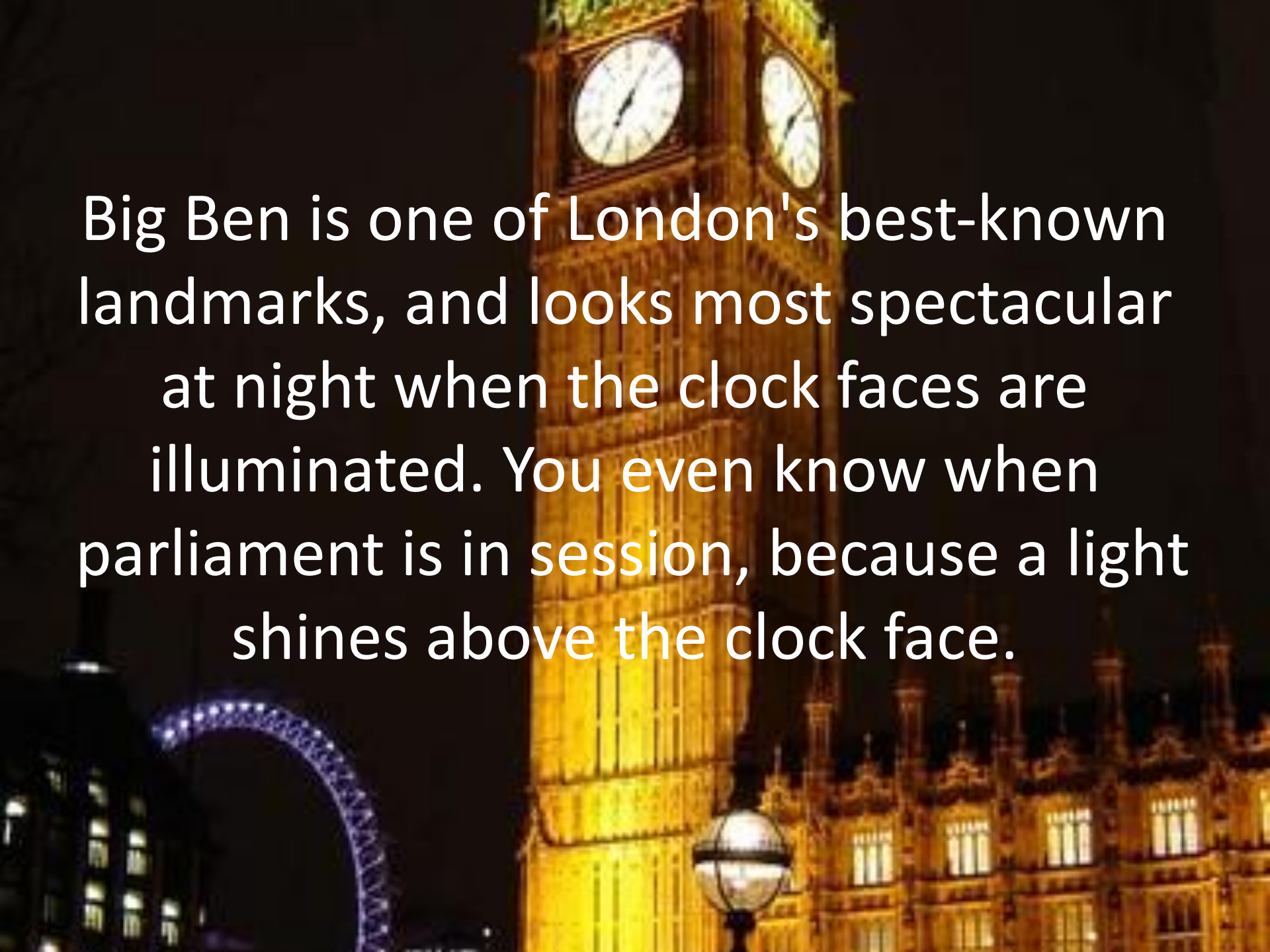


# Big Ben



Big-Ben — a bell tower in London, a part of an architectural complex of the Westminster palace  
The official name — «the Hour tower of the Westminster palace», also it name «the Tower of St. Stefana».

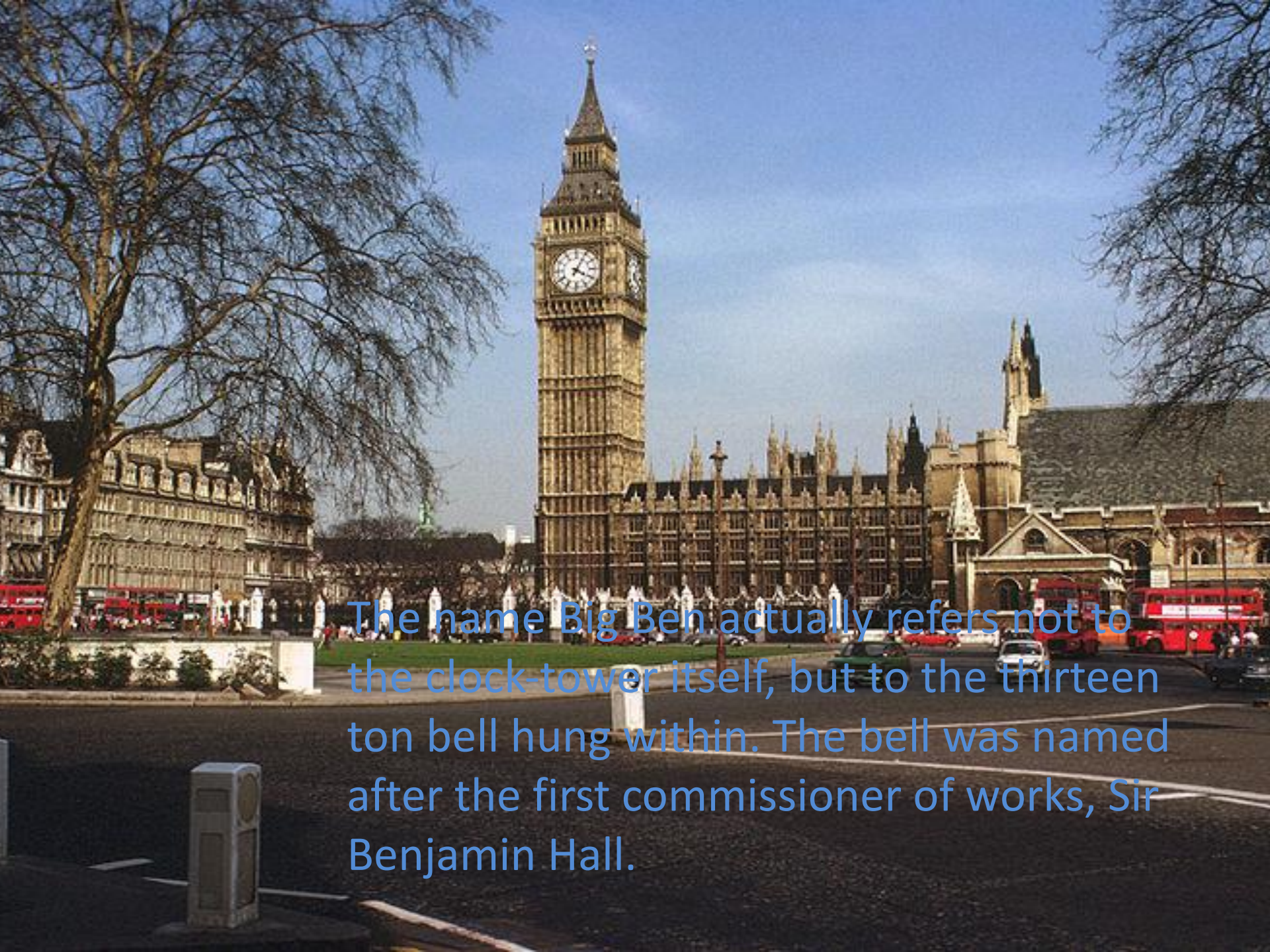


A photograph of the Big Ben clock tower in London at night. The tower is illuminated with a warm yellow light, and its two clock faces are brightly lit. In the background, the Houses of Parliament are visible, also illuminated. A street lamp is in the foreground, and a blue-lit archway is visible on the left side of the image.

Big Ben is one of London's best-known landmarks, and looks most spectacular at night when the clock faces are illuminated. You even know when parliament is in session, because a light shines above the clock face.

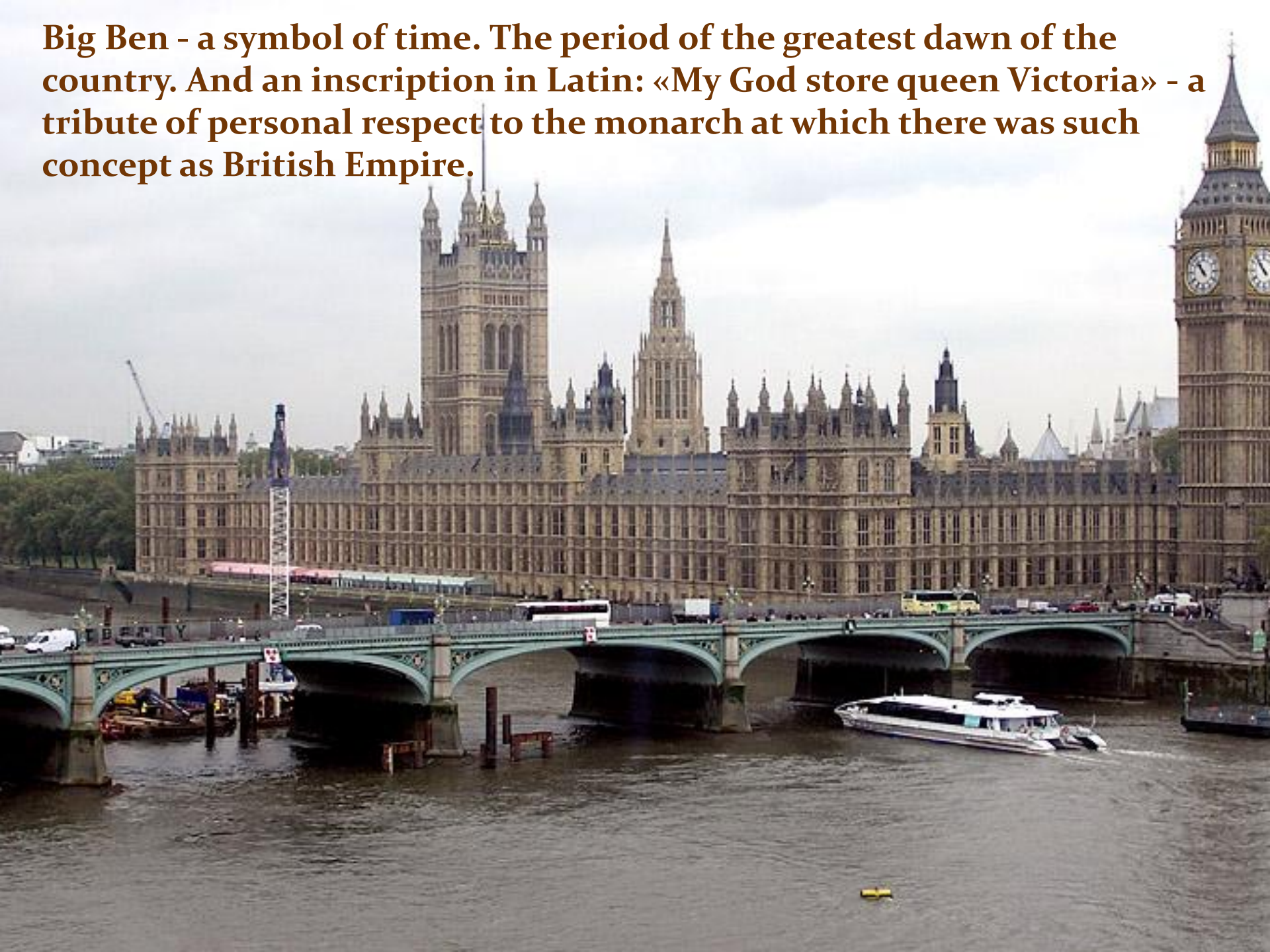
**The tower has been erected  
In 1858, a tower clock has been  
started up a course on May,  
21st, 1859..**



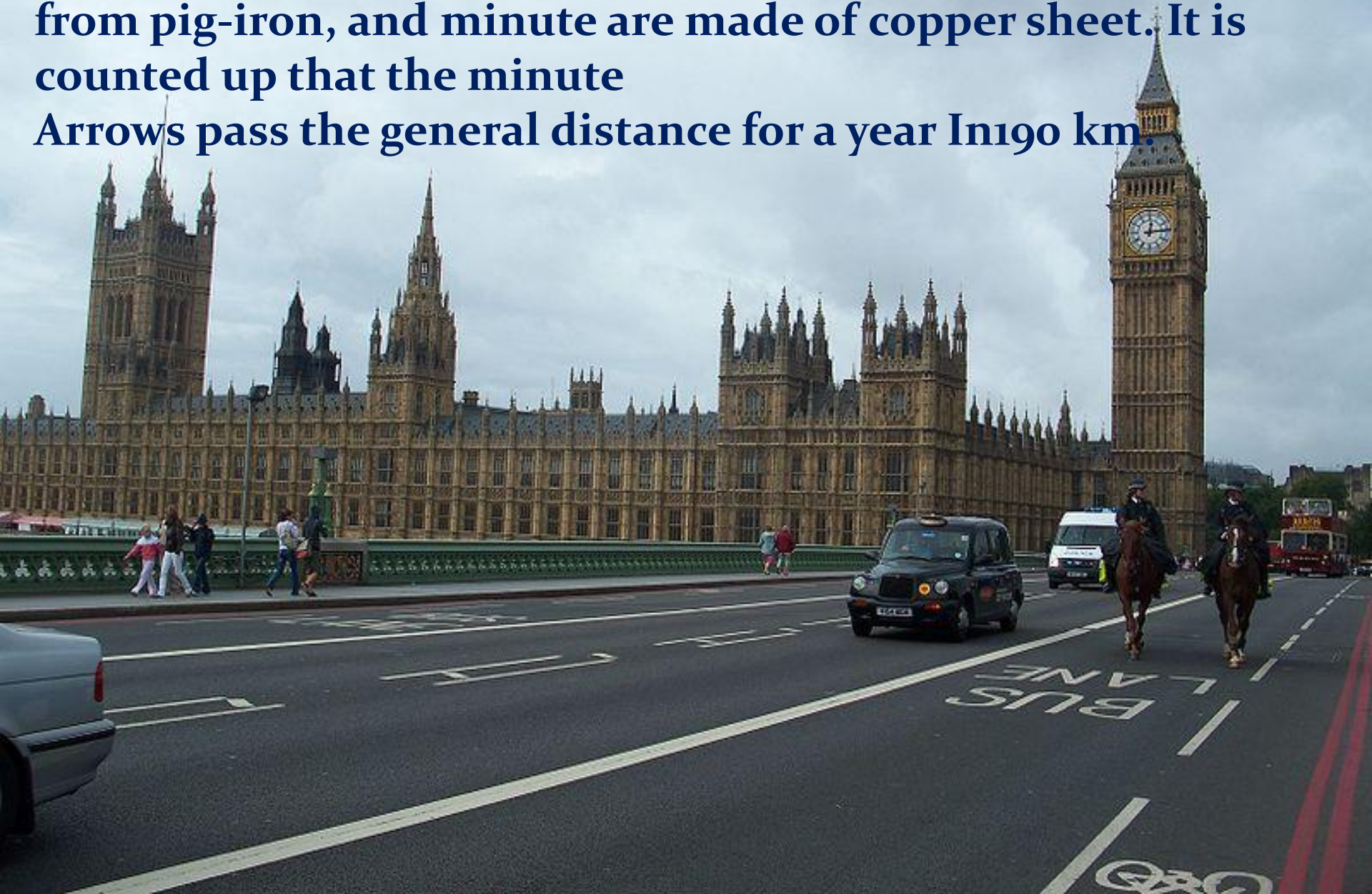


The name Big Ben actually refers not to the clock-tower itself, but to the thirteen ton bell hung within. The bell was named after the first commissioner of works, Sir Benjamin Hall.

**Big Ben - a symbol of time. The period of the greatest dawn of the country. And an inscription in Latin: «My God store queen Victoria» - a tribute of personal respect to the monarch at which there was such concept as British Empire.**



**Big Ben's dials look at all 4 parts of the world. They from Birmingham are made has fallen down, hour hands are cast from pig-iron, and minute are made of copper sheet. It is counted up that the minute Arrows pass the general distance for a year In190 km.**



**Big Ben and other small bells surrounding it beat out a ringing of following words:  
«Through this hour the Lord stores me and force it won't allow to anybody to stumble»**





**Big Ben also is only one bell.**

**Its height**

**More than 2 meters,**

**And diameter is equal almost to 3 meters.**



Tower height  
61 meter (without  
considering a spike);  
Hours settle down at  
height of 55 m from  
the earth. At  
diameter of a dial in  
7 meters and length  
of arrows 2,7 and 4,2  
meters, height of  
each figure — only 61  
centimeter. Hours  
Long time were  
considered as the  
greatest in the world.



**In Big Ben tourists don't start up. To get on top 96 meter towers it is possible only on a narrow spiral staircase. 334 steps will result on The small opened Platform, in Which center and There is a legendary Bell.**







Биг Бен  
ИЗО  
Льда



**Шести-метровая копия "Биг-Бена", сделанная из банок Кока-Колы была выставлена в лондонском парке, дабы привлечь внимание людей к вопросу переработки мусора. Художественная инсталляция, созданная скульптором Робертом Бредфордом, стала открытием Недели переработки мусора. "Биг-Бен" – одна из четырех скульптур, появившихся в Великобритании с целью поднять вопрос важности правильной утилизации отходов.**





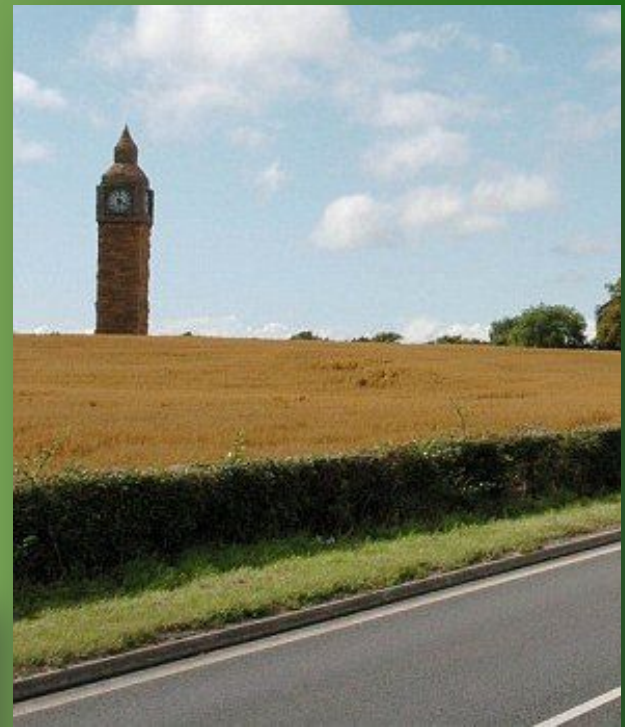






Пара бизнесменов Крис Садлер и Майк Харпер из английского графства Чешир создали копию башни Биг Бен высотой около 20 м. Сделано сооружение из соломы. Авторы говорят, что для воплощения проекта им понадобилось более 500 тюков соломы общей массой свыше

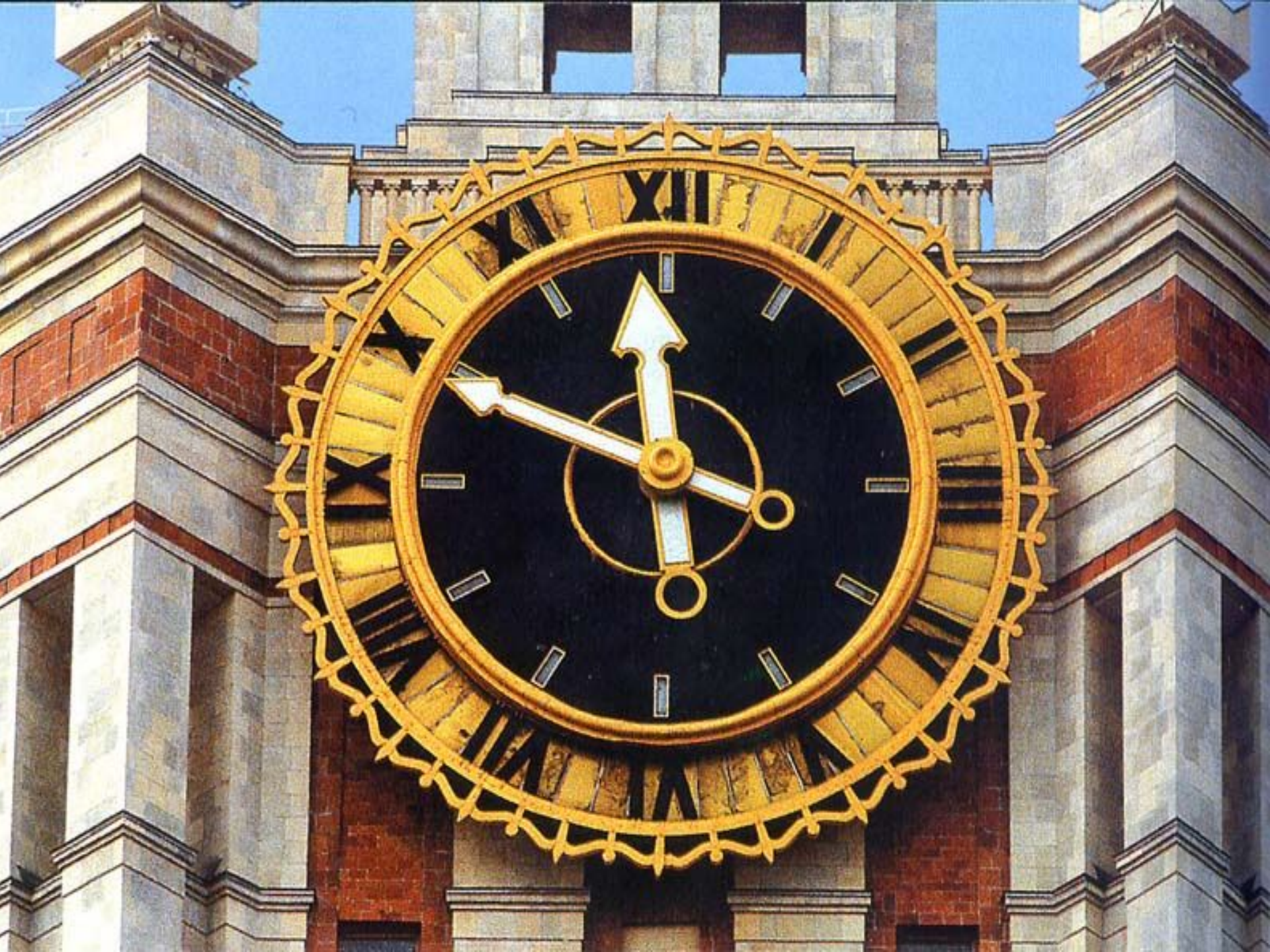
**20 т.**



























A nighttime photograph of the Big Ben clock tower and the Houses of Parliament in London. The scene is illuminated by warm yellow lights from the buildings and street lamps, with the clock tower's face glowing brightly. Bare trees are visible in the foreground and middle ground. A dark, modern structure with a glass railing is in the lower foreground. The text "The End" is overlaid in a large, white, serif font across the center of the image.

The End