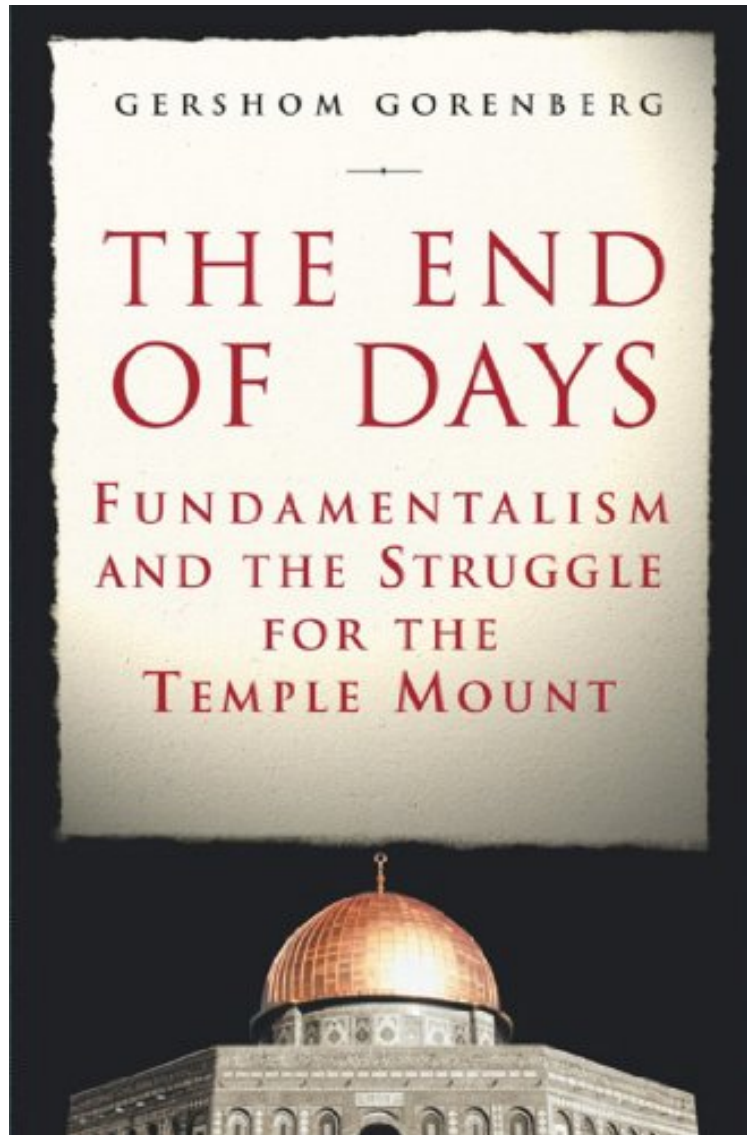


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**Von Gershom Gorenberg : The End of Days: Fundamentalism and the Struggle for the Temple Mount (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The End of Days: Fundamentalism and the Struggle for the Temple Mount (English Edition):

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Entertaining but ultimately fatuous Von Peter Uys This book was published in 2000 so it has a very feel Nineties about it. It seems intent on deriding all types of fundamentalism but one mostly encounters well-published cases of Jewish and Christian extremists involved in crimes relating to the Temple Mount. There is nothing wrong with irreverence, but it is clear that Gorenberg was either completely unaware of the mounting threat of radical Islam or decided to underplay it. Yes, folks, those fundi Christians and Zionists are the main threat - that is what Ms Christiane Amanpour still feeds us on CNN so it must be true? The Temple Mount, an area of such significance, and the city of Jerusalem, should be treated in a much more serious and scholarly fashion and that is why I recommend *The Fight For Jerusalem* by Dore Gold. Having said that, Gorenberg's work still has value in his chronicle of the various incidents involving disturbed or fanatical individuals, the occasional flashes of humor and the insight into Israeli politics through the 1980s and 1990s. The author repeatedly warns against perfectly sane and mainstream Jewish and Christian groups that cherish Mount Moriah for its history and prophetic significance, because he fears that their attachment to Judeo-Christian prophecy contribute to inciting crazed individuals on the fringes to take radical action. He paints with a wide liberal brush when he repeats the slur that "prominent American fundamentalists ... support ... Israel while looking forwards to an apocalypse in which they expect Jews to die or else to convert." For the real motives of Evangelical support for Israel in the Land and in the Diaspora, please consult *Standing With Israel* by the Jewish author David Brog. There is also a witty and empathic look at Christians who love Israel in *A Match Made In Heaven* by Zev Chafets. Gorenberg claims that the disappointed expectations of certain fringe groups in the year 2000 will only lead to more extremism. There has been very little evidence of that on the part of Jews and Christians, but quite disturbing developments on the Islamic side. He frets about the actions of the Israeli government that has taken pre-emptive action against a cult group by deporting them before they had a chance to attempt mischief. I think the Israeli government is right in exercising vigilance and taking strict actions against groups intending to cause disturbance on the Mount. About the suicide/homicide bombings and the obsessive anti-Semitic propaganda in the Arab media and official publications like Palestinian Authority textbooks, he doesn't have much to say. What I found valuable is the information on the layout of the actual Temple Mount and the theories of various archaeologists on the exact location of the Temple, the Holy of Holies and the real identity of the rock. It might be the one covered by the Dome of the Rock or the one northwest of that covered by the Dome of the Spirits. A map of the area makes it all very clear. Other revealing insights include the tolerant way in which Israel acknowledges the authority of the Waqf, a Muslim body, over the Mount itself while Jews agree to pray at the Western Wall. That has been the agreement since 1967 when Jerusalem finally returned to Israel. Gorenberg notes that people are story dwellers who live in stories passed down by a long cultural tradition and that millennialism is likely to end in despair. Throughout the book he singles out Binyamin Netanyahu for special criticism, claims that literalism and the false hope of the end born of the 1967 War were fallacies joined by the ancient error that God could be owned by owning a place. He indeed has a problem with "literalism", claiming that it is often the method of millennialists who look forward to an entirely new world: "... they place prophetic texts at the center of religion - and insists that the words must be read as factual, tactile accounts of the future." Nowhere does he even entertain the notion that them thar Scripture might have something important to say. I infer that he is oblivious to the fact that the rebirth of Israel in 1948 was the major miracle of the 20th century. The period since the publication of *The End Of Days* has indeed seen events taking an ominous turn, but the threat comes from Israel's neighbors in the Middle East, not from Jewish or Christian Zionists. The Iranian president Ahmadinejad threatens to erase Israel and claims to have 600 missiles aimed at Israel while boasting about his country's rush to produce a nuclear weapon. Syria, known to possess unconventional warheads, receives North Korea's nuclear weapons and tries to conceal them in the far east of the country. Backed by these two rogue states, Hezbollah is rearming in Lebanon. In the south, Israeli towns suffer barrages of rockets from Gaza. All this while a new tide of Antisemitism, often in the guise of Anti-Zionism, is sweeping the world. Those who are interested to find out what those Scriptures that Gorenberg sees as only stories have to say on the matters of Jerusalem, the Temple Mount and the Land of Israel, will find some interesting thoughts in *Epicentre* by Joel Rosenberg, *The Final Move Beyond Iraq* by Mike Evans and *Why Care For Israel?* by Sandra Teplinsky. For all its misguided ideas, wrong priorities and ignoring of the elephant in the room or should that be the Mastodon on the Mount, the book still provides some important information, a few laughs and insight into the Israeli post-Zionist mindset of the late 1990s. It concludes with 15 pages of notes and an index. Of interest: *DNA Tradition: The Genetic Link To The Ancient Hebrews* by Yaacov Kleiman *Ruth Esther: Shadows Of Our Future* by Frank Morgan.

Kurzbeschreibung The new millennium dawned quietly, defying modern-day prophets of apocalypse. Yet for countless believers around the globe - Christians, Jews and Muslims -- anticipation that the world is about to end burns more intensely than ever. God's kingdom is near, they believe, and the key to salvation is Jerusalem's Temple Mount, -- the most sacred and contested real estate on earth. In *The End of Days*, leading Israeli journalist Gershom Gorenberg portrays how such faith has fueled the real-world struggle in the Middle East and reveals why, even in times of

peacemaking, it continues to be a powerful catalyst for conflict. Adroitly portraying former-hippies-turned-true-believers, American radio evangelists of the End, radical Palestinian sheikhs, and Israeli ex-terrorists, Gorenberg weaves a story that stretches from California churches to West Bank settlements. He explains why believers hope for the End, and why prominent American fundamentalists provide hard-line support for Israel, while looking forward to an apocalypse in which they expect Jews to die or else convert. He makes sense of the messianic fervor that has driven Israeli settlers to oppose peace, and describes the Islamic apocalyptic visions that cast Israel's actions in Jerusalem as diabolic plots. He examines, as well, what happens when secular politicians try to channel these religious passions for their own purposes. At the center of this story is the Temple Mount, where Solomon and Herod built their Temples, where the Dome of the Rock now stands -- and where both Jewish extremists and millions of Christian fundamentalists expect the Third Temple to be built soon. Holy to both Judaism and Islam, the Mount is where nationalism and faith join in a volatile mix. Any attempt to spark the End by clearing the ground for the Temple, therefore, could ignite holy war. This book explains the Mount's dangerous fascination for fundamentalists, and shows why the risks will actually increase in the new millennium as prophesied dates pass and believers look for a way to ensure that the End comes. Cain murdered Abel, according to an ancient legend, in an argument over who would possess the Temple Mount. That parable sums up the passions aroused by the sacred hilltop. The End of Days shows, with clarity and poise, how conflict over Jerusalem is rooted not only in the past but even more in expectations of the future, and how the fiery belief in apocalypse has a very real impact on contemporary life and international politics..deFor the average American watching CNN, the conflict in the Middle East is a complicated affair, mired in an ancient past and an uncertain future. It also seems like a distant story, one that only remotely touches upon the temples and churches beyond the Middle East. Not so, explains Gershon Gorenberg, a senior editor at the Jerusalem Report. In fact, the threat of apocalyptic religious violence is happening now, and it's happening everywhere. It is fueled in part, he says, by Christian leaders in America's fundamentalist churches. To help readers make sense of it all, Gorenberg centers his fascinating discussion around the Temple Mount, the world's most desired piece of religious real estate. It is where King David erected an altar, where Solomon and Herod built their temples, and where the Dome of Rock now stands. (Cain even murdered Abel, according to ancient legend, over who would own this place.) The Christian far right now stakes a future claim to the Temple Mount, where they predict (or at least hope) the "Third Temple" will be built shortly. Gorenberg offers the impressive research of a seasoned investigative journalist, yet he possesses the narrative skills of a novelist. The result is an enthralling and informative read. --Gail Hudson.co.ukFor the average American watching CNN, the conflict in the Middle East is a complicated affair, mired in an ancient past and an uncertain future. It also seems like a distant story, one that only remotely touches upon the temples and churches beyond the Middle East. Not so, explains Gershon Gorenberg, a senior editor at the Jerusalem Report. In fact, the threat of apocalyptic religious violence is happening now, and it's happening everywhere. It is fuelled in part, he says, by Christian leaders in America's fundamentalist churches. To help readers make sense of it all, Gorenberg centres his fascinating discussion around the Temple Mount, the world's most desired piece of religious real estate. It is where King David erected an altar, where Solomon and Herod built their temples, and where the Dome of Rock now stands. (Cain even murdered Abel, according to ancient legend, over who would own this place.) The Christian far right now stakes a future claim to the Temple Mount, where they predict (or at least hope) the "Third Temple" will be built shortly. Gorenberg offers the impressive research of a seasoned investigative journalist, yet he possesses the narrative skills of a novelist. The result is an enthralling and informative read. --Gail Hudson