A Plan For The Third Temple – Boston Jewish Times News Article

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by Nadia Lourie

A plan for the Third Temple

While all Israelis are busy discussing the Har Homa controversy three men from the U.S., are here to propose what they call "A Peaceful Solution" to the conflict between Jews and Arabs, which involves nothing less than an ambitious plan to build the Third Temple in Jerusalem, which they are convinced will bring true peace here.

The three men are Yisrael and Shaul Hawkins — both from Texas, and David Hawkins from Wisconsin. All three call themselves "Elders of the House of Yahwe," an organization they founded in 1982, which is based upon strict observance of all the laws of Noah. They claim to have 10,000 members today.

They base their belief on a biblical prophesy by the Prophet Ezekiah whom they call Yechetzqya, who prophesied that the Third Temple of Jerusalem will be rebuilt in our time.

To prove that Yechetzqya's prophesies are reliable, they describe in a pamphlet published by their organization both in Hebrew and English, how this prophet told of the fall of the city of Tyre in 590 B.C.E. The city, a wealthy Phoenician seaport in what is now Lebanon, was founded in 1500 B.C.E. Tyre resisted the sieges by Assyrians and Babylonians and defied several armies, including that of Nebuchadnezzar, known as the King of Babylon under whose rule Haman planned to kill the Jews. His plot was stopped by Queen Esther and her Uncle Mordechai in an event which we celebrate at Purim each year.

Tyre fell in 332 B.C.E. to Alexander the Great, thus fulfilling Yechetzqya's prophesy. Some 8,000 Tyrans were slaughtered, 2,000 were executed and 3,000 sold into slavery. All this was prophesied by Yechetzqya who predicted that it will come about "not until 258 more years have passed." This is exactly what happened since Tyre was destroyed in 332 B.C.E. which is exactly 258 years after his prophecy in 590 B.C.E. The House of Yahwe organization published a pamphlet giving verbatim the prophesy as it appears in the Book of Prophets 26:1-26.

That is why the three "elders" of "The House of Yahwe" believe that Yechetzqya's's prophesy about the Temple being rebuilt in our time will also be fulfilled. They believe that his prophesies were inspired by the Creator for no human being could foretell events of the future so precisely.

Their beliefs got much encouragement from the March/April 1983 issue of the *Biblical Archeology Review*, which in its Volume IX, No. 2 carried an article by the well-known archeologist Dr. Asher S. Kaufman, who wrote his conclusions about "Where the Ancient Temple of Jerusalem Stood," and that "the Foundation Stone for the Arc of the Covenant had been identified." It has been proved that a straight line led directly from the Golden Gate (the Eastern Gate) to both the First and the Second Temple, which would indicate that it stood in the northwestern part of the Temple Mount Plateau, and not in the middle of it, where the Moslem Dome of the Rock now stands. This means that, contrary to popular belief, the Dome of the Rock was not built on the site of the Temple, but south of it. The Temple lay 100 meters northwest of the Dome of the Rock.

The foundation of the Arc of the Covenant where it rested in the Holy of Holies would, according to Kaufman be on the northern edge of the Temple Mount Plateau, where today stands an unassuming structure called the Dome of the Tablets.

In Yechetzqya's prophesy, exact measurements were indicated for every part of the Temple, and the whole area of the Temple fits perfectly into the empty spaces of the Plateau North-West of the Dome of the Rock. According to Kaufman, the foundations of the Temple are still intact under the existing plateau, waiting to be excavated. In the prophesy, measurements are given for everything, including the foundations of the Vestibule, the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place. The altar is measured. The building on the west is measured. The priests' kitchens are established as well as their rooms, the singers' chambers, all of the entrances and exits. All that remains is to begin to excavate.

Yechetzqya's prophesies also indicated that there would be a "public structure" standing on the Temple Mount today and the plans indicated in the prophesy do not call for its destruction. On the contrary, it is predicted that a wall will be built separating that "public house" from the Temple areas. The three elders say that this public structure must surely be the Dome of the Rock, which they have no intention to move. On the contrary, they say, that remaining there as a Moslem Holy Place right next to the Temple would be a "Perfect Peaceful Solution" to the Arab-Jewish conflict here.

All three elders are observant Jews and their leader Yisrael Hawkins is a well-known author, whose latest book, *Can We Avoid the Next Holocaust*, is now being translated into Hebrew. Hawkins is the name parents adopted while fleeing Nazi Germany, but his real name is Ha-Cohen. He comes often to Israel and has been here several times accompanied by engineers and architects who checked his plans to rebuild the Temple in our times, according to measurements provided in Yechtezqya's prophesy.

Racial incident raises concern

By Naomi Segal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met with an Ethiopian soldier who was ejected from an army medical clinic by a major who told him that "no blacks" were allowed.

The officer was reprimanded for the incident. According to Israel Radio, the Israel Defense Force soldier with the Golani unit came to a clinic three months ago. The major grabbed the Ethiopian-born soldier, pushed him outside and made a racial slur. The major, Michael Valitzkin, then told the doctor on duty, "We need to put a sign up here saying, 'No blacks allowed.'"

The soldier did not file a complaint because he thought that no one would believe him. But word of the event reached Valitzkin's commander.

Valitzkin said that he made the racial slur in jest.

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