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**The Stone of Destiny: In Search of the Truth** TempleofMysteries.com, Mark Naples, David Bews The next King of Great Britain - either Prince Charles or his son Prince William - will be crowned upon the Stone of Destiny at Westminster Abbey in London. William was also famously married to Kate Middleton at Westminster Abbey on 29th April 2011. Both Charles and William will sit upon the Stone of Destiny during their coronation and be crowned King on a stone that was stolen from Scotland in 1296 by their ancestor King Edward I.

The Stone of Destiny: In Search of the Truth is the first to fully examine in depth the history to the myths and legends surrounding the coronation stone.

The Stone of Destiny, as it is commonly called, is also known as the Stone of Scone, the Coronation Stone and the Westminster Stone, among several other names. The last time it was used in a ceremony was for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II on 2nd June 1953 at Westminster Abbey in London, England.

The stone came to England amidst bloodshed and bitter rivalry between England and Scotland in the late 13th century. King Edward I of England had his army forcibly take the stone from its guardian home at Scone Abbey in Perthshire, Scotland, in 1296. His desire to have the stone was partly due to the tradition that the monarchs of Scotland had been crowned upon it since time immemorial, and was thus seen as the most potent symbol of the Scottish right to being a separate nation from England. By removing the stone to England, Edward was making the statement that Scotland should come under his dominion and that the Scots should recognise him as their king. The stone mostly remained in Westminster Abbey until 1996 when it was returned to Scotland amid great political upheaval, and placed on public display in Edinburgh Castle where it remains to this day.

The legend of the Stone of Destiny is that it was originally from a place called Bethel, in Israel, and was used by the patriarch Jacob as a pillow upon which he rested his head. Whilst doing so, he received a vision from God confirming that Jacob and his offspring are the chosen ones of God's favour. Over time, these chosen ones become widely known as the Jews, whose fight for their promised land – Israel – still rages on today in an increasingly ferocious manner, with modern weapons just as bloodthirsty as God's wrath.

So how and why did this stone, which is important to the Children of Israel, come to be associated with the British Monarchy?

The history of the Stone of Destiny is vast and complicated, yet immensely interesting. It is the symbol of perhaps the greatest feud that the British Isles has ever witnessed that still rages on well over 700 years after it began – that between England and Scotland. Yet, if the legend has any basis in fact, the Stone of Destiny could be one of the most important religious relics in the world, which places it at the centre of a much larger global feud – that of God's favour.

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