

## Changes, Additions, and Information

### Commentary for September 21, 2007 — Website Changes and Other Things

Welcome to the newly revised ASK website. As you noticed when you clicked in, we have made some substantial changes to our homepage. The other pages remain unchanged. As always, our intention is to make the experience for first-time and long-time readers easier, more informative, and more enjoyable. Our purpose in designing our website is to get you the information you want and need so you can get back to reading and studying your Bible as quickly as possible.

We do not make changes simply to be different. One change we made was to put the rotating icons featuring older articles on the left side of the page. We put the newest article on the right side just below the Commentary information. Below that in the lower right hand corner is a list of links with information relevant to the monthly article. These are articles or commentaries or book chapters on the ASK webpage that may be mentioned in footnotes or in the Newsletter that introduces each article.

Another major change is an addition on the center bottom of the page where we clarified the information about the ASK books. People will now realize exactly what is available on the website for free and what must be purchased. Also, people will better understand that they can preview the books that are online and even read particular chapters without having to purchase the book, if they choose to do so. The same information is on the "Books" tab at the top of the page.

We have put the information "New to A.S.K.," section including the important links to "Audio Presentations," "Video Presentations," and "Web Links" in a more prominent position on the page.

In one way of looking at the changed homepage is that the left hand side is for new readers and the right hand side is for those more familiar with ASK. That is how the information is grouped around the page. Dr. Martin's representation of the Temple is the centerpiece of the ASK homepage. You can click above the Temple graphic, which will take you to articles about the Jewish Temples in Jerusalem, or you can click on the picture itself to view a larger image.

### The Byte Show Programs

More *Byte Show* presentations have gone online. GeorgeAnn Hughes and I completed the presentations of Dr. Martin's *The Tithing Dilemma* (<http://www.askelm.com/tithing/index.asp>). This took five internet radio shows to cover all fourteen chapters of the entire book. As I read aloud Dr. Martin's material in the book. GeorgeAnn asks questions and I comment on the material and we talk about tithing, churches, and religion in general. All of the Byte Shows, and all of the ASK audio files, are available for downloading to MP3 and other audio formats on the ASK Audio Presentations page at <http://www.askelm.com/audio/index.asp>.

Most all of the shows involve Dr. Martin's printed articles and works but some shows are of me reading articles and commentaries that I have written. Shows about the Temple and David's Tomb are also available for listening. While these audio presentations can be listened to on their own, listeners can also "follow along" and read the text while they hear the words. This concentrates the mind on the subject matter. I think this is an extremely valuable way to study.<sup>1</sup> By doing this you learn through two methods, aural and visual.

Responses to all *The Byte Show* programs have been gratifying. Her ASK shows are favorites of her audience. New people from all over the world have contacted ASK because of these shows. Although you cannot listen “live” either over the airwaves or through the internet, the shows are archived at the ASK website and at [The Byte Show](#) webpage reserved for ASK.

As always, feedback is important and it would be appreciated if you could let GeorgeAnn Hughes know that you enjoy the shows we do together. She is an independent broadcaster who needs feedback to improve the content and scope of her show. Contact Ms. Hughes directly at [thebyteshow@zianet.com](mailto:thebyteshow@zianet.com). Also, continue to let us at ASK know if you listen to and appreciate the shows. We record shows on an irregular basis, but lately we have been doing one about once a week. Unfortunately these shows are NOT available on tape.

As a reminder, GeorgeAnn Hughes and I have completed internet radio shows of the entire book by Dr. Martin, [101 Bible Secrets That Christians Do Not Know](#) which took a surprising 24 shows to complete. This is because we took a number of detours when we discussed the various Bible “secrets.” We recently completed presentations of Dr. Martin’s [“Iran in Prophecy”](#) article and his [“How God Uses Angels to Govern the Universe.”](#)

We also did 6 shows on the complete small book [ABCs of the Gospel](#), during which GeorgeAnn, totally new to the subject, came to understand the doctrine of universal reconciliation. It makes perfectly good sense to her and was thoroughly biblical. Indeed it is.

## ***The Future and You***

We will make other changes and “upgrades” as the need arises. Your comments and suggestions are welcome. We are here to serve you by making available the finest biblical information possible, primarily through the research of Dr. Ernest L. Martin. We are motivated to promote and expand his excellent work — while others only talk about doing so.

I must say we have had several people communicate to us and say “I’ve supported Dr. Martin for years,” yet they have not contributed to ASK, or even communicated with ASK or with Dr. Martin when he was alive. Nor have they bought books for themselves or bought books to give to others. We can only presume that such people are supporting ASK by praying to God that ASK reaches more people more effectively so that ASK can be used to promote God’s Word, so that it is read, understood and believed. God says through Isaiah:

**“... my word be that goes forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”**

• *Isaiah 55:11*

God’s Word will not return to Him unfulfilled and ineffective. God’s Word will accomplish that which God wants done; it pleases God that His Word will accomplish its purpose. With God’s help and yours, we will all do our part. God bless you in your study,

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1. I recommend this as a way to conduct personal or small group Bible study. Listen to Scripture being spoken aloud while you follow along reading the text silently. It works even when you have a different translation than the one being read aloud. Free Audio Bibles are listed on the ASK [Web Links](#) page. The King James Version, read by Alexander Scourby, is available at <http://www.audio-bible.com/bible/bible.html>, while other audio bibles in different translations are listed at <http://www.audiotreasure.com/audiolinks.htm>. Some can be downloaded in various formats. By the way, this is an excellent way to learn to pronounce some of those strange-looking names of people and places that are in the Bible.