### Britain In The Persian Gulf Bible Sign Of Christ's Coming

# The Israel - Tyre - Sheba Alliance The main spice roads traversed difficult terrain where piracy added to the cost. Solomon aimed to break the inland route monopoly by joining Tyre (shipping) and Sheba (spices) in alliance with Israel.

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### **Tarshish Is A Maritime Power**

- 2 Chronicles 9:21 "Every three years once came the ships of Tarshish bringing gold and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks".
- Psalm 48:6-7 "Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, as of a woman in travail. Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind".
- Isaiah 23:1 "Howl ye ships of Tarshish; for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in: from the land of Chittim it is revealed to them".
- Ezekiel 27:25 "The ships of Tarshish did sing of thee in thy market; and thou wast replenished and made very glorious in the midst of the seas".

### **Identifying Biblical Tarshish**

- Tarshish is of Japhetic origin (Genesis 10:4), known as a source of silver, iron, tin and lead (Ezekiel 27:12), is a maritime power (Isaiah 2:16), involved in trading activities in global markets (Ezekiel 27:25).
- Tarshish is a coastal or island power (Genesis 10:5), connected by commerce to a family of strong lion nations (Ezekiel 38:13), who are themselves coastal or island powers (Psalm 72:10), inhabiting far distant maritime lands (Isaiah 66:19).
- Tarshish is to the remote west of Israel (Jonah 1:3), yet strongly linked to the Jewish people (Isaiah 60:9), the successor to Tyrian trade (Isaiah 23:5-7), and also allied to Arab nations in the Gulf region (Ezekiel 38:13).

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### The Blessing Of The Monarchs

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- Psalm 72:15,17-19 The nations of the world to Christ
  Let the king live... all nations shall call him blessed.
  Blessed be the Yahweh Elohim, the God of Israel, who
  only doeth wondrous things. And blessed be his
  glorious name for ever... Amen, and Amen".

### **British Protectorates In The Gulf**



The end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century saw Britain (latter day Tyre) committed to the key role of guardian and protector of the Gulf region, to secure her own interests there.

### Rivals Against Britain In The Gulf



The central position of Britain in the Gulf region, was vigorously challenged by rival powers at the turn of the century, but providence thwarted their ambitions.

### **Independent States In the Gulf**



The protective role of Britain was finally withdrawn from the Gulf region in 1971, but friendly ties were retained and trading opportunities were expanded.

### State Visit Of Queen Elizabeth II



The 1979 Royal tour of the Gulf was seen as one of the most successful ever made. It reinforced British interests there despite the independence of the states.

### **Gulf Co-operation Council Summit**



The Gulf Co-operation Council invited P.M. Theresa May to be guest of honour at the 2016 summit. She is the first British premier ever to attend.

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Delivered by Theresa May	
Prime Minister, United Kingdom	
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"In challenging times, you turn to your oldest and	
most dependable triends. That is the spirit in which	
I come here today. We have a rich history on which	
to build from the very first treaties, in the mid-17th century on British trade and a military presence in	
Oman, the UK has been proudly at the forefront of a	
relationship between the Gulf and the West".	
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"As the United Kingdom leaves the European Union,	
I am determined that we should seize the opportunity	
to get out into the world and to shape an even bigger	
global role for my country; yes, to build new alliances	
but more importantly, to go even further in working	
with old friends, like our allies here in the Gulf, who	
have stood alongside us for centuries".	

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### A Renewed British Role In The Gulf

Permanent British Naval
Base, (HMS Jufair),
Mina Salman, Bahrain

Permanent British Airforce (RAF) Base,
Al-Minhad, UAE

Permanent British Army
Base, Regional Hub,
Duqm, Oman

The British government has pledged to invest \$3 bio in defence spending in the Gulf region over the next decade, more than in any other region in the world.

### The Israel - Tyre - Sheba Alliance

- Ezekiel 38:13 "Sheba and Dedan, and all the merchants of Tarshish (latter day Tyre), with all the young lions thereof shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil?".
- Psalm 72:10 "The kings of Tarshish (latter day Tyre), and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts".
- Isaiah 60:6 "all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of Yahweh".

Isaiah 60:9 - "surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish (latter day Tyre), first ... unto the name of Yahweh thy God".

### The Israel - Tyre - Sheba Alliance

### **Israel**



Tarshish Trading Powers English speaking Middle-East Links Protestant Christian Arabian Peninsula Powers Moderate Regimes Pro-Tarshish Stance Sunni Islamic

### The Blessing of Christ's Kingdom

- :2 demonstrate judicial integrity
- :3 establish universal justice
- :4 completely remove tyranny
- :5 receive universal respect
- :6 dispense universal benefit :7 establish
- genuine peace :8 enjoy universal control
- :17 His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as
- shall be continued as long as the sun and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed
- :9 overcome all opposition

- :16 create true prosperity
- :15 receive universal acclaim
- :14 eliminate
- violent crime :13 reveal genuine care
- :12 eradicate universal poverty :11 command
- :11 command universal support
- :10 enjoy political primacy