

IS BRITAIN MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE?

Is Britain mentioned in the Bible? If you mean the word BRITAIN – the answer is a definite ‘NO’. But if you mean a group of islands on Planet Earth comprising a world power analogous to Britain’s History and behavior, the answer is decidedly “YES”!

The term ‘British Isles’ is at least 2400 years old, and comes to us from Ancient Greek and it was known as The **Cassiterides** meaning "Tin islands", ‘*kassíteros*’ in Greek means "tin". This metal was highly valued in ancient times because mixed with copper it produced bronze, a much stronger metal. Evidence of a well-established and sophisticated tin trade with the Phoenicians, or Tyrians, between Cornwall and the Mediterranean from 2100 to 1500 BC, is well supported by ancient written historical sources. At first the ore was weathered in streams and valley gravels, producing tin oxide called Cassiterite hence the name for ancient Britain was the Cassiderides, or tin islands of the Greeks. Tarshish conveys ‘metal refinery’.



Archaeologists have found evidence of tin mining in Cornwall and Devon as early as 2000 BCE and tin ingots have been found in three locations near Haifa in Israel, these have been scientifically tested and found to have been cast between 1300 and 1200, B.C. in Devon or Cornwall.

This indicates that trade between the British Isles and the eastern Mediterranean far earlier than previously thought. In the Bible the prophet Ezekiel described the trading power of the city known as **Tyre** (27:12) *“Tarshish was your merchant by reason of the multitude of all kind of riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded in thy fairs”*. Tyre was located north of ancient Israel on the coast of Lebanon, a continually inhabited city for 4000 years.

Now in times past the book known as the Bible was highly respected in the British Isles. For centuries few English speaking people had access to this

book because it was written in Latin and only to be found in universities and Roman Catholic Churches. Ordinary people had no direct access to the Bible and were dependent upon the teaching of Catholic Priests. Due to the bravery of a few scholars, who put their lives in danger, this state of affairs



was challenged and eventually changed. John Wycliffe, a Catholic priest and professor at the University of Oxford, believed that the Bible was the word of God, and the only authoritative and reliable guide to the truth about God and ought therefore to be made available in **the common language of the people**. Wycliffe translated the Bible into English, and hand written copies of his work were much sought for, and were distributed

by his followers, the Lollards. Almost a century later another Oxford scholar William Tyndale, followed Wycliffe's example. A highly educated linguist, born in 1494 he became a leading figure in the Protestant Reformation. Martin Luther had translated the Bible into German from the Latin by 1522. Tyndale's translation into English was drawn directly from the Hebrew and Greek texts and then produced on a printing press. It is significant that the King James Version, printed in 1611, contains 83% of Tyndale's work in the New Testament and 76% of the Old Testament but was unacknowledged.



As a result of his labours the Bible became very popular in Britain in the 17th and 18th centuries, but Protestant-Christians were severely persecuted, resulting in increased migration of Protestants to North America, where by 1775 thirteen Colonies had been established. Others found refuge in the Protestant countries of Europe such as Holland, Germany, Sweden and Norway. But wherever the colonists went, the King James Bible went with them. According to Donald S. Lutz, in his book '*The Origins of American Constitutionalism*' the founders of the United States revered the Bible and in their writings recognizing a Creator of the universe, with a moral law for fallible mankind, the Bible had a very strong influence becoming the most quoted book in the political literature of the American founding era.

In 1651 the English Parliament decreed that only English ships would be allowed to trade in English colonies. This led to the Anglo-Dutch wars and the re-organisation of the Royal Navy under the direction of Samuel Pepys who supervised improvement of ship design. The great naval Dockyards at Deptford and Woolwich produced warships that sailed more efficiently with more cannons and provisions. This enabled the British government to increase its overseas possessions, its dominions, colonies and other territories, so that at its height in the 19th and early 20th century, it was the largest empire in history and for over a century, was the foremost global power. By 1913, the British Empire held sway over 412 million people. At the peak of its power, it was described as "the empire on which the sun never sets".

Wherever the Union Jack was unfurled, the missionaries followed with the King James Bible. Missionary activity provided churches, hospitals, doctors, schools and colleges, reinforcing the cultural and power structures of the empire. By the end of the 19th Century there were 12,000 British missionary workers across the globe costing 2 million pounds per year - just 2% of government expenditure!



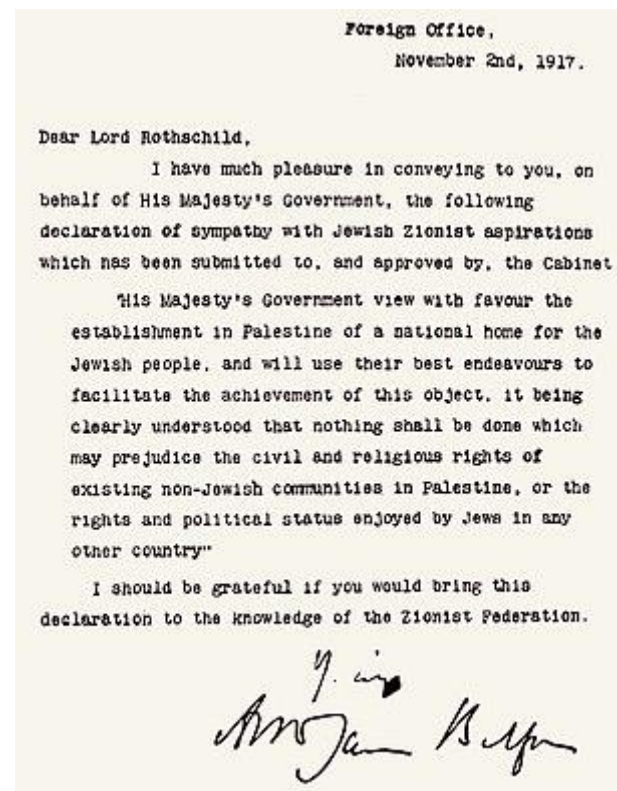
This painting in the National Portrait Gallery is entitled "The Secret of England's Greatness", painted in 1862 to depict an event in 1850 when Queen Victoria presented a Bible to an East African Prince.

The Bible focuses the attention of all who read it, on the history of the Jewish people. In England as Protestant Christians multiplied and read their Bibles, they learned about the Jewish People and the oppression they had endured. They also learned the promises God had made to the descendants of Abraham in the writings of the Prophets in the Old Testament.

Sir Henry Finch an English lawyer and politician published a book in 1621, entitled “*The World’s Great Restauration, or Calling of the Jews, and with them of all Nations and Kingdoms of the Earth to the Faith of Christ*” In it he seems to have predicted, in the near future, the restoration of temporal dominion to the **Jews** and by them the establishment of a worldwide empire. King James was not at all happy about this and treated the book as a defamation. Finch and his printer were both imprisoned and Finch died in 1625.

But the fact that in the Bible God had promised the people of Israel, that at a future time the Jews would be restored to their ancient homeland and become a Kingdom, became a popular talking point. Men like Charles Wesley, George Whitefield and William Wilberforce made the teaching and reading of the Bible very popular among ordinary people and with the horrors of the French Revolution that destroyed the ‘ancient regime’, they looked to Bible prophecy for answers. An English Baptist Minister, James Bicheno wrote a book entitled “The Restoration of the Jews” in 1792. This was a subject studied by many educated people and in 1799 the Anglican Church formed the Church Missionary Society and later the offshoot known as CMJ the “Church Ministry to the Jews” still active today. Not only were ordinary people moved **by the prophecies** of the restoration of the Jews to their ancient homeland, but many British people of noble rank, such as Lord Shaftesbury who became CMJ’s Vice president and later as President. It is with this background that, during the First World War, in 1917 the British Cabinet in London sent out the “Balfour Declaration,” concerning the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people. So let us consider some of those promises.

The Jewish nation’s history begins in the book of Genesis where their origin is recorded. The Biblical account shows how it began with one man named Abraham. God made him a proposal, that if he left his home in the city of Ur, (located in southern Iraq) and went to a land that God would show him, God would make of him a great nation, make his name great and



he would be blessed and in him all families of the earth would be blessed. The Bible records how that promise began to be fulfilled in Abraham's old age when he was 100 years old, when his wife conceived at the age of 90, and the child was called Isaac. He in turn had two sons, one named Jacob, who in turn had twelve sons.

God changed Jacob's name to Israel, (meaning Yah (God) prevails). His offspring became known as Israelites. They lived in the Promised Land until famine forced them to go south to Egypt. Their younger brother Joseph had already been in Egypt for 22 years, on account of his brothers selling him into slavery. The Bible recounts how God was with Joseph and he made him lord of all Egypt under Pharaoh. So during the famine this whole Israelite family came into Egypt, where they lived for 430 years during which they were enslaved. It was then that Moses, an Israelite, was brought up as a prince, the son of Pharaoh's daughter, whom God used to deliver the Israelites from Egypt and no doubt you will recall the 10 plagues which resulted in the deaths of all the Egyptian first-borne. After 40 years living in the wilderness, the Israelites travelled north to acquire the Land promised to Abraham, and there having defeated the seven Canaanite tribes they settled in the Promised Land under the Judges for 450 years.

Now the Biblical historical record, shows that their settlement in the land of promise was conditional upon the nation's obedience to the Law of God given to Moses. Moses himself in Deuteronomy 28, predicted that the nation of Israelites would fail to keep covenant with God, for which they would experience a series of unremitting curses, continuous invasions and natural calamities and their expulsion from the land. History confirms that all these curses did indeed afflict the Israelite nation. The Assyrians invaded their land and transported the Israelites to far away countries. They were invaded by the Babylonians and placed in exile. They were invaded by the Persians, the Greeks and then the Romans, in the time of Jesus of Nazareth. In A.D.70 the Emperors Vespasian and his son Titus besieged Jerusalem, and destroyed the Temple in Jerusalem and seized the treasures from the Temple, such as the Menorah. After the Jewish-Roman wars (66–135), Emperor Hadrian degraded the status of



Judaea to a province, named “Syria Palestina” and Jerusalem renamed Aelia Capitolina. From that time on the Jews became dispersed all over the world, wanderers among the nations. Wherever they went, they were persecuted, just as Moses predicted, yet they never forgot their homeland and every year since these calamities began, they end their feast of Passover with the words “Next Year in Jerusalem”. Heinrich Graetz published a five volume History of the Jews in 1893 detailing their sufferings, even before the Holocaust in the Second World War.

In 1882 Britain occupied Egypt and took control of the Suez Canal. In the First World War the British defended this strategically important passage, against a major Turkish attack. But having failed to defeat the Turks in the Dardanelles campaign

(1915-1916) they focussed on the defeat of the Ottoman occupation of Palestine. British troops defeated the Turks and Jerusalem was captured by British and Allied forces under the command of General Sir Edmund Allenby in December 1917. The remaining area was occupied by the British by October 1918. The Balfour



Declaration concerning “a national home for the Jewish people” was issued on the 2nd of November 1918 and there was much rejoicing among the Jews in Britain and British Christians who considered it a sure sign of the promised return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The British rule over Palestine lasted roughly thirty years, from 1917 until 1948. In a country that has three thousand years of recorded history, thirty years is a tiny fraction. If we conceive of three thousand years on a scale of one day, the period of British rule takes barely eight minutes. In comparison, Turkish Ottoman rule over Palestine, which lasted four hundred years, takes an hour and forty minutes. Yet the influence of these thirty years was deep and wide-ranging. Under British rule, Palestine became a political unit, not a marginal province of something else. The British made Jerusalem the capital city of Palestine; they introduced the

idea of professional civil service, and they encouraged a lively civil society; they built roads and airfields, and provided sound legal institutions and reliable police. Britain's attitude toward the Jews was shaped by the Balfour Declaration when the Bible was held in high repute by both parties in parliament and among the British population. Churches were full. Sunday Schools flourished and interest in Bible prophecy not uncommon. What were these Prophecies regarding the Jews? And was there any relating to the British Empire, the greatest in History?

A major reference is of course Isaiah 18: *"Ho to the land shadowing with wings"*. Two things can be learned however, from Isaiah 10 and 11 which have a bearing on the matter. Isaiah 10 relates chiefly to the impending Assyrian invasion of Israel and the countries surrounding her. However the Spirit of God uses the historical event like a telescope to focus upon events far into the future. For example verses 17-23 envisages the restoration of Israel when they shall rely on Yahweh, the holy One of Israel in truth. The Assyrian was the **first to declare that Israel was no different to any other nation** and that as he had done to others so he would do to Samaria and Jerusalem. This *idea was like a seed sown* which has produced fruit V.12, ***the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria***. Every power ever since, has taken hold of that idea, persecuting the Jews, believing that they can deal with the people of Israel and the land covenanted to Abraham and his seed, just as they deem necessary to fulfil their own intentions. The persecutors of Israel and the occupiers of their land have trodden both down for centuries. But each in their turn have fallen in due time. And just as there was a first oppressor so the scriptures show there will be a last. **The Assyrian was cut down**, the (Lord of hosts) *Yahweh of armies will lop the bough with terror*- but what is significant is that the prophetic telescope does not focus on Babylon, the conquering power before whom Assyria fell, but upon the *last autocrat* – the last dictator - who will be confronted by the rod that should come forth out of the stem of Jesse, the Messiah or anointed one or in Greek the Christ who will overthrow *the last autocrat* and enemy of Israel and who *"with righteousness shall judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the*

sea. And in that day there shall be a descendent of Jesse, who shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious. (Isa 11:4-10)

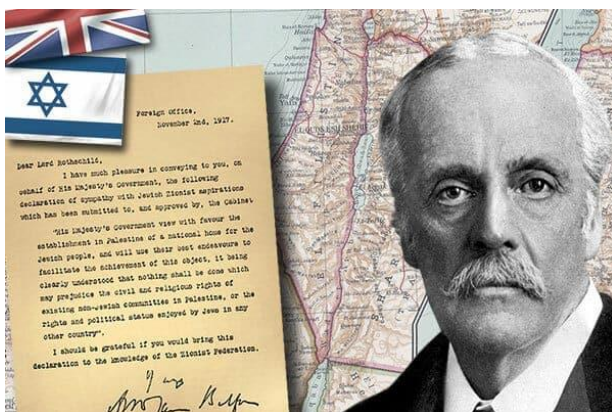
So I would suggest that here, we can detect a method by which other prophecies can yield up the meaning intended by the God of Israel who *“declares the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:”* (Isa 46:10)

In Isaiah 17:12 to 14 we are reminded how at the time of the end *“the nations will rush like the rushing of many waters, but God will rebuke them and they shall flee afar off and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind. And before the morning he is not. This is the portion of them that spoil us and the lot of them that rob us”*. Israel *“At eventide”* - the time of the end will be confronted *“by a spoiler who robs them”*, indicates the previous return of the nation to their land (*When darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: Isa 60:2*) A time of gross ignorance regarding the existence of God. This is shown in Isaiah chapter 18:7 for speaking of the time of the end, the prophet says, *In that time shall the present be brought unto the LORD of hosts of **a people scattered and peeled**, and from **a people terrible from their beginning** hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden under foot, whose land the invaders (rivers) have spoiled, to the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, the mount Zion. (Isa 18:7)* “Rivers” here are a symbol of invading armies,(see Isa 8:7-8) *“Now therefore, behold, the Lord brings upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, even the king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks: And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel”* The Lord Jesus predicted (Luke 21:24) that Jerusalem would be trodden down of the gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled, and since the Romans overthrew Judea, at least 17 nations have sent their armies trampling through the land of Israel while the Jews were dispersed all over the world.

The last Gentile armies to invade the Holy Land were those of the British Empire. The protecting Power of Israel in the eventide of their dispersion (John 7:35 diaspora) according to Isaiah 18:2, would be an island nation being obliged to send *ambassadors* and messages by sea. **Vessels of**

bulrushes seems to be better translated from the Hebrew in the LXX (Septuagint) meaning **He sends messengers by the sea, paper letters over the water**: Papyrus in Greek was called Bubilos by the Greeks relates to the processing of papyrus, which gave rise to the name *βίβλος* for the Phoenician port on the eastern Mediterranean. From this Greek word came the English word "Bible" hence the Holy Bible, or holy book, derives from that name). **All communications, letters from the government of Britain to foreign powers were of necessity sent by sea up and until the 20th century.** Moreover, though some might consider this stretching things a bit, **since 1804 Britain has been responsible for the dispatch by sea of more Bibles than any other nation!**

In Isaiah 18:3 it says *"All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, pay attention, when he lifts up an ensign, a flag, on the mountains; and when he blows a shofar, hear ye"*. (Isa 18:3) However, it was the British Government that facilitated the setting up of an ensign upon the mountains of Israel, in the Balfour Declaration, another of those letters sent over the sea that resulted in the re-establishment of the nation of Israel in its land.



So was Britain a swift messenger to the nation of Israel, instrumental in planting an ensign, the Star of David, upon the mountains of Israel? YES! Was the Jewish trumpet the shofar sounded? Yes! As it has been on every Passover celebration in Jerusalem since! Did she favour Zionism? Yes. Was the world alerted to the establishment of the Jewish State yes indeed, by the BBC's coverage aired throughout the world. And did Britain receive the countries of Egypt, Sudan and parts of the Arabian Peninsula, by which she was enabled to increase her power and to be in a position to give assistance to Jewish Zionist aspirations? Yes. Only one nation can be referred to at the time of Israel's restoration. Britain was the supreme naval power: an imperial power of tremendous energy, whose possessions extended beyond the rivers of Ethiopia, including a large portion of Africa – from Cape town to Cairo, India, Canada, Australia and New Zealand: an empire upon which it was claimed the sun never set. The government under Lloyd George was sympathetic toward the Jews, a people without a land' settling in a 'land without a people' a clear instance of God's power being exercised through his word.

However British politicians flirted with Socialism, Darwinism, Communism and despised religion, and many turned against the Jews, the facts of the Holocaust were kept from the British public until 1954 when Lord Russell of Liverpool published “The Scourge of the Swastika”.

In the 1840’s British foreign policy gave rise to the epithet, ‘Perfidious Albion’ as Lord Palmerstone explained “We have no eternal allies, and we have no perpetual enemies. Only our interests are eternal and perpetual.” So it seemed in relation to the re-establishment of a Jewish State. The British



Government reneged on its promise to the Jewish people and refused to protect either the Jewish allotted areas or those Jews fleeing the Holocaust. All British forces were withdrawn, leaving the Jews to their expected fate.

However that was not realised and 74 years ago the State of Israel was newly born.

As pointed out previously, Britain paid the price. By refusing to assist the Jews in their prophetic destiny, with which the British were more acquainted than any other people, the promise was broken. This is reminiscent of another power that at one time was so enamoured with the nation of God, that of Tyre. Tyre the great maritime trading and colonial power of ancient times, assisted not only King David but also Solomon. Tyre supplied Israel with huge amounts of timber, and provided skilled labour for the construction of Solomon’s Temple. Moreover it seems that some of their kings acknowledged Yahweh as the true God. However, when the Israelites were weakened through their own failure to keep God’s



covenant with them, they became the target of destructive people such as the Syrians, Edomites and Ammonites, with the Tyrians assisting these enemies. As Joel testifies, *“Yes, and what have you to do with me, Tyre, and Zidon, and the coasts of Palestine? Will you render me reparations? I will it to return upon your own head; because you have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly pleasant things: The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem you have sold unto the Greeks, that you might remove them far from their border.”* So also the prophet Amos testifies, (Amos 1:9-10 KJV) *Thus says the LORD; For three transgressions of Tyre, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, and remembered not the brotherly covenant: But I will send a fire on the wall of Tyre, which shall devour the palaces thereof.* Ezekiel shows how great Tyre had become and also describes the destruction of this mart of nations.

Britain at the time of Israel’s restoration **had** become a great maritime trading nation that eventually grew into an empire. It was also a powerful advocate for Protestantism and the sympathy that arose was undoubtedly inspired by the widespread reading of the Holy Scriptures. But the nation turned against the Bible, and these “representatives of the people” also turned against the Jews. Jews, after experiencing the horrors of genocide, sought to establish their own state in their ancient homeland. For this they fled from the countries of Europe, striving by any means to get to Palestine.

The Royal Navy was given the task of halting all this immigration by all means necessary, patrolling the Mediterranean and arresting these homeless Jews and interring them in camps on the island



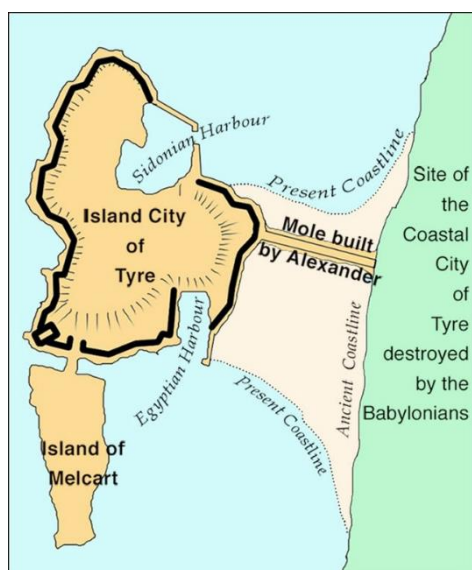
of Cyprus. The consequence of this betrayal was the collapse of the British Empire, the devaluation of Sterling and the humiliating conditions that were imposed by the European Economic Community. Successive governments lied and deceived the British public into ceding sovereignty to this

European pseudo-state with little clout in a world governed by the super-powers.

So what do the scriptures reveal concerning the power that once ruled the waves but has been reduced to waiving the rules? This is where I believe Isaiah's prophecy concerning Tyre in chapter 23 has some bearing. In chapter 23:1-18 we read of 'The burden of Tyre. *"Howl, you ships of Tarshish; for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in: from the land of Cyprus it is revealed to them."*

First of all note how Tyre is connected with the ships of Tarshish, hence a maritime power, and the mart of nations. But as Amos indicates Tyre had broken the brotherly covenant with Israel and was now to receive the consequences.

"As at the report concerning Egypt, so shall they be greatly pained at the report of Tyre". Tyre which was originally on the mainland, but was overthrown by Nebuchadnezzar, but a majority of her inhabitants escaped



in ships and later returned to rebuild Tyre on an island off the coast. Here again the city seemed impregnable. Subsequently Tyre flourished again, becoming once more the mart of nations until Alexander the Great turned up with his armies. Under his command, the ruins of the old city were used to construct a causeway to the island where new Tyre was built, and the Greeks destroyed the island city, leaving it as flat as a rock. See Ezekiel 26 *The LORD of hosts hath purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory, and to bring into contempt all the honourable of the earth.*

But the prophecy continued *"...it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years shall Tyre sing as an harlot"*.

This seventy years seems to run almost concurrently with Israel's captivity for 70 years, for when the Persians exercised a more humane rule over their subjects, beginning about 534 B.C. leaving 200 years for Tyre to flourish again before the onslaught of Alexander.

This is where we may see a parallel with Britain the latter day Tyre and ships of Tarshish. After Britain had betrayed the trust of the Jews regarding

a national home, Britain at the end of the 2nd World War found itself bankrupt. All British holdings in the U.S.A were relinquished in return for military aid. The lend lease arrangements were spent on trying to hold together the Empire, whereas in Germany the money was spent on rebuilding the economy. Britain plunged into decline, the dollar replaced the pound as the world currency and rationing remained until 1954. Harold Wilson was forced to devalue the pound and James Callaghan was forced to go to the International Monetary Fund for a bail out. Industrial chaos followed with perpetual strikes, rubbish uncollected and the introduction of a three day working week and electricity supply was also limited to 3 days a week. Hence the scramble to enter the E.E.C. The Suez Crisis proved once and for all that Britain had lost its power and was forced to bow to the United States and Russia in its action over the Suez Canal. The king died in 1953 and British accession to the E.E.C. began in January 1973 and Britain's position as a world trading power was severely curtailed. Britain's decline began immediately after the war and 70 years from that date brings us to 2016. Elizabeth, however became Queen in 1952 and **70 years** brings us to 2022 when Queen Elizabeth died and Brexit should have become a fact.

But just as it came to pass after the end of **seventy years**, the LORD visited Tyre, *and she returned to her hire, and (plying her trade) with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth. And her merchandise and her hire shall be holiness to the LORD: it shall not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before the LORD, to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing.* This prophecy may provide a telescopic similarity to ancient Tyre's experience and a latter day maritime power rejuvenated, to trade with all the kingdoms of the world, contemporary with the return of the Lord Jesus and the establishment of the kingdom of God. For the profit of her activities instead of making rich men richer will go to those who dwell before Yahweh, the benefit going to all the house of Israel whom they should have aided but failed to when it first had the opportunity.

That there will be a Tarshishian power at work in the time of the end is seen in *Eze 38:13* where *Sheba, and Dedan* are mentioned, **(The modern counterpart are the Arab nations who have made peace with Israel in the Abraham Accords)** *the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? Have you gathered your company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?* (KJV)



Five years ago the possibility of imminent war in the Middle East was mooted in the Daily Telegraph recently “outright war is again about to descend on the Middle East. When was the Middle East ever not at war you might ask? But what is coming, looks to be far more serious than the largely intra-national civil conflicts seen in recent years; a war that pits Israel and Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates backed by the U.S. on the one hand against Iran backed by Russia on the other. Rarely have the stars been so uniformly aligned for this long expected conflict. Well it has begun in the Ukraine.

We know that war is inevitable and that the Lord Jesus will re-establish the Kingdom of God and that the return of all the Jews globally is to be effected. It seems to be a work in which the latter day Tarshish will carry out, *“Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee”*. (Isa 60:9 KJV)

Furthermore the kings of Tarshish are to be subservient to the Lord Jesus when he becomes King over all the earth, *The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.* (Psa 72:10-11 KJV)

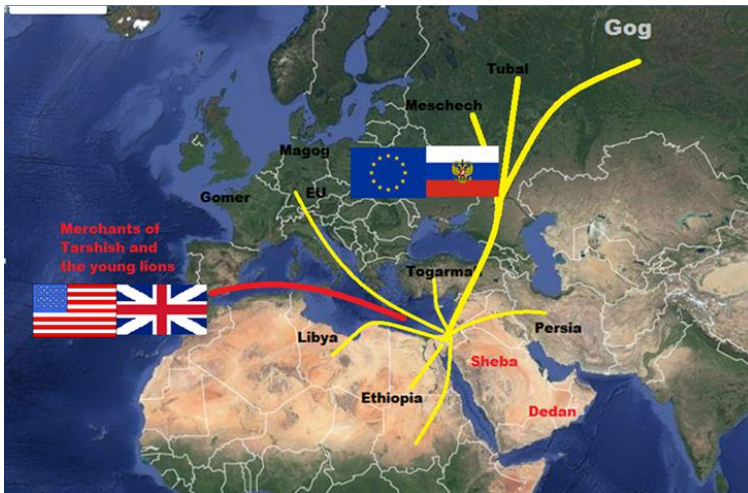
So, in view of the foregoing it seems to me that “Brexit” is in the Divine agenda. Britain is strengthening its navy. There are as of April 2018 eleven Royal Navy *ships* and submarines *under construction*: four Astute-class submarines (boats 4-7), one Dreadnought-class ballistic missile submarine (boat 1 of 4), two Queen Elizabeth-class aircraft carrier² one Type 26 frigate (*ship* 1 of 8) and four ocean-going patrol *vessels*. Early design and preparation work has begun on a fleet of at least five frigates known as the Type 31e. The Royal Fleet Auxiliary will receive a further three Tide-class tankers by the end of the decade, which are presently under construction/being fitted out. Although this is not comparable with the U.S. Fleet it is capable of delivering a considerable blow in any conflict. So it seems that preparations are well under way to safeguard Britain’s future trading activities. Isaiah states that Tyre’s 70 year demise would be according to the days of one king. Elizabeth was crowned in 1953 and 70 years brings us to 2023.

In the meanwhile between now and Armageddon the day of Christ’s judgment hastens nearer.

Perhaps the most prominent sign of our times is the establishment of the State of Israel. The first influx of Jewish immigrants in modern times into Palestine was during the years 1882-1903. These immigrants came mainly from Russia and Rumania. One of these colonists was Eliezer Ben Yehuda who pioneered the resurrection of the Hebrew language. Immigration continued through the 20th century and today the Jewish population of the state of Israel is 7.145 million. According to Forbes, Israel’s wealth, as of now, stands close to 44 thousand dollars per citizen, which is higher than some of the most advanced and most-developed economies, it has now become rich and increased in goods.

One of the most prominent prophecies of the endtimes can be found in Ezekiel chapters 37, 38 and 39. This prophecy forecasts the re-establishment of the Nation of Israel not of Judah only but ultimately the whole House of Israel.

Russia currently is at war with Ukraine which has been assisted by the United States and Britain. Long ago Ezekiel prophesied that the Northern confederacy would include European countries, and be aligned with Asian states, like Iran and its allies, Syria and Turkey. Russia is Iran's biggest foreign investor, and Iran's ambition is to become a nuclear Power, it exports oil and natural gas and various types of weapons. Russia has dealings also with Libya and Ethiopia, all contributing to Russia's invasion of the Middle East, which will target Israel and the Arabic Abraham



Accords nations. Daniel also prophesied of this invasion (11v.42) that Egypt will also come under Russian control. Ezekiel describes how these confederate armies will come like a cloud to cover the land so that when total victory seems to be within their grasp Jesus Christ will be made will be made manifest in power

and great glory, and he will cause a an earthquake to occur of incredible magnitude that will totally destroy this Russian inspired attempt to conquer and control the nations of the Middle East.

Serious Bible students know that although in this Nuclear age a Third World War could destroy life on earth, it will not come to this, because contrary to popular opinion, they are convinced that there is a God, the Creator of Heaven and earth who has provided a way of deliverance to all those who read, understand and practice the instructions He has given us in the Bible. These instructions reveal that those who accept and follow, the teaching of God's son Jesus Christ, and follow his example striving to overcome the impulses of our nature, which the Bible calls SIN, (Rom.8:3), these will be raised from the Dead and given immortality, and will participate in the building of a New World Order and they will be given authority in the world that is to come.

Many people who from the British Isles will receive that reward, because they believed and practiced the same Gospel of the Kingdom God, that Jesus and his apostles taught. There will be great work to do, for Isaiah writes "Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, to the name of

Yahweh, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.) Though Britain appears unprepared for war it is undoubtedly coming, No wonder, when Russia's Coalition invades the Middle East, *"Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, and the young lions, shall enquire , Are you come to take a spoil? silver and gold, cattle and goods, to take a great spoil? (Eze 38:13)* But aside from the current situation read the prophecy and you will find that total destruction awaits this later day invasion of Emmanuel's Land. The Bible assures us that a better world is coming as the prophet Micah gives us this assurance **Micah 4:1-4** *But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.*

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