

EIR Special Report

Solomon's Temple: a pagan crusade against Israel

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On Jan. 27, six men were arrested in Jerusalem in an attempt to blow up the Dome of the Rock, the second most holy shrine in the Islamic world. As *EIR* documented more than a year ago, in March 1983, behind the plot to destroy the Dome of the Rock—and rebuild Solomon's Temple in its place—stands a conspiracy which stretches from Israel into the most elite occult branches of royal freemasonry in Great Britain, to Christian fundamentalists in the United States. The aim of this plot, *EIR* proved, is to destroy all the nations of the Middle East. Such an act of terrorism and desecration to the Islamic world would spark a *jihād* (holy war) against the state of Israel, engulfing the entire region in an endless bloodbath of religious warfare.

Now, 13 months after the *EIR* exposé, the Temple Mount plot is at the center of a bitter fight that has broken out in Israel—a life-or-death struggle for the security of the nation. On April 27, Israeli security forces removed bombs from seven Arab buses in Jerusalem that had just been planted by Israeli terrorists. On May 6, Israel's Independence Day, the security forces moved in for the largest crackdown on the Israeli "terrorist underground" yet. (See article, page 36.) This time the crackdown edged closer to those *EIR* had named as the terrorists' controllers. Those arrested or detained for questioning included associates of Yuval Neeman, science and technology minister; Ariel Sharon, minister without portfolio; "Dirty Rafi" Eytan, adviser to the prime minister for the War Against Terror; and much of the leadership of the Sharon/Neeman-organized Gush Emunin West Bank settlement movement.

The Temple Mount plot involves more than jeopardizing the physical security of the Israeli state. Behind the obsession with the temple and its rebuilding as the center for Judaism is a more deadly game: cultural warfare against the Jewish-Israeli sense of identity. The intent of that cultural warfare is to destroy the moral purpose of the state of Israel, a nation capable of acting as a powerful force for the progress of the entire Middle East, as reflected in the Israeli achievements in



Two pagans committed to the destruction of the soul of Israel: Israeli politician and archeologist Yigael Yadin (left), father of the Masada death cult in Israel, and former U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance (center), who helped bring Khomeini to power. Vance's Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York recently put up a statue of "Christ" as a naked woman nailed to a cross.

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"greening the desert." The purpose is to destroy that inner core of identity associated with the natural law tradition of Abraham's covenant with God, the laws of Moses, and the state-building tradition of David. These Christian and Jewish fundamentalists, like their British and Soviet sponsors, have declared war against the principles of Judeo-Christian civilization. The plot to blow up the Dome of the Rock is the plot to destroy the soul of Israel.

Revival of Kabbalism

"What we are doing is creating a whole new Jew," declares Douglas Krieger, an official of the Jerusalem Temple Mount Foundation, which *EIR* exposed as funding the terrorists in Israel.

The fixation on rebuilding Solomon's Temple revolves around shifting the entire concept of the synagogue from a center for communal worship to the pagan notion of a temple: a center for astrology, black magic, and devil-worship; just like the pagan temples that Moses fought against. The pathway for this transition is the revival of kabbalism. Kabbalism is directly aimed at the concept of reason that was heralded by the Judaism of Moses and of St. Peter's collaborator Philo. As one of Kabbalism's proselytizers, Rabbi Herbert Weiner of South Orange, N.J., makes clear in his book, *Nine and a Half Mystics*:

This heretical upsurge is unconsciously aided by the fact that the mystic, in his rebellion against the

carefully demythologized classical concepts of his faith, opens himself up to the power of long-suppressed spiritual cravings. The Bible, later the rabbis, and most of all the Jewish philosophers of the Middle Ages, fought every evidence of pagan mythology. But this eagerness to achieve a completely de-mythologized, monotheistic faith paid a heavy price for its disdain of the primitive levels of human life. It ignored the terrors from which myths are made, as though denying the very existence of the problem. *This feeling for the reality of evil and the power of the demonic found its expression through the Kabbala, which also became a vehicle for the reentrance into Judaism of old pagan superstitions, theurgic rites, and gnostic heresies* [emphasis added].

It is therefore lawful that Israeli sources report that one of the next major projects of the Jerusalem Temple Mount Foundation is to move a leading Kabbalistic rabbi, the Rabbi of Safad, into Jerusalem, to train the priesthood for the new Temple. The priesthood, already gathered in the yeshiva Aretet Cohanim in Jerusalem, will learn from the rabbi about his life's work—instructions, from a model, on how to rebuild the Temple, stone by stone.

This preparation for the new temple is at the core of transforming Judaism into fundamentalist cultism. As reported in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* magazine on April 23, "People can be found in Jerusalem who are already weaving

the robes that the high priests of the temple will wear. Others can be found who are preparing the spices and incense to be used in the temple, and others are being taught the ancient rituals of animal sacrifice, in preparation for becoming priests of the temple. Everything is being taught down to the smallest detail—the exact knot of a garment, the precise mixture of incense, the angle of a slaughtering knife thrust—is found in Jewish law.”

There is no difference, philosophically or in practice, between this kabbalistic fundamentalism and the Islamic fundamentalism of the Ayatollah Khomeini. Is it any wonder then that the same political faction in Israel that is protecting the Temple Mount plot—the faction headed by former Defense Minister Ariel Sharon—is also known to be funneling arms to Khomeini?

The string-pullers

As *EIR* developed in 1983, the Temple Mount plot is directed out of the household of the **Queen of England** as the Sovereign of the **Knights of St. John of Jerusalem**. The operations on the ground are carried out through the elite **Quatuor Coronati Lodge of Freemasonry**, whose mother London Grand Lodge is headed by the Duke of Kent, cousin to the Queen. Also involved are leading figures in the Anglican Church, who stated that blowing up the Dome of the Rock would cause “100 years of religious warfare in the Middle East.”

On a lower rung is the *Biblical Archaeological Review*, which carries out the propaganda for the Temple Mount plot, and finally the Israeli and American fundamentalist kooks in the **Jerusalem Temple Mount Foundation**.

Controlling the finances of the JTTF as well as in charge of acquiring the building materials for the new temple is **Edoardo Recanati** of the Venetian Recanati clan, which financed the infamous Italian-based Propaganda-2 Lodge of Freemasonry, whose formal mother institution is also the London Grand Lodge.

The involvement in the Temple Mount plot of **Yigael Yadin**, the Israeli general, politician, and archaeologist, points toward the “deeper secrets” of the plot. Yadin, who recently founded Hemdat, an acronym for Public Committee for the Freedom of Science, Religion, and Culture, maintains a studied pose as a defender of Western values. Yet this is the man whose book on the Third Temple is due out in English in the next few weeks, and who for decades has been propagandizing on behalf of death cults and Armageddon through his so-called cultural work. Beginning with his theatrically staged 1950s archaeological dig at Masada, scene of a mass suicide of Jewish Zealots surrounded by Roman armies in the first century A.D., his mission has been to shift the Jewish self-identity to that of the cult-organized kamikaze.

The attempt to transform Israel into a fundamentalist

irrationalist theocracy, following the rise of Islamic fundamentalism signaled by Khomeini’s seizure of power in Iran, points to a broader determination by the European and British oligarchy—in alliance with the Soviet Union—to execute a worldwide paradigm shift in culture permanently away from the ordering of republican nation states since the Renaissance, to the “Eastern” imperial cultural matrix—the world outlook of the Eastern cult religions that Judeo-Christian civilization was organized to combat. The organization of world politics is scheduled to shift back to what the oligarchy views as the “cradle of civilization,” a cradle rocked by the Whore of Babylon, or, in one of her modern incarnations, by Matushka Rus, Great Mother Russia. Under Russian domination, the Mideast would revert to the form of imperial domination it suffered under the long, dark centuries of Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman rule: polyglot minorities controlled by priesthoods.

This is the higher ordering principle behind such tactical schemes as the the British Foreign Office-authored “Bernard Lewis plan” which calls for splitting up every nation-state in the area into ethnic divisions. It also exposes the evil or stupidity of certain “strategic thinkers” in Israel, like Oded Ginon, who wrote a paper for the World Zionist Organization arguing that Israeli national security requires Israel’s active role in breaking apart all her Arab neighbors.

On a deeper level, the oligarchy itself is organized in the evil cult orders of the Whore of Babylon, such as Freemasonry and the ancient Knights of St. John of Jerusalem (Knights of Malta). The Masons regard their spiritual forebears to be, not the Jews, but the Baal-worshipping Phoenician masons who were builders of the first Solomon’s Temple in the 10th century B.C. The Knights of St. John are based on the Templars, whose name reflects their headquarters around the Temple Mount during the Crusades.

The philosophical core of the great religions and of science is the expanding knowledge of a God whose goodness is the continuing creation of the universe and of man as an instrument contributing to that continuing creation through reason. The unifying notion of the cults is a *fixed* world order where change is accounted for either by the perpetual Manichean struggle of co-equal Good and Evil principles, or the Yin-Yang concept of expanding pulsations (empire), followed by breakdown collapse.

Hence, it is no exaggeration when Israeli President Chaim Herzog declared that the terrorists arrested April 26 for placing bombs on Arab buses were carrying out “treasonous acts” against the Israeli state. The outcome of the fight that has now broken out against the Temple Mount plot will not only determine the future of Israel, but the future of all the nations of the Middle East, and the future of civilization. It is only by fighting on that more profound level that the fight can be won.