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THE CROWN JEWELS OF SCOTLAND

Every year, the monarch of the United Kingdom pays a week-long visit to Scotland to celebrate Scottish culture, community, and contributions. This year is special because the UK has a new king and queen. King Charles and Queen Camilla are scheduled to be Edinburgh this week, where amidst much pomp and a twenty-one-gun salute, Charles will be presented with "The Honours of Scotland," England's oldest crown jewels. The first monarch to be crowned with it was Mary Queen of Scots in 1543. The crown and accompanying scepter and sword of state are made of gold, silver, and precious gems.

THE CROWN JEWELS OF GOD

In today's passage, we study Zechariah's prophecy of rejoicing for the Jewish exiles returning to Jerusalem. This chapter contains the messianic prophecy about the king coming to Jerusalem mounted on the foal of a donkey. Zechariah also says that God's people will glitter in Jerusalem like jewels in a crown.

1. What royal ceremony anywhere in the world would you love to be present to witness, if any?
2. While that celebration is going on in Scotland, Americans will be celebrating Independence Day. What are your plans?
3. Which biblical metaphor or word picture, like today's simile of jewels in a crown, is your favorite?

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