

Temple Mount Madmen Go For Armageddon

by Scott Thompson

Under intense international pressure, Israel's Sharon government again stopped the Temple Mount and Land of Israel Faithful (TMLIF) fanatics from igniting all-out religious war on Oct. 4. TMLIF tried to lay and anoint two cornerstones for the Third Temple of Solomon on Jerusalem's al-Haram al-Sharif ("Temple Mount"). They subsequently attempted to enter the Mount without the cornerstones, near the Western "Wailing Wall," but Israeli authorities repelled them a second time.

This marks the second time within a year that the TMLIF fanatics, whose titular leader is Gershon Salomon, have narrowly missed creating a sure-fire war provocation at al-Haram al-Sharif. In present circumstances, the "Third Temple" crusade on al-Haram al-Sharif, publicly drawing extreme Zionists together with much larger numbers of "Christian fundamentalists," might be the spark that ignites the Middle East tinderbox into a new Thirty Years War, and the epicenter of a "clash of civilizations"—the goal of powerful individuals within the Anglo-American Establishment, whom *EIR* has previously documented support this effort.

Sources within the TMLIF, and at the *Jerusalem Post*, reported that simultaneously with the cornerstone laying attempt, the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem—staged its international march, which this year numbered some 4,000 because a large number of Christian fundamentalists turned out. Originally, only a few hundred had been expected. But many Christian fundamentalists have become convinced that the Sept. 11 attentat within the United States marked the start of the "End Times" as prophesied within the Book of Revelation.

Threats Against Bush, Arafat

In an Oct. 3 interview with *EIR*, Salomon was asked whether it were true that an Israeli court had forbidden the TMLIF from carrying out their ceremony; Salomon denied he needed a court's permission, saying that it was a matter of what the Israeli authorities would permit.

Asked about Foreign Minister Shimon Peres efforts at a peace settlement, Salomon said, "He is a big danger for the security of Israel. . . . He meets again and again with Arafat, which is a terrible, sinful thing, since Arafat is like Satan." And, after the meetings, "Peres leads Sharon along, since Peres will not give up the Oslo Accords, and then there is more terrorism against the Israeli people."

Significantly, Salomon said that only in the Israeli De-

fense Forces was there the heart "to combat Satan's terrorists," and he agreed that this tendency was represented by Israeli Army Deputy Chief of Staff Moshe Yahalon. Foreign Minister Peres, in an interview with the Sept. 30 issue of *Yedioth Aharonoth*, had identified Yahalon as among IDF advocating the assassination of Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat.

Asked if he was disappointed with Sharon, Salomon first said: "Your President Bush yesterday [Oct. 2] said that he supports a Palestinian state. He will be punished like President Clinton. He will not be re-elected. God will shame him like President Clinton." Salomon added that he "is very, very disappointed with General Sharon." Salomon said that Sharon had been elected with a 65% majority, but he "is following the policies" of his immediate predecessor, former Labor Party Prime Minister Ehud Barak, by bringing the Labor Party into his coalition government.

At the end of the interview, Salomon interjected yet another potential threat against President George Bush, saying, "The focus of all the branches of terrorism in the world is Yasser Arafat. Bush made a pact with the leader of all the world's terrorists, for which God will punish him. Any war against terrorism must start with Arafat."

Made In The U.S.A.

On Oct. 1, Salomon's U.S.-born executive secretary told *EIR* that Salomon had been "inspired" to undertake this latest provocation while in the United States, on a fundraising and "End Times" speaking tour that ended Sept. 15. Salomon, she said, got both the idea and the funding in the United States, for the plan to lay the two cornerstones, and to have them and the golden altar and vessels anointed by priests of the fanatic Jewish cult Ateret Cohanim, who practice animal sacrifice.

Salomon visited Texas, Colorado, Georgia, Missouri, Florida, New York, and Canada's British Columbia. In Virginia, he appeared with Christian fundamentalist "Diamond Pat" Robertson on his radio and TV broadcast "700 Club." Salomon was in New York on Sept. 11, preparing to return to Israel, when the planes hit, and was delayed four days, where he set to work on the project.

In Florida, according to the secretary, Salomon had a private meeting with Temple Mount money bags, Irving Moskowitz, who made his fortune through bingo parlors and other forms of gambling. Not only did Moskowitz fund highly provocative tunneling under al-Haram al-Sharif; he gave a large contribution to Sharon immediately before Sharon's visit, with 200 bodyguards to the top of the Mount on Sept. 28, 2000, which triggered the current Palestinian "Al Aqsa Intifada." While it is not known precisely whether Moskowitz is a member of the "Mega Group," which supplanted the "Billionaires Club," and which is believed to have controlled convicted Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard, he is certainly a "Megabucks" asset of that group, which *EIR*'s Jeffrey Steinberg exposed in the Aug. 31, 2001 issue.

In his newsletter for September-October 2001, *World of*

the Bible News & Views—in an article entitled “Will Israel Unleash The Dogs Of War?” Salomon’s close ally, fundamentalist leader Dr. Randall Price calls on Israel to engage in a general war. Dr. Price is also associated closely with former British military intelligence asset Stanley Goldfoot, who is tied to Jewish terrorist organizations associated with the late Rabbi Meir Kahane. Writes Price: “With all prospects for peace exhausted, with no common ground left for the Israelis and the Palestinians to negotiate their conflicted claims, and the nature of Islam programmed for *jihad* can there be any recourse for these peoples but to wage war? . . . A call for such a widespread end to Israel’s conflicts in the region has been voiced by Martin Sherman, a political scientist at Tel Aviv University, who served seven years in Israel’s defense establishment, who said: ‘It is time for this embattled nation to arise, to cry “havoc” and let slip the dogs of war.’ ”

Interview: Andy Jacobs, Jr.

Some Background To Pat Robertson’s Crusade

Rep. Andy Jacobs was a Democratic Congressman from Indiana for 30 years, retiring in 1997. He and Rep. Pete McCloskey (R-Calif.) were sued for libel by televangelist Pat Robertson in 1988. He was interviewed for EIR by Nina Ogden in late September, to throw light on Robertson’s current crusade for war “against 1 billion Muslims.” On Sept. 18, at the 700 Club, Robertson had said that the terrorist attack of Sept. 11 had happened because America was so steeped in sin, that God had lifted his protection from it; he called for the United States to eliminate seven Muslim countries.

EIR: You were a Democratic Congressman from Indiana and Pete McCloskey a Republican Congressman from California, when Pat Robertson sued you both for \$35 million for libel.

Jacobs: It all started when Robertson announced that he would enter the Republican Presidential primaries in 1988. His platform seemed typical of the “religious wrong”: a truculent foreign policy and rank selfishness for a domestic policy. . . . One of the things he said was, “When I was fighting in Korea, I wasn’t able to be in business.” That pricked up my ears.

EIR: You had gone to Korea at 18, as a Marine.

Jacobs: Precisely. It pricked up my ears. The next time I heard about Robertson was from my friend and fellow Marine, Pete McCloskey. He told an amusing story about a rowdy, hard-drinking fellow Marine lieutenant who was on a

Korea-bound ship with him. Pete said this lieutenant was the son of a U.S. Senator from Virginia, Willis Robertson. The son, Pete said, bragged all the way to Kobe, Japan that his Senator-father was going to get him out of combat and that his listeners would just have to fight the reds without him. Sure enough, when they got to Kobe, a Marine personnel officer came aboard and took Pat Robertson and his best friend Ed Ganes, together with four other Marines . . . off the ship and stationed them in Otsu, Japan.

Ganes was the son of the chancellor of William and Mary College. Both Ganes and Robertson were part of the Virginia aristocracy. The conversation between Pete and me was brief and amusing, because Pete said Robertson had become a TV preacher, preaching sermons quite different from the Lord’s view about peacemakers as expressed in the Sermon on the Mount. The TV holy hustler was a “kill a commie for Christ” man, Pete said. But he hadn’t been a “kill a commie (and maybe get himself killed) for his country” man, when duty called.

When the holy video voice decided it was time to skip God and try his hand at Presidential politics, his war policy and contrasting war record seemed appropriate for public discussion. Sounded war wimpish to me.

I wrote a letter to Pete and his answer took six pages. He said another Marine officer told him that the Marines who went to Otsu, eventually went to Korea and into combat. All except the Senator’s son, that is—who had been assigned to the First Marine Division Headquarters, so far to the rear as to be much safer than in the average American city, in those peaceful domestic days. Pete wrote that one of the “decoys,” a Marine named John Gerhart, told him that Robertson became the Division Headquarters’ liquor officer. . . .

EIR: I understand the Evans and Novak column—

Jacobs: Yes, Robert Novak reached me and asked if it was true that Pete had sent me this letter and whether I would give him a copy of it. . . . When Pete okayed them printing the letter, I got a photocopy to Bob Novak the next day. The day after that, all heaven broke loose. The news of the contents of the letter began in the column and spread like wildfire through the entire media.

EIR: Why did Pat Robertson sue you and Pete McCloskey for libel when he knew the contents of the letter were true?

Jacobs: Robertson knew the truth of it, but in the manner of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy of Wisconsin, he figured he had to file a libel case to pettifog the reality, until the key Republican primaries were over. He filed two suits, one against Pete as the originator of the alleged libel and the other against me as the publisher.

He wasn’t about to sue the *New York Times* or *Washington Post* or any other of the major papers that carried the story, or the major TV networks. His lawyers wanted to avoid deep pockets on the defendants’ side of the case. As Pete put it, Robertson’s people assumed that, with his castle, stables,