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Dear Associates and Friends,

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The June 2023 article is "[The Gospel of Messiah](#)," a companion to last month's article "Christ and Messiah." So, as you know, the Hebrew word "Messiah" has the same meaning as the Greek word "Christ." While it is proper to use "Christ," all too often it is simply a word we use without realizing its importance. Christ means "the anointed one," but it is also identified in Scripture as a shorthand term understood by Jews in Christ's time as synonymous with other information.

- (1) Peter linked the term "Christ" (Messiah) and said that the Christ (the Messiah, Jesus) was the Son of God (Matthew 16:15–17).
- (2) This same understanding was given when the high priest who demanded that Jesus answer his direct question: Was He the Messiah (Christ) that was expected to come (Matthew 26:63–64)? Jesus said He was indeed the one to come as the High Priest said. Then Jesus quoted Daniel 7:13 and Psalm 110:1, both refer to the one identified as "**the Son of Man**," understood to mean "**Messiah**." The phrase "**Son of Man**" is used 87 times in Matthew.
- (3) In Luke 23:2, before Pilate, the Jewish leaders connected the term "Messiah" (Christ) with the royal honors of being a King. They were correct. Later at the crucifixion site as He was hanging on the tree, the chief priests and scribes mocked Jesus as being king (Mark 15:31–32).

In fact, it might not be wise to ignore the importance that "Messiah" is the meaning of the word "Christ":

"Who is a liar but he that denies that Jesus is the Christ [the Messiah]? He is ANTIchrist, that denies the Father and the Son."

• 1 John 2:22

Was Jesus the Messiah? Was He the Anointed of God? Was He a King (in fact King of Kings)? Was He the Christ? Yes, to all these questions. All are bound up in the Hebrew term Messiah, but they get lost when we do not remember that Christ = Messiah. However, this understanding has diminished because we are so familiar with the word "Christ."

So, think "Messiah" every time you read the word "Christ." The more I consciously make that connection, the more it opens the meaning for me in many New Testament passages.

Update about Ramona Martin's Situation

Several recent days here in Portland have been pleasant. Ramona has been able to go outside to one of the two patios in the care facility where she lives. When the weather is nice, they eat their meals on the patio, and other times they go out to enjoy the sun. I asked Ramona if she would like me to take her for a ride in the car, but she said that she gets tired so quickly these days.

Israel Trip, September 2023

Before Ramona went into the hospital for diagnosis (and later ended up staying 3+ weeks!) she was encouraging me to return to Israel. The responsibility of vacating Ramona's apartment has been completed. I made arrangements for Robin and I to join Bob Cornuke and Koinonia House on a trip to Israel. Bob has been

a friend and promoter of the Gihon Temple evidence. I will give lectures in the evenings, if not to the entire group, then to the ASK people and whoever else wants to join us. Click on the PDF for the "[Israel Tour Announcement](#)" or <https://www.askelm.com/news/n230505.pdf>. I reach out to you now to join us if you can.

Once I committed to going, I also reached out to other researchers who supported the Gihon Temple evidence first researched and published by Dr. Martin. One important researcher is not able to go for reasons of age and ill health. Another was going on his first trip to Israel this June. I know that some of you would like to go, but your health or finances prohibit it.

The tour leaders say an individual should be able to walk 2 miles per day. The pace is slow and there are frequent stops to rest, particularly on the bus. Not all of Jerusalem is "up hill" (although it seems that way sometimes). I take my time and plod along.

Such trips are necessary to learn first-hand about the new discoveries that archaeologists have made since my last trip in 2019 and their creative explanations..

The Next To Last ASK Audiobook: [The People That History Forgot Is Online](#)

A new professional reading of Dr. Martin's book, *The People That History Forgot*, has now been uploaded. This book is again read by Tom Parks. You can access the audio MP3 files of the book chapters for free and download them to your computer, laptop, I-pad, or smartphone. Few notes make the narrative smooth for easy listening. Tom's reading enhances Dr. Martin's words. Listen to one chapter, and you will listen to all other 18 chapters.

The book solves a mystery presented in the opening chapter. Then it goes on to present the story of how Christianity became corrupted by pagan ideas, direct from Babylon and Greece. The members of the *ekklesias* the apostles started did not heed what the apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 4:14 or what Jude wrote in Jude verses 3-4.

Our present-day religious environment and society today are barely Christian. Biblical beliefs were corrupted soon after apostolic times. The book contains some information about Simon Magus that is not commonly known. It also identifies the "People" of the book title who were brought from Babylon to where the northern Kingdom of Israel once was. Dr. Martin identifies the people mentioned in Revelation 2:9 and 3:8. The population of those people grew, they migrated, and literally changed the population distribution of Roman society, particularly in the capital. Their influence turned Christianity into a corrupt belief system not based on the New Testament.

Thank You

We are thankful for your consistent contributions from enough of you who read, listen, and watch information mostly distributed through the ASK website. There is more coming. To all my fellow "little children," as the apostle John called the brothers and sisters in Christ, we will continue to do our part, as long as God nudges you to continue helping ASK.

All believers are all "little children" in God's eyes, and little children are naturally impatient. In Scripture, the word "longsuffering" is found in the King James Version. While the readers in 1611, when the King James Version was published, understood what was meant, the term "longsuffering" simply means "patience."

The word is used in Romans 2:4, 9:2; 2 Corinthians 6:6; Galatians 5:22; Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 1:11, 3:12; 1 Timothy 1:16; 2 Timothy 3:10, 4:2; 1 Peter 3:20; 2 Peter 3:9, 15. Read them all and learn how and why God expects us to be patient. He is patient with us. When you see "longsuffering," insert the word "patience" and several of the verses will suddenly become clearer for you.

Again, thank you for your gracious contributions, and for your wonderful words of encouragement and prayers for Ramona and ASK.

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