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Dear Associates and Friends,

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“[Israel and Judah: 30. Kings Amaziah and Uzziah of Judah](#)” is this month’s article. It chronicles the 81 years of two kings of Judah, Amaziah and Uzziah.

This episode mostly deals with the kingdom of Judah with occasional mentions of the kingdom of Israel.

### ***Cast of Characters (In Order of Appearance):***

At the end of the last episode, Amaziah just became king at the assassination of his father Joash.

**Amaziah**, king of Judah, son of Joash (of Judah). God gives him victory, but he wastes the opportunity. Likes foreign gods. He starts out good but ends up like his father.

**Edomites**, descendants of Esau, frequent enemies of all Israel, former vassals of Judah that rebelled. Amaziah invades the land of Edom to bring them into submission.

**Jehoash**, king of Israel, son of Joahaz, foe of Amaziah. Do not mess with him.

**Uzziah**, king of Judah, son of Amaziah. King at age 16, starts out good, has a very long reign, prosperity in the realm, keeps neighboring kingdoms and peoples in line, a great builder. Initially blessed by God, he oversteps his authority. God punishes him with a skin condition. He dies a natural death.

**Zechariah**, counselor of King Uzziah. King Uzziah ruled well until Zechariah died.

**Jeroboam II**, long ruling king of Israel, son of Jehoash, good times for the kingdom of Israel, expansion of borders, receives help from God as told by the prophet Jonah. Peace with Judah.

### ***Video Links: Bob Cornuke and I Defend the Gihon Temple Site***

I was invited to participate with Bob Cornuke in two internet television shows. The first is titled “[Bob Cornuke - Temple Defense](#)” and the second is “[Bob Cornuke - Temple Defense Part 2](#)” put out by *Prophecy in the News*. The two programs defend the Gihon Spring location for the Jerusalem Israelite Temples originally published by Dr. Ernest L. Martin in his book, [The Temples That Jerusalem Forgot](#), originally published in 2000.<sup>1</sup> Bob and I specifically speak against a recent YouTube video that defends the traditional location at the so-called “Temple Mount” and attacks those who present the Gihon evidence.

While attacks on the Gihon location come and go, the video Bob Cornuke and I respond to in the two *Prophecy in the News* programs calls the mass of compiled evidence a “Cornuke conspiracy” against the traditional location. There is a Wikipedia article titled “[Temple Denial](#).” Here is part of the first paragraph:

“**Temple Denial refers to the assertion that [1] none of the Temples in Jerusalem ever existed or [2] were not located on the Temple Mount.** Israeli writer David Hazony has described the phenomenon as ‘a campaign of intellectual erasure [by Palestinian leaders, writers, and scholars] ... aimed at undermining the Jewish claim to any part of the land’, and **compared the phenomenon to Holocaust denial.**”

• **Wikipedia, “[Temple Denial](#)” accessed May 15, 2018** (underlines and numbers mine)

<sup>1</sup> See my article “[A Short History of God’s Temples](#).”

Reread the tenets [1] and [2] of “Temple Denial.” Now the phrase “Temple conspiracy” might be added to “Temple Denial.” This is fascinating — I and others are accused of something we do not believe. Go figure.

Basic familiarity with the ASK website, Dr. Martin’s work and my own work, will soon show that Jewish Temples did exist, but they were not located where everyone thought they were. (What a horrible thought crime!)

ASK does not deny that the Temples existed. In fact, besides Dr. Martin’s book [The Temples That Jerusalem Forgot](#), we have an entire webpage (“[Temple Articles Update Index](#)”) dedicated to evidence that the Temples were located above and west of the Gihon Spring. It is just that simple.

Nor is the existence of Temples in Jerusalem denied in any of the work of Bob Cornuke, Ken Klein,<sup>2</sup> Prof. George Buchanan, and independent authors such as Marilyn Sams, Margaret Barker, Andrew Gabriel Roth, Michael Sanders, Dr. William Welty, and many others. They all believe the strong evidence that the Temples were in the City of David which was Mount Zion, and not on the traditional site.

I (and they believe) would be thrilled if the Temple was rebuilt — the sooner the better. I believe it will be built when and where He wishes, so I want to get on record now ... I agree with Him! Personally, I do not care where the next Temple will be built, but I do know there are certain requirements that must be met wherever its future location.

Those who defend the traditional site **do not know** the precise location of the temple on the 36-acre tract of land, the so-called “Temple Mount.” One researcher says that there are 11 theories locating the Temple somewhere on the Haram esh-Sharif, scattered on that platform. We believe all are wrong and are based on religious tradition and, in my opinion, force archaeological evidence to their individual theories.

Dr. Martin in his book presented and corrected seven incorrect modern theories in chapter 8 of *Temples*, “[Many Modern Sites for the Temples in Jerusalem](#),” pp. 108–141. Dr. Martin later gave a powerful defense in his article “[A Critique by Dr. Leen Ritmeyer and a rebuttal by Dr. Ernest L. Martin](#).” Study and learn.

The true site of the Temples must answer to all the evidence: the prophecies of Jesus, the Old Testament, intertestamental writings, the writings of the apostles, historical eyewitness testimony, and post-70 AD historical documents such as Josephus and the Mishnah, of both Jewish and non-Jewish writers, wherever they discuss the Jewish Temples. Also, the historical record of how the Christians, Muslims, and finally the Jews lost their own history.

## **Thank You**

Your support makes it possible for me to participate in productions with speakers and organizations who have come to understand the evidence first put forth by Dr. Martin. It is good that you can see the work we are doing being spread abroad. The ideas sprouting from Dr. Martin’s original detailed research on the Temple is getting wider recognition.<sup>3</sup> God willing, more academic support will be forthcoming in the future. It may take a new generation of scholars to make that happen.

Until that change happens (and it will), we will continue working toward the time when the Gihon location of the Temples of God becomes the understanding proven beyond doubt by hard evidence. Thank you for your prayers and encouragements. We greatly appreciate your help to ASK. Enjoy this month’s article continuing the “Israel and Judah” series. Thank you all.

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<sup>2</sup> I participated in Ken Klein’s documentary “[Jerusalem and the Lost Temple of the Jews](#).” See the trailers and view Ken Klein’s free presentation “[Jerusalem, the Center of the Earth](#).”

<sup>3</sup> If you are able to go to Jerusalem and the Gihon Spring, ask your tour guide if he or she has heard of the Gihon Temple theory. Do not press him too far in public. Guides have told me and others that their tour license requires them to teach that the “Temple Mount” is the true location. Over the years I found the guides increasingly willing to engage the idea of the Gihon site.