

Prophetic Signals? Billy Graham, the Third Temple and Purim

Strangely and unexpectedly, Rev. Billy Graham will be buried on the upcoming Purim festival, a Jewish holiday that signaled the hidden beginnings of a redemption process that culminated in the building of the Second Hebrew Temple.

Reverend Graham's pioneering of a new framework for Jewish-Christian relations based on not proselytizing to Jews was revolutionary, changing a millennium of difficult interactions between the two religions. This was expressed by Rev. Graham himself in his description of his first visit to Israel in 1960 at the behest of his friend, former U.S. President Dwight Eisenhower.

"When I first took a preaching tour of Israel, I stayed with Mrs. Golda Meir, who was then foreign secretary, and promised her that I was not there to proselytize," Graham wrote of that trip. "Rather, I was there to thank the Jewish people for proselytizing me."

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