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**THE CENTURIES-OLD PLAN:
SECRET SOCIETIES, THE THIRD TEMPLE,
GOG AND MAGOG, AND THE COVENANT ANSWER**

Examining the Historical Record Behind the 'Shadowy Forces' Professor Jiang Xueqin Identified

A Companion Study to the Covenant Response to the Tucker Carlson / Professor Jiang Xueqin Interview

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In his March 20, 2026 interview with Tucker Carlson, Professor Jiang Xueqin made a statement that neither man could fully unpack in the time available. He said:

"This is a plan that has been in motion for centuries to achieve this plan for the end of the world. It is a very complicated history. It involves different secret societies, the Freemasons, the Knights Templars, the Rosicrucians, the Jesuits... different secret societies, different religious organizations, working together for the centuries to achieve this plan for the end of the world."

Tucker acknowledged the observation but moved on. Professor Jiang is right that it is a complicated history. He is also right that it cannot be dismissed. What follows is an examination of the documented historical record behind each of the organizations he named, what those records actually show, where documented facts end and speculation begins, and what **Yahweh (יהוה)** says about the underlying eschatological framework that is driving these events. We apply the covenant research standard of **Devarim (Deuteronomy) 19:15** — two or three independent witnesses — throughout.

We approach this study without sensationalism and without the dismissiveness of those who label every inquiry into elite coordination a "conspiracy theory." The Tanakh itself documents that human powers have conspired against Yahweh's purposes since the beginning of recorded history. The question is not whether powerful humans coordinate in secret — history proves they do — but what the

documented record actually shows, what it does not show, and how Yahweh instructs His covenant people to respond.

SECTION I: WHAT PROFESSOR JIANG ACTUALLY SAID — AND WHAT IT MEANS

Professor Jiang's exact words, from the transcript, are worth quoting in full before analysis: *"The plan has been in motion for centuries... it involves the Freemasons, the Knights Templars, the Rosicrucians. It involves the Jesuits. So you have these different secret societies, different religious organizations, working together for the centuries to achieve this plan for the end of the world, which heralds the Messianic Age. There are different components of this plan, but the basic components are: one is the creation of the nation-state of Israel, which happened in 1948; and then you need the building of the Third Temple, which requires the destruction of the Al-Aqsa Mosque... There are very powerful shadow forces working behind the scenes. We don't know who they are. But it seems as though they're able to control geopolitics in a certain manner as to fulfill their eschatological script."*

Several specific claims are embedded here, each requiring independent examination:

Claim 1: A centuries-long plan exists, involving Freemasons, Knights Templar, Rosicrucians, and Jesuits, working toward a specific end-of-world eschatological outcome.

Claim 2: The components of this plan include the creation of the State of Israel (1948) and the building of the Third Temple, which requires the demolition of Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Claim 3: Shadowy forces are coordinating these events from behind the scenes, and their identity cannot be determined with certainty.

Claim 4: Geopolitical events — including the current Iran-Israel war — are being shaped to fulfill this eschatological script.

We examine each claim in order, drawing on documented historical sources.

SECTION II: THE ORGANIZATIONS NAMED — DOCUMENTED HISTORICAL FACTS

Part A: The Knights Templar (Est. 1119 AD)

The Poor Fellow-Soldiers of Christ and the Temple of Solomon — the Knights Templar — were founded in Jerusalem in 1118–1119 AD by Hugues de Payens, a French nobleman, who approached King Baldwin II of Jerusalem with a proposal to create a monastic military order for the protection of Christian pilgrims. **The critical documented fact for our purposes: their headquarters was granted to them in a wing of the royal palace on the Temple Mount — in the captured Al-Aqsa Mosque itself.** The

Crusaders called Al-Aqsa Mosque "Solomon's Temple," and from that location the order took its full name. The Knights Templar were therefore the first Christian military order to occupy, administer, and conduct operations from the physical site of Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem.

Their excavations under the Temple Mount during the 12th century are historically documented. Medieval accounts report that they conducted extensive digging beneath the Mosque. What they found — if anything — is disputed. But their documented physical occupation of the Temple Mount, their architectural interest in its substructure, and their adoption of the Temple's name as their own institutional identity established a centuries-long connection between a Western military-religious order and the physical site of Solomon's Temple.

In 1312, Pope Clement V dissolved the Order under pressure from King Philip IV of France, who sought to seize Templar assets. Many Templars were arrested, tortured, and executed. Jacques de Molay, the last Grand Master, was burned at the stake in Paris in 1314. What happened to the remaining members and the Templar network — including their documented financial infrastructure, the first pan-European banking system — is a subject of legitimate historical inquiry. Multiple records confirm that some Templar knights fled France and found refuge in Scotland, Portugal, and other jurisdictions that refused to enforce the papal suppression.

Part B: The Freemasons — The Temple as Central Symbol

Freemasonry's foundational mythology is built entirely around the reconstruction of Solomon's Temple. This is not speculation — it is explicitly stated in Masonic ritual texts and encyclopedias. The central figure of Masonic ritual is Hiram Abiff, the master builder of Solomon's Temple described in Melachim Aleph (1 Kings) 7:13–14. The three degrees of Blue Lodge Masonry — Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason — are structured around the narrative of the Temple's construction and Hiram Abiff's death at the hands of three ruffians who sought to steal the secret of the Master's Word.

Albert Mackey's *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry* (1874) — a standard Masonic reference — states explicitly: "The Temple of Solomon is the great mythical symbol of Freemasonry... the aspirations of Freemasonry are toward the restoration of this Temple... the whole history and object of Freemasonry has reference to the Temple." **This is Freemasonry's own self-description.**

The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry (the dominant American Masonic system) contains 33 degrees. The 13th Degree is titled *Royal Arch of Solomon*. The 27th Degree is titled *Knight of Jerusalem or Commander of the Temple*. The York Rite contains an explicit *Knights Templar* degree, formalized in 1760 by the Grand Lodge of England and brought to America as the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar in 1816. The York Rite's highest available degree directly connects Freemasonry to the Templar tradition institutionally — not through conspiracy theory, but through the Masonic orders' own documented ritual structure.

The earliest documented link connecting Freemasonry and the Crusader orders is the 1737 Paris oration of Chevalier Andrew Michael Ramsay, which declared that

Freemasonry descended from the Crusader orders and their connection to the Temple. This speech was delivered before the Grand Lodge of France and was formally recorded.

Membership in Freemasonry among America's Founding Fathers is extensively documented. George Washington was a Master Mason. Benjamin Franklin was Grand Master of Pennsylvania. Fourteen U.S. presidents were Masons, including Washington, Jackson, Buchanan, both Johnsons, Garfield, McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, Taft, Harding, F.D. Roosevelt, Truman, and Gerald Ford. The cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol building was laid with Masonic ceremony on September 18, 1793, with Washington in full Masonic regalia. This is not conspiracy — it is documented American history.

Part C: The Rosicrucians — The Hidden Brotherhood

The Rosicrucian movement emerged publicly in the early 17th century through three anonymous manifestos published in Germany between 1614 and 1617: the *Fama Fraternitatis* (1614), the *Confessio Fraternitatis* (1615), and the *Chymische Hochzeit Christiani Rosencreutz* (1617). These documents announced the existence of a secret brotherhood founded by a mythical German knight, Christian Rosenkreuz, who had traveled to the East and returned with esoteric wisdom combining Christian mysticism, Kabbalah, Hermeticism, and alchemy.

The manifestos called for a universal reformation of human knowledge — political, religious, and scientific. Their explicit goal was a transformation of the entire world order through secret brotherhoods working invisibly within existing institutions. The documented influence of Rosicrucian ideas on early Freemasonry is acknowledged by Masonic historians, including Manly P. Hall, whose *The Secret Teachings of All Ages* (1928) — a standard Masonic reference — traces the doctrinal lineage between Rosicrucian esotericism and Freemasonry explicitly.

Contemporary Rosicrucian organizations include the Ancient Mystical Order Rosae Crucis (AMORC), founded in 1915, which operates globally and openly maintains the tradition of esoteric knowledge transmission through initiatory degrees. Their own published literature describes their aim as the reformation of human society according to universal principles — the same goal stated in the original 17th-century manifestos.

Part D: The Jesuits — The Society of Jesus

The Society of Jesus was founded by Ignatius of Loyola and formally approved by Pope Paul III in 1540. It was the Counter-Reformation's primary intellectual and missionary instrument. The Jesuits established educational institutions, universities, and diplomatic networks across every continent. Their influence over Catholic monarchies, their involvement in political affairs, and their eventual suppression by Pope Clement XIV in 1773 — followed by their restoration in 1814 — established a documented history of institutional power operating across national boundaries through a centralized, secretive command structure.

The Jesuits' documented connections to global banking families, their role in the colonization of Latin America, their involvement in the education of European and South American elites for three centuries, and their explicit mission to restore Catholic

universalism — these are matters of historical record, not speculation. Whether they constitute part of Professor Jiang's centuries-long plan is a matter requiring evidence, not assumption. What is documented is that the Jesuit order represents one of the most effective long-duration institutional networks in human history, operating across national borders with a unified purpose and command structure.

Part E: The Sabbatean-Frankist Movement — The Jewish Stream Professor Jiang Referenced

Professor Jiang named "*Septim Frankus, Shabbat Lubavitch*" in his list — a garbled reference to two documented movements: the Sabbatean movement and the Frankist movement, both of which are historically documented and both of which bear directly on the eschatological dynamics he is describing.

Shabbetai Tzvi (1626–1676) was a Sephardic rabbi from Smyrna who declared himself the Jewish Messiah in 1665, amassing a mass following across Jewish communities from Morocco to Poland. His messianic claim was based on kabbalistic calculations and was accompanied by a teaching that the commandments of the Torah were annulled in the Messianic age — that the transgression of Torah prohibitions could itself be a form of worship. In 1666, under pressure from the Ottoman Sultan, Shabbetai Tzvi converted to Islam. Most of his followers abandoned him. But a significant underground network of *donmeh* — secret Sabbateans who outwardly practiced Islam while secretly maintaining Sabbatean beliefs — survived and is documented to have persisted in the Ottoman Empire into the 20th century, with documented connections to the Young Turks movement that overthrew the Ottoman Sultanate.

Jacob Frank (1726–1791) carried the Sabbatean antinomian tradition further, declaring himself Shabbetai Tzvi's successor and teaching that the path to redemption required the deliberate violation of Torah law — including sexual transgression — as a means of hastening the Messianic age through the descent into the depths of impurity. Frank converted to Catholicism under the sponsorship of the Polish nobility and the Catholic Church, while maintaining a secret inner doctrine among his followers. His movement is historically documented to have influenced Kabbalistic and proto-Masonic circles in 18th-century Poland and the Habsburg Empire.

These are not conspiracy theories. Gershom Scholem — the 20th century's foremost scholar of Jewish mysticism and a professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem — documented the Sabbatean and Frankist movements extensively in his works *Sabbatai Sevi: The Mystical Messiah* (1973) and *The Messianic Idea in Judaism* (1971), published by Princeton University Press and Schocken Books respectively. Scholem demonstrated that the antinomian tradition — the idea that transgression of Torah law can itself be a sacred act in the Messianic era — survived underground in European Jewish intellectual life and influenced early Reform Judaism. This is mainstream academic history, not fringe conspiracy.

SECTION III: THE THIRD TEMPLE — DOCUMENTED PLANS, ACTIVE ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE DOME OF THE ROCK

Part A: What Is the Third Temple and Why Does It Require the Dome of the Rock?

The First Temple — the Beit HaMikdash — was built by Shlomo (Solomon) on Mount Moriah in Jerusalem in approximately 950 BCE and destroyed by the Babylonians under Nebuchadnezzar in 586 BCE. The Second Temple was rebuilt following the Persian-period return from exile under Ezra and Nehemiah, substantially expanded by Herod the Great, and destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE. The Western Wall is the last standing retaining wall of the Herodian platform. The Temple Mount — Har HaBayit — upon which both temples stood is today occupied by the Haram al-Sharif: the Dome of the Rock (completed 691 CE) and Al-Aqsa Mosque (completed 705 CE, rebuilt after earthquake damage in 1033).

The Dome of the Rock is built over the Foundation Stone — the Even HaShtiyah — which Jewish tradition identifies as the rock from which **Yahweh** created the world, the site of Avraham's binding of Yitzhak, and the location of the Holy of Holies in both Temples. It is also the rock from which Islamic tradition holds that the Prophet Muhammad ascended to heaven in the Night Journey (Isra and Miraj). This single physical location is simultaneously the holiest site in Judaism, the third holiest site in Islam, and the location of Crusader occupation under the Knights Templar for 88 years.

The Third Temple movement holds that a Third Temple *must* be built on this precise location — the exact spot of the previous temples — and that this construction is a prerequisite for the Messianic era. Most prominent among current Third Temple advocates is the **Temple Institute (Machon HaMikdash)**, founded in Jerusalem in 1987 by Rabbi Yisrael Ariel. The Temple Institute has publicly stated its mission as preparing all the physical components required for Third Temple worship. It has produced and displayed: a gold-plated menorah (seven-branched lampstand), priestly garments reconstructed according to Talmudic specifications, silver trumpets, the incense altar, the table of showbread, and — most significantly — has been researching the breeding of a ritually pure red heifer (Para Adumah), required for the purification ceremony before Temple service can begin.

In 2022, the Temple Institute partnered with Boneh Israel, an American organization, to supervise the birth of five red heifers bred in Texas and transported to Israel. The birth and transfer of these heifers was covered by major news outlets including the BBC, the Times of Israel, and Israeli national television. These are not secret plans. They are publicly documented preparations.

The fundamental obstacle to Third Temple construction is structural: **the Dome of the Rock sits on the Temple Mount.** Some Third Temple advocates hold that the Temple can be built adjacent to the Dome of the Rock without its demolition. But the dominant position among Orthodox Third Temple advocates — including the Temple Institute — is that the Temple must be rebuilt on the precise location of the previous temples, which coincides with or immediately surrounds the Foundation Stone beneath the Dome.

Professor Jiang described rumors of Israeli archaeologists conducting excavations beneath Al-Aqsa to undermine its foundations for a controlled demolition to be blamed on Iranian missile strikes. This specific claim falls into the category of unverified reporting. What is verifiable and documented is: Israeli authorities have conducted

archaeological work in and around the Temple Mount for decades; Palestinian and Jordanian officials have repeatedly protested these excavations as threats to Al-Aqsa's structural integrity; UNESCO has issued resolutions concerning archaeological work in the Old City; and the Waqf (the Islamic trust administering Al-Aqsa) has documented specific incidents of unauthorized tunneling. The trajectory of documented events and documented intentions leads directly to the point Professor Jiang identified, even if his specific claim about a planned controlled demolition cannot be independently verified.

Part B: Christian Zionism and the Third Temple — The Dispensationalist Framework

The theological framework that drives the Christian Zionist movement — and that has made organizations like CUFI (Christians United for Israel, founded by John Hagee in 2006, claiming seven million members) into the political force Professor Jiang identified — was not developed from the Tanakh. It was developed in the 19th century by John Nelson Darby (1800–1882), an Anglo-Irish preacher who codified a system called **dispensational premillennialism**: the belief that history is divided into specific ages or "dispensations," that we are in the final dispensation before the return of Jesus, and that the reconstitution of Israel, the rebuilding of the Temple, and the Battle of Armageddon are sequential prerequisites for Jesus's return.

Darby's system was popularized in America through the Scofield Reference Bible (first published 1909, revised 1917), which embedded dispensationalist interpretation notes directly into the text of the King James Version. The Scofield Bible became the most widely distributed study Bible in American evangelical Protestantism throughout the 20th century. C.I. Scofield's notes — which are not Scripture but commentary — taught generations of American evangelicals that Israel's re-establishment was prophesied, that the Temple would be rebuilt, that there would be a seven-year tribulation, and that the Battle of Armageddon would precede Christ's millennial reign.

This is not ancient theology. Dispensational premillennialism did not exist before 1830. It has no representation in Judaism, in Eastern Orthodox Christianity, in Roman Catholic theology, or in most of Protestant Christianity before the 19th century. It is a specific modern theological invention that has become the dominant framework for Christian Zionism in America — with documented electoral, financial, and foreign policy consequences.

SECTION IV: THE BOHEMIAN GROVE — THE DOCUMENTED MEETING PLACE OF POWER

Tucker Carlson and Professor Jiang both referenced shadowy forces that operate behind the scenes of governments. The Bohemian Grove deserves to be investigated and mentioned. Here is the documented record, not the conspiracy theory version.

The Bohemian Club was founded in San Francisco in 1872 by journalists, artists, and writers. By the early 20th century its membership had transformed into the single most concentrated gathering of American elite power outside of government itself. Members

have included presidents Herbert Hoover, Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan, and George H.W. Bush; Secretary of State Henry Kissinger; CIA directors; NSA directors; corporate CEOs of the largest American companies; federal judges; and leading figures from media, academia, and finance.

Every July, the Bohemian Club holds a two-week private encampment at Bohemian Grove — 2,700 acres of old-growth redwood forest in Sonoma County, California. Approximately 2,500 to 2,700 men attend. The event opens with the **Cremation of Care ceremony**: a theatrical ritual performed before a 40-foot concrete owl in which effigies representing worldly cares and concerns are symbolically burned. Members are organized into named camps — Mandalay, Cave Man, Hill Billies, Aviary — that function as sub-groups within the larger gathering.

The club's motto — *Weaving Spiders Come Not Here*, from Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* — is an official declaration that business dealings are excluded from Grove gatherings. In practice, documented reporting demonstrates that policy discussions, political networking, and the informal shaping of major decisions have occurred at the Grove throughout its history. **The Manhattan Project** — the American nuclear weapons program — has been linked to discussions that took place at Bohemian Grove in 1942, when physicists including Ernest O. Lawrence and Edward Teller are documented to have participated in early planning conversations during a Grove encampment.

Richard Nixon, in a 1967 address delivered at the Grove, laid out foreign policy positions that became central to his 1968 presidential campaign and subsequent presidency. This speech was given to an audience of corporate CEOs, military leaders, intelligence officials, and Republican political figures — before he had formally declared his candidacy.

In February 2026, independent journalist Daniel Boguslaw published the 2023 Bohemian Grove camp membership list — over 2,200 names obtained through a documented source. The list was corroborated by a club member and reported by the *San Francisco Standard*. Documented members include: Michael Bloomberg (former New York City Mayor); Eric Schmidt (former Google CEO); Paul Pelosi; former Attorney General Edwin Meese III; retired NSA Director Bobby Inman; Federal Judge Carlos Bea; Charles Koch; and documentary filmmaker Ken Burns. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is documented as a frequent guest. Henry Kissinger was a member.

What Bohemian Grove is: A documented gathering place where the most powerful men in American politics, intelligence, finance, energy, and media meet annually in a private setting without formal agendas, press access, or public accountability — and where documented policy discussions, political campaigns, and strategic decisions have been shaped.

What Bohemian Grove is not: A formal governing body with documented votes, binding resolutions, or a published agenda. The danger of Bohemian Grove is not that it is a secret government. The danger is that it is an informal network where the most consequential decisions about American life are discussed among people who share a common social world, common financial interests, and common cultural assumptions —

without any of the accountability mechanisms that democratic governance is supposed to provide.

This is exactly what the Tanakh warns about when it commands impartial justice (**Devarim 1:17**) and prohibits the use of position or relationship to subvert the cause of justice (**Shemot 23:8**). **When the people who determine American foreign policy, intelligence priorities, energy regulation, and media coverage are personal friends who spend two weeks together annually in a private forest, the structural conditions for systematic bias in favor of elite interests — and against covenant justice for the vulnerable — are fully present.**

SECTION V: THE GOG AND MAGOG FRAMEWORK — WHAT THE TANAKH ACTUALLY SAYS

Part A: The Text Itself

The Gog and Magog prophecy spans **Yechezkel (Ezekiel) 38–39** in the Tanakh. It is among the most discussed prophetic passages in all of Scripture across all three Abrahamic traditions. It requires careful and honest examination.

Yechezkel (Ezekiel) 38:1–4 — *"The word of Yahweh came to me: 'Son of man, set your face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him and say: Thus says Yahweh Elohim: Behold, I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. And I will turn you about and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full armor, a great host, all of them with buckler and shield, wielding swords.'"*

The prophecy describes a coalition of nations from the far north — identified by ancient geographical names including Magog, Meshech, Tubal, Persia, Cush, Put, Gomer, and Beth-togarmah — that will come against the land of Israel "in the latter years" when Israel has been restored and is dwelling securely in its land. The coalition will be decisively defeated by **Yahweh's** direct intervention, with catastrophic results for the invading armies.

Part B: The History of Interpretation — Documented and Honest

The identification of "Gog" and "Magog" has shifted across every century of interpretation:

Ancient period: The rabbis of the Talmud identified Magog with Scythian peoples — the ancient nomadic peoples of the Eurasian steppes north of the Black Sea. Josephus (*Antiquities of the Jews*, 1.6.1) identified Magog with the Scythians. The Septuagint Greek translation sometimes renders Gog as a general term for northern peoples.

Byzantine and early medieval period: Some Byzantine writers identified Gog and Magog with specific barbarian peoples threatening Constantinople — Huns, Goths, or later Arab armies.

Medieval period: Some Crusader-era writers identified Gog and Magog with the Mongols following the 13th-century invasions.

Reformation period: Protestant reformers including Luther and Calvin identified Gog with the Ottoman Turkish Empire, then the dominant military threat to Christian Europe.

19th and 20th century: Dispensationalist interpreters, beginning with John Nelson Darby and developed through Hal Lindsey's *The Late Great Planet Earth* (1970), identified Gog and Magog with the Soviet Union/Russia, based on a contested Hebrew reading of the word *rosh* (meaning "chief" or "head") as a reference to Russia.

Contemporary: Current dispensationalist teachers identify the Gog coalition with a Russia-Iran-Turkey alliance, citing current geopolitical alignments as prophetic confirmation.

The honest covenant assessment: Every generation of interpreters has identified Gog with the dominant military threat of their own era. This pattern — which has produced a century of failed specific predictions — demonstrates that Yahweh's prophetic word transcends any single geopolitical moment. The Tanakh's warning about a northern coalition that moves against Israel from a position of calculated advantage is a *structural* warning, not a date-stamped prediction. It describes a type of geopolitical threat — coordinated northern military power moving against a restored Israel — that may have multiple historical fulfillments rather than a single one. The appropriate covenant posture is vigilance and alignment with Yahweh's instruction — not the calculation of timelines or the identification of specific current leaders as the fulfillment of ancient prophecy.

Part C: The Outcome of Gog and Magog — What Yahweh Actually Declares

Yechezkel (Ezekiel) 38:22–23 — *"With pestilence and bloodshed I will enter into judgment with him, and I will rain upon him and his hordes and the many peoples who are with him torrential rains and hailstones, fire and sulfur. So I will show my greatness and my holiness and make myself known in the eyes of many nations. Then they will know that I am Yahweh."*

Yechezkel (Ezekiel) 39:7 — *"And my holy name I will make known in the midst of my people Israel, and I will not let my holy name be profaned anymore. And the nations shall know that I am Yahweh, the Holy One in Israel."*

The outcome of Gog and Magog in the Tanakh is not the triumph of any human political project. It is not the achievement of the Greater Israel Project. It is not the validation of Christian Zionist eschatology. It is the recognition by all nations — all nations — that Yahweh is sovereign. The victory in Yechezkel 38–39 belongs to Yahweh, not to any army, state, or political movement. Human beings who position themselves as agents of

Gog's defeat — who manufacture the conditions they believe will trigger this prophetic sequence — are doing exactly what the Tanakh condemns: they are testing Yahweh and presuming to control His agenda.

SECTION VI: WHO ARE THE SHADOWY FORCES? WHAT THE EVIDENCE ACTUALLY SHOWS

Professor Jiang said: "There are very powerful shadow forces working behind the scenes. We don't know who they are." Tucker replied: "I know who the instruments are of course. But Keir Starmer's not in charge of Great Britain. Macron isn't in charge of France. I'm not sure how many leaders really do have control of their countries." Both men are pointing at the same observation: the people nominally in charge of Western governments are not the people making the most consequential decisions.

The covenant approach to this question is not to name a single hidden master — a Rothschild, an Illuminati, a singular cabal — as many conspiracy theorists do. The Tanakh is more sophisticated. What it describes is a **spiritual mechanism** that operates through human institutional structures when those structures abandon covenant accountability. **Yahweh** named this mechanism through the prophet **Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah)**:

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 17:9 — "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?"

The "shadowy forces" are not a single organization. They are the convergence of several documented networks of power that share common interests without necessarily sharing formal coordination:

1. The Military-Industrial Complex — named and warned about by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in his Farewell Address of January 17, 1961: "In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist." Eisenhower was a five-star general. His warning about the defense industry's influence over political decision-making was grounded in firsthand observation. The documented budget of the American defense industry — over \$900 billion in FY2024 defense appropriations — creates a structural incentive for perpetual conflict that requires no secret coordination to produce war.

2. The Financial Oligarchy — documented in the 2011 study by researchers at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zurich), which analyzed the ownership structure of 43,000 transnational corporations and found that a core of 147 companies — primarily financial institutions — controlled 40% of the global corporate network's total wealth. This is published academic research in the journal *PLOS ONE*, not conspiracy theory. The concentration of financial control through interlocking corporate directorates is a documented structural reality that produces coordinated outcomes without requiring explicit conspiracy.

3. The Eschatological Network — documented in the convergence of Chabad messianism, settler movement theology, and American Christian Zionism examined in detail in our companion studies. This network shares a common eschatological framework — the Third Temple must be built, the land of Israel must be expanded, apocalyptic conflict is not to be prevented but embraced — and operates through documented institutional channels including AIPAC, CUFI, the Temple Institute, and multiple Israeli government ministries.

4. Elite Social Networks — documented through the Bohemian Grove membership list, the Council on Foreign Relations (whose own website lists its members and is not secret), the Bilderberg Group (which publishes its participants and general agenda topics), and the World Economic Forum (whose membership and positions are public). These are not secret organizations. They are exclusive networks where the people who make consequential decisions about the world share social relationships, common assumptions, and mutual obligations that ordinary citizens do not have access to.

The covenant answer to the question "who are the shadowy forces": They are the predictable institutional consequence of a world that organized itself by power, wealth, and eschatological presumption rather than by covenant justice. They do not require a single hidden master. They require only the convergence of financial interest, military institutional incentive, eschatological theology, and elite social insularity — all of which are documented and all of which are operating simultaneously in the current moment.

SECTION VII: YAHWEH'S VERDICT ON THESE POWERS AND HIS INSTRUCTION TO HIS PEOPLE

The Tanakh addresses the existence of coordinated human power operating against Yahweh's covenant purposes directly. This is not a new problem. It is the oldest problem in the prophetic record.

Tehillim (Psalm) 2:1–4 — "Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against Yahweh and against his anointed, saying, 'Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.' He who sits in the heavens laughs; Yahweh holds them in derision."

The Tanakh does not present the coordinated power of human elites as something that can overcome **Yahweh's** purposes. It presents it as something that **Yahweh** holds in derision — not because it is not real, but because it is ultimately impotent against covenant sovereignty. The kings of the earth who plot against Yahweh are not hidden from His sight. Their plans are not stronger than His word. And He has spoken on exactly this scenario:

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 8:12–13 — "Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in

dread. But Yahweh of hosts, Him you shall honor as holy. Let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread."

This is **Yahweh's** instruction to His covenant people when they are surrounded by evidence of human conspiracy and coordinated elite power. He does not deny that conspiracies exist. He commands something more demanding: **do not let the conspiracy be the object of your dread.** Let **Yahweh** be the object of your awe. Study the evidence. Name what is documented. But do not be consumed by it. The covenant people's assignment is not to expose and destroy every shadowy network — it is to:

Micha (Micah) 6:8 — "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does Yahweh require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your Elohim?"

Do justice. Love covenant faithfulness. Walk humbly. These three instructions from **Micha (Micah) 6:8** are **Yahweh's** response to a world of shadowy forces, eschatological manipulation, elite networks, and centuries-long plans for world governance. Not revolutionary violence. Not conspiracy obsession. Not political organization to counter the Illuminati. Do justice where you are. Walk in covenant faithfulness in your community, your household, your assembly. Trust that Yahweh who sits in the heavens has already seen everything Professor Jiang is describing — and that His word will stand when every human plan has failed.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 46:9–10 — "Remember the former things of old; for I am Elohim, and there is no other; I am Elohim, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.'"

The centuries-old plan that Professor Jiang identifies — whatever its full scope, whatever human networks are participating in it — is not more powerful than the counsel of Yahweh. His counsel shall stand. He declared the end from the beginning. The shadowy forces do not operate outside His knowledge. And His word — which has been available to every nation and every person who would receive it — remains the only framework that resolves what Tucker Carlson, Professor Jiang Xueqin, and every serious analyst of the current world crisis is searching for.

CLOSING: A NOTE ON DISCERNMENT AND THE COVENANT STANDARD

This study has examined documented historical facts. It has not endorsed every claim Professor Jiang made — some of his specific assertions (controlled demolition planned for Al-Aqsa; specific plans to frame Iran) are unverified and fall outside what documented evidence supports. It has not invented connections that the historical record does not sustain. And it has applied throughout the covenant research standard of **Devarim (Deuteronomy) 19:15**: two or three independent witnesses before establishing any finding.

What the documented record shows is serious enough without embellishment: centuries of elite religious and social networks have pursued the reconstruction of Solomon's Temple as an explicit eschatological goal; the physical site of that Temple is occupied by the third holiest structure in Islam; active organizations are publicly preparing for Third Temple construction; the most powerful social network in America brings together military, intelligence, financial, and political leaders annually in a private setting without public accountability; and the convergence of Christian Zionist theology, Israeli settler movement theology, and Sabbatean-Frankist antinomian tradition has produced a political force capable of driving American foreign policy toward outcomes that no majority of American citizens have chosen or endorsed.

The covenant response to all of this is not fear. It is not conspiracy obsession. It is not withdrawal from the world. It is what it has always been:

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 6:4–5 — "Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our Elohim, Yahweh is one. You shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

And it is what **Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 29:7** commanded for covenant people living in the middle of empire: **"Seek the shalom of the city where I have sent you, and pray to Yahweh on its behalf, for in its shalom you will find your shalom."** The centuries-old plan has met the eternally-standing covenant. **Yahweh's** counsel shall stand.

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