of BIWF and also as a director of the Covenant Publishing Company. I greatly valued her sharp mind and decisive nature.



In these recent years when her health and strength were declining, her faith remained strong and steadfast. She always wanted me to talk about ‘the signs of the times’ and ‘the Second Coming.’ She was a true watchman, or ‘porter.’ She passed peacefully away on 14th February, 2010. We can truly say that Beryl did indeed live up to those New Year resolutions made as a young girl. We all loved her dearly and will miss her very, very much.

Michael A Clark

Phyllis Roan Price, who died on 17th June, 2010, was born in 1916 near Cape Town, one of five children. Her father William Evans was General Manager of the Commercial Union Insurance Company in South Africa and chairman of the local branch of the British-Israel-World Federation so

when a young lecturer arrived from England in about 1936 Tom Price was met at the docks and given hospitality at the Evans home. As an only child he probably found such a large household a bit overwhelming at first, but shy little Phyllis soon caught his eye and his heart.

As the work involved thousands of miles travelling mostly by train from the Cape right up to Kenya a lot of their courtship was done by mail. He even proposed by letter and had to wait several weeks for an answer. They set up home in a little flat in Johannesburg where their daughter Dorothy was born.

The anxieties of wartime stimulated a big interest in the British-Israel message of Bible history, identity and prophecy for God’s people. Meetings were huge and life was busy. After more than 10 years in Africa Tom decided it was time for a change so in 1947 he swapped jobs with a colleague in England. From summer in the southern hemisphere and a comfortable colonial middle class life in a big family to winter in post-war Britain in a little house near Sheffield was quite a big adjustment. After staying for 5 years they then moved to Chiswick in London.

In the late 1980’s Tom retired and they moved to St James’ Square in Bath. Unfortunately his health declined and after a series of strokes he succumbed to pneumonia and a loving marriage of 51 years was over. Just 12 months previously their son-in-law had died after a heart operation in Australia so this was a very sad time.

With quiet dignity and a deep faith in the Lord’s grace Phyllis struggled on, always reading, doing *The Daily Telegraph* cryptic crossword puzzle, becoming increasingly irate about politics and the ways of the world. Also writing poetry, a talent she inherited from her father, about anything and every-

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thing – a profound spiritual thought or the sounds of life around the square. As cataracts made sewing impossible Phyllis took up water colour painting and large print, clueless, word puzzles.

The loss to her only daughter is enormous, beyond words at this time. After only 2 days in hospital Phyllis slipped away quietly in her sleep, the peaceful end for which we had prayed, typically without fuss. She has surely gone to a glorious reunion with those who have gone before. Praise the Lord for all His mercies.

Dorothy Day née Price

Berkeley Squire was a man of many talents – he was an ordained Baptist minister who for 10 years was the minister at Macclesfield Baptist Church: he was also a qualified teacher; a talented musician; and a qualified chiropodist having trained at the London Foot Hospital. But above all he was a husband and father; and to Heather his wife, and Miriam and Rachel his daughters and their families we extend our prayerful sympathy and good wishes at this time of loss.

He moved to Cumbria upon accepting a teaching post and it was at that time that I first met him about 40 years ago. Berkeley was obviously a Christian but he was very sceptical about British-Israel Truth, and in fact he argued 'his corner' very strongly. He did, however, keep raising the matter in discussion, and each time he seemed to have more information to support his thinking.

One day when Enid and I were invited to have lunch with them at their home, we talked, mostly about BI; we talked before lunch, through lunch and after lunch with no breakthrough – when suddenly at about 2 pm Berkeley suddenly said "I can see it!" As they say, the rest is history as Berkeley became a much respected speaker in our movement.

His conversion to BI Truth can only be described as divine because I was getting nowhere! But once convinced, in his usual way, he had to study in depth in order to pass his knowledge on to others.

Berkeley passed peacefully from this life on Sunday 8th August 2010, aged 76, after a relatively short illness.



His funeral service in Brampton Parish Church near Carlisle was very well attended and included many BI friends, some of whom had travelled many miles to be present. He will be remembered by friends and acquaintances for so many reasons including his medical knowledge, his musical ability and his lectures.

He liberally shared all his talents that God had given him and it can be truly said of him – "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

Frank Tebbutt

David Norman Walton died suddenly shortly after the close of the Spring Rally at Morecambe on 26th April, 2010, aged 77. It was a great shock to all present – and especially to his wife Ann. To Ann we express our love and prayers and assure her of our continuing loving support. He died after spending a weekend amongst his Christian British-Israel friends – friends that he

greatly valued.

David was educated at Barnard Castle School and then at St Peter's College, Oxford, where he read law before taking articles as a Chartered Accountant. He moved into industry as an accountant in the 1960s, finishing his working life at William Leach Investments. He gave of his talents liberally in preparing audits for many charities and local churches over the years.

It is as a Christian that I believe David would want us to remember him. He knew, rightly, that his talents were God-given, and he used them to God's glory not his own. It was by his faith in God through the Lord Jesus Christ that David was assured of an eternal life.

David and Ann met through their Sunday School work and four months after their first meeting they were married in 1967. That was the start of a long, loving relationship in which Jesus was a part.

He loved the King James Version of the Bible and he had a healthy respect for traditional values. His Christian faith was the stabilising factor in his life. At his funeral service the Gospel reading was St John's Gospel chapter 14 verses 1 to 6 which concludes with: "Jesus said unto him; I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the father, but by me."

Frank Tebbutt



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Did the Scots drop some of their thistles on the way through the Caucasus?



Not blowing our own trumpets



Who's your new friend Ed?



I would have worn my tie...



We will go public next time

DID YOU KNOW?

Biomimetics is the replication of nature's most exquisite devices. For example, biomechanist Frank Fish helped to design wind-turbine blades by taking inspiration from the flipper of a humpback whale, which has a scalloped edge to help it to generate force in tightly banked turns.

The Sunday Times magazine, Sept 2010.

The statue in Piccadilly Circus known to us as 'Eros' was unveiled in 1893. It is also known as the 'Angel of Christian Charity' and was sculpted by Alfred Gilbert.

Thanks

We would like to thank everybody for his or her contributions this past year. All the organizing of meetings and conferences and all the kind donations, letters and prayers are truly appreciated.

A Form of Bequest to incorporate in Will

To those who may be desirous of assisting the Federation by way of legacies, the following Form of Bequest is recommended to be incorporated in your Will.

I give and bequeath to: **The British-Israel-World Federation**
Charity No: 208079

121 Low Etherley, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 0HA, the sum of £_____ sterling, free of Inheritance Tax, to be paid to the Financial Secretary, for the time being, of the Federation, whose receipt shall be a sufficient discharge for such legacy.

N.B. A legacy need not necessarily be in money; any property may now be given by Will for Charitable purposes.

Donations

For all those who would like to give a portion of their tithe, big or small, as a donation to the Federation; all cheques, order or bank drafts (in sterling for overseas donations) can be made payable to BIWF, and sent to Headquarters at Low Etherley.

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