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Dear Associates and Friends,

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This month's article is "[King David's Tomb, 3. House of David](#)." I wrote an earlier version of this article in 2004. In this updated article I begin to direct the focus on the specific location of the complex of rooms or chambers that contain the remains of David, his heirs, and their families.

My research was stimulated by discussions with Dr. Ernest Martin in November 2000. He asked me to help him with the ASK exhibitor's booth at a Society for Biblical Literature meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. Scholars attend and typically browse the various book booths and exhibits. Dr. Martin wanted to inform scholars about research in his book, *The Temples that Jerusalem Forgot*, published in the Spring of 2000.<sup>1</sup>

During slack times, we discussed the Tomb of David. A friend of mine (and former associate of Dr. Martin's), Gary Arvidson<sup>2</sup> began his research about David's Tomb in 1995, about the same time Dr. Martin began his Temple research. I gave Ernest an update on Gary's findings that agreed with the Gihon Temple evidence. While Ernest was interested, he was deeply involved with his own new research to further develop evidence for the Gihon Temple. Dr. Martin's last published article for ASK was "[Water Management in Herod's Temple](#)," January 2002, days before he died. All his post-publication *Temples* articles can be found at the "[Temple Update Index](#)" webpage.

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<sup>1</sup> See the December 2000 Commentary about the booth and the Nashville conference of "[The Society for Biblical Literature](#)." Scholars stopped and asked direct questions about Dr. Martin's research findings. Some smiled at the graphic displaying the theory, others asked questions that Dr. Martin answered. The controversy continues today in 2024, but more and more people (and scholars) are understanding the truth of all the Jerusalem Temples being located above and west of the Gihon Springs.

<sup>2</sup> Gary Arvidson was a co-founder with C. Gary Reid (and maybe others, I was not involved with its early days) of the Foundation for Biblical Research in 1974. They soon asked Dr. Ernest Martin to be their Director and main teacher. My wife and I first met and traveled with Mr. Arvidson on a 1983 tour to Israel led by Dr. Martin. I highly recommend Mr. Arvidson's comprehensive book, *In Search of King David's Lost Tomb & Treasure*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (Kings Mountain, NC: Gary Arvidson, 2001). He presents a full background of David's Tomb. It is an exposition of historical, biblical, and archaeological reasons why David's tomb has not been discovered. The Tomb is hidden deep in limestone bedrock under the City of David south of the Gihon Springs. The bodies of David and family members are in the Tomb. The implications are tremendous.