



Our Focus for 2012

by the President

THE THRONE OF THE LORD - No Other Primacy upon Earth

The Diamond Jubilee Year of Queen Elizabeth II will concentrate our focus in a very real and powerful way during the year ahead. It has happened only once before in the history of the British monarchy and that was in the reign of Queen Victoria in 1897. The Diamond Jubilee of 2012 therefore marks a double witness to confirm God's promise to the Throne of David that this primacy upon earth would not fail. This must therefore constitute an especially important witness to the British-Israel people in the early phase of the 21st century.

Queen Victoria acceded to the throne on 20 June 1837 and was monarch of Great Britain and all Ireland until her death on 22 January 1901. The growth of the British Empire during her reign gave Victoria, meaning 'Victory,' the additional title of Empress of India. This far-flung Empire whose strength she herself acknowledged came from the Bible, the Word of God, was a forerunner of the great and righteous rule of Our Lord Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords in the power and glory of the Almighty.

It was the prophet Daniel who said that in the time of the end "many would run to and fro and knowledge would be increased" (*Daniel 12:4*), while Jesus Christ emphasised that there would be great conflict between nations and that "the powers of the heavens shall be shaken" (*Matthew 24*). The period

since 1821 has witnessed first, *discovery* and invention, then *development* of these things and finally a *destruction* phase with the use of the power of the atom.

In the context of the Age-end period of history since 1821, the 191 years to 2012 is the difference between 6,012 *lunar* and 6,012 *solar* years. This expresses the six 'days,' each of one thousand years, of biblical history. Now looking towards the seventh thousand 'day' of rest, the inclusion of a further 12 years is significant of government and the hope of the future reign of the King of kings.

The promise contained in *Jeremiah 31:35-37* is that as long as the great ordinances of the sun, moon and stars remained so would the seed and nation of the Israel of God. Following Queen Victoria, the reigns of the three kings, Edward VII, George V and George VI, saw the development and destruction phases of the discoveries made since 1821. The year 1936 was the year of the Abdication crisis of Edward VIII who was not crowned.

Many at the time thought that the shaking of the monarchy in 1936 was such that, as an institution, it might fail altogether. Rather was it a signal of great import. Three British kings appeared in that year which in terms of the Age-end judgment of the nations, was an unmistakable signal, for 'the wise' to

understand and take notice of, that we had entered a wind-up phase of man-made systems.

Significantly and most importantly for what was to follow, 42 years later, which is the number of confusion and linked to the antichrist, was 1978 when no less than three popes occupied the papal throne of Rome. This was also a signal for 'the wise' and those with discernment to take particular notice of it as a warning of what was to come.

The Queen and the Constitution

At the recent Commonwealth Conference in Perth, the leaders of the 16 Commonwealth countries where the Queen is head of state unanimously approved that sons and daughters of any future UK monarch will have equal right to the throne. The ban on the monarch being married to a Roman Catholic was also lifted. These changes will have to be approved in law by the parliaments of these 16 states.

In the UK this means that legislation will have to be brought in to amend ancient statute law to enable female succession to the throne to precede the male in the first-born and also to permit the monarch to marry a Roman Catholic, while remaining a Protestant and Supreme Governor of the Church of England. This could spell untold confusion as a Roman Catholic mother would be bound by the Roman Church to influence her children and a future

monarch into accepting Catholicism, which in turn could prevent their succession. It is in effect the thin end of a very thick Roman Catholic wedge designed to regain control of the Crown and so reverse the Reformation.

At her Coronation in 1953, the Queen promised to maintain the Protestant Reformed Religion established by law – she is **very much more** than an administrator of the affairs of the Church of England. The Queen cannot uphold the Protestant Faith *and* the papacy in a position of “primacy.” Spiritual leadership and primacy is a constituent and essential part of the monarchy in Israel-Britain. What we have in God’s sight and in the position at law – the statute law which is still in force – is a constitutional conflict that will have to be resolved sooner or later.

As has been proven in the past, it will be very difficult indeed to pass the legislation as it will mean unravelling the great constitutional fabric of the Realm with no less than nine great statutes having to be amended. The Prime Minister, in an interview on scrapping the ban on future monarchs marrying Ro-

man Catholics, said: “Let me be clear, the monarch must be in communion with the Church of England because he or she is head of that Church. But it is simply wrong they should be denied the chance to marry a Catholic if they wish to do so. After all, they are already quite free to marry someone of any other faith.”

Apart from the fact that the Queen is not *head* of the Church (and most certainly not a papal head) but Supreme Governor, Christ Himself being the head, it is the fact that the Roman Catholic Church is not just any other faith. It is the counterfeit system of the continuing Kingdom of God upon earth. In Israel-Britain’s prophetic history it is the apostasy of the false Christ system which in the Apocalypse is revealed as ‘Mystery Babylon the Great’ (*Revelation 17*).

The Monarch among the Nations

When it comes to the Commonwealth today, the Queen is as much Queen of some of the countries in the Commonwealth as she is in the United Kingdom – 16 countries of the 54 member countries, all of them fully independent still prefer to keep a royal head of state.

The Queen is represented in the other 15 countries by a governor-general.

The modern Commonwealth is a legacy of empire but was not inherited by the Queen. It came into being early in her reign and she herself has actually helped to shape it. The London Declaration of 1949 stated that the British monarch would be a symbol of the free association of independent countries, and as such the head of the Commonwealth. These words meant that republics could be members – they could accept the monarch as head of the Commonwealth without being their own head of State. Thus when Elizabeth II came to the throne in 1952 she became Head of the Commonwealth.

At her accession to the throne the Queen said: “*The Commonwealth bears no resemblance to the empires of the past. It is an entirely new conception built on the highest qualities of the spirit of man: friendship, loyalty, and the desire for freedom and peace.*”

That the Queen should be the monarch of so many independent states makes the British Crown unique among the

NEW FILM THE MYSTERY OF THE LOST TRIBES OF ISRAEL

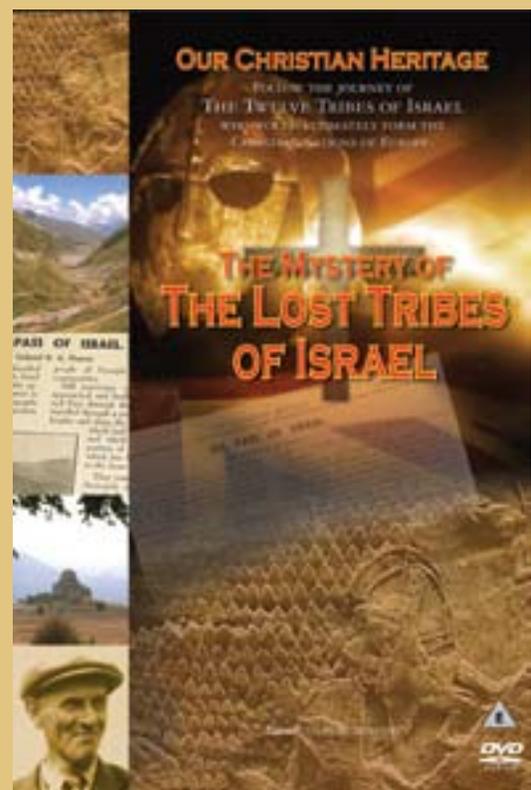
In the previous *BIWF Newsletter*, January 2011 there was a double page spread of photographs taken in Georgia ‘in the footsteps of our forefathers.’ This was an introduction to the new film which was still in production at that time – *The Mystery of the Lost Tribes of Israel*.

As planned it was released in July and shown for the first time at the Summer Convention to much appreciation from those who were present. The DVD was on sale and all the copies were sold from the bookstall.

A people who forget where they came from can have little idea of where they are going. This film presents the story of the captivity of the northern House of Israel by the Assyrians and their migrations which followed the collapse of this great empire. The tribes moved out and left evidence of their movements to be found by archaeologists and researchers.

The film has location footage from many significant sites in Europe and shows artefacts in museums which have not been seen widely before. It makes the connections using Scripture as well as history and archaeology.

It is an excellent way to bring this hidden story to the attention of those who have never thought about their origins at all and provides some intriguing new thought to those already fascinated by where they come from. Please pray for the success of this venture and buy your own copies of the DVD – to keep and to give away.



monarchies of the world. Rather than being one true (blood-related) family, which it obviously is not and never can be, the Commonwealth is actually more akin to the concept of household. In a business sense, it is a large enterprise, with a creative and highly regarded family at the centre of things helping and enabling all to benefit in one way or another. In fact, it is an outworking of the Scriptural and prophetic role that the Israel family of nations was to be given in the world.

As the European Union goes into rapid economic decline, the future centre of stability, peace and prosperity will rest with the Commonwealth and the United States of America. There is an increasing list of countries wanting to join the Commonwealth. In Diamond Jubilee Year this must be seen as the way forward to recover from the "distress of nations with perplexity" (Luke 21:25), or "without a passage out" as the Greek word (*aporia*) for "perplexity" means.

A Word of Counsel for 'the Lord's Anointed'

There is only one negative aspect in the leadership that the Queen provides and that is to be seen in the annual

multi-faith observance which is traditionally held at Westminster Abbey. This is the Queen's private church and she decides what goes on there. The Commonwealth Day Service (on 12 March this year) could be held in many places, but in the most sacred place of Coronation where the monarch on oath, before God and the world, promises to uphold the Protestant Faith, this must be seen as a serious error of judgment which cannot even be excused as the Queen being "deceived in her grant."

The monarch that occupies the Throne of the Lord is 'the Lord's anointed,' who in one year on 28 September in the future, may be expected to lead the covenant nations in a national act of repentance to comply with the Lesson for Morning Prayer in the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer* contained in *Joel 2:15-27*. It will be a moment when, as is stated, a trumpet will be blown to summon the leaders of the body-politic. Then will the priests and ministers of the nation and of this Kingdom of God upon earth cry out unto the Lord saying, "*Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?*"

A Final Signal?

As the seat of the Throne of the Lord upon earth, there is no other primacy in this world, yet it may experience the most severe testing as the Age-end judgments reach their great climax.

There are multiplied millions of *other peoples* in this world of seven billions that are taking over the heritage of the covenant people. An economic crash appears imminent in the eurozone and internationally as well, yet in all this a final signal is set before us that must confirm God's overruling Providence as our guardian.

The date 25 September 2012 will be 666 months, the number of the Beast system, of gold and of finance, from the signing of the Treaty of Rome on 25 March 1957. Another three days, for a perfected measure, will bring us to 28 September 2012. Let us not be afraid of the civil unrest that may be approaching. *Revelation 18:21* informs us that the great city of mystical Babylon will be overthrown with violence. Yet, that will be the moment of deliverance for the Kingdom and the Throne of the Lord upon earth. May we look up, for our redemption as a company of nations is drawing ever nearer.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COVENANT NATIONS WEEKEND

At The Quality Hotel

232 - 236 London Road, St Albans, Herts, AL1 1JQ

**'Crown and Commonwealth in Diamond Jubilee Year'
10th and 11th March 2012**

BIWF SUMMER CONVENTION

At Hothorpe Hall

Theddingworth, Leicestershire, LE17 6QX

23rd to 28th July 2012

BIWF 93rd ANNUAL CONGRESS

At Gilsland Spa

Gilsland, Brampton, Cumbria, CA8 7AR

5th to 8th October 2012



SOUTH AFRICAN EXPO 2011

On the 8 and 9 October a new member, Brenton Boshoff, assisted by three others from Amanzimtoti in Natal as well as Angie Fromburg who runs the South African Office from Port Alfred, manned a corner stall at this Expo 2011 for the first time to present the British-Israel-World Federation in South Africa.

We used the very colourful 'fish' symbol as a back drop with charts on a table to present the evidence that Queen Elizabeth was from the line of King David and to explain the two Houses, Israel of the Northern and Judah of the Southern, with Scriptures. There were many experiences but two in particular are now recalled.

The first was the visit of two Africans from West Africa who knew that Queen Elizabeth was from the line of David and that the 'whites' in the West were from the 10 'lost' tribes from the Assyrian captivity. The initial reservation of how to speak to other race groups concerning Israel was immediately dispelled.

The second was the excitement of a lady from Cape Town who turned the corner, saw who we were and exclaimed with glee that the B.I.W.F. was still 'alive.' She was the third generation of B.I. faith in her family. The joy and motivation that she shared with us was infectious. It was also much appreciated that various Pastors from

South Africa that have stood for the Israel truth came to support and even got involved in sharing with the general public. Many contacts were made that leaves the future of the B.I.W.F on a sure footing.

Just recently a copy of the South African March 1937 constitution has been found! This will help Brenton Boshoff and his friends as they build the organisation there.

DAVID AIMER



CELEBRATING THE KING JAMES BIBLE



Martin Lightfoot in the British Museum

There were two events this year held to commemorate the publication of the King James Bible or Authorised Version. The first one was on Saturday 26 March when a group went to the British Museum and the British Library. Martin Lightfoot put together a guided tour which covered the grand sweep of time from the earliest cuneiform writing until the development of the printing press which was the means for the distribution of the Scriptures to the masses.

Beginning with the first pieces of early writing, proto-Hebrew and cuneiform, Martin clearly demonstrated how writing was an important part of those civilisations long ago. It was easy to understand the difference between ancient Hebrew and the modern one. From Old Testament to the New examples were shown of how the Bible account is established by archaeology. A very important example was the Poltarch inscription which vindicated the work of the Apostle Luke who had at one time been accused of inventing a word. Seeing the physical evidence is always thrilling and greatly helped by a knowledgeable guide.

There was a break at lunch for refresh-

ment and then a short walk took everyone to the afternoon session in the British Library where we looked at the very early manuscripts which were handwritten and beautifully illuminated especially the Lindisfarne Gospels. Then in the 'Evolving English' exhibition there were the first 1611 Bible, the Book of Common Prayer of the same era, Tyndale's Bible and alongside them a handwritten Wycliffe Bible. Seeing the only copy of the epic *Beowulf* led to an interesting discussion with another visitor.

There is a wealth of information and history to be seen in these displays and there was not enough time to do justice to everything. However there was time to look at the Magna Carta display and to be reminded about the foundations of our Common Law and



the struggles of our forebears to bring justice and the rule of law into our nation as it developed.

Friends in the North were not neglected in this year of celebration because a full programme was put on at HQ in Low Etherley on Saturday, 4 June. The day began with everyone gathering for coffee and biscuits before the President, Michael Clark opened the proceedings. The first lecture was by Rev Barrie Williams who gave a very interesting and detailed study on the origins of the King James Bible. He covered many centuries of history while describing all the main characters and events which led up to the great conference at Hampton Court Palace in 1604 which started the translators on their work. Language and the contribu-

tion of Chaucer were all covered in this extensive review of history.

After an excellent buffet lunch, Pastor David Aimer gave a PowerPoint presentation of *The Printing of the Bible* and all the various stages through which it went before scholars were satisfied that all errors had been eliminated. He demonstrated the ease with which the Bible can be reached today by calling up a spoken version on his mobile and then by downloading the whole text of the Bible from the internet in a matter of minutes. It raised the question of the need for smuggling Bibles anywhere these days.

After another break for refreshments, Martin Lightfoot chaired a panel for *The King James Bible Q 1* with some questions for them to discuss and for audience involvement. This was a light-hearted end to the day much enjoyed by everyone. The panel was Sarah James, David Reynolds, Margery Dowling and Frank Tebbutt.

The President closed the day with thanks to all who had come and to all those who had worked to make it such an enjoyable event. For those who were unable to come the lectures were filmed and are available on DVD on request to Covenant Publishing.



How to do cuneiform writing

80 YEARS OF THE NATIONAL



Rev Pascoe Goard

The year 2012 sees many anniversaries and one which is of particular importance to the Federation is the 80th anniversary of the founding of The National Bible College (TNBC). The motto being 'Quod Verum Tutum' meaning 'What is true is safe.'

The National Bible College property at Harrow Weald Park was purchased on 10 June 1932 for £15,000. Rev Pascoe Goard was authorized to form a Faculty with Mr Herbert Garrison as the Bursar. The first lecturers were Rev Alban Heath, Rev Guy Waddington, Rev D.J. Newwirtz, Rev G.H. Lancaster and Mr John Leach. Professor Odlum later came to the college for one year as a lecturer.



No 4 Buckingham Gate

In 1936 the Faculty of our College at Harrow Weald inaugurated a Correspondence Course for the benefit of those unable to attend College lectures. Although the building had to be given up after the outbreak of war the Correspondence Course, which had proved such a popular adjunct, continued to expand considerably and 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. The College then operated from No 4 Buckingham Gate in London (just next door to the BIWF at No 6) with the Principal, Dr J. Courtney James.

Other lecturers of note were Dr Norman James, Clifford F Parker, Rupert Thomas and Rev Alban Heath.

The work has continued faithfully wherever the Lord has been pleased to lead His people and in recent years it has received a new lease of life. Now based at BIWF Headquarters in Low Etherley, the library of TNBC is available for research and study. The Principal, Pastor David Aimer, and the Programme Co-ordinator, Martin Lightfoot have been developing the outreach of it locally, nationally and globally.

Locally there have been lectures in the main hall on a wide range of topics as well as talks given to interested groups in the area such as the Darlington Historical Society. David Aimer and Martin Lightfoot have been kept busy. Subjects have included the Zurbaran paintings in Bishop Auckland Castle and the Early Church. Then the series of visits around the nation under the umbrella of 'Our Christian Heritage' have proved to be extremely popular. From Edinburgh to Glastonbury, York to London it has been possible to teach our message in a very vivid and accessible way while



Harrow Weald Park

providing new and different opportunities for fellowship. It is exciting to see places and objects as they are *in situ* and to see how the whole wonderful story of God's people fits together.

The visit to York Minster in September was the first one there and coincided with the British-Israel Worldwide Day of Prayer for the Covenant Nations. So after the interesting tour around this ancient Christian church the group gathered in St William's College for tea and then a time of prayer led by the President. A month later there was the final event of the year with a guided visit to the British Museum to look at the Greek, Trojan and Spartan artefacts which clearly indicate the connection



Dr J Courtney James

BIBLE COLLEGE

between these great cultures and the similarity between them and the Egyptian world from which our forefathers emerged at the Exodus.

The global outreach has been achieved through the Distance Learning Course which has grown steadily since its re-launch in 2009 at Newbury. The four Modules were revised and prepared for individual study at home. Each Module of 10 Units can be completed at the chosen rate of each student. Once again there are people from all around the world who email their answers in to Martin Lightfoot for support and comments. They come from all sorts of different backgrounds and churches. The website, www.tnbc.org.uk, provides another resource for information and for research.

The outreach continues with more events planned for 2012, details of which can be seen in the booklet sent to members with the Christmas posting. Members' prayers are requested that the Lord will continue to sustain this work through the coming years as a steadfast witness to His promises and covenants.



Inside the British Museum

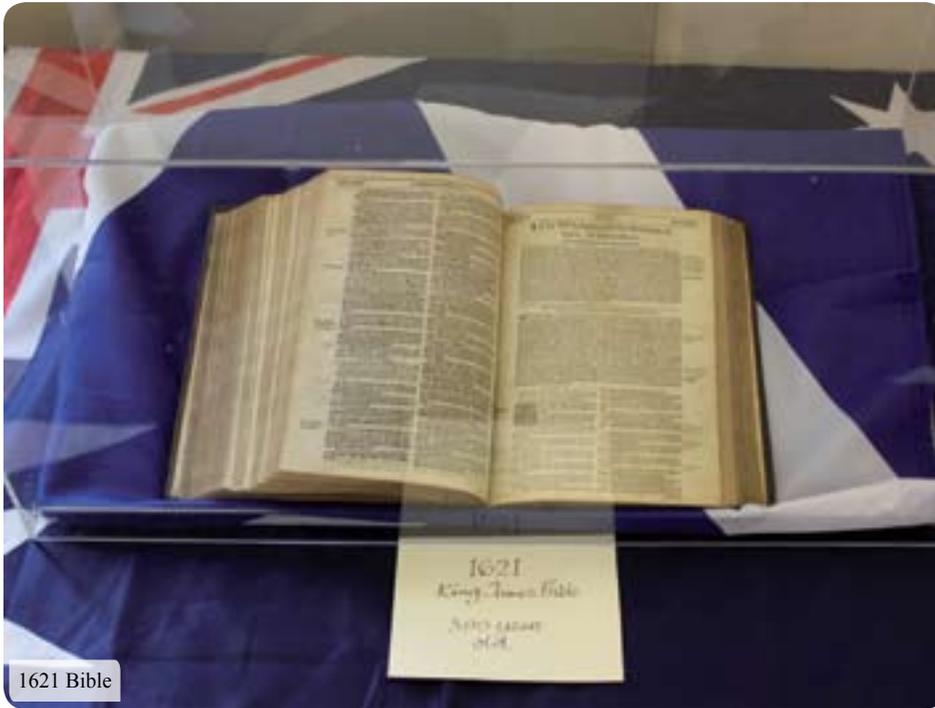


Rev Pascoe Goard's Preaching Banner



Inside York Minster

SUMMER CONVENTION



1621 Bible

The theme of *The Bible and the Throne* was chosen because 2011 is a significant year for recognizing the importance of the Bible in our national story and so that speakers could look forward to the Diamond Jubilee of HM the Queen to be held in July 2012. The official celebrations will be completed by the time we meet again in July this year.

Around the conference room the interesting displays of Bibles including one from 1621 and Edward Hine's copy which he had marked with such dedication. There were models of coronation figures, the crown jewels and the



The President with May Browning

Cullinan diamond which all helped to set the scene. The bookstall looked bright and interesting with new books and the atmosphere was one of life and energy. These new books included *Moses the Economist*, *Our Neglected Heritage* and *What happened to Judah?* The sales for the week were very good and showed that the new editions are much appreciated by everyone.

As usual the Welcome Meeting with the President, Michael Clark, and the General Secretary, David Aimer, opened the proceedings. There was a special moment at the end when the President made presentations to May Browning and to Carol Cream in gratitude for their many years of service. Carol Cream has been a speaker touring all the Branches and her help with research is ongoing still. In their absence, it was announced that Michael and Muriel Jarvis and Sheila and John Battersby were retiring and that they too would receive gifts for their loyal support and work over the years.

The Annual Meeting was the following day and the President and the General

Secretary led the members through the Annual Report and Accounts which were both approved. Archie Linnegan, Alfred Brown and Roy Senior were the three Board Members who were re-elected. Michael Clark announced with pleasure that Rev Adrian Fisher had agreed to become a patron of BIWF. Mr Clark read out the Loyal Greetings sent to Her Majesty the Queen by the Board of Management but at that time there had been no reply from the Palace.

It was a pleasure to meet another new speaker, Pastor Mike Roberts, from Rhodesia who had known David Aimer many years previously at Bible College. He now lives near London. Pastor Roberts spoke twice during the Convention giving an insight into his life and work in Africa – 'The Bible and Mission.' The other speakers spoke to the theme and ensured that the Scriptures were thoroughly taught with devotion and accuracy from the 'Introduction to the KJV' by Michael Clark to 'The Bible' by Alfred Brown, 'The Bible and the USA' by Pastor Robert Phillips and 'Bible Research' by Martin Lightfoot.



Edward Hine's Bible

The subject of the Throne and its relationships with the people was covered by 'The Throne and the Diamond Jubilee' by Frank Tebbutt, 'The Throne and Ireland' by Glyn Lewis and 'The Throne' by Clifford Smyth. 'Church and State in Israel' by Rev Barrie Williams, 'The Divine Economy' by Martin Lightfoot and 'The Divine Law' by Peter Bennett showed the application of God's Laws



The President with Carol Cream

to the nation. The popular series 'BI Basics' was continued with Kathleen Gage on 'The Parables,' Martin Lightfoot on 'Marks of Israel,' Pastor David Aimer on 'The Gates of Israel' and Carol Cream on 'The Divorced Wife.'

The President gave his annual lecture on Thursday evening with an inspiring call to the nation to 'Hold Fast in the Perfect Financial Storm' – a very prophetic title since at the time of writing the ship of the financial and economic world has continued to be tossed about chaotically with seemingly no-one ca-

pable at the helm. It is comforting and encouraging that we have a Rock to which to cling. All the lectures were filmed as usual and have been available for purchase as DVDs from Covenant Publishing since the autumn.

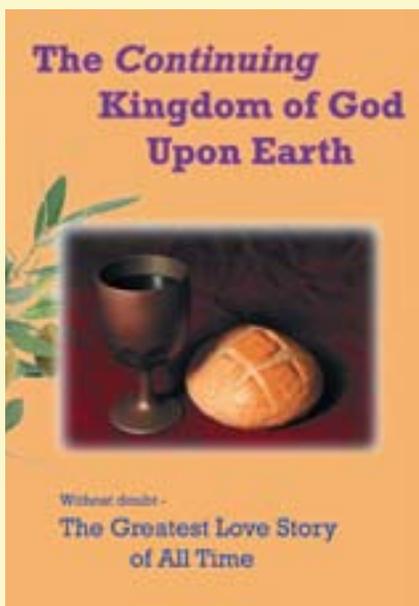
The highlight of the week was the first showing of the new film, *The Mystery of the Lost Tribes of Israel*, on Wednesday



evening. There is a full report about the film on page 3 of this *Newsletter*. It was very exciting to see the final product after all the effort which went into making it. DVDs were available for sale and all of them were sold in a very short time.

Once again Hothorpe Hall provided a very comfortable place in which to renew our spirits and our fellowship. The annual darts evening was supported enthusiastically again though the skills are not improving much from year to year! The weather was beautiful, the food was especially good and it was a very enjoyable Convention.

The next Summer Convention is from 23 – 28 July, 2012 – put these dates in your diary now. The theme will be announced in *The Covenant Nations* magazine in due course.



SPREADING THE MESSAGE

Two years ago the President produced a new booklet *The Continuing Kingdom of God upon Earth* by revising and expanding a previous publication of Mr Howard Bennett. This booklet was provided as free literature for all members, associates and friends to distribute as widely as possible to all their contacts. The content provides a clear overview of Scripture and presents God's Plan for the Kingdom of God in a very readable way. It has been sent far and wide to many different places and organizations with some very positive responses.

It is particularly exciting that overseas friends have asked for translations in their own languages and have then helped in this work. The first one was into German – 1,000 copies were printed and supplied to them. Since then Dutch and Norwegian editions have been produced with a Polish edition now in the process of translation.

In this way the message is indeed going to all 'the lost sheep of the House of Israel'!

92nd ANNUAL CONGRESS

Ashbourne in Derbyshire, the centre for the 92nd Annual Congress, was a central location for members this year. The theme of 'As Lively Stones in a Spiritual House' was taken up with enthusiasm by all the speakers and their lectures fitted together very well indeed, like carefully chosen stones in a strong wall. The hotel provided a very comfortable place for the worship and fellowship which was shared. The food was excellent and several people enjoyed the spa facilities.

Ernest Gage, Chairman of the Board of Management welcomed everyone to Congress and introduced the first lecture on Friday evening which was given by the President whose title was 'The Foundation Stone of God's House.' The following morning there was a visit to two Saxon churches in the area, Hartington and Wirksworth organised by Martin Lightfoot. It was very interesting to see banners depicting the signs of each of the twelve tribes of Israel displayed on the walls of St Giles Church in Hartington and to explore this very old church. In St Mary's Wirksworth there is the famous 'Wirksworth Stone' which clearly shows the antiquity of Christianity in these islands because there is a lamb on the cross and not the human form of Our Lord. The stained glass windows and the other signs of early Saxon worship were well worth seeing.

In the afternoon there were two inspiring lectures by Alfred Brown on 'Our Heritage in Stone' followed by Kathleen Gage with 'Jesus The Good Shepherd.' The day was completed by the presentation 'The Stone which the Builders Rejected' by Martin Lightfoot. On Sunday morning Frank Tebbutt led Morning Worship and then after lunch Michael Clark launched the new edition of *We Have a Guardian* which has just been revised and reset with new infor-



In Hartington Church



In Wirksworth Church

mation and some new photographs. Margery Dowling gave a very interesting lecture after tea, titled 'The Stones in God's Plan.'

The evening lecture was by a visiting speaker and friend, Paul Boyd-Lee from the British-Israel Bible Truth Fellowship. It was interesting to hear about his other work within the Archbishop's Council of the Church of England and then he spoke on 'Lively Stones' giving a vividly illustrated presentation of his subject. As usual the lectures were filmed and are available from Cov-



enant Publishing as DVDs. The book-stall was supported very well and sales were very gratifying.

The President gave the concluding remarks for the weekend, thanking everyone who came as well as all those who helped with the preparations and organisation of the event. The 93rd Annual Congress is booked for the popular venue of Gilsland Spa in Cumbria. It will be the third time that we have been there and the dates to plan for are 5 - 8 October 2012.

MORECAMBE SPRING RALLY

This year the Rally was blessed with beautiful sunshine every day though the wind was gusty and made walking by the sea quite an adventure. It opened on Friday evening with a lecture by Alfred Brown and closed with Evening Prayer taken by Bishop McLean on Sunday evening.

Saturday was a special day of birthday celebrations – David Aimer reached 60 on the day and Carol Cream was given an advance gift being 90 three weeks later. They were presented with cards, presents and cakes with candles. Before his lecture in the evening Michael Clark, President, organised a group photo of Board members with Bishop John who had agreed last year to become a patron of BIWF. Finally Anne Smyth played and sang at the hotel to complete the activities on Saturday. It was a great pleasure to hear her songs and to join in much loved choruses and hymns.

The speakers emphasised our need to respond to the Word of God in different ways: by listening, obeying and working; by witnessing to the power of the Holy Spirit as revealed in the scriptures; by remembering that God is in control; we do indeed have an enduring monarchy and we can have confidence as we observe the signs of the times.

Morning Worship and Holy Communion were taken by Bishop John followed by lunch and the afternoon lecture by Ken Brack who spoke on the signs of the times. After tea and more birthday cake, David Aimer gave a PowerPoint presentation of the teaching of John Wilson with the key scriptures which had led him to write his books in the first part of the nineteenth century. It is important to learn about and to remember the work of these early teachers.

Everyone went their separate ways afterwards feeling inspired by the great message which God wants us to spread to all His lost sheep everywhere.



David Aimer, Clifford Smyth, Michael Clark, Bishop John McLean, Margery Dowling, Archie Linnegan, Alfred Brown

ULSTER RALLIES

Two Rallies a year continue to be held just outside Belfast for the members and friends in Ulster. The support at these rallies has been growing and it is very encouraging to see the enthusiasm and interest increase. Many factors make it difficult for people to come to other BIWF events so it is a pleasure to be able to provide this meeting place for fellowship.

David Aimer has always ensured that a substantial number of books is taken there each time for the bookstall and he has also given lectures on each visit. The President Michael Clark went to the March Rally and Martin Lightfoot was the other speaker at the second one in September when the new film *The Mystery of the Lost Tribes of Israel* was shown. This meeting was exceptionally well attended with approaching 80 people.

We look forward to building on this new interest in the coming year.

90 YEARS OF THE COVENANT



CPC Office at Headquarters

It is with great pleasure as Chairman of the Covenant Publishing Company (CPC) that I can write in this *Newsletter* about reaching 90 years from the beginning of the company in 1922. It started with a flourish in those days when an enthusiastic group of authors, keen to write and publish their books on the BI teaching, set down a great literary foundation. Emerging from the dark days of World War I there was a hunger for the Word of God to be explained and for reassurance that His Plan had not been thwarted or in any way thrown off course by the terrible events of such recent memory.

Numbers of articles were written for *The Banner of Israel*, followed later by *The National Message*, and these were frequently used as the basis for a book. In recent times we have been able to give new life to a number of these books, which were so well written, by republishing them in a classic series. They have been received with enthusiasm by a new generation of readers. Our Database has a list of 440 unique book titles and some 120 unique leaflets.

Together with all the editions and our newer books we are now numbering in excess of 777 titles.

There have been times when it has been more difficult to publish and keep going than others, but since the move to our new headquarters in Low Etherley the CPC has received a new lease of life. This is due in no small measure to the motivation and skills of David Aimer, the General Secretary, supported by the Board of Management of BIWF. With ample space in the building it has been possible to buy the latest printing equipment along with all the book binding, finishing and packaging machines required to complete the making of books for sale. The photographs accompanying this article illustrate the scope of these operations.

Modern technology means that there is no longer a requirement to invest capital in order to print large quantities of books which might sell very slowly. 'Print-on-demand' is the system whereby new copies of books are printed as required and sent out

speedily on request. As a result it has enabled CPC to revise and reprint in new, colourful covers many of the first books published which now look very dated in their original appearance. It has also made it possible to print all sorts of booklets, leaflets and Federation material which in times past would have been very costly to order from a printer.

There has been much more activity too. The record of lectures and meetings has moved from print to sound and now to DVD – all of which can be produced in-house. It means that BIWF and CPC can be so much more flexible and responsive to the needs of members and associates. More things can now be done as outreach to the wider world than was dreamt about in those early days.

The development of the CPC website and the facility of e-commerce have led to inquiries and sales from around the world. Many of the books are now listed on Amazon which puts them on a level with the books of all the other publishers. *Did Our Lord visit Britain* is a very popular one bought from there.

Two years ago CPC expanded into North America with the support of Jim McElroy who took on the role of running the operation over there. As a result, *The Drama of the Lost Disciples* was reset in the American standard and relationships developed with a printer in Arkansas. It has been very helpful to have an active outlet for all the dollar sales.

There have been new books published too, from new authors previously unconnected with CPC. The first major one was *London: A New Jerusalem* by Adrian Gilbert which has sold steadily and the latest one was *Daughters of Destiny* by Glyn S Lewis. His research into the royal line through the ancient

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Irish chronicles has provided invaluable confirmation of the histories and stories which have been known for so many years. It has also been very good to support works by our own members such as *Revelation Unlocked* by Michael Jarvis and *The House of Israel in the New Testament* by Kathleen Gage to name but two.

A very exciting development has been the completion of two documentary films which were made in conjunction with BIWF. As reported elsewhere in this Newsletter, *The Mystery of the Lost Tribes of Israel* is the second one, a worthy successor to *Our Christian Heritage* which made a big impact in outside circles when it was shown on Christian television.

What does the future hold in the next decade leading to the Centenary – or perhaps in the **next** 90 years? There are some certainties – with His blessing, the CPC will continue as an organization dedicated to serving the Lord our God and His Son, Jesus Christ, through the power of His Holy Spirit and will continue to witness to the continuing Kingdom of God upon earth.



MICHAEL A CLARK



Printing room at Headquarters



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DID YOU KNOW?

Above the west door in St Stephen's entrance of the Palace of Westminster there is a painting entitled 'Moses receiving the Laws on Mount Sinai.' It was painted by Benjamin West in 1784 and it has been there since the late 1950s.

OBITUARIES

Muriel Ivy Jarvis, née Gardner:

21.02.1920 – 11.09.11

The younger of twins, weighing in at 3½ pounds each, given little hope of survival, at Herne Bay, Kent. Their potential was underestimated, as both thrived after a difficult start, and on leaving school went their separate ways. Muriel joined and was baptized in Herne Bay Baptist, and moved to Tenterden, Kent, at the beginning of the war, beginning to work in a solicitor's office to replace a member of staff who had joined up. As well as being an active member and Minute Secretary at Tenterden Baptist, she was also part-time St John's Ambulance crew, and a St John's officer with care of the local St John's Cadets, going on parade with them on Remembrance Sundays.

Somehow Muriel managed to also have a social life, and involve Michael into evenings playing tennis, probably something to do with not being able to play tennis with an odd number of people. It was certainly a test of friendship, as the points she won, he lost, at least for some time.

In 1950 as Michael went to Egypt on National Service, Muriel moved to East London to join her parents in their new, but old rundown, home and obtained a position as Confidential Secretary to the Chairman of a Bank dealing with overseas Dominion and Colonial business. It was about as good a position as any woman could get at that time. Very frequent new suits, to look the part. There were frequent letters between Muriel and Michael until 'demob' when a serious courtship began. It was on 6 November 1954 when their marriage took place and they moved to Welwyn Garden City where they were soon involved with planting a new Baptist Church at Howlands.

In 1956 the first of three children was born. Interest in BIWF developed at that time and several speakers including Tom Price and John Shenton stayed overnight on their tours. After some ten years the family moved to Bracknell, and Muriel was hostess to the new Pastor Ben Davies and 'Mo' who came straight from honeymoon because their furniture lorry from Wales had not arrived at their house. So they stayed with the Jarvis's instead of sleeping on bare boards until their furniture eventually arrived. A continuing friendship of 50 years was formed. The Bracknell Baptist Church, a rundown structure, was soon to be demolished for Town centre development. Muriel was involved in the project for a temporary building, and as treasurer of funds for a new permanent Church, that we later saw completed, but not until the

family had moved to Michael's former home at Tenterden.

It was then that Muriel's life again developed. She learned to drive, a great help when taking our children to music lessons, and did part time work keeping accounts for a small engineering firm. She learned to play the cello as we met with two other families on Saturday evenings in each home on rotation, and two of our three developed musical careers.

She became a Deacon and Treasurer in the Baptist Church, and as her interest in BIWF increased she became Treasurer for the South East Area, and later Area Organiser. She was also involved with the Audio Tape copying at Conferences.

With the onset of dementia she had to give up driving and other responsibilities, but enjoyed going to Church, Conferences and Caravan holidays and meeting friends who understood her growing problems. She loved being looked after by Michael until beyond the age of 90, and it was only during the last few months after a fall and a short stay in hospital, that she needed full care at home until she passed peacefully to Jesus.

There were at least 50 people at her funeral in High Halden Church (where we had been worshipping for several years). She was honoured by the President of BIWF, Mr Michael Clark, who gave the Address. The hymns were 'We love the place, O God, wherein Thine honour dwells' and 'Thine be the Glory, risen, conquering Son.' After the service the congregation retired to the churchyard to commit her body to the earth.

Rest in Peace my love, till Jesus calls and you rise in Glory.

Michael Jarvis

Mr. Walter Ford died on the 25 November 2010 in Croston Park Nursing Home, near Euxton, Chorley in Lancashire aged 95 years after a short stay in hospital. He was born in Wigan, Lancashire and attended St. Catherine's Infants and Junior School before going on to Wigan Grammar School. He attended the Queens Hall Methodist Mission in Wigan, where he met his wife Alice and they were married at Park Road Methodist Church, Chorley. He was working in the accounts office at Leyland Motors before the War thus the move from Wigan to Chorley. When the war broke out in 1939 he was called

up and joined the R.A.F. and dealt with the mechanical side of the aeroplanes in which he had been trained. He kept being posted in this country and was never sent abroad, due to his technical ability to repair aircraft. During most of his active service he was based at Gerbie in the Isle-of-Man. On his return from the war he went back to Leyland Motors to be placed in the accounts department.

Walter became interested in BI teaching at the age of 17 years when his wife's mother Mrs Rigg took him to a Wigan Branch meeting. When he moved to Chorley he opened the Chorley Branch of the BIWF and accommodated many speakers with his wife Alice being the hostess. Walter and Alice had two sons but sadly one became very ill with cancer and died at the age of 14 years. Due to the death Walter had to give up the Chorley Branch. Later he and Alice joined the Wigan Branch and Walter became Chairman. He bore the burden of two grandsons dying young. However Walter and Alice continued on with the work, accommodating speakers as before.

Walter was a local speaker for some 70 years; he was also a lay preacher in the Chorley and Bolton Methodist Circuit and attended Cliff College Derbyshire with the intent to enter the Ministry but unfortunately circumstances prevented him from so doing. Walter was the oldest active member and local speaker in the BIWF and he gave his last lecture at Wigan in October 2009 on the subject the Book of *Daniel* which he spoke on for three quarters of an hour without any notes. His second son also predeceased him in 1996 and Alice passed away in 1999. He leaves a grandson and three great grandchildren. There are many I am sure who will enter the kingdom through Walter's teaching and he will hear those words "Well done thou good and faithful Servant, enter into the joy of your Saviour's Rest."

Margery Dowling



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Happy Birthday KJV Bible



Researching his origins.
Only 6,999 books to go!



Those Lost Tribes could be anywhere



We ladies are better
than the men!



Good beginning. Just need Isaac,
Jacob, Ephraim and Manasseh
to join him



My cake is bigger than yours!

DID YOU KNOW?

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king in history:

Spades - King David;
Hearts - Charlemagne;
Diamonds - Julius Caesar;
Clubs - Alexander the Great.

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

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.

Please indicate if you are a UK tax payer so that we can claim the Gift Aid portion from the Inland Revenue.

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