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Dear Associates and Friends,

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For May 2021 I am updating, reformatting for readability, and republishing Dr. Martin's December 2000 article "[New Evidence for the Site of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem](#)." As with other older articles, I have wanted to do this for some time. On page 2 of this Newsletter is Dr. Martin's top-down drawing showing the relationship of the Temple to Fort Antonia and identifying various features that were in the Temple and Antonia according to biblical and historical writings. That information was confirmed from the Jewish historian Josephus who was a survivor, an eyewitness, and a historiographer of the important events of the siege, capture, and destruction of the Jewish Temple and the city of Jerusalem in 70 AD.

While you read this May 2021 article it might be useful to have available my 4-page May 2018 Commentary, "[A Brief Temple Timeline](#)." It will help you follow the chronological events involving the Temple and Fort Antonia history from the time of King David to the present.

[The Temples That Jerusalem Forgot](#) was Dr. Martin's last book on history. As this month's article shows, he continued to research and publish his arguments after *Temples* was published in the Spring of 2000. In fact, his last published research about the Temple was about water at the Temple. Dr. Martin published a 700-word September 7, 2001 Commentary titled "[Water Management in Herod's Temple: An Introduction](#)." It told of a system for extracting the purest possible water from the atmosphere as documented in the Jewish Mishnah and the Babylonian Talmud.

When Dr. Martin saw this information in his research, it triggered the "hidden meteorologist" within him. Dr. Martin's first professional training was as a meteorologist as said in the ASK webpage "[Who Are We? / Biographies](#)":

**"He was a member of United States Air Force from 1950 to 54, and was sent by the Air Force to the University of New Mexico for advanced Meteorological training. He forecasted the weather in Greenland for a year, another year at Research and Development in High Altitude studies at Lowry AFB, Denver, Colorado. He changed careers in 1955 from science to social science (Theology and History)."**

So, when Dr. Martin read of this information from rabbinical sources, he researched more and wrote a 12,000-word article titled "[Water Management in the Temple: There Was an Atmospheric 'Spring' Within the Temple](#)." He understood what the Temple leaders successfully did: extracted the purest water possible for special ritual purposes. *Enjoy* this month's article and the "Water Management" article.

### **Thank You**

I continue to "mine" for gems of knowledge, understanding, and wisdom from decades of Dr. Martin's biblical and historical research. You make it possible for this process to continue so the valid information can be published and disseminated when God wants the world to learn, know, and understand it. God wants every human being to come to a "**knowledge of the truth**" (1 Timothy 2:4). In Greek it says, "**the full knowledge of the truth**." Truly, it is God's WILL that this shall happen, whether through us or through others.

We are grateful that you provide us the means for us to teach you so we all "**grow in grace and in knowledge**" (2 Peter 3:18). Thank you for your support, your prayers, your kind words, and may God bless you all.

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