

# British, freemasons, and the Temple Mount

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In our April 26, 1983 cover story, "Temple Mount fundamentalists launching new Middle East holy wars," *EIR* identified the controllers of the Temple Mount cultists, up to the highest reaches of British intelligence and freemasonry.

"The operation is not being conducted through official channels of the British parliamentary government," we wrote, "but through the lodges of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, the principal secret society of elite figures in the Royal Household, Church of England, and Secret Intelligence Service. The monarchist Freemasonic lodges, in particular the Quatuor Coronati lodge, have arranged an alliance between U.S.-based 'Armageddon' fundamentalists and fanatical Zionist sects in Israel. A next-phase role is being readied for British assets among 'Islamic fundamentalists.'

"The basis for the alliance of professed Christians and Jews is a shared, anti-Judaical form of pre-Christian belief structure, converging on the pagan Hermeticist castration dogmas of Scottish Rite Freemasonry itself. This has been applied to produce an agreed-upon pagan interpretation of Old Testament prophecy. One result is a shared venture to rebuild the Temple of Solomon on the site, the Temple Mount, which it is presumed to have occupied during the 9th century B.C., in Jerusalem. . . .

"In fostering the Temple Mount operation, the Freemasonic monarchists of the United Kingdom are engaged in a geopolitical power play of major proportions, under the cover that religious fanaticism provides. . . . Like certain Soviet strategic planners, British monarchists desire neither sovereign nation-states in the Middle East, nor a United States of America with the power, independence, and sovereignty to do its will in world affairs. From their standpoint, the Temple Mount operation might eliminate both."

## The Quatuor Coronati lodge

The Temple Mount agents-provocateurs are not ultimately controlled by Israeli intelligence, although two active duty Israeli intelligence officers, Mattiyahu Dan and Rabbi Shlomo Aviner, lead the sects. They are run by the Quatuor Coronati freemasonic lodge of London, formally headed by

the Duke of Kent. The lodge, formed in the 1880s, has always been one of the main patrons of the Zionist movement. It was formed as a result of an 1862 trip by Edward, then Prince of Wales, to the Holy Land, where the policy of seizing Palestine as a means of protecting the route to British India was adopted. Zionism has functioned as a cynical cover for that imperialist objective.

In 1967, the Quatuor Coronati lodge dispatched Dr. Asher Kauffman to Jerusalem to oversee its project of rebuilding the Temple. The project had become timely due to Israel's seizure that year of East Jerusalem, where the Temple Mount is located. At around the same time, *Biblical Archeological Review*, an American-based mouthpiece of the lodge, began a series of articles popularizing the project, particularly among American Protestant fundamentalists. The review was edited for a time by Barbara Ledeen, the wife of the U.S. State Department's terrorism expert Michael Ledeen, who later became notorious as a main intermediary between the Reagan-Bush White House and the Israeli government in the Iran-Contra deals.

## The masonic secret agenda

The use of religious warfare as a variant of the imperial technique of "divide and conquer" is not the only reason for the British patronage of the strange project. There are compelling British cult reasons as well.

For historical reasons, all Christian holy sites in Jerusalem have always been under the control of the Greek Orthodox Church, Orthodoxy generally, or the Roman Catholic Church. The Protestant denominations, including the Anglican Church, were formed several hundred years too late to control any of the holy sites. The Anglican Church, whose head is the British monarch, has become heavily influenced by the masonic beliefs of many leading British families.

There has been a decades-long secret understanding between the Zionists and the Anglican Church, that Orthodox and Catholic control of Jerusalem's holy sites would eventually come to an end. This is among the cult reasons why the British supported the creation of Israel in the first place. It is also a major reason why Great Britain supported Israel's 1967 seizure of East Jerusalem, the location of many of the city's most important religious sites.

Last spring, the Temple Mount fanatics took over a Greek-administered site adjacent to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, signaling that a major new assault on Jerusalem's Christians had begun. The Jewish fundamentalists' patrons have also been quietly buying up vast tracts of land in the Christian Quarter of the city. They are committed to making Jerusalem Muslim-free.

According to one scenario, the Israeli government, which supports these projects, will now use the developing religious violence as a pretext to put every holy site in the city, whatever the denomination, under the control of its Ministry of Religious Affairs.