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The Coming Revolution in Knowledge

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[Dr. Martin:] **I am no prophet, nor do I have the any prophetic powers to tell anyone what will happen in the near or remote future. I do not have visions, dreams, or voices telling me the future.¹ I hope most of us do not require those things. What I have is a body of books, the Holy Scriptures. Within those Scriptures are prophecies that can be understood. If a person approaches the prophecies from the historical point of view, reading them for what they actually say (with proper translations), we can begin to understand major events prophesied to occur a few years in advance of us.**

I can read the prophecies and so can you. What I want to do is to point out some of these prophetic scriptures so we can be aware of them at this crucial time in world history. I believe from my historical knowledge that I have had, and biblical training for over the past 35 years, that some of these things can be put into a proper order from that knowledge and understanding. Perhaps we can begin to see what will actually start to occur in the not too distant future just on the horizon to us. In my view that very time of the end is very near. It is not a matter of setting dates. I do not want to do that, of course not, but Christ did tell us in His Olivet Prophecy to watch events.

The events occurring at present [in December 1990] in the Middle East are very important indeed. They have the earmarks of the beginning of the countdown to Christ's Second Advent. I think most of us realize that the Bible concentrates prophetic information almost wholly in the Middle East: Judah, Israel, also the surrounding countries, and Jerusalem in particular. We need to pay close attention to those regions.

A Revolution in Knowledge — Daniel and Peter

What will occur, however, is a revolution in knowledge of the Bible, about its teachings, and its prophecies about the future just on the horizon. Look to the Bible as we approach the time of the end, because the prophecies will be made clearer. The knowledge of the prophecies will be made plain to those who are the wise, the ones God has picked to understand, through His Spirit, the prophetic word.

¹ We must test visions, dreams, or voices (1 John 4:1). They will occur in the future (Jeremiah 29:8; Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17). DWS

In Daniel chapter 12, there are verses that we need to understand. After giving 11 chapters of prophetic information, most of it dealing with the end time, the angel Michael said to Daniel:

“Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and [the] knowledge shall be increased.”

• *Daniel 12:4*

To “**run to and fro**” does not refer to transportation, but to “**run to and fro**” within the Book of Truth of Daniel chapters 10 and 11. In Hebrew it says “**the knowledge**” of the mysterious teachings, the prophetic understandings of that book shall be increased. In verses 9 and 10, we read this:

“Go your way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.”

• *Daniel 12:9–10*

We have a promise from God that the knowledge of the truth pertaining to the prophecies of Daniel and other matters of the Old and the New Testaments will be made clear and understandable as the end gets close. We are approaching that very time now. The apostle Peter said the same thing about a restoration of knowledge and understanding at the end of the age prior to Christ’s Second Advent. In Acts chapter 3 are verses we need to pay close attention to and be aware of, because they are speaking of our time:

“And now, brethren, I wot [know] that through ignorance you did it, as did also your rulers [they crucified the Messiah, Christ]. But those things, which God before had showed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he has so fulfilled. Repent you therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.”

• *Acts 3:17–19*

Where the King James Version says “**when the times of refreshing shall come,**” the Greek actually says “**so that the times of refreshing shall come.**” If the Jews that Peter was speaking to and their descendants will repent, the times of refreshing shall begin to come. Peter said that some 1900+ years ago, but he goes on to speak of a time just before the Second Advent of Christ back to this earth.

“And he [God the Father] shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.”

• *Acts 3:21*

Verse 21 is important because it talks about a “**restitution of all things,**” a restoring of the understanding of the truth spoken by not just one prophet such as the prophet Daniel, but it says that by the mouth of “**all the holy prophets since the world began,**” that there will be a restitution or a restoring of all things.²

The Elijah to Come

Christ identified the man responsible for bringing on this restoration in Matthew chapter 17. Jesus had just come down from Mount Hermon, the mount of Transfiguration. There was a vision of Moses and Elijah up there, and a vision of Jesus being transfigured in front of them. They also heard God the Father Himself up there on that mountain. There were three apostles there at the time. Here is Jesus telling them to:

“And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, ‘Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.’ And his disciples asked him, saying, ‘Why then say the scribes that Elias [Elijah] must first come?’ And Jesus answered and said

² The phrase “**by the mouth ...**” in verses 18 and 21 connects the prophecies of Jesus’ first and second comings. DWS

unto them, ‘Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.’”

• *Matthew 17:9–11*

What does it mean to “**restore all things**”? Jesus went on to say that John the Baptist had come in the spirit of Elijah, and the apostles understood that. When He spoke, John was already dead. Jesus was talking about a future Elijah to come. This future Elijah is described in Malachi 4:4–6. He would come just before the Day of the Lord (before Christ’s Second Advent), to prepare a people for YHWH, lest He would at that time “**smite the earth.**” The Elijah before the Second Coming of Christ will head an organization of peoples, to teach the truth to the people of the world. He will be like the Elijah of old, and no doubt he will be a priest.³

One part of the restoring that the Elijah will achieve will have something to do with the Temple in Jerusalem. Only priests could go into the Temple of God. John the Baptist was of a priestly family:

“For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, ... many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God.”

• *Luke 1:15–16*

John, as the first type of Elijah, had a mission to turn the children of Israel back to God. That is exactly what the future Elijah will do. He will turn many of the children of Israel to God. It does not say he will turn Gentiles, it says he will turn the people of Israel to God. The people of the world will notice his work and pay attention. The Israelites, the Jews, and others who are part of the nation of Israel now, will respond to someone coming and teaching them the truth in the near future, and they will turn to the Lord:

“And he [John the Baptist] shall go before him [God] in the spirit and power of Elias,

[1] **to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children** [referring to Malachi 4:6], **and**

[2] [to turn] **the disobedient** [stubborn] **to the wisdom of the just;**

[3] **to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”**

• *Luke 1:17*

This restoration, this turning of the minds of people from disobedience to wisdom and justice, means that there will be people genuinely converted to understand the truths of God. They will be the people of Israel just prior to Christ’s Second Coming. That is clearly the case because the original prophecy of Malachi stated:

“Remember you the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb [at Mount Sinai] for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you [Israel] **Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of YHWH: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children [of Israel], **and the heart of the children to their fathers** [of Israel], **lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.**”**

• *Malachi 4:4–6*

Here is a prophecy preceding the Day of the Lord about an individual who will come to the Israelites, to the Jews, to turn many of them to YHWH and restore the things of the early prophets. There will be a restoration of all things. The Jews themselves will come to understand, appreciate, and worship Yeshua their Messiah. Yeshua is the Hebrew name for Jesus, and they will accept Him prior to the Second Coming of Christ. That does not mean every one of them, but the vast majority will do so.

John the Baptist came in the spirit and power of Elijah, and thousands came out to be baptized by John. When the apostles began to preach about Christ after the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we find that within thirty years tens of thousands of Jews believed Jesus was their Messiah.

The same thing will happen in the generation prior to the Second Coming of Christ. There will come a new Elijah, a new John the Baptist, who will come in the spirit of Elijah.⁴ He will have the power, the

³ The article “[The Elijah to Come](#)” explains the priestly background of Elijah, John the Baptist, and the future Elijah. DWS

⁴ He will not be the original Elijah or John the Baptist. They are both dead and in their graves. They will remain dead until the resurrection which takes place at Christ’s Second Coming. This man will be “**in the spirit and power of Elias** [Elijah].” ELM

authority, and commission of Elijah, and the authority and commission of John the Baptist. What will happen is more than the tens of thousands of Jews as in the days of John the Baptist will convert to Christianity, to Yeshua. Jesus Christ will be accepted by multitudes of Jews primarily in Israel, but also throughout the world.

We will see a restoration of Christianity amongst the Jews. It will be a purer type of Christianity than most of us are familiar with in this Gentile world. Most Jews will not put up with the idolatry that we have in our churches. Current Christianity has many pagan elements in it with Jesus portrayed as the pagan god Zeus with other pagan gods and goddesses masquerading as Jesus Christ, the apostles, Mary, and other saints of the Old and New Testaments.⁵ The apostles would be aghast if they could come back to life and see the type of Christianity being taught today. They would find Christianity today is nothing more than papered-over paganism. The Jews will not put up with anything of that nature.

This revolution of knowledge will take place a few years in advance of us — and I think it is coming quicker than we might imagine — to straighten out and to get rid of this nonsense perpetuated in Christianity for the last 1700 years since Constantine when paganism first came in. It has flourished ever since.

Our Role in the Revolution

The Jews will wise up, and do you know who will help them to do it? We will! We are giving the truth not only to the world but to the Jews. We here at ASK are doing our part. God is helping us through His Spirit to understand these vital truths at this end time, and that we are giving the truth to the people. The truth will mushroom pretty soon so that all people in the world will understand the truth of the New Testament, stripped of all its paganism. It is time to get back to the truth. This Elijah to come, this new John the Baptist, will show to the Jews what the truth really is. We are precursors of all of that. We are not that John the Baptist. Most of us are Gentiles. The Jews will take it up just like in the old days, when the Jews first received Christianity. The apostles were Jews. Most of the early Christians were Jews.

The apostle Paul, though the apostle to the Gentiles, was a Jew from the tribe of Benjamin. The Jews gave the teaching of Christ to the Gentiles, our spiritual forefathers. We took up those teachings. We corrupted them later, but at the same time we took them up and ran with them and we are doing that to this very day.

The Jews at the middle of the 1st century AD began to reject Christ. By 70 AD, their city of Jerusalem and the Temple were completely destroyed. After 135 AD Jews were not allowed even to enter Jerusalem. Since that time we seldom will find any Jews who are Christians. Since that time they have looked on the teachings of Christianity, especially since the time of Constantine, and found disguised paganism. They want no part of any such nonsense and I do not blame them!

This Elijah to come will straighten out the truth. But even before he comes, the truth of the Gospel will be made known around this world. Here, now, we ourselves are teaching it, and it will become more powerful, and more powerful, and still more powerful. There will be a revolution in knowledge. The people of the world will be able to see some of these truths and the Jews will take up these matters.

The apostle Paul, in the 11th chapter of the Book of Romans says that the times of the Gentiles are with us now, but when the fullness of those times of the Gentiles occurs — and that is what we are, mainly Gentiles — Israel finally will be saved. We Gentiles have been given the grace of understanding that Christianity is the best way now. But there will come a time when the Israelites will get back that understanding, because God will send them grace. He will send them an understanding of the truth. They will not get it on their own.

The Gentiles will give it back to the Jews. You and I who inherited it from the Jews some 2000 years ago shall be responsible for handing it back to them. That is what we ought to be doing now. When we hand it back to them, then they will take up the commissions that God has given Israel to do in the first place, helping people understand what the genuine truth of Yeshua, Jesus Christ, is all about. They will do their part at that time because there is coming a restoration of all things when this man comes on the scene in the spirit of Elijah. It will happen, I think, in our generation and it will occur sooner than many of us think.

⁵ See [“The Pagan Images of Christians Today,”](#) [“Female Sex Signs in Churches,”](#) and [“Idolatry – the Curse of Religion.”](#) DWS

The nation of Israel will come to an understanding of the truth, and not only Israel. Everyone in this world shall be given a dose of the truth to see the difference between error and truth. The Jews will receive this message and God will open their eyes so that they themselves will take this message of Christ, which we will give to them, and they will then run with it in a proper way. This is shown in several places of the Old Testament, but it is most specifically in the last three chapters of the book of Zechariah in what is known as the minor or “little apocalypse.”⁶

Jeremiah’s Prophecies in Zechariah

These prophecies describe an end time scene dealing with Israel, with Judah, and particularly focusing in on Jerusalem and the people there just prior to the Second Coming of Christ. Chapter 14 then shows what will happen once the great Millennium emerges on earth after Christ’s return.⁷ It all starts in chapter 12 by giving an introduction of what will happen in the generation just prior to the emergence of the great and terrible Day of the Lord. Remember that this Elijah, this new John the Baptist, will come along to restore all things (Malachi 4:4–6; Matthew 17:9–11), resulting in ...

- the restoration of the Temple in Jerusalem,
- the restoration and clarification of many of the teachings of Moses,
- the restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for Israel.

This Elijah will come almost exclusively to the Israelites, to the Jews. He is not coming to Gentiles.

You and I can have God’s grace to know the truth now without that man coming in the spirit of Elijah being here. You and I have the opportunity (and in fact we even have the grace and the goodness that God gives to us now) to understand these truths before Elijah ever comes to the Jews. Many of the things that you and I understand now he will take and teach to the Jews. They in turn will go and bring them out into full bloom, so that they and the world shall know the truth coming out of Jerusalem.

Before the great and terrible day of the Lord, this Elijah will come to restore all things. In the last three chapters of Zechariah, you find events in Jerusalem and in Judea historically described, though in prophetic terms up to the time when the Messiah, in the name of YHWH, will stand with His feet on the Mount of Olives. Zechariah chapters 12, 13, and 14 describe events just on the horizon to us. In fact, I can take you to the exact verse where the Elijah comes on the scene with his teachings, though he is not even mentioned in this verse. Yet when you compare scripture with scripture, you have no trouble identifying the very time that this Elijah will come on the scene in Jerusalem to teach the truth to the people, so the Jews will accept the proper teachings of Christianity.

Once the Jews do that in Jerusalem, and people in the world through television and other means see clearly that most Jews in Jerusalem will be converted to Christ — in fact, a great majority — it will be like the days of John the Baptist and the early days of the *ekklesia* again. Tens of thousands will accept Christ Jesus. When the mantle of paganism is destroyed and the scales over the eyes of the Jews (and people throughout the world) are removed, they will wake up and realize what the Old and the New Testaments are all about. They will come to know and understand the real Jesus of the Bible, just as the apostle Paul did.⁸ Who will finally give

⁶ “Little apocalypse” means it is like the Books of Revelation or Daniel. Matthew 21:9 indicates that the last six chapters of Zechariah were written by the prophet Jeremiah some 100 years before. Ezra the priest likely attached Jeremiah’s prophecies to those of Zechariah. Zechariah’s own prophecies go from chapter 1 to chapter 8; chapters 9 to 14 are by Jeremiah. *ELM*

⁷ “[The Book of Zechariah](#)” by Dr. Martin gives much more information about this important book of prophecy. *DWS*

⁸ Note what happened in the case of Paul during his conversion, as Luke tells us in Acts 9:17–18:

“Ananias ... said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto you in the way as you came, has sent me, that you might receive your sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.’ And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.”

Paul believed before the scales were removed. The removal of the scales from his eyes represented his new understanding of God’s truth regarding Christ Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection from the dead. See 2 Corinthians 3:14 and 4:3–6, along with

the truth to the Jews? We will have a part in it. The one authorized to finally complete that job is this Elijah.

What happens in Jerusalem amongst the Jews will have ramifications around this world. When the Jews accept Yeshua in the proper way, and call him the Messiah (which is what “Christ” means), and begin to teach those truths, then the people of the world will turn their attention to the Jew and then say, **“Tell us the truth also.”** That is exactly what will happen. Whatever little stone of truth is turned in Jerusalem will have a ripple effect wherever you are in the world, no matter where you might be, whether in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, South Africa, China, Japan or India, it makes no difference.

In the near future, what happens in Jerusalem will be known to everyone around the world. Someone once said that in the future Jerusalem will be so important that if any person there sneezes, we all will catch cold, no matter in what part of the world we live. That illustrates the influence that the people in Israel, Judah, and Jerusalem will have on this world in the years ahead of us.

It starts in chapter 12 of Zechariah and verse 10. Pay attention to a modern translation of the original Hebrew because the King James Version in chapter 12 of Zechariah is very deficient in its translation:⁹

“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of compassion [grace] and supplication, so that, when they look on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a first-born. On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Haddrimmon in the plain of Megiddo.”

• *Zechariah 12:10–11, Revised Standard Version*

There will be a great repentance of the people in Jerusalem and Judea that will directly lead to great mourning. This is part of **“the restoration.”** Though the future Elijah is not mentioned, scriptures in both the Old and the New Testaments show that he will be the one responsible for bringing it to pass.

If you want to know the ultimate authority for all this, we are told who is responsible. It is none other than God Himself, **“I [YHWH] will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of compassion and supplication ... on him whom they have pierced”** (Zechariah 12:10). They will come to mourn over Him and accept Him — finally.¹⁰ This is **“the restoration.”**

Who was it that was pierced? It was Jesus Christ (John 19:35–37, Revelation 1:7). These very verses were referred to by the apostles as showing the role that Jesus Christ had when He was crucified. The person they will look at and accept is none other than our Lord, “Yeshua” to them in their language. A general conversion shall occur, a conversion not just of the common people, as we might call them, but a conversion involving all strata of Jewish society, including Jewish leaders around the world. That is what it says in Zechariah 12:11–14. Virtually all of them will begin to mourn over the One **“whom they have pierced.”** They will come to a conversion to Christianity, true Christianity. By that time they will have a good dose of it.

I will tell you what we are planning to do — and we are doing it right now at ASK. We will get out this Gospel, the Good News, to everyone in the world who will receive it, if we have the finances and the funds that God can give to us, if you and others can supply them, and if we can get out through the media to the world. We will take this to everybody in the world.

It is not because we have a commission to do this. No. It is because we are members of the very family of God. We do not need to have commissions. We are not like Elijah or even like John the Baptist who had commissions. Do you know who you are and who I am? Do you know why we do the work that we do? Or,

similar expressions in Isaiah 6:10, 44:18; Jeremiah 5:21; Ezekiel 2:2; Matthew 13:11–15; John 9:39–41, 12:40; Acts 28:26–27; and Romans 11:7–10, 11:25. The same will take place for many in the world in our future. **First** the scales are removed, **then** the truth flourishes for a time. **Later**, God allows a final (willing) great deception to occur so He can judge the world. *DWS*

⁹ It is sad to see the KJV mistranslations, words that do not occur in the Hebrew, even phrases that do not occur; it is amazing. We need a new modern translation to show what the original Hebrew of Jeremiah, found in the book of Zechariah, actually says. The Revised Standard Version is excellent to show the truth, although some of its words need to be retranslated. *ELM*

¹⁰ The inhabitants of Jerusalem and Israel shall have compassion, supplication, deep mourning, and weeping to God because they shall **“look upon him,”** through Scripture, Him who they crucified, their Messiah. *DWS*

why we should do it? It is because we are members of the divine family of God, and we have an elder brother called Jesus Christ. We are already God's children, both male and female. If we are members of this divine family, we ought to be about our Father's business! That is the key to the whole thing.

We do not need commissions, but we at ASK (and I hope that includes every single one of you) do the job because we know the world needs it. What we do will be important for people in the future so the whole world will finally begin to get a big dose of the truth. This will be finalized once Jerusalem is given the truth by this coming Elijah. Zechariah 12:10 says God will send a spirit of compassion and supplications. The King James Version says **"grace,"** which is fine. A spirit of grace and a spirit of supplications will be given.

The whole process will be initiated by God Himself. Take the Jews on the one hand and the Gentiles on the other, it makes no difference, no one would ever be inspired to do these things without God's prompting. How many of us of our own free will accepted Jesus Christ because we thought the message was wonderful, and what He did was wonderful? We feel that now, but you did not come to that knowledge on your own. God Himself turned the screws in your head and in my head to accept Jesus Christ because God intervened personally in your life and in my life.

Do you know what He will do to the Jews of Palestine, down in Jerusalem, in the land of Judah? He will send a spirit of grace (or compassion) and supplications **"so that when they look upon him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for Him."** There will be a genuine conversion. This is important: it will be genuine. When people have the spirit of God in them, Jews or Gentiles (there is no difference), they will have a different attitude of life on how they treat their neighbor. They will have a different attitude on how they treat other people in the world. They will have a different attitude even on how they treat themselves. They will have a different attitude in how they treat and respect God, and respect Yeshua.

The situation now in the Middle East with the Muslims on the one hand, Jews on another, and the Christians on another, all are at dagger points with one another. You do not see any spirit of grace and supplications there now. Soon when God begins to send that spirit of compassion and supplications, you will find a change of attitude. It will be with the Jews, it will be with the Christians as well as the Muslims in Jerusalem, and all people in the Holy Land (otherwise known as Judea and Jerusalem) will be given a big dose of truth — and most will accept it! That is what it says, going on in chapter 13 of Zechariah:

"On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness."

• *Zechariah 13:1, RSV*¹¹

A few events need to occur between this conversion and the Day of the Lord (described later in Zechariah chapter 14). These are up-to-date scriptures that we are examining. It goes on in verse 2:

"And on that day says YHWH of hosts, I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, so that they shall be remembered no more; and also I will remove from the land the prophets [the false prophets] and the unclean spirit."

• *Zechariah 13:2, RSV*

Is that not amazing? Amongst all the population of the land of Palestine, when God sends forth this **"spirit of grace and supplication"** it will cause the Jews to turn to the Messiah, to Yeshua. They begin to teach His truth to themselves and then to the world. Then God will go a step further and remove the false prophets from the land, and remove **"the unclean spirit"** from the land. Ernest Martin is not saying that; it is in the Bible. It

¹¹ In the ancient Jewish literature called the Targums, commenting on this particular verse, they say that the time is coming in the future when the atonement found in the Red Heifer sacrifice will be applied to the Jews in Palestine, in Judea. They then will be cleansed of their sins. Do you know where the Red Heifer was sacrificed and burned into ashes? Up on the Mount of Olives, not far from the very place where our Lord Christ Jesus was crucified, buried, and resurrected from the dead. The ceremony of the Red Heifer absolutely is analogous to what Jesus Christ did for us, and for the whole world, back some 1900+ years ago. The Targums say that the ashes of the Red Heifer would be applied to the Jews and they will be cleansed of sin at this particular time **"before the great and terrible Day of the Lord"** (Malachi 4:5). *ELM*

will happen whether you believe the Scripture or not. It will take place before the Second Coming of Christ, during the great restoration, when a great revolution in knowledge, and understanding, and wisdom, and doctrine, and prophecy will all come in the next few years.

I do not know many people today who are telling these things to the world, but they ought to be told, because they are in the Scripture. This is where you and I come into all this, because I have been trying to show people about the paganism there is in this world, even in the churches. You find it everywhere and I am trying to show it. I hope you are trying to learn it and then show it. We are teachers giving education to the people of the world. It will blossom forth and flourish.

What takes place in Jerusalem will be made known throughout this world by whatever means God chooses. “The Coming Revolution in Knowledge” will have a transforming effect. It means we shall finally come to recognize the paganism we have been living in for the last 1700+ years. God will take **“the unclean spirit”** from the land of His people.

Going on from Zechariah 13:3 we note that the truth will be given to a great extent in Palestine and the world. In fact, most of the ministers going around in black garb and dog collars say “look, I represent Jesus Christ,” who teach some of the most nonsensical doctrines you can imagine, perpetuating paganism with their days, their ceremonies, special garb, and their icons. We are told what will happen to such teachers when His people receive the spirit of grace and supplications sent from YHWH:

“On that day every prophet will be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies; he will not put on a hairy mantle in order to deceive, but he will say, ‘I am no prophet, I am a tiller of the soil; for the land has been my possession since my youth.’ And if one asks him, ‘What are these wounds on your back [Hebrew, “hands”]?’ he will say, ‘The wounds I received in the house of my friends.’”

• **Zechariah 13:4–6, RSV**

Antichrist and the Deception

There is coming a man at the end of this period who will claim to be the Christ, but in fact he will be the antichrist. He likely will show some kind of stigmata in his hands and back. At the very end this man will have to own up to the truth. He will say, well, in fact the stigmata in my hands and the stripes on my back were not put there some 2,000 years ago, but they were done **“in the house of my friends.”** This false Christ will have to own up to the fact that he is a deceiver.¹² This will take place while the knowledge of the truth goes out from Jerusalem to the world, years after the restoration of the Gospel begins. When the antichrist comes, you would think he has no chance to deceive the world. However, the apostle Paul says that God will send **“strong delusion”** that the world **“should believe the lie”** of the antichrist (2 Thessalonians 2:11).¹³ Once deceived, depravity follows. The antichrist will leave to gather his army to destroy Israel.

Toward the end of the restoration period the delusion will be sent so the world will believe **“the lie”**:

“Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who stands next to me, says YHWH of hosts. Strike the shepherd, that the sheep may be scattered.”

• **Zechariah 13:7, RSV**

The antichrist will be dealt with by God. He finally will admit the fact that these wounds were made in the house of his friends. These verses in Zechariah have their fulfillment at the time of the antichrist. True, this verse 7 is quoted in Matthew 26:31 and Mark 14:27 where it is applied to Christ when He was crucified. It says, **“the sheep shall be scattered”** meaning the sheep at the end of the age, or at the end of the restoration. The sheep will again be scattered. Then the false shepherd will be struck. This is figurative language but it

¹² This antichrist will come on the scene; the world and the Jews will be deceived, but only at the end before Christ’s Second Coming. This period, discussed in the Book of Revelation, seems to be a 7 year period. *ELM* Read, [“Matters of Prophecy in Daniel”](#) and [“The Life and Times of the Antichrist Part 1”](#) and [“The Life and Times of the Antichrist Part 2.”](#) *DWS*

¹³ God has every right to blind people if He wishes. He has a right to send delusion if he wants. He has done it in the past, as recorded in the Old Testament. The Book of Isaiah is just filled with it. *ELM*

will result in this:

“I will turn my hand against the little ones. In the whole land, says YHWH, two thirds shall be cut off and perish, and one third shall be left alive. And I will put this third into the fire, and refine them as one refines silver, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on my name, and I will answer them. I will say [about the one-third remnant], ...”

• *Zechariah 13:7–9, RSV*

That fire of affliction, the tribulation, is mentioned in the Book of Revelation. These believers of Israel will come through triumphantly, **“I will say, ‘They are my people’; and they will say, ‘YHWH is my God.’”** (Zechariah 13:9). The next verse begins chapter 14. (Forget about chapter divisions, they are put there by man.) The Day of the Lord finally comes forth.:

“Behold, a day of YHWH is coming [but has not arrived quite yet], when the spoil taken from you will be divided in the midst of you.”

• *Zechariah 14:1, RSV*

The Day of the Lord

All these events begin with Zechariah 12:10 when the **“spirit of grace and supplications”** is sent throughout Judah and Jerusalem. Next the Elijah comes to preach restoration as John the Baptist did some 2000 years ago. The antichrist leaves, gathers the nations together at the Valley of Jezreel at Har Megiddo (Armageddon) and come to Jerusalem to do battle led by the antichrist.¹⁴ The tribulation against Israel:

“The city [Jerusalem] shall be taken and the houses plundered and the women ravished; half of the city shall go into exile, but the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle.”

• *Zechariah 14:2–3, RSV*

People turn against one another, and two-thirds of Israel perish, but one-third come through triumphantly. YHWH **“will say ‘They are my people,’ and they will say ‘The Lord is my God.’”** Then the Day of the Lord will take place and there will be a battle against Jerusalem when all the nations gather against it.

When that happens it says:

“On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives which lies before Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west.”

• *Zechariah 14:4, RSV*

At that moment the great Millennium of God finally comes to the earth, and peace and security will begin as described in the last part of Zechariah chapter 14. It will last for 1,000 years.

“His feet” are the feet of YHWH. Christ Jesus was given the use of the personal name of YHWH by God the Father when He comes to this earth. As He descends, the resurrection from the dead takes place. That is when the real Elijah and John the Baptist, and all of us if dead, will be resurrected to immortality. If we are alive we will be changed from mortal into immortal at that time.

These verses in Zechariah chapters 12 and 13 describe the situation to take place in the last generation prior to the Second Coming of Christ to this earth, before the Day of the Lord. What you read in clear and plain language is there will be a restoration of knowledge, of understanding, a time when the **“spirit of grace and supplication”** will go out to the world for a period of time. It will seem to many as if **“the earth shall be full of the knowledge of YHWH, as the waters cover the sea”** (Isaiah 11:9). Yet at the very end, chaos will develop when God starts to bring in the Day of the Lord.

Until then, a considerable amount of truth and understanding (a biblical renaissance) as well as harmony and goodness, will be in the world for a period of time. It does not mean that there will be absolute peace

¹⁴ View the maps of the route of the antichrist in Dr. Martin’s article [“New Prophetic Discoveries Concerning the End Time.”](#)

throughout the world. Nation will war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom (Matthew chapter 24 and Luke chapter 21), but this great restoration to come out of Jerusalem in its fullness will spread around the world. You and I have a part in establishing that restoration already. We are the Gentile part of the restoration.

Soon the restoration will be handed over to the Jews, similar to the New Testament period where the Jews handed it to us Gentiles, as we have been carrying the torch. Israel still has a veil before their eyes. Supposedly our ancestors should have been doing it righteously and properly throughout. Now at the end of the age He has graced you, me, and others throughout the world. There are not many of us (we are the salt of the earth). It is not because of our righteousness or goodness, not because of anything inherently proper with us; it is because of the grace and will of God that He called you and me to understand His truth. He has given us the willpower, the enthusiasm, and the tools to get out the Gospel, the Good News, to the world.

“And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: But their minds were blinded: for until this day remains the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ.

But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it [their heart] shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.”

• **2 Corinthians 3:13–17**

We few Gentiles will prepare the restoration for the world, and then give it back to the Jews. Once it is given, Elijah will come out from among them. He will take that restoration knowledge and understanding and with the spirit of grace and supplications from God, he will successfully convince the Jews in Judah and Jerusalem to **“look on him whom they have pierced.”** Finally the Jews will be back in the position during the 1st century, carrying the Gospel to the world.

When it is time the truths of God will break like an avalanche upon this world. We will be able to give the fullness of the Gospel into the hands of the Jewish people when that spirit of truth, that “spirit of grace and supplications” is given to them. Then everyone in the world will know where the truth lies. We Gentiles will give the baton back to the Jews. Maybe that time is very soon. Working together can get this done so the restoration can take place and it can go back to the Jews who had it in the first place. They were the ones, in the Old and New Testaments, who should be giving it to the world as far as a commission is concerned. We find this in Romans chapter 3, the apostle Paul said to the Romans, who were Gentiles:

“What advantage then has the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision? Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God. For what if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God?”

• **Romans 3:1–3, RSV**

The word **“committed,”** meant that they were “authorized,” or “entrusted” with the oracles of God, Old and New Testaments. Some say the Jews are not qualified because they are not faithful. Some were not, but Paul says that makes no difference at all. In fact, he goes on to say: **“By no means! Let God be true though every man be false”** (Romans 3:4, RSV), or as the King James says, **“a liar”**; it makes no difference. The Jews were given the Old Testament to preserve and teach to the nations. Ezra the priest some 400 years before Christ put together the Old Testament 22 books, and put it into the hands of the priests and the elders of Israel.

When the New Testament came along 27 books were written for the Christian *ekklesia*. It was put together by Paul, Peter, and completed by John, a Jew with priestly blood in him. The New Testament itself was finalized by priestly Jewish hands, just like the Old Testament.

The New Testament is not anti-Semitic; it is a book compiled by Jewish people, by Jewish priests, put together in a way that exalts the Jew. Scripture is given, as the apostle Paul says: **“To the Jew first”** (Romans 1:16, 2:9–10). Everywhere Paul went he says **“to the Jew first”** and then to the Gentile, and he repeats it constantly. Only when the Jews rejected him in various places, did he turn to the Gentiles. The original order of the New Testament books exalts the authority of Jews ahead of Gentiles.

We are Gentiles, most of us. We are at a time in history — now — when according to prophecy Jews are about to take over again the majority of the work of preaching the Gospel of the Messiah to the world. When we hand the New Testament back to them, the proper order will be understood. They will love it. They will say, my goodness, this is what the truth has been all along? We shall hand the New Testament back to the Jews to show them, this is your Bible. They will see in Romans that they are given the commission to carry the Gospel. They will do it! They will find out the New Testament is not anti-Semitic, it is absolutely pro-Jewish. But they themselves have to be converted and come to Yeshua, their Messiah. The Elijah to come will be like John the Baptist, the catalyst for this restoration to take place.

Before the Restoration ... Other Events to Occur (1990)

That restoration, as I said, is found in Zechariah chapters 12–14. But I began my explanation at Zechariah 12:10, at the commencement of the restoration. But in introducing this minor apocalypse, these events of the time of the end, I left out the first 9 verses of this prophecy which are very important. They describe events to take place in Jerusalem and in Judea before the Elijah to come emerges on the scene.

Those 9 verses of Zechariah chapter 12 seem to show events that are being set up in the Middle East at this very time. I am recording this lecture on December 4, 1990. I date it because in the Middle East at the present time we have armed forces from various nations of the world: the United States, Great Britain, Egypt, Syria, and others, all on the Saudi Arabian border with Kuwait. They are massing their numbers to put down Saddam Hussein and the army of Iraq that invaded Kuwait.

This international armed force has authority from the United Nations to free Kuwait from an Iraqi invasion. The Security Council voted to give power to the various nations to conduct war against Saddam Hussein, and restore Kuwait to its rulers. Virtually all the nations of the world are against Saddam Hussein. They are putting Iraq under an embargo, a type of siege, to hinder trade with other nations, to pressure Iraq to leave Kuwait or the whole world will come against Saddam Hussein and Iraq.

That is the situation right as I speak [on audiotape]. There may be some things that Saddam Hussein may get from all of this. The one thing he is asking for, and the one thing in the news all the time right now, is something that I said a couple of days after he invaded. It is not that I am a prophet or anything of that nature, but I am just calling your attention to it. Anyone with any common sense would have said the same thing who knows anything about the affairs of the Middle East.

Saddam Hussein's Diversion (1990)

As soon as Saddam Hussein went into Kuwait, he found he made a mistake, he wanted to start negotiations. Saddam Hussein would negotiate **if** the Palestinian question or the question of Jerusalem and Israel also comes into the negotiations. He is linking up a settlement in Kuwait with a negotiation some way or somehow over the state of Israel, the Palestinians and the position of Jerusalem.¹⁵

I said just a few days after the invasion that when the negotiations actually take place, the Palestinian question and the question of Israel will come into it. With all those troops there at the present time, in a sense surrounding Iraq, what if the Iraq situation is resolved? What are those troops of the nations of the world, including our own United States and British troops, what are they going to do? If the United Nations attack Saddam Hussein, if Saddam gives in, says he is sorry, and begins to withdraw, and negotiations take place on that basis, he could then say, along with other Muslim countries, that now is the time to put the same pressure upon Israel to settle with the Palestinians, and for Israel to get out of the occupied territories of the West Bank and in Jerusalem.

That is the way people are looking at it. That is not the way Ernest Martin looks at it, but that is how Saddam Hussein looks at it. That is the way the Syrians, the Egyptians, the Saudi Arabians, and even the

¹⁵ Saddam Hussein's attempted diversion of other Arab countries from his own evil of invading a fellow Arab country to the Israel/Palestine situation did not work. He sought to bring Israel into the conflict he caused and even cause conflict between Arab countries and Israel. This did not happen as we know — at that time. DWS

Kuwaitis themselves look at it. That is how the nations of Western Europe look at it, and the way many in the United States look at it. That is even the way some Jewish people in the United States and Great Britain look at it, believe it or not. Some Jewish people are beginning to look at their brothers in Israel and are telling them they should negotiate with the Palestinians. They even want to talk about what should happen with Jerusalem.

Things occurring in the Middle East at present very well may be a prelude to what we find in these first 9 verses of Zechariah which I will read below. Let us read Zechariah 12:1–9 in a modern translation in the context of the Middle East at this time.¹⁶

“¹The word of the Lord concerning Israel: Thus says the Lord, who stretched out the heavens and founded the earth and formed the spirit of man within him: ²Lo, I am about to make Jerusalem a cup of reeling [trembling] to all the peoples round about; it will be against Judah also in the siege against Jerusalem.”

• *Zechariah 12:1–2, RSV*

Many commentators have not known what to do with verse 2 because “a cup of reeling” is a cup with intoxicants inside it. In Jeremiah 25:15–17 it is a cup mixed with wine given to various peoples and nations. Such a cup represents the wrath of God. Jeremiah was told to take this cup and make the people of the world drink it. They will not want to do so, but they will be forced to drink from it. Jeremiah 25:15 says that this cup of wrath will cause them to reel and to tremble. It was given to Judah first, and then to other nations round about, and finally it was given to the entirety of this world. (See Dr. Martin’s article, “[The Prophetic Birth of Our Civilization](#),” then read all of Jeremiah chapter 25. DWS)

Back to Zechariah where there is a different cup of trembling. It will be given to nations round about Judah, but also **“it will be against Judah also in the siege against Jerusalem.”** Judah will drink the cup as well. Why do they drink of this **“cup of reeling ... in the siege”** while the siege of Jerusalem is going on? The answer is, whatever affects the attacking nations, also affects Judah and Jerusalem. Some Jews will actually join the nations and go against Jerusalem when this siege takes place. When will that time occur? Let us go on:

“On that day I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it shall grievously hurt themselves. And all the nations of the earth will come together against it.”¹⁷

• *Zechariah 12:3, RSV*

We have a time indicator, which is: **“On that day ...”** YHWH will perform an obvious act of intervention against those who attack Jerusalem, the central target of the siege. At this time anyone who seeks to harm Jerusalem in any way will have to drink of this cup. It won’t be pleasant, and it won’t be pretty. That is what the text says. That is what both Jeremiah chapter 25 and Zechariah 12:1–9 say. **“And all the nations of the earth”** will come against Jerusalem.¹⁸ When have all nations come against Jerusalem in the past? It has never occurred. But here it is prophesied to occur in a time future to us, before the restoration. It says that even some of Judah (in fact it just says **“Judah”**) will be in the siege. **“All the nations of the earth”** will do it.

[Dr. Martin goes on.] Right now, December 4, 1990, we have all nations of the earth surrounding Iraq and

¹⁶ Neither the 1990 Gulf War nor the 2003 Gulf War led the nations to attack Israel and besiege Jerusalem requiring YHWH to rescue Israel. However, a future fulfillment of Zechariah 12:1–9 would be the first identifiable and specific fulfillments of prophecy since the people of Israel became a nation in May 1948. Those prophecies will happen before (1) the great restoration of truth by the people of Jerusalem and Judea, which itself will occur before (2) the fulfillment of Zechariah 12:10–14:21. DWS

¹⁷ The King James Version says **“though the nations of the earth come against it.”** That is not what it says in the Hebrew. ELM

¹⁸ Just like a coalition of nations combined against Iraq in 1991 and 2003, so to a coalition of nations will combine to attack Israel and Jerusalem in the future. The last coalition war against Israel was the October 1973 Yom Kippur War. See “List of wars involving Israel” (Wikipedia, accessed April 2019).

Some 28 years after Dr. Martin recorded this audiotape, as of May 2019 there is no indication of extreme antagonism of powerful nations threatening Israel. In many ways the status of Israel among its neighbors has never been better, as Israel increasingly has become a technology leader in the world. The most powerful neighbor nations in the region are presently cooperating economically and seek to increase trade with Israel’s increasing economic power. Meanwhile the United States has become even more steadfast as Israel’s political, military, and trading partner. But ... things can change quickly. DWS

Saddam Hussein. Officially that is the case because almost all the nations of earth are represented in the United Nations. A Security Council meeting was held in which 15 members were there. The great nations of the earth: the United States, Great Britain, France (China abstained), and Russia voted to give power to forces in the Middle East, to put Iraq under siege, under an embargo, and if necessary to go to war with Iraq to put Saddam Hussein down. Negotiations are taking place. At present all the nations, through United Nations are now against Iraq.

Saddam Hussein said he was willing to talk if the whole of the problem of the Middle East, particularly the problems of Israel, the West Bank, Lebanon, and Jerusalem would be discussed. Jerusalem is the center of power — politically and religiously. The Muslims feel Jerusalem is a religious and holy city to them. The Jews feel it is a holy city to them. Most Christians feel it is holy to them. Saddam Hussein says we will begin negotiating now, but he wants Jerusalem, Palestine, Lebanon all brought into the negotiations. If the situation in the Middle East with Saddam Hussein is brought to a favorable conclusion (and it looks like this may be the case), then it is only reasonable, you would think, that the rest of the world would then turn their attention to this very problem that the Arabs, other Muslims, people of Western Europe, the United States, and other areas of the world, feel ought to be discussed.¹⁹

The Question of Jerusalem

Should the Jews have control over Jerusalem? Should Muslims control Jerusalem? Should Christians control Jerusalem? **Who** should control this important city called Jerusalem? All great powers of the world are interested in the status of this city. At the end of the age we have Zechariah saying that **“all the nations of the earth will come together against it”** (Zechariah 12:3). That includes the Diaspora, the many Jews outside of Israel.

There are about 14–15 million Jews scattered around the world, far more than in Israel, which number about 4 million at the present time. Zechariah 12:2–3 says that even Judah will see the unreasonableness of what happens in Jerusalem, and even they will be part of the world community pressuring Jerusalem. What happens at the time when all nations of earth besiege Jerusalem? It does not necessarily mean war. “Siege” means to put people under an embargo, to put restrictions or armies around territory or a city, to force the opposition to do the will of the world.

A time is coming when all the world will be interested to make Jerusalem do certain things. We do not know what the requests will be. The biblical text does not tell us, but the world will come against Jerusalem, threatening force. What will happen? God will act on behalf of Jerusalem:

“On that day,’ says the Lord, ‘I will strike every horse with panic, and its rider with madness. But upon the house of Judah I will open my eyes, when I strike every horse of the peoples [the nations] with blindness.’”

• **Zechariah 12:4, RSV**

When it says “horse,” we have no horses in combat today, and **“blindness”** is a figure of speech. Yes, but it means that the weapons set against Jerusalem will be used (if Jerusalem does not do the bidding of the coalition of nations), but these weapons and the people behind them will be frustrated:

“But upon the house of Judah I will open my eyes, when I strike every horse of the peoples [the nations] with blindness.’ Then the clans of Judah shall say to themselves, ‘The inhabitants of Jerusalem have strength through the Lord of hosts, their God’ [through YHWH Himself who will

¹⁹ Over 15 years of hindsight shows that Saddam did not negotiate. His troops were utterly defeated in 1991, yet he remained in power (as God decides such things, 2 Chronicles 20:6; Psalm 47:2, 8; Daniel 4:17, 25, 32, 35; Jeremiah 27:5–8; Acts 17:26). He was later removed from power in the spring of 2003 by troops from the United States, United Kingdom, and a much smaller coalition of countries. Saddam was captured in December 2003 and was executed December 30, 2006 by an Iraqi court. Dr. Martin’s insight comparing the world embargo against Iraq with a future embargo against Jerusalem still holds. The future embargo will fail because of God’s direct intervention on behalf of Jerusalem. DWS

come to help at this crucial time in history].⁷

On that day I will make the clans of Judah like a blazing pot in the midst of wood, like a flaming torch among sheaves; and they shall devour to the right and to the left all the peoples round about, while Jerusalem shall still be inhabited in its place, in Jerusalem. And **the Lord will give victory** to the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem may not be exalted over that of Judah [the rest of the cities of Judah].

On that day YHWH will put a shield about the inhabitants of Jerusalem [It makes no difference if all the world is coming against them.] so that the feeblest among them **on that day** shall be like David, and **the house of David** shall be like God, like the angel of the Lord, at their head [before them].²⁰

And **on that day** I [YHWH] will seek to destroy **all the nations** that come against Jerusalem.”

• *Zechariah 12:4–9, RSV*

That does not mean God will destroy the nations in their home countries. It means He will frustrate or destroy the effort of those nations putting Jerusalem under an embargo, under a siege to force Jerusalem and her people to do the bidding of the nations. They shall be frustrated because God will rescue them.

Then Comes the Restoration of Judah and the Elijah

That moment is when we come to verse 10, where the restoration of Judah and Israel begins to take effect. With an increasing pace, the restoration and the arrival of the Elijah to come, like John the Baptist, is when great conversion begins to take place amongst the Jewish people, and from Jerusalem they start accepting their Messiah, who is Yeshua, Jesus. That is where the rest of these verses begin to come into the picture.

“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of compassion and supplication, so that, when they look on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child.”

• *Zechariah 12:10*

At that juncture God will open their hearts so they begin to have faith and trust in YHWH. They begin to be converted. God may use His power upon the nations to cause His people Israel to wake up and change their attitude of mind. When the people of Jerusalem do so, the attitude of the Arabs and Muslims in Jerusalem also will change, and attitudes of people around the world will be challenged to change.

When these people in Jerusalem begin to accept Yeshua as their Messiah and begin to practice His principles — the people of the world will begin to see what is happening — the armies of the world will not go against them any more. In fact, once these things begin to happen the Israelis, the Jews, will look on their neighbors as being someone important, just like they are. They will treat their neighbor properly.

Do you know what will happen? The Palestinians will get their state and be prosperous.²¹ They will get their state, not through strife or war, but when the Jews and the Israelis come to the conclusion that it is better to treat your neighbor as yourself. They will begin to treat people over there properly. The Arabs and the Muslims will start liking the Jews. The Jews will start liking them. The Christians in Europe will start liking the Jews also, and the Jews will start liking the Christians. What will happen is this, the revolution in knowledge that will take place shall occur throughout the entire earth and everyone will then be able to see that we have been led astray, every single one of us, from the truth of Yeshua, of Jesus. We have been led astray from the simple teachings of the Bible.

The Bible is coming back into its own. People will soon understand that it is the very word of God. I hope that we are about our Father’s business. *ELM*

Ernest Martin, 1990
David Sielaff, May 2019

²⁰ “The house of David” refers in this context to tombs. See “[The Location and Future Discovery of King David’s Tomb.](#)” DWS

²¹ Read “[The Prophesied State of Palestine](#)” by Dr. Martin.