

EIR Feature

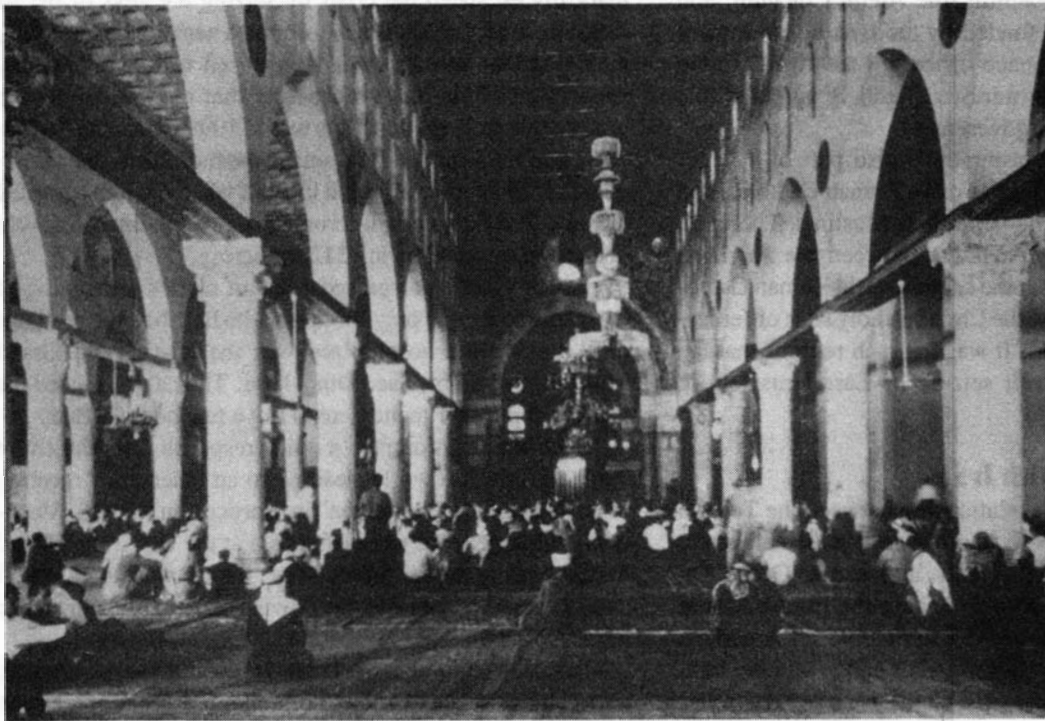
The British-Israeli path to holy war in the Mideast

by Joseph Brewda

With the Israeli massacre of 20 unarmed Palestinians at the Haram al-Sharif (Noble Sanctuary) in Jerusalem on Oct. 8, the Mideast took a new step toward a Dark Age of religious warfare. If international forces do not intervene to stop the madness, the process could soon reach a point of no return. In an interview with the French daily *Le Monde* on Oct. 10, Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan warned of such a consequence, particularly in view of the Anglo-American military deployment in the Persian Gulf and the growing threat of war against Iraq. "I fear that we are heading toward a polarization of the Muslim-Jewish-Christian confrontation," he stated, "In the Muslim perception, the presence of international forces in the Gulf, and especially non-Islamic forces, gives credibility to the idea of a new Crusade."

Unfortunately, spreading the sort of religious conflict which Prince Hassan warns against, is precisely what the controllers of the Jewish fundamentalist sects seek to bring about. As *EIR* has reported, uniquely, since our first cover story on the subject in 1983, the seemingly outlandish plot to rebuild the Temple of Solomon on Haram al-Sharif, one of Islam's holiest sites, is a deadly serious project, run from the highest echelons of British intelligence.

The Haram al-Sharif grounds house the revered Al Aqsa Mosque, the Dome of the Rock Mosque, and other Islamic shrines. Palestinians congregated at the site on Oct. 8 after the Temple Mount Faithful, a Jewish fundamentalist sect, had distributed a leaflet announcing that they would be laying the foundation-stone for a rebuilt "Solomon's Temple" there that day. The Jewish sect insists, without any archaeological or literary evidence, that the Noble Sanctuary was the site of the ancient Israelite temple. It also maintains that the Islamic holy places at the site are a desecration to Judaism, and so must be destroyed. Over the last decade, the sect has attempted on numerous occasions to blow up the Al Aqsa Mosque, to prepare for rebuilding the temple. Israeli police made no effort to prevent the sect from distributing leaflets announcing that they would be laying a foundation-stone, thereby guaranteeing that a confrontation would take place.



Muslims at prayer inside the Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem. This is where Palestinians were massacred by Israeli forces on Oct. 8, to advance a scenario written by foreign oligarchs.

The Israeli police claim that they were compelled to open fire on Palestinian demonstrators because these demonstrators were throwing rocks at Jews praying at the nearby Wailing Wall. While none of these Jews required hospitalization, medical examination of the dead and wounded Palestinians showed that many had been shot in the back, while fleeing.

As this *Feature* will document in detail, British Freemasonry, which traces its origins to the Crusading Templar order, is the ultimate controller of the Jewish zealots who are assaulting the Noble Sanctuary. These British intelligence operatives, both for cultist and geopolitical reasons, want to spread religious warfare throughout the Middle East.

At the highest levels of the project, the British gamemasters have these strategic goals:

1) In a classic imperial strategy of “divide and rule,” they seek the permanent destabilization of the Middle East, playing Jew against Muslim against Christian, locking the area into religious warfare for generations to come.

2) They seek to block any potential for Arab-Israeli cooperation in the interests of economic development of the region as a whole—the kind of program that *EIR* and its founder, Lyndon LaRouche, have promoted as the essential prerequisite to a political solution for the region.

3) They pursue a malthusian policy of deliberate wars to depopulate the countries of the Third World. As *EIR* reported two weeks *before* the Gulf crisis erupted, Anglo-American policy planners are seeking to reshape NATO for “out-of-area” wars to reduce Third World populations, with North-

South conflicts taking the place of the Cold War—and with a new Mideast war at the top of their agenda. We quoted a British retired general who underlined that “the whole Palestine affair is a population problem, which will lead to more conflict” (*EIR*, July 20, 1990, “Malthusians reshape NATO for ‘out-of-area’ wars”).

Top-down control

The controllers of the “Temple Mount” fanatics include the United Grand Lodge of England, whose grand master is the Duke of Kent; the United Grand Lodge’s Quatuor Coronati research lodge, whose Jerusalem-based agents deploy the Jewish crazies; the so-called British-Israelites, whose propagandists have called for a showdown with Iraq’s President Saddam Hussein based on religious grounds; and the political networks associated with British agent-of-influence Henry Kissinger, which control Israel’s press.

On the lower levels within Israel itself, we documented in a Special Report dated March 1, 1986 (“Moscow’s secret weapon: Ariel Sharon and the Israeli mafia”), that the political machine of Ariel Sharon, Israel’s would-be Hitler, was central to the plot. It was Sharon, currently housing minister, who banned Palestinians who do not live in Jerusalem from entering the city following the Oct. 8 Temple Mount massacre, and who vowed that any Arab carrying a knife would have his home destroyed. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is basically a placeholder for Sharon, the strongman of the regime, who uses his ministry to fund and arm the “settlers movements” and related cults.

The Temple Mount Faithful, the Ateret Cohanim, and numerous other sects are funded by the Israeli government and led by Israeli intelligence officers. Last April, David Levy, who is now foreign minister, publicly admitted that the sects are funded by the government.

The Temple Mount conspiracy is also part of a larger British Freemasonic gameplan to drive Roman Catholics and Orthodox out of Jerusalem—as well as Muslims. There has been a decades-long understanding between the Anglican Church and the Zionists that the centuries-old Roman Catholic and Orthodox control of the Christian holy sites of Jerusalem would come to an end. It was for such reasons that the British supported the Israeli seizure of East Jerusalem in 1967.

Preparing for war with Iraq

Some indication of the relationship between the Temple Mount sects and a planned Anglo-American/Israeli strike against Iraq surfaced even before the massacre of Oct. 8. On Oct. 5, the South African-born director of the Temple Mount Foundation of Israel, Stanley Goldfoot, told an American journalist that the fight for Solomon's Temple and the fight against Iraq are one and the same. Goldfoot, a key controller of the sects, is a decades-long intimate of Prime Minister Shamir, and a political ally of Sharon.

Goldfoot asserted that the major danger to the region is that the Bush administration might back down from confrontation with Iraq—a confrontation which his organization has been demanding since last April. What is needed, he said, is "a preemptive strike now." He predicted that a showdown would be forthcoming between Jews and Palestinians in Jerusalem. Goldfoot charged that Saddam Hussein's support for a *jihād*, a holy war, against Israel, was the reason for the coming showdown.

"The question of *jihād* has been the same for hundreds of years," Goldfoot stated, "Either we squash them or they squash us. It's a fight to the finish. We must ruthlessly crush Islam. We must make Israel invincible." Asked whether Israel ought not be concerned about Iraqi chemical and biological deterrents, Goldfoot threatened: "If Saddam dares to start something that way, the world will be shocked. We have tactical means altogether unknown. I wish we could use them now."

Continuing provocations

As in earlier stage-managed atrocities at the Haram al-Sharif, Israeli authorities deliberately heightened tensions to create the conditions suitable for broader warfare in the region. The cabinet is preparing a new wave of massacres, in an effort to panic West Bank Palestinians into fleeing the occupied territories into Jordan. If the U.S. bombs Iraq, Sharon hopes to make the West bank "Arab-free" once and for all.

The day following the massacre, Israeli authorities dra-

matically escalated the crisis by seizing the keys of the Al Aqsa Mosque, and shutting its doors to worshippers because, they said, the mosque was being used to house pro-Iraqi provocateurs. The only other time that mosque had fallen under control of non-Muslims was in 1099, when the Templars took over Jerusalem and seized the mosque as their headquarters. They were expelled in 1198 when Saladin liberated the city. The Templars, forerunners of the Freemasons, were disbanded by the pope in 1312 for heresy.

Israeli police tear-gassed Muslim clerics attempting to enter the mosque to pray for those who had died the previous day. Among the hospitalized was the 80-year-old Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Saad Din Alami. They also arrested the Mufti's deputy for incitement to riot a few hours earlier.

Such actions prompted a quick response from the entire Arab and Muslim world, leading to an emergency meeting of the "Jerusalem Committee" in Morocco on Oct. 15. Meanwhile, after nearly a week of debate at the U.N., the United States, fearing for the future of its alliance with the Arab oil sheiks, voted to censure the Jewish state, although in the mildest of terms.

Israeli reaction was swift, and typically provocative. In a speech before the Qarney Shomron rabbinical seminary on Oct. 9, Yitzhak Shamir raved that "The rioters [i.e., the Palestinians] paid a heavy price in human life, but this is precisely the goal of their leaders and activators. . . . We are here and will remain here. This is our country, this is our land, and no force in the world will alter this eternal fact."

Sharon, for his part, told the French daily *Libération* of Oct. 17, in response to the U.N. vote, that "Jerusalem has been the capital of the Jewish people for 3,000 years, and no one has any political status outside of Israel" to deal with matters there.

In fact, East Jerusalem has been illegally occupied by Israel since the June 1967 Mideast war.

The Jewish religious establishment has been no less unabashedly supportive of the massacre of Palestinians. Israel's two chief rabbis, Avraham Shapiro and Mordechai Eliyan, issued a call for Jews to celebrate the end of the holiday of Sukkoth on Oct. 11 at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, rather than in their home towns, to erase the "great blasphemy"—meaning the alleged rock-throwing by Palestinians at praying Jews. To aid this mobilization, the Ministry of Religious Affairs placed full-page ads in the nation's press calling for mass participation, "in view of the wicked attempt to desecrate the joy of our holiday near the remains of the temple."

Approximately 35,000 religious Jews, many armed with machine guns and pistols, marched through the Muslim Quarter of Jerusalem in response to the call to pray at the site. "Thousands of people came in answer to those who stoned us," Religious Affairs Minister Avner Shakti screamed to the mob. "They should learn that Jerusalem is indivisible."