

Jeremiah



A little History Lesson

Levite Priest

Called in the 13th year of Josiah

Served under 4 kings

Poor man's prophet

Rejected by other priests

Spent many years in prison

Released by Nebuchadnezzar

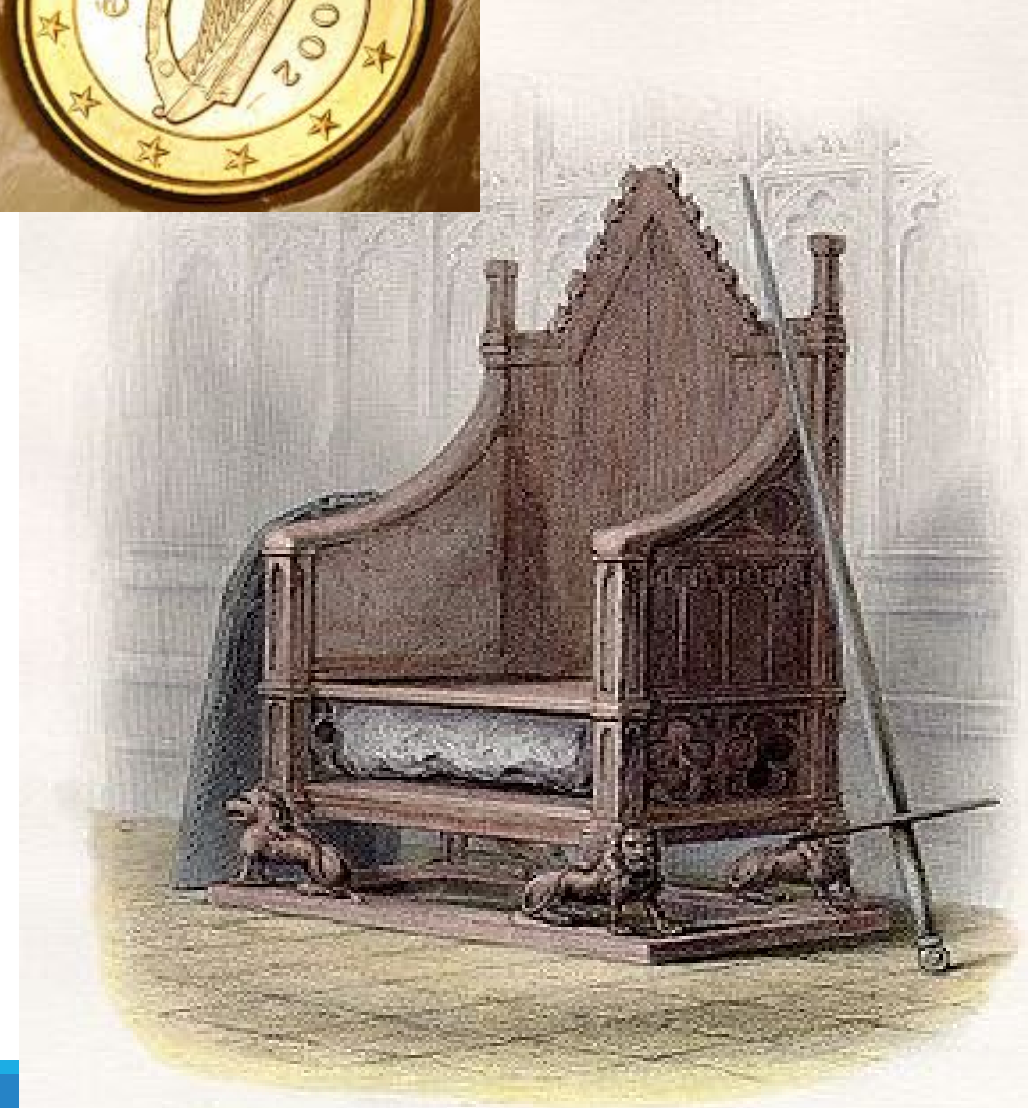
Taken to Egypt



Fun Facts....

"Irish historians are unanimous that about 580 B.C. there arrived in Ulster a notable man, a patriarch or saint [Jeremiah], accompanied by an Eastern princess [daughter of Zedekiah], and a lesser person by the name of Simon Brach , or Barech. This party brought with them several remarkable things about which Ireland's songs and legends cluster; those things were a harp (David's harp), and a wonderful stone - the Stone of Destiny - the Lia Phail.

...Irish tradition tells us that Jeremiah married the princess Tamar Tephi to Eochaidh, the Heremon, or head king of Ireland, after the latter embraced the worship of the true Jehovah. Jeremiah became the chief figure in Irish history, life and religion."





Elder Wilford W. Anderson

Hearing the music

Checklist Mormonism



The Calling

Jeremiah 1



Elder Holland



A memorable account of the power of [inspired] teaching comes from the life of the prophet Jeremiah. This great man felt the way most teachers or speakers or Church officers feel when called—inexperienced, inadequate, frightened. “Ah, Lord,” he cried, “behold, I cannot speak: for I am [but] a child.”

But the Lord reassured him: “Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee. ... Therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them.”

So speak unto them he did, but initially not with much success. Things went from bad to worse until finally he was imprisoned and made a laughingstock among the people. Angry that he had been so mistreated and maligned, Jeremiah vowed, in effect, never to teach another lesson, whether that be to an investigator, Primary child, new convert, or—heaven forbid—the 15-year-olds.

“I will not make mention of [the Lord], nor speak any more in his name,” the discouraged prophet said. But then came the turning point of Jeremiah’s life. Something had been happening with every testimony he had borne, every scripture he had read, every truth he had taught. Something had been happening that he hadn’t counted on.

Even as he vowed to close his mouth and walk away from the Lord’s work, he found that he could not. Why? Because “his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.” (Jer. 20:7-9) (“A Teacher Come from God,” *Ensign*, May 1998, 27)

Marriage and Divorce

Jeremiah 3



The Olive Tree

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Olive oil was used anciently for culinary, cosmetic, funerary, medicinal, and ritual purposes. Its most important use, though, was to provide light. It provides the clearest, brightest, and steadiest flame of all the vegetable oils. In one of Jesus' last recorded parables, he described a procession of young women (members of God's kingdom) going out to meet the bridegroom (the Messiah). Lamps were required for brilliancy and beauty.

The oil for the lamps was symbolic of spiritual preparation on the part of the members of his kingdom, those who desire to participate in the marriage feast, which symbolizes his coming in glory:

“In early Israelite history, olive oil was used for sacred functions. Objects and persons set apart for the work of God, such as prophets, priests, and kings, were anointed with consecrated oil. With the Messiah (Hebrew, *mashiah*, meaning "anointed one"), the roles of prophet, priest, and king come together.

Jesus, citing a messianic prophecy in Isaiah (see 61:1), told those attending the synagogue in Nazareth, ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach’ (Luke 4:18).”

(D. Kelly Ogden, *Where Jesus Walked*: 85)

