

Sanhedrin to Trump and Putin: Take Up Your Cyrus-Like Roles and Rebuild the Temple

According to reports out of Israel, the Nascent Sanhedrin—a group of rabbis attempting to restore biblical governance to their nation—has sent letters to Russian President Vladimir Putin and U.S. President-elect Donald Trump, urging them to “join forces and fulfill their biblically mandated roles by rebuilding the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem.”

The letters were first reported by BreakingIsraelNews, which quotes Rabbi Prof. Hillel Weiss, a professor of Hebrew literature who is a member of the Sanhedrin’s Communications Committee. He serves as the Hebrew spokesman for the Sanhedrin.

The report states:

[T]he election of Trump, who has promised to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, coupled with Putin’s expressed desire for the Temple to be rebuilt, prompted the Jewish court to send a letter offering the two the opportunity to act as modern-day Cyrus figures: non-Jewish kings who recognize the importance of Israel and the Temple

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Rabbi Weiss explained that the U.S. elections have made the eternal Jewish dream a very real possibility.

“We are poised to rebuild the Temple. The political conditions today, in which the two most important national leaders in the world support the Jewish right to Jerusalem as their spiritual inheritance, is historically unprecedented,” Rabbi Weiss told Breaking Israel News.

The Sanhedrin's letter notes that Trump's upset victory was due to his support of Jerusalem, and reminds Trump of his campaign promise to move the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, effectively recognizing the city as the capital of Israel. The Jerusalem Embassy Act, passed in Congress in 1995, initiated the moving of the embassy, but has been vetoed since every American president since. The Sanhedrin calls on Trump to withhold the veto after he takes office.

According to the report, the Sanhedrin have reminded Putin of his 2012 visit to the Western Wall, where he prayed and read from from a Russian-Hebrew book of Psalms. He reportedly told an observer he prayed for the the Temple to be rebuilt.