

# Celebrating the Queen's Golden Jubilee

**I**t turned out to be a remarkable June weekend. The whole nation joined the Queen in rejoicing on this golden anniversary year of her accession to the throne. The jubilant summer celebrations were highlighted with two evening concerts in the gardens of Buckingham Palace, culminating with a spectacular fireworks display befitting such a momentous and happy occasion. Even the weather was excellent.

## National exuberance

'Jubilant Britain takes to the streets' – 'A glorious four-day weekend' – 'The jubilee celebrations have surpassed all expectations' – 'A million people in the Mall' – were just a few of the headlines on the front pages.

Even the children of Britain and the Commonwealth weren't forgotten in the carnival and displays along the Mall leading up to the Palace. The fun included a spectacular flypast of famous planes of a bygone age, accompanied by their modern counterparts, including Concorde.

Other parts of Britain joined in with street parties, fêtes and music festivals. There was something

good in the land to rejoice over. The day included a service of thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral in the City of London.

*'Gratitude, respect and pride: these words sum up how I feel about the people of this country and the Commonwealth, and what this Golden Jubilee means to me'.* With those heartfelt words Queen Elizabeth II sealed a celebration surpassing all expectations.

## Witness to history

*The Times* editorialised: 'To those who remembered 1953, yesterday must have seemed a second Coronation – with far better weather. The glittering gold coach lumbering down the Mall made a rare appearance, bringing this time a grandmother rather than a newly crowned Queen of 27 – and one who had, as she said yesterday, seen huge changes in her lifetime. But even in the change there was continuity.'

Momentarily forgotten were the struggle against increasing crime, the seemingly hopeless battle against harmful drug addiction among the young, the personal economic problems of the not-so-fortunate and the incursion on

the nation's liberties by overly zealous politicians from the European Union.

The beginning of June with its extended weekend of activities belonged to the Queen. As head of state she has been instrumental, in conjunction with Parliament, in reassuring the nation that the long-established and sound Judaeo-Christian values would endure throughout her reign. In the words of the Prince of Wales, in his verbal tribute to the Queen: 'You have embodied something vital in our lives: continuity. You have been a beacon of traditions and stability in the midst of profound, sometimes perilous, change' (*The Daily Mail*).

## The biblical connection

The Jubilee weekend showed beyond doubt that in the minds and hearts of the majority of her people, Queen Elizabeth II deserves the admiration given her during this jubilee year.

Almost 3000 years ago, when Zadok the priest anointed Solomon as king of Israel, the people cried 'Long live King Solomon' (1 Kings 1:39). Handel's rendition of 'May the king live forever' was heard again at Buckingham Palace in early June 2002.

# *Three Visions of Europe*

## How Accurate?

*Three European leaders each envision an eventual superstate. But which vision is correct?*

Europe's recent swing rightwards is not necessarily good news for those euro sceptics who would like to derail an envisioned European superstate. In fact the opposite is true, especially when one considers the views of French President Jacques Chirac.

### **The Chirac mandate**

Very likely he is guaranteed another five years as President of France, with absolute majority support in the 577-seat French National Assembly. Favourable results in the recent national election finally gave Mr Chirac the long-withheld support he has been looking for. In the cryptic phrases of the *International Herald Tribune*, 'Chirac allies win sweeping victory. French centre-right trounces leftists; Le Pen backers shut out of Parliament' (17 June).

Clearly Jacques Chirac has De-Gaulle-like ambitions for the European Union. (For important details, please see the accompanying box on page 3.) According to the Tim Hames Commentary column in *The Times* (17 June), in 1958 '[President] De-Gaulle used his mandate . . . to force the then European Economic Community in his preferred direction, albeit temporarily.'

Monsieur Chirac apparently hopes to crown his own presidency by restoring France to a much more

prominent role in the governance of Europe. Paris is somewhat alarmed by prospective EU enlargement to 25 countries in the next several years. To restrain this trend the French President wants to strengthen Franco-German ties, the traditional catalyst of European Union progress.

As Matthew Campbell reported directly from Paris, 'Chirac is expected to attempt a deal with Chancellor Gerhard Schröder to maintain the two countries' position at the centre of Europe' (*The Times*, 16 June).

### **Schröder's German vision**

Chancellor Schröder has a somewhat different radical blueprint for the future of Europe. According to *Guardian* correspondent John Hooper in Berlin, 'It envisages a superstate with its own *unelected* ministers and a two-chamber parliament with full control over spending' (30 April, emphasis added). The German news magazine *Der Spiegel* accentuates this prospect by observing that 'Schröder's draft envisages turning the unelected European Commission into a government with wide-ranging powers.'

National leaders like Britain's Tony Blair and France's Jacques Chirac would in effect become euro-senators. But the question is: How much power would individual

senators really have?

In filing his communiqué from Berlin for *The Guardian*, John Hooper related that 'Mr Schröder's plan for a superstate is contained in one of five policy papers being prepared for the November conference of his Social Democratic Party (SDP). The Chancellor took personal responsibility for the paper that deals with Europe.'

The trouble is, the Chancellor is to the left of centre in a Europe that is moving politically rightwards. In September's elections, he faces a very tough challenge for his office from Edmund Stoiber on the German right. Remember that France's Chirac is moving with the overall European trend, not against it.

The third major player in this euro scenario is Romano Prodi, current president of the European Commission.

### **Prodi's plans concerning ever-closer union**

Italy's Romano Prodi's plans are every bit as radical as both the French and German proposals. The Commission has always regarded itself as the true guardian of the European flame. In essence this proposal envisions a Europe with the authority 'to abolish the right of EU countries to run their own foreign policies' (*The Economist*,

25 May). Mr Prodi wants *one* European foreign policy.

Signor Prodi's Napoleon-like demand is that the European Union 'should speak with one voice on all aspects of external relations'. Many Britons would be very uncomfortable with this state of affairs.

In summing up the inherent dangers, *The Economist* points out that 'the flow of power from nation-states to the EU has been remorseless. The single currency, the biggest leap forward yet, may impel further integration.'

As *Time* magazine commented: 'A year ago, the idea that the euro might challenge the dollar was unthinkable. Now it's doing just that' (17 June, Atlantic edition). The American dollar's weakness against the euro has aided the euro against sterling. This may make an earlier vote for the euro entry referendum in Britain more likely, according to *Financial Times* comment.

Yet in a rare interview, media magnate Rupert Murdoch signalled that he would use his media empire – which includes 33 percent of British readership, plus Sky Broadcasting – to send a message of 'vote no' on a euro referendum (*Time*, 24 June, Atlantic edition). Mr Murdoch said that the central issue is British sovereignty.

### Which vision?

Messrs Chirac, Schröder and Prodi each emphasise different points about a superstate, and their individual proposals definitely reflect technical variations. Naturally, each one would like to assert his own country's influence

## President Chirac's Stunning Vision of Europe

1. A European military force independent of NATO
2. A European police force
3. A greatly strengthened Franco-German combine
4. A new European constitution
5. A strengthened European president elected by a European Council

Source: *The Times*

over Europe.

However, in the most important sense, these three radical visions of a European superstate blur into *one*. Clearly the domination of Europe by a single voice is the ultimate goal. Political, military and economic national sovereignties would be permanently lost. This generally accords with the biblical vision given in Daniel and Revelation.

Ever since the early thirties of the 20th century, God's Church has proclaimed a warning that a major new power thrust would eventually emerge in the heart of Europe. Although the strength of these warnings has ebbed and flowed with the vagaries of time, staff writers have produced hundreds of articles – covering the subject from just about every angle possible.

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... It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end. But it will itself endure forever' (Daniel 2:44, NIV).

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Him. 'Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms *will be handed over to the saints*, the people of the Most High. His [Christ's] kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and rulers will worship and obey Him' (verse 27).

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John Ross Schroeder

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It will make the impact of these prophecies plain and show you just how they are all tempered together, *ultimately* ending in one glorious plan for mankind.

# The Queen of Sheba Revisited

*London's British Museum is currently holding an exhibition on the Queen of Sheba – revealing some fascinating background to the biblical story of her visit to King Solomon.*

Not since the early sixties' Hollywood film, *Solomon and Sheba*, has this ancient queen received so much publicity. Yet her identity remains a mystery to this very day. Well over 2500 years have passed since her name was inscribed in the Hebrew Scriptures, which are the earliest source of information about this mysterious queen from beyond Arabia.

But did the queen of Sheba ever exist? The present exhibition in the British Museum in London helps us arrive at the answer to the question. (The exhibition ends 13 October 2002.)

This is how the Bible introduces her, as quoted in the British Museum publication printed for the exhibition: 'The Queen of Sheba heard of Solomon's fame through the name of Yahweh.' This is the Hebrew name for God, meaning *Eternal*, as introduced to Moses at the time of the Exodus (see Exodus 3:14-15). The Queen came to test him with hard riddles. She arrived in Jerusalem with a very large retinue and with camels bearing spices and precious stones (1 Kings 10:1-2).

## The source of Solomon's wisdom

Without proof, the queen refused to believe the incredible reports of Solomon's fame. She was determined to see for herself. After her arrival in Jerusalem, she witnessed firsthand the generosity

of the king and the great wisdom with which he administered the nation (see 1 Kings 10:6-9).

The Bible states that 'God gave Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand of the seashore. Thus Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all of the men of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt' (1 Kings 4:29-30).

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The story of the queen of Sheba is recorded in the Bible as well as in non-sacred literature. But is it factual? Was there ever a queen of Sheba?

The British Museum exhibition does back up the descriptive, geographical background surrounding the account of the meeting of King Solomon and the queen of Sheba that the Bible provides – the trade routes, the transactions in gold, precious stones and spices that took place in the area known as Sheba, identified as Saba in the Southwest of Arabia, today called Yemen. The

trading of these items did take place among the Middle East nations, as biblically recorded.

The museum's exhibition publication states: 'The legendary visit of the Queen of Sheba to Solomon's court associates South Arabia with spices, gold and precious stones. The reference to spices probably refers to frankincense and myrrh, ancient South Arabia's main exports. By the eighth century BC, such goods were transported by caravans of camels across the deserts that lay between South Arabia and the Near East. Despite the lack of evidence for a queen of Sheba, there is plenty of evidence about the kingdom she is supposed to have ruled.'

Describing the land of this queen, Diodorus of Siculus, a first-century BC Roman historian, stated: 'Now adjacent to this waterless and desolate land is another Arabia so much superior . . . that, from the great profusion of foodstuffs and other material goods produced therein, it has been named Arabia the fortunate' (British Museum publication).

## The inspired Word of God

'In the Bible the Queen of Sheba brought gold to Solomon. Ancient gold mines and workshops, which make such a gift possible, have recently been discovered in northern Yemen' (ibid).

There is no need to doubt the story of this king of Israel having

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# Running the Christian Race Together

*‘Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us’ (Hebrews 12:1).*

**T**his is the banner year of football’s World Cup, and many nations have supported their teams with enormous enthusiasm. Athletic achievement teaches us many lessons in life. The apostle Paul used sports metaphors such as races as a way of explaining and clarifying our Christian struggle.

Although athletics has never been my strong suit, when I was a teenager I felt a need to participate.

In this article, I’d like to use several examples I have personally experienced to highlight some basic principles about our personal race as Christians. The first occurred during my junior year at an

## *Keep your eye on the right finish line.*

American university. Fellow students were out in force and the panel of judges was lined up along the sideline. The announcer called us up and the starting gun went off.

### **Quitting too soon**

I accelerated to full speed, saw a line on the ground in front of the judges and raced to it. Then I slowed down. The rest of the group shot right by and instantly I knew I had

stopped too early – the finish line was still fifteen metres ahead.

This experience taught me a lifelong lesson. We have to keep an eye on the finish line and know when we need to be accelerating, not slowing down. Some Christians stop their race prematurely at the wrong finish line. For example, the *once-saved-always-saved* doctrine completely undermines the concept of finishing the race. If we believe we cannot lose, we no longer run the race God set for us.

As Paul reminded the brethren at Corinth, we have not yet received our ultimate salvation (1 Corinthians 15:2). Although redeemed from our past sins, and after much suffering and sacrificing in order to obey God, it is still possible to be disqualified by *running incorrectly* and breaking the rules (1 Corinthians 9:27; 2 Timothy 2:5). Paul had to contend with heresies on both sides – those who said that there was nothing left to do, and those who believed they had a much harder race to run than God intended, as the book of Galatians explains.

Turning from faith in Christ to another gospel, the Galatians were racing on the wrong track. The standard of what was expected of them changed in their minds. As Paul put it, this approach *perverted*

*the whole conception of faith* (Amplified Bible). By preaching a false gospel which corrupted their whole way of life, these false

## *Score points for your own team.*

teachers turned them away from the end result God wanted for them (Galatians 5:13-23). They were running down a path that didn’t lead to the finish line.

### **Scoring for the other side**

Another incident occurred during an American football game at a winter carnival. After I thought I had finally figured out how to play, there was a turnover, and the ball came toward me. I grabbed it, saw the goal line, and ran right over it without being tackled. I was very proud, feeling I had successfully eluded the other team. But then reality struck when I found I had scored for the other team by running to the wrong goal line.

All too often we can find ourselves scoring for the enemy in our Christian lives as well. Wickedness in all of its forms holds back the truth (Romans 1:18). When we slip from self-control, work from a lack

of faith, or refuse to reconcile with our brother – we hold back the truth that is within us. If we are deceitful, lack generosity or just fail to show love to others, we thwart God’s will.

The apostle Peter’s example is a classic (Matthew 16:21-25). Whatever Peter’s motives may have been, Christ tells him his attitude was actually furthering Satan’s purposes. When we act contrary to God’s will and are not mindful of what He desires, we can end up being a hindrance to His work within us (James 3:14).

### **Enduring until the end**

One year I signed up for three races at a track meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin (USA). One of my friends was a real runner – lean, fast and full of endurance. He regularly ran in 10 kilometre runs and was preparing for his first marathon. We trained together and he increased my stamina by going four to six kilometres at a time. I felt ready.

The Midwest United States is very hot in the middle of summer and the day of the race felt like the hottest ever. Another friend, Joe, had been pole-vaulting and doing short sprints. He succumbed to heat stroke and would spend a good part of the afternoon under the shade recovering. The two-mile race started in the early afternoon. After the first two rounds of the track I was really feeling the heat. The asphalt was sizzling. My throat was very dry and the air I was breathing felt hot. A few more rounds and I was feeling exhausted. All I wanted to do was to stop.

All that training it seemed was for nothing – I no longer had the will to complete the race. It just didn’t seem important to me. I neared the one-and-a-half-mile

mark, and as I rounded the bend to begin that last quarter of the race I stopped and walked off the track. I felt I just couldn’t do it. I was hurting and I thought, ‘No, I don’t need this, it’s just not important enough.’ I just quit – it was too hard. I believe it was the American football coach Vince Lombardi who once said, ‘Fatigue makes cowards of us all.’ It is the

long-distance runner’s enemy.

(Remember that this physical example was only running a race. In a few cases it might even be wisest to withdraw to avoid serious personal injury.)

However, *we must not give up on our salvation*. As the writer of Hebrews indicates, we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses – those who have gone before us. Like fans in a crowded stadium they are urging us on (Hebrews 12:1).

Many trials, such as those of ill-health or an unbelieving spouse, may go on for years. Sometimes we can just feel exhausted – ‘it’s too hard, we can’t make it. It’s not worth it.’ But it is!

Christ endured the ultimate exhaustion, the greatest pain and the hardest suffering because He saw that the goal was worth it. He wants us to be encouraged by His example. We must take heart and not give up.

### **Finishing the race together**

The last episode I would like to mention relates to a middle-distance race of 800 metres. It was another hot day. One of my friends, John, was also running this day, and we were both feeling the pressure. We didn’t have far to go to finish the

race, but we both just wanted it over. Our time was no longer important – just finishing the race would do.

As we came up to the final bend, we wanted to make sure we didn’t quit. One of us dropped back to the other who was lagging. A smile of appreciation at the encouragement was flashed, and we strode in at more of a jog than

## *Run with endurance to the end.*

a run – shoulder to shoulder to the finish line. I don’t think we won any medals, but I’ll always remember coming home together.

Just as Paul reminded the brethren at Corinth, we can all win (1 Corinthians 9:24-27). We share the prize together. I don’t want to live a life for all eternity all alone – I want to share it with my friends and my spiritual family who also have finished the race.

We need to help one another so we can finish the race together (Hebrews 10:23-25).

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# Questions & Answers

**Q** *I'm interested in different churches' explanations of other religions and their scriptures. What is the same and what is different?*

BML, Sweden

**A** Your key point appears to centre around the question of what makes Christ's religion different from any others. The Christianity we see in the pages of the New Testament and the religion that the ancient Israelites were taught in the wilderness of Sinai originate from the same Source. The God that reveals Himself in the Old Testament is totally different from all the other 'gods' of the pagan world. His teachings are equally different from the religious concepts of the nations surrounding the Israel of antiquity.

Some key differences are: Firstly, there is only one God (see our free booklet *Who Is God?* for

more details of the nature of the one God of Israel) – not a multiplicity of deities as was the general belief of other nations at the time of the Exodus from Egypt. Secondly, the making of religious images was and is forbidden. Thirdly, the Sabbath was observed on the seventh day, not any other time of the week.

These three differences were unique to the Hebrew religion. The Egyptians, Babylonians, Greeks and Romans worshipped many gods and goddesses, even as late as 1700 years ago. The Judaeo-Christian Bible reveals a totally different Creator God than was worshipped by the major civilisations of yesteryear.

Yet another reason why the Judaeo-Christian religion originates with the true God is the origin of the Ten Commandments. God did not see fit to provide this most effective and beneficial code of morality to the ancient and mighty

nations. Instead, He chose the Israelites, humanly speaking a very insignificant people. To suggest that the Jews under Moses 'invented' the Ten Commandments is to believe that they were vastly more intelligent than the Egyptians and the other great nations in the ancient Middle East. The facts of biblical history show otherwise.

There is no way that these Ten Commandments could have been produced by any people without divine help. They are against human nature. Truly they were written by the finger of God (Exodus 31:18).

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## The Queen of Sheba

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been visited by the queen of Saba, which is in today's Yemen in South Arabia. Although the account of Solomon and the queen of Sheba is first mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures, the New Testament reassures us by stating that 'all Scripture is given by inspiration of God' (2 Timothy 3:16). In fact, no lesser authority than Christ himself referred to the meeting (Matthew 12:42), calling her the queen of the South.

The prophet Isaiah was inspired to write, 'The grass withers, the

flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever' (Isaiah 40:8). So it has proven to be. God's inspired Word, the Bible, remains a reliable guide in our understanding.

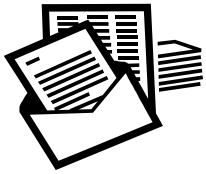
It should therefore come as no surprise when we read of a far-away queen who came to verify that there lived a king in Jerusalem whose wisdom exceeded that of the men of the East, which was the seat of great learning and wisdom at the time of Solomon.

But how was it possible for one man to excel beyond measure all the other great thinkers and philosophers of the ancient East? The answer is that the source of

Solomon's wisdom came from God. Measured against the general wisdom of the times, the wisdom given to this king of Israel was incomparable with any human wisdom (see 1 Kings 4:29-31).

What does the story about this Queen from beyond Arabia coming to see Solomon teach us? The Bible is a reflection of the wisdom of God. That wisdom is accessible to us. The Creator expects us to put forth the effort and study His Word so that we can reflect in our lives the very wisdom of God. Why not avail yourself of the source of that wisdom on a regular basis?

*Gerhard Marx*



# Letters From Our Readers

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*C W, Cumbria*

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*Ms C P, Saudi Arabia*

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*A W, Lisburn, Northern Ireland*

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*L S, London*

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*G S, Peterborough*

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*A C, Norfolk*

• *We are glad to respond to our readers' wishes, but we would add that the Bible cautions each of us to be very careful about trying to impose our religious views on those closest to us. Often our good example weighs much more heavily than our words (1 Peter 3:1-6).*

## **Booklets and brochures**

Thank you very much for your kind and informative letter. I have to admit that the new booklets *Does God Exist?* and *Creation or Evolution?* are very, very informative and educational literature.

*M Z, Madrid, Spain*

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*B L M, Switzerland*

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*P W, Australia*

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*Dr R P, Geneva, Switzerland*

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*M K, Brescia, Italy*

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*J D, Rushden, Northants*

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