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Dear Associates and Friends,

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This month's article is "[New Prophetic Discoveries Concerning the End Time](#)." Dr. Ernest Martin wrote this article in 1981. We need to remember, the final goal of most Old Testament prophecies will be reached when the feet of Christ touch down upon the Mount of Olives east of Jerusalem. That action will cause a great earthquake (Zechariah 14:3–5). Note that Christ Jesus will use the personal name "YHWH" with full authority to do so when He touches down (verses 3, 5). The 1,000-year reign of the Messiah of Israel, and ruler of all creation, will start at that moment.

As you will learn in this article, we believers who will be resurrected to glory will participate as witnesses to the unbelievably grand spectacle of the beginning of the Kingdom of God manifested with power on earth. The actions of ruling over all creation will reach into all the heavens. The reign and teaching of Christ will eventually reach every intelligent creature to reconcile each to their creator God (Colossians 1:15–20).

For many of the 8 billion+ human beings alive at present, the concept of God is a vague idea that has very little impact in their lives. They seldom think about God, or even the idea of God. Yet all of them will be reconciled to God our Father and the Lord Christ Jesus, as will every child of Adam (Philippians 2:10–11).

The process will speed up and expand throughout creation after Christ returns, and the children of God are manifested to glory. All creation is waiting for this to happen as the apostle Paul wrote: "**For the earnest expectation of the creature [creation] waiteth [is waiting] for the manifestation of the sons of God**" (Romans 8:19). That wait will be over and the reconciliation process will expand when Christ raises the righteous dead at His return to earth after 1,990+ years.

The Difficulties of Analyzing Biblical Prophecy

I believe we will not have a useful understanding of prophecy until we have a reliable grasp of the sequence of the past. We need to know what happened in the past, when, and how they relate to past predicted and fulfilled prophecies. How biblical prophecies were fulfilled, and past events inform prophecies for the future is what Dr. Martin's article tries to provide. He selects the crucial event of future world history. He analyzes events leading to the moment Christ returns to earth.

What will be the sequence of events? He gives a scenario of how fulfilled Old Testament prophecies give us information to understand prophecies that have not yet been fulfilled. He does this to understand a possible sequence of events leading to Christ's return to the Mount of Olives.

Christ's Three Ascensions After His Resurrection

After His resurrection Jesus ascended first to His Father in heaven (John 20:17). Later, perhaps the same day, Jesus visibly ascended a second time to heaven while the apostles watched. In Acts chapter 1:

"And he led them out as far as to Bethany [a village on the Mount of Olives], and He lifted up His hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into heaven."

• **Luke 24:50–51**

They returned to Jerusalem and went to the Temple. The third ascension came later at the Mount of Olives.

“And when He [Christ] had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men [who really were angels] STOOD by them in white apparel; Which also said,

‘You men of Galilee, why stand you gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen him go into heaven.’

Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day’s journey.”

• *Acts 1:9–11*

The two angels (their white garments helped identify them as angels) essentially told the apostles not to wait for Him. They now understood Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah, they were familiar with the verse in the Book of Zechariah: which was what the angel referred to.

“Then shall YHWH go forth, and fight against those nations, as when He fought in the day of battle. And His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west ...”

• *Zechariah 14:3–4*

Remembering Ramona Martin

You will note on the ASK homepage that we are inaugurating a space for you to leave remembrances of Ramona Martin. I will moderate every written contribution, and if necessary discuss with you any changes I feel will be appropriate. You can go online to contribute your remembrances, or you can email or snail mail them to me at ASK, PO Box 25000, Portland, OR 97298.

Also, in the future I want to put online another page with remembrances of Ernest Martin. As all his former students that he taught are aging, Dr. Martin’s consistent teaching has been treasured by thousands. He taught college courses, lectured around the country at meetings, distributed his lectures through a wide-ranging cassette ministry that began in 1974 with FBR, the Foundation for Biblical Research, and continued until the 1990s. The publications on the ASK website are mostly the research of Dr. Martin, or educated by his wide-ranging research and teaching. Your tributes will be most welcome for others to read.

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May God bless you. As always, we thank God and we thank you.

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