"The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. And many people shall go and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for from Zion shall go forth Torah, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall decide for many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, and let us walk in the light of the Lord." (Isaiah 2:1-5)

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A Word from Gershon Salomon

Dear friends, brothers and sisters. Shalom and love from your brother in Jerusalem, the city of G-d and the capital of Israel. In the name of the G-d and people of Israel and all the members of The Temple Mount and Land of Israel Faithful Movement, I want to send you our blessing, love and prayers from Jerusalem. We are blessed to be your messengers to fulfill a great godly, vision in Israel and in the world. It is so good to know that we have wonderful friends like you who have joined the Faithful Movement and who are serving the major cause of our time: the rebuilding of the Temple, the house of G-d in Jerusalem, to be a house of prayer for all nations and for the completion of G-d’s prophetic end-time plans for Israel and the world.

More than at any time in the past your help and encouragement has been so needed. You have responded in such a humble way with great dedication. When you heard the call from Jerusalem you immediately answered and showed your complete solidarity with the Faithful Movement. In the most recent events held by the Movement, many friends from

Different parts of the world participated with us; showing their love for the G-d and people of Israel. This unique occurrence showed us that we are living in the days of Mashiach ben David. We now have many friends and supporters from all over the world. The G-d of Israel said to all the nations: "Show your love to Me through My people Israel". And now in the end-times in which we are now living in Israel, so many do this with such an open, devoted heart. We thank G-d for this. We do not have sufficient words to express our appreciation to all of you. I know that, G-d willing, we are going to see the fulfillment of all our desires. The G-d of Israel promised that in the end-times He would redeem those righteous people who join themselves with Israel to help them and to be with them and show their love to them at this critical time. We are privileged to have such wonderful friends like you. We know that you are in G-d's heart. Thank you so much.

We are living at a critical time in the history of Israel and of the world. Israel is now at the focus of all the redemtional end-time activities of G-d. As more godly activities take place in Israel; the enemies of Israel try to stop them. We know that they will fail because who can stop G-d or change His Word? But I must share with you as brothers and sisters who care very much about what is happening at this critical time in Israel, that the weakness of the leadership in Israel is a very negative and worrisome factor. The people of Israel are led by a secular leadership which does not understand the great significance of the time. They do not march in the same line of redemption which G-d is now leading in the history of Israel. Unfortunately
they are behaving more like weak politicians under the pressure of our many Arab enemies and their allies all over the world. This is especially true of the President of the United States, Bill Clinton. Under this pressure this leadership has closed the Temple Mount to the Jewish people. Because of this weakness, the Name of G-d has been desecrated on the Temple Mount. Because of the spiritual weakness of this leadership who do not fear the G-d of Israel, the rebuilding of the Temple has been delayed. They have signed evil agreements with the Arab enemies of Israel, especially Yasser Arafat, and has given him the most holy areas in the land of Israel and in Jerusalem.

Even as we are writing this, the leadership of Israel has decided to give three areas bordering Jerusalem into the control of the PLO. These areas are only half a mile from the Temple Mount and are within direct sight of it. A large demonstration was held in Jerusalem against this handover. Over a hundred thousand expressed the broken hearts of the Israeli people. They determined to open a struggle to save the land which G-d gave to Israel.

The President of the United States has invited the Prime Minister of Israel together with the evil Yasser Arafat to a summit at Camp David. Barak's agreement to attend the summit caused a crisis in Israel. Most of the parties of his government decided to leave the government. Barak no longer has a majority in the Knesset. The Foreign Minister, David Levy refused to accompany him to the summit. Demonstrations occurred all over Israel against this evil conference. Barak was determined, however, to go to the summit even though he no longer had the political backing of the Israeli nation. President Clinton and the terrorist Arafat are determined to found a "Palestinian" state in the holy land which G-d gave only to Israel. Their plan is to give all the areas of Judea, Samaria and Gaza to this evil state and to make the Biblical Jerusalem the capital of this state instead of the eternal capital of Israel. They also plan to take the Temple Mount from Israeli sovereignty and put it under "Palestinian" sovereignty and fly the "Palestinian" flag on the place of the Temple. These plans shocked every Israeli. Could this be the start of the fulfillment of the prophecies of Ezekiel and Zechariah about the nations who will attack Israel in the end-times? The Israelis believe so. To our American friends, I want to share an urgent call to stop this dangerous role which your President is fulfilling in the name of the American people. He wants to be remembered in history through this, but, instead, he will be remembered like all the other leaders of the great powers which persecuted Israel throughout history and came under the judgement of the G-d of Israel. The good American nation which loves the G-d and people of Israel must reject this behavior of their president.

My call and the call of The Temple Mount and Land of Israel Faithful Movement, like the prophets in their times, is to stop this policy of giving the land of Israel to its enemies!! I cannot imagine that the Temple Mount will be given into "Palestinian" bondage resulting in a terrible desecration of the Name of G-d. The people of Israel will never allow it. Israel is now in a terrible crisis and it will become worse if this policy is not stopped. The land of Israel is the only land which was ever given to a specific nation by G-d Himself. Even the boundaries of the land were demarcated by G-d so that no-one can divide the land or take parts of it. Besides our major campaign for the rebuilding of the Temple and the redemption of Israel, The Temple Mount and Land of Israel Faithful Movement is dedicated to saving the land of Israel. We will work to create a new leadership in Israel which will be faithful to the Word of G-d; a leadership of spirit, faith and vision to whom the Word of G-d in the Tanach is their foundation.

This is really a critical time in Israel especially when we see that the enemies are coming closer and closer to Jerusalem as prophesied by Zechariah (Zechariah 12:1-9). We must also pay attention to these prophecies of Ezekiel (Ezekiel 38 and 39) where the G-d of Israel speaks very clearly stating that these enemies who gather themselves against Israel and Jerusalem will be defeated and harshly judged by Him in the city against which they come to occupy and destroy and that Israel will be saved and redeemed: " Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of reeling to all the people around, and it shall also be against Judah in the siege against Jerusalem. And on that day I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all the peoples; all who burden themselves with it shall be grievously hurt. And all the peoples of the earth shall be gathered together against it. And it shall come to pass on that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem." (Zechariah 12:2-3 and 9)

I am deeply concerned that Israel will pay a heavy price in this war which is so imminent because of the mistakes and anti-godly behavior of its leadership. This was prophesied by Zechariah (Zechariah 14). Yet, he prophesied clearly that Israel will be redeemed and saved. G-d also promised (Ezekiel 37:24-25) a completely different type of leadership for Israel which will be established and is suitable for the great time of redemption in which we are now living.

Also, the prophet Joel prophesied (Joel 4) about the judgment of G-d on all the nations who attack Israel and attempt to divide the land. All the nations that pressure Israel to divide the land should pay attention to this prophecy. At the same time Joel prophesied that Israel will be redeemed forever and only the G-d of Israel will dwell on His holy mountain, Zion (Zechariah 4:18-21). Zechariah also stated that in that day, foreigners will no longer be in the house of G-d on the Temple Mount. (Zechariah 14:21c).

"Also the sons of the stranger, who join themselves to the Lord, to serve him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be his servants, every one who keeps the sabbath and does not profane it, and all who hold fast to my covenant: Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." (Isaiah 56:6,7)

We see clearly through all the end-time prophecies and the history of the First and Second Temples, that the rebuilding of the Temple is the key event in the end-time process of redemption of Israel and the world. The re-liberation and redemption of the Temple Mount and the rebuilding of the Temple should now be the primary goal of the Israeli government. This would completely change the critical situation of Israel, opening a new spiritual time in her history. The leadership of Israel and the world should understand that the rebuilding of the Temple will change the history of all mankind. The desire of a hundred generations of Israel since the destruction of the Second Temple should immediately be fulfilled.
The rebuilding of the Temple in the end-time has been the greatest desire of the G-d and people of Israel over the last 1930 years since the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 C.E. Three times each day the Jews have prayed for this from the four corners of the exile with their faces, hearts, and souls directed towards the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. In their blessings to G-d before and after meals, this has been the main prayer to G-d: please rebuild your house for us in our lifetime and we shall see you again in the midst of our lives and land, in Jerusalem. Jewish mothers and fathers shared with the small children the stories and traditions of the Temple and committed them to this major cause of the Jewish people. The synagogues were built toward the Temple Mount and even when the Jews bury their dead, no matter where in the world, their faces are directed toward the Temple Mount. In every Jewish home in the exile, or in the destroyed land of Israel, and a portion of the house at the entrance was left unfinished as a memorial to the destruction of the Temple in order that it never be forgotten.

The promises of G-d to His people, Israel, to redeem them and to rebuild the Temple were their great comfort during their terrible life and persecution in the time of the exile. This Word of G-d encouraged the Zionist revolution which happened in the last century. G-d spoke through the prophet Ezekiel concerning the regathering of Israel in the prophecy concerning the "Dry Bones" (Ezekiel 37:1-14).

Ezekiel continued in this chapter to describe how this vision will become a reality in the people and land of Israel in the end-times. The rebuilding of the Temple is a central feature of these events: "And I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And the nations shall know that I, the Lord, sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore." (Ezekiel 37:26-28)

This is the motivation of The Temple Mount and Land of Israel Faithful Movement. The rebuilding of the Temple is a key event in the life of Israel which will complete the Zionist revolution on the Temple Mount, Jerusalem and the land of Israel. We want to bring the G-d of Israel into the midst of the life of the people of Israel and the world. G-d is ready for this and He has shown it again and again over the last 52 years since the State of Israel was reestablished in 1948. Now we must be ready to fulfil our part with great dedication to the G-d of Israel, to the holy land, and to the Temple Mount. We must remove the foreigners and their terrible abomination from the hill of G-d to purify the place.

The rebuilding of the Temple and the redemption of Israel has a deep significance to all mankind. The redemption of the people and the land of Israel, with its climax in the rebuilding of the Temple and the coming of Mashiach ben David, is a condition for the redemption of all the nations. G-d chose Israel, the seed of Abraham, and gave them the promised land of Israel not only to make a godly revolution in the life of Israel but also to bring the Word of the G-d of Israel to all the nations. Because of this godly purpose, the people of Israel cannot run away from their destiny. G-d is determined to accomplish His end-time plans. He showed you very clearly over the last 52 years. He will do so even more in the near future. G-d has repeatedly shown that He alone controls the destiny of Israel.

I call all the nations and their leaders to consider the events which G-d is now performing in the land of Israel which have a deep meaning for all mankind. G-d made this revolution not only for the people of Israel but as a condition for a universal, moral revolution. G-d announced through Isaiah: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. And many people shall go and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for from Zion shall go forth Torah, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall decide for many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, and let us walk in the light of the Lord." (Isaiah 2:2-5) My call to the nations as well as to the people of Israel is to go with the light of G-d exactly as we hear it here through the Word of G-d.

God has given this great vision to our generation and we cannot run away from our responsibility to Him. The redemption of the people and land of Israel and the rebuilding of the Temple in this generation will open the way for the fulfilment of this vision all over the world. However, it must first be accomplished here in Israel. According to the Word of G-d the Temple must be rebuilt on Mt. Moriah in the midst of Jerusalem. Mashiach ben David will not come to Washington D.C., not to London, Paris or Rome, not to Cairo or Damascus, but to the one place which G-d chose, Jerusalem. So my call to all the nations is to stop putting pressure on Israel to sign anti-godly so-called "peace" agreements which give the land, Jerusalem and the Temple Mount to the most, cruel enemies of the G-d and people of Israel. Do not join the enemies who want to destroy Israel. When you join with the enemies of Israel to destroy her you bring yourselves under the judgment of G-d which He promised to execute on the enemies of Israel.

The Temple Mount and Land of Israel Faithful Movement is now at a very critical stage in her godly campaign. We know that all the difficulties in Israel today are temporary. We shall continue with all our devotion to fulfil the mission which G-d gave us. As in the past, we shall sacrifice everything in our lives for this great, godly cause. We daily feel that G-d has blessed our mission and He is with us. We have had great progress in our work. Our vision has become a mainstream idea in the midst of the public of Israel. More and more people in Israel and elsewhere are joining the Faithful Movement and encouraging us and giving us the means to undertake our mission. Most of the Israeli nation support our ideas and activities and deep down in the hearts of all the people of Israel they desire and even pray for the success of our campaign. Many letters, calls and emails are received from all over the world full of love and encouragement for The Temple Mount Faithful Movement. We know that soon we shall see the light at the end of the tunnel and, together with all our members, friends and supporters from Israel and from all over the world, we shall stand hand-in-hand before the G-d of Israel in His rebuilt house in the midst of Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall decide for many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, and let us walk in the light of the Lord." (Isaiah 2:2-5)
Jerusalem. Together, we shall thank Him for the great privilege which He gave us of acting for this at a time when it was so needed. I call on all of our wonderful friends to be optimistic and to have faith and trust in G-d as we do.

In the name of The Temple Mount and Land of Israel Faithful Movement I want to thank all those many wonderful friends who have joined themselves with this godly movement to encourage and to support us in this historical, godly campaign. Thanks to your spiritual, moral and financial assistance, we can continue to undertake our holy work. Like you, we are all volunteers and it is so good to be a volunteer in the army of G-d. We thank you so much for everything. The G-d and people of Israel will never forget what you have done at a time when it is so needed. We love you.

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The Progress of the Campaign for the Rebuilding of the Temple

As you can read in this newsletter, many activities, educational acts, studies, and preparations were undertaken over the last year for the rebuilding of the house of G-d in Jerusalem and for the redemption of His hill. This is not a distant vision but a present project. The Temple Mount and Land of Israel Faithful Movement started this holy campaign 33 years ago. The Movement was the only group that carried this message from G-d. We understood that the return of Israel after the 1900 years of destruction was not an accident. Nothing in the history of Israel occurred by accident. We see this major, end-time event as the fulfillment of prophecy. G-d’s clear purpose is to rebuild His house where the First and Second Temples stood and to begin the climactic, spiritual age with an end-time Zionist revolution. For 1900 years we prayed for this great moment. When it came, we opened our hearts to listen to the voice of G-d. He spoke to His people Israel through the great, godly victory of the Six Day War of 1967. Then, we stood on the liberated Temple Mount ready to hear this word of G-d. Unfortunately, many people could not understand this great moment.

The formation of The Temple Mount and Land of Israel Faithful Movement immediately after the Six Day War was an important sign of a revolution in the life of Israel. The Movement was the instrument that G-d anointed to start the difficult campaign leading to the rebuilding of the Temple in our lifetime. We also consecrated ourselves to educate people everywhere to understand that the rebuilding of the Temple is a key event in the prophetic end-time redemptive plans of G-d. It is a condition for the coming of Mashiach ben David who will establish the kingdom of G-d in Israel and then all over the world.

Thirty-three years have passed since this great moment, yet, the leadership of this generation has continually missed the opportunity to rebuild G-d’s house. We have come a long way since the start of this campaign in 1967. Now the Temple Mount and Land of Israel Faithful Movement is no longer the sole voice advocating this vision. The Temple Mount Faithful Movement is now a factor in the life of Israel and the world. Many people in Israel and abroad have joined in the activities of the Movement.

The Movement continues to be an example of determination and perfect obedience to G-d. When many people failed to hear His call, we were ready to hear it and to fulfill it in our activities like marches to the Temple Mount. Even our frequent petitions to the Supreme Court of Israel are an educational campaign. We have demonstrated that we should never be weak when the enemy tries to destroy us. We must always realize that as long as we are with the G-d of Israel, we are the majority and all the many enemies become a small minority.

The Arab enemy on the Temple Mount continues the terrible destruction of the Temple Mount. By building new mosques they try to destroy its Israeli identity and to deny the existence of the First and Second Temples. With such activities they seek to block the rebuilding of the Third Temple and the establishment of G-d’s kingdom on the Earth. They have learned nothing from seven wars against Israel. They’ve tried repeatedly to destroy G-d’s people, but G-d defeated them terribly. The Third Temple will be built whether they want it or not. The judgment of the G-d of Israel is soon to come. He will save His beloved people and the land which He gave them from their cruel attacks exactly as prophesied: "For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring back the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will enter into judgment with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and have divided my land." (Joel 3:1-2)

I call on everyone in the world to be strong at this critical time and to stand with the G-d and people of Israel. Those who do will be redeemed with His people. To all the friends of the Temple Mount and Land of Israel Faithful Movement, I want to say that we continue to intensively conduct our campaign for the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem. Very great progress was achieved in our campaign and activities over the last year. Together with you, dear brothers and sisters, we shall soon see the rebuilding of the Temple and the coming of Mashiach ben David.

All the practical and spiritual preparations for the building of the Temple continue. Individuals in many places in Israel are working to prepare the vessels and the instruments for Temple worship. The red heifers and the incense have been prepared and even the Passover sacrifice have been renewed. Two months ago, the Temple Mount Faithful Movement held a symbolic Passover sacrifice. Priests and Levites continue to prepare themselves for the worship in the Temple. A few days ago, even the preparations for creating the Sanhedrin were begun.

The Temple Mount Faithful will conduct a campaign in the near future that will be more intense than any in our history. We feel the presence of G-d and His blessings in all our activities.

The Significance and History of the Temple in the Life of Israel
The Temple was the most important aspect in the life of Israel. It was the heart, soul, and focus of their life. The Temple was the house of G-d, exactly as He pronounced it in His Word: And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them (Exodus 25:8). The G-d of Israel is the Creator of the nation of Israel; this is a unique case in the history of all the nations. God called Abraham, the father of Israel, and chose him and his seed for an eternal mission. More than this, G-d chose the land of Israel; He told Abraham that he and his seed would live there forever. G-d also chose Jerusalem to be the eternal capital of the nation of Israel, and He chose Mt. Moriah as the holy hill of his house. And the Lord had said to Abram, Get out from your country, and from your family, and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you; And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing; ... And Abram passed through the land ... And the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, To your seed will I give this land; and there he built an altar to the Lord, who appeared to him (Genesis 12:1,2,6,7). Abraham obeyed G-d, left everything in Ur of the Chaldees, and went to the land of Israel. G-d made an eternal covenant with him and his seed. This is also unique in the history of mankind. In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, To your seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates (Genesis 15:18); And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your seed after you in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God to you, and to your seed after you. And I will give to you, and to your seed after you, the land where you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God (Genesis 17:7-8).

A very old tradition states that the Temple Mount was the first thing in the universe that G-d created. First, He created the Rock of Abraham and Isaac; then He created all of the mountain, Jerusalem, the land of Israel, and finally the rest of the universe. From the first moment of creation, G-d dedicated this mountain to be the mountain of His house. This tradition also tells us that the Temple Mount was the location of the Garden of Eden. It is no wonder that G-d sent Abraham and Isaac to be tested on this hill. And it came to pass after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, ... Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell you. ... And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven the second time, And said, By myself have I sworn, said the Lord, for because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son; That in blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply your seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and your seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in your seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because you have obeyed my voice (Genesis 22:1-2,15-18).

G-d even indicated where to build the Temple on Mt. Moriah: the location of the Rock of Abraham and Isaac, which was in the Holy of Holies. (The former Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rabbi Shlomo Goren, stated that, according to his research, the rock was the place where the altar of sacrifice was built.)

G-d is the reason for the existence of the nation of Israel. He is the Father of Israel, His firstborn son; He is also the Husband of Israel, His wife. This explains why G-d is the focus of the life of Israel and why the Temple Mount is crucial for their relationship with Him.

The Significance Of The Tabernacle

The tabernacle (haMishkan) was the first dwelling place of G-d's presence. The Tent of Meeting (ohel mo'ed) was a large tent with wooden walls. The tabernacle was actually a mobile temple, which accompanied the children of Israel on their journey through the wilderness from Mt. Sinai to the land of Israel. The tabernacle was dismantled before they moved out of camp and was reassembled when they made camp. It was designed, built, and furnished exactly according to the Word of G-d (Exodus 35-40). These details were also used for the permanent Temple in Jerusalem. G-d anointed Aaron, the brother of Moses, and his seed to be the priests. He also anointed the tribe of Levi to serve in the tabernacle and in the Temple.

When the children of Israel came to Shiloh, in Samaria, they built a permanent tabernacle. They built a building of stones and used the fabric of the tabernacle as the roof. (After the Six-Day War when the historical Shiloh was re-liberated, stone walls built in the shape of a tent without a roof were found. Later when the new Shiloh was built and settled, a synagogue was built on the location of these walls. The synagogue had exactly the same design as the tabernacle.) The High Priest of the tabernacle in Shiloh was Eli, and in this place G-d anointed Samuel to be his prophet. The tabernacle was located in Shiloh because Jerusalem had not yet been liberated by the Israelites under Joshua's command.

The Significance Of The First Temple (950 B.C.E. - 586 B.C.E.)

Jerusalem was liberated by King David c1000 B.C.E. Jerusalem was the first place that was liberated after King David was anointed as king. G-d instructed him to make Jerusalem the eternal capital of Israel. He also told King David to dedicate Mt.
King Solomon was the king whom G-d anointed to build His house. The Israelites gave everything that was needed for the building of the Temple. (When Jerusalem and the Temple Mount were re-liberated by Israel in 1967, the big stones of the walls of the as tunnels and other areas of the Temple Mount were discovered as well Temple Mount. It was so exciting to see how much the Israelis appreciated and loved the Temple through the beautiful stones, which showed us again the great importance of the house of G-d.) The furnishings and the vessels of the tabernacle were moved to Jerusalem and placed inside the Temple. The tent itself was stored in one of the underground rooms of the Temple. The Ark of the Covenant was located in the Holy of Holies. Inside the ark were the tablets with the Ten Commandments, a portion of manna, and Aaron's rod. The Temple was built exactly according to the specifications for the tabernacle, but of stones. G-d appeared to King David and gave him all the details of the plan of the First Temple. The worship in the Temple was the same as in the tabernacle, including the priests, Levites, and sacrifices. The Temple became the focus of the life and of the land of Israel.

G-d commanded the Israelites to come to His house at least three times a year to see Him and to be seen by Him. For the three big festivals, the Israelites made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to the house of G-d (Exodus23:24). This was the most joyful time in the life of Israel; the Israelites came to Jerusalem from all the land, and they brought with them many offerings for G-d. All the Israelites appeared before G-d as equals. Even the kings of Israel, when they came to the Temple to worship, entered the Temple through the same gate with all the other people. The main entrance to the Temple was through the southern gates of the Temple Mount. Everyone who entered the Temple had to purify themselves by going through the waters of the Mikveh. People who came in contact with dead bodies purified themselves with the ashes of the red heifer. Many Gentiles came from all over the world to see this unique event; they even brought sacrifices to the G-d of Israel. Gentiles and their kings who were impressed by the presence of the G-d of Israel and by His Word converted. Queen Helene, who was the queen of Syria, converted and built her palace in Jerusalem close to the southern wall of the Temple Mount. Every day she went up to the Temple to worship the G-d of Israel.

G-d gave 613 commandments to the people of Israel - most of which are connected to the worship in the Temple. The Temple Mount was the holiest place in Israel and all over the world. Three levels of holiness existed on the Temple Mount. The Holy of Holies was the holiest place in the Temple - the place where the Shekinah of G-d and His presence dwelt, the place where He appeared and spoke to the people of Israel. Nobody was allowed to enter the Holy of Holies except the High Priest on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). The High Priest would pray and ask forgiveness for the people of Israel and all the world. The second level of holiness was the rest of the Temple and the immediate area which surrounded it. This area was surrounded by a low wall which was called the Sora; no foreigner was allowed to enter there, only the purified Israelites. The third level was the remainder of the area on the Temple Mount. Outside of this came Jerusalem and the rest of the land of Israel.

G-d commanded the people of Israel to be holy as He. He chose Israel as a nation and not only as individuals. Their dedication to G-d is as a nation, and in this way they will appear before G-d in His house: Now therefore, if you will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then you shall be my own treasure among all peoples; for all the earth is mine; And you shall be to me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation (Exodus 19:5-6a).

The Temple and Temple Mount was central in the eyes of G-d and the people of Israel. G-d promised that if they would come to His holy Temple and mountain, He would keep the land from enemies. For I will cast out the nations before you, and enlarge your borders; nor shall any man desire your land, when you shall go up to appear before the Lord your God thrice in the year (Exodus 34:24). This basic word of G-d should be a lesson to Israel today.

The Significance Of The Second Temple (516 B.C.E. - 70 C.E.)

The First Temple was burnt and destroyed by the Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar, on Tisha B'Av, 586 B.C.E. Jerusalem was destroyed and the people were taken into exile in Babylon. They swore: "If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember you, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I do not set Jerusalem above my dwelling place...")
highest joy" (Psalm 137:5,6). The desire to return to Jerusalem - to rebuild the Temple and to redeem the land - was their main motivation during the Babylonian exile. After 70 years, G-d redeemed Israel and brought them back to the land. The prophets Haggai and Zechariah brought the Word of G-d to them to immediately rebuild the Temple, and in 516 B.C.E. the Second Temple was built by Zerubbabel.

The rebuilding of the Temple symbolized the opening of a new era in the life of Israel - the age of the Second Temple. It also symbolized a new redemption in their lives: the G-d of Israel dwelt again in their midst. It brought joy and happiness to them after a long time of destruction and exile. Ezra, together with Nehemiah, led the people of Israel in this great time of redemption. And they sang responsively in praising and giving thanks to the Lord: For he is good, for his grace endures for ever towards Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. But many of the priests and Levites and chief of fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first house, wept with a loud voice when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, though many shouted aloud for joy; And the people could not distinguish the sound of joyful shouting from the sound of people weeping, because the people shouted loudly, and the sound was heard from far away (Ezra 3:11-13). The worship in the Temple was renewed, and it again gave significance to the life of the people of Israel in the promised land.

In 333 B.C.E., the land of Israel was occupied by Alexander the Great, who was very friendly toward the Jews. However, the Syrian Seleucids, Alexander's successors, asserted their control of the capital of Israel, Jerusalem. The Temple was made into a place of foreign, pagan worship, and the Jewish people were forced to accept a Hellenistic faith and culture. In 165 B.C.E., The Maccabees revolted, liberated the land of Israel, and purified the Temple. G-d commanded this minority to great victories in order to renew the proper worship in the Temple again.

Herod, the king of Israel, finished remodeling the Temple and the Temple Mount in 10 B.C.E. after ten years of work. (The First Temple was built in 7 years.) The Babylonian Talmud states that a miracle happened while they were building the Temple - the rains only occurred at night. In this way, the builders could undertake their work with no interruptions. They felt the blessing and presence of G-d in their work. The Talmud also states that those who did not see the Second Temple never saw such a marvelous and beautiful house. It was built of beautiful marble stones, which were placed with each layer set off from the previous.

King Herod, who understood the significance of Temple worship in the life of Israel, wanted to cover the Temple with pure gold. However, the rabbis asked him not to do so because G-d is humble, and He prefers to dwell in a humble house. Remains from this Temple which were discovered after 1967 give us an idea of the beauty and importance of the Second Temple in the life of Israel.

The Second Temple was built to the same design of the First Temple, but the building was higher - more than 60 meters (200 ft) high. It was the biggest and most beautiful building in the ancient world. The area of the Temple became so big that almost half a million worshipers could enter the Temple Mount at the same time during the three big festivals. Tradition tells that they stood crowded, but when they bowed down, there was sufficient space to do so comfortably. This was one of the miracles which occurred in the Temple. The design of some chambers and vessels were changed, but most remained the same, as in the First Temple. The tabernacle and both Temples used the same holy vessels. Five of them, especially, remained the same:

- **Ark of the Covenant**: This most important furnishing was located in the Holy of Holies in both the Tabernacle and the First Temple. About 20 years before the destruction of the First Temple, King Josiah commanded the priests to hide the Ark from the enemy. For the same reason, it was not relocated in the Second Temple. The priests preferred to keep it hidden for use in the Third Temple in case there was another destruction. The Talmud states that the Ark was hidden in a secret room under the Temple Mount. We are looking forward to the Israeli Government recovering this most important Ark during our lifetime and returning it to the Holy of Holies in the Third Temple. The Faithful Movement is doing everything possible to see it rebuilt soon. The Ark of the Covenant was made from shittim wood and was covered with gold both outside and inside. The Ark was covered by the Kapporet (Mercy Seat) on which were two Cherubim. On either side were the wooden poles, which were used for carrying the Ark from place to place.

- **Table of Showbread (Bread of the Presence)**: The table was made of shittim wood and was covered with gold. Twelve loaves of bread (one for each tribe) were placed on the table every Shabbat as an offering to G-d.

- **Golden Altar of Incense**: The incense burned on this altar could be smelled from a distance of 30 kilometers (20 miles).

- **Seven - Branch Menorah**: This was built of pure gold.

- **Priestly Garments**: The garments of both the high priest and the ordinary priests remained the same as in the tabernacle and First Temple.

### The Significance Of The Third Temple

The prophet Isaiah, as the other prophets, prophesied so wonderfully about the significance of the Third Temple. Let us allow the Word of G-d to share with us the great significance of the eternal Third Temple: And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. And many people shall go and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for from Zion shall go forth Torah, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. (Isaiah 2:2-3)

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1. Court of the Women (Ezrat Nashim): The women stood and worshiped from balconies that were supported by beautiful marble pillars. The Small Sanhedrin met in a room in this courtyard. The Sanhedrin was the supreme court of Israel. The Big Sanhedrin, which met in the Gazit Chamber in the Azara, had 71 judges, and the Small Sanhedrin had 23 judges. Fifteen steps, built in a half-circle, led from the Court of the Women up to the Temple Courtyard. The Levites stood here and played musical instruments, especially the Psalms of Ascent - one for each step. There were also four chambers in the courtyard. One was the chamber of the Nazerites; the second chamber was where the priests removed any worms from the wood which was used for burning on the altar; the third chamber was where the lepers immersed themselves as part of their purification process; and the fourth chamber was for storing the oil and wine used in the Temple offerings.

2. Court of the Priests and Israel (Azara): The entrance to the Temple Court was through the Nicanor Gate. All the gates to the Azara, except the Nicanor Gate which was covered with bronze, were covered with gold. Nicanor, who donated the gate to the Temple, traveled to Alexandria to fetch the doors for the gate. While sailing back to Israel, he encountered a violent storm, which threatened to capsize the ship. The crew decided to jettison the doors and threw the first door overboard. When they wanted to jettison the second gate, Nicanor asked them to throw him overboard with the gate. The Holy One of Israel saw his self-sacrifice, and He immediately caused the storm to subside. When the ship reached Akko, the first door suddenly emerged from beneath the ship, and Nicanor was able to take both doors to the Temple with great joy. The holiness of the Temple Court was greater than that of the Court of the Women because the Altar of Sacrifice was located there. The floor of the Temple Court was holy and built of marble slabs; the holy priests worshiped in bare feet in order to be in contact with this holy ground. Around the courtyard was a wall with seven gates. The courtyard included the Court of the Priests, the Court of the Israelites, the Altar of Sacrifice, the ramp leading up to the altar, nine chambers, the slaughtering area, 24 rings on which the slaughtered animals were hung, tables on which the sacrifices were laid, the laver for washing, and the Temple building. The altar was the most important area in the courtyard because of the sacrifices which honored G-d according His Word. The Levites sang and played musical instruments in the Courtyard of the Priests. They played and sang while the sacrifices took place. Only Israelites who were ritually pure were allowed to enter the Courtyard of the Israelites. The priests began their worship in this courtyard each day at sunrise. They performed the Tamid (Perpetual Sacrifice).

3. Temple Building (Ulam) - The Temple Building of the Second Temple was built more than 20 stories high of beautiful marble. This was the holiest building in the Temple complex. It was wider at the front and narrower at the back. Because of its shape, it was called Ariel (lion). Jerusalem also carried that name for this reason. Twelve steps led up to the Temple Building. The entrance was over 7 floors high. On both sides of the entrance were bronze pillars, which were capped with a crown. The one on the right was called Jachin, and the one on the left was called Boaz. There were five oak beams embedded in the walls overhanging the entrance. Between them, there were lines of beautiful marble. This entrance in the Second Temple, in contrast to all the other gates in the Temple, did not have doors, but an embroidered curtain (Parochet). Queen Helene donated a beautiful golden chandelier which hung above the entrance. She was a righteous queen from Hadiv (in modern day Kurdistan). She and her son Monbaz came to Jerusalem and converted to Judaism. Her palace was built near the southern walls of the Temple Mount; she walked up to the Temple every day to worship the King of the Universe. As the first rays of the morning came over the Mount of Olives and entered through the Eastern Gate (this is why it is called the Golden Gate), the light was reflected by the chandelier; everyone knew that it was time for the morning recitation of the Shema. The people within the Court of the Women and the Temple Court could not see the sunrise because of the high walls. The chandelier thus indicated when the sun had risen. The walls of the Temple Building were so holy that the people were not allowed to touch them. To prevent the people from touching the walls, 1.5 meter (4.5 ft) projections were built into the walls at .6 meter (18 inches) intervals. These projections continued right up to the top of the wall. The projections were of white marble, and the gaps were of green marble. As the sunlight warmed the wall, the colors ran into each other; it looked like the waves of the sea. All the windows in the Temple Building were wide on the outside and narrow on the inside to show that the Shekinah does not need outside light. On the contrary, the light of holiness flowed to the outside and covered all the world.

4. The Holy of Holies, the Holy Place, and the most holy vessels were located inside the Temple Building. The pure gold Seven-Branch Menorah (which was lit every day), the Table of Showbread, and the Golden Altar of Incense were all in the Holy Place. There was a curtain between the Holy...
The holiness of the Temple and the Temple Mount never departed from the hill of G-d, even after the destruction of the Temple. This is an eternal holiness which started from the first moment of the Creation and will remain forever. He chose the Temple Mount to be the place of His house, and He blessed it with a special holiness. He appointed the Rock of Abraham to be the place of His house; He commanded Israel never to move it or build it elsewhere.

Throughout history many powers and nations were attracted to this place and built their pagan shrines on the site of the Temple or sometimes placed their statues inside the Temple including the Arabs and the Moslems who built, and continue to build, their mosques on the Temple Mount. The holiness which the G-d of Israel reflected on this place attracted all of them like a magnet. However, all of them did not understand that the holiness of the G-d of Israel on this place can accept only the Jewish Temple which G-d called "My house" and promised that, despite this repeated desecration of His holy hill by these powers, the Jewish Temple will be rebuilt by Israel alone and only this Temple will be "a house of prayer for all nations" and none other which any of the nations tries to build on this holy hill of G-d. This is the reason that all the foreign shrines which were built on the Temple Mount throughout the centuries, even by the Moslems who built them were severely judged by G-d and passed from world history. No doubt G-d will do the same to the Arabs who occupied the hill of G-d by force, destroyed all the remains of the Second Temple, including the Western Wall of the Holy of Holies, and built their mosques and shrines on the place of the holy Temple of G-d. G-d will never forgive them for their persecution of His holy hill, Jerusalem, His land and His people, Israel. As it was with the other powers throughout history, they will be removed from this place by the judgement of G-d and the Third Temple will be built by Israel and once again and forever the holiness of G-d, His holy mountain and the holiness of Israel will be united. This godly union will then open the Temple Mount and the Temple to be "a house of prayer for all nations".

There is a unique historical event which happened on the Temple Mount after the destruction. This event is connected to Rabbi ben Zoma who was a student of Rabbi Akiva and lived in the time immediately after the destruction of the Second Temple. (Rabbi Akiva saw the Temple in his youth.) Rabbi ben Zoma was sitting on the Temple Mount watching the secrets of creation. He was so engrossed in this mystical pursuit that he did not even notice Rabbi Yehoshua ben Hanania who was standing close by. When Rabbi Yehoshua saw him, he asked what he was doing. Rabbi ben Zoma answered that he was observing the distance between the upper and lower waters and that there was only a distance of three fingers between them as it is written in Genesis: "And the spirit of G-d hovered over the waters" like a dove which hovers over her chicks without touching them (Genesis 1:2). This event of Creation happened on the first day of Creation and on the second day, G-d separated the waters which were below the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament. The Talmud asks what the distance was between the separation. Rabbi Aha bar Ya'akov answered that it was the width of a hair and other rabbis stated that it was like the spaces between planks of wood that are placed on a bridge.

Rabbi ben Zoma chose the Temple Mount to be the place of his mystical observation of the secrets of Creation rather than any other place. This was no accident. The extreme holiness of this hill of G-d, and the continual presence of G-d and the reflection of His spirit on this hill was so intense that only on the Temple Mount could he enter into the deepest secrets of G-d's creation and make this mystical observation in the best way. He could not see anyone around him because the great holiness of the place took him on his wings to higher worlds and so close to G-d. He chose this holy place because he knew what the great rabbis of the time of the destruction had said that the holiness of the Temple Mount would never depart even after the destruction of the Temple. It was not the only time that Rabbi ben Zoma, who was considered to be a great and perfect scholar and rabbi by the other rabbis of the time.
G-d is watching us from His destroyed Temple and hill which is now again a prisoner in the hands of the pagan Arab foreigners and calls on us to rebuild His house. He wants to dwell once again in His rebuilt house amongst His people and all His creation and He can no longer wait for this. To all who say that the time for this has not yet arrived, He answers what He said through His prophet, Haggai: "Thus speaks the Lord of hosts, saying, This people say that the time has not yet come, the time that the Lord's house should be built ... Consider your ways. Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, says the Lord. You looked for much, and, behold, it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? says the Lord of hosts. Because of my house that lies in ruins, and everyone of you runs to his own house. Therefore the heaven above you have withheld the dew, and the earth has withheld its produce. And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the grain, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground brings forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labor of the hands" (Haggai 1:2,7-11).

G-d will never accept the current shameful situation on the Temple Mount. As long as this situation persists and the Temple is not rebuilt, there will never be peace in Israel and all over the world. Troubles, wars and suffering will continue to be in Israel and all over the world. G-d wants to dwell among His people and creation and to reflect His love and blessings on them. He is ready but we are not ready. Only the rebuilding of the Temple will open a new era of peace among nations and establish the Kingdom of G-d and His wonderful principles all over Israel and the world.

The Temple Mount as the Key Place in the Fulfilment Of Prophecy

There is a wonderful event which the Talmud relates concerning the Temple Mount as a key place and example for the fulfilment of prophecy in Israel which should be a lesson to our time. This event took place after the destruction of the Second Temple during the time of the great rabbi and leader, Rabbi Akiva, who was also behind the Bar Kochva revolt against the Romans from 133CE.

One day Rabbi Akiva, together with other rabbis and students, walked on the Temple Mount discussing Torah and the Word of G-d. The Temple Mount was a scene of terrible destruction and suddenly they saw a fox running out from the place of Holy of Holies. When all of his colleagues saw this painful reminder of the situation, they started to cry and could not stop weeping. However, Rabbi Akiva, when he saw this, became full of joy. When the other rabbis saw Rabbi Akiva’s reaction, they could not believe it or understand why this rabbi could be joyful in the face of such a sad event. They asked him to explain his joy. He responded that the prophets prophesied that the Temple would be destroyed and that foxes would roam among the ruins and that afterwards G-d would redeem His people, Israel, the Temple Mount, Jerusalem and the land of Israel and that He would rebuild the Temple and send Mashiach ben David. Rabbi Akiva said that when he saw that the first part of the prophecy was fulfilled and that foxes were roaming in the midst of the destroyed Temple he became sure that the latter part of comfort and redemption would also be fulfilled. That was the reason that he became full of joy because he knew that the redemption would also soon come. All those who were with him also became full of joy and his understanding brought comfort to their hearts.

This exciting and unique event should be an important godly lesson to all of us, especially in the great time in which we are now living - the time of redemption and the fulfilment of all the end-time prophecies of the prophets of Israel when all the prophetic end-time promises of G-d are becoming a daily reality with the people and land of Israel and soon with all the world. Most of these prophecies of redemption have already been fulfilled in Israel and, like Rabbi Akiva, we should say that if G-d has already fulfilled most of the end-time prophecies and promises He will surely continue to fulfill the rest of them: to redeem the Temple Mount, to rebuild His holy Temple, to redeem Jerusalem and the people and land of Israel. The key place of all of these, as in the time of Rabbi Akiva, is the Temple Mount on which the Temple will be rebuilt.

The troubles, no matter how difficult they are now as they were in the time of Rabbi Akiva, are also a part of prophecy. They should not weaken our resolve or our complete trust in G-d and His promises. We shall never turn back from the fact that we decided to be in His army at this great and critical time and to act with all our strength for Him and His end-time plans and to sacrifice everything in our lives with all our devotion to this godly cause.

Mystery on the Temple Mount during the Six Day War

On the day of the liberation of the Temple Mount during the Six Day War of 1967, a mysterious event occurred. As Gershon Salomon and the soldiers were walking on the Temple Mount, someone dressed in civilian clothing suddenly appeared. He approached the group speaking English and told them that he had come to show them the location of the Temple and its complex on the Temple Mount. He immediately took the group back to the Dome of the Rock, where they stood shortly before with tears in their eyes at the moment of the liberation. He showed the group the site of their Temple, the rock of Abraham and Isaac and the Holy of Holies, the altar, and the Cave of the Spirits. He also explained the function of every place in the Temple complex. He was very excited when he spoke to them and repeatedly blessed the group for the godly liberation of the Temple Mount, as he put it. He told the group that they should immediately rebuild the Temple because that is why G-d had brought Israel back to the Temple Mount with such a great victory.

The group asked the man who he was, and he replied that he was an Arab guide for the Temple Mount. However, he did not look like either an Arab or a guide. The group asked him why he had not spoken about the history of Arab occupation on the Temple Mount. He said that he had been sent by G-d to tell the group that the history of the Arab occupation of the Temple Mount, Jerusalem, and all the land had passed
When the stranger finished speaking, he suddenly disappeared as if he had been blown away by a wind; he was not seen again. All the group were sure that this mysterious "person" was an angel sent by G-d to tell Israel that He was expecting her to immediately rebuild the Temple, to renew the days of Israel as it was in the Biblical times, and to open the door for the coming of Mashiach ben David. Gershon will never forget this event.

### The Renewal of the Sanhedrin on the Temple Mount

The Sanhedrin was the supreme court of Israel and was located in the Court of Israel in the Second Temple complex. It was made up of 70 of the most important rabbis in Israel plus the high priest. The Sanhedrin dealt with the major cases whilst the Small Sanhedrin dealt with regular cases. The redemption of Israel and the rebuilding of the Temple are strongly connected to the reconstitution of the Sanhedrin. In the Third Temple, it will be the highest institution once again. All those who desire to see the rebuilding of the Temple in our lifetime have recently commenced activities to reconstitute the Sanhedrin on the Temple Mount. These activities are still in the initial stages, but they symbolize the feelings of everyone that time is short and that we are very close to the rebuilding of the Temple and the renewal of the worship there.

### The Name of G-d is on Jerusalem

The G-d of Israel said to the people of Israel that He would put His name on Jerusalem and that He would dwell there spiritually and physically. Three valleys surround Jerusalem - the Kidron Valley, the Refaim Valley, and the Hinom Valley. Together, with the Temple Mount and Jerusalem in their midst, they form the Hebrew letter Shin, which is the first letter of the name of G-d, Shaddai. Shaddai, meaning "the keeper of the doors of Israel", is written on the mezuzot on all the doorways of the Jews. G-d promised that His eyes and heart would keep His people, Israel, both day and night. "And I will dwell among the people of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel" (1Kings 6:13). At this exciting time of redemption, we can feel the presence of G-d in Jerusalem and amongst His people. As in Biblical times, He walks together with them on the mountains, in the streets of Jerusalem, and all over the land.

### A Cosmic Reflection on the Temple Mount and Jerusalem

A special cosmic reflection coming from Heaven falls on the Temple Mount and Jerusalem. This is the only place in the world where this cosmic reflection occurs. Those who live in Jerusalem can feel this cosmic reflection and are not surprised. In the Tanach, the Temple Mount is called the gate to Heaven. As long as the Temple existed, G-d reflected His spirit and love on His people; from Jerusalem, it spread all over the land of Israel. Since the Temple was destroyed, this gate was closed. Since the foundation of the State of Israel, and even more since the Six Day War, this gate has begun to reopen. G-d again started to reflect His spirit and blessings to Israel. The rebuilding of the Temple will open this gate completely; the spirit and blessings of G-d will then be reflected in all their glory, not only over the land of Israel, but all over the world. The reflection and presence of G-d and His spirit that comes from the Temple Mount confirms what G-d promised to Israel when he gave them the land. "A land which the Lord your God cares for; the eyes of the Lord your God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year" (Deuteronomy 11:12).

Three things can never be divided: the G-d of Israel, the people of Israel, and the land of Israel. The blessings of G-d, which are reflected from the land of Israel, to the whole world, are deeply dependent on the dwelling of Israel in the land of Israel. This is why the land became a wilderness over the past 1900 years while Israel was in exile. The return of Israel explains the re-awakening of the land, which again has become a land of milk and honey and a blossoming garden. This reflection also explains why the land of Israel is the most beautiful land in the world. G-d is beautiful and He reflects His beauty on the land. The presence of G-d in the land is what makes the land so unique. People who come from abroad can feel His presence and see His beauty. Every evening in Jerusalem when the sun sets, the sky's beautiful red color surrounds the city from all sides. This is unique to this beautiful city of G-d and another appearance of this reflection. Every morning when I open the windows of my home, I can feel the strong presence of G-d in the fresh new day. G-d's presence covers every other home in Jerusalem and the land, creating a wonderful godly spirit and atmosphere.

All of this has a special meaning in these end-times in which we are now living. G-d is reflecting His spirit and blessings. He is even much busier in the redemption of Israel to once again make Israel the most beautiful country in the world. He is busy accomplishing His plans to rebuild His house and to prepare for the coming of Mashiach ben David. He is busy protecting Israel from all of her enemies. The approaching time will be a very critical time, but it will be the most exciting time in the history of Israel and all the nations. Everyone is called to stand with the G-d and people of Israel and to come and see for themselves what G-d is doing in Israel at this major godly time.

### Past Events of the Faithful Movement

Here we shall report on some of the major events held by the Movement over the past year.

Tisha b'Av 5759 (July 22, 1999)
On Tisha b'Av, the day that commemorates the destruction of the First and Second Temples, The Temple Mount and Land of Israel Faithful Movement marched to the Temple Mount, dressed in sack-cloth. It was not only a march of mourning for the destruction of the two Temples, but also a demonstration and a call to stop the current situation on the Temple Mount to remove the abomination from the Temple Mount and to immediately build the Third Temple. In this way, Zechariah's prophecy would be fulfilled. "And the word of the Lord of hosts came to me, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts: The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall become times of joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts to the house of Judah; therefore love truth and peace." (Zechariah 8:18-19)

In front of the western gate of the Temple Mount, we read the book of Lamentations. Participants entered the Temple Mount, and in their hearts they prayed to G-d that He would soon redeem His holy hill. Then the Faithful, and many Israelis and guests, marched to all the gates of the Temple Mount, praying in front of them and circling all the walls of the holy hill. In front of the Eastern Gate, it was an exciting moment. Everyone was excited at the Eastern Gate and felt that this gate will soon be reopened, and then Mashiach ben David will come.

It was a day of sadness on the hill of G-d; yet we were optimistic that all the prophecies of redemption will soon be fulfilled.

Laying and Anointing of the Cornerstone for the Third Temple

We had made all the preparations to lay the marble cornerstone on the Temple Mount. However, we were informed that the Arabs on the Temple Mount were doing everything to stop the event. The Israeli authorities decided not to allow the laying of the cornerstone because of the Arab opposition. The petition that we made to the Supreme Court did not change the situation. The authorities allowed the Temple Mount and Land of Israel Faithful Movement to bring the cornerstone along the eastern wall to the City of King David in Jerusalem and on to the Pool of Siloam. They also gave permission to circle the walls of the Temple Mount using the truck with the cornerstone on it.

We were determined to hold this event despite the circumstances. We decided that the bringing of the cornerstone so close to the Eastern Gate and to the City of King David was of great historical significance. This is an important step in the process of the rebuilding of the Temple.

In the early morning of September 27th, the members of the Temple Mount Faithful, together with their followers, came to the Western Gate of the Temple Mount. With them was a priest who wore the original garments of the priesthood. The garments were recently prepared in Jerusalem exactly as they had been in Biblical times. In his one hand, the priest held a shofar that he blew before the Temple Mount and in the other hand he held a vessel for the water from the Pool of Siloam. He marched to the Temple Mount at the front of the crowd under a chuppah made from the Israeli flag. With him were other priests and Levites who carried vessels for the Third Temple. The Levites played musical instruments.

What was very special about this exciting event was that, besides the Israelis who participated in the event, there were a few hundred people from all over the world. It was of great significance that people from America, Africa, Europe and Asia marched together with Israelis to lay a cornerstone for the Third Temple. The prophecy of the Word of G-d spoken by Isaiah "My House will be a house of prayer for all nations," S started to become a reality in this historical event. It was so exciting to see some of them even praying from the Psalms and the Hebrew Scriptures in the Hebrew language that they had come to know so well. They even blew the shofars that they brought with them. It gave everyone a feeling of great joy that we are living in a great time. The feeling was that we are very close to the moment when we will lay the cornerstone on the Temple Mount and rebuild the Third Temple. We felt very privileged to be vessels of G-d at this great time.

The crowd then marched to the Western Gate of the Temple Mount carrying the Israeli and Temple Mount Faithful flags. Directing his words to the Israeli government, Gershon Salomon, the head of the Temple Mount Faithful Movement, warned them not to make the same mistake the ten spies made in the time of Moses. They were afraid of the "giants" and did not trust in the promises of the G-d of Israel. Gershon said that G-d was now testing Israel on the Temple Mount: Will they trust in the end-time promises of G-d and His prophetic Word to the people of Israel or will they again be afraid of the enemies of Israel? He called on them to behave like David when, together with G-d, he defeated Goliath and the Philistines with just a small stone. He reminded them never to forget that they can trust only in G-d and that, together with Him, Israel will be a majority and their enemies S even though they include the entire world S will be a minority. He called on the Government to allow the laying of the cornerstone for the Third Temple on the Temple Mount and to start with the rebuilding of the Temple immediately. He called on them to immediately stop the false anti-godly "Peace Process"; to immediately stop the pagan foreign control on the Temple Mount; and the division of the Land of Israel. He warned them not to succumb to the pressure of the President of the United States, nor the United Nations, the European Union, the Arabs, the Muslims nor the rest of the world. He called on all of them to recognize only one peace process: the godly process of the end-time redemption of the people and Land of Israel. This is the only process that should be fulfilled in our time. Nobody can stop it, not even the entire world. The rebuilding of the Temple will be the climax of this godly process, and will open the gate for the coming of Mashiach ben David to Jerusalem. Only at the coming of Mashiach ben David will there be real peace in Israel and the world. This is a wonderful prophetic vision that our generation has the opportunity to experience.

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All the people then marched to the City of King David, to the same place where King David first brought the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem. The Temple Mount Faithful held a similar ceremony of anointing the marble cornerstone for the Third Temple. In front of the cornerstone, Gershon prayed the prayer of King Solomon which he prayed when he completed the building of the First Temple: “Yet have regard for the prayer of your servant, and for his supplication, O Lord my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer, which your servant prays before you today; That your eyes may be open toward this house night and day, toward the place of which you have said, My name shall be there; that you may listen to the prayer which your servant shall make toward this place. And listen to the supplication of your servant, and of your people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place; and hear you in heaven your dwelling place; and when you hear, forgive. ... And also concerning a stranger, who is not of your people Israel, but comes from a far country for your name's sake; For they shall hear of your great name, and of your strong hand, and of your stretched out arm; when he shall come and pray toward this house; Hear you in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calls to you for; that all people of the earth may know your name, to fear you, as do your people Israel; and that they may know that this house, which I have built, is called by your name.” (1 Kings 8:28-30,41-43)

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From the tombs in Mod′il’in, we ran in this spirit along the mountains of Beth Horon, carrying the burning torch of the Maccabees and the Hanukkah. It was along the same route that the Maccabees made their battles against the Hellenists. Everyone could still feel the presence of the spirits of the Maccabees on these high mountains. On the way to Jerusalem we passed the tomb of the great prophet, Samuel, who in his time, saved the people of Israel from the attacks of the Philistines through god-given miracles. This great prophet united the twelve tribes of Israel into one kingdom and anointed David to be the king and messiah of Israel. We knew that the spirit of this holy prophet was with us. (The tomb of the prophet Samuel is located on top of one of the highest mountains around Jerusalem. Everyone is called to come to this unique area to see its spiritual and physical beauty and to feel the presence of G-d on these mountains.)

Our next stop was the “Orient House” in Jerusalem which has become the center of the “Palestinians”. They carry a very similar name to the historical Philistines who tried to destroy Israel and the kingdoms of king Saul and king David. G-d, using the Israelite army, defeated the Philistines and threw them out of the land of Israel. Like the “Palestinians” of our time, they were foreigners who came from another land to destroy the people and land of G-d. Like the other enemies of Israel, they disappeared forever from the land of Israel and from being a nation and remain only as a few dry pages in the history books as a warning to all those who will try to do the same to the people and land of G-d.

The so-called “Palestinians” of our time are not even descendants of the Philistines but are Arabs who immigrated in the 20th century as a reaction to the Zionist movement. The name “Palestine” was given to the land by the Romans after they destroyed the Temple, Jerusalem and the land of Israel in 70 CE. This name was given to deny the deep linkage between the G-d and people of Israel to the promised land. Like the Philistines, the Romans were destroyed from being a nation, and they disappeared from history. The so-called “Palestinians” of today are trying to do the same as the Philistines and Romans did. We came to their center at the Orient House to warn them in the name of the G-d of Israel that they will never succeed in taking the Temple Mount from us. We came to warn them that their fate will be like the fate of the other enemies who tried to do the same; that they will be judged terribly by G-d.

The land of Israel was taken from us by force by the enemies of G-d in 70 CE. Now G-d Himself, exactly as He did thousands of years ago, has given it back to us through great miracles. He showed all the nations that His covenant with Israel is eternal. We came on this symbolic day to tell them in the Name of the G-d of Israel exactly what He said to the enemies of those days through anointed servants like King David, Nehemiah and the Maccabees: “...The God of heaven will make us prosper, and we his servants will arise and build; but you have no portion, no right, no memorial, in Jerusalem” (Nehemiah 2:20). Nehemiah, whom G-d anointed together with Zerubbabel to redeem the land of Israel and build the Second Temple, was in a very similar situation to the present one when the Temple.

We lit the Hanukkah menorah with the torch of the Maccabees in front of Orient House symbolizing that we brought the light of G-d to dispel the darkness of the “Palestinians” and the other enemies of G-d. In this demonstration we made a symbolic funeral with a coffin which had the word “Palestine” written on it to say that these evil plans will be buried by G-d for ever. We also declared that the “Palestinian” flag should immediately be thrown out of Jerusalem and the land of Israel. We symbolized this by tearing up a “Palestinian” flag. Many journalists from the media covered this demonstration.

Then, we marched from Orient House to the Old City, and at the plaza in front of the Damascus Gate we relit the Hanukkah menorah with the Maccabean torch. The march to the Temple Mount continued through this gate of the old city. Israel Pearl carried the burning Hanukkah menorah in front of the other marchers. This large Hanukkah menorah, made from pure gold and designed like the seven-branch menorah of the Temple, was given to us by the family of two founding members of the Temple Mount Faithful, Rabbi Prof. Pinhas Pele and his wife Pinina. When Rabbi Pele passed away his message to all was to continue the campaign until this cause is fulfilled. Along the way the Temple shofar was blown very loudly. Everyone in the Old City could hear it. As we marched, we prayed from the Scriptures and called on everyone in Israel to liberate the Temple Mount and rebuild the house of G-d.

When we reached the Temple Mount, the Western Gate was open and we marched up towards the mountain. Along the way, the shofar was blown just as in biblical times. Because of the Arabs on the mountain, the gate was closed before the menorah and torch. Yet, the Israeli security forces allowed a few of the Faithful to enter the Temple Mount. Even though they were not allowed to pray on the Temple Mount, they prayed in their hearts, prayer which no one can stop.

Two of the leaders of the Movement who were on the Temple Mount - Ze’ev Bar Tov and Moshe Svorrai (one of three heroic leaders of the underground who liberated the land of Israel from British control before 1948), reported that since the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE, there has never been such a terrible destruction of the last remains of the Temple as has been done by the Arabs on the Temple Mount. They said that the Arabs had dug deep into the ground of the Temple Mount and perhaps had even stolen vessels and other instruments which were a part of the Temple. They saw the two new mosques that had been built. Beautiful rooms and halls with arches and pillars had been changed or destroyed. The main
goal of this destruction is to remove any Jewish identity on the Temple Mount and to convert it completely to an Islamic site.

I protested against this barbaric, anti-godly Arab activity. In the Name of G-d, I called on the Government of Israel to overcome its weakness, and to stop this terrible destruction. I asked where are all the hypocrites who are putting pressure on Israel in the name of false liberal ideas when they have to stop this barbaric destruction. I called on the government and all the people of Israel to be like the Maccabees, to remove this abomination from the Temple Mount. While the shofar was blown, all the Faithful, in the name of all the people of Israel, swore together the historical swearing of faithfulness to the Temple Mount, Jerusalem and the land of Israel: "If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember you, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy." (Psalm 137:5,6).

The great Hanukkah march of the Temple Mount Faithful Movement ended with the singing of Ha Tikvah (The Hope) - the anthem of Israel. We know that this sorrowful time is temporary. We know that G-d will never stop His prophetic end-time plans for the people and land of Israel. G-d is ready for this. Now He expects us to overcome our weaknesses and cooperate with him in the great redemptional event which He is now performing in Israel. Like the Maccabees, we must not fear the enemies and all the physical powers in the world. Like the Maccabees, we must sacrifice everything in our lives for G-d and His Word if necessary. We know very clearly that as G-d promised, we shall see the rebuilding of the house of G-d and the coming of Mashiach ben David in our lifetime.

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According to the agreement, Jerusalem should be an international city based on international resolutions and an international guarantee. (The UN has decided that Jerusalem should be an international city.) It also decreed that any steps taken by Israel to change the status of Jerusalem is against the law. The agreement recognizes a "Palestinian" state in the land of Israel and promotes cooperation between the Vatican and the PLO. The Vatican committed itself to assist the so-called "Palestinians." Vatican authorities explained, Athe agreement paves the way for establishment of full diplomatic relations with a Palestinian state when it is founded."

On the morning of 26 March 2000, the Temple Mount and Land of Israel Faithful Movement demonstrated against the meeting between the Pope and the agents of Arafat on the Temple Mount. We held the demonstration on the lookout position on the steps leading down from the Jewish Quarter to the Western Wall plaza. From there the Temple Mount and the location of the Temple are clearly seen. The demonstration took place while the Pope was on the Temple Mount.

No Israeli officials were on the Temple Mount at this time even though the sovereignty of this place is in the hands of Israel. This mountain is the focus of the heart and soul of the Jewish People. Three times a day, Jewish prayers from all over the world are directed toward this place.

The message of the demonstration was twofold. In the first place, we called upon the Israeli Government to overcome their weakness and to oppose this meeting. The meeting implied the Popes recognition of "Palestinian" control of the Temple Mount. It also ignored Israeli sovereignty over the Temple Mount. Instead of this, the Israeli Government preferred to meet and welcome the Pope at the Western Wall. The Wall was for hundreds of years called the "Wailing Wall" because it represents the exile, destruction and the great desire of the Jewish People to return to the Temple Mount and to rebuild the Temple. Now, after G-d gave the Temple Mount back to Israel in a war in 1967, the Western Wall had finished its task. Israel should now rebuild the Temple on the location of the First and Second Temple on the Temple Mount.

Secondly, the message was directed to the Pope himself saying that such a meeting is evil in the eyes of G-d and a revolt against His Word. We pointed out that G-d dedicated this holy mountain to be the place of His house. We told the Pope that he should not behave according to political interests but to listen to the Word of G-d. We directed him to the Word of G-d in the prophets and in the Torah where G-d commanded Israel to dedicate this mountain for His house. We declared that the rebuilding of the Temple is a key event, not only in the life of Israel, but in the life of all nations. We directed him to the Word of G-d in Zechariah 2:7 where G-d expressed His own deep desire to again see His house rebuilt by Israel on the holy hill. The most important commandment that G-d gave Israel to fulfill when they came to the Promised Land was to build His Temple, especially at this great time of redemption in which Israel is now living. When the Pope met the agents of the terrorist, Arafat, on the Temple Mount he committed evil in the eyes of G-d.

Our message to the Pope was clear: this covenant with the terrorist Arafat to make Jerusalem an international city and recognize so-called "Palestinian" sovereignty over the city will not and cannot stand as G-d will destroy it. We warned him of the judgement of G-d as He stated it so clearly in the ears of all the nations in Zechariah: "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of reeling to all the peoples; all who burden themselves with it shall be grievously hurt. And all the peoples of the earth shall be gathered together against it. On that day, says the Lord, I will strike every horse with panic, and its rider with madness; and I will open my eyes upon the house of Judah, and will strike every horse of the nations with blindness. And it shall come to pass on that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against
This demonstration was a clear word of G-d to Israel, the Pope and all the nations. It ended with the reading and praying of the Word of G-d in Psalm 79. We heard the sound of the shofar very clearly all over the Temple Mount.

### Pesach 5760 (2000 C.E.) Sacrifice and Pilgrimage to the Temple Mount

#### Pesach Sacrifice

We did not perform the Pesach sacrifice this year on the Temple Mount due to opposition from the Israeli authorities. They were afraid the Arabs would riot; they preferred to close the gates of the Temple Mount. This was done despite the fact that so many Israelis have a deep desire to see the sacrifice done on the Mount.

Because of the government's opposition, we decided, as in the past, to offer the sacrifice on the Hill of Hananiah. By doing this we felt that we were fulfilling the commandments of the G-d of Israel by beginning the renewing of the life of the people as it was in Biblical times. The purpose was also to awaken Israel and its leadership to understand the significance of the special time in which we are now living in the Land. Israel cannot merely be another materialistic nation in the world but must be what G-d dedicated her to be: a holy nation, a kingdom of priests and an example for all the nations (Exodus 19:5-6). We decided to perform the sacrifice as a symbolic event that, despite the fact we could not perform it on the Temple Mount, would direct the eyes of all the Israelis and everyone in the world to the hill of G-d. The purpose was to bring to their attention the need to rebuild the house of G-d on the Temple Mount. "The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. And many people shall go and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for from Zion shall go forth Torah, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall decide for many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, and let us walk in the light of the Lord" (Isaiah 2:1-5).

On 19 April at 9:30 AM, we brought a young goat from Judea and sacrificed it according to the Word of G-d in the Torah. The only difference was that we did not perform it on an altar; this can only be done on the Temple Mount. (Please read Exodus 12). Everyone who participated in this special event could feel the presence of G-d and know the great significance of this moment in history. A priest performed the sacrifice with special prayers. The Word of G-d to Moses, Aaron and Israel was heard once again in the city of G-d. The eyes and hearts of everyone were lifted toward one place, the Temple Mount. Friends from outside Israel S Zionist lovers of the G-d and people of Israel S participated in this exciting event. We could see the deep excitement on their faces. They were messengers of so many others all over the world who had decided to stand together with Israel and to give their love to the people of G-d at a time when they so need it. We want to express our deep appreciation and love for them. At the end of the ceremony everyone took home a piece of the sacrifice to eat at their Pesach Seder that evening.

We will continue our historical campaign until the moment that the Temple is rebuilt and the vision of the prophet Isaiah becomes a reality. We will do everything legally in the ways that G-d has given us to accomplish this.

#### Pesach Pilgrimage

The Pesach pilgrimage was held at a very critical time in the life of Israel. On the morning of April 21st, the members of the Temple Mount and Land of Israel Faithful Movement drove to the fields of Israel to cut the omer of the harvest and bring it as an offering to G-d on the Temple Mount. We felt that we were doing the same thing as our forefathers in Biblical times. We cut the harvest and at the same time read the Word of G-d from Leviticus 23:4-14. The presence of the G-d of Israel was in our midst. The songs from the Psalms were heard in the fields.

On the morning of Sunday, 23 April, the Temple Mount Faithful and many Israelis and guests from abroad made the pilgrimage to the Temple Mount. We gave the omer to the priests who carried it to the western gate of the Temple Mount. Some of the pilgrims entered the Temple Mount in very small groups. We felt the presence of G-d in our hearts and spirits saying that the enemy will not continue much longer to desecrate His holy mountain and the land of Israel and that soon G-d will fulfill all His prophet's promises.

The hundreds of priests at the Western Wall then blessed the people: "And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'On this wise you shall bless the people of Israel, saying to them, 'The Lord bless you, and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. And they shall put my name upon the people of Israel; and I will bless them''' (Numbers 6:22-27). Close to the western gate of the Temple Mount we swore eternal faithfulness to the Temple Mount and Jerusalem. "If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember you, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.' (Psalm 137:5-6)

We then prayed from the Psalm of the gates of Jerusalem: "A Song of Maalot of David. I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand inside your gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built as a city which is bound firmly together; There the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. For thrones of judgment were set there, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; those
who love you shall prosper. Peace be within your walls, and prosperity within your palaces. For my brothers and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within you. Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek your good" (Psalm 122). We felt the presence of the spirit of the greatest king and messiah of Israel who consecrated Mt. Moriah to be the site of the house of G-d.

This unique event came to its climax when, in a special ceremony, we renewed the eternal covenant between the G-d of Israel, the people of Israel and the land of Israel. “In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, To your seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates” (Genesis 15:18; also 13:15-18). We swore faithfulness to this eternal covenant, to the G-d of Israel, to the Temple Mount, to Jerusalem, to all the land in the same boundaries G-d defined in the eternal Word of G-d.

Later the pilgrims and many Israelis who joined them started the march in the Old City and circled the Temple Mount. Along the way, and especially near the gates, we blew the shofars exactly as Joshua ben Nun did at Jericho. Before the gates, we prayed the Pesach prayers and the Hallel Psalms. We placed parts of the omer near all the gates. The people saw the Israeli flags in our hands and heard the songs of the Levites with their musical instruments again in the Old City of King David and on the Temple Mount.

We experienced a very special moment in front of the Eastern Gate, which is also called the Mercy Gate or Golden Gate. This is the gate through which, according to our Biblical heritage, Mashiach ben David will enter the Temple to redeem Israel. Near this gate everyone strongly felt the presence of the Shekinah. The Moslems closed this beautiful gate many years ago because they believed that in this way they could stop Mashiach ben David. For this reason they even placed a Moslem cemetery in front of the gate believing it would stop him because he is holy. Such a stupid illusion! They never learn from their own history. They can never stop the G-d of Israel and Mashiach ben David or block the prophetic plans of the G-d of Israel to redeem Israel from her long negative imperialistic occupation and from the desecration of His holy site.

It was so exciting when we placed a part of the omer in front of the gate and prayed from the 13th of Maimonides' thirteen principles of Judaism: "I believe with perfect faith in the Messiah and even if he tarries, I will daily wait for his coming." On the gate we found the message of one of the Israeli soldiers who liberated the Temple Mount in the Six-Day War of 1967: "Mashiach ben David will definitely come!".

Near the western gate all of us sang Ha Tikvah (The Hope), the national anthem of Israel. We promised everyone in Israel to continue this historical campaign until the moment that we see the liberation of the Temple Mount. We will sacrifice everything in our lives to make it a reality in the life of this generation.

**Jerusalem Day March**

In June 1967, the G-d of Israel caused one of the biggest miracles in the history of His nation. After almost 1900 years of exile after the Second Temple was destroyed, G-d brought His people back to the Temple Mount. Two weeks earlier, Arab enemies had surrounded the small state on all sides with heavy weapons and stated that at last they would destroy Israel, their goal since the foundation of the state.

When the war started, G-d appeared in the battles and became the commander of the Israeli army. Together with His brave and devoted soldiers, He defeated the Arab forces on all the fronts in 6 days - the biggest victory in Israel's history. He brought the Israelis back to the most Biblical areas of the land - Judea, Samaria, Gaza, Sinai, the Golan Heights, Biblical Jerusalem and the Temple Mount. Many Israeli soldiers gave their lives in these heroic battles.

The most exciting moment of this war came when Israeli soldiers and tanks entered through the Lion Gate and then immediately through the Tribes Gate of the Temple Mount. They ran with great excitement to the rock of Abraham and Isaac, the location of the First and Second Temples. This moment will never be forgotten. I had the privilege of being with them as we stood and wept before G-d in the location of the Holy of Holies. All Israel wept when they heard General Motta Gur announcing over the radio, "The Temple Mount is in our hands." Prayers and dreams became a reality that day. The Temple Mount and the Temple symbolize the deepest hopes of the Jewish people for our prophetic end-time redemption.

This major godly day has become know as "Jerusalem Day." This is the city to which the Israelites swore never to forget. (Psalm 137:5,6) How could they forget the city where their beloved G-d dwells? How could they forget the city of their beloved messiah, King David? How could they forget the city to which their forefathers made a pilgrimage three times a year to meet their eternal G-d? How could they forget the city where prophets prophesied? They prayed with their faces towards Jerusalem and "Jerusalem" appeared in every sentence of their prayers asking G-d to bring them back to their home and capital. This was the greatest desire of G-d Himself and of all the prophets to again see His people dwelling in Jerusalem forever. It was a major godly moment which will never be forgotten.

On the 1st of June 2000 S Jerusalem Day S The Temple Mount and Land of Israel Faithful Movement marched from Ammunition Hill in north-east Jerusalem to the Temple Mount. First, we declared that we are faithful to G-d's prophetic commandment to Israel which we so clearly heard 33 years ago "...concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established...and all nations shall flow to it...for from Zion shall go forth Torah, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." (Isaiah 2:1-5) Secondly, our march was a memorial for the heroic Israeli soldiers who died in the battle for the liberation of the Temple Mount, Jerusalem and the land of Israel.

We marched along the same route taken by the soldiers on their way to the Temple Mount. The most difficult and critical battle occurred on Ammunition Hill. The G-d of Israel appeared in this battle and gave the Israeli soldiers victory. In front of
battles occurred on Ammunition Hill. The G-d of Israel appeared in this battle and gave the Israeli soldiers victory. In front of the memorial tank, which stands there still, we promised never to forget the soldiers who died in this battle and their heroic sacrifice and the cause for which they died.

After the prayers and memorial ceremony, the Faithful marched to the Orient House, which has become the focus of the PLO activities in Jerusalem. The PLO flag flies from the top of this building and from here the agents of the terrorist, Yasser Arafat, carry out their political campaign to occupy Jerusalem and make it a "Palestinian" capital. We called on the Israeli Government to overcome their weakness, to show faithfulness only to G-d. We called on the Israeli Government to immediately close this center, to remove the PLO flag, to stop the Arab desecration of the Temple Mount, to cancel the foreign "Palestinian Authority" in the holy land of Israel, to purify the Temple Mount and to rebuild the Temple on the holy mountain of G-d. We hung many Israeli flags all over the area. In the demonstration we called on the Israeli Government not to show weakness, not to give in under international pressure, especially that of the President of the United States, Bill Clinton, to divide Jerusalem and to give villages surrounding Jerusalem and other parts of the land into the control of the terrorists of the PLO.

When we came to the Temple Mount, groups of the marchers swore faithfulness to the G-d of Israel in front of the Holy of Holies. The presence of G-d covered all the area of the Temple Mount exactly as it was 33 years ago when the Temple Mount was liberated. The enemies of Israel have only illusions if they think they can stop G-d from fulfilling His prophetic plans with Israel. We know that very soon the enemies of the G-d will be removed from the holy mountain, from Jerusalem and from all Israel. Our message to the people of Israel and her friends is to be strong with G-d and His promises. Soon we shall see the fulfilment of all of them. The vision of Isaiah will be a reality in this generation.

This historic march took place at a critical time in the history of Israel. Many prophetic end-time events are going to occur in the near future on the Temple Mount, in Jerusalem and the land of Israel. International pressure will increase and even a war with all the enemies of Israel from all over the world is probable. Those who live in Israel at this critical time know this not only through prophecy, but also through the political atmosphere. We should trust G-d and prepare ourselves to be good and faithful soldiers in His army. We know that G-d will defeat His enemies. The Word of G-d to the prophet Zechariah will soon be a reality. "...And on that day I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all the peoples; all who burden themselves with it shall be grievously hurt... I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem... And it shall come to pass, that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Booths." (Zechariah 12:3,9; 14:16)

Everyone who reads this message is called to face the godly challenge to stand with Israel and The Temple Mount and Land of Israel Faithful Movement in these critical times. This is a godly test for all of us. G-d expects everyone to stand with Him and Israel and to fight against their enemies. The wonderful, prophetic, end-time vision belongs to those who will accept this godly challenge. They will have the privilege of seeing the reality of this Word of G-d. "Awake, awake; put on your strength, O Zion...Shake yourself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem...The voice of your watchmen is heard... all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God." (Isaiah 52:1,2,7-10) "Also the sons of the stranger, who join themselves to the Lord... Even them will I bring to my holy mountain... for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." (Isaiah 56:6,7)

Future Events of the Faithful

Many important achievements have been gained through the activities of the Movement. We sense a great change in the Israeli public. Polls undertaken over the last years by professional companies show that the majority of the Israeli nation support the ideals, causes and activities of the Movement. More and more people in Israel are coming back to G-d in faith. There is a great need for the rebuilding of the Temple as a central factor in the life of Israel. Many leaders from all walks of Israeli life show their support for the Temple Mount. There is no doubt that the long, 32 year campaign by the Faithful Movement resulted in this change of attitude.

Listed below are some the activities planned by The Temple Mount and Land of Israel Faithful Movement over the coming year. If you plan to be in Israel during any of these dates and would like to join us on these events, please contact our office in Jerusalem so that we can give you more details.

The Liberation of the Temple Mount

In the near future the activities of the Temple Mount Faithful Movement will be directed towards the liberation of the Temple Mount. The destruction which has been carried out by the Arabs as well as their buildings of mosques on the Temple Mount makes this effort very urgent. Every event of the Faithful will be directed to stop the desecration of the Temple Mount. Legal and public activities will take place to remove the pagan shrines from the hill of G-d.
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The Rebuilding of the Temple

All of our activities are directed towards the rebuilding of the Temple. The activities of the Temple Mount Faithful Movement are an important factor in G-d's timing because the G-d of Israel always expected the co-operation of the people of Israel with His plans and activities. Years ago we decided to do this in the name of all the people of Israel.

Preparations for the Rebuilding of the Temple

Preparations for the rebuilding of the Temple will continue. There are now vessels for the worship in the Temple as well as the reconstructed golden Altar of Incense. The golden Altar of Incense is covered with metal similar to gold which will be replaced when sufficient gold is available. We shall continue to encourage the education of the priests and Levites for worship in the Temple.

Educational Campaign to Make Israel a Biblical End-Time State

Our activities are also directed to making the people and State of Israel a Biblical end-time nation based on the Tanach. The purpose of the Temple Mount Faithful Movement is to bring the G-d of Israel, His laws, principles and Word into the midst of the life of Israel. We believe that this is the destiny of Israel and that G-d Himself created Israel for this purpose.

Architectural Plans for the Temple

Much effort continues to be made in preparation of architectural plans for the Temple. This project needs much funding.

The Seven-Branched Menorah

We continue to accumulate gold for the seven-branched Menorah. The Temple Treasures project of the Faithful is dedicated to this purpose.

The Temple Treasures Project

Through the Temple Treasures project we are saving the donations of gold, silver and other jewelry for the Temple. This will be used when the construction of the Temple begins. Much gold and silver will be required for all the parts of the Temple. When we have sufficient gold we will begin with the construction of the seven-branched menora and other holy vessels for the Temple. During the year people have donated gold coins and jewelry and pieces of silver. We believe that in the coming year many, more generous donors will give to this important project.

Educational Activities

The Temple Mount Faithful will dedicate great effort to their educational campaign in Israel. It will be done by public meetings, demonstrations and through the Israeli and international media.

Youth

The youth have always had an important part in the activities of the Movement. The head of the youth, Rivka Feld, has started her important work to reorganize the youth and prepare them for the very important work which is waiting for them. The Movement will give them all the means, including practical and financial assistance, needed to do this important work.

Legal Activities

Petitions will continually be made to the Supreme Court of Israel dealing with all the legal aspects of the Temple Mount. This will be an important front of the campaign of the Temple Mount Faithful.

International Campaign

The Movement will double its efforts to enroll as many people as possible from all over the world in the Movement. This will be done by the many members and supporters whom we now have. More intensive speaking tours will be undertaken by Gershon outside Israel as well as speaking to groups which come to visit Israel.

The Web Site of the Faithful Movement

More than 1 million people visited the Movement's web site over the last year. Efforts are being made to put more news and many other articles on the site including video and audio recordings. People will be able to see directly what the Movement is doing.

Marches, Demonstrations and Events

Many marches, demonstrations and events will be held in the near future. They also include:

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October 16 - Sukkoth: If the circumstances do not allow us to lay the cornerstone for the Third Temple on Tisha b'Av, we will lay it on this date. March to the Temple Mount and then to the City of David; Ceremony of Nisuch HaMaiim in which water is drawn from the Pool of Siloam and poured over the altar as in Temple times; Anointing of the cornerstone with prayers for a blessed year and rain for Israel and all the world as in Temple times; prayers with the lulavs and etrogs on the Temple Mount as in Temple times.

December 22-29 - Hanukkah: The Faithful plan, G-d willing, to carry the torch of the Maccabees from their tombs in Modi'in to the Temple Mount.

February 8 - Tu b'Shevat: Planting of trees on the mountains around the Temple Mount and the liberated areas of Judea, Samaria, Gaza and Golan Heights.

Arab Destruction and Islamic Building on the Temple Mount

Arabs Continue Destruction and Diggings of Temple Remains

The Arab Waqf (which is controlled by the "Palestinian" Authority, led by terrorist Arafat) continue their vandalism, destruction and diggings on the Temple Mount. Their purpose is to remove any evidence of the Temple on the Temple Mount. At this time they are intensively working to destroy the eastern side of the Temple Mount. Members of the Temple Mount Faithful Movement have seen heavy equipment utterly destroy very unique remains from the Temple which can never be replaced.

Officials of the Israeli Antiquities Authority stated that the diggings on the Temple Mount, especially over the last few years, have caused more damage than any other act of destruction since the destruction of the Second Temple.

It is a tragedy that the Israeli Government and legal authorities do not immediately stop this destruction of the most holy place of the Jewish People. It is not only an anti-Israeli crime but an international crime against all mankind. It is a terrible crime against G-d for which He will soon judge the Arab perpetrators and also those who had the authority to stop them and did not do so. Where is the UN? It so often and so quickly makes anti-Israeli resolutions and now, when the most holy treasure of all the world is being destroyed, the UN remains silent? Where is President Clinton? He is constantly putting pressure on the government of Israel and now does not react and pressure these vandals to stop their destruction? Where is the European Union and all the other hypocrites all over the world? They protect their oil and other materialistic interests above the interest of G-d.

The Temple Mount and Land of Israel Faithful Movement continues their intensive campaign and demonstrations to immediately stop these barbaric activities. This campaign is directed to the Israeli Government and legal authorities and everyone in the world who should be stopping this destruction. Besides demonstrations, we have made a number of petitions to the Supreme Court of Israel. The Temple Mount Faithful Movement is making an urgent petition against these specific diggings and destruction on the eastern side of the Temple Mount.

This continuing campaign awoke 82 members of the Israeli Knesset and many public figures from both sides of the political spectrum. They wrote an urgent letter to Prime Minister Barak to prevent the continuation of this destruction. Amongst these public figures were the current mayor of Jerusalem, Ehud Olmert, and the former mayor, Teddy Kollek. This act expressed the broken hearts of the Israeli people. They can no longer remain silent. They can no longer accept the weak Israeli Government and legal authorities ignoring the situation. In their open letter dated June 8th, they wrote:

To Prime Minister Ehud Barak

Call For The Prevention Of The Continuation Of The Destruction Of Antiquities On The Temple Mount In Jerusalem.

Serious acts of vandalism and the irreparable destruction of antiquities is taking place in the Temple Mount Compound, one of the most important archeological sites in Israel and the world. This is taking place in gross violation of the Antiquities Law while the Antiquities Authority is prevented from acting.

In the last year, and in particular in recent months, massive destruction of antiquities has taken place within the Temple Mount Compound. Within the framework of the construction of a new mosque in Solomon's Stables, large scale excavation took place and a huge pit was dug by tractors. Thousands of tons of dirt laden with a large number of archeological findings contained in the Temple area. The digging has caused massive loss and damage to these findings.
Arabs Building a Fifth Mosque on the Temple Mount

On 15th June, the Israeli newspaper, Ha'aretz published the following terrible news:

**Inspection of Temple Mount Works Is Stopped by Police Nadav Shragai, Ha'aretz Correspondent**

Police have stopped Jerusalem municipal officials from inspecting work undertaken by the Waqf (Islamic religious trust) and the Israeli Islamic movement on the Temple Mount. Tractors and trucks have been hard at work in recent weeks, undertaking projects along the eastern ridge of the Temple Mount, up to the Solomon's Stables site where sealed-off areas were opened up four months ago. Two large stone structures have been erected.

The municipality yesterday complained officially about the thwarting of efforts by the head of its supervisory department, Israel Ben Ari, to monitor these signs of work activity on the Temple Mount. In response, the police say that the Jerusalem official had reached the area without coordinating his steps with them. According to the police, Ben Ari must tour the area accompanied by the head of the police's holy places division, Chief Superintendent Nissan Shaham. The police spokeswoman said the two stone structures are temporary storage facilities.

Some Jerusalem activists are wary that the Waqf and Islamic movement projects could harm precious antiquities. The "Committee for the Prevention of Damage to Antiquities on the Temple Mount" - a non-partisan body comprised of members representing a gamut of political views - claims that considerable damage has been caused in recent months to valuable relics on the surface of the Temple Mount, and below ground level. The Committee complains that no clear explanation of what the Waqf is up to along the eastern wall has been offered.

The mayor of Jerusalem, Ehud Olmert, stated on Israeli radio that the Arabs are building a large mosque in an attempt to make the Temple Mount one big mosque. It is a terrible thing which Israel cannot allow and it should be stopped immediately.

In the last year, the Arabs built two other large mosques on the Temple Mount. The mosques were built on holy sites that were part of the original Temple complex. One was built in the Hulda Tunnels which were the main entrance to the Second Temple. The other was built in the site of the so-called "Solomon's Stables", an important part of the Temple worship. Over the last years they have undertaken other Islamic building activities on the Temple Mount. During these activities they destroyed and covered holy remains from the First and Second Temples. This is an international scandal, not only an Israeli one. Everyone who had the authority to stop this destruction and did nothing will be judged by G-d Himself for this shameful sin. If the Arabs and Islamic movement committing this destruction think they can run and hide from the judgement of G-d, they are terribly mistaken and deluded.

He will judge them for this desecration of His holy mountain and His holy house.

This destruction of the holiest place in the world, along with other hostile activities, reveals the greatness of the danger that the Arabs and Islam are to Israel and the world. This threat is mainly to the Christians and the Jews whom the Moslems call "people of the book". Israel, though in the frontline of this battle, is not afraid of them. Israel trusts and fears only our One beloved G-d. We shall continue to fight against this enemy and stop this hostility and violence. G-d will be with us and, together with Him, we shall be the majority. We know that only the G-d of Israel controls the destiny of His people, Israel, and all the world. However, everyone in the world who has G-d in their heart should be ready to defeat this hostility and never give in to this great danger.

**Arabs Building a Fifth Mosque on the Temple Mount**

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In Ezekiel 47:1-12, this great prophet of Israel speaks of this water which goes out from the Temple Mount as a redemptive, godly event and redemptive miracles concerning the people and the land of Israel. He states that this water will support trees with fruit for eating and leaves for healing. He could be describing the flow of water occurring today, i.e., it flows like a stream which cannot be stopped; it blesses all the land and the people of Israel. Everyone should experience these godly words as a prayer and a thanksgiving to the G-d of Israel, Who fulfills His promises at this exciting time in Israel. You have thank Him and bless Him for this affirmation that the rest of His promises are also going to be fulfilled in our lifetime. It is a privilege to live at this time and to be a part of G-d's last-day plans.

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The Temple Mount Faithful Movement is doing everything to immediately stop this destruction. On June 21, 2000, the Movement made an urgent petition to the Supreme Court of Israel. We asked the Supreme Court to order the Government of Israel to immediately stop this anti-godly and illegal destruction and building. We stated that this is a terrible desecration of the most holy place of the Jewish people and all the earth, the place which is the heart and soul and the focus of the Jewish people and all the world. The petition also asked that those who are responsible for the activities be arrested and have legal proceedings held against them immediately. The petition states that this barbaric destruction is a shame for everyone in Israel and the world.

As a result of the Movement's campaign, Knesset members visited the Temple Mount to witness the desecration. The Arabs on the Temple Mount did not allow them to see some of the areas in an effort to hide this present and past destruction. After the visit, the members of Knesset stated that they were deeply shocked to see the terrible destruction and illegal building. They could not have imagined how terrible the situation actually is. They also warned of the weakness and fear of the Israeli Authorities to do anything to stop this. They felt great shame and deep sadness. The head of the Antiquities Authority of Israel, Dr. Dony, also stated his shock and that of his department and voiced a strong warning with regard to this destruction and building. He stated that his department, and nobody else, can control what is being done on the Temple Mount and that the destruction has destroyed important remains from the Temple. He also said that these activities have damaged an important wall on the south-eastern part of the Temple Mount. This wall remained from the Temple times and now the extent of damage done cannot be ascertained.

Nobody can understand the fear the Israeli Authorities have of Arab and international anti-Israeli reaction if they stop this destruction and enforce Israel law, forbidding any changes on the Temple Mount. This weakness encourages Israel's enemies to continue these activities on the Temple Mount.

The Temple Mount and Land of Israel Faithful Movement is now undertaking an intensive public campaign and demonstrations against these terrible activities and the weakness of the Israeli Authorities. We are doing everything within all legal means to immediately stop these activities, remove the Arab presence from the Temple Mount, and transfer total control of the Temple Mount to the Israeli Government. The government has sovereignty over the Temple Mount but has not had the strength to enforce it. All these activities are undertaken by the Movement as messengers of the Israeli people and many others all over the world who have G-d in their hearts and to whom the holy site of G-d is dear. Throughout Israel's history, their enemies built pagan shrines on the Temple Mount and thought they could fight against the G-d of Israel and His prophetic plans for the people and land of Israel. They were severely judged by G-d and completely disappeared from the world stage. The same will be the fate of the Islamic Arab enemies of the G-d and people of Israel. Soon all their illusions will be shattered when G-d comes to judge and punish them. They have no chance to stop the prophetic end-time plans of G-d for the Temple Mount, Jerusalem and all the land of Israel.

At the same time, all of us have a deep responsibility to do everything to stop and prevent these anti-godly activities on the Temple Mount. G-d and the history which He leads expects us to do this immediately.

Water Flowing from the Rock: A Sign of Redemption

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It is significant that in this same chapter, the prophet Ezekiel speaks of the distribution of the land of Israel among the twelve tribes of Israel in the last days. He also speaks of how the water which flows from the Temple Mount covers the land, bringing blessing to the tribes of Israel who are obeying G-d by streaming back into the land from the four corners of the world. This is G-d's redemption of the land and people of Israel.

In chapter 37, Ezekiel also prophesies about G-d's end-times redemption of Israel. He speaks of the terrible exile, and of the rebirth of Israel from the dry bones. Chapters 38 and 39 speak of the God and Magog war, when all the nations gather against Israel and Jerusalem, and G-d defeats them. In chapter 40 Ezekiel prophesies about the Third Temple and about the distribution of the land. Everyone in the world should read in these prophecies what G-d has done since the establishment of the state of Israel in 1948, and what He is going to do in the near future. Perhaps they would open the eyes and soften the hearts of many who are now blind to what G-d is doing with Israel.

In Ezekiel 47 the G-d of Israel shows His practical plan for the distribution of the land among the twelve tribes of Israel. These are the same boundaries which He described to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. They include Judea, Samaria, Gaza, the Golan Heights, and other parts which He promised to Israel. Today world powers are trying to divide up the land and to give parts of it to enemies and foreigners. The work of G-d is very clear; who can change it? I advise everyone to wake up to his delusions as to what he thinks he can accomplish by his physical power. I advise people to read the Bible very carefully to see what G-d is doing with Israel in these days. If they do, perhaps they will stop walking in evil before it is too late for them. This is the word of G-d about the real distribution of the land, that among the twelve tribes of Israel, who daily are returning from exile to the land which G-d gave them forever. Then everyone should understand that what G-d is doing is an opening and a condition for all the rest of the world.

In Ezekiel 47:13-21 G-d defines the borders of Israel and declares the land a possession of the tribes of Israel.

The water from the holy rock of the Temple Mount brings a testimony from G-d about G-d's redemption of His people, the rebuilding of the Temple, and the coming of Mashiach ben David. These are great days, yet very critical times. Everyone who loves the G-d of Israel, trusting and worshiping Him, should be strong and should walk with Him, trusting openly in Him. If they do so, they will have the privilege of seeing the accomplishment of the redemption of Israel and all the world.

We call to you the reader to contact the Temple Mount and Land of Israel Faithful Movement. Join hands with us. Give us your assistance, love, encouragement, and support. Together we shall serve G-d and His plan in these exciting times. G-d is expecting you to do so. You will be blessed by being a part of this exciting redemptive process.

Another report about the water flowing from the Temple Mount comes from the Israeli newspaper, HaTsofer. In the May 15th edition of the journal, page 5, Eliazer Shaffer states that an Arab neighbor, Mohammed, shared with him in secret and with emotion, about this flow of water. He said that he had not seen it himself, but that he had heard that the Islamic Mufti of Jerusalem were very concerned by the flow because, according to Islamic writings, this was a good sign for the Jews, but a bad sign for the Muslims. The people we sent to check the situation could not see the water, but learned that the Arabs on the Temple Mount have done everything possible to stop the flow of water, including using special pumps which they brought in for that purpose.

Our people have checked this and even photographed it. With the help of hundreds of workers from the Islamic Movement, the Arabs are busy with intensive excavations on the Temple Mount. The purpose of these is to destroy the last remains of the First and Second Temples, so they can deny the Jewish identity of the Temple Mount. According to one account, during these diggings they broke into one of the water sources, and the water started to flow out from the rock. They temporarily diverted the water in another direction, unknown to us. This news was spread all over Israel and gave joy and hope to Israelis looking for a sign of the redemption.

One of the most damaging excavations is beneath the Israeli police station of the Temple Mount, not far from the Holy of Holies. Arabs do not allow any Israeli to check these diggings.

**The Tribe of Menashe Discovered in North East India**

One of the most exciting events in the end-time redemption of Israel is the great testimony of the discovery of descendants of the tribe of Menashe in North East India. This tribe, numbering around 5 million, has a very old tradition that they are the tribe of Menashe which was taken from Israel after the destruction of the Northern Kingdom by the Assyrians. They observe Shabbat, the festivals, and the Biblical, Jewish laws. They have synagogues, sing "We desire Zion", and pray to the G-d of Israel. They direct their prayers towards the Temple Mount which they call Mount Zion.

The Government of Israel may soon send a team to North East India to meet the communities of the tribe of Menashe to learn about them and investigate how to reunite them with the people of Israel. The advisor to the Prime Minister regarding Diaspora Jewry, Channa Isakov, recommended to the Knesset that this team be sent. The Chief Rabbinate of Israel is now checking the possibility of bringing the tribe back to Israel.

Last year the Israeli Ministry of the Interior gave citizenship to the first hundred members of the tribe. They are now in Israel. Rabbi Eliyahu Avichail was the first to discover the descendants of Menashe in India in 1979. His initial conclusion on meeting them was that they are deeply connected with the people of Israel. He has traveled to the East on many occasions to discover descendants of the ten Lost tribes of Israel. According to him he has discovered descendants of all ten tribes in India and in the high mountains of Afghanistan. He also discovered that they still call themselves by the original names of the Ten Tribes. He brought clear evidence to the attention of the Knesset of the deep connection of the members of the tribe in India.
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(Revised Standard Version 1952 edition of the Bible)

In this prophecy, Isaiah mentions the land of China very clearly. Recently, even in China, a lost Jewish community was discovered.

Jeremiah prophesied in the same way, speaking of how G-d will regather the people in the last days. "And I will make you pass with your enemies into a land which you know not; for a fire is kindled in my anger, which shall burn upon you. O Lord, you know; remember me, and be mindful of me, and revenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in your long suffering; know that for your sake I have suffered insult. Your words were found, and I ate them; and your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord God of hosts." (Jeremiah 15:14-16)

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The Approaching Battle for Jerusalem and the War of Gog and Magog

Israel is now in the most critical time in her history. As the end-time redemption progresses, the attack led by the Arab

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enemies of Israel mount. Using the so-called Oslo “Peace” agreements, piece after piece of the land of Israel is given to the “Palestinian Authority”. This Palestinian Authority, planted in the midst of the land of Israel, grows like a cancer. Now pressure is being put on Israel to give away Jerusalem.

Yasser Arafat has stated that there will never be peace unless Israel agrees to give him Jerusalem as the capital of a "Palestinian” state. More than this, he is demanding all the area of Judea, Samaria and Gaza be given to him. On September 13th he will declare a "Palestinian” state in those areas with Jerusalem as its capital. He knows that the UN and all the nations will recognize this state.

The agents of Arafat on the Temple Mount are now in the midst of an intensive, violent campaign to destroy and remove all the remains of the First and Second Temples and to change the identity of the Temple Mount into an Islamic site. By this barbaric violence they try to prevent the rebuilding of the Temple. They will not succeed in doing such a terrible sin.

In a speech which Arafat gave in Ramallah (the Biblical city of the Hill of G-d, Givat Elohim, and was a Jewish city settled by Jews but occupied by the Arabs in 630 CE) he stated that he is ready for a war; he said that he is not afraid of the Israeli tanks and aircraft. The Hizb'Allah is making the same kinds of threats of war from the north. They have declared that their battle will not stop until they have occupied Jerusalem. The same spirit of war is coming from Syria, Iraq, Iran and Egypt, all these enemies of Israel who are preparing their weapons including nuclear, biological and chemical warheads. The UN and the European Union have resolved that Jerusalem is not the capital of Israel but occupied territory and that Israel should withdraw from Judea, Samaria, Gaza and the Golan Heights.

All of this brings Israelis to the conclusion that the words of the prophet Ezekiel about the War of Gog and Magog and those of Zechariah's about the war of all the nations against Jerusalem will soon be fulfilled. Never in the modern history of the state has Israel felt that the black clouds of this terrible war so close to Jerusalem.

The prophet Ezekiel said: “Son of man, set your face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, And say, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal; ... After many days you shall be called upon; in the latter years you shall come against the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered from many peoples, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste; but it is brought out from the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them. You shall ascend and come like a storm, you shall be like a cloud to cover the land, you, and all your bands, and many people with you. ... And you shall come up against my people of Israel, like a cloud to cover the land: it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring you against my land, that the nations may know me, when I shall be sanctified in you, O Gog, before their eyes. ... And it shall come to pass on that day, when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, says the Lord God, that my fury shall be roused. For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; ... And I will contend with him by pestilence and by blood; and I will rain down upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, a torrential rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will make myself known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord” (Ezekiel 38:2,3,8,9,16,18,19,22,23)

The prophet Zechariah described the same event: “Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of reeling to all the peoples that are gathered together against it.... “For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women raped; and half of the city shall go into exile, and the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle". (Zechariah 12:2,3; 14:2,3)

The prophet Zechariah states that the weapons (the nuclear, chemical and biological weapons) used against Israel will backfire and will hurt the enemies of Israel and not Israel: “And this shall be the plague with which the Lord will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their sockets, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.” (Zechariah 14:12,13)

We know that the coming time will not be an easy time in Israel. This will be the climax of all the end-time troubles which Israel is now passing. Israel must trust in G-d and be strong. With the G-d of Israel, we will overcome these terrible events.

The Temple Mount and Land of Israel Faithful Movement is ready to face these events and their challenges. We do not fear the enemies of G-d. We trust and love Him and we shall continue to serve Him.

We warn all the enemies of Israel and their allies all over the world that G-d will severely judge and punish them.

To all the wonderful friends of Israel who decided to join the G-d and people of Israel at this critical time, we send our sincerest thanks and love. You will be redeemed together with the people of Israel whom you love. It is so good to know that we have righteous friends like you who have joined themselves with Israel at a time when it is so needed. Continue to be strong and the G-d of Israel will continue to bless you richly.

The Real United Nation will be in Jerusalem

The United Nations Organization has repeatedly shown over the last 55 years that it is an unjust organization based on the military power and the material interests of the major powers that it represents. This fact is evident in the resolutions which have been passed by the organization since its formation. This expresses the materialistic interests of the international
We want to share with you the broad details of the directions and activities for which your donations were used over the last century. It is a privilege that many generations before us desired to have. We are very thankful to Him for this. Every act on a voluntary basis and that the only payment for our work is the wonderful privilege that G-d gives us for His holy end-support gives the Movement the ability to perform her activities and realize her goals. Allow us to share with you that all of us let us walk in the light of the Lord.” (Isaiah 2:1-5)

All these resolutions of this hypocritical organization have no meaning in the eyes of G-d and Israel. They will remain as a testimony to an evil organization which represented an evil community with its Sodom and Gomorrah laws and as a negative organization which was more and more used to establish an evil, One-World government which will serve the interests of the great powers of our time. All the resolutions will disappear like dust in the wind and only the Word of God and His resolutions will remain forever and create a better community in the world.

The real "United Nations Organization" will be the Kingdom of G-d which will soon be established in Jerusalem, based on the holy laws of G-d. The Temple will again be the heart, soul and focus of Israel and the nations. Mashiach ben David will come and will be the king of Israel and the world. He will come to Jerusalem and rule from there and establish the Kingdom of G-d over all the world. Jerusalem instead of New York will be the center of the this godly "United Nations Organization" and a new era of justice, spiritual holiness, a real law based on the word of G-d in the Torah and a real peace will open and will be established in Jerusalem exactly as Isaiah prophesied: "The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. And many people shall go and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for from Zion shall go forth Torah, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall decide for many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, and let us walk in the light of the Lord.” (Isaiah 2:1-5)

Temple Mount Faithful Financial Report

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We want to share with you the broad details of the directions and activities for which your donations were used over the last year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- 35.1% Used for the special events, activities and educational and youth activities conducted by the Movement
- 11.2% Office disbursements and postage
- 53.7% Funds transferred to saving and used for the following purposes:
  1. Purchase of a house in the Old City close to the Temple which will be used as a center for the preparations towards the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem. This house will serve as a spiritual, educational and research center for the day-to-day activities of the Movement. It will be an international center open to everyone. The center will also serve as a place for prayer, inspiration, study, research and preparation before going up to the Temple Mount.
  2. Architectural expenses incurred in the research for the design of the Temple and the drawing up of the plans
  3. The needs for the Temple construction. (We want to thank our friends who have so generously sent coins and pieces of gold and silver for the Temple construction, making of the golden menorah and other vessels for the Third Temple. This was an encouragement for us.)
  4. Construction of the golden menorah and other holy vessels.
  5. Preparations and expenses for a permanent exhibition of the Temple vessels and garments. Copies of special correspondence and a list of donors will be placed in the exhibit as an eternal memorial.
  6. Allocation of funds to provide for emergency situations that may arise on the Temple Mount, in
Jerusalem and the land of Israel in the near future.

**Future Donations for the Holy Projects of the Movement**

Many thanks to all the members and friends who continue so generously to give financial support towards our campaign for the building of the Third Temple. Each donation and offering enables the movement to carry out our daily activities of this holy work and brings us closer to the fulfillment of our common cause. We are sure that G-d will continue to move in the hearts of people to join us in this holy work. This year, the Movement will be involved in even many more activities. We will continue to voluntarily do our work with all our dedication and devotion to the G-d of Israel. We trust G-d that our great common cause will become a reality in Jerusalem. Everyone who has done so much to help us has an important part in the most important cause in history: the rebuilding of the house of G-d in Jerusalem. Thank you so much and may the G-d of Israel bless you.

Donations for the Movement may be sent to the following address:

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All of our members and friends who have an email address are requested to advise us of your address together with your name and postal address so that we can send future copies of the newsletter via email and thus cut down on our ever increasing postal costs. The newsletter will also get to you sooner that way.

**Announcements**

**Lectures and Meetings with Tour Groups and Friends**

Last year, Gershon met and spoke to many groups which came to Jerusalem. He will be very honored and privileged to speak to any group or individuals which tour Israel in the future. Everyone is invited to visit the Center of the Movement and see the work of the Movement including the preparations for the Temple. Please contact us to arrange a meetings.

**A Call for New Friends**

We call on our current friends to introduce new members to the Movement and to share our goals and ideals with them and to pass on this newsletter to them. Anyone who would like to receive future editions of the newsletter are invited to send us their name, address, telephone, fax and email details.

**Internet Connection**

We again remind all our members and friends that we have our email and web site addresses. They are:

- Email: gershon@templemountfaithful.org
- Website: http://www.templemountfaithful.org

Articles and information about the Temple Mount, Jerusalem and Israel as well as information concerning the activities of the Movement can be found on the web site. We will continue to update it periodically. Please give our address to all your friends and family.

**Shalom and G-d's Blessings from Jerusalem**

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