

# **ELIZABETH IS CROWNED**

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# THE ANOINTING

'... David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel.'

Jeremiah ch.33 v.17

'Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.'

'Not all the water in the rough rude seas can wash the balm from an anointed king,'
Richard II. Act iii. Sc.2

'... and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore.'

Psalm 18 v.50



Anointing spoon and Ampula containing oil

The Introit which opens the Holy Communion in the Coronation Service 'Look upon the face of Thine anointed' takes us to David, for only Covenanted Israel kings are called 'The Lord's anointed', in Scripture.

To understand the spiritual meaning of this Sacred Rite we must believe that the Queen was actually anointed, consecrated and crowned seated upon the Stone anointed by Jacob, and to which Paul refers as following Israel in the wilderness, 'and that Rock was Christ' (I Corinthians ch.10 v.4).

We should understand too, that Sovereigns under the Davidic Covenant so anointed with Holy Oil, symbol of the Holy Spirit, come under the special protective power of 'God our Shield', as the ancient hymn and prayer reveals,

'Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire ... Keep far our foes, give peace at home; Where Thou art guide, no ill can come'.

It is also significant that the anointing inaugurates the Holy Communion Service. Here the Queen is anointed as Priest-King, representative on His earthly Throne of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our '... high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec' (Hebrews ch.6 v.20) who first gave the Bread and Wine to Abraham.

The Queen was described as 'divested of her jewels and Robes of State, wearing a simple white linen garment as she awaited anointing'.

The clothing of the Israel High Priest Aaron was of fine linen and called a 'garment'; he also wore a girdle, 'the girdle of the ephod' as did the Queen when robed with the Supertunica or Cloth of Gold.

We know, of course that the sacrificing Priesthood was abolished for ever in Our Lord's finished work upon the Cross, but as Dr Schofield says in his Bible note on Exodus ch.28 v.1, 'Christ is a Priest after the Order of Melchizedek, but He executes His Priestly Office after the pattern of Aaron'. The Stole the Queen wore also marks her Office as Supreme Governor of the English Church according to the Act Of Supremacy 1531, and is an Ecclesiastical symbol; its ends are broidered with the Flags of Saint George, Saint Andrew and Saint Patrick, signifying the alpha and majesty. The Daily Mail of June 3rd 1953 was true to type in this regard, with 'A little figure of humility and service'. The Recess bears this out, as Her Majesty, divested of the trappings of Royal splendour, lays Sceptre, Rod, Crown and Orb upon the Altar of Service to the King of Kings.

Alpha and Omega in the Greek, and the Aleph and Tau in the Hebrew alphabets, are 'the First and the Last, the beginning and the ending ... which is and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty'.

Later, the Order of Service reads, 'The Queen shall offer Bread and Wine for the Communion, which being brought out of Saint Edward's Chapel and DELIVERED INTO HER HANDS ... shall be received FROM THE QUEEN by the Archbishop, and reverently placed upon the Altar'.

#### THE PRIEST KING

'The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.'

Psalm 110 v.4

That the Queen, as Head of Church and State first offers the Bread and Wine is very important. She receives it from the sacred Chapel which has been the home of the Coronation Stone, which in a figure represents Our Lord Who is the Stone rejected by the builders (see Luke ch.20 v.17).

Our father Abraham took Bread and Wine, the first recorded Holy Communion at the hands of Melchizedek, one of the Old Testament

appearances of Jesus Christ, the Divine Theophany, the Alpha and Omega. He is described as,

'... King of righteousness, ... King of Salem, ... King of peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually'.

Hebrews ch.7 vv 2-3

The Angel Gabriel promised Mary when announcing Jesus' birth, '... 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 the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, ... for ever'.

Isaiah ch.9 v.7

His alone is the Throne which therefore had no beginning and will have no end (see also John ch.1 v.49, Daniel ch.7 vv 13-14, Revelation ch.22 v.3, Psalm 93 v.2 & Acts ch.2 v.30). We note also that Abraham gave this Priest-King 'tithes of all', another link with Jacob at Beth-el and God's House (see Genesis ch.28 v.22) for the Church of England has from the first been supported by tithes, which should also be the basis of the Economics of the State if stability is to be maintained.

The Anointing Prayer is a frank admission that we are Israel, and our Queen the chosen of the Lord, 'O Lord ... who by anointing with oil, didst of old make and consecrate kings, priests, and prophets, to teach and govern thy people Israel: Bless and sanctify thy chosen servant Elizabeth ...'. Likewise the Anthem 'May the king live for ever' returns us to the Coronation of King Solomon, and the 'Amen, Hallelujah' projects us to the future great International Anthem of the King of kings in the Alleluia Chorus of Revelation ch.19 v.6.

#### THE SWORD OF STATE



'Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.'

Psalm 45 v.3

The dedicated Sword of State appears to represent the Sword of the Lord so often referred to in the Bible, and which appeared in the Hand of the Anointed Lion on the shilling coins when George VI came to the throne.

With this exhortation from the Primate, the Queen received the Sword, 'With this Sword do justice, stop the growth of iniquity'.

In past Coronations, kings were girded on the thigh with the Sword of State after anointing, denoting their delegated power from God to stop aggression and iniquity, but Elizabeth II offered it in the scabbard at the Altar, and then sat down in Saint Edward's Chair. significant when we know from the scriptures the role of the Sword of the Lord in the Day of the Lord, and that now, the battle is not ours but God's, in the judgment of the nations now proceeding.

The Peer who first received the Sword redeemed it for 100 shillings, and it was carried naked before the Queen for the rest of the solemnity.

#### THE ORB WITH THE CROSS

We are reminded by the Archbishop as he presents the Orb to Her Majesty that 'the whole world is subject to the Power and Empire of Christ'. The official use of the words 'Empire of Christ our Redeemer' is personal to our times yet it returns us to Melchizedek, Possessor of earth and heaven. The Cross speaks of Jesus Christ as Redeemer of Israel and the Orb as King and Saviour of the world



SOVEREIGN'S ORB

# THE CROWNING.

'Thou, [Israel] shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.' Isaiah ch 62 v 3





The nation Israel was ordained by God 'A kingdom of priests' to help and uplift the nations of the world, and the twelve jewels set in the rim of St Edward's Crown used for the actual crowning bespeak our origin, for they are the same precious stones as mentioned in Exodus ch.28 vv 9-21: one for each of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel, '... like the engravings of a signet; every one with his name ...', set in the foursquare breastplate of Aaron, and worn over the heart, the place of affection. They are the same foundation stones of the Millennial Jerusalem Age, entry into which must be by the twelve gates which are 'the names of the twelve tribes of the Children of Israel'. Thus we are left in no doubt from the Book of Revelation ch.21 v.2 as to the nucleus of the Kingdom of God on earth. The New Jerusalem is a spiritual conception of Government which is to come 'down from God out of heaven', telling us of the futility of any manmade organisation and philosophy to arrange the peace and prosperity of the world.

The Cross and Orb again appear on the Crown, which is in itself in the form of a cross reminding us that it rightly belongs to the prevailing 'Lion of the tribe of Juda' (Revelation ch.5 v.5). The crowned and conquering Lion stands upon the Royal Coat of arms, Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of Israel, the King of Jacob (see 2 Samuel ch.7 v.10).

#### THE ENTHRONING

The words 'establish your throne in righteousness that it may stand fast for evermore' recall the everlasting Covenant with David which was sealed by the unbreakable bond of a Covenant of salt, and ratified by the precious Blood of Jesus in the New Covenant (see Hebrews ch.12 v.24).

### THE SALT CELLARS

"... the Lord God gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, even to him and his sons, by a covenant of salt."

2 Chronicles ch.13 v.5

With the Royal Regalia, securely guarded in the Tower of London are twelve salt cellars and one, the Exeter salt cellar, is in the curious form of a castle, keep, or tower. David frequently asserts the source of his defence against all enemies both ghostly and bodily.

'The Lord is my Rock and my Fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my strength, in whom I will trust, my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high Tower.'

Psalm 18 v.2

The Tower of David was the stronghold in the Castle of Zion, thus described by Solomon, '... builded for an armoury, whereon there hang a thousand bucklers, all shields of mighty men' (Solomon's Song ch.4 v.4). Shields and bucklers are all weapons of defence, and these salt cellars assure us of God's guarantee of protection in the Appointed place, and victory in war, 'even the sure mercies of David' (see Isaiah ch.55 v.3). They are kept in the Tower of London, on whose walls hang samples of weapons used in the history of our Island race whilst nearby is the 'Salt' Tower, next to Tower Bridge.

### THE ROD OF EQUITY AND MERCY

'Punish the wicked, protect and cherish the just, and lead your people in the way wherein they should go.'

The Archbishop says these words as he places the silver rod with the Dove upon an orb, in the Queen's left hand. It speaks of the anointing of Jesus at His baptism, when the Holy Spirit like a Dove descended upon Him and the heavenly Voice declared Him to be the beloved Son of God.

It should tell us that His coming reign can alone bring world peace, of which the Dove has come to be the emblem, for He will be the Prince of peace upon the Throne of David in an era of universal peace and equity.

Three times in the Book of Revelation we read that to secure and maintain that world peace He will 'rule the nations with a Rod of iron', and that 'out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations' (Revelation ch.19 v.15).

Would that we now had the faith of Moses to take the Rod of equity and the Sceptre of Divine Power to punish the wicked and confound aggression in the world! His faith could seize the Rod of God by the tail when it became a serpent, and in his hand of faith it again became a rod, thus demonstrating the unlimited power of the God of Israel in whom Moses implicitly trusted.

That Rod divided the Red Sea also, and in that dread battle at Rephidim - the first of many that Israel were to wage against unprovoked aggression in defence of freedom, hearth and home - in Exodus ch.17 v.9 Moses commands - 'Choose us out men, and go out fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand'. We know of the victory that day, and in this respect we shall do well to read all of Psalm 110 for its topical import to-day, 'The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies' (v.2).

Never forget that 'Rule Britannia' was a Divine Command not a platitude, but a commission to fulfil. For the purpose, sea power was given and his '... seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;' (Genesis ch.22 v17).

Micah ch.6 v.9, is a call to law, righteousness and mercy, and Psalm 74 v.2 calls Israel 'the rod of thine inheritance'. Mercy and magnanimity to defeated foes has been a strong identity mark of Israel-Britain, despite our many failures as the servant nation.

### THE SCEPTRES

'This Sceptred Isle.' Shakespeare, Henry V,

'The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come: ...'

Genesis ch. 49 v.10

'Thy right hand O LORD, is become glorious in power...'

(See Exodus ch.15 v.6, Deuteroronomy ch.33 v.2. Psalm 48 v.10. etc.)

The Sceptre. Rod and Staff interchangeable terms in Scripture, and denote delegated Power from the Right Hand of God Himself.

As the Queen received the Sceptre surmounted by a Cross in her right hand, she heard the words, 'Receive the Royal Sceptre, the ensign of kingly power and dignity'. In Saint Dunstan's ancient Ritual The one with the cross is held in the are the words, 'The King shall wield the Sceptre of Solomon', of whom we read in 1 Chronicles ch.29 v.23 'Solomon sat on The left hand holds the one with the the throne of the LORD as king ... and all Israel obeyed him'.



Sovereign's right hand & contains the 'Star of Africa' diamond. Dove, symbolic of the Holy Ghost.

This then, is manifestly the same Rod or Sceptre of Judah in Hebrews ch.1 vv 8 & 13.

'But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom ... But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?'

Gabriel promised Jesus would reign over the House of Jacob on the Throne of David, Jacob was to be a 'Nation and Company of Nations' (see Genesis ch.35 v.11), and the British Commonwealth is the only one of its kind in history. When Commonwealth Statesmen gathered in London for the Coronation the BBC announced them as 'gathered from the ends of the earth, this Company of Nations'.

So was echoed, in a world-wide network over the modern Radio, the great Isaiah's vision of Jacob-Israel in the Isles, in the latter days, and the faithfulness of the God of our fathers.

'Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him. Bring forth the blind people that have eyes and the deaf that have ears.'

In two world wars they came, the Young Lions rallying to the Great old Lion of Numbers ch.23 v.24. They have kept nothing back, these sons and daughters of the Commonwealth of Israel, but gave of their all, cemented by one common Bond of the Covenant, The British Crown, which is to them as General Smuts said many years ago, 'A centre of loyalty'.

## THE KING OF PEACE

The day is near when Jesus the Resurrected Christ the Anointed Holy one of Israel shall '... sit and rule upon his throne; ... and the counsel of peace ...' shall be initiated by Him alone in the counsel of the true league of truly United Nations of the world in His triple office of Saviour, Priest and King (see Zechariah ch.6 v.13).

# **GOD SAVE THE QUEEN**

The flag of the Union, the Jack, The Union of Jacobus, and the Cross of the Victorious Redeemer Lamb on top of the world!

The conquest of Everest on Royal Oak Day was a glorious Coronation gift to Queen and Commonwealth, an augur surely that the day dawns when all evil in the world shall finally be conquered. The prophetic words engraved on the Reredos above Westminster Abbey's Altar in recalling Revelation ch.11 v.15 will become history.

'The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.'