





- 2 This painting, from Israel, depicts the veneration of the Ark of the Covenant in Old Testament times. Regarded as the sign and the seal of God's presence on earth, the Ark was the most sacred relic of the ancient Judaic faith.

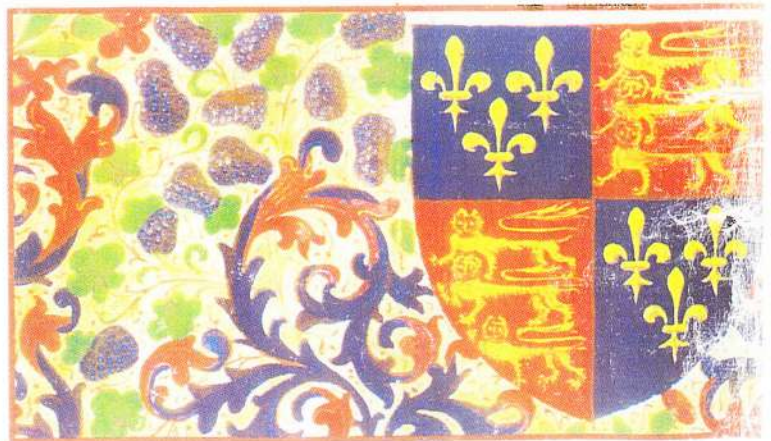
*KING DAVID. TEACHING HOW TO READ THE HARPS
KNOWLEDGE & INFORMATION FOR GOD'S PLANETS OUR CIVILISATION.
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THE LION AND THE UNICORN

The Royal Arms →
of Her Majesty Queen
Elizabeth II, quartering
the arms of
England, Scotland
and Ireland.



↑ The Royal Arms of England.



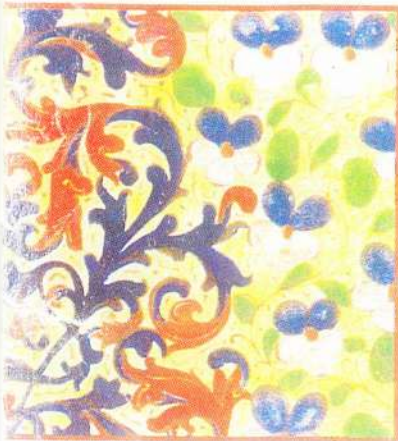
14 There cannot be Peace in Eithe untill
The Sovereign Seal and Harp are Removed
from the Coat of Arms of the Crown
of England. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.
M.S.

THE ROYAL ARMS used today by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II have evolved over nine centuries.

The Royal Arms of England (Gules, three Lions Passant Guardant Or) were first used by Richard the Lionheart and remained in use on their own until 1340 when King Edward III 'quartered' them with the Ancient Royal Arms of France (a blue shield Semé de lis) to symbolize his claim to the French throne. Henry IV changed the French quarter to show only three fleur-de-lis, known as 'France Modern', and they remained in this form until the reign of James I, who quartered them with the arms of Scotland and the harp of Ireland. The Hanoverian monarchs, who followed the house of Stuart, included in their arms heraldic references to their German possessions, including the famous white horse of Hanover. Queen Victoria adopted a simplified form of the Royal Arms which remain unchanged to this day.

The supporters to the Royal Arms have undergone many changes and have numbered falcons, yales, white lions, white boars, greyhounds, red dragons and, of course, the unicorn amongst their esteemed ranks.

The crown is the symbol of monarchy and sovereignty and as such has appeared in various styles in royal heraldry. It was not until the reign of Charles II that we see the heraldic crown we are familiar with today. It is based on St Edward's Crown.



← Detail from a 15th-century manuscript showing the Royal Arms of France Modern quartered with England, as used by all monarchs from Henry IV through to James I.



↑ The Royal Arms of James I.



➤ The arms of Oliver Cromwell, as Lord Protector of England, Scotland and Ireland, taken from his Great Seal.

St Edward's Crown, the crown used for coronations.

