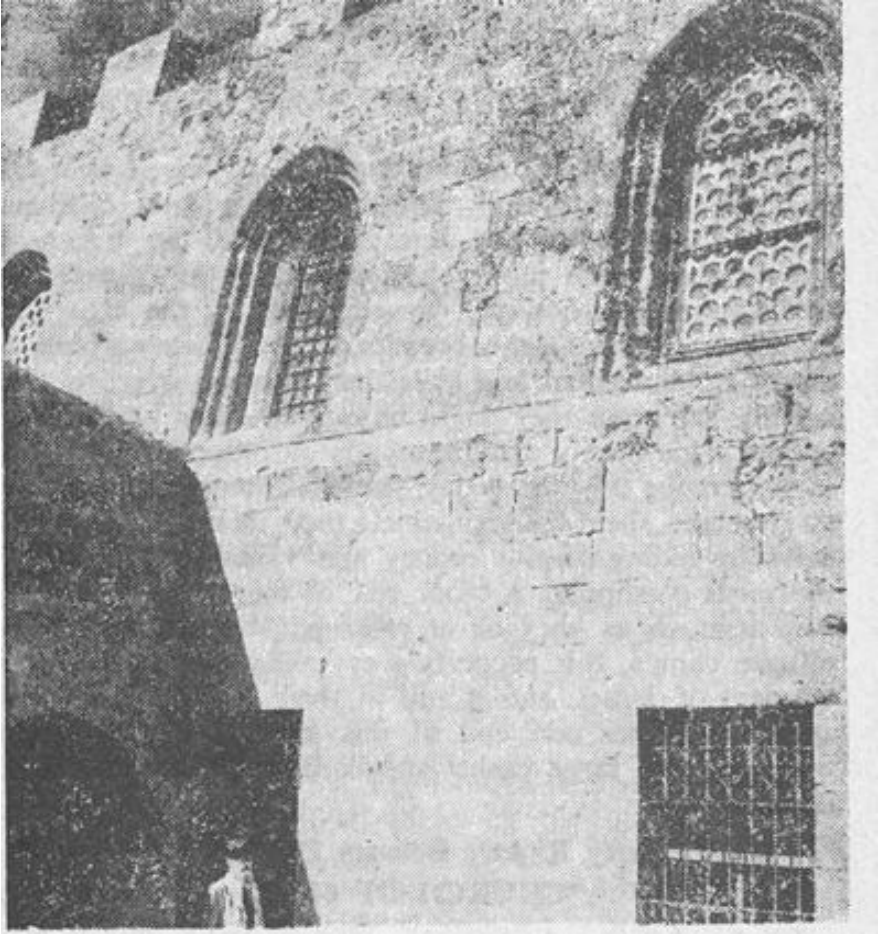


# THE OLDEST 'CHURCH OF GOD' BUILDING



The oldest "Church of God" building in the world. This second story is the "Upper Room," a great attraction to thousands of tourists. Owing to obstructions of other buildings it is impossible to show the entire length of the building.

This is a picture of the oldest "Church of God" building in the world, that we know of, and I am sure there are no more standing as old as this one; which is located on Mt. Zion, here in Jerusalem.

It was impossible to get far enough away to take the whole building at one snap, owing to others being erected close, but by taking several pictures of different sections my son and I have placed them together in this photo as best we could for you.

All of the property on this particularly sacred spot was owned by an Arab family at the time of the war of liberation in 1948, when the Jews established the nation of Israel. This same family had owned it for generations. During the war, however, they all fled to the other side in response to the Arab broadcasting stations warning all Arabs in Jerusalem and Palestine to come over to their side for safety, or they might be mowed down by the Arab bullets. This family and thousands of others accepted the invitation for this three day vacation, expecting to return and reenter their houses, which they locked up securely, carefully hiding surplus money and valuables, burying in the yards or slipping a block out of the wall.

In-as-much as they never returned and are still in the refugee camps, this property was taken over by the government of Israel, and is still in their possession. A synagogue occupies one end of this church at the present time, and the large casket supposed to be that of King David.

### **The Property Rightly Belongs to the Jerusalem "CHURCH OF GOD"**

In the absence of any other owner at this time and by reason of the following bit of history, we have asked for permission to hold special services in a portion of this building. The history is as follows, found in "The International Religious

Encyclopedia," the Editor purchased here in Jerusalem. It reads as follows:

The following is from the Encyclopedia, - "The Coenaculum, close to the Moslem, (Arab), tomb of David, a sight which has been upheld by Professor Sandy in 'Sacred Sites Of The Gospel' as one of which has a very strong tradition in its favor. The most important evidence is that of Epiphanius, who states that when Hadrian, (Emperor of Rome), visited Jerusalem in 130 A.D. one of the few buildings left standing was "The Little Church of God" on the site where the disciples, returning after the ascension of the Savior from Olivet, had gone up to the Upper Room, from there it had been built, that is to say in the quarter of ZION. In connection with this spot, there has been pointed out from early Christian times, the site of the House of Caiaphas, and the site of the death of the Virgin Mary." End of quotation.

How wonderful that this building was the only one left standing when the armies of Titus, the Roman General captured and destroyed Jerusalem, together with the second Temple. It is another demonstration of the Intervening Hand of the Almighty, who is able to perform these great miracles. In the 2nd story of this most ancient and most sacred building in the world, is where the memorable Pentecost took place recorded in the 2nd chapter of Acts. It was here where the beloved apostles, associated with the Master, lived, and tarried for this great power from on high. Acts 1:12-14.

The account given by the Roman Emperor Hadrian when he visited Jerusalem following the destruction, is authentic history, and cannot be erased. He said it was the little "Church of God," and it is a small building compared to the great temples of heathen worship of that time. This was the proper name given just twelve times in the New Testament for the true Family, or congregation of Elohim. It says it was "The Church of God" in all

of these scriptures, as follows; 1Cor. 1:2 also 10:12 and 11: 6, 22, and 15:9; 2 Cor. 1:1; Gal. 1:13; 1 Thess. 2:14; 2 Thess. 2:4; 1 Tim. 3:5, 15 and Acts 20:28.

Furthermore, we have the history of this people and faith from that time down to the present day, found in a book of over 500 pages now out of print, but we have just published a 32 page booklet copying this history briefly in part. This booklet will be sent FREE to anyone desiring it, and also extra copies will be sent FREE for distribution.

From nearly 2,000 years ago down to the present time, we find the name "Church of God" frequently used in all of the ancient records quoted in this 500 page History of the true faith.

In as much as this ancient people, holding to the same faith, have returned to Jerusalem, together with the returning exiles of the twelve tribes of Israel, it is right and proper that we may again occupy this their ancient and most sacred place of worship.

### **The Controversy Over Zion**

As we have presented our claim for the use of this building which according to authentic evidence is rightly ours, we realize it brings us into the front line of the "Controversy Over Zion," (Isaiah 34:7), which will become more heated as we approach that "Day of the Lord's Vengeance," verse 7.

### **The Pope's Visit**

It is obvious to us here at Jerusalem that the primary purpose of the Pope's visit to Israel is a step toward their aggressive demand to make Jerusalem an International City, and to persuade Israel to move their capital to Tel Aviv. A resolution embracing this move of Israel from Jerusalem was passed by the United Nations about seven years ago, reportedly through the

persuasion of the leaders of the Catholic Church. When Israel did not move, an ultimatum was also passed by that body giving Israel just sixty days to move. Instead of doing this, however, Israel moved the balance of their government departments from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem in defiance of the ultimatum. Thus this "Controversy Over Zion" grows hotter and hotter, and now with Russia and China both standing with all of the Arab nations against Israel, it is truly the rapidly gathering storm of Armageddon and Rome also in the picture.

These most holy places on Mt. Zion are held by the Israel Government, and we have recently understood by high authority that the government is offering them to the Catholics if, and when they call off their demands and persuade the U.N. to withdraw the resolution relative to Israel moving their capital to Tel Aviv. Israel is firmly set on Jerusalem being their capital city and we do not expect them to change.

The Heavenly Father is ALMIGHTY. His will is to be carried out. Overwhelming odds are against Israel, and against the claims of this the most ancient people, holding to the true faith of the apostles' days, before it was polluted with the "Wine of Babylon," and the Pagan doctrines from Rome. We are on the winning side in this increasing controversy over ZION.

## **ARAB BISHOPS RESIST VATICAN BID TO IMPROVE TIES WITH JEWS**

**VATICAN CITY —** Middle East bishops warned the Ecumenical Council that Catholic minorities in Arab countries may suffer if the Council speaks favorable of Jews.

The warnings were sounded as the Council opened its debate on a document which is concerned primarily with promoting Christian unity, but which also contains a special chapter on Jews.

### **The chapter on the Jews came under the heaviest fire.**

As a consequence of Arab pressure by threatened boycott etc., the Ecumenical Council at Rome postponed further consideration of the special chapter on the Jews. This picture appeared in the Publications of Israel.

### **THE DAY OF THE LORD'S VENGEANCE, AND THE YEAR OF RECOMPENSE FOR THE CONTROVERSY OF ZION. Isaiah 34:8.**

### **UN.. SPENDING \$58m. TO KEEP MID-EAST PEACE**

NEW YORK — The cost of the United Nations' activities in the Middle East connected with the tensions between the Arab States and Israel for the year 1964 amounts to \$58m. in round figures. Since then much more.

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees will cost \$36m.; the U.N. Emergency Force about \$20m.; the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization about \$1.65m. and \$150,000 for the Palestine Conciliation Commission.

### **Our Day Pre-Announced**

"Come near ye nations, to hear, and to hearken, ye people, let the earth hear and all that is therein, the world, and all things that come from it"

"For the indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: He hath utterly destroyed them. He hath delivered them to the slaughter." — Isaiah 34: 1-2.

This is the introduction of the time of controversy over Zion, the whole world is witnessing today. We are in the closing of the GENTILE IMAGE of Dan. 2<sup>nd</sup> ch.

Many long standing time periods have run out, and we are now at the very threshold of the coming kingdom. The stone cut out of the mountain without hands is about to smite this Gentile man.

By A. N. Dugger, Editor of "Reporter"

V. E. Fuller writes us,

"We note what you say in regard to the nations threatening the destruction of Israel. They don't realize that they are preparing for their own destruction. The parable of the sheep and the goats applies to governments, nations and individuals, and the prophet Amos tells us that Israel will be planted upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, said Elohim, thy El. Amos 9:15. We read in Acts 15:14-17: "Simeon hath declared how El at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for His name (to be His Bride). And to this agree the words of the prophets as it is written (Amos 9:11-12). After this I will return, and will build again the Tabernacle of David which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up. That the residue of men might seek after Elohim, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith Elohim, who doeth all these things." — Isaiah 2: 2-3, 11: 10, 66: 20; Jer. 16: 19; Zech. 8: 20-23; Mal. 1: 11." Chico, Calif., U.S.A.

From Charles Henry French:

"SHADOWS AROUND ISRAEL. Israel remains the Center of God's plan and purpose with this earth. Around this ancient people, its hallowed City Jerusalem and the Glorious Personage of the Savior, the assurance of better days remains the only ray of light in our Stygian darkness. Seeing that Israel of the latter days divinely gathered back from many lands — is to face their supreme test in meeting the hords of the Middle East

nations, backed by the Soviet (Zech. 14: 1-2; Joel ch. 3: 1-2; Ezek. ch. 30: 3-7), the Signs should be apparent. Are they? Truly, it is obvious to all who are watching (Mark 13: 37).

The remarkable hatred displayed by Israel's enemies is well known. The Kremlin uses it to advantage, and the Arab League has been assured of the Soviet's sympathy in their struggle against "Western Imperialism" — which, of course, means "Israel." Australia.

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