

The Lion of Scotland



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“I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all: neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.”

Please note all Scripture quotations are from KJV

SCOTLAND'S DESTINY

Colleagues of mine will testify that during the indyref campaign I argued strongly for a Union that was based on far deeper uniting principles than mere political or economic ones.

I felt my argument was drowned out in the tumult of debate and yet I am confident that in calmer times – or perhaps more desperate times – it will be examined and heeded much more.

The simple reality is that Scotland and England need to be in union.

The problem is persuading those who disagree.

Part of that problem – arguably the largest part – is that independence for Scotland is seen as more romantic, adventurous and mythic in scope, whereas the Union experience is seen as stale, outdated and serving English interests more than Scottish.

The truth is wildly and spectacularly different.

Scotland's greatness and destiny is bound up in the Union.

In order for this amazing destiny to be realised, Scotland doesn't have to leave the Union.

The Union must be revisited, reinvigorated and reinvented.

This little treatise, which delves into the past to find out what the Union is truly about, will also provide a thrilling blueprint for Scotland's glorious future...

OUR ANCIENT BRITISH PAST

There is a prevalent myth that the Union between Scotland and England was the brainchild of rapacious English colonisers who saw Scotland as a handy source of cheap labour and resources, as well as the provider of useful cannon fodder for their expansionist wars.

It jars with nationalist propaganda when the truth is discovered – that the Union was largely a dream for many Scots and that it has always been a Scottishcentric concept and endeavour.

Famous proponents of Union included John Mair of Haddington, the famous Scottish philosopher. His arguments in favour of England and Scotland uniting came from a thorough study of history and the knowledge that anciently both Scots and English were known as Britons. As early as 1521, Mair was arguing in his "History Of Greater Britain" for both countries to be united under one king.

John Knox, the Reformer – also from Haddington – was a man who championed union between England and Scotland. Although he is a legendary Scottish figure who founded the Church of Scotland, he was far more British in his worldview. He actually was licenced to preach in the Church of England where he became a chaplain to the boy king Edward VI and also contributed to the Book of Common Prayer. Even although the tumultuous times he lived in sometimes made it seem farther away than ever, Knox

held to an unwavering vision of Union between Scotland and England.

Knox's natural successors and heirs were the Covenanters. A major plank of Covenanting philosophy was the concept of union with England. Although the Covenanters had issues with the Stuart monarchy, which was essentially Scottish royalty headquartered in England, the Covenanters did not oppose the Union because of this. In fact, they formed a far more rounded view of Unionism based on covenanted confederalism rather than the Stuart divine right of kings viewpoint.

The Covenanters envisioned a United Kingdom forged around covenant, to which all men from all stations adhered. Interestingly, the emblem of choice for the Covenanters was the Scottish Saltire. We could speculate that the use of the Saltire as a nationalist motif in our time would be given short shrift by the Covenanting people of the 17th century.

This Unionist worldview can be seen in the Solemn League and Covenant itself, which includes these words:-

*"...for bringing the kingdoms to a more near conjunction and union... And whereas the happiness of a blessed peace between these kingdoms, denied in former times to our progenitors, is, by the good providence of GOD, granted unto us, and hath been lately concluded and settled by both Parliaments; we shall, each one of us, according to our place and interest, endeavour **that they may remain conjoined***

in a firm peace and union to all posterity; and that justice may be done upon the wilful opposers thereof, in manner expressed in the precedent article."

John Russell was a prominent Scottish lawyer who petitioned King James to bring about a complete union between Scotland and England. He went way beyond what most modern Unionists would probably suggest by proposing that the terms Scotland and England be cast into oblivion and replaced by the word Britain.

Interestingly, this was actually what the Act of Union a century later was predicated upon and designed to bring about. That we have allowed notions of Scottish and English to continue shows how far we have fallen from the Unionist ideal.

This concept of One Nation, One Kingdom was prevalent among many early advocates of Unionism, particularly from the Scottish side. A desire to be known as Britons was very strong.

Russell, like others, based his view upon ancient identities, harking back to BC and early AD periods when a common British identity preceded later Scots and English nationhood. King Lucius was an example to Russell of a British Christian king. This is very much in line with themes I explore in my book *The Key Of David*.

We would call this today the Celtic era, when a more primitive form of Christianity than the later Roman one was the faith of Britons throughout these isles. This

Celtic-Culdee church predated the Augustine mission by hundreds of years. In fact, it is believed that Joseph of Arimathea came to these shores soon after the Ascension of Christ, along with the Lord's Mother and the Magdalene. Joseph became the first or among the first Apostles to Britain.

This Celtic-Culdee heritage leads us into the Arthurian legends and traditions and these form a major plank in the arguments for Unionism, particularly among early proponents like Robert Waldegrave and James Maxwell, both of whom leaned heavily upon those traditions and prophecies to staunchly defend their Unionist ideology.

This appeal to Arthur, the archetypal British Christian king, helped form a strong Scotto-Britannic basis to the vision for a united Britain.

In recent times, Arthurian revisionists like Norma Lorre Goodrich, Karen Ralls-McLeod and Stuart McHardy have correctly relocated the Arthurian story to its true Scottish roots. This "rehomeing" of Arthur, Merlin and Lancelot to Scotland has electrifying consequences for Scotland in a prophetic sense.

Just as Scotland was anciently the heart of Britain, so it can be again.

Scotland's destiny is not to break free of perceived English hegemony but to take its true place once more as chief of the nations.

The vehicle for this is the Union. This Union is not the means by which Scotland is oppressed but the Godgiven means by which liberty in the Gospel is brought to the peoples and nations of planet earth.



THE MATTER OF BRITAIN

Proponents of Union like John Russell, Robert Pont and John Mair understood that what they were really proposing was a re-unification between Scots and

English and that anciently both peoples were one – Britons.

The appeal to both historic tradition and Arthurian lore went even further – back into biblical times. The division of Old Testament Israel into two kingdoms or houses i.e. ten-tribed Israel and two-tribed Judah was used by many as a metaphor for Scotland and England.

Some scholars and philosophers saw this as more than a type or metaphor and followed the old teaching that both Scots and English were descended from these dispersed Israelite kingdoms. Celts, Angles, Saxons, Jutes, Normans, Picts, Brythons – all were deemed to be migratory waves of these Israel tribes. Modern DNA studies do indicate a common stock to all the indigenous inhabitants of the British Isles.

This concept of an actual Israel identity is today known as British Israel – a once widely-held belief and which the Internet Age has revived quite considerably as hidden and suppressed teaching has been brought to light.

Broadly speaking, Scotland is regarded as Judah both nationally and in terms of tribal origin, particularly through Dalriadic Scots who became the Highland clans. Lowland Scots were Anglo-Saxon originally. English people were largely descended from the Northern House of Israel and England nationally is Ephraim, the predominant tribe in the Northern Kingdom and a name often used to identify it.

The biblical type works as an argument for unity but if you accept that the parallels are based on actual descent and lineage from biblical Israelites, then it becomes a matter of awesome importance.

In essence, if we actually ARE Judahites and Israelites living in the isles as prophesied by Isaiah, then we have no business defying Almighty God who united us in the blood of His Son.

Separation should thus be unthinkable and any attempt at it is an act of gross rebellion against the divine will and purpose.

Strong words but we cannot allow our national destiny to be abrogated by people who base their ideology on whims and mere politics.

The Matter Of Britain is something deeper, sacred and mystical. It is ancient and is rooted in eternity.

THE RED RAMPANT LION

The Lion of Scotland motif encapsulates the awesome mystery and fascinating destiny of Scotland.

It is very distinctly Scottish but is a message for the whole world.

Moreover, it is a prophetic emblem and message of Britain.

The Lion Rampant is the Royal Flag of Scotland. Technically, it should only be flown in certain circumstances such as when the monarch is not in attendance or by certain of the monarch's representatives but is used more widely at the monarch's sufferance since the time of George V who relaxed the strict rule.

The Rampant is an ancient standard of the tribe of Judah which was used by the biblical King David and was brought over to Ireland by the prophet Jeremiah. It found its way back to Scotland when Fergus the Great came over. He brought it with the Stone of Destiny. Therefore, it was originally the Standard of Ireland, although that is now the Harp of David.

The rampant lion is the animal symbol of the tribe of Judah.

Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

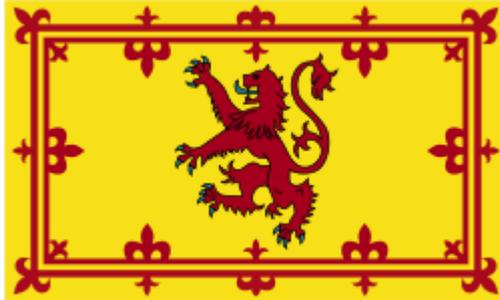
GENESIS 49:9

Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house:

NUMBERS 2:2

In the first place went the standard of the camp of the children of Judah according to their armies:

NUMBERS 10:14



Note that the first place was given to the Judahite lion standard.

Remember that Judah was the sceptre tribe – the tribe chosen for the kingly line to come out of.

The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

GENESIS 49:10

The Bible calls Jesus Christ the Lion of the Tribe of Judah (Revelation 5:5). Therefore, the Lion Rampant depicts Jesus!

The Lion of Judah is a red lion as His blood was shed for our sins; also He is clothed with a vesture dipped in blood (Revelation 19:3). It is a glorious truth that the

Royal Flag of Scotland depicts the Lord Jesus Christ. So also does the Saltire, Scotland's national flag (see my book *Scotland: Land Of Destiny* for more on this).

In the Royal Arms of Scotland, the Scottish Lion features prominently.



Note the red lion at the top between the two flags and the two lion rampants in the centre, as well as the golden lion and the three lions of England.

The Royal Arms speaks of inextricable Union as the unicorn is both a Scottish and English symbol. It represents Ephraim just as Judah is represented by the lion and shows us that many Scots are of Israelite (Ephrahimite) as well as Judahite descent.

The gold lion is also both English and Scottish. It is Judahite and speaks of the glorious (golden) reign of the House of David over a united Israel-Britain. Whilst the Red Lion points to the redemptive act of Christ upon the cross, the Gold Lion points to Jesus Christ reigning in His glorious majesty.

The Red Lion is a Gaelic symbol. In Hebrew, *gael* means "redeemed" and the Gael-Judahites are redeemed by the shed blood. The fullness of national redemption is completed by the Scottish monarchy taking over that of England and uniting the two countries in Union.

Thus the lion becomes gold as this Union is the releasing of glory. No wonder that following the Act of Union the British Empire became the greatest ever seen.

Although English monarchs can trace their ancestry back to King David, the line of succession came through the Scottish and Irish line. This is why Edward the Confessor wanted the Stone of Destiny. Monarchs crowned upon this Stone – the fabled Jacob's Pillar – can enjoy the protection and endorsement of Almighty God.

I explore the importance of our British monarchy more thoroughly in my book *The Key Of David* but to put it in a nutshell we could say this:

The British Throne is the continuation in the earth of the biblical line and Throne of David. As such, it has

the backing of Almighty God and promises of world dominion – as amply evidenced by the following scriptures:-

**I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever:
with my mouth will I make known thy
faithfulness to all generations.**

**For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever:
thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very
heavens.**

**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 89:1-4

**Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one,
and saidst, I have laid help upon one that is
mighty;**

**I have exalted one chosen out of the people.
I have found David my servant; with my holy
oil have I anointed him: with whom my hand
shall be established: mine arm also shall
strengthen him. The enemy shall not exact
upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict
him. And I will beat down his foes before his
face, and plague them that hate him.**

**But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with
him:**

**and in my name shall his horn be exalted.
I will set his hand also in the sea, and his
right hand in the rivers.**

He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation. Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth. My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven. If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; if they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me. It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.

PSALM 89:19-37

Further promises can be found in Psalm 72 which indicate that these blessings were perpetual throughout all generations to David's descendants upon this Throne:-

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the

**dust... Yea, all kings shall fall down before him:
all nations shall serve him... His name shall endure for ever:
his name shall be continued as long as the sun:
and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.
PSALM 72: 8,9,11,17**

Although these verses can be termed as Messianic, their original intent was to convey the blessings bestowed upon successive sovereigns on David's Royal Throne. Christ will fulfill these perfectly when He ascends this Throne but mankind can be blessed by having a godly, Christian, sold-out-to-Jesus king or queen on the Throne of Britain.

In this way the King (Jesus) can reign through the king on the British Throne.

What is curious is that Christians have no problem believing that satan can rule through wicked rulers but fail to see that God can do the same through anointed ones.

The Red Lion is the symbol of this very concept.

A blood-washed and blood-covered descendant of David upon the Throne is exactly God's answer to the governmental problems plaguing mankind. This is why it is so vital that we pray for the monarch. "God Save The Queen" is not just a song – it is an anthem of petition.

The Red Lion reminds us of the blood of covenant. Scotland is, of course, the land of the Covenanters. Covenanting is in our blood, you could say.



But as we have seen, the National Covenant first undertaken by our forefathers quickly morphed into the Solemn League and Covenant which was designed to bind all Britons together as one nation and people under one king and under King Jesus.

Therefore, the Red Lion is as much British as it is Scottish – indeed, more so.

The word “Britain” means “covenant people” in Hebrew and “British” is “covenant man.”

The Red Lion reminds us of this. Jesus, the Son of David and Lion of the Tribe of Judah, who made the New Covenant in His own body and blood, is the original BRIT-ISH – God’s Covenant Man.

Scotland’s destiny is not to be some insular, inwardlooking backwater, suspicious of and hostile to a wider world but to be the bearer of glad tidings – the Christian Gospel and the revealed will of God. Scotland is to bring unity, liberty and Life-giving truth to a gasping world.

This cannot and should not be done as an “independent” nation but in union with our brethren in these isles – as one godly nation and kingdom under a

righteous monarch. A consecrated king ruling over a consecrated people in a consecrated land. That is what the Lion of Scotland symbolizes.

This is our true destiny – not to become factionalised by petty political whimsies and narrow-mindedness.

The Bible says that he who hates his brother is a murderer. Fostering hate of other British people is unacceptable. Scottish and English are kin, as are Welsh and Irish. We are one people.

The Judahite Red Lion standard is to lead a united people, not divide them.

David Hume, the Scottish Renaissance historian, poet and political theorist, had an innate understanding of the importance of the Lion Rampant standard.

As pointed out by John Provan in his excellent work on the parallels between Israel-Judah and England-Scotland:-

Self-described “Scoto-Briton” David Hume of Godscroft exemplified this growing association of Scotland with ancient Judah, and the significance of the lion in prophetic thought. In his 1605 tract ‘De unione insulae Britannicae’, Hume offers an incredibly Scottish-centric solution to the question on what form the new British Royal coat of arms should take. Making no attempt to accommodate English heraldry within his new British imagery, he suggests simply using a very

slightly modified version of the Lion Rampant which would cement the identification of his Scoto-Britannic kingdom with ancient Judah:

"There shall be but one coat of arms for the British kingdom. It shall be the red lion rampant on a field of gold. It shall not be enclosed within a box, but free and unrestricted. There shall be one motto: Only lesser than the land of Judah or I am in the service of Judah, or something similar."

What is clear from the above, as well as other sources associating Scotland with Judah, is that the Red Lion symbol has distinct biblical and Christological roots.

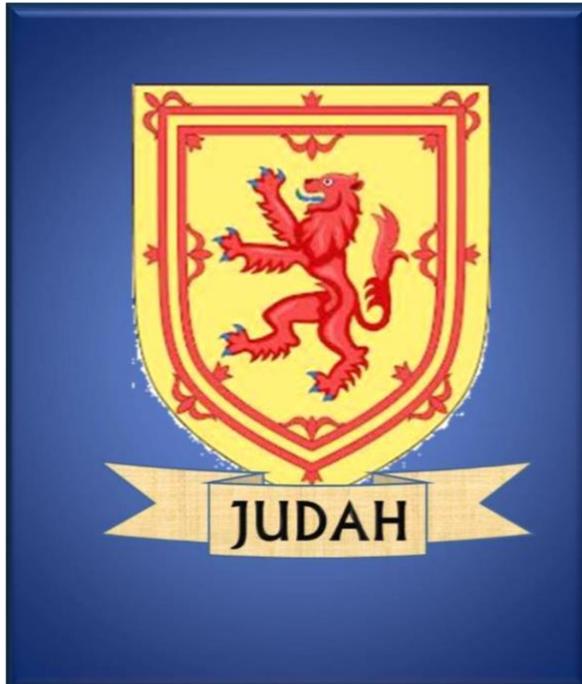
There is also a very definite link through the Arthurian tradition. In her wonderful book *King Arthur*, Norma Lorre Goodrich speaks of Lancelot finding his true identity as a king and that he is descended from Joseph of Arimathea. He also discovers his emblem is the royal flag of Scotland – a red lion on a yellow background.

Since Joseph of Arimathea was Jesus' great uncle, it is clear that this emblem is one which belongs to Jesus' family.

Scholars like Barry Dunford have done a fine job in tracing Jesus' familial links to British royalty in ancient history.

The Red Lion standard is one which would have been familiar in both ancient Israel and the British Isles.

Its potency as a symbol of Christ's Person, Purpose and Prophetic Message is arguably greater now than ever before.



THE COMING GLORY

The greatest revival in the history of the world is coming – and it will begin in Scotland.

For many centuries this has been prophesied and if you interpret scripture from a British Israel viewpoint, the Word teems with this promise.

Covenanters like Richard Cameron and Alexander Peden spoke of the coming move of God in Scotland, which would be the catalyst for the destruction of Babylon foretold in Revelation.

This will be a time of great glory but we must remember that the light shines brighter in great darkness. We can expect God to move mightily but should not be surprised if there is opposition. In recent times we have seen the rise of some very dark forces in Scotland. This is to be expected, given that the move of God is coming.

In recent times many have seen this coming glorious time in vision and have prophesied of it. Perhaps the most famous of these is that of Jean Darnall. There are two accounts she has given of what the Lord showed her. Here is the shorter version:

Suddenly a vision appeared within my mind. It had come twice before. I saw the British Isles glistening like a clump of jade in the grey seas surrounding them. Looking down I saw Scotland, England, Wales, and to the north-west, Ireland. The treetops upon the hills and the clustered clouds hid the people. Suddenly small flickering

fires appeared. They were scattered over the isles. I came closer to the land. The light was fire light. These were fires burning from the top of Scotland to Land's End on the tip of Cornwall. Lightning streaked downward from the sky above me. I saw it touch down with flashing swiftness, exploding each of the fires into streams of light. Like lava they burned their fiery path downward from the top of Scotland to Land's End. The waters did not stop this, but the fires spread across the seas to Ireland and to Europe.

"Lord, this is the third time you've shown me this vision during prayer. Could you give me the meaning of it?" I asked, deeply moved by the Holy Spirit. He revealed to me that the small fires were groups of earnest, hungry people who were being drawn together by the Holy Spirit to study their Bibles and to pray for a visitation of the Holy Spirit. The words "pockets of power" were impressed upon my mind. "I'm empowering them by my Holy Spirit and I'm teaching them by my Spirit about my gifts. They are being led by my Spirit to repentance, reconciliation and a deeper relationship with the body of Christ. These people are meeting in homes and churches - I'm not leading them out of their relationships in the home and in the church, but into a deeper involvement in both. They are to bring renewal, new life, in preparation for what is to come." "What is to come, Lord?", I asked, wondering why he should show this to me.

"I will penetrate the darkness with a visitation of my power. With lightning swiftness I will release the power of my Spirit through a renewed people who have learned to be led of the Spirit. They will explode with a swiftness that will touch every part of the society of Britain. I am strategically placing them to touch the farms, villages, towns and cities. No one will be without a witness, whether they be children in the schools, farmers in the fields, workers in the factories and docks, students in the universities and colleges, the media, the press, the arts or government. All will be profoundly moved and those who are changed by my power will alter the destiny of the nation."

"And the streams of fire into Europe, Lord?" My mind seemed to see an army of all types of people moving into the continent with a compassionate ministry. This ministry was not mass meetings, led by powerful personalities, preaching to spectators, but participating, caring communities involved with one another at grass roots level, sharing the love of God everywhere."

The second account goes into much more detail and is a retrospective look years later given at a meeting held by Pastor Hugh Black and contained in his book *Revival: With The Vision Of Jean Darnall*.

What is interesting about the more comprehensive account in Hugh Black's book is that Jean Darnall describes things that hadn't yet happened such as our

distinctly post-Christian culture and the concept of marketplace ministry.

Yet more years have passed and this revival is not yet with us and I think there are very good reasons for this.

One of those reasons is that the revelation contained in this book must be widely spread and embraced. It ought to be pointed out that the original Pentecostal outpouring in the early twentieth century incorporated the Israel-Britain message, particularly that of the Davidic descent of the British monarchy.

The early pioneers of Pentecost both in America and here in Britain embraced these truths – men like Charles Parham, regarded as the Father of Pentecost and in whose meetings the first reported practice of speaking in tongues took place in the twentieth century. Parham wrote a book on Queen Victoria as the rightful heir to David's Royal Throne.

Other generals believed these things, including FF Bosworth and John G. Lake. Here in Britain George Jeffreys, founder of the Elim Movement and a man regarded as having one of the greatest miracle ministries of the Church Era, was a firm believer as was D.P. Williams and other prominent leaders in the fledgling Apostolic Church.

We have sadly been conditioned to think of ourselves as an insignificant wee backwater and that no good thing can come out of Scotland.

The robust faith of our reforming and covenanting forefathers was accompanied by no such inferiority complex but by a simple understanding that God had chosen Scotland for great things. Our very smallness was proof that from small seeds God can grow mighty trees. Our godly ancestors demonstrated that great boldness can happily combine with deep humility.

Our challenge today is to put aside the manipulative lies of social engineers who would try to convince us we are an oppressed, colonized people that need to break free from our English “masters” and forge our own path in the world. The problem with this is that it is based on deceit and that the independence campaign is secular in scope – it takes no account for the will or purpose of God in the matter.

Nations are like individuals – they do not function right when they depart from the will of God.

The problem is that we have tried to keep God out of our politics. That just doesn't work. The solution is not to try to eradicate the spiritual dimension but to embrace it. Scotland is a sacred land, a holy and covenanted land. It is a land of mystery and wonder. Seeking to impose upon it a secular society where these things are neither cherished nor valued will only turn it into a wasteland in many areas.

The vision held by early Scottish proponents of Unionism – that of Britain as Albion, the holy isle, with Scotland leading the way and at the very heart – must be ours in this 21st century.

In Stephen Lawhead's superb book *Arthur*, we read the following:-

"I have seen a land shining with goodness, where each man protects his brother's dignity as readily as his own, where war and want have ceased and all races live under the same law of love and honour.

I have seen a land bright with truth, where a man's word is his pledge and falsehood is banished, where children sleep safe in their mother's arms and never know fear or pain.

I have seen a land where kings extend their hands in justice rather than reach for the sword; where mercy, kindness, and compassion flow like deep water over the land, and men revere virtue, revere truth, revere beauty, above comfort, pleasure or selfish gain. A land where peace reigns in the hill, and love like a fire from every hearth; where the True God is worshipped and his ways acclaimed by all."

This Arthurian vision perfectly summarises the type of Britain that we should be believing and laboring for. The role of Scotland is to lead the way in this, not to junk our Union because of petty grievances and selfishness.

One of the first things I learned when God brought me to these truths is that Britain is to be the servant nation, not a tyrannical one. Our dominion is Godgiven but we should not seek to impose it by arrogant self-

aggrandisement. The reason we lost our Empire was that we replaced faith and trust in God with the cunning and manipulation of men.

Our attempts to wield power outwith simple trust in God created a vacuum that has been filled by geopolitics and Babylonian economics.

Of course, nationalists play on this but the answer to the problem is not to decry our Britishness and seek to decouple from it – it is to be both a prophetic voice and shepherding hand leading us back to the purpose of God for Britain.

Britain's role as world superpower was to spread the Word of God throughout the earth and disciple all nations to the Kingship of Christ.

It still is.

Scotland pulling away from this is pulling away from the divine purpose. And technically, Scotland cannot leave Britain because Scotland IS Britain! Always has been, always will be. The nationalist dream is actually a nightmare where we are trying to disassociate from ourselves! The prominent role Scots and Scotland played in the Empire amply demonstrates this. As historians like Tom Devine and Michael Fry have reminded us, the British Empire could rightly be called the Scottish Empire, so all-encompassing was the role of Scots in it.

Let me reiterate here that this is not a political case for Unionism. The case for Unionism goes much deeper. The Union transcends politics and economics. The Union is about the heart and soul of our nation. It is about the will and purpose of Almighty God.

Scotland's destiny is to show the world what can be done when a people covenants with the Lord.

God is looking for a people who will be sold out to Him and desire to be perfect before Him. This is Scotland's calling and destiny.

For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. 2 CHRONICLES 16:9

Our opportunity as Scots is to be such a people. This will not be by seeking to "be a nation again" but by accepting **we are a nation already** in the plan of God. We are Britain, along with our English, Welsh and Irish brethren and kin.

God has a glorious future for us. Do we embrace it or seek to go our own headstrong way?

Of course, this necessitates a mighty revival. I have chosen this word "revival" as a name most would be familiar with but in truth it is much more. Nonetheless, it involves seeing many swept into the Kingdom and Scotland becoming a Christian land once more.

This revival that will begin in Scotland will engulf the UK and sweep across to Europe and elsewhere. It will be a revival that sees millions saved but will also be marked by miracles that have never been seen before and result in the promised wealth transfer that will bring about the destruction of the Babylon-Mammon economy gripping the world.

This will be the age of the manifested sons, the Perfect Man of Ephesians 4 when the fullness of God fills His people. It will be the restoration of all things long foretold.

This is why it is folly to try and make the argument for the Union on a wholly secular basis. Britain simply does not work when you take the God factor away. We talk a lot about "broken Britain" but it is broken because we are trying to make things work without the spiritual dimension.

This has created a vacuum into which has rushed things like psychics, mediums, tarot cards, crystal readings, angel messages, UFOs, ghost hunting and all kinds of paranormal interests. Secularists don't like to acknowledge that people are interested in the unseen and the supernatural.

The truth is that Britain does not work without an acknowledgement of God. And Britain works better the more this God-connection is prevalent.

Our nation needs God and it needs His Word. We also need the manifest Presence of God to be among us in

a mighty way. We need to be engulfed with His glory and power and to be swamped with the consciousness of His care and protection.

This is the whole point of praying: "Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven."

Sadly, we have allowed a culture to develop that is resistant to and derisive of the supernatural. This so-called scientific rationale is anything but – just because something is invisible doesn't mean it doesn't exist.

The Bible speaks of faith being evidence and assurance of things unseen. The truth is that the realm of the unseen has more to do with Scotland's destiny than many are presently aware.

In the Book of Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar went through a period of madness to discover the fundamental truth that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men (see Daniel chapter 4).

We need to understand that God's will and purpose are paramount when it comes to national and international matters.

Scotland's destiny is not, then, a matter of individual whim or personal choice, but a matter of us getting His will by revelation and running with it.

The coming revival will be a revival of true holiness. Men and women must strip themselves of worldly

concerns and compromise if they want to walk in the things of God in these coming days.

The concept of Albion as the white isle – white signifying holiness – must inculcate in us a burning desire to walk clear from natural entanglements. We must be separated in our hearts and lives to God and His purpose.



Just as God has cut us off from the European landmass and made us an island people – set apart and dedicated to Him – so we must separate from the Babylonian culture that is the antithesis of our British heritage, history and godly tradition.

**Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts
2 PETER 3:3**

How apt this verse is in our nation today. We live in an age when cynical people mock what is good and decent, while valuing and reveling in what is sordid, seedy and defiling.

Respect for and honour of others is dwindling in this age of social media, where people can malign and vilify others directly in front of an online audience – all from behind the keyboard, of course!

Equally, respect for offices and institutions has evaporated, particularly towards royalty.

**My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change:
PROVERBS 24:21**

This is a sobering verse, showing us that reverence for God is inextricably linked with respect for the monarch.

Even more sobering is the admonition not to fellowship with those who want to change our way of life. The phrase “them that are given to change” is actually a single word in Hebrew which means to mutate into something perverse and wrong.

Scotland is sadly undergoing a mutative process which is taking us away from godly paths and that which is right.

It is vital that this process be arrested and reversed. We must remember that for all the human frailties of our Royal Family, the office and institution of the Throne is what is important – especially as our Royal House comes directly from the Davidic line in ancient Israel.

The descent of our British monarch from the biblical House of David through the line of Irish then Scottish kings is symbolized by Scotland’s Royal Flag – the Red Lion Rampant.

This flag is not only the emblem of Judahite and

Scottish royalty; it is a personal motif of the King of kings and Lord of lords – the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Lord Jesus Christ.

As such, it is an ensign we all can adhere to. It is certainly one for Scots to muster under and it is by its very nature and provenance the most Christian of emblems. Its use, as suggested by Hume of Godscroft, as a standard for all of Britain is quite inspired.

Above all this, it is a witness and testimony to all of mankind – a symbol of God's love and grace extended to all men who will live under Christ's Lordship.

In the Lion of Scotland we see, in a powerful symbol, the message of Almighty God to planet earth.

No wonder the Scripture says that the righteous are as bold as a lion!

YOUR PERSONAL RESPONSE

So what now?

How can you be part of the solution and respond to this thrilling message? How can you be part of what God is doing in these momentous times?

The answer is simple.

First, make a God connection if you do not have one. Place yourself under the protection of the Lion of Judah, the Lord Jesus Christ by praying this simple prayer:

“Father, I come to You in the Name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. I have read this message and I want to be part of what You are doing. I confess I am a sinner. I believe Jesus died for my sins and that You raised Him from the dead. I now receive Him as my Lord and Saviour and say that Jesus is Lord. Thank You for receiving me into Your family. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.”

If you pray this sincerely, God will receive you and you will be part of His family. Now find a good Biblebelieving church and read your Bible and pray daily.

If you want to change this nation, the God-given method is to pray for the monarchy and other leaders.

**I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;
For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.**

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4

Pray for all men i.e. pray for a national revival. Pray for the reigning monarch as he/she is anointed to rule by God Himself. Praying this way releases God's authority, which is always delegated. Pray for those who have authority i.e. the government and civic leaders as well as leaders in sports, media, the arts, commerce etc.

Note that the fruit of this will be peace and quiet, not turmoil and stress. Also, godliness and honesty i.e. a just, fair, righteous society where goodness and decency is treasured and preserved.

Praying this way creates a culture for revival – it is pleasing to God and brings an atmosphere and

environment where all men can be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

The principle behind prayer for the monarchy and leaders is that if you get the head right, the body will follow. We see this principle in the Old Testament where God would judge a nation by the conduct of its leaders.

Here is a sample prayer you can pray to effect change in this nation:

Father, I come to You in Jesus' Name and ask that You pour out of Your Spirit upon all flesh in this nation – that every man, woman and child come to know You and be saved.

Give us a godly shepherd king upon the Throne of David in our midst and godly rulers in our parliaments and councils.

I declare Jesus Christ to be Lord over this nation and I ask that Your Kingdom come and be planted here. I ask and decree that Your will be done here in this nation as it is in heaven.

Let the skies rain down righteousness and let peace engulf the land. Let justice and equity be to all and let all walk in the mercy and grace of God. Let the wicked be removed from power and let the godly replace them.

Let peace and prosperity multiply across the nation and let darkness, disease and debt be banished from the land.

May the Word of God go forth and may churches be filled with true worshippers led by anointed leaders.

Let Scotland/Britain be a light to all nations.

In JESUS' Name, Amen.

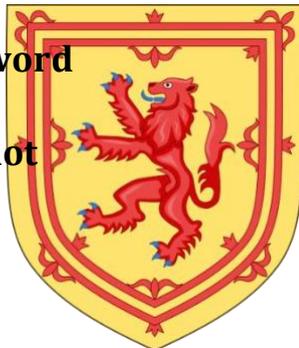
**You're the Lion of Judah, the Lamb that was slain,
You ascended to heaven and ever more will reign;
At the end of the age when the earth You reclaim,
You will gather the nations before You.**

**And the eyes of all men will be fixed on the Lamb
Who was crucified,
For with wisdom and mercy and justice You'll reign
At Your Father's side.**

**And the angels will cry: 'Hail the Lamb
Who was slain for the world, Rule in power.'**

**And the earth will reply: 'You shall reign
As the King of all kings
And the Lord of all lords.'**

**There's a shield in our hand and a sword
at our side,
There's a fire in our spirits that cannot
be denied;**



**As the Father has told us for these You
have died,
For the nations that gather before You.
And the ears of all men need to hear of the Lamb
Who was crucified,
Who descended to hell yet was raised up to reign At
the Father's side.**

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