

THE COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM

(5) "KINGS SHALL COME OUT OF THEE" -DAVID'S DYNASTY
-THE FALL OF JERUSALEM-PIITFUL END OF ZEDEKIAH -
THE DYNASTY PRESERVED IN HIS DAUGHTER—HER
REMOVAL TO IRELAND-BECOMES THE MOTHER OF A
LONG RACE OF IRISH, SCOTTISH, AND BRITISH KINGS-THE
STONE OF DESTINY--(6) THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH
BLESSED IN THE SEED OF ABRAHAM-DR. STRONG ON THE
ANGLO-SAXONS.

V. "Kings shall come out of thee."

Eight hundred years passed away before this promise began to be fulfilled. For forty years Saul then reigned. After him David became the head of a dynasty that continues to the present day. It is, I am told, the opinion of learned Jews, that if the last rulers of Israel are still in existence as a nation, a descendant of David is reigning over them. How could it be otherwise with this plain promise from God? "There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel." 1 King 3: 25.

This dynasty continued, first in Solomon over the entire Israelitish nation, and after his death over the kingdom of Judah in unbroken succession, until the destruction of that nation by the fall of Jerusalem and the Babylonian captivity. It was then transplanted to the Irish shore, and sown in the new nation of Israel-the Twelve Danes-by the marriage of a daughter of Zedekiah to Hemanan, the king of this people. This occurred 580 B. C. Since the descent of Queen Victoria is traced in unbroken succession from this union, it is worthy of special attention, as a most glorious example of the faithfulness of God to his promises.

In Ezekiel 17: 22-28, is this magnificent and most remarkable prediction. "Then hath said the Lord Eternal, But I myself will take of the highest branch of the high cedar, and will preserve it, from the topmost of its young twigs will I crop off a tender one, and I myself will plant it firmly upon a high and eminent mountain, on the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it firmly and it shall produce boughs, and bear fruit, and become an elegant cedar, and there shall dwell under it all fowls, everything that hath wings, in the shadow of its high branches shall they dwell. And all the trees of the field shall know, that I the Lord have made low the high tree, and have made high the lowly tree, that I have dried up the green tree, and have caused to flourish the dry tree, I the Lord have spoken and have done it." (Levitic.)