This link from my friend Cheryl...

The Sanhedrin, a body consisting of the 71 most prominent Rabbis in Israel, is warning the world that we are heading for a catastrophe that can only be averted through the rebuilding of the House of God at Jerusalem. The Sanhedrin was re-established in 2005 after nearly 1600 years of absence, and considers itself the highest legal authority in the land of Israel. The Sanhedrin has tasked itself with rebuilding the Temple, and re-establishing the monarchy . They vehemently opposed former Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's disengagement plan. The group is now planning to send a letter to every nation on earth, calling them to support the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple, and inviting them to attend a peace conference in Jerusalem in five months time - even President Ahmadinejad of Iran.

Quote: *"In the letter, the rabbis of the self-proclaimed Sanhedrin warn that the world is nearing a catastrophe, and write that the only way to bring peace among nations, states, and religions is by building a house for God, where Jews will worship, pray and offer up sacrifice, according to the vision of the prophets. The rabbis also call on the non-Jews to help the people of Israel fulfil their destiny and build the Temple, in order to prevent bloodshed across the globe. The letter will initially be translated into English, Spanish, Arabic, French and Farsi, and later also into Russian, Chinese and Japanese, and will include an invitation to world leaders to attend a conference dedicated to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem five months from now, during Succot.*

This article truly is fascinating. In recent months archeological research has been carried out on the Temple Mount to try and discover the exact place Herod's Temple once stood.

It is important to know where the original Temples were located, for Jewish Rabbis believe that the place were the Holy of Holies was still represents the place of God's presence on earth. For years people have believed that if the Temple is to be rebuilt, the Al-Aqsa Mosque must come down, but some Biblical scholars now believe Ezekiel's prophecy indicates that the Third Temple could be built beside the mosque. The Bible indicates that a Temple will be rebuilt during the tribulation period. In order for this to happen, a pure red heifer must be sacrificed, in order to cleanse the area and sanctify the priests. This will pave the way for the rebuilding of the Temple and the recommencement of the sacrificial system. The Temple Institute has already manufactured many of the implements that will be used in the Third Temple, including the laver, the priestly garments and even the breast plate, containing the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. In 2nd Thessalonians 2:4, we are told that in the middle of the tribulation period, the Antichrist will sit in the Temple calling himself God, and subsequently defile it.

As Christians, we do not regard the Temple Mount as the place of God's presence. Christ made that clear in the gospels. When the Lord threw the moneychangers out of the Temple, He said, "It is written, **My House shall be called the House of Prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves**", Matthew 21:13. The second time He left the Temple area, He said, "**Your house is left unto you desolate**", Matthew 23:38. The Jewish writings record how that after Christ was crucified, the Spirit of God left the Temple permanently. The lamp in the Temple would refuse to stay lit and doors would open of their own accord. Jewish Rabbis at the time believed that this indicated that God's protection of His Sanctuary had been removed.

When Christ died on the cross, the veil of the Temple - around a hand breadth thick, was torn from the top to the bottom (Matthew 27:51), which signified that all who believe in Jesus Christ now have direct access into

God's presence. Through trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation, we are filled with the Holy Spirit, and our bodies become God's Temple (1st Corinthians 6:19)

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