



THE SYMBOLISM OF THE UNION JACK

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How the Union Jack was formed.

IN A.D.1194, Richard I of England introduced the Cross of St. George as the Standard of England, and this remained the national flag until the Union with Scotland. In 1603, King James VI of Scotland became James I of England, as a result of which the first Union Jack was formed in 1606 by the addition of the Cross of St. Andrew which formed the background of the new flag. The name "*Union Jack*" came from King James, whose name is "*Jacobus*" in Latin, and "*Jacob*" in Hebrew. Then in 1801, there was formed the more familiar Union Jack by the addition of the Cross of St. Patrick, sandwiched in between the flags of Scotland and England. Thus the formation of the Union Jack came about as the result of the progressive merging of the inhabitants of the British Isles under one throne, the throne of David. The completed Union Jack thus symbolises the RE-UNION OF JACOB.

The three covenants are symbolised by the three flags which together form the Union Jack.

We have been studying how God made three covenants with His people, the fulfilment of which in the Anglo-Saxon race proves that it is Israel. It is remarkable that if we take the three flags in the order in which they form the Union - Scotland, Ireland, and England - then the three flags symbolise the three covenants in the order God made them with Israel. For the sake of illustrating this, a chart of the three covenants (**Chart 2**) is shown after the flags (**Chart 1**) and in corresponding order.

The first chart shows the selection of Abraham to be the father of the specially trained race who would teach the rest of humanity how to overcome disease and finally death. The mind of Abraham looked forward like a searchlight to the " *latter days,*" when the many promises made to him concerning his seed would be fulfilled. In the corresponding flag of St. Andrew which forms the base of the Union Jack, the blue background indicates that the power behind the destiny of Abraham and his seed was a heavenly or spiritual one, and that the chosen race would eventually become such a people. The white cross is the sign of multiplicity and symbolises Jacob's summing up of the Abrahamic promises as he passed them on to Ephraim and Manasseh with his arms crossed, and his hands upon their heads.

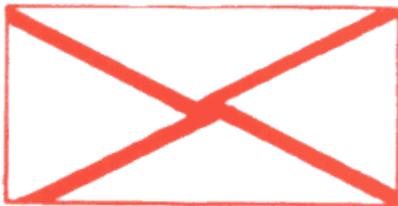
SCOTLAND-ST. ANDREW



THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

With his hands crossed, Jacob passed on the blessings of national greatness to Manasseh and Ephraim.

IRELAND-ST. PATRICK



THE MOSAIC OR OLD COVENANT

which was broken by Israel; the blessings postponed 2,520 years, the need of a Saviour.

ENGLAND-ST. GEORGE



THE NEW COVENANT OF REDEMPTION

made it possible for Israel to become rulers worthy of God.

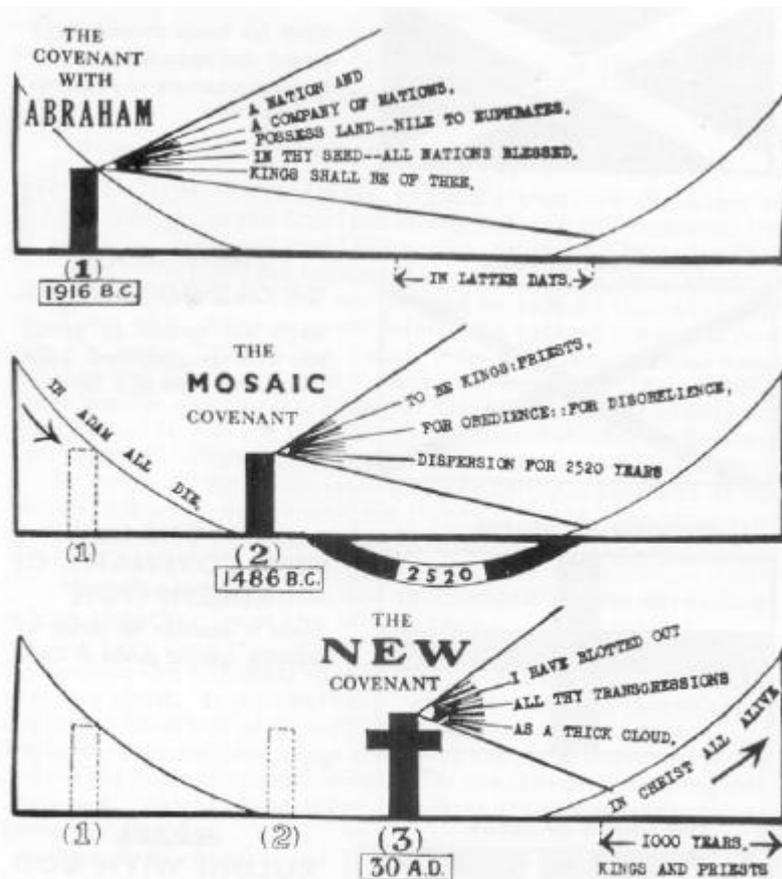
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ISRAEL RULING WITH GOD

I have blotted out thy transgressions (broken covenant).

CHART 2



The three graphs illustrate the three Covenants which God made with Israel as progressive stages in their education so that finally they would be UNITED to Him as His servant nation.

In 1801, the three flags were put together to form the UNION OF JACOB, when it was not realised that Britain was Israel. How remarkable to find to-day that each of the flags in its order symbolizes each of the Covenants in its order.

The second chart shows the first stage in God's education of His servant race by the revelation of the details of His law and righteousness in all phases of life. God promised that if Israel kept the terms of the Mosaic Law Covenant, she would then be fit to bless the world as He had promised her fathers. At that same time, He warned Israel that the **BREAKING** of the laws in the Covenant would lead to the long period of scattering for "*seven times.*" We know that Israel did break the Law and sinned against God, thus showing their weakness and inability to rise to the high standard set. They learnt the bitter lesson of their own sinful nature and of the impossibility of becoming God's servant without supernatural aid.

When the flag of St. Patrick was added in 1801 to form the Union, it was broken in the middle in order to leave a white border showing between the red cross and the blue background. The broken cross, of course, remarkably signified that Israel broke this agreement with God. It showed Israel as a defective people, whose sin and transgressions were evidenced by their failure to keep God's Law. It taught Israel the

need of an outside Divine aid to mend their own broken lives - the need of a new creation. The Mosaic Covenant reminded Israel all the time of **BROKENNESS**, lack of perfection, and it developed in Israel **A NATIONAL CONSCIENCE OF RIGHT AND WRONG WHICH TO-DAY DISTINGUISHES ANGLO-SAXON PEOPLE FROM ALL OTHER NATIONS**. The fact that the cross is **RED** typifies blood. God allowed certain transgressions of His Law to be forgiven, provided that Israel sacrificed various animals in death. The animal thus suffered death **INSTEAD OF** the Israelite. Yet those animal sacrifices went on from year to year and never overcame human depravity which caused death. But through the sacrifices, God gradually revealed His purpose that some day **ONE SACRIFICE** would be paid which would release Israel, not only from temporary disease, but from death itself.

The third stage on the chart shows the **NEW COVENANT** being put into operation. When Christ appeared at the commencement of his ministry, John the Baptist pointed to him, exclaiming,

"Behold, the LAMB OF GOD, which taketh away the sin of the world." - (JOHN 1: 29.)

Lambs had been used in the Old Covenant for many years as sacrifices to obtain healing and forgiveness. Now the Messiah, though perfect, would himself suffer death as the one sacrificial lamb for Israel and the whole world, that finally all might be forgiven and restored from death. Through breaking the Mosaic law, the nation of Israel died, and their Law showed them why they died as individuals. They were a people typified by a broken cross. Their only hope lay in the mercy of God bringing about a new creation. Then came the next stage in their spiritual education, the grace of the New Covenant, but Israel had to learn first the need of a Saviour before they would accept him and be in a position to teach the other nations to way of life.

The third flag of the Union Jack, the Cross of St. George, is the very shape of the cross of Calvary, showing that it does represent the New Covenant of total forgiveness to Israel of all her transgressions. It is a red cross, signifying again a blood covenant. At the last supper, Christ passed around the cup of wine, saying,

"For this is my blood of the NEW TESTAMENT (COVENANT), which is shed for many for the remission of sins." - (MATTHEW 26:28)

Christ thus intimated that his own blood would be shed as evidence that the price of death had been paid to redeem Israel and save the world **ONCE AND FOR ALL**. The way was then clear for God's servant to be cleansed and made perfect for ministry; and He extends the invitation to Israel to come back to Him

"I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions, and as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee." - (ISAIAH 44: 22)

"I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins." - (ISAIAH 43: 25)

When the cross of England is placed over the broken cross of Ireland to form the Union, the above scriptures are dramatically symbolised. The broken cross, which, we

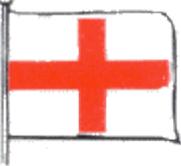
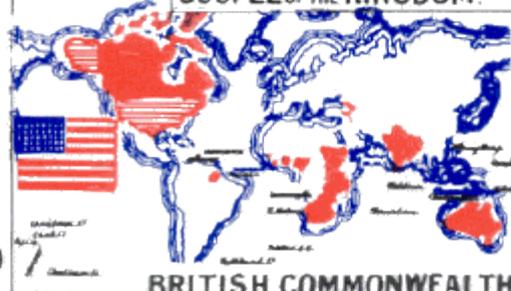
have seen, represents the broken Mosaic Covenant, **IS BLOTTED OUT**. In the Union Jack, the broken portion is still there, but covered up by the cross of England. This perfectly symbolises the fact that the cross of Calvary covers and blots out the transgressions of Israel. In spite of the fact that Israel disobeyed God, and broke His laws, resulting in dispersion, God has promised to *"remember their sin no more."* How well the completed Union Jack demonstrates that God has blotted out Israel's transgressions through the death of Christ.

Thus the British peoples, who own the Union Jack, are particularly the nations of the Covenants, or the *"Covenant People,"* now rapidly nearing the consummation of their spiritual education and preparation as God's servant nation. Soon Israel will be fully **UNITED WITH GOD** as His sons to bless all nations. When Jacob of old prevailed with God at *Peniel*, the Lord changed his name to **"ISRAEL"** which means *"a prince or son of God."*

"And he said unto him, What is thy name ? . . . Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but ISRAEL , FOR AS A PRINCE HAST THOU POWER WITH GOD AND WITH MEN AND HAST PREVAILED." - (GENESIS 32: 24-28)

Parallel with the formation of the Union Jack, more and more of Jacob's descendants have become experimentally sons of God, truly God's **ISRAEL**. During the days of England under the Cross of St. George, there commenced the abandonment of idolatry, and the start of the Protestant Reformation. In the days of the Union between England and Scotland, there came the deeper spiritual awakening in the Wesleyan revivals. Then, under the completed Union Jack, there commenced the world-wide ministry of the Anglo-Saxon Missionary and Bible Societies. This was accompanied by a fuller Gospel including the truth of the second advent of Christ, while to-day the Gospel of the Kingdom is being crowned by the Anglo-Israel awakening, and the outpouring of the Spirit.

Parallel with this progressive return of Anglo-Saxon Israel to the God of their fathers, there has taken place the promised multiplication and expansion of the race over the earth to form the Ephraim-British Commonwealth of Nations, and the Manasseh-American Great Republic. From 1194 to 1606, the period of England under the single cross, the earth was almost unexplored. Toward the close of this period, the first attempts at colonisation were made in America. But most important of all, England defeated the Spanish Armada, which gave her dominion of the sea, the sure foundation of England's future greatness. In the next period, under the elementary Union Jack, 1606 to 1800, the British Empire was born by the conquest of India and Canada, and by the annexation of eastern Australia; while the United States emerged by the Declaration of Independence. Then the third and final period under the completed Union Jack, 1801 to 1941+ has witnessed the full development of the British Commonwealth of Nations and the great Republic of the United States of America. We now look forward to the coming re-union of Britain and America, and to the unification of the whole house of **JACOB-ISRAEL UNITED WITH GOD**, to bless all nations.

 ENGLAND 1194 - 1606 A. D.	REFORMATION 
 UNION JACK ENGLAND SCOTLAND 1606 - 1800 A. D.	WESLEY  BIRTH OF BRITISH EMPIRE AMERICAN COLONIES
 UNION JACK ENGLAND IRELAND SCOTLAND 1801 - 1941+ A. D.	GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM.  BRITISH COMMONWEALTH UNITED STATES



Psalm 60: 4

*Tis thy flag and my
flag,
The best of flags on
earth.
So cherish it my
children
It's yours by right of
birth.*

*Your fathers fought,
Your fathers died,
To raise it to the skies
And we like them must
never yield
But keep it flying high.*

