

# BIG BEN

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# HISTORY

- ▶ *Big Ben is the nickname for the great bell of the clock at the north end of the Palace of Westminster in London. It celebrated its 150th anniversary in May 2009, during which celebratory events took place. The clock was finished being built on April 1858. a tower clock is started on May, 21, 1859. A tower is erected on the design of the English architect Augustus Pugin in 1858 the Official name is a "horologium of the Westminster palace" of "Domine Salvam fac Reginam nostram Victoriam primam" "Goodness, keep our queen Victoria!" - inscription on a clock-face.*





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- ▶ *A horologium overpeers on 98 meters above the embankment of Thames. On a tower a clock-work different large exactness is set. It be possible to say, that it is a "main clock" of the state. Enormous, specially poured off for a tower bell "Биг-Бен", weighing a 13,5 ton, removes a clock. Fight of Large Ben is constantly passed by the English wireless stations. In the period of parliamentary session, with the offensive of darkness, a searchlight lights up on a tower*



# GREAT BELL



- ▶ *The main bell, officially known as the Great Bell, is the largest bell in the tower and part of the Great Clock of Westminster. The bell is better known by the nickname Big Ben. The original bell was a 16.3-tonne (16 ton) hour bell, cast on 6 August 1856 in Stockton-on-Tees by John Warner & Sons. The bell was named in honour of Sir Benjamin Hall, and his name is inscribed on it.*



# NICKNAME

- ▶ *The origin of the nickname **Big Ben** is the subject of some debate. The nickname was applied first to the Great Bell; it may have been named after Sir Benjamin Hall, who oversaw the installation of the Great Bell, or after boxing's English Heavyweight Champion Benjamin Caunt. Now **Big Ben** is often used, by extension, to refer to the clock, the tower and the bell collectively, although the nickname is not universally accepted as referring to the clock and tower. Some authors of works about the tower, clock and bell sidestep the issue by using the words **Big Ben** first in the title, then going on to clarify that the subject of the book is the clock and tower as well as the bell.*





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