

The Sanhedrin's Peace Initiative

Jewish group devoted to rebuilding Temple in Jerusalem to send letters to all world leaders, including Arab ones, inviting them to take part in project, attend conference on Temple Mount in Israel

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Note from Pastor Kevin Lea follows this article.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who has been gearing up for an Israeli offensive in recent months, is bound to be surprised by the peace feelers he is set to receive from Jerusalem soon.

Without Saudi mediation or diplomatic procedures, the president will get a "Letter of Love and Peace", accompanied by a historic invitation to visit Jerusalem, from The Supreme Judicial Court of the Jewish People, better known as the Sanhedrin.

After having tried their luck with the High Court of Justice and the government, the members of the Jewish group have set out on a new track in their struggle for the Temple Mount, aimed at rebuilding the Temple in the Jewish capital.

In recent days, the group members have drafted a letter that will be translated into 70 languages and sent to all government institutions in the world, including "the sons of Esau and Ishmael" who do not hold diplomatic ties with Israel.

Jews responsible for world peace

In the letter, the rabbis of the self-proclaimed Sanhedrin warn that the world is nearing a catastrophe, and write that the only way to bring peace among nations, states, and religions is by building a house for God, where Jews will worship, pray and offer up sacrifice, according to the vision of the prophets.

The rabbis also call on the non-Jews to help the people of Israel fulfill their destiny and build the Temple, in order to prevent bloodshed across the globe.

The letter will initially be translated into English, Spanish, Arabic, French and Farsi, and later also into Russian, Chinese and Japanese, and will include an invitation to world leaders to attend a conference dedicated to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem five months from now, during Succot.

Prof Hillel Weiss of the Sanhedrin explained that the Torah and the prophets have tasked the Jewish people with the responsibility for world peace. He stressed that the group's project was to rebuild the Temple, not a "church for all nations," but added, "We have all descended from the same father, this is not another primitive and racist approach."

Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: In April 2002, a fringe group of orthodox Jews were advertising that the first kosher red heifer in two thousand years was being raised in Israel. Western news agencies carried articles with headlines like, "Beware The Red Heifer, How Religious Nutballs Could Start WWII."

How could a red cow in Israel make world news and cause people to believe its existence could result in WWII? The answer is complex but in a nut shell, a perfect red heifer would fulfill a Biblical requirement to allow the cleansing of the temple mount and priests, making a way for the Jews to build a third temple on the temple mount in Jerusalem. ([June 05 Bible study from book of Numbers on Ashes of the Red Heifer](#))

To the relief of those who were concerned, the heifer in question was found to contain a couple white hairs and was declared unkosher, thus dashing immediate hopes that God was making the way for a third temple.

There have been recent rumors that another truly kosher heifer is again on the scene. Maybe this letter by the Sanhedrin reflects that this same group of orthodox Jews is again hopeful that now is the time to make the push for a temple.

Essentially no one in Israel currently takes the Sanhedrin and their followers seriously. For the last couple years they have been attempting to exercise authority as a shadow government within Israel. They consider that the Knesset and Israeli prime minister are illegitimate powers since their form of government is not based on the Law of Moses found in the Torah.

Even though they are just a fringe group who many would say should be ignored, the Arabs are not known for brushing aside wild Jewish claims associated with building a Jewish temple on the temple mount, which they consider their own. In fact many riots and much bloodshed has occurred over rumors that Jews were attempting to bring a symbolic cornerstone to the temple mount.

Will this letter to the nations of the world (especially Arab Muslims) spark a massive backlash of Muslim violence? Time will tell, but I wouldn't be surprised.

Will the Jews ultimately be successful in building a third temple in Jerusalem? Without question, yes; because the New Testament Jewish prophets make it very clear that another Jewish temple must be built in Jerusalem before Jesus returns. No matter how impossible it may seem today, something must happen to make it so, otherwise the biblical prophecies will be found to be false, for the first time in history.

During our recent study through the book of Revelation (Jan 07), we covered why and how the third Jewish temple must be built ([Rebuilding the Jewish Temple – Pt 1](#), [Rebuilding the Jewish Temple – Pt 2](#)).