

## When Will the End Times Begin?

### Commentary for November 15, 2024 — One Suggestion by Dr. Ernest Martin

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Dr. Martin published the information below in the ASK "[October 2000 Newsletter](#)," 24 years ago. He died 15 months later in January 2002. The prophecies he wrote about have not yet happened. They will be fulfilled according to God's timetable.

The Newsletter text is Dr. Martin's analysis of God's prophecies as he understood them in October of 2000. He anticipated that certain events would move quickly at that time. God chose to do otherwise. However, his words and analysis are still valid for the future. He wrote with knowledge of his ground-breaking research of the true location of the Temple(s) in Jerusalem, above the Gihon Spring in the City of David. The Newsletter begins below, lightly edited — *David Sielaff*:

The prophetic teachings of the Holy Scriptures are about to come into full bloom, and you will begin to see events happen on a regular basis. That is because we are on the threshold of the time period the Bible calls the "Time of the End." This is when Christ Jesus initiates a series of prophetic events beginning in Jerusalem and the Middle East that will have ramifications throughout the rest of the world in a systematic and unstoppable manner.

God is about to directly intervene in world affairs. All people on earth will conclude that only the God of the Holy Scriptures (the sacred texts from Genesis to Revelation) is responsible for them. Many of you will live to see these things happen in front of your eyes, and there will be no doubt God is working through these supernatural and inspired accomplishments. The period of the End-Time will start with God doing two things:

1. He will take the scales off of peoples' eyes that God Himself has placed [upon the world] to obscure the true visionary application of His prophetic events (Isaiah 29:9-24), and:
2. God will send a powerful outburst of His Spirit (which He calls a "**spirit of grace and supplication**") (Zechariah 12:10), upon the people of Jerusalem and the area of Israel and Palestine.

This will cause the present "Peace Talks"<sup>1</sup> to be successful to the joy and happiness of all the parties concerned. To accomplish this, God will truly have to dispense an outpouring of His divine Spirit to the populations inhabiting Jerusalem, Israel, and Palestine. But that will be done. It is as certain as today's rising of the sun. Of course, as Jesus plainly said, we cannot know the day or the hour when these things will be in evidence (Matthew 24:36), but we are given sufficient hints and clues that help us establish the general period for these End-Time events to commence.

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<sup>1</sup> Peace talks occurred in the past since 2000 with no outpouring of God's Spirit — yet. New peace talks must be initiated for this to be true according to Dr. Martin's understanding. DWS

Certainly, we are getting close to their fulfillment in all their glory. The Peace Talks now being held between the Israelis and the Palestinians [*in October 2000, DWS*] are a prelude to this countdown period of prophetic accomplishments. Keep your eyes on Jerusalem and the Middle East in particular.

This is where you come in. God said that He will do nothing unless he first reveals His immediate and remote intentions to **“His prophets”** (Amos 3:7). Those “prophets” do not include Ernest L. Martin (or any of you reading this Newsletter). They were the “prophets” who wrote in the Holy Scriptures and placed their predictions in a logical and sequential order, to be understood chronologically and subjectively when the time comes for God to open the eyes and unstop the ears of His people.

What you and I represent are the children of God to whom He reveals in a historical and geographical way what His **“sealed”** secrets reveal to us (Daniel 12:4, 9). It means that God’s people (I am talking to each one of you personally) will then be able to comprehend just what God said would happen at the period of the Time of the End that He stated over 2000 and even 3500 years ago. Get ready for some exciting and earth-shaking times that will involve you. What God is about to do (announced through His prophet Isaiah) is as follows:

**“Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work AND a WONDER,**

**for the wisdom of their wise men [the wise of God’s people Israel] shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid [from view].”**

**• *Isaiah 29:14, KJV***

This **“marvelous work and a wonder”** involves the comprehension of the words of a book that no scholar, wise man, philosopher — or human scholar of any people can decipher on his or her own ingenuity (Isaiah 29:11–12). The prophet Isaiah said that the book he wrote, in chapter 29, contains **a vision concerning Jerusalem or Zion** that Isaiah affectionately calls **“Ariel,”** the Lion (Isaiah 29:1–8).

In Isaiah’s vision [of the future] even the kings and their armies cannot discover where the real “Zion” is (or was) located. The vision states that when the armies approach “Zion” to reap of its riches and glories, the armies find NOTHING at the spot. They see no mountain or high eminence whatever, as “Zion” is repeatedly described in various biblical texts up to the time of Zion. On the other hand, they witness an area that is cut down to the bedrock.<sup>2</sup>

Where once was an exalted mountain full of glory and esteem — is to the observers of the prophecy at the time of its fulfillment as a rocky and dusty area of ruin with the remains of the former “Zion” being located:

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<sup>2</sup> See Dr. Martin’s [“Chapter 24, Critical Problems Facing Simon the Hasmonean”](#) in his [The Temples that Jerusalem Forgot](#). DWS

**[1]** Below the ground (in the underworld as with the abode of a familiar spirit — that is, a ghost — that lurks around a grave (Isaiah 29:4).

**[2]** The area has become unclean and as impure as is a cemetery or sepulchers to the ancient Jews (see Matthew 23:27).

**[3]** It is a deprived area that is forlorn and in contempt and in disdain by all peoples.

But God will soon take the scales off the eyes of the people, and they will witness the true locale of former “Zion” — and they will be utterly amazed and shocked at what they observe.

This is precisely how the area of former “Zion” is today. Though a few houses are located in the area of the former Temple, one can witness junk piles or rotting food and unusable household items (filthy dumps) in the very region of the former Holy of Holies and the Temple site. You can see the remains of large ritual baths that people used to cleanse themselves spiritually before entering the Temple now filled with junk and debris that is rotting in front of your very eyes.

All of this is happening while Israelis clamor over their most holy of places (the Wailing Wall) which is a wall of Fort Antonia that contained the Roman Temple of Jupiter Capitolinus, the Temple to [honor] Augustus Caesar and the Roman Empire.

Christian interpreters are no better. Christians revere a spot for the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ (the Church of the Holy Sepulcher), a Temple of Aphrodite, goddess of sex and fertility) rather than the true site on the Mount of Olives.

The Muslims have turned the Dome of the Rock (since the time of Abd Al-Malik in 692 AD) into the place where Mohammad made his supposed Night Journey into heaven, and where [supposedly] you can see an imprint of Muhammad’s hand, the hairs of his beard, and a cave that was supposedly created when the Rock under the Dome wanted to accompany Mohammad into heaven but it was pushed back part way and forbidden to go on that journey with Muhammad.

The truth is, however, all of these things just mentioned ARE BASED ON PURE FABRICATIONS that religious leaders in the past have devised as outright lies to deceive the people. The religious authorities have invented false holy places for Jews, Christians, and Muslims that are as wrong as a three-dollar bill.

The deception even includes the location of the biblical “Zion.” Indeed, what has happened to God’s true “Zion”? It languishes in a junky and dilapidated area outside the walls of Jerusalem (the least desirable of any region in Jerusalem) with people daily turning their backs on it and holding the area in disdain and disrepute. This is sad for the eyes to see.

All of you should read Isaiah chapter 29 once again. I am completely convinced that this particular prophecy is just on the threshold of being fulfilled. God is about ready to take the scales off of peoples’ eyes and show them where the true “Zion” was (and is).

The words of the Holy Scriptures will become clear and plain. God will do **“a marvelous work and a wonder”** [miraculous occasions] that will result in turning wrong doctrinal and

prophetic teachings right side up. These are the very scriptural directions (the doctrines and teachings of God) that the people have turned “**upside down**” (Isaiah 29:16). It is this act of God that will soon bring to pass the concluding verse of Isaiah chapter 29: “**They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine**” (Isaiah 29:24).

Yes, even the realization of proper doctrines (both of the Old and New Testaments) will result from this miracle of God when He does His “**marvelous work and a wonder**” to let the people of Israel, Palestine and the world to know the true story of “Ariel” (the real “Zion”) that the people have forgot. You should get ready to see the fullness of Isaiah chapter 29 to be accomplished.

You and I (those of us who support ASK) are in a unique position to help the people of the world understand the truth of the identity of the real “Ariel” (“Zion”) when God opens their eyes and ears to discern spiritual and true historical information about Jerusalem. Even our recognition of proper doctrine (says God) depends on the fulfillment of this vision found in Isaiah chapter 29.

And indeed, most of you are going to live to see this very prophecy administered in front of your eyes. Times are short! This is one of the main reasons why all of you should be behind the efforts of ASK to get this essential knowledge to the world. All of you who read our material on the Internet (for which we make no charge [no subscriptions, *DWS*], nor do we concoct passwords to reach our Web Page and numerous writings, nor do we plead for your addresses to badger you for funds through the mails). We all need to be behind our efforts in a decided manner with your support. We need to continue to be actively engaged in teaching the important biblical themes to the world. Your common sense tells you this is right.

As for teaching you about the fulfillment of prophecy, my book [\*The Temples that Jerusalem Forgot\*](#) clears up much of the historical and geographical matters that have blinded the eyes of earlier people. We need to get this book into the hands of leaders and prominent people (as well as the general public) as much as we can. They need to be told that the information opens up doctrinal and prophetic teachings of the Bible.

Teaching the Gospel to the world takes resources. What I am asking from each of you is for the needed tools to teach the Gospel, and that means we need generous contributions from you (those whom God has opened your eyes to the truths). I believe God and Christ Jesus will reward you handsomely as you do your part in helping us to teach the Gospel (see Matthew 19:27–29). God says He will respond favorably (Mark 10:28–30).

I want to thank all you brothers and sisters in Christ (you who make up part of the Family of God on earth) for being behind us in the work of ASK. You are simply the nicest people (and the most informed) of all on earth. Let us do our part working together to bring as many as God may call into that very Family of God of which we are intimate members.

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