

Plot to rebuild Solomon's Temple was made in Great Britain

by Scott Thompson

Events in Jerusalem on Oct. 8 were triggered when redemptionist Zionists sought to rebuild the Third Temple of Solomon on Haram al-Sharif (Noble Sanctuary), upon whose mount are Islamic holy sites. This affair demonstrates the degree to which Israel is a zombie creation of the British Arab Bureau, since the entire Solomon's Temple plot was fabricated by British Freemasons led by Britain's royal family. The plot is intended to foment a Thirty Years War, whipped up by Jewish, Islamic, and Christian fundamentalist strife. Within the context of the British-inspired "Operation Desert Shield" deployment into the Persian Gulf, attempts to follow the Freemasonic scenario of rebuilding Solomon's Temple might just trigger World War III.

Through archaeological hoaxes and the spread of esoteric gobbledygook, British Freemasons, who share a gnostic-satanic belief structure, have prepared the Solomon's Temple project over 100 years. By launching a Holy War, it is their ultimate design to sweep aside the trinitarian currents within the three monotheistic religions that Cardinal Nicolaus of Cusa in his *De pace fidei* saw as a basis for peaceful ecumenical dialogue. As the Catholic magazine *30 Days* made clear in its June issue, after events at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre last Easter, an additional feature of the plot is to drive Christianity completely out of the Holy Land.

This "conspiracy" against Christianity, as Cardinal John O'Connor of New York termed it, is nothing new for British Freemasonry. As will be underscored here, the United Grand Lodge of England (the "Mother Lodge" of world Freemasonry) and its Quatuor Coronati research lodge helped devise Adolf Hitler's gnostic-satanic belief that he must destroy Judeo-Christianity. What Hitler sought to do as a "final solution" to destroy Western civilization in Europe, is what these same conspirators are now preparing around the Solomon's Temple issue for the Middle East. They actively seek to unleash irrationalist, fundamentalist cults to sweep aside reason and to create a "New Dark Age."

The Freemasonic gamemasters

A. Quatuor Coronati Lodge 2076. This is the research lodge of the United Grand Lodge of England, which is central to British Freemasonic involvement in the Solomon's Temple project. Under the guise of research, Quatuor Coronati has run many similar cultural warfare projects—including launching the Bavarian Nazi Party—since its nine founding

brethren gathered in 1884. The number nine is significant, because this is the purported number who founded the original crusading group, the Poor Knights of the Temple of Solomon—i.e., the Knights Templar. Renegade Templar Knights are said to have been the founders of British Freemasonry, when they fled to Scotland after the Church excommunicated them because they practiced the Baphomet Cult rite of spitting on Christ's image at initiation.

In 1967 Quatuor Coronati sent Asher Selig Kaufman, who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, to Jerusalem. Kaufman, a physicist who now works with the Jerusalem Temple Foundation, is still part of the lodge's Circle of Correspondence. Earlier he had worked for 10 years under the British H-bomb scientist T.E. Allibone, who keeps a watchful eye on Kaufman's project. Kaufman emerged as a major figure in the Solomon's Temple project, when, in the March-April 1983 issue of *Biblical Archaeology Review*, he penned an article titled "Where was Solomon's Temple? New evidence on where it stood." This is still the "most popular piece" on Solomon's Temple, according to sources at *Biblical Archeology Review*.

In 1983, Kaufman told *EIR* investigators that he was also to write a key piece on Solomon's Temple for *Ars Quatuor Coronati*, the lodge's theoretical journal. But Kaufman's patron, J.R. Clarke, died before its publication. Still, on Oct. 10, 1990, Kaufman said that there were other members with whom he was discussing an article. He added that he was organizing for support to build Solomon's Temple not only among Christian fundamentalists, but also among Masons in Britain and Israel.

Kaufman locates the site of Solomon's Temple on Haram al-Sharif 330 yards north of the Dome of the Rock Mosque. This is disputed by other Jerusalem Temple Foundation members; but it is convenient, because Jewish *halacha* law forbids those who are not high priests from stepping within the Temple sanctuary. Kaufman's assertion makes it possible for any Zionist crazy to blow up the Dome of the Rock, as has been tried, without technically violating Jewish law.

Alex Horne wrote the book *King Solomon's Temple in the Masonic Tradition*, which officials of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council in Washington, D.C. describe as an important work popularizing the Solomon's Temple project in America. Horne was a 33rd degree member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. The foreword to his book was

by Harry Carr, the Past Master and Secretary of the Quatuor Coronati. Horne had been the lodge's sole American member, and before his recent death he wrote several articles on Solomon's Temple for *Ars Quatuor Coronati*. A member of the Grand Masonic Lodge's Northern California Research Lodge formerly headed by Horne said he hopes his lodge decides to become involved in the Solomon's Temple project soon.

Horne, like Kaufman, also sought to popularize the project with the Grand Lodge of Israel, as when he visited Israel for the lodge's Silver Anniversary in 1978 with Harry Carr.

The Founding Master of Quatuor Coronati was Sir Charles Warren, charged by British author Stephen Knight with covering up the Jack the Ripper murders, when Warren served briefly as commissioner of London's Metropolitan Police. According to Knight, the murders were carried out by British Freemasons to cover up for the fact that Prince Albert, grandson of Queen Victoria and Heir Presumptive to the throne, had illegally married and fathered a child by a Roman Catholic commoner.

More important, Gen. Sir Charles Warren, Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George and Knight of Justice of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, is credited by Masonic sources with virtually rediscovering the Solomon's Temple project. From 1867-70, Sir Charles was part of an expedition to Jerusalem by the Palestine Exploration Fund, which had been created after the Prince of Wales visited Palestine in 1862, and which is headed today by Queen Elizabeth II. On his return, Sir Charles co-authored the book titled *Recovery of Jerusalem*, after the old Crusader battle cry. He also wrote *Underground Jerusalem* and *The Temple and the Tomb*. These works contain numerous archaeological and other references to Solomon's Temple.

While Sir Charles was alive, the lodge also took leadership of the Theosophy Society away from Madame Blavatsky. This was done in collaboration with members of the Cambridge "Apostles" group, including most notably Arthur J. Balfour and Henry Sidgwick, both members of the Society for Psychical Research. (This is the same Balfour who later wrote the Balfour Declaration for Palestine, assisted by the future Lord Harlech and the Zionist Committee.) They gave the Theosophy Society to Annie Besant, whose brother-in-law, W. Besant, was one of the founding brethren. Later, Quatuor Coronati used Theosophist circles to form the Order of the Golden Dawn under the satanist Aleister Crowley. The Order of the Golden Dawn, in turn, became the basis for the Thule Society, which launched Adolf Hitler's Nazi Party and provided the esoteric beliefs of its SS cult.

By a different route, through Balfour, through the racial mystic Benjamin Disraeli (refer to his book *Sibyl*), and others, Quatuor Coronati had an important role in the formation of Theodore Herzl's Zionist movement: the identification of Jews with "blood and soil."

Thus, at the same time that the Quatuor Coronati had a

seminal role in creating Zionism, it also fostered Adolf Hitler's "final solution" to destroy Judeo-Christianity. It will be found that the worst fascist and racialist filth runs throughout the history of British Freemasonry. These are some of the cultural warfare operations of Quatuor Coronati, that have lit the fuse on war, famine, and religious discord throughout the twentieth century.

B. The United Lodge of England. This is "The Mother Lodge" of world Freemasonry, which has traditionally been patronized by the British royal family. That patronage today is exerted through Queen Elizabeth II's cousin, the Duke of Kent, who is its grand master. Not only are the elements of craft masonry based upon the building of the first and second Temples of Solomon, but the higher, esoteric degrees of the Scottish and York rites draw heavily from the eastern heresies of the Knights Templar. Founded in 1717 out of an admixture of Rosicrucianism and Sir Elias Ashmole's gnostic syncretism, the "Mother Lodge" has long been involved in the Solomon's Temple question. As Scottish Rite Masons like to point out today, Sir Isaac Newton, who was affiliated with their esoteric doings, compiled in 1728 *The Chronology of Ancient Kingdoms*. Chapter 5, titled "A description of the Temple of Solomon," is still circulated by Masons to this day.

Michael Higham, who is in charge of briefing the lodge's grand master, the Duke of Kent, told *EIR* on Oct. 11: "The importance of Solomon's Temple to Freemasonry is allegorical, not real. . . . If somebody wanted to rebuild it, then we would observe them from a distance." Pressed on the fact that members of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge were doing so, Higham added: "Asher Kaufman and others who you say are involved in building the Temple, are not members of the Quatuor Coronati, but members of its Circle of Correspondence, of whom there are several thousand. . . . We will not issue a statement condemning any Freemason who is involved."

Higham took a step back, however, when he was reminded the Solomon's Temple scandal might be as big for the Mother Lodge as that involving it with the Propaganda-2 Lodge, which had culminated with Italian banker Roberto Calvi being hung on Blackfriars Bridge in London. As *EIR* was the first to report in its April 13, 1982 issue, that scandal directly implicated the British royal family through the Duke of Kent. In 1970, Italian press accounts charge that, while stationed with U.N. forces in Cyprus, the Duke of Kent initiated the process of returning P-2 founder Licio Gelli from 20 years of exile in Argentina. With this backing, Gelli began openly to advertise that he favored a military coup to restore the House of Savoy. Italian magistrates probing P-2 discovered its involvement in a series of coups d'état, "red" and "black" terrorist assassinations, and possible links to the attempt by Mehmet Ali Agca to kill Pope John Paul II. British Freemasonry is still tarnished by being implicated in the plot to murder the Pope.



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Principal players in the plot to blow up the Middle East (left to right): Ariel Sharon, the Duke of Kent, and Henry Kissinger.

Gelli, who had been a member of Mussolini's fascist OVRA secret police, is not the Duke of Kent's only connection with fascism. His family is riddled with it. George, Duke of Kent, father of the current Duke and son of King George V, was the most sympathetic of the Windsors to Edward VIII, who was forced to abdicate because of his direct call for an alliance with Hitler. Princess Alexandra, sister of the current Duke of Kent, is married to Angus Ogilvy, the second son of the Earl of Airlie. The Airlies, too, supported ties with the Nazis; the Duke's sister-in-law, Princess Michael of Kent, is the daughter of an SS officer, according to press accounts on file with the British Information Office in New York City. This is just the logical outcome of the family's historic involvement with British Freemasonry, which launched both "universal socialism" and "universal fascism" as counterpoles in the nineteenth century.

There should be no question that the Duke of Kent's appointment to be grand master in 1967 was a decision taken with Queen Elizabeth's approval. In the same year he was made aide-de-camp to Queen Elizabeth, for whom he had acted as a counsellor of state during her absences from Britain since 1957. Also, in 1967, the Duke of Kent was named a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, succeeding as grand master of the order shortly thereafter. The Queen must bear responsibility for the actions of the Mother Lodge and the Quatuor Coronati as regards Solomon's Temple.

Armageddon army: the British Israelites

"Jerusalem events yesterday could be the spark that sets things off," said a British spokesman for the British Israel World Federation (BIWF) on Oct. 9. He added that the present situation in the Persian Gulf and Haram al-Sharif may be signs that the "end time has arrived."

Before looking at the kooky "British Israelite" belief structure, which is a bridge to Christian fundamentalists supporting the rebuilding of Solomon's Temple, let us look at the geopolitics of one of its supporters. According to a BIWF spokesman in London, one of the best outlets for the federa-

tion's views was Kenneth Hugh de Courcy's newsletters *Intelligence Digest* and *Special Office Brief*: De Courcy "thinks along the same lines as British Israel in terms of biblical prophesy and the identity of Israel as Anglo-Saxon-Celtic. His publications have the same themes, that a bust-up in the Mideast will be followed by the Second Coming." This Armageddon scenario certainly conforms with de Courcy's publications.

A little over two years ago, de Courcy described himself to *EIR* founder Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., as representing interests in the British Establishment that were seeking to foment a Middle East war—not only to strike at Islam, but to rekindle an East-West global showdown. Subsequent issues of his newsletters elaborate this theme. The July 10, 1990 issue of *Special Office Brief* said that with effective unification of Germany on July 1, which de Courcy hates, "we entered that last phase prior to events of enormous magnitude inevitable in the birth of a new epoch." Among the events of this "great historic upheaval" predicted by de Courcy were: "Islam and Zionism both rapidly approach a confrontation equipped with such terrible weaponry that it will be terminal for one or the other. Moreover, whichever survives that clash will not emerge therefrom in the shape in which it entered it. A whole new epoch will result."

In an accompanying piece on "religious battles," de Courcy sides with the "Church Conservatives," stating: "They believe that all the main and sufficient outlines are disclosed in Holy Scripture and that every essential event of the past and every necessary prophecy regarding the future is accurately set out in the Bible."

But, de Courcy's war cry is not all Biblical prophecy. In the same issue, de Courcy describes a coming showdown with Iraq, which will force the Atlantic powers to confront it with nuclear devices, lest Israel mount an attack upon Iraq to knock out its nuclear and related weapons capability.

The Sept. 4, 1990 issue describes the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait as similar to events in Serbia in 1914, predicting that the question of Kuwait will recede into a showdown with Russia. De Courcy praises Henry Kissinger's call for imme-

diate, preemptive military action, while noting: "If we follow Kissinger's advice, it may well escalate into a major war with dozens of subsidiary conflicts worldwide. That is the truth. It has come about because exhaustion on the part of Britain . . . caused her to quit the Canal and Aden and throw in three crucial protective roles: that of Palestine, that of Iraq, that of Kuwait."

Who is de Courcy?

Documents in *EIR*'s possession show that de Courcy, a.k.a. Duc de Grantmesnil, who was born in 1909, had been closely associated with Wallis Simpson and her lover King Edward VIII, who was forced to abdicate in 1938, ostensibly over Edward's decision to marry the divorced American. The political reason behind his ouster was opposition from some quarters of the British elite to his pursuit of an open alliance with Adolf Hitler through his foreign minister, Ribbentrop. De Courcy remained close to them, when they went into exile as the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. Undaunted, de Courcy assisted the British Foreign Office in implementing Neville Chamberlain's appeasement policy. One of de Courcy's correspondents today is Lord Home of the Hirsell, who is among the last survivors of the Munich talks between Chamberlain and Hitler, having been Chamberlain's parliamentary private secretary. Later, as Britain's foreign secretary from 1970-74, Lord Home was the man who gave policy directives to Henry Kissinger. Kissinger admitted in a 1982 speech at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, that as Nixon's national security adviser he had worked from British Foreign Office policy documents, rather than those of the U.S. State Department—including designing the entire détente policy with Lord Home's Foreign Office. Other documents obtained by *EIR* show that when de Courcy was in Wormwood Scrubs prison after conviction for fraud charges, he was complicit in the escape to the Soviet Union of "superspy" George Blake.

Other de Courcy correspondents include the gang that rigged the Suez crisis, notably Lord Hailsham and R.A.B. Butler. Since the Persian Gulf crisis, British newspapers have been filled with the line that it is "the revenge of Suez." The idea is that the Anglo-American Establishment ought to project military power to re-colonize the Third World, looting resources, controlling technology transfer, and reducing population growth.

As for the British Israelites who attend this faction's imperial schemes, they date back to Oxford University of Cromwell's time, which was a hotbed for fomenting millenarian Protestant cults. Briefly, they argue that the 10 tribes of northern Israel after their conquest by Assyria, migrated northward to become the ethnic stock of Scandinavia, Holland, and Britain. The leading British Israelite organization today is the British Israel World Federation, which is headquartered in London and claims hundreds of thousands of adherents, since it was founded with official patronage of the British royal family (through Princess Alice) in 1919. Its

officials claim that Kenneth de Courcy's strategic writings represent their imperial views. Certainly, de Courcy's establishment fellows must find it useful that the BIWF claims there is a "Covenant from God" for the British Commonwealth, including specific injunctions for monarch, subjects, and the amassing of colonies.

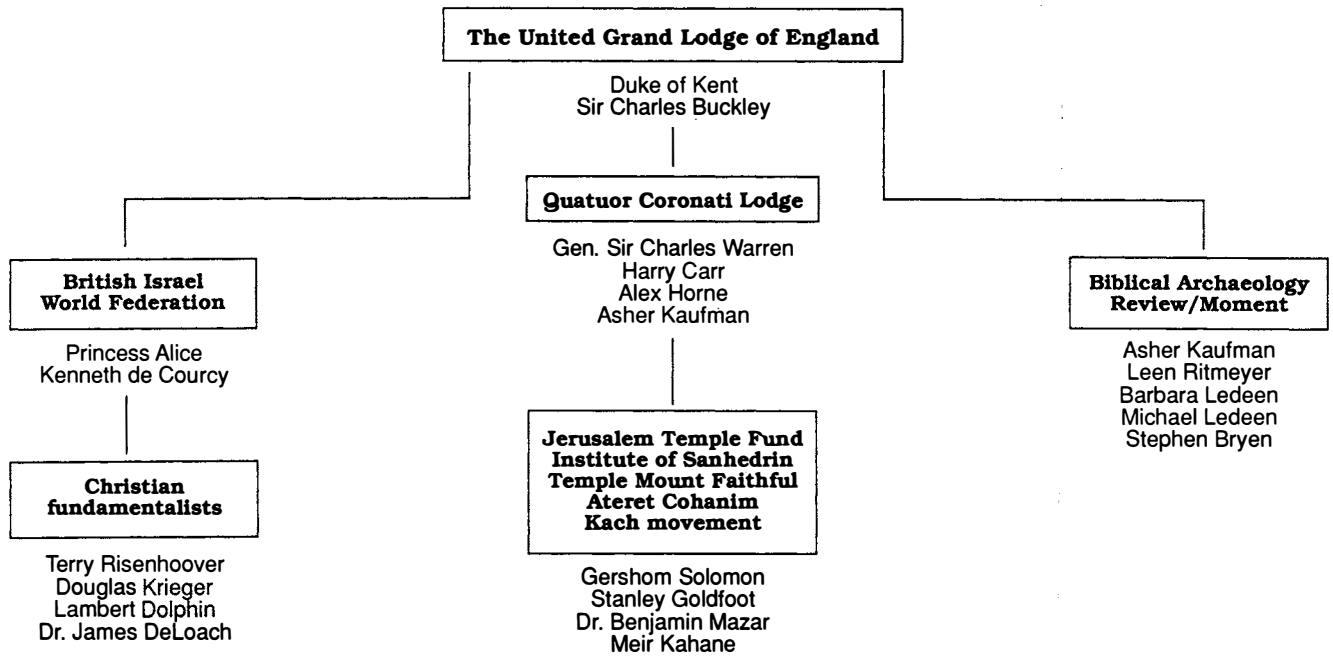
Britain's cult of archaeology

British Freemason Asher Kaufman popularized the Solomon's Temple project with his article, "Where was Solomon's Temple," which appeared in the March-April 1983 issue of *Biblical Archaeology Review*. On the cover of that issue was a picture of the Islamic shrines now on Haram al-Sharif, with the subtitle: "Ark of Covenant once stood on the bedrock beneath this unimposing cupola." Kaufman's article helped light the fuse for successive attempts to blow up Islamic holy sites and gain control over Haram al-Sharif.

Publication of the article was facilitated by Barbara Ledeen, then an assistant to the editor of *Biblical Archaeology Review*, which is published by the Biblical Archaeology Society. This is most significant. Her husband, Michael, who is a Venetian-influenced proponent of the "universal fascism" that was created by Mazzini's Propaganda Lodge in the nineteenth century, was an adviser on terrorism to Secretary of State Alexander Haig at the time. It was Ledeen, according to Italian press coverage, who was assigned to cover up court testimony naming Kissinger as a member of the Monte Carlo Lodge, which controlled Propaganda-2 terrorism and assassinations. Ledeen survived Haig's ouster, after the general supported Ariel Sharon's 1982 invasion of Lebanon, and became a consultant to the National Security Council, where he was instrumental in the Iran-Contra arms deals.

Since publishing Kaufman's article, *Biblical Archeology Review* has also become affiliated with *Moment* magazine. The latter's December 1989 issue carried an article by Stephen Bryen, who is a suspect member of the "Mr. X Committee" that controlled Jonathan Pollard. This article was part of the British Special Intelligence Service's effort to mobilize for war with Iraq. It is ironic that Bryen, who writes in the piece about his attempt to stop U.S. technology transfer to Iraq during the Iran-Iraq War, is known to have been part of the rat pack at the NSC with Ledeen that was then covertly shipping arms to Iran. Clearly, *Biblical Archeology Review* views its archaeological "Piltdown hoaxes" from a serious political perspective.

At the same time that the Biblical Archaeology Society was beating the drums for a showdown with Iraq through *Moment*, the November-December 1989 issue of *Biblical Archeology Review* carried a feature with several articles titled "Herod's Temple Mount—stone by stone." It reviewed the archaeology of Haram al-Sharif at the time of the Second Temple. It was written by the Christian fundamentalist Leen Ritmeyer, who is finishing a degree in England and who had been the design architect assisting Dr. Benjamin Mazar on



an archaeological dig around Haram al-Sharif that dates back to Israel's conquest of Jerusalem in the 1967 war. In an interview with *EIR*, Ritmeyer revealed that through his work he had met Stanley Goldfoot, Asher Kaufman, Lambert Dolphin, and others of the Jerusalem Temple Foundation. According to Goldfoot, Ritmeyer's boss, Dr. Mazar, is a member of a Institute of Sanhedrin, who are to be the "wise men," when Solomon's Temple is rebuilt. But Ritmeyer, as a Christian fundamentalist, said that while he agrees "Jerusalem will become the capital of the world," the Jews will all be converted to Christianity at the "end of the millennium," and will not rule there.

Blood and soil

In October 1982, the late Lord Harlech, David Ormsby-Gore, revealed to *EIR* that he was part of a consortium involved in the massive illegal purchase of Arab-owned land in the Israeli-occupied West Bank. Harlech, whose mother was Lady Beatrice Cecil, was the son of the fourth Baron who had acted as the liaison between the war cabinet and his in-law Lord Balfour of the Zionist Committee. The Balfour Declaration, as it was addressed to Lord Lionel Rothschild in 1917, was a special mandate which stated that Britain would regard with favor the establishment of a national home for Jews in Palestine. Through his "land scam" activities, Lord Harlech was augmenting this program by the transfer (at 100% markup) of title to Arab land for the building of Jewish settlements in the Occupied Territories.

Others whom Lord Harlech revealed were to take part in a Nov. 15, 1982 meeting to discuss "financial investments into the West Bank" were: then-Israeli Defense Minister, Gen. Ariel Sharon, best described as the Adolf Hitler of

Israel; Johannes Prince von Thurn und Taxis, whose relatives had been leading members of the Thule Society that launched Adolf Hitler; Peter Rupert Lord Carrington, a former British foreign secretary who had recently joined the board of Kissinger Associates, Inc.; former Secretary of State Alexander Haig, another Kissinger associate dating back to their days on Nixon's NSC and who was fired from the Reagan administration for secretly sanctioning Sharon's 1982 invasion of Lebanon; Julian Amery, a British parliamentarian, Freemason, and associate of H.A.R. "Kim" Philby, whose father Leopold had collaborated on the Balfour Declaration; Robert Moss, then editor of Evelyn de Rothschild's *Economist Foreign Reports*, who is today a partner with British SIS's John Rees and Arnaud de Borchgrave in an intelligence newsletter; Sir Edmund Peck, who worked with British SIS in the Balkans during World War II; Nicholas Elliott, who, as a senior SIS official for the Middle East had ensured Philby's escape from Beirut to Moscow; and former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, who is an outright genocidalist as head of the World Bank, and is a satanic kook through his membership in the Lucis Trust.

On the Israeli side, the main "partner" of Lord Harlech and Henry Kissinger was Gen. Ariel Sharon. Not only was Sharon then plotting the 1982 war in Lebanon to build a "Greater Israel," but he has led the fight to annex the Occupied Territories—including Jerusalem—through Jewish settlements. The Catholic magazine *30 Days* revealed General Sharon's hand in actions to annex East Jerusalem by driving out Christians and Muslims, and Sharon has since announced major new suburban settlements of Russian Jews around East Jerusalem to annex it. Sharon's Zionism in this regard is no different than Nazi "blood and soil" cultism.