

Queen Elizabeth II is Heir to Great Bible Promises

The Lord promised that the line of David would continue to occupy the throne of Israel *"until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him."*

Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is a reminder that the Sceptre of Judah still exercises its Royal prerogative over the servant nation of God's immutable choice.

Just what lies behind the British monarchy and how old is it? We can trace it back along its line of descent to Kenneth MacAlpin, the first King of Scotland, to the kings of Ireland, back to Heremon, the husband of Tea Tephi, who was the daughter of King Zedekiah of Judah, and thence back to David, appointed King of Israel in the eleventh century B.C.

Nathan the prophet, by command of God, said to David: *"Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel... Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more as beforetime... And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever."* (2.SAM 7:8,10,16).

Inheritance Passes to Daughter

It may be said that Zedekiah's daughter could not have been a link in the descendant to our ruling House, but God made it clear centuries before that, *"If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter..."* as is done in Britain's Royal House (NUM 27:8).



Many cannot accept the thought that the Davidic line of royalty is in existence today. Having discarded God's promises to His chosen race because their poor faith will not let them understand that God's intentions are unbreakable, they have carried out a metamorphosis and turned Israel into the Church. The logical step which had to follow their low estimate of the power of God was that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of His Church and the Son of David, is the continuation of the Davidic line of kings. The fact that this leaves a gap of centuries between the last king, Zedekiah, and our Lord does not seem to deter them.

Bible believers, however, preferring Scripture as written, and preferring God's promises to

the traditions of men, make no such errors in their conclusions. They take the promise to David at its face value, the Divine (and therefore completely honest) promise of the All-Powerful Eternal God, *"I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, Thy seed will I establish for ever and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah."* (PSALM 89:3-4).

No Generations Are Missing

How, then, could there be all those generations missing between Zedekiah and Jesus Christ? In any case, the progenitor of our Lord, contemporary with Zedekiah was a quite distant relation of that king, for the Virgin Mary descended from David through his son Nathan. The result of this sleight-of-hand trick with scriptures begins to be seen.

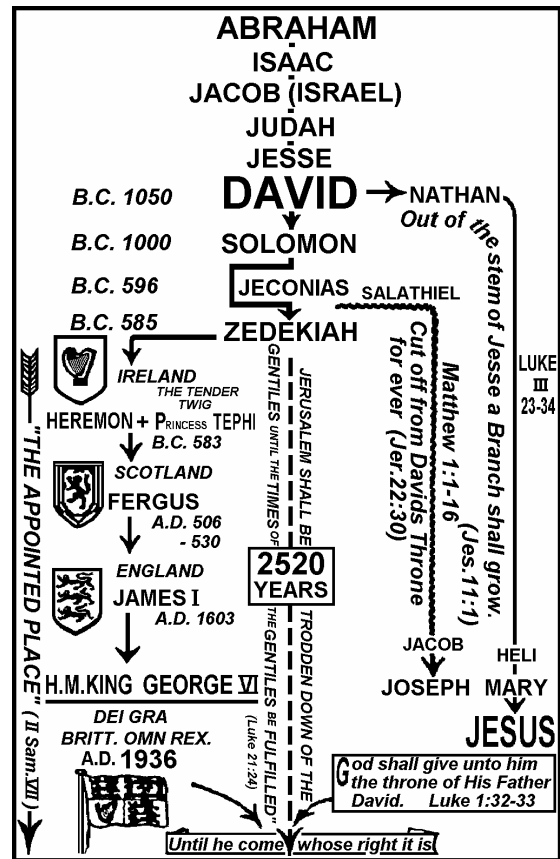
On investigation we find it written, *"Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father..."* (1.CHRON 29:23). There we have it - the throne of the Lord, which, according to the traditions of men, became unoccupied when Zedekiah was captured. It has even been said that some 600 years or so later it appeared in heaven on God's right hand! What a futile story! The Mighty Creator is brought down to the level of human inefficiency and is said to have skipped about fifteen generations in spite of His promise for **all generations!**

The Queen is Christ's Regent

But how magnificent is God's unadulterated account of His intentions, how inexorable in achievement! In the appointed place the Israel race is set under the throne of Jehovah, with each successive occupant of the throne holding the position as regent *"...until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him."* (EZEK 21:27), for we know that *"...the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."* (LK 1:32-33). Today, our Queen occupies this great throne.

"LONG MAY SHE REIGN OVER US"

The "Herald", April 22, 1974, printed an article by Brigadier Richard Eason, chairman of the Committee for Constitutional Monarchy in Australia, entitled "Long May She Reign Over Us." He said, "We can rightly object to sneaky attempts to per-



The diagram shows: (1) the disinherited branch of Joseph-Jeconias; (2) the genealogy of Jesus as a low branch from the stump of David's family tree; (3) the highest branch Zedekiah to King George VI, and his descendants, reigning until Christ's second Advent.

suade Australians that the monarchy is nonsense and that a republic would be an unbounded blessing."

"Mr. Whitlam arbitrarily decided that Australians should have a new anthem. 'God Save the Queen' was not one of the choices offered in opinion 'polls'."

"We should be wary of any steps (such as this) that are... undemocratically designed to create a false climate in favour of a republic..."

"There should be no more underhand attempts to brainwash the people into voting for a republic..."

Monarchy System Stood Test

"The constitutional monarchy works well. The Crown is divorced from politics because, while enjoying supreme power, it allows parliament and the courts to handle them..."

"The Crown's exercising of its supreme authority is rare... but can at any moment

become an extremely practical matter... Awareness of this fact ensures, with very rare exceptions, that politicians confine their actions to the limits of constitutional good sense... and that all citizens, whatever their national origins, can... grow in dignity and freedom while enjoying the benefits of an independent judiciary system and a constitutionally limited executive."

The throne is the seat of authority in a kingdom. If the kingdom is destroyed, the throne becomes non-existent. If the kingdom becomes a republic, the throne disappears.

The British monarchy is unique. It has survived invincibly for many centuries. There have been many almost successful attempts to overthrow it: they have failed because the aggressors were not pitting their strength against a nation, but against the will of God!

Divine Promise Everlasting

God promised David, "*...I will stablish the throne of his (David's) kingdom for ever... And*

thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever." (2.SAM 7:13-16).

Jesus Christ cannot receive the throne of His father David if either the throne or the kingdom over which the throne is established has ceased to exist.

"For thus saith the LORD; David shall never want (lack) a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel... Thus saith the LORD; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season... Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob..."

JER 33:17-26

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