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Dear Associates and Friends,

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The article this month is titled "[The Rebuilding of the Temple](#)." In Dr. Martin's 1979 comprehensive lecture he lays out the prophecies of the Old Testament prophet Haggai (one of the twelve Minor Prophets). Haggai received God's prophecies challenging the Jews at Jerusalem to tell why they were not fulfilling God's command to rebuild the Temple after their return from exile in Babylon.

The Book of Haggai, therefore, gives prophecies not only about similar events in Zechariah's prophecies (chapters 1–8) and later Malachi, but all tell about events in the far future to them, events still future to us today. They also have prophecies about a rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem. Some of those prophecies are past, and some are in our future.

This month's article examines how God motivated His people to do what He wanted done – rebuild the Jerusalem Temple. Only then would He bless them. Some parts of Haggai's prophecies have relevance today as Christians and Jews wait to rebuild the Temple in the future. Also, Dr. Martin examines how Haggai's prophecies were referred to by Jesus, how they relate to His prophecies, and how some are yet to be fulfilled..

Another interesting and important article is "[Book of Haggai, Time Prophecies](#)" by Dr. Martin from a 1977 lecture that I reprinted in 2014. This article goes into the importance of **when** the prophecies of Haggai and Zechariah were given. The year, month, and day various prophecies were given related to days on the Hebrew religious calendar also have prophetic meaning. Haggai and Zechariah were not just contemporaries, but the times when each received prophecies is also shown to be significant.

More Background

If you want to explore more about the Jewish Temples, look at these articles

"[What Is a Temple?](#)" This Commentary tells the definition of what a Temple is. That definition pertains to all of God's Temples.

"[The Temple Symbolism in Genesis](#)" The events in Eden can be understood by God's Tabernacle/Temple structure and God's plan for humanity. Connected with that article are "[The Pattern of the Temple](#)" as well as "[A Name for the Temple of God](#)."

"[A Short History of God's Temples](#)" This article gives a brief description of every legitimate sanctuary of God. They include Eden, the wilderness Tabernacle, the Solomonic Temple, the rebuilt Zerubbabel Temple, the renewal and expansion of Zerubbabel's Temple by Simon the Hasmonean, and King Herod's expansion. Jesus Christ represented the spiritual Temple that was raised in 3 days by His resurrection. Present-day Temples of God are believers in Christ and His life, mission, and resurrection. God's Holy Spirit within each believer makes each of us living Temples of God (1 Corinthians 3:16–17, 6:19; and 2 Corinthians 6:16).

"[Solomon's Temple Dedication](#)." Built by Solomon according to a Temple design given to David by God, Solomon's dedication reveals that the Temple was also to serve the nations of the world.

[The Temples That Jerusalem Forgot](#). Dr. Martin's comprehensive book on the historical evidence for a Gihon Springs location of the Temple in the City of David, and not at the so-called Temple Mount.

“[How the Jews Started to Lose the Temples' Site.](#)” The City of David location of the Temple above the Gihon Spring, is the true site of all the Jerusalem Temples. The Jews indeed forgot the location of Zion.

“[A Brief Temple Timeline.](#)” Locate the various Tabernacle/Temple structures in history.

“[Illegal Israelite Temples.](#)” There were several Jewish Temples that were not recognized by God: temples to pagan gods in the northern Kingdom of Israel, a Samaritan Temple, two Jewish Temples in Egypt(!), and several attempts to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem that God rejected. Also read “[Lingering Idolatry in the Temple of God.](#)”

“[Restitution and the Temple.](#)” The healing by the apostle Peter of a lame man at the Temple is a type of “**restitution of all things**” similar to when Christ will return (Acts 3:11–26).

“[Site of the Next Temple.](#)” Presents criteria where the Temple can be built. “[Will the Next Temple Be Legitimate?](#)” Yes, the Temple before Christ returns will be legitimate, for the antichrist to desolate it. See also, “[Shekinah Glory in the Next Temple.](#)”

“[Synagogues and Ekklesias.](#)” Neither synagogues nor *ekklesias* are a prophetic substitute for the Temple, even though both are important centers of learning about God (or, they should be that).

“[God's Temples, Present and Future.](#)” The present Temples are the believers in Christ. Yes, future Temples will be built before Christ returns. The Temple prophesied by Ezekiel will be built during the 1,000 years of Christ’s reign. After the present heavens and earth are destroyed, new heavens and earth will be created. The present New Jerusalem in heaven will transition from God’s heaven now to the new, enlarged, and improved earth, the site of God the Father’s presence. New Jerusalem will be a Temple.

When Will a New Temple Be Built?

God knows. At present God is working in the background, with no visible actions to convert a majority of Jewish people to recognize their Messiah and Savior. That can change suddenly, as it did with the apostle Paul. There will be a new Jewish Temple, with sacrifices. Many of those going to the Temple, and many of the Levites and priests serving in the Temple will be Christians. It will take time for the Temple to be built. Laying the foundation will be an engineering challenge. The design must be discussed and approved. Living water in great quantities must be available. A Sanhedrin will make countless decisions on spending and forms of service. The “**two witnesses**” of Revelation 11:1–14 will be involved with this Temple.

Thank You

As you can see there is a wide range of information (and not all is listed above¹) about the Jerusalem Temples, and most is based on Dr. Martin’s research and what others have added; George Wesley Buchanan, Marilyn Sams, Ken Klein, Bob Cornuke, and my own contributions.

ASK is an organization that many have helped and supported over decades. Some supporting the work of Dr. Martin since the mid-1970s — for 48 years. The information listed above is just about the Temple of God, but more than that subject has been spoken, written, and published about God’s teachings and prophecies of Scripture in Dr. Martin’s books and many articles. Truly, people God has brought to this table of rich spiritual food are stunned at what is available to their minds, hungry to be taught the truths of God.

Thank you for making this possible for all those who will be taught in the future. It will be so because God puts it in your heart to provide ASK with financial support, your encouragements, and prayers for us and for others who will be served by ASK in the future. Thank you for all you have done, are doing, and will do. May God bless you all.

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¹ See the “[Temples Update Articles Index](#)” for more article about the true site of the Temple(s) above the Gihon Springs.