

Merkaz HaRav yeshiva soon gave birth to the entire West Bank settlement movement, as well as to Yeshiva Ateret Cohanim, set up to train priests for a rebuilt temple. Ateret Cohanim was headed by Rabbi Shlomo Aviner, a leading student of Rabbi Kook, and an agent of Israel's domestic intelligence service, Shin Bet.

The plot to rebuild Solomon's Temple, and to unleash a religious war beyond imagination, had begun in earnest.

The Case of Randall Price

Insane Fundamentalists in U.S. Seek World War

by Anton Chaitkin

Texas-based Armageddonist J. Randall Price is a leading advocate among nominal Christians now urging a mad descent into a Jewish-Arab conflict which, they hope, will bring on the end of civilization.

The filthy ties of Price and similar American "fundamentalists" to Masonic and intelligence circles in England, and to the British-controlled Jewish fundamentalists in Israel, are reflected in Price's books, including *Ready to Rebuild: The Last Days Temple* and *The Lost Ark and the Last Days: In Search of Temple Treasures*, which we review below.

Today's American fundamentalism originated with the Rev. John Nelson Darby, the Nineteenth-Century Englishman whose work was a plaything for British Crown geopolitics. Darby (named for his godfather, Lord Nelson, the naval commander of Darby's admiral-uncle) created the dogma known as "premillennial dispensationism;" Darby first described the so-called "Rapture."

Darby wrote that the physical movement of Jews to the land of Israel would herald the second coming of Christ, and identified Russia as the anti-Christ nation, "Gog," fighting in the Apocalyptic conflict.

This political doctrine was made-to-order for British propaganda aims in setting up a British-run Jewish enclave in the Middle East, and for keeping Tsarist Russia out of the region. British Foreign Minister Palmerston's son-in-law, the Seventh Earl of Shaftesbury, published his *State and Prospects of the Jews* in 1839, at about the same time as Darby's *The Hopes of the Church of God in Connexion with the Destiny of the Jews and the Nations as Revealed in Prophecy*. Shaftesbury wrote that the "divine plan" for the "stiff-necked, dark-hearted people," the Jews, was not for them to have civil rights in England, but to be sent to Palestine. Lord Palmerston soon

instructed British diplomats that the Jews burned with a desire to be removed from Europe.

A leading apostle of Darby's, who transmuted his ravings into what became known in the early Twentieth Century as Protestant "fundamentalism," was the British intelligence official Sir Robert Anderson. Best known as head of Scotland Yard's criminal investigation division (during the Jack-the-Ripper murders), Anderson ran Britain's spy system against Irish nationalists and their American supporters. Among his Masonic and Protestant agents were the notorious terrorist anti-Irish provocateur "Le Caron," and the evangelist Dwight Moody.

John Walvoord and the Moody Bible Institutes

Darbyism, or fundamentalism, took root in the Moody Bible Institutes. The American center of its most extreme version has been the Dallas Theological Seminary, under John F. Walvoord (president 1952-86), whom a biographer describes as "carry[ing] the mantle of John Nelson Darby for all literalist Christians in the late 20th Century."

Walvoord trained and supervised Price, Hal Lindsay, and many of the other leading Armageddonists of recent decades. Walvoord has been near the center of a British web extending through the Pentagon, academia, and Bush-league intelligence circles. (Walvoord's 1974 *Armageddon, Oil, and the Middle East Crisis*, typically, does not denounce the oil-shortage hoax, but instead criticizes the traditional American attempt to meet man's material needs with science, such as developing nuclear power: Why bother, since God wants to end the world?)

Price told an interviewer in 1996, "We are looking for a conflict in the Middle East. It is inevitable." Price said that he would soon be addressing a "prophetic conference" in Jerusalem, speaking along with Temple Mount operative Gershon Salomon and Gen. Ariel Sharon. Price explained that the irreligious Sharon would be outlining the military situation to the "people who are interested in prophecy."

In *The Lost Ark and the Last Days: In Search of Temple Treasures* (Eugene, Oregon: Harvest House, 1994), Price pinpoints the efforts of his cohorts to inflame the Middle East and bring on mankind's annihilation, in the search for the physical remains of the Old Testament Ark of the Covenant, as in the Steven Spielberg movie, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. Price describes (in chapter 16) what is desired as "The Ark Effect":

"Effect One: Instigate the Rebuilding of the Temple

"Effect Two: Establish Religious Claim Over the Temple Mount

"Effect Three: Usher in the Messianic Age for Israel

"Effect Four: Provoke a War in the Middle East"—this section begins with Price's startling statement, "The conflict in the Middle East stems from the imperialistic claims of Islam."

Price shamelessly throws in the original British Foreign Office canards about Russia as Gog. Under the subhead "The Future Scenario," he writes, "When the Russian-Arab alliance moves against Israel, the European community will be compelled to intervene." (p. 238)

The Provocateurs

The provocateurs whom Price is profiling and helping manage are introduced to the reader. These include the most furious internal enemies of the state of Israel. Price writes: "Rabbi Nahman Kahane, the brother of the late Kach party leader Meir Kahane, . . . has long been at the forefront of religious efforts to see the Temple rebuilt. . . . He has stated goals [including] the return of the Israeli nation to a monarchy. . . . The restoration of the Sanhedrin to elect a high priest. . . . The formation of a government with a reigning prophet. . . . Rabbi Shlomo Goren [Price's close collaborator] . . . has constructed a fully furnished meeting place for the restored Sanhedrin adjacent to the Temple Mount." (p. 216)

Price continues: "The Temple Mount Yeshiva . . . [was] organized in March of 1993 by Kach activist Baruch Ben Yosef. . . . The . . . Yeshiva students, who are also Kach activists, seek to agitate the Arabs and at the same time to exercise their right as Jews to ascend to the Temple Mount. . . . In January of 1994 I spent some time with members of the Temple Mount Yeshiva and followed them during their daily circuits on the Temple Mount." Price quotes the Yeshiva's American-born founder and leader, Rabbi Baruch Ben-Yosef: " 'It is our purpose to clarify to the world that the State of Israel is not the Jewish state; [it] does not represent the Jewish people. It is one of the most anti-Semitic states that ever came into existence. And that is why for 26 years the Temple Mount has been left in the hands of the enemy. . . .'

"The Temple Mount Yeshiva and other organizations like it are gaining ground each year. They represent a new generation of Israelis who are more religious and radically determined to see Israel return to its biblical heritage and purpose. Their zeal may well be one of the factors that . . . invites the coming conflict with the Arabs" (pp. 290-293).

A little later, Price writes: "To see how a renewed search for (or the discovery of) the Ark [under the Temple Mount] might provoke the Middle East situation, we need to examine the present struggle between Jew and Muslim over both Jerusalem and the Temple Mount" (p. 299).

Under the subhead "Awaiting the Inevitable," "Price the Christian" applauds the murderous rage of Jews and Arabs which is to lead to heaven, through the hell of war: "The possibility that war may be imminent can be seen from the irreconcilable religious and nationalistic convictions held by Israelis and Arabs." A Hamas spokesman is quoted, "We . . . see the killing of Jews as an act that brings us closer to Allah." Price's collaborator, former Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, is quoted: " 'Arafat is responsible for thousands of murders.

Therefore, everyone in Israel who meets him in the streets has the right to kill him.' . . . Many of the settlers side with Goren; they say the government is insane to order them to evacuate their homes."

Price describes extreme Arab bloodlust and crimes, and a biblical text, to supposedly justify Baruch Goldstein's 1994 shooting spree, then continues: "Many of the settlers . . . now regard Goldstein as a patriot and hero (after the fashion of Mordecai in Esther 9:4). . . . As evidence of the community's viewpoint, when the news went out that 50 Arabs had been shot, one woman's outcry [was] . . . , 'We should kill 500, not 50!'. . .

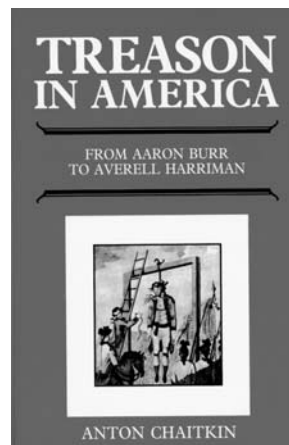
"Will the 'peace' process continue, only to be crowned by treachery as the PLO leads an Arab army against Jewish 'occupiers' and forces a final showdown in Israel? Will the ban on 'extremist' Jewish religious groups force a civil war in Israel. . . ? Will the Labor government be overthrown and a new reactionary right-wing government take its place, forcing the Arab world to go to war or face expulsion from the land? The specific catalyst for the final conflict is uncertain; but it is clear that such a conflict will come. . . .

"And as the Middle East conflict lurches away from the prospect of peace, will the Ark be recovered and move onto the stage of these final days? If our understanding . . . is correct, it is likely" (pp. 309-311).

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